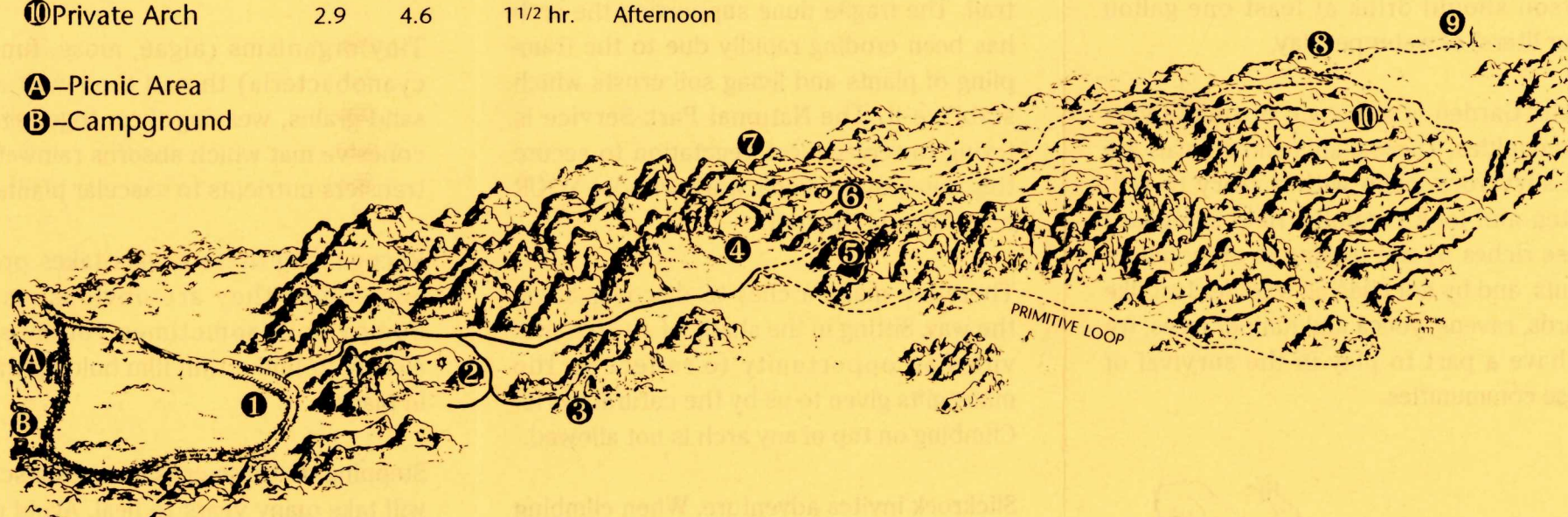


	DISTANCE TO*		WALKING TIME*	BEST TIME TO PHOTOGRAPH
	(MILES)	(KILOMETERS)		

① Trailhead				
② Tunnel Arch	.4	.6	20 min.	Morning
③ Pine Tree Arch	.4	.6	20 min.	Anytime
④ Landscape Arch	.8	1.3	30 min.	Morning
⑤ Wall Arch	1.0	1.6	35 min.	Morning
⑥ Partition Arch	1.4	2.2	45 min.	Anytime
⑦ Navajo Arch	1.5	2.4	50 min.	Anytime
⑧ Double O Arch	2.0	3.2	1 hour.	Morning
⑨ Dark Angel	2.5	4.0	1 1/4 hr.	Anytime
⑩ Private Arch	2.9	4.6	1 1/2 hr.	Afternoon

- A**—Picnic Area
B—Campground

*WALKING TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE and based on a one-way trip directly to the point named without taking any side trails.
 *DISTANCES ARE MEASURED from trailhead along the main trail to Double O, and returning on the Primitive Loop Trail.
 ENTIRE TRAIL TO ALL POINTS OF INTEREST, including Dark Angel and returning on Primitive Loop: 7.2 miles/11.5 kilometers.



The joy of discovery in Devils Garden is heightened by the possibility that you might be the first person to stand in a certain spot. Share the wealth by leaving no trace of your passage. Happy trails!

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Devils Garden Trail Guide

Arches National Park



Welcome to Devils Garden Trail.
 This is your treasure map! These clues will allow you to discover the riches of this red rock wonderland in a safe and responsible manner.

The first mile of the Devils Garden Trail is easy: a gravel, well graded trail winds in and among the tall fins, and ends in a spectacular view of Landscape Arch. Beyond this point, the trail becomes more challenging. Follow the rock cairns (small piles of rock) another mile through and on top of sandstone fins to Double O Arch. From here, you may choose to retrace your steps, or to embark on the adventurous primitive loop which returns to the main trail near Landscape Arch.

Beyond Landscape Arch, the trail requires some extra time and water, good hiking shoes and the ability to “friction,” or walk on sloping sandstone surfaces. When the rock is wet from rain or snow, this stretch can be quite difficult. Use caution. To avoid getting lost, sight the next cairn before leaving the last one. Several spur trails are cairned, leading hikers to other pleasures such as Navajo Arch, Private Arch and the looming pinnacle of Dark Angel.

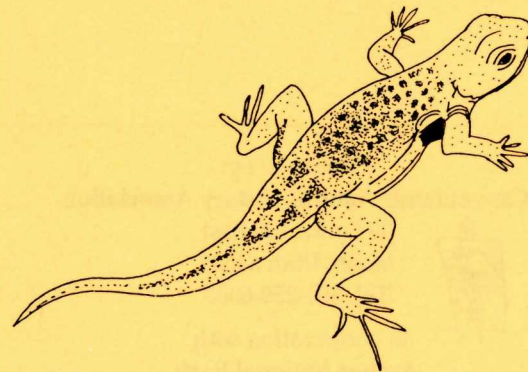
The Devils Garden Trail is a place for people to walk. You must leave your bicycles at the trailhead. It's best to leave pets at home; they're not allowed on trails and leaving them in your car can cause heat stroke in the hot summer. Don't tie them outside your car in the parking lot.

Clue #1

You are fragile... And so is the desert

Carry and drink lots of water. It's important. Staying hydrated is critical for physical needs and good decision-making. Each person should drink at least one gallon (four liters) of water per day.

Devils Garden is a mosaic of small living communities. These plants and animals are the survivors, each with a story to tell. Listen and look carefully. Help safeguard these riches by not picking or stepping on plants, and by not chasing wildlife. Just like lizards, ravens, yucca and juniper trees, we all have a part to play in the survival of these communities.



Side-Blotched Lizard

Clue #2

The crown jewels: The Arches

Landscape Arch stretches our sense of the possible. Hike up under its awesome span if you dare, but please remain on the trail. The fragile dune supporting the arch has been eroding rapidly due to the trampling of plants and living soil crusts which stabilize it. The National Park Service is trying to replace lost vegetation to secure this dune, but it won't work without YOUR help. Stay on the trail.

There are many arches to discover along the way. Sitting in the shade of an arch provides an opportunity to reflect on the many gifts given to us by the natural world. Climbing on top of any arch is not allowed.

Slickrock invites adventure. When climbing or scrambling, be sure that you can retrace your steps. In most cases, that's what you'll have to do. Remember, it's often easy to go up but harder to get back down. This soft sandstone is unpredictable, but falling on it feels neither soft nor sandy.

Defacing the rock by marking it or breaking it is not permitted. Leave things as you found them for others to admire and enjoy.

Clue #3

Magic soil

The living soil crusts (cryptobiotic, or “hidden life”) are integral to the health of the desert ecosystem. They are nature's check on erosion and the key to the treasury of the earth's riches.

Tiny organisms (algae, moss, fungi and cyanobacteria) thread their way around sand grains, weaving them together into a cohesive mat which absorbs rainwater and transfers nutrients to vascular plants.

Recognizing these crusts takes practice. Sometimes they are obvious, as black bumpy soil; sometimes you must look closely to find a thin film holding the sand in place.

Stepping on these crusts leaves a scar that will take many years to heal. Avoid damaging them by walking on trails. In areas without trails, walk in sandy washes or dry stream beds and on the slickrock. A display in the Visitor Center provides more details on these fascinating soil crusts.