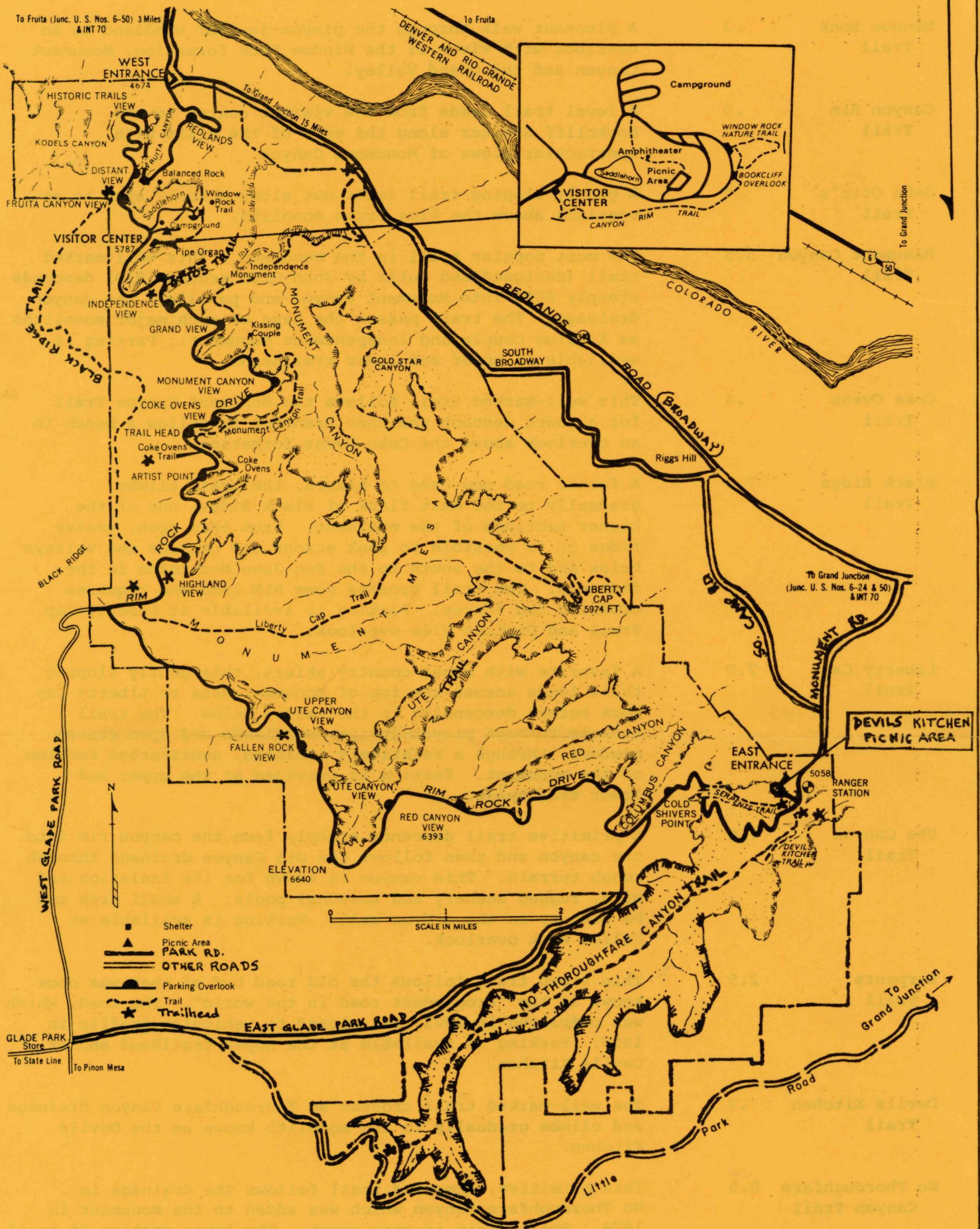


COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT TRAILS



TRAIL REGULATIONS:

1. No trail bikes or bicycles.
2. No pets.
3. Pack out all your trash. Don't bury it.
4. No firearms.
5. No fires.
6. Horses permitted on any trail except Serpents Trail; yield right-of-way to horses.
7. Camping permissible anywhere, except within 50 yards of a trail or one-quarter mile of the road.

Visitors are not required to stay on designated trails and are welcome to hike anywhere in the monument. Trails are provided for your convenience and safety as well as to reduce damage to fragile desert ecosystems.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS:

| <u>TRAIL</u> | <u>MILES (ONE WAY)</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> |
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| Window Rock Trail | .3 | A pleasant walk through the pinyon-juniper woodland to an overlook with views of the Window Rock formation, Monument Canyon and the Grand Valley. |
| Canyon Rim Trail | .5 | A level trail leads from the visitor center to the Bookcliff Shelter along the edge of the cliff with spectacular views of Monument Canyon. |
| John Otto's Trail | .4 | A gently sloping trail leads out along a rocky spur to an overlook above the Pipe Organ monolith. |
| Monument Canyon Trail | 5.5 | The most popular trail in the monument. This well-marked trail (designed and built by John Otto around 1910) descends steeply 600' into Monument Canyon and parallels the canyon drainage. The trail passes the base of such major monoliths as Kissing Couple and Independence Monument. Parking is available at upper and lower trailheads. |
| Coke Ovens Trail | .4 | This well-marked trail follows the Monument Canyon Trail for a short descent and then branches to follow a bench to an overlook above the Coke Ovens formation. |
| Black Ridge Trail | 7.0 | A former road now used to hikers, the trail climbs gradually to the east flank of Black Ridge, one of the higher sections of the monument. From this open, grassy ridge it is possible to look across the canyons and valleys below and to the south to the San Juan Mountains in the distance. The trail crosses some BLM land and requires crossing two fences. Parking is available at Liberty Cap Trail and Distant View overlook. |
| Liberty Cap Trail | 7.0 | A favorite with cross-country skiers, this gently sloping trail leads across the top of Monument Mesa to Liberty Cap Rock before descending to the valley below. The trail travels through pinyon-juniper woodlands and open grassy meadows, through a relatively isolated, undisturbed section of the monument. Parking is provided at the upper and lower trailheads. |
| Ute Canyon Trail | 7.0 | A primitive trail descends steeply from the canyon rim into the canyon and then follows the Ute Canyon drainage through rough terrain. This canyon is known for its isolation and wild, rugged scenery and seasonal pools. A small arch can be seen up on the canyon wall. Parking is available at Fallen Rock overlook. |
| Serpents Trail | 2.5 | This steep trail follows the old road bed of what was once known as the "crookedest road in the world". The road, which was completed in 1921, was closed to vehicular traffic in 1950. Parking is available at the upper trailhead and at Devils Kitchen. |
| Devils Kitchen Trail | .7 | The well-marked trail crosses No Thoroughfare Canyon drainage and climbs gradually to the monolith known as the Devils Kitchen. |
| No Thoroughfare Canyon Trail | 8.5 | This primitive, unmarked trail follows the drainage in No Thoroughfare Canyon which was added to the monument in 1978. The terrain is very rough. The lower section of trail leads through a narrow canyon in the precambrian rock with two major ephemeral waterfalls. Hikers must climb up around the waterfalls--footing is hazardous. Lower trailhead is shared with Devils Kitchen Trail; upper trailhead is on Little Park Road. |

For Your Safety: A hiker in the monument should always carry water; in summer, one gallon per day. Don't drink any of the water in the canyons. It may contain Giardia or selenium. Dress properly. Cross country hiking requires heavy boots since cactus spines easily puncture canvas or lightweight boots. There are rattlesnakes in the monument; watch where you place your hands and feet. Allow for the elevation. Trails are not regularly patrolled; please report any safety hazards you encounter. For backcountry camping obtain a free permit at the visitor center.