

National Park Happenings

Entrance Fee Free Days in 2019

National Parks Fee Free Days Announced for 2019

The Southeast Utah Group of national parks (Arches and Canyonlands national parks and Hovenweep and Natural Bridges national monuments) is joining national parks across the country in waiving entrance fees on five days in 2019 as a way to encourage people to get outdoors and spend time with their friends and family in their national parks this year.

The National Park Service will offer the following fee-free days in 2019:

- Monday, January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Saturday, April 20 – Start of National Park Week/ National Junior Ranger Day
- Sunday, August 25 – National Park Service Anniversary
- Saturday, September 28 – National Public Lands Day
- Monday, November 11 – Veterans Day

This fee-free opportunity applies to entrance fees only and does not affect fees for camping, backcountry reservations, tours, or other special uses.



Visitors to the Southeast Utah Group of parks can enjoy a wide range of activities such as hiking, photography, traveling scenic drives and rugged backcountry roads, visiting ancient cultural sites, and strolling pathways that lead to interesting rock formations and beautiful desert vistas.

Park visitors can also purchase annual and lifetime passes to cover entrance fees throughout the year. The

Winter Visitor Center Hours

Arches and Canyonlands National Parks are open all year, but the parks' visitor center operations change with the arrival of winter.

Arches Visitor Center is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

The Needles Visitor Center at Canyonlands National Park will reopen in early March 2019.

The Island in the Sky Visitor Center at Canyonlands National Park will be open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday through Tuesday, and will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays until early March 2019.

Law enforcement staff will remain on duty in both parks throughout the winter.

Permits are required for all overnight backcountry use. Visitors wishing to stay overnight in the Island in the Sky backcountry can make advance reservations (and receive their permit two days or more before their trip) online at: www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm. Visitors can also get permits at Island in the Sky Visitor Center during its business hours or at the Backcountry Reservation Office weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except federal holidays. The backcountry office is located at 2282 Resource Blvd. just south of Moab, Utah.

Visitors wishing to stay overnight in The Needles district backcountry must obtain a permit from the self-registration station located on the front porch of The Needles Visitor Center.

Day-use permits are required for vehicle and bicycle travel on Elephant Hill Road at The Needles and White Rim Road at Island in the Sky. Permits for Elephant Hill Road may be obtained at the self-registration station at The Needles Visitor Center. Permits for White Rim Road are available online or at Island in the Sky Visitor Center up to 24 hours before the day of travel. Roads may be closed at any time due to poor conditions.

For information about backcountry use, call the backcountry office at 435-259-4351 or email canypermits@nps.gov.

Visitor services (lodging, food, gasoline, etc.) are not available in the parks, so visitors need to be well equipped with all necessities upon arrival.

annual \$55 Southeast Utah Parks Pass allows unlimited entrance to national parks in the Southeast Utah Group (Arches, Canyonlands, Hovenweep, and Natural Bridges) for an entire year from the date of purchase. The annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that charge an entrance fee. There are also free or discounted passes available for senior citizens, current members of the military, families of fourth grade students, and citizens with disabilities.

The National Park System includes more than 84 million acres and is comprised of 418 sites, including national parks, national historical parks, national monuments, national recreation areas, national battlefields, and national seashores. There is at least one national park in every state.

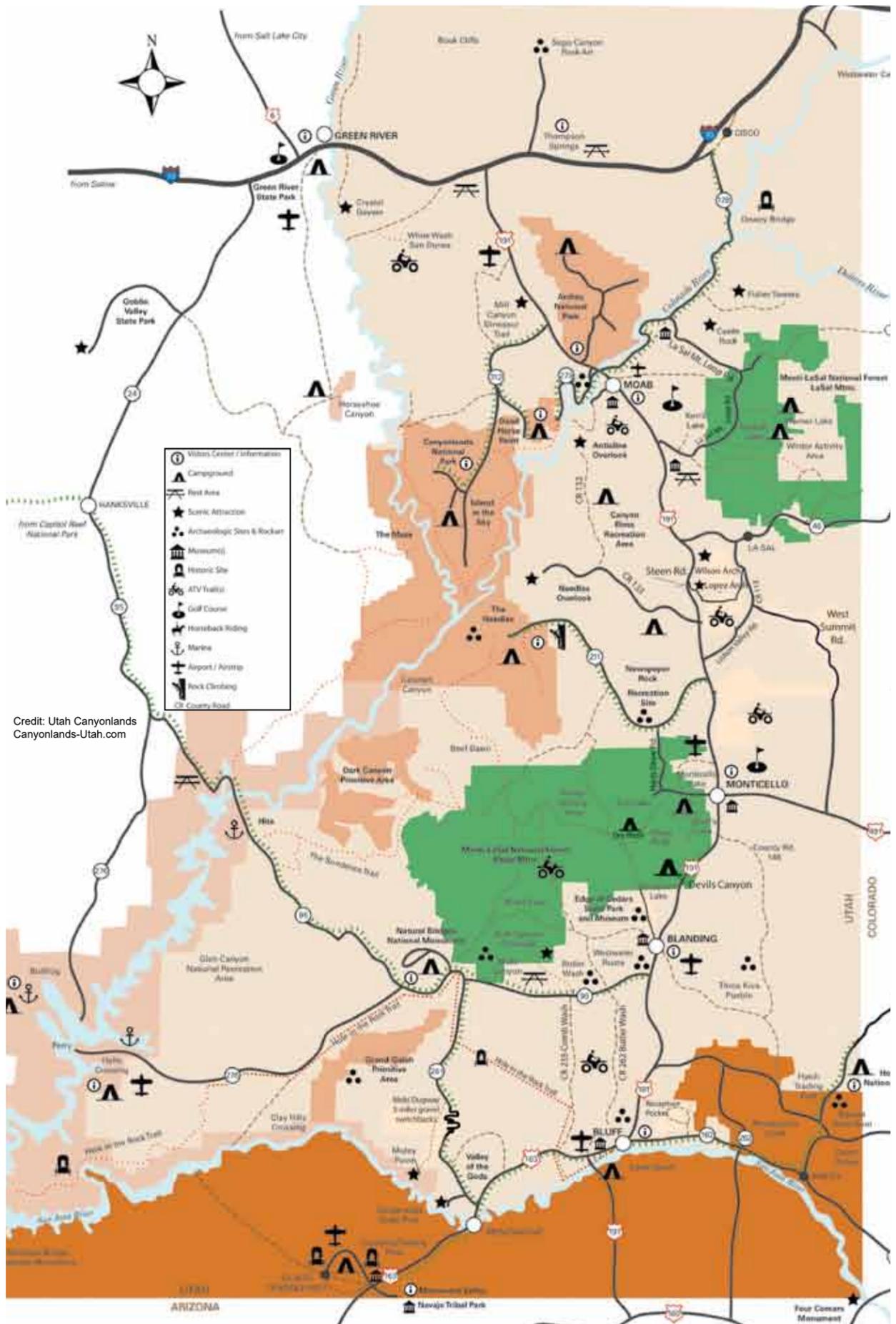
For additional information about the Southeast Utah Group of national parks visit:

- Arches National Park www.nps.gov/arch
- Canyonlands National Park www.nps.gov/cany
- Hovenweep National Monument www.nps.gov/hove
- Natural Bridges National Monument www.nps.gov/nabr

Moab Information Center to Display John Wesley Powell Exhibit



To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the John Wesley Powell Colorado river expedition, Frank Lister, with Time Traveler Maps of Mancos, Colorado, commissioned artist Glen Hopkinson to paint seven vignettes depicting various scenes described by journal entries of the 1869 Powell Colorado river expedition. The exhibit will be on display at the Moab Information Center through October 2019.



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