

Moab April 2021

Day 1

Fly AA3506 EVV 3:12-5:36 DFW AA3942 7:30-8:50 to GJT

Hertz itin#xxxxx \$408.38

3hr9min drive GJT to Capitol Reef Resort (gas station/town/?open fast food about half way in Green River?)

Capitol Reef Resort, Torrey, UT (expedia) (has keurig and microwave, fridge) Sarah at resort put note in file that we will arrive after MN

2600 E Hwy 24 Torrey

2 nights

itin# 7206xxx (expedia)

Red Cliff View King Cabin

Day 2

Capitol Reef NP sunrise 6am, average april temps 64/37, approx 5000 ft elev

Early Morning Sunrise from room?? OR watching on drive

GIFFORD HOMESTEAD will sell out so go there early. Also there's a ranger geology talk every day at 10 at VC if we are close

Ask ranger about bullfrog-notom rd slot canyons for later or tmrw am? Cottonwood shortest hike to narrows - maybe just do that then turn around - or scenic byway 12 (part or all?? To escalante)

1) pass the VC on Scenic Dr (unless after 8 then stop here and Gifford FIRST for pie)(For scenic drive maybe buy \$2 pamphlet at VC; around 8 mi south off 24 from VC; be sure to do unpaved section Capitol Gorge)

2) L on Grand Wash to Cassidy Arch Trailhead 3.1 mi out/back, moderate, steep in the beginning, and **include the Grand wash/narrows**(??distance extra)if not will do from 24 from the west for a short distance

3) Drive on down scenic route to end the RTN to Fruita and Gifford Homestead for pie 8-5 in the Capitol reef park (maybe closed 12-1???) and VC(8-4:30 - has 15 min film with history)

Waterpocket fold and Red slide,

4) back to 24 and go Right (east) stop at Petroglyphs on Capitol Reef Petroglyph trail .3 mi boardwalk easy

5) Hickman bridge off 24 (east of Fruita/VC) buy .50 trail map at trailhead to explain history and scenic spots along the way; 1.8 mi moderate

6) IF time ON 24 east of Hickman Trailhead is GRANDWASH via Narrow could stop and do a little depending on what we saw on Cassidy Arch trail

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?Paizlee's for dinner

Wild Rabbit Cafe and Chuckwagon general store for breakfast

Day 3

Approx 1 hr drive from CR resort to GV (get there early as possible)

Goblin Valley state park approx 5000 ft elev; ave temp 66/37

Goblin's Lair hike (easy 2.4mi) some scrambling (slot canyon w cave at the end TAKE FLASHLIGHTS)
Valley of the Goblin - easy large open area not true hike

Drive to Little Wild Horse Canyon - 6mi/23min 8mi slot canyon loop - plan to do only about 1-2 mi total
To reach the trailhead, drive Hwy 95 south toward Hanksville and then turn west onto the Goblin Valley Road. Swing south as you approach Temple Mountain. Just before entering Goblin Valley State Park, turn west onto the dirt road and follow it to the signed trailhead. Vault toilets are available at the trailhead

Drive 1hr 50min from LWHC to Moab springs ranch

Moab Springs Ranch (moab aver temp 73/42; elev 4000)

1266 N hwy 191

Premium Single Bungalow

Has kitchenette w microwave, cooktop and little fridge

Ranch has coffee shop w simple breakfast stuff, has pool/hot tub but maybe closed due to Covid

Grocery choices:

City market 425 S main

Village market 702 S main

SWEET CRAVINGS BAKERY AND BISTRO - order online (397 N Main-1.2 mi)

HIDDEN CUISINE (closed tues??) B-L-D (?carryout)tel:+1 435-259-7711

ANITCA FORMA - WOOD FIRE PIZZA AND SALADS maybe order carry out (267 N Main -1.3 mi from hotel)

Moab Food truck park - quesadilla mobilla #1 rest on TA

Could do sunset in Arches w picnic?? Definitely try to do a hike late afternoon here because traffic into park may be awful 9-2 - they claim wait times up to 30 min to enter park CHECK ENTRANCE WEBCAM

Day 4

Arches NP (ave temp 69/40; elev 4000-5500)

1. Arrive early maybe stop at (or later) visitor center then onto Arches Scenic Dr to Park Ave Trail (beautiful, easy 1.8 out/back so can turn around anywhere - actually goes to road but would need ride or walk back to trail head), La Sal Mountain Viewpoint, past Three Gossips, Courthouse Towers, then Ring Arch (3.3 easy out/back, 200 ft elev, a fave)
2. Maybe exit park for lunch (or maybe get picnic/carryout) go to VC, drive further on Main Park Rd (Arches Scenic dr) - balanced rock (maybe picnic lunch?), The Windows and Double Arch
3. If time go up to Devils Garden (this is BEST HIKE on several lists) (bear left to stay on Arches Scenic rd instead of Right onto Delicate Arch rd) and see Landscape Arch (longest in the world) and Sand Dune Arch (small slot canyon)
4. For sunset Delicate arch trail 3.4 mi moderate, mostly uphill on way in, slick if wet!

2. Sand dune arch trail-short but can be longer as exploring, Don't miss this stop, good for children. Easy hike from the parking area into a small slot canyon, but you can spend longer to explore the surrounding area.

Between the sandstone fins is like a sandy beach leading up to Sand Dune Arch. There are places to explore along the way. To the left just after you go under the arch, there is a small ledge where you can climb up leading behind the arch. Slightly technical and might need help to get up from that spot. On the return to your car consider taking a hike to Broken Arch, about a mile northeast through some open flatland - watch for snakes. Look closely at the arch - the image on the left is maybe an eagle or a raven... and the image on the left might be a dog...

3. Arches NP driving tour -Drive through Arches National Park and see the highlights along the way, with a few stops for optional hikes to see more

This driving tour will take you to every major sight in Arches National Park and then some. Start at the Visitor Center to learn some background about the park and the area's history before driving along the main road through the park.

Stop at Park Avenue to walk through a canyon with wild rock formations on either side, stop at several turnoffs along the way to see such wonders as The Three Gossips, Courthouse Towers, and Balanced Rock. Hike around The Windows and walk through some arches there while you see Double Arch up close and personal.

Then venture further into the park where you can hike to Delicate Arch, the most famous arch in the park and the one featured on Utah license plates.

Finally, end with a hike through *Devils Garden* where you will see some of the best arches in the park all within a short walking distance along a paved path. Go as far as Landscape Arch, the longest arch in the world, or finish the entire 7.2-mile (approx 3 hr but worth it!) loop by seeing Double-O Arch and walking back along The Primitive Trail

Maybe pizza and wine at balance rock sunset/drive arches??

Day 5

Moab tourism center Hell's Revenge 4X4 off roading tour

606 S Main St

Meet at 8:00am (tour at 8:15-10:45) Will be cancelled or resched for rain; cancel at least 24 hr ahead

Paid \$237.10

Dead Horse SP From State Highway 191 turn onto State Road 313 headed to Dead Horse Point State Park. Follow 313 to the top of the mesa. On the top, 313 will turn east headed into the park. The road is paved and in good condition all the way to the end on Dead Horse Point Dead Horse Rim Loop Trail 5mi, 908ft elev, moderate

Dinner at 7:30 Desert Bistro (1.7 mi)

Day 6

Canyonland NP -(elev 5000-6000, ave temp 67/37) take breakfast and picnic lunch stuff

1. Sunrise at Mesa Arch - 50 min drive from Moab spr ranch so leave in time to get there approx 30 min before sunrise; .5 mi easy round trip; trailhead off Grand View Point Rd south of Islands in the Sky VC
2. Then drive approx 6 mi south on Grand view point rd(will be multiple lookouts along the way) to Grand View Point Trail (BEST HIKE) at the end - 1.8 mi/easy
3. Just before of after this do White Rim overlook trail 1.8 mi/easy (there is Gooseberry picnic area at trail head??)
4. Then drive north almost to Mesa arch and go left onto Upheaval dome then left on Green River Overlook rd to the end with a short walk to overlook
5. Then back to Upheaval dome rd and go left/north to Upheaval dome trail at the end 1.7/moderate - maybe created by meteorite landscape different from the rest of the park
6. If time do Aztec Butte along this stretch of road - 1.7/moderate w scrambling to top at the end
7. Whale rock - .8/easy w scrambling

Fri 4/23

LEAVE BY 10:30

Moab springs ranch to GJT 1hr37m

AA Flt 3283 GJT 2:09 - DFW 5:21

AA Flt 4015 DFW 7:30-EVV9:26pm

Pack

Hats

Flashlights

Chargers

Masks/buff

Camera batteries tripod

Backpack

Wine

Cups

Cooler

Hand sanitizer and wipes

Glasses and sunglasses

Water and water bottles

Knife and wine opener

Fold up coats gloves and hats

5 hiking days plus 1 travel day

1 casual dinner

Pj's and lounging outfit

Bathing suits (not sure hot tub open...)

Med
Makeup
toiletries