



Planning Your Visit

Facilities and services

Entrance fees: \$5 per vehicle, or \$2 per bus passenger over 16 years.

THE DINOSAUR QUARRY, 7 miles north of Jensen, UT, encloses the fossil bones and exhibits. Open daily, 8-4:30 with expanded summer hours. 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 and holidays in winter. No fee. (303)374-2216.

CAMPGROUNDS are available, with fees 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 in winter or when wet; some, when dry, can be driven with care in passenger cars. Inquire first for current road conditions.

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. Greyhound Bus serves Vernal, UT, and Dinosaur, CO. Vernal has a small commercial airport with connections to Salt Lake City, and rental cars are available.

Recreational activities

HIKING: Short nature trails near 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 field ranger stations.

BOATING: Private boaters on the Green and Yampa rivers within the monument must have a permit; application period for most permits is Dec. 1 through Jan. 31; contact River Ranger at Headquarters, (303)374-2468, for details. Concessioners 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 fishing license is required in the Utah or Colorado portion of the monument, respectively; state fishing regulations apply.

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

Please help us preserve Dinosaur

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE has a unique mission—to preserve the heritage of the United States. We expect your help in protecting Dinosaur so it may be experienced by others. Remember that everything here is protected. Don't take anything, and leave things where you find them so that others may experience them.

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

There are other rules for protecting the park. Use your head, imagine your actions multiplied by the thousands who will follow you. If you think what you are doing will disturb or have a lasting effect—DON'T DO IT!

Camping and picnicking

PLEASE NOTE: These campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis—there is no reservation system, except for group sites. Availability of sites is variable.

Camping fees: \$8 per individual site per night.

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 before bedtime or departure.

LENGTH OF STAY LIMIT: 14 days.

campground and location	number of sites	tent sites	RV sites	drinking water	modern restrooms	pit toilets only	tables & fireplaces	firewood for sale	ranger station	boat ramp	nature trail	ranger talks	fee charged	season
SPLIT MOUNTAIN 4 miles E of Dinosaur Quarry	33	●	1	2	2		●	●		●	●		●	winter
GREEN RIVER 5 miles E of Dinosaur Quarry	77	●	1	2	2		●	●	3			5	●	approximately Memorial Day to Labor Day
RAINBOW PARK 26 miles from Dinosaur Quarry; mostly dirt road, rough in places, <u>impassable when wet</u>	2	●				●	●			●				depends on weather and road conditions
ECHO PARK 38 miles N of Headquarters; 13 miles <u>steep, narrow</u> dirt road, <u>impassable when wet</u>	4 tent 6 car	●		2		●	no fires		3	●				
DEERLODGE PARK 53 miles E of Headquarters	8	●	1			●	●		3	●				
GATES OF LODORE 106 miles N of Headquarters; last 10 miles graded dirt road	17	●	1	2		●	●		●	●	●			all year

(1) Trailers and RVs in excess of 35' are not permitted in campgrounds. 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 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; pit toilets are available when restrooms are closed.
 (3) Ranger on duty summer only.
 (4) Special boating permit required.
 (5) Talks are given in summer only.

PICNIC AREAS (NO CAMPING) are located at Plug Hat Butte, Canyon Overlook, and Echo Park Overlook on the Harpers Corner Scenic Drive; each has tables, fireplaces, and pit toilets, but no water. Picnickers are welcome to use the campgrounds when space is available.

Local area services and information

	gas & diesel	auto parts & repairs	motels	dining	supplies, groceries	medical services	commercial campgrounds
Vernal, UT 20 miles W of Dinosaur Quarry	●	●	●	●	●	●	sewer drops, hookups, showers
Jensen, UT 7 miles S of Dinosaur Quarry	●			limited	limited		
Dinosaur, CO 2 miles W of Headquarters	●	minor	small	limited	limited		sewer drops, hookups, showers
Rangely, CO 18 miles S of Headquarters	●	●	●	●	●	●	sewer drop; no hookups or showers
Craig, CO 90 miles E of Headquarters	●	●	●	●	●	●	sewer drops, hookups, showers

For further information on local facilities and services, contact:

Dinosaurland Travel Board (800)477-5558
 Vernal Chamber of Commerce (801)789-1352
 Craig Chamber of Commerce (303)824-5689

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST: Utah Field House of Natural History State Park, (801) 789-3799, in Vernal features life-size dinosaur replicas and exhibits on the area's natural and human history. Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, (801) 885-3315, north of Vernal, offers camping, sport fishing, and lake and moderate white water boating. Ashley National Forest, (801) 789-1181, and the Bureau of Land Management, (801) 789-1362, manage large tracts of land with camping, scenic and other recreational opportunities.

Dinosaur National Monument, 4545 Highway 40, Dinosaur, CO 81610, (303) 374-2216

Climate

Dinosaur's climate is semiarid, but light to moderate snow, foggy days, and subzero nights occur in winter, and thunderstorms, sometimes with locally heavy rain, are common from spring through fall. The chart at right shows average temperature ranges (F).

