

# Natural Bridges National Monument

## Information Sheet

### GENERAL INFORMATION

A paved, nine-mile loop road provides access to three large natural bridges which have formed in Cedar Mesa Sandstone. Each bridge can be viewed by walking a short distance to an overlook. Longer hikes are available (see reverse side). Archeological sites can be viewed from overlooks along the rim. Please help us protect these natural and cultural resources. Avoid collecting plants or artifacts, walking into or on ruins, or writing graffiti.

Natural Bridges National Monument is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The Visitor Center is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm with the exception of a few holidays. Campfire programs are offered in the summer season (May-September). Schedules for the programs are posted in the campground. Entrance fees are collected in the summer season. The fees are: \$1.00 for individuals; \$3.00 per vehicle (good for seven days); \$10.00 for an annual pass (valid only at Natural Bridges); \$25.00 for a Golden Eagle Pass (valid at all federal parks and monuments for the calendar year); Golden Age Pass (for U.S. citizens 62 years of age or older); and the Golden Access Pass (available for disabled individuals).

### CAMPING INFORMATION

The 13 site campground is operated on a first come first served basis year round. Individual sites will accommodate up to 9 persons with a limit of one vehicle per site. R.V.'s and trailers, no longer than 21 feet, can also be accommodated. There is no campground fee. No services are available within the park. Water is available only at the Visitor Center. Wood gathering is strictly prohibited within the monument. There is no backcountry camping in the monument.

### PETS

Pets are allowed in the campground but must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Pets are not allowed on designated trails or in the backcountry.

### WEATHER

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Avg. High:	39	45	51	60	71	81	90	86	77	63	50	40
Avg. Low:	17	22	26	32	40	49	58	56	49	37	27	19
Avg. Precip.:	.97	.95	1.22	.83	.67	.57	1.45	1.59	1.07	1.48	1.11	1.28

### VISITOR SAFETY TIPS

- \*Do not hike or climb alone. Carry a map.
- \*If you decide to leave the trail, let someone know your intended route and estimated time of return.
- \*Summer temperatures can exceed 100 degrees F. Carry water and wear protective clothing.
- \*Winter daytime temperatures are often very comfortable, but nights often drop below freezing.
- \*Plan ahead. Expect a daytime hike to last till after dark.
- \*Watch out for flash flooding while hiking in the canyons.
- \*Overlooks can be dangerous during lightning storms.
- \***Always carry water.** One gallon per person per day is recommended.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on Natural Bridges, contact:

Superintendent, Natural Bridges, Box 1, Lake Powell, Utah 84533 (tel. 801-259-5174)

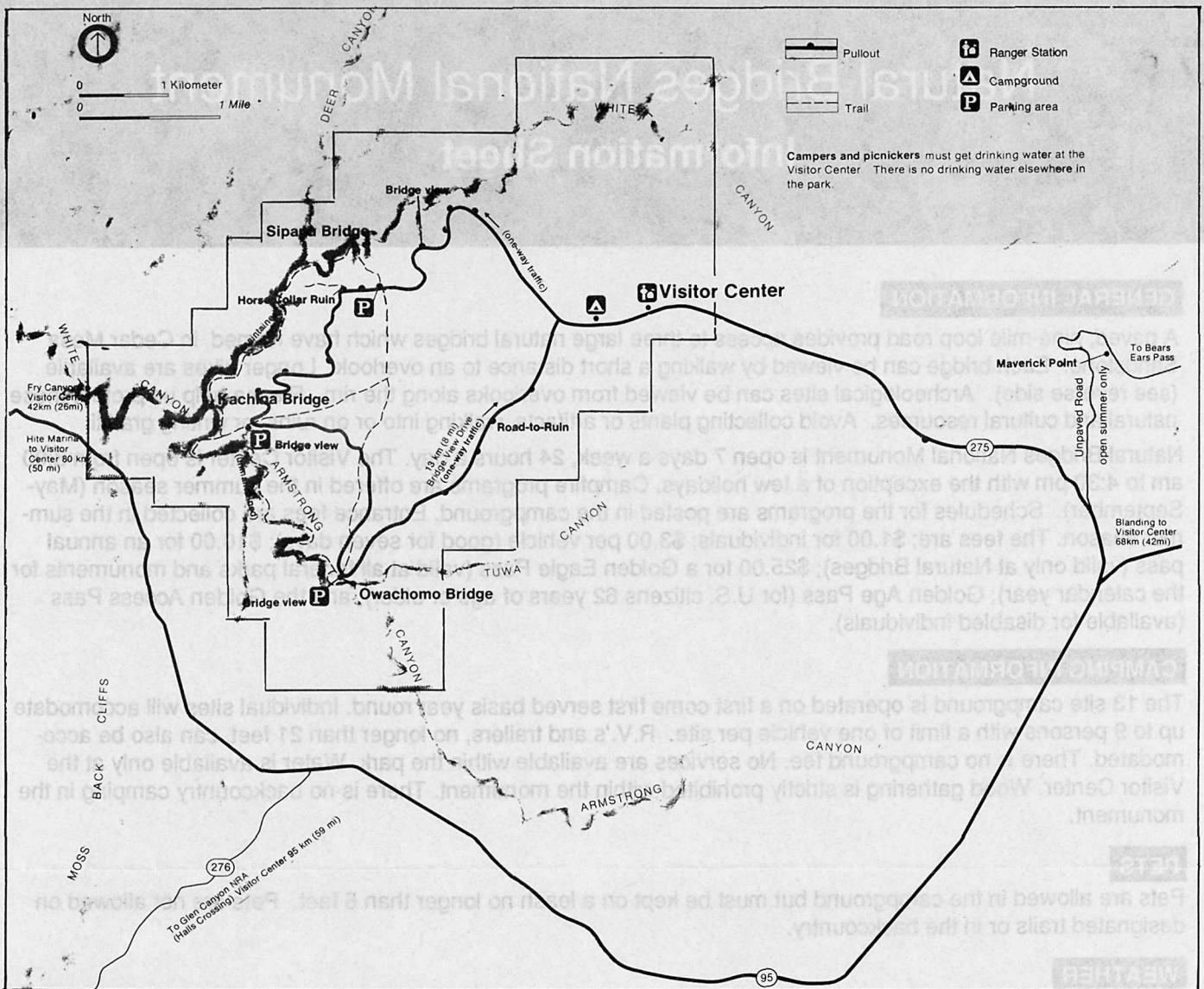
For maps and books on Natural Bridges and the Colorado Plateau, contact:

Canyonlands Natural History Association, 125 West 200 South, Moab, Utah 84532 (tel. 801-259-6003)

For information on services in the Four Corners Area, contact:

San Juan County Travel Council, Box 490, Monticello, Utah, 84535 (tel. 801-587-3235)

Grand County Travel Council, P.O. Box 550, Moab, Utah, 84532 (tel. 801-259-8825 or 1-800-635-MOAB)



**LOCATION**

Natural Bridges National Monument is located 40 miles west of Blanding along Utah Highway 95, 50 miles north of Mexican Hat and 95 miles east of Hanksville. Lodging, camping, stores, gasoline and phones are available in these communities. No services are available in the monument.

**TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS**

**One way distance from the trailhead parking area**

Sipapu Bridge	Kachina Bridge	Owachomo Bridge	Horsecollar Ruin
.6 mi/ .97km	.75 mi/ 1.21 km	.2 mi/ .32 km	.3 mi/ .48km
500' elevation change	400' elevation change	180' elevation change	Little elevation change
Moderately strenuous	Moderately strenuous	Moderate	Easy, but uneven terrain
Two flights of stairs	Steep slickrock		Trail follows rim
Handrails and ladders	Handrails		Handrails

**Loop Trails (distances from mesa top trail)**

	Sipapu	Kachina	Owachomo
Sipapu	-0-	5.6 mi./9.12	8.6mi./12.8km
Kachina	5.6mi./9.1km	-0-	5.4 mi./8.7km
Owachomo	8.6mi./13.8km	5.4mi./8.7	-0-

**MOUNTAIN BIKE INFORMATION**

Mountain Bikes are welcome on all paved roads in the park. All bicycles are classified as vehicles and must abide by vehicle regulations. They are not allowed on any trails or off established roads.