Wetherill Mesa Planning Information Sheet



The following information will help you plan your visit to Wetherill Mesa. The road to Wetherill is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The 12-mile, 30/45 minute drive offers a number of excellent views of the Park and Four Corners.

NOTE: Vehicles in excess of 8,000 G.V.W. and/or 25 feet in length are prohibited.

Summer Activities

Wetherill Mesa offers a variety of sights, from cliff dwellings to mesa top ruins. From the parking area, walk to the information kiosk and mini-train loading area. There the Ranger will help you plan your visit to the ruins.

Step House Ruin: The ½-mile self-guided walk takes 45 minutes to complete. Guidebooks are available on the trail to the ruin. A Ranger is on duty in the dwelling to answer any questions. This ruin may be visited anytime between 9:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Mini-Train

Departs from the kiosk area every ½-hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There may be an hour wait for tours. You must ride the mini-train to visit:

- The Ranger guided tour at Long House
- The self-guided Badger House Community walk
- The Kodak House Overlook
- The Long House Overlook
- The Nordenskiöld's Ruin #16

Long House: This Ranger guided tour of the Park's second largest dwelling leaves every ½-hour from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the trail head. The total round trip walking distance is ½-mile and takes approximately one hour.

Note: Tours are limited to 50 people on a first come, first served basis. This tour is not recommended for those with a heart condition. Last tour to Long House leaves from the kiosk at 5:00 p.m.

Badger House Community: This \(\frac{3}{4}\)-mile self-guided trail will take you to four mesa top ruins.

- 1. Modified Basketmaker Pithouse
- 2. Pueblo Village and Great Kiva
- 3. Badger House
- 4. Two Raven House

Guidebooks are available at the beginning of the trail and a Ranger will be roving the trail in order to answer any questions or provide assistance. This ruin may be visited anytime between 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Visitors taking the 5:00 p.m. tour (last tour) to Long House will not be able to visit Badger House or Step House.

Two Overlooks: Kodak viewpoint and Long House viewpoint.

NOTICE: The mini-train and most trails are accessible by wheelchair.

- All hiking is restricted. Ask a Ranger for hiking information.
- Smoking is restricted to the parking area.
- Pets are not allowed beyond the parking area.
- Please use trash cans.

The ARA (concessioner) van departs from Far View Lodge at 9:30 a.m.



