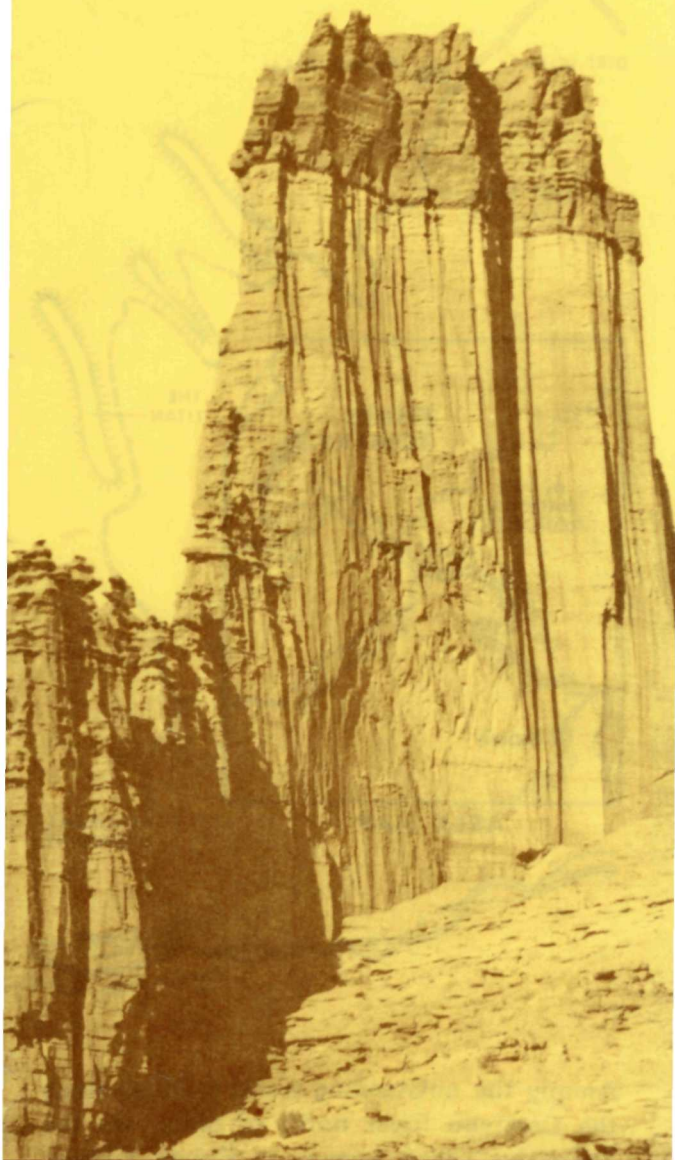


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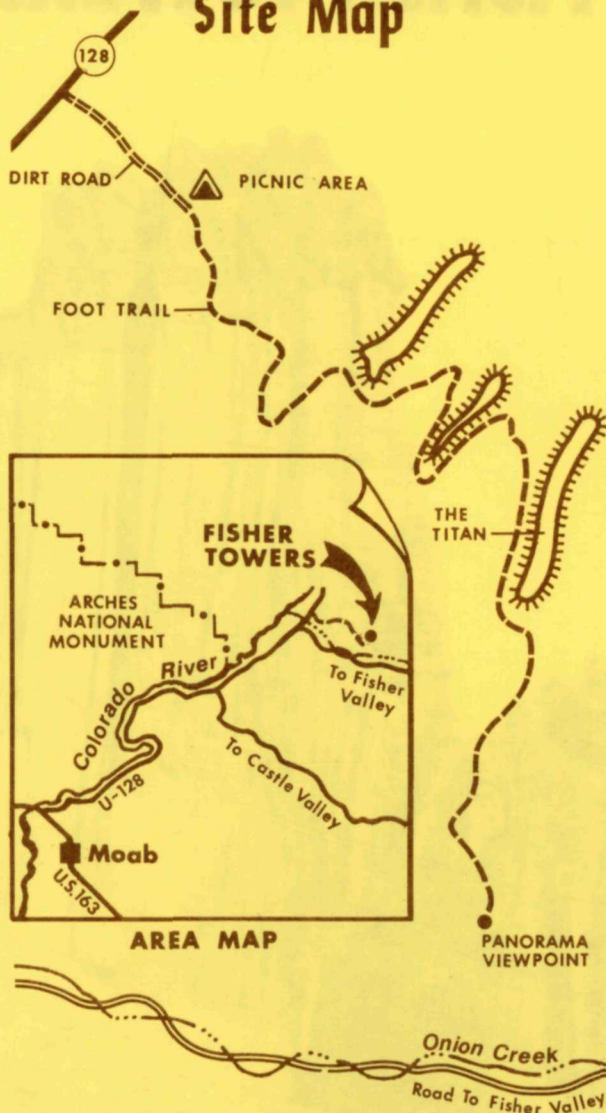
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Site Map



Among the outstanding scenic features along the Colorado River north of Moab are the impressive spires known as Fisher Towers. Composed of the Organ Rock Tongue of the Cutler geologic formation capped by Moenkipi formation, the Towers present a dramatic view from Utah Highway 128 and surrounding Professor Valley.

Fisher Towers are isolated remnants of a 225 million year old floodplain deposit of the Uncompahgre highland in Colorado. When the Colorado plateau was uplifted, salt deposits underlying this region buckled, warped and collapsed. Subsequent erosion caused the formation of valleys and cliff escarpments.

Although the crumbly texture of the sandstone offers less than ideal climbing conditions, climbers can sometimes be seen attempting to scale Fisher Towers. The highest tower, the 900 foot Titan, was climbed successfully in 1962 by three men from Colorado.

A hiking trail around the base of the towers offers excellent views of the rocks and surrounding country. The trail is 2.2 miles long. It takes about three to four hours to complete a leisurely round trip. There is no water along the trail so come prepared. In the summer, a gallon of water per day per person is recommended. Sturdy walking shoes or good boots are also a good idea. Be careful if you are walking the trail during or after a rainstorm. Erosive forces are still at work and falling rocks are a hazard. Restrooms and picnic tables are located at the trailhead.

While enjoying a picnic or walking the trail, listen to the scrub jays and the ravens. Notice a juniper growing out of a crack in the rock. Try to catch a scurrying lizard, at least with your eyes. These experiences and much, much more are as integral a part of the scenery as are Fisher Towers themselves.

The nearby valley you see may look familiar. It has graced the screen of motion picture theaters across the land as a scenic back drop for numerous films. A list of films made in the area is included on the back of this pamphlet.

MOTION PICTURES
FILMED IN THE AREA

Wagon Master	1949
Rio Grande	1950
Battle at Apache Pass	1951
Son of Cochise	1952
Border River	1953
Siege of Red River	1953
Canyon Crossroads	1954
Smoke Signal	1954
Fort Dobbs	1956
Warlock	1958
Ten Who Dared	1959
Gold of Seven Saints	1960
Commancheros	1961
Greatest Story Ever Told	1963
Cheyenne Autumn	1963
Rio Conchos	1964
Canyonlands U.S.A.	1965
Blue	1967
Fade In	1967
Seeta, the Mountain Lion	1971
Against a Crooked Sky	1975

Nearby Castle Rock was used in a spectacular automotive television commercial in 1964 and again in 1974.

