

# VISITING DINOSAUR NATIONAL MONUMENT • 100th ANNIVERSARY 1915-2015

The park straddles the border of Utah and Colorado—a remote area on the edge of the Uinta Basin. Its riches include the namesake Jurassic fossils, multi-hued canyons, and two rivers. Over one billion years, geologic lifting, warping, and erosion created a surprising, varied landscape where many plant and animal species thrive and the remains of ancient life can be seen. The park includes benchlands of the Green and Yampa rivers, which carved the deep canyons that thrill rafters, hikers, and wildlife and scenery lovers.

**Accessibility** We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For information go to a visitor center, ask a ranger, call, or check our website.

**Wilderness** Over 90 percent of the park is managed as wilderness, a gift to people today and to future generations. A formal designation by Congress as wilderness could protect forever the land's wild character, natural conditions, opportunities for solitude, and scientific, educational, and historical values. In wilderness people can sense being a part of the whole community of life on Earth.

**UTAH**  
**Quarry Visitor Center** Open year-round, this is the main visitor center. Start here—whether you've come to see dinosaur fossils or to learn about other places to explore.

**Quarry Exhibit Hall** Marvel at the great wall of bones with over 1,500 fossils embedded in the rock. You can even touch some of the 149-million-year-old fossils. Rangers are on duty to answer questions.

**Cub Creek and Split Mountain** offer hiking trails, ancient petroglyphs and pictographs, and homesteader cabins.

**COLORADO**  
**Canyon Visitor Center** Open seasonally, this visitor center, two miles east of Dinosaur, CO, is the gateway to the park's canyon country. It offers a film, bookstore, and information. *This part of the monument has no dinosaur fossils.*

**Harpers Corner Road** winds 31 miles across sagebrush-covered plateaus to the brink of sheer-walled canyons. Several overlooks, some featuring trails, provide stunning views. Hike the two-mile roundtrip Harpers Corner Trail for a culminating experience. Echo Park and Yampa Bench roads are unpaved and require high-clearance vehicles. Roads may be impassable when wet—ask

about current road conditions at a visitor center. Gas, food, lodging, and supplies are unavailable inside the park.

**Deerledge Park**, on the monument's eastern end, is the launch point for river trips (permits required) on the naturally flowing Yampa River. Spend a night at the campground and hike the primitive trails in this far corner of the park.

**Gates of Lodore** at the park's northern tip is the starting place for river trips (permits required) on the Green River. In 1869 John Wesley Powell floated through this dark, foreboding canyon. A majestic view rewards you at the end of a short hike from the campground.

## Safety and Regulations

Summer temperatures can exceed 100°F, with frequent afternoon thunderstorms. Carry and drink plenty of water to avoid dehydration. • Do not disturb or remove natural, historic, or cultural features. • Do not feed, hunt, trap, or harass wildlife. • Pets must be leashed at all times. They are not allowed in public buildings, on most trails, on the river, or in the backcountry.

Never leave pets in vehicles. • Firearms are subject to state law. For regulations check the website. • Off-road driving is illegal. ATVs and UTVs are not permitted on any park roads. • Camp only at designated sites. Permits are required for all overnight backcountry trips and all river trips.

Emergencies call 911

## EXPLORING THE AREA

Driving distances to park sites	
Quarry Visitor Center to:	Canyon Visitor Center to:
Canyon Visitor Center 29mi 47km	Quarry Visitor Center 29mi 47km
Deerledge Park 86mi 138km	Deerledge Park 51mi 82km
Echo Park 66mi 106km	Echo Park 37mi 60km
Gates of Lodore 135mi 217km	Gates of Lodore 106mi 171km
Harpers Corner 60mi 97km	Harpers Corner 31mi 50km
Jones Hole 45mi 72km	Jones Hole 73mi 117km
Josie Morris Cabin 10mi 16km	Josie Morris Cabin 38mi 61km
Rainbow Park 25mi 40km	Rainbow Park 46mi 74km
Ruple Ranch 30mi 48km	Ruple Ranch 51mi 82km
Split Mountain 4mi 6km	Split Mountain 32mi 51km



More Information  
 Dinosaur National Monument  
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 www.nps.gov/dino

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**WHITE-TAILED PRAIRIE DOGS**  
 live only in four western states.



**ALLOSAURUS SKULL**  
 with serrated teeth to tear the flesh of prey.



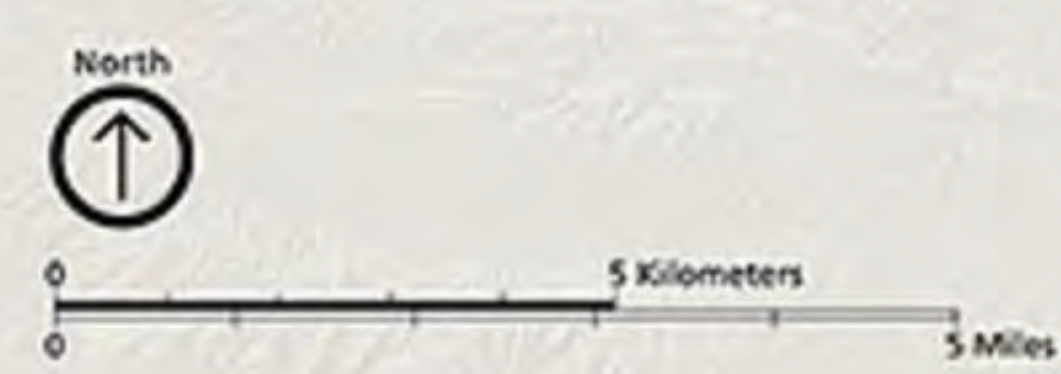
**ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES** swim in the Green and Yampa rivers: (left to right) Humpback chub, Colorado pikeminnow, Razorback sucker, and Bonytail chub.



Dinosaur fossils can be seen only at the Quarry Exhibit Hall area. No camping allowed on Harpers Corner Road.

Harpers Corner Road closed to cars at Plug Hat Butte during winter.

**BIGHORN SHEEP**  
 scale steep canyon walls to avoid predators.



- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- Unpaved road (high-clearance vehicles only)
- Distance indicator
- Trail
- Rapids
- Ranger station
- Picnic area
- Nature trail
- Star gazing
- Wheelchair-accessible
- Campground (water available summer only)
- Primitive campground
- River/backcountry campsite (permit required)

Many unpaved roads are impassable when wet. Check conditions.