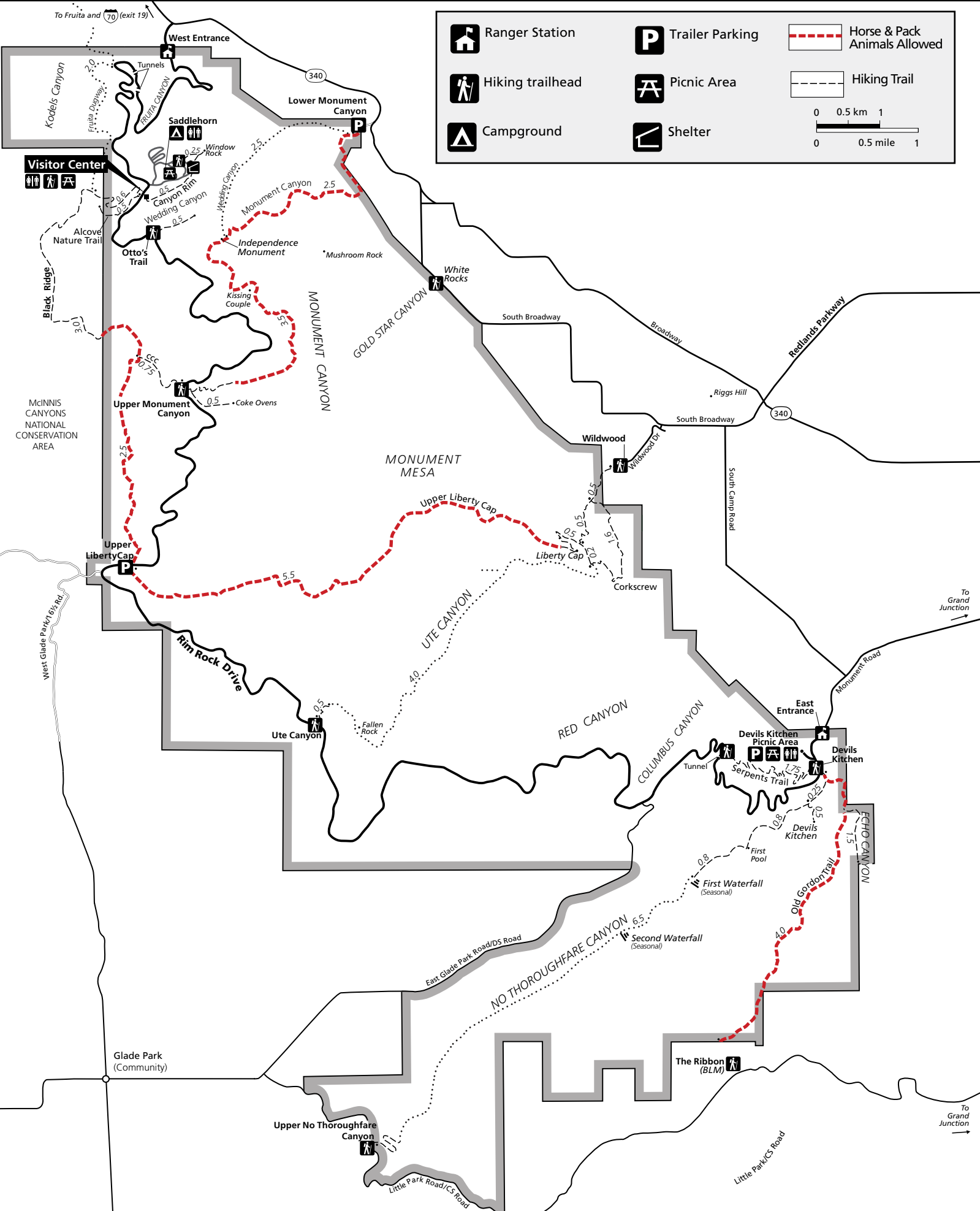


Horse Accessible Trails of Colorado National Monument



	Ranger Station		Trailer Parking		Horse & Pack Animals Allowed
	Hiking trailhead		Picnic Area		Hiking Trail
	Campground		Shelter	 	

Trail Options



Upper Liberty Cap Trail

Trailhead: From the Visitor Center follow Rim Rock Drive for approximately 6.5 miles and turn left into a gravel parking area.

Horses are allowed on the first 5.0 miles of the Upper Liberty Cap Trail. Riders must turn around before the steep switchbacks leading to the Liberty Cap rock formation.



Black Ridge Trail

Trailhead: Start at the Upper Liberty Cap Trailhead on Rim Rock Drive. From the Visitor Center follow Rim Rock Drive for approximately 6.5 miles and turn left into a gravel parking area.

Horses are allowed on the first 3.0 miles Black Ridge Trail from the Upper Liberty Cap Trailhead to the Monument boundary with BLM land (approximately 0.5 miles past the junction with the CCC Trail).



Monument Canyon Trail

Trailhead: From the West Entrance turn right onto Hwy 340 and drive 2.1 miles. Turn right onto a dirt driveway leading to the trailhead parking area.

Horses are allowed on the first 5.5 miles of the Monument Canyon Trail from the Lower Trailhead to the base of the steep ascent to Rim Rock Drive (approximately 0.5 miles before the Upper Trailhead).



Old Gordon Trail

Trailhead: Park at the Devils Kitchen Picnic Area. Located 0.2 miles up Rim Rock Drive from the East Entrance.

Horses are allowed on the entire length of the 4 mile long Old Gordon Trail; from the Devils Kitchen Trailhead to its terminus at the Monument Boundary with BLM land.

Horse & Pack Animal Regulations

- Use of horses on all trails listed above will be permitted when trail conditions are dry.
- Animals will not be allowed within the confines of any recognizable or otherwise identified archeological or historic site (*excluding historic trails listed above*).
- Horses and pack animals will not be tied or tethered in a manner which damages vegetation or which allows grazing on vegetation in the monument.
- Horse and pack animals will be limited to no more than six in number for any group.
- Inappropriate use of horse and pack animals, or use under conditions that pose an unnecessary risk or danger to these animals, is not permitted.
- Animal manure deposited at trailheads and parking areas must be immediately removed by the responsible animal owner.
- As a courtesy, and for safety, animals will maintain a slow walk when approaching visitors on foot, or other riders.
- Horses are prohibited in the Saddlehorn Campground except during transport in a trailer.

Backcountry Travel

Safety

- Be prepared. Always carry a topo map, extra clothing, plenty of water, and a flashlight.
- Desert trails can be hard to follow. If you become lost, stay in one place and call for help.
- Protect your skin. Wear a hat and sunscreen. Pay attention to rapidly changing weather. If lightning is in the area, stay in low-lying areas and return to your vehicle if possible.
- In case of emergency **call 911**.



Trail Regulations

- Pets are only allowed on paved surfaces. Pets are not allowed on hiking trails.
- Vehicles and bicycles must stay on roads.
- Leave No Trace. Please leave all natural and cultural objects where you find them. Please pack out all trash.
- Please view wildlife from a distance. Do not approach or feed any animals.
- Backcountry campers must obtain a free permit at the Visitor Center prior to camping.

For More Information

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