

Plan Your Visit

DRIVING

In 1½ hours, you can:

- Drive to The Windows and see some of the park's largest arches.
- Drive to Delicate Arch Viewpoint and see the world's most famous arch from a distance. Stop at Wolfe Ranch on your way back, and imagine homesteading here in the late 1800s.

In 3 hours:

- Drive the whole park road, spending 10 minutes at each viewpoint.

In half a day:

- Drive the whole park road, spending 10 minutes at each viewpoint, and take a short walk at The Windows Section, Delicate Arch Viewpoint, or Balanced Rock.

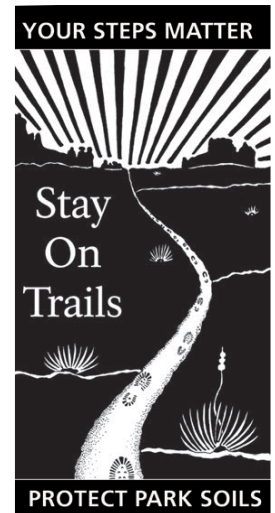
HIKING

In two hours, you can do one of these four routes:

- Hike The Windows trail and between parking areas to Double Arch. Drive back to Balanced Rock and walk the trail around its base.
- Hike up the sloping slickrock to see Delicate Arch. *(Avoid this trail in midday summer heat.)*
- Walk between tall fns in Devils Garden to see Landscape Arch, North America's longest natural stone opening.
- Walk to Sand Dune Arch, then across the field to Broken Arch. Continue through the end of the campground and return. Enjoy Tapestry Arch and the sandstone fns.

In half a day, take one of these two hikes:

- Climb up the fns of Devils Garden Trail if you don't mind heights. On your way back, hike the primitive trail only if you're up for challenging slopes, exposure to heights, and narrow traverses.
- If you don't mind driving an unpaved road to the remote area called Klondike Bluffs, hike the primitive trail to Tower Arch.



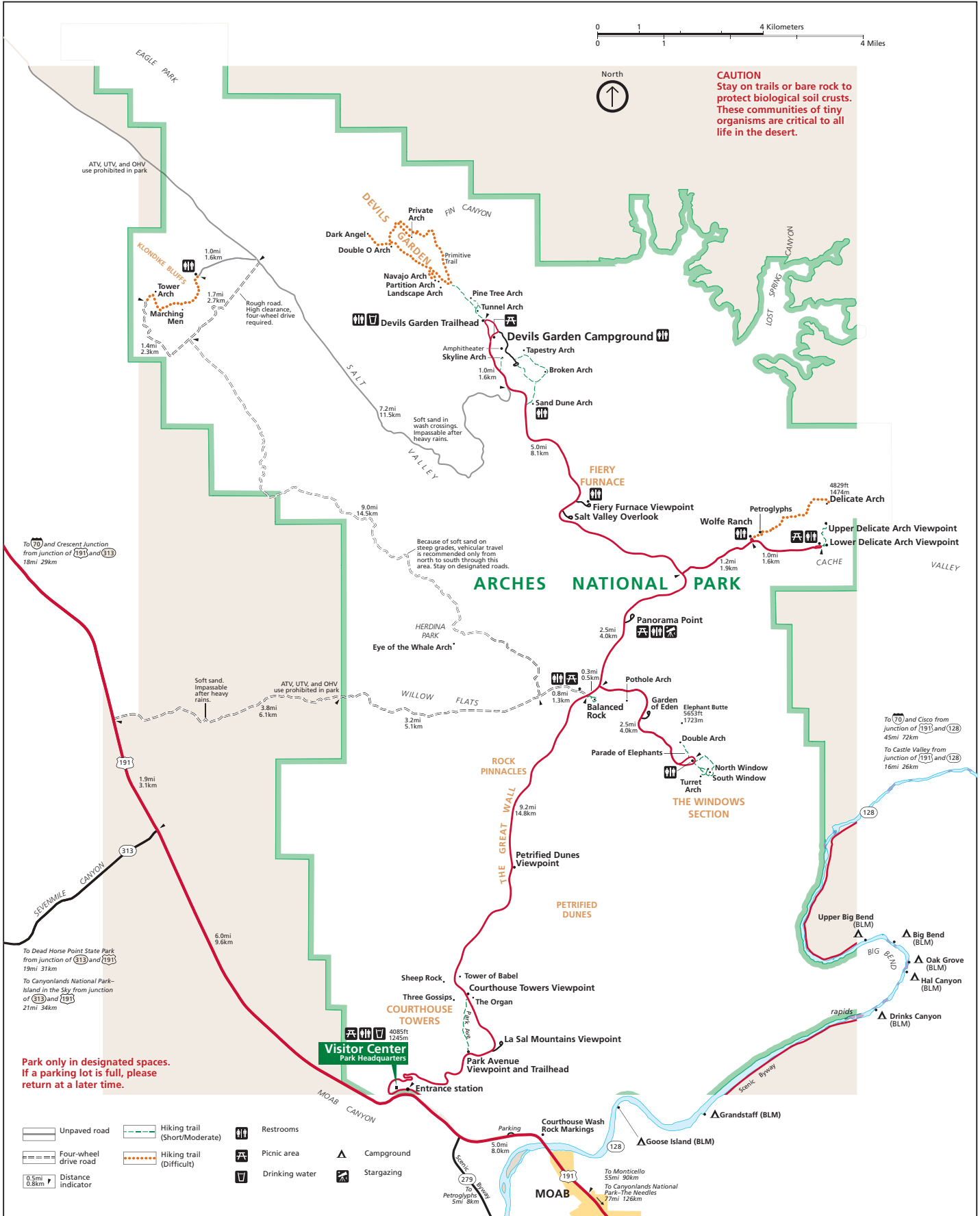
Hiking

- Wheelchair-accessible trail
- Toilet near trailhead
- Water near trailhead

TRAIL	DISTANCE (ROUNDTrip)	TIME	ELEVATION CHANGE	DESCRIPTION
SHORT AND MODERATE TRAILS				
Nature Trail 	150 ft (45 m)	10 min	0 ft (0 m)	Learn about native desert plants on the nature trail behind Arches Visitor Center.
Park Avenue	1.8 mi (3.2 km)	60 min	322 ft (98 m)	The trail descends steeply into a spectacular canyon and continues to Courthouse Towers. For a roundtrip hike, retrace your steps along the trail rather than walking along the road. To avoid stairs, start at Courthouse Tower.
Balanced Rock 	0.3 mi (0.4 km)	15-30 min	35 ft (11 m)	This is a loop trail at the base of a fragile, picturesque rock formation. Part of the trail is paved.
The Windows 	1 mi (1.6 km)	30-60 min	99 ft (30 m)	A gentle climb up a gravel trail, with steps, leads to the massive North and South windows and Turret Arch. Return via the same trail, or take the slightly longer primitive route around the back side of both windows.
Double Arch at The Windows 	0.6 mi (1 km)	15-30 min	30 ft (10 m)	A relatively flat trail leads to the base of two giant arch spans that are joined at one end.
Delicate Arch Viewpoints 	200 ft (61 m)	5-15 min	0 ft (0 m)	<i>You can't hike to Delicate Arch on these trails; the hike to Delicate Arch begins at Wolfe Ranch.</i> A flat, accessible trail leads to the lower viewpoint. A longer, moderately strenuous trail climbs steeply to the upper viewpoint, separated from Delicate Arch by a canyon.
Sand Dune Arch 	1.0 mi (1.6 km)	30-45 min	171 ft (52 m)	
Sand Dune Arch 	0.4 mi (0.6 km)	15-30 min	0 ft (0 m)	Hike through deep sand to a secluded arch tucked among sandstone fins. <i>Do not climb or jump off the arch.</i>
Broken Arch 	1.4 mi (2.3 km)	30-45 min	59 ft (18 m)	The trail crosses a large meadow to the arch. Extend the hike to 2.3 miles (3.7 km) roundtrip by hiking through the arch, past Tapestry Arch, and through the campground. Part of the longer loop includes some moderate scrambling.
Skyline Arch	0.4 mi (0.6 km)	10-20 min	28 ft (8 m)	A short, out-and-back hike on a flat, well-defined trail leads to an arch in a high wall.
Landscape Arch at Devils Garden 	1.8 mi (2.9 km)	30-60 min	40 ft (12 m)	A hard-packed trail slopes up and down to a spectacular ribbon of rock. <i>The trail beyond Landscape Arch becomes difficult, with rock scrambling, narrow ledges, and exposure to heights—see Double O Arch.</i>
Courthouse Wash Panel	0.8 mi (1.4 km)	30-60 min	60 ft (18 m)	Park 0.5 miles (0.8 km) north of the Colorado River on US 191. A short walk across the Courthouse Wash bridge and a brief climb leads to a prehistoric panel of pictographs (at the base of the cliffs, facing west).
LONGER, MORE STRENUOUS TRAILS				
Delicate Arch at Wolfe Ranch 	3.2 mi (5.1 km)	2-3 hrs	538 ft (164 m)	<i>Take at least 2 quarts (2 L) of water per person. Avoid during midday summer heat.</i> This trail climbs up a steep slickrock slope with no shade and some exposure to heights. Just before you get to Delicate Arch, the trail follows a narrow rock ledge for about 200 yards (183 m), which is often icy in winter. Interpretive guide available at trailhead.
Tower Arch at Klondike Bluffs 	2.6 mi (4.2 km)	2-3 hrs	290 ft (89 m)	The trail climbs a steep, short rock wall, cuts across a valley, and then meanders through sandstone fins and sand dunes. An alternate, shorter trail (0.6 mile [1.0 km] roundtrip) begins at the end of the four-wheel-drive road on the west side of Tower Arch. This unpaved road washes out quickly in rainstorms; check road conditions before heading out.
Double O Arch at Devils Garden 	4.0 mi (6.4 km)	2-3 hrs	275 ft (84 m)	The trail beyond Landscape Arch climbs steeply onto sandstone slabs. There are uneven surfaces and narrow ledges with steep drop-offs. Spur trails lead to more arches. Dark Angel is 0.4 miles (0.6 km) beyond Double O Arch.
Devils Garden all trails 	7.9 mi (12.7 km)	3-5 hrs	286 ft (87 m)	<i>Take at least 3 quarts (3 L) of water per person.</i> Full Devils Garden trail system includes Landscape Arch, Double O Arch, Dark Angel, and the primitive trail. This challenging hike involves narrow ledges, steep exposures, uneven surfaces, rock scrambling, and few trail markers. Trail guide available. <i>Avoid when rock is wet or icy.</i>
Fiery Furnace (Fee Area) 	The Fiery Furnace is a labyrinth of narrow sandstone canyons that requires agility to explore. To enter the Fiery Furnace, you must accompany a ranger-guided hike (see p. 2) or obtain a self-guided day-use permit (\$10 per person). Reserve permits and hike tickets through Recreation.gov. Everyone in your group must be present at the visitor center to pick up your reserved Fiery Furnace permit.			



CAUTION
Stay on trails or bare rock to protect biological soil crusts. These communities of tiny organisms are critical to all life in the desert.



Park only in designated spaces. If a parking lot is full, please return at a later time.

- Unpaved road
- Four-wheel drive road
- Distance indicator
- Hiking trail (Short/Moderate)
- Hiking trail (Difficult)
- Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Drinking water
- Campground
- Stargazing

Trailhead parking is limited. If parking lots are full, move on and come back later. Park only in designated spaces.