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HUNTERS CANYON

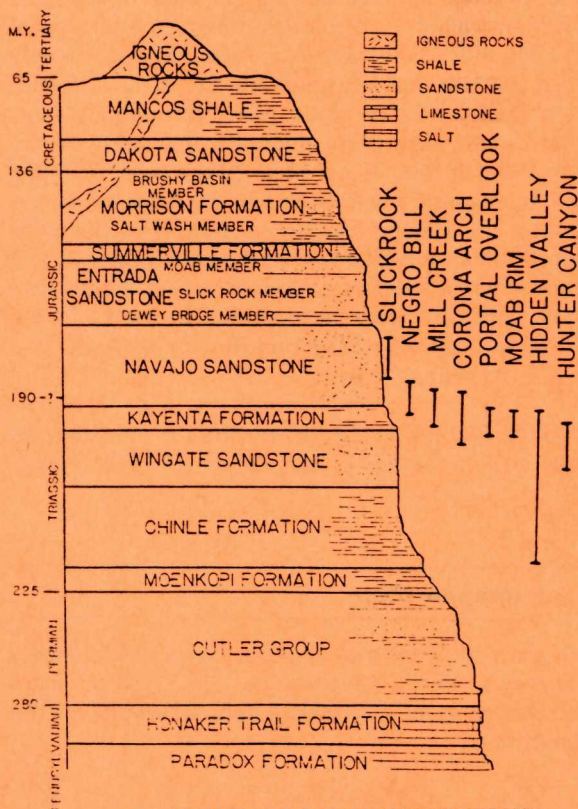
Trailhead Location: On Kane Creek Canyon Road 7.5 miles west of its intersection with U.S. 191 (canyon is on the left, one mile beyond the switch-backs).

Length of Hike: 3 miles one-way; allow 5 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Canyon bottom.

Area Attractions: Free-flowing stream during spring months with cottonwood trees and pools. Year-round spring and pool at end of canyon. A large arch is located on the right hand side of the canyon about a half mile above the trailhead.

Route Description: From the parking area follow the hiker-established path three miles to the base of the large pour-off at the end of the canyon.



SEDIMENTARY ROCK FORMATIONS
ALONG MOAB AREA TRAILS

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SLICKROCK BIKE TRAIL

Trailhead location: East of Moab on the Sand Flat Road, parking area is located 2.3 miles past the BLM Grand Resource Area Office.

Length of Hike: 2.5 miles round trip; allow 2 hours.

Type of Hike: Slickrock.

Area Attractions: Outstanding views of a large area of rolling "petrified" slickrock sand dunes with Arches National Park and the La Sal Mountains in the background.

Route Description: From the parking area, walk over the small cattleguard, turn right, and generally follow the stripes painted on the slickrock. After about 1/4 mile the route tops out at a low pass where you will find directional signs painted on the slickrock. Follow the route designated as the practice loop, which after two miles will return you to this intersection.

Special Note: The Moab Slickrock Bike Trail was designed by motorcycle enthusiasts in 1969. These individuals also assisted with its "construction". In recent years, the trail has become popular with mountain bicycle riders. Motorcycle and mountain bike riders are both permitted and encouraged to use the trail system, as the area is ideally suited for such use. The area is also very scenic and can accommodate hiking use. Hikers should keep an eye and ear open for wheeled users and hike adjacent to rather than directly on the "stripes" to avoid accidents. With common sense, cooperation, and tolerance, this scenic area can be readily enjoyed by a wide variety of users. A map of the bike trail system is available from BLM offices in Moab.

Moab Area HIKING TRAILS



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3 MILL CREEK CANYON TRAIL

Trailhead Location: At end of Power House Lane on the eastern outskirts of Moab. Take Mill Creek Drive from the BLM Grand Resource Area and turn left after .5 mile. Drive .8 mile to the trailhead at the end of the road.

Length of Hike: 0.8 mile to first waterfall; allow 2 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Slickrock canyon stream bottom, part constructed trail, and part old vehicle route.

Area Attractions: Small waterfall located in scenic canyon.

Route Description: From the trailhead, follow the path along the right side of the stream. The trail crosses an open area after which it rejoins the stream. Wade across the stream and continue up the left bank about two hundred yards to where the South and North Forks of Mill Creek converge. Follow the path through the willows into the north Fork drainage (left side canyon). The waterfall is reached after a quarter mile and two more shallow stream crossings.

Trail Data

	Highest Elevation	Elevation Gain	Length (One-Way)
Portal Overlook	4,940	980	1.5 Miles
Corona Arch	4,400	440	1.5 Miles
Mill Creek Canyon	4,320	50	0.8 Mile
Negro Bill Canyon	4,300	330	2.0 Miles
Moab Rim	4,900	940	3.0 Miles
Hidden Valley	5,270	680	2.0 Miles
Hunter Canyon	4,320	240	3.0 Miles
Slickrock Trail	4,680	N/A	2.5 Miles

4 NEGRO BILL CANYON TRAIL

Trailhead Location: On Utah 128 three miles east of junction with U.S. 191.

Length of Hike: 2 miles to Morning Glory Bridge; allow 4 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Slickrock canyon/stream with part on old road, part up hiker route along stream bottom, and part on constructed trail.

Area Attractions: Year-round stream in scenic canyon with large natural bridge at the end of the route.

Route Description: From the parking area long Utah 128, follow the trail up the left side of the stream. Keep going upstream for a total of approximately 1 1/2 miles. Watch the canyon wall on your right. The trail crosses the stream where the second side canyon enters the main canyon. Follow the constructed trail that heads up the left side of this second side canyon for approximately 1/2 mile. Morning Glory Natural Bridge (243 feet long; sixth longest natural rock span in the United States) is tucked into the end of the canyon above a spring and small pool.

A Message to our Visitors

- Please “vote” for trails by registering at the visitor boxes.
- Indian rock art is sensitive; please, do not touch.
- Keep the trailheads and trails attractive by packing out litter.
- Do not leave your vehicle parked at the trailhead with valuable items visible.

5 MOAB RIM FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE AND HIKING TRAIL

Trailhead Location: On Kane Creek Boulevard, 2.6 miles northwest of its intersection with U.S. Highway 191 in Moab (.1 mile beyond the first cat-guard).

Length of Hike: 3 miles to connection with Hidden Valley Trail.

Type of Hike: Slickrock and primitive road.

Area Attractions: Good views of the Colorado River, the Moab Valley, and the Sandstone fins of the Behind the Rocks area.

Route Description: From the Parking area, follow the vehicle route up the slickrock ramps of Kayenta sandstone. After about 1.4 miles, the route reaches a viewpoint of the Moab Valley, follow the road south and then down through a slickrock area located between two large domes of Navajo sandstone. At the base of the slickrock area, the road continues along a wash bottom and then up a large sand hill (several routes up). From the top of the sand hill, the road heads in a southerly direction through open juniper woodland country. After about 1/2 mile from the top of the sand hill, the road branches twice to the left. The first spur on the left leads to a view point high above Spanish Valley. The second spur road ends after 200 yards at another view point. Ahead to the south, the view is dominated by a long ridge of massive sandstone fins. From this intersection, the main route drops down into a wash and then climbs in an easterly direction to its terminus just below the pass to Hidden Valley.

Cairns

Cairns, stacks of flat rocks, are often used in canyon country to mark the location of trails and hiking routes. Cairns, especially over slickrock areas, are normally placed at intervals along routes or at places where a route makes a turn. Visitors will find cairns used to mark the route along some of these trails.

6 HIDDEN VALLEY TRAIL

Trailhead Location: From the Moab BLM District Office, drive 3 miles south on U.S. 191 and turn right onto Angel Rock Road. After two blocks, turn right onto Rimrock Lane and drive to parking area.

Length of Hike: 2 miles to pass at north end of Hidden Valley; allow 3 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Constructed trail.

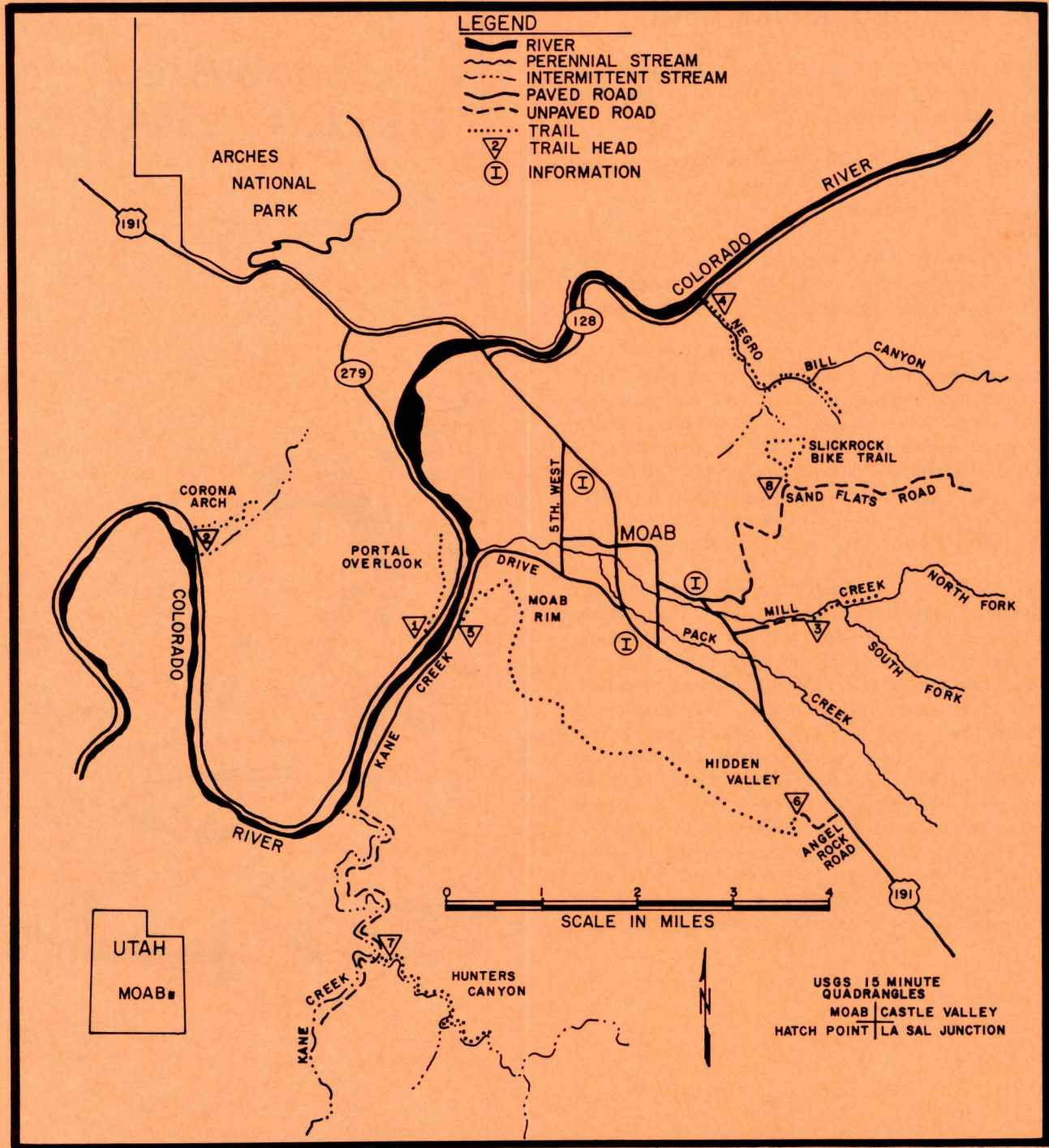
Area Attractions: Access route to Hidden Valley and Behind the Rocks, good views of the Moab Valley and Behind the Rocks. Trail connects with the southern end of the Moab Rim four-wheel drive trail.

Route Description: From the parking area, follow the trail up to the base of the Moab Rim and then ascend a series of steep switchbacks. At the top of the switchbacks, the trail heads north and enters Hidden Valley -- a broad shelf between the top of the Moab Rim and Spanish Valley. Follow the trail to a low rise that separates the two halves of Hidden Valley and continue along through the northern section to a point where the trail swings to the left and goes over a low pass. At the pass, the hiker will be rewarded with a view of the large sandstone fins of the Behind the Rocks area. The trail continues down the west side of the pass for about 1/3 mile where it meets the Moab Rim four-wheel drive trail. The hike may be extended to the Colorado River by following the Moab Rim four-wheel drive trail to its starting point.

NOTE: During the late afternoon, in the summer, this trail is largely in the shade of higher cliffs.

Topographic Maps

As shown on the map legend, the U.S. Geological Survey's Moab Quadrangle (15 minute map) covers most of the hiking trails described in this brochure.



MOAB AREA TRAILS

The trails described in this brochure are all located near Moab. The closest trailhead to town is about 2 miles from downtown, while the farthest away is 13 miles. All of the trails start from marked trailheads and are suitable for half-day outings. The Hidden Valley and Moab Rim Trails can be combined for a longer one-way hike. The close proximity to Moab of these trails make them ideal for lower temperature morning and after-dinner walks during the warmer months. Hiking times described represent the number of hours needed to complete a leisurely round trip hike.

What to Bring Along on Your Hike

Water: For the short, part-day hikes described in this brochure, at least one quart per person is recommended; more water may be necessary during the summer period.

Shoes: Tennis or running shoes with a good rubbery sole are best for slickrock and canyon stream hikes.

Hat: Bring one with a wide brim.

Sunscreen: One of the sunblock lotions.

Insect Repellent: Be prepared for gnats from April through June.

For additional information about the trails in this brochure contact:

Bureau of Land Management
Grand Resource Area
P.O. Box M
Moab, UT 84532
(801) 259-8193



PORTAL OVERLOOK TRAIL

Trailhead Location: On Utah 279, 3.7 miles west of the Utah 279/U.S. 191 junction.

Length of Hike: 1.5 Miles to Portal Overlook; allow 3 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Constructed Trail and Slickrock.

Area Attractions: Panoramic viewpoint of the Moab Valley, La Sal Mountains, Colorado River, and the south portal.

Route Description: From the parking area, cross the road and follow a short spur trail to where it joins the main trail just above the highway. Please register at the visitor box. Follow the main trail as it climbs above the river. After several switchbacks, the route follows a cairned route up a broad "ramp" of Kayenta sandstone to the overlook point.

NOTE: During late afternoons in the summer, this trail is largely in the shade of higher cliffs.

Precautions

Hiking conditions in the canyon country differ considerably from those in other regions. Summer temperatures may reach over 100 degrees during the day time, and the country is extremely rough. The saying "you can't get there from here" often applies. Individuals inexperienced with canyon country hiking are advised to stick to the marked trails and follow the route descriptions in this brochure.

Water is scarce in canyon country and any water found in the areas along the trails should be considered non-potable.

With the possible exception of the Hidden Valley Trail, which climbs a series of steep switchbacks near the trailhead, the trails in this brochure should be enjoyable for children. Because of steep drop-offs near several of the trails, parents are advised to supervise their children closely.



CORONA ARCH TRAIL

Trailhead Location: On Utah 279, 10 miles west of the Utah 279/U.S. 191 junction.

Length of Hike: 1.5 Miles to Corona Arch; allow 2 hours round trip.

Type of Hike: Constructed trail and slickrock.

Area Attractions: Corona Arch (140 by 105 foot opening) and adjacent Bow Tie Arch; also views of the Colorado River and a large slickrock canyon.

Route Description: From the parking lot on the north side of the highway follow the trail up to the visitor register box near the railroad; please register. Cross the railroad track and follow an old road bed up through a gap in the rim. From the gap, follow the cairns up the wash for about 100 yards where the trail swings to the left. Follow the trail and cairns over a low sandy pass and then down towards the base of a large cliff. Follow the base of the cliff to the first safety cable and around to the second cable where steps have been cut into the slickrock. Corona Arch is visible from this point. From the top of the second cable climb the step ladder up over a short ledge and follow the cairns up to the top of the large bench. From this point, it is an easy walk along the broad slickrock bench to the base of Corona Arch.

Additional Trails

For information about trails administered by the National Park Service in Canyonlands or Arches National Parks, the Forest Service in the Manti-LaSal National Forest, or the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation within Dead Horse Point State Park contact:

Canyonlands National Park, 125 West 200 South, Moab, Utah 84532 (801-259-7164).

USDA Forest Service, Moab Ranger District, 125 West 200 South, Moab, Utah 84532 (801-259-7155).

Dead Horse Point State Park, P. O. Box 609, Moab, Utah 84532 (801-259-6511).