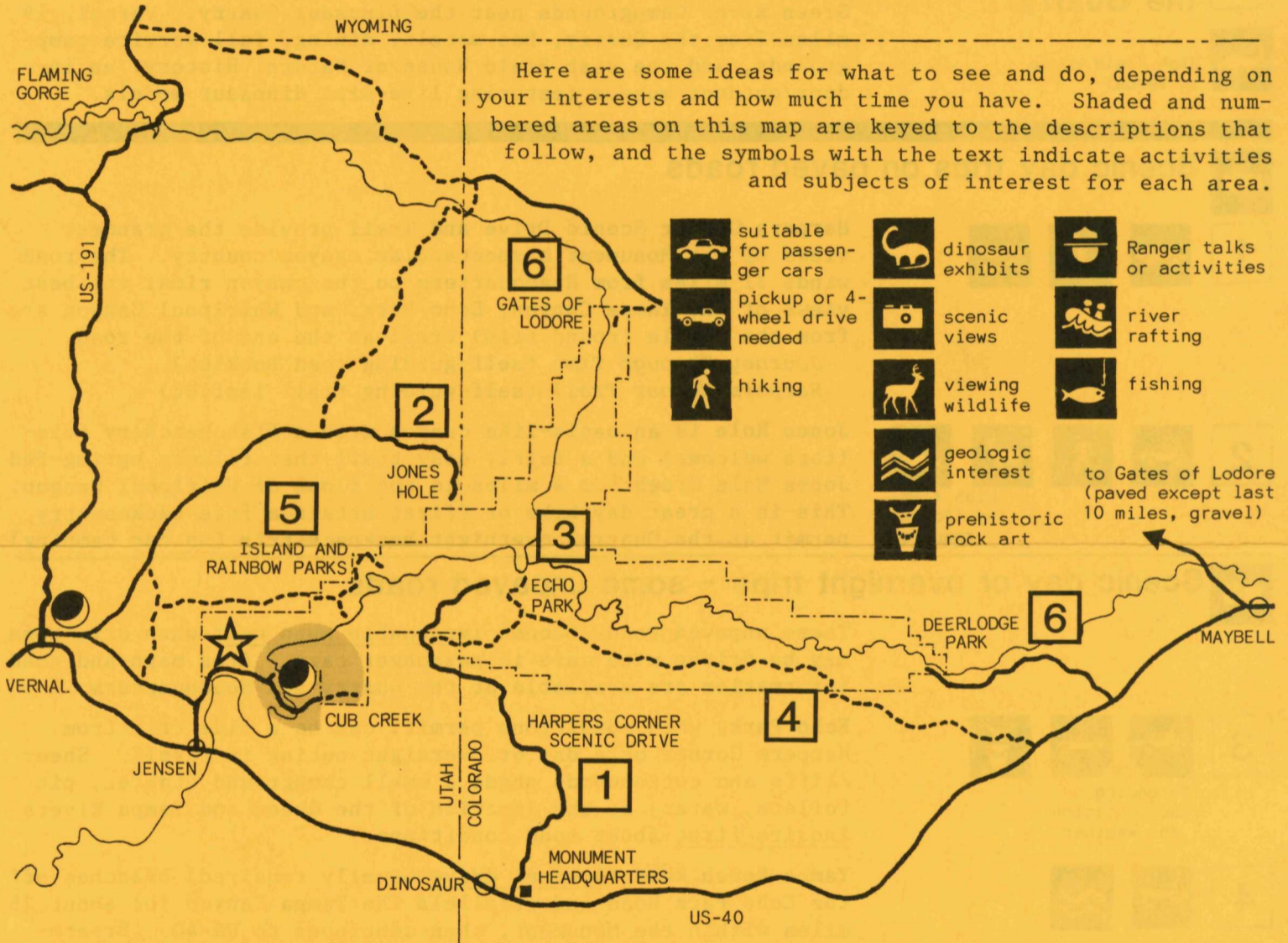


# Dinosaur

National Monument  
Colorado/Utah



## DISCOVER YOUR PARK!



### If you just have an hour



That's still enough time to travel 140 million years into the past at the Dinosaur Quarry. The Quarry building encloses the actual fossil-bearing rock layer, in which more than 2000 dinosaur bones have been uncovered and left in place to form a unique exhibit. At most times you can watch as paleontologists continue to use small hand tools to expose the bones. Park Rangers give short talks about the Quarry's history and dinosaurs; talk times are posted at the information desk.

As you conclude your Quarry visit, you may want to browse in the Dinosaur Nature Association bookstore in the lower lobby of the Quarry building. You'll find a variety of titles for all ages and interests, whether you want to learn more about dinosaurs, or about the many other areas and resources in Dinosaur National Monument. For a start, consider:

*Dinosaur: The Dinosaur National Monument Quarry* (most complete and up-to-date book on the Quarry)

*Dinosaur: The Story Behind the Scenery* (introduction to the Monument as a whole)

### If you have more time

You can discover that there is much more to Dinosaur National Monument than dinosaurs. See the reverse for suggestions for another hour, another day, even another week.

## 1 to 3 hours near the Quarry



various times,  
places, and lengths



1½-2 hours  
(round trip)



2 hours

Check the schedules posted in the Dinosaur Quarry and at the campgrounds for a variety of talks, guided walks, and campfire programs offered in summer by Park Rangers.

Sample the Monument's diversity on the Cub Creek Road--22 miles round trip; 2 miles unpaved but usually passable to all vehicles except in wet weather.

*Cub Creek Sampler* (self-guiding road booklet)

Stretch your legs and your sense of time on the Red Rock Nature Trail--a 2-mile loop with some ups and downs, at Split Mountain Campground, a 4-mile drive from the Quarry.

*Red Rock Nature Trail* (self-guiding trail leaflet)



## Overnight near the Quarry



Utah Field House  
in Vernal

An overnight stay lets you explore in the cooler evening or morning hours. Camping is available at Split Mountain and Green River Campgrounds near the Dinosaur Quarry. Vernal, 19 miles from the Quarry, has motels, dining, full-service campgrounds, and the Utah Field House of Natural History, an indoor/outdoor museum featuring life-size dinosaur models.



## Scenic day trips on paved roads



Harpers Corner Scenic Drive and Trail provide the grandest views of the Monument's spectacular canyon country. The road winds 31 miles from Headquarters to the canyon rims; the best views of the Yampa Canyon, Echo Park, and Whirlpool Canyon are from the 2-mile (round trip) trail at the end of the road.

*Journey Through Time* (self-guiding road booklet)

*Harpers Corner Trail* (self-guiding trail leaflet)



Utah fish-  
ing license  
required

Jones Hole is an oasis-like canyon with a fish hatchery (visitors welcome) and a fairly easy trail that follows spring-fed Jones Hole Creek for 4 miles to the floor of Whirlpool Canyon. This is a great day hike or (first obtain a free backcountry permit at the Quarry) overnight backpack trip (no car camping).



## Scenic day or overnight trips - some unpaved roads



OR  
depending on  
road condition  
and weather

Echo Park, when conditions permit, can be a side trip from Harpers Corner or a day or overnight outing in itself. Sheer cliffs and cottonwoods shade a small campground (tables, pit toilets, water) at the junction of the Green and Yampa Rivers. Inquire first about road conditions.



Yampa Bench Road (4-wheel drive usually required) branches off the Echo Park Road and parallels the Yampa Canyon for about 25 miles within the Monument, then continues to US-40. Breathtaking overlooks of the Yampa River punctuate this full-day trip (which can be extended with an overnight at Echo Park).



OR  
depending on  
road condition and weather

Island and Rainbow Parks reveal the quieter side of the Green River as it winds through open, colorful country; primitive camping (no water) available; superb prehistoric rock art at nearby McKee Spring. Inquire first about road conditions.



may be  
needed for  
full loop

Gates of Lodore and Deerlodge Park are the dramatic portals to the Green and Yampa River canyons. Both have camping; Lodore has drinking water, Deerlodge does not. If road conditions and your time allow, camp at one or both as part of a complete loop around the Monument; inquire first about unpaved segments.



## River trips

Floating the rivers offers the most intimate look at the canyons. The whitewater may be mild or wild, depending on river flows, but it does require adequate gear and experience. One-day trips through Split Mountain can often be taken on short notice; longer trips require advance planning. Ask at Quarry or Headquarters for concessioner list or permit information.