



Planning Your Visit

Facilities and services

THE DINOSAUR QUARRY, 7 miles north of US-40 and Jensen, UT, encloses the fossil bone quarry and exhibits. Open daily, 8-4:30 in winter, later in spring through fall. No fee. Due to limited parking, a shuttlebus provides access most hours, Memorial Day through Labor Day. For current information on hours and activities, phone (801)789-2115.

HEADQUARTERS VISITOR CENTER, on US-40 just east of Dinosaur, CO, provides orientation to the Monument's scenic canyon area (no fossil bones). Closed weekends in winter. No fee. (303)374-2216.

CAMPGROUNDS are available first-come, first-served--no reservations. Fee at some sites. See reverse for details.

ROADS: Jensen to Dinosaur Quarry and nearby campgrounds, paved, open all year. Headquarters to Harpers Corner, paved, closed in winter. Most other roads are primitive, impassable when wet; some, when dry, can be driven with care in passenger cars. Inquire first for current road conditions. Vehicle travel off roads is prohibited in the Monument.

GAS, FOOD, LODGING, SUPPLIES: Not available in the Monument. For list of services available in nearby communities, see reverse.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: No regularly scheduled service into the Monument. Trailways Bus serves Vernal and Dinosaur. Vernal has a small commercial airport with connections to Salt Lake City, and rental cars available.

Recreational activities

HIKING: Short nature trails at Split Mountain, Gates of Lodore, and along Harpers Corner Scenic Drive; a few longer trails. Overnight hiking trips within the Monument require a free backcountry permit, available at Headquarters, the Dinosaur Quarry, or some field ranger stations.

BOATING: Private boaters on the Green and Yampa Rivers within the Monument must have a permit and adequate whitewater craft and experience; application period for most permits is Dec. 1 through Jan. 15; contact River Ranger at Headquarters, (303)374-2468, for details. Concessionaires offer guided 1- to 5-day trips; address list available on request. Portions of both rivers outside the Monument are suitable for flatwater canoeing; contact a Park Ranger before using Monument boat ramps.

FISHING: Marginal in most of the Monument; catfish are most common. Trout fishing (artificial flies/lures only) in Jones Hole Creek. A Utah or Colorado license is required in the Utah or Colorado portion of the Monument, respectively, and State fishing regulations apply.

SWIMMING: Not recommended in the rivers due to cold water, strong currents. Public pools in Vernal, Rangely; swimming and water skiing at Steinaker and Red Fleet lakes, 6 and 11 miles north of Vernal.

Reminders and suggestions

A NATIONAL MONUMENT PROTECTS all its resources for all people. No collecting of fossils, rocks, plants, animals, or artifacts is allowed within Dinosaur National Monument; for this same reason, no fossils are sold in the Monument.

PETS are allowed in the Monument provided that they are leashed or otherwise physically restrained at all times; they are not allowed in public buildings, on trails or in the backcountry, or on river trips.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST: Utah Field House of Natural History State Park in Vernal features a mounted dinosaur skeleton (none in the Monument), plus exhibits on the area's natural and human history. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, 40 miles north of Vernal, offers camping, sport fishing, and lake and mild whitewater boating.

Camping

PLEASE NOTE: These campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis--there is no reservation system here. Space is usually ample except on holidays.

FIRES may be built only in the fireplaces provided. Keep your fire small, never leave it unattended, even for a few minutes, and be sure it's OUT COLD at bedtime or departure.

LENGTH OF STAY LIMIT: 14 days.

campground and location	number of sites	tent sites available	sites useable by RVs (1)	drinking water (2)	modern restrooms (2)	pit toilets	tables & fireplaces	firewood for sale	ranger station (3)	boat ramp (4)	nature trail	campfire talks (5)	fee charged (6)	season
SPLIT MOUNTAIN 4 miles east of Dinosaur Quarry	35	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	all year
GREEN RIVER 5 miles east of Dinosaur Quarry	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	approximately Memorial Day to Labor Day
RAINBOW PARK 26 miles from Dinosaur Quarry	4	●			●	●			●					approximately spring to fall, depending on weather and road conditions
RUPLE RANCH 31 miles from Dinosaur Quarry	*	●			●	●			●					
ECHO PARK 38 miles north of Headquarters; 13 miles ROUGH, STEEP, NARROW dirt road, IMPASSABLE WHEN WET	14	●	●		●	●		●	●					
DEERLODGE PARK 53 miles east of Headquarters;	*	●	●		●	●		●	●					
GATES OF LODORE 106 miles north of Headquarters; last 10 miles graded dirt road	17	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●				all year

(1) RVs can be parked in most sites, but there are no hookups. Trailers and motor homes should not be taken on the Echo Park and Rainbow Park/Ruple Ranch roads; when dry, these roads can be driven with care in pickups and some passenger cars.

(2) Water is turned off from fall through spring to avoid freezing damage; pit toilets are available when restrooms are closed.

(3) Ranger on duty year-round at Gates of Lodore; summer only at others.

(4) Special boating permit required.

(5) Talks are given in summer only; schedules posted in campgrounds.

(6) \$5.00 per site per night.

* No individually designated sites.

Picnic areas

are located at Plug Hat Butte, Canyon Overlook, and Echo Park Overlook on the Harpers Corner Scenic Drive; each has tables, fireplaces, pit toilets, no water. Placer Point Picnic Area, on the Dinosaur Quarry-Cub Creek Road, has tables and pit toilets; no fires allowed; no water. Picnickers are welcome to use the campgrounds if adequate space is available.

Local area services

	gas & diesel	auto parts & repairs	motels	dining	supplies, medical groceries	commercial services	campgrounds
Vernal, UT 20 mi W of Quarry	■	■	■	■	■	■	dumps, hookups, showers
Jensen, UT 7 mi S of Quarry	■			[limited]	[limited]		[seasonally]
Dinosaur, CO 2 mi W of HQ	■	[minor]	[small]	[limited]	[limited]		
Rangely, CO 18 mi S of HQ	■	■	■	■	■	■	sewer dump; no hookups or showers

Climate

