

Protect the Park

	YOU	are the owner and caretaker of this National Monument, as is everyone. Because this land and its resources belong to us all, <u>no one may collect or disturb any animal, plant, rock, fossil, or any other natural, historical, or archeological feature.</u>
	PARK EMPLOYEES	are charged with the long-term care of the Monument. Please ask them if you have any questions about these rules, and report any problem, injury, theft, or property damage to them.
	CAMPGROUNDS	are set aside so as to offer a pleasant overnight stay, while limiting our impact to a confined area. Camp only within the site and do no digging or leveling. Keep all vehicle wheels on the pavement or gravel, when those surfaces are provided. There is a maximum of 10 people per campsite.
	FIRE	is a real danger in this dry land. Besides its potential hazard to life and property, wildfire scars the land for decades. Campfires must be built only in the fire pits or grates provided, must be kept small, and <u>must never be left unattended</u> , even for a few minutes. Wood is scarce here, and may not be gathered, whether dead or alive.
	VEHICLES	<u>of all kinds</u> , including bicycles, must stay on designated roads. Driving or riding off the road leaves a long-lasting scar on the land, and is not allowed here. Some older dirt roads are closed to vehicles to let plants grow back. All motorized vehicles and their drivers must be properly licensed.
	BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING	(on foot) is allowed in most areas. For your protection, and that of the backcountry, a Ranger must issue you a free permit for any overnight hike in the Monument.
	BOATING	on the rivers within Dinosaur National Monument requires a written permit. To avoid crowding and damage at launch points and river camps, the number of permits issued each year is limited, and application for most permits must be made well in advance. More information on application procedures is available from the River Ranger at Monument Headquarters.
	PETS	and wildlife do not mix well. Your pet may threaten native animals, or may itself be harmed by them. Pets must be leashed (maximum leash length 6 feet) or otherwise physically restrained at all times, and are not allowed on trails, in the backcountry, on the rivers, or in buildings.
	HUNTING	is not allowed; the Monument is a sanctuary for all wildlife. Weapons of any kind (including BB and pellet guns, slingshots, and bows) must be completely unloaded and fully cased or broken down. Traps, explosives, fireworks, and firecrackers are also prohibited here.
	FISHING	is allowed subject to State regulations. A Colorado or Utah fishing license is required in the Colorado or Utah portion of the Monument, respectively.
	WATER	is a precious resource in this desert area. In developed campgrounds, please do not bathe or wash clothes or dishes at spigots or in restrooms. Carry water to your campsite for washing, and dispose of all wastewater (including RV drainage) in toilets. Use of soap and disposal of wastewater in springs, ponds, and streams is prohibited.

Protect yourself

THE RIVERS	are strong, swift, and cold, and are <u>not safe for wading or swimming</u> . Boaters on the rivers are <u>required to wear lifejackets</u> , as well as having adequate whitewater gear and skills.
THUNDERSTORMS	can be dangerous; avoid high, exposed areas when lightning is near. Heavy rain may cause flash flooding in narrow canyons, and makes most unpaved roads impassable.
HIKING	is a great way to see the Monument up close--but watch your footing as well as the scenery! Wear adequate shoes or boots, and carry water. Natural water sources are rare, and contain <i>Giardia</i> . Let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back; if you become lost, stay in one place--wandering makes you harder to find. Off-trail rock scrambling is hazardous; it has been the prime cause of serious injury here.
ROADS	in the Monument are designed for scenic views, not high speed. Observe all posted limits and signs. Watch out for deer, elk, and livestock on the roads, especially during early morning and evening hours.
WILD ANIMALS	both for their protection and yours, should be treated with respect, and may not be molested or fed. Even small "cute" animals may carry dangerous diseases. Rattlesnakes are not common here, but should be reported to a Park Ranger if seen in developed areas.