

# Arch Canyon

Arch Canyon is a twelve-mile long box canyon located in the Bears Ears National Monument. Most of the canyon is on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), but the top five miles of the canyon are managed by the Manti-La Sal National Forest. The portion of the canyon located on Forest Service Lands are located in the Arch Canyon Roadless Area and are closed to motorized travel.

Arch Canyon is accessed from State Route 95 approximately one mile west of Comb Ridge. A BLM sign on SR 95 marks the turn. The mouth of the canyon is 2.5 miles north of the turn off SR 95. Most visitors will park at the trail register located at the mouth of the canyon and walk from this point, but those with capable off-highway vehicles (OHVs) may continue on the trail for approximately 8 miles.

## Driving

The OHV trail through the canyon is initially an old Jeep road. This rugged trail winds its way up the canyon, crossing the creek frequently. Four-wheel-drive and high clearance are required to drive this portion of the trail. The trail is often impassable due to flooding. The road ends at the Forest Service boundary at the confluence of Arch and Texas Canyons.



*Travelers may be stuck for hours or even days after severe flood events. Always check the weather before heading in!*

## What You Can Do to Protect the Bears Ears National Monument:



### Stay on Designated Routes

Driving off road can impact sites



### Leave All Artifacts Where You Find Them

Don't take or add to "Display Rocks"



### Don't Touch Rock Writing or Add Your Own



### Steer Clear of Walls

Structures can be easily damaged



### GPS Reveals Too Much

Remove location data for online photos



### Don't Bust the Crust

Stay on existing trails



### Pay Your Fees

Your small fee supports protecting this area



### Know Where Pets are Allowed

Pets are never allowed in archeological sites



### Enjoy Archaeology without Ropes

Using climbing gear to access sites is illegal



### Camp and Eat Away from Archaeology



### Go to the Bathroom Away from Sites

Pack out all toilet paper

*It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations as they may be different inside and outside the Monument. For maps, trip planning information, and rules, regulations, and recreation permits, contact the BLM at (435) 587-1510.*

### To Report an Emergency Call 911

Cell phone service is unreliable in this area - you may need to walk or drive out to a high point.

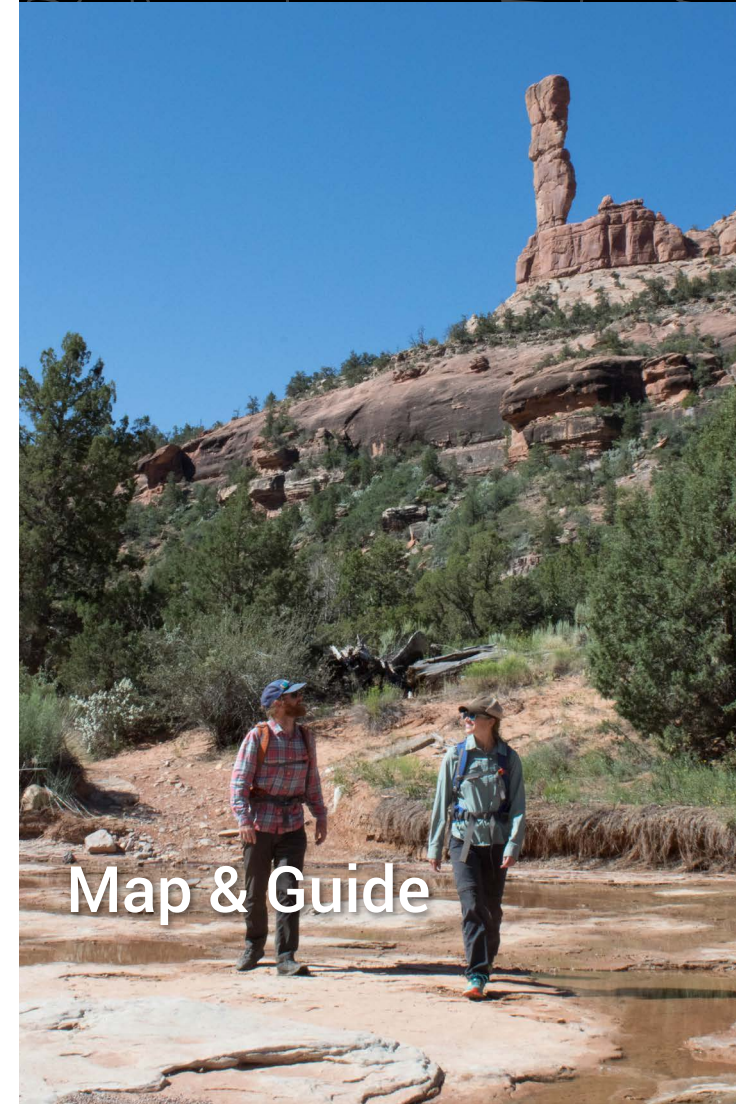


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# Hiking and Camping

The Arch Canyon and Texas Flat Canyon area offers approximately 15 miles of canyon bottoms and cliff walls to explore on foot or horseback. Dispersed camping is allowed in the canyon bottoms. Please use previously-disturbed sites and do not create new sites. Typically water is available year-round. Water must be treated before consumption.

Arch Canyon is recommended as a two to three day hike, which allows for a half a day to hike to the confluence of Texas and Arch Canyons, and additional time to explore the canyon tributaries.

Please sign the visitor registration box located at the mouth of Arch Canyon.

# Cultural Sites

The Arch Canyon Interpretive Site, located about 1/2 mile past the mouth of Arch Canyon, is an impressive example of Pueblo architecture and rock writing.

As you explore Arch Canyon and other areas in Bears Ears National Monument, you will likely notice other archeological sites and culturally important places. In addition to being protected by law, these places hold value for modern Native Americans who may visit them for cultural, ceremonial, or religious reasons. Modern tribes place values on plants, water, and geological features as well as archeological sites. Please visit these places with proper care and respect. It is our shared responsibility to respect and protect cultural resources on our public lands.

