



FAMILY TRAVEL GUIDE

**ARCHES
NATIONAL
PARK**

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ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

The incredible array of sandstone arches within Arches National Park has made this park one of the most popular national parks in the United States. With more than 1500 arches found within its boundary, many of which are easily accessible via convenient (and often short) trails, any visitor will experience amazing awe while interacting with these incredible formations up close. Adventures abound as well, and the chance to “get lost” in this magical place is a very real opportunity.

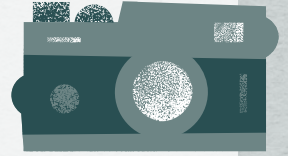
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MUST SEE SITES



DELICATE ARCH

See below.

THE WINDOWS

The Windows area has four arches, which you can access from some easy trails that lead from the parking area. North Window, South Window, Turret Arch, and Double Arch are all recommended.

DEVIL'S GARDEN

This area, located at the end of the park's main road, offers amazing scenery and more arches than any other section of the park. Consider hiking the trail to Landscape Arch from this area, a worthwhile venture (1.9 miles roundtrip, RELAXED, 30-45 minutes)

SCENIC DRIVE

Take the 36-mile main park road through the park, with incredible sights all around

BALANCED ROCK

This amazing balancing boulder can be viewed from the park's main road, but take the short 0.3 mile trail to view it up close

PARK AVENUE

This area is characterized by giant sandstone slabs, a dry wash version of the New York City street - consider taking the trail a mile down the wash to the North Park Avenue Trailhead to see Courthouse Towers and Three Gossips if time permits





HIKE RECOMMENDATIONS

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DELICATE ARCH

(3.4 MILES ROUNDTrip, MODERATE, 2-2.5H)



One of the most iconic arches found in the park, this moderately strenuous (626 feet elevation gain) hike leads you to the arch, with an incredible backdrop.

EXPERT TIP: If you cannot make the hike to the arch, consider driving 1.2 miles beyond Wolfe Ranch for a view of the small arch from there.

THE WINDOWS (RELAXED AND SHORT)

Relaxed and short hikes to North Window, South Window, Turret Arch and Double Arch

FIERY FURNACE

(*1.7-3.0 MILES, MODERATE/STRENUOUS, *2-5H)



This amazing maze of red sandstone is worth a venture, especially for the adventurous traveler. This hike is only open to those who join a ranger-led hike (3 hours, 2x daily March-October), or to those with permits (limited in quantity and arranged ahead of time through or procured on site at the visitor center the morning of. This hike is moderately strenuous, and involves jumping from rocks, squeezing through narrow cracks, and hoisting yourself up onto boulders in an attempt to "find your way out."

*If not on a ranger-led hike, this hike can take a while, so plan accordingly, and it also not recommended for small children



HIKE RECOMMENDATIONS

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DEVIL'S GARDEN LOOP

(7.8 MILES ROUNDTrip, MODERATE, 4H)



This trail leads the visitor to 8 arches within the park, including Tunnel Arch, Pine Tree Arch, Landscape Arch, Wall Arch, Partition Arch, Navajo Arch, Double O Arch, and Dark Angel, and is a highly recommended.

CAN'T MISS ADVENTURES

FIERY FURNACE

See above for details

MOUNTAIN BIKING

With a trail system connecting many loops through Moab, there are several options for even beginner riders. Many outfitters in Moab offer day excursions or rentals.

Recommended: [Rim Tours](#) and [Magpie Cycling](#).

UTV TOUR THROUGH KANECREEK CHICKEN CORNERS in Moab

Rent a UTV from [High Point Hummer and ATV Rentals](#), and set out to explore a trail through [Kanecreek Chicken Corners](#) in Moab.

This dirt trail led us over the most insane ridges, and up and down cliffs overlooking [Dead Horse Point State Park](#), another one of our family-favorite sites in the Moab area. This was an unforgettable and thrilling experience for all of us, and something we had never done before! At the end of our five-hour journey, we were all covered in a layer of dirt!

4-WHEEL DRIVE JEEP TOUR

Consider an outfitter in Moab for these adventures.

RAFTING

Day Trips or multi-day excursions run from April-September to raft on the Colorado River.

Recommended: [Adrift Adventures](#) and [Canyonlands Field Institute](#).

HELPFUL HINTS



DEVILS GARDEN CAMPGROUND



Our campground in Arches National Park, Devils Garden Campground, was one of the most spectacular campgrounds we have stayed in. Consider a stay here among the giant sandstone boulders of the park. Reservations should be made 6 months in advance of the day of arrival for stays March-October. RVs accommodated. No hookups.

MOAB VALLEY RV RESORT AND CAMPGROUND



If you desire a stay in Moab, which is a fantastic town, consider booking a stay at the Moab Valley RV Resort and Campground. It's a great RV Park with a wonderful location and a great pool.

WEATHER

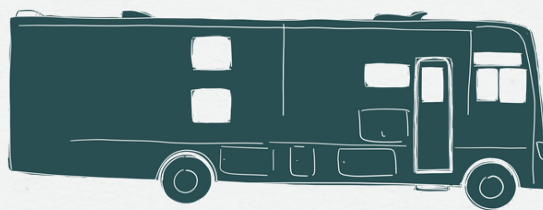
The heat of the summer sun is intense, and there is little shade in Arches National Park. When visiting, bring lots of water and sunscreen, as well as a hat.

RECRETS



FIERY FURNACE

We were able to score a “same day” permit to hike the Fiery Furnace by arriving at the Visitor Center when it opened for the day and ensuring we were the first in line, but, unfortunately, we had trouble navigating the Furnace and ended up skirting the edge to get out, and missing much of the maze of that adventure. Try to follow the small arrows on the trail to maintain a track on the suggested route, unless you are looking to purposely get lost!



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