

Chesler Park is the most popular destination for hikers and backpackers in the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. Heavy use has created multiple trails, destroyed cryptogamic crust and eroded sandy soil. In order to restore impacted sites and prevent further damage we request that you camp only in designated camping areas.

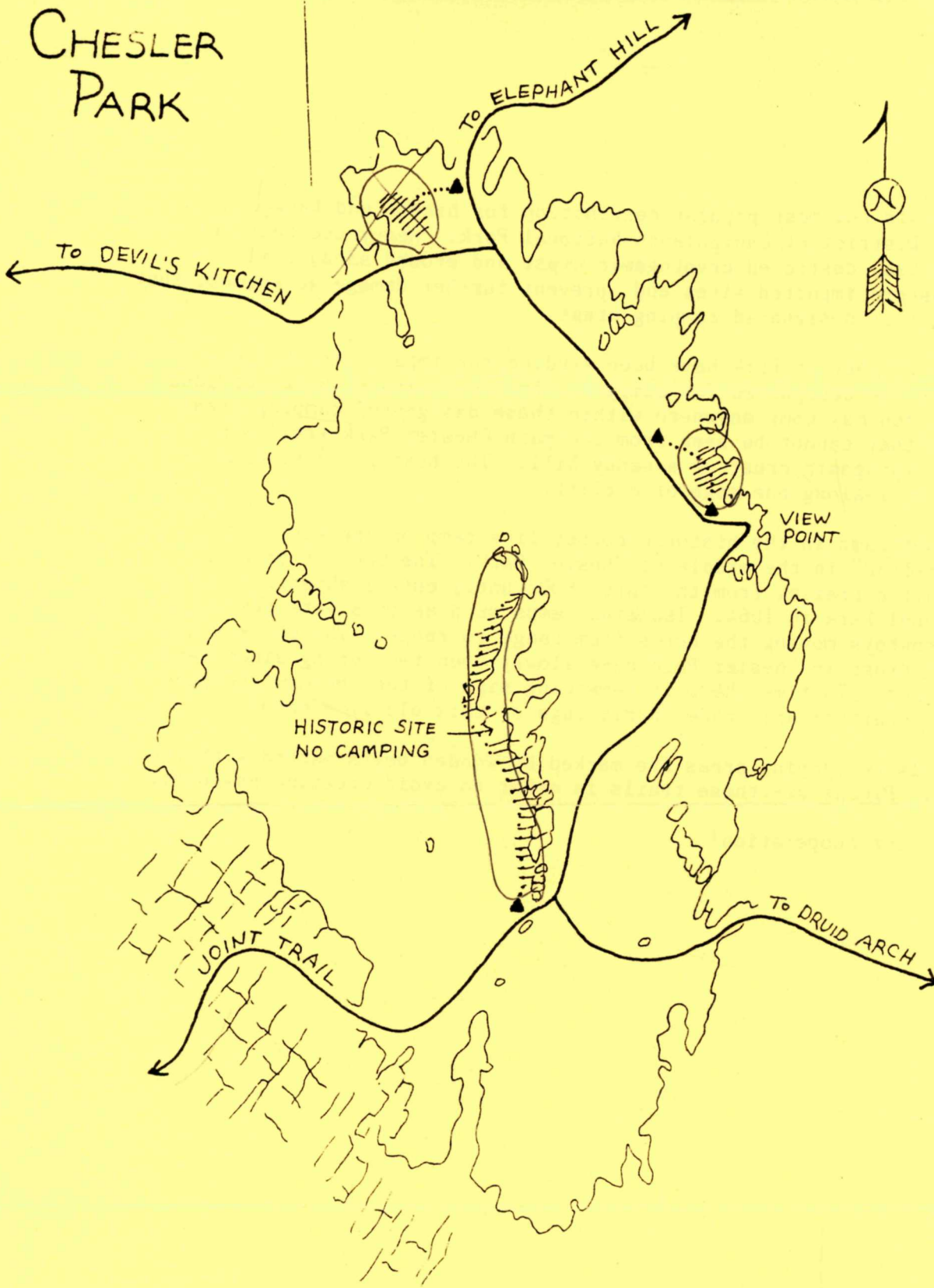
Three areas of Chesler Park have been studied for impact resistance qualities and are now designated for camping. Each contains a number of good campsites. You may camp anywhere within these designated camping areas. Pick a site that cannot be seen from the main Chesler Park trail and that is not on cryptogamic crust or a sandy hill. The best place to camp is on shallow soil along the edge of a cliff.


Please do not camp in the historic cowboy line camp on the west side of the "rock island" in the middle of Chesler Park. The Chesler area was used for cattle grazing from the late 1800s until establishment of Canyonlands National Park in 1964. Isolated camps such as this were temporary homes for cowboys moving the herds from range to range. The grasses and cryptogamic crust in Chesler Park have slowly been recovering since cattle grazing ceased. In time the only remaining sign of the cowboys' presence will be the graffiti and crude furnishings of this old line camp.

Access trails to camping areas are marked by wooden posts marked with the symbol ▲ . Please use these trails in order to avoid creating new ones.

Thanks for your cooperation!

# CHESLER PARK



 DESIGNATED CAMPING AREA

 INDICATES ROUTE TO CAMPING AREA