

# Fossil Butte

## National Monument

U.S. Department of the Interior

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**Park Established:** October 23, 1972

**Location:** Southwestern Wyoming, 14 miles west of Kemmerer on Hwy 30.

**Acreage:** 8,198 acres (3,313 hectares)

**Entrance Fee:** none

**Mileage from:** Cheyenne WY: 352  
Denver CO: 450

Rock Springs WY: 95  
Salt Lake City UT: 150

Evanston WY: 65  
Vernal UT: 150

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## Recreation



**Visitor Center and offices** are open year-round, excluding winter holidays. **Summer hours:** 8:00 am-7:00 pm, June-August; **Winter hours:** 8:00 am-4:30 pm, September-May.

**Hiking trails with wayside exhibits.** Trail-heads are within 5 miles of the Visitor Center. Fossil exhibits and interpretation are available at the Visitor Center.

**Licensed motor bikes, bicycles, trucks, and automobiles** are permitted in the Monument but are restricted to designated roads and operators must be properly licensed.



**Pets** are allowed on trails but must be under physical restraint at all times. **Horse use** is allowed in the Monument. During the winter, **hiking or cross-country skiing** is encouraged, weather permitting. **Snow machines** are not permitted within the Monument boundaries.

During your visit, watch for **wildlife** including: mule deer, moose, pronghorn, white-tailed jackrabbit, desert-cottontail, beaver, coyotes, ground squirrels, prairie dogs, and sage grouse.

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## Accommodations

**Camping** is not permitted in the Monument. **Primitive camping** is permitted on surrounding Bureau of Land Management land where caution should be used with campfires. No potable water is available. **Commercial campgrounds** are located in Kemmerer; public camping in Bridger-Teton National Forest-50 miles northeast, at Fontenelle Reservoir-50 miles east, and Cokeville town park-30 miles northwest. **Lodging** is available year-round in Kemmerer. Grocery stores, service stations and shopping are available. Reservations for lodging are recommended July-October. **More information** is available through the Chamber of Commerce, Kemmerer, WY 83101, phone: 307-877-9761.

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## Golden passports

**Golden Age and Golden Access Passports** may be obtained from a fee collecting National Park Service unit. (Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Dinosaur, etc.)

## Handicapped Access

**The Visitor Center is handicapped accessible.** No trails are provided for the blind or those using wheelchairs. Vault toilets are wheelchair accessible.

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## Sales Outlet

A large selection of publications are offered for sale through **Dinosaur Nature Association**. Books explain further the geologic history, paleontology, and natural history features. Children's books, postcards, posters and film are also available.

## Publications

A list of publications is available upon request. Write: **Dinosaur Nature Association, 1291 E. Hwy. 40, Vernal UT 84078.**

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## Miscellaneous

**Spring and Summer:** 70° to 80° F days; 30° to 40° F nights. **Fall:** 60° F days and 30° F nights. **Winter:** 10° to 30° F days; 0° to -45° F nights.

**Use of firearms or traps is prohibited.** When being transported, these items must be cased or broken down and unavailable for ready use.

**Hunting or intentionally disturbing wildlife is prohibited.**

**For additional information contact:**

Superintendent  
Fossil Butte National Monument  
P.O. Box 592  
Kemmerer, WY 83101  
(307) 877-4455

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**All fossils** and prehistoric artifacts are **protected** and **cannot be disturbed or removed** from the Monument. Natural features, plants and animals are also protected and must be left undisturbed.