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Canyonlands

at a glance

Three districts, one park, and no road between them: from Island in the Sky to the Needles takes two hours by car, to the Maze up to six.

337,598

AREA
acres, about 1,366 km² (527 sq
mi)

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DRIVING TIME BETWEEN
DISTRICTS
to 6 hours

over 5,000^{ft}

AVERAGE ELEVATION
about 1,500 m

34 miles

PAVED ROAD AT ISLAND
IN THE SKY
(55 km) there and back

BEFORE YOU GO



Two to six hours between the districts

The Green River and the Colorado divide the park into three parts: Island in the Sky, The Needles and The Maze.



No reservation needed

You do not need a timed entry slot to drive in.



Island in the Sky

From US 191 north of Moab, UT 313 climbs up onto the mesa.



Open all year, but not everything is

The park itself is accessible around the clock, all year.



Hundreds of rescues a year

The park authority reports hundreds of search and rescue operations a year for Arches and Canyonlands combined.



Trails without a trail

Routes are marked with cairns, and signs stand only at junctions.



Fees and opening hours, up to date

Fees and times change. The park page lists them with source and date:
nationalparksatlas.com/en/usa/canyonlands

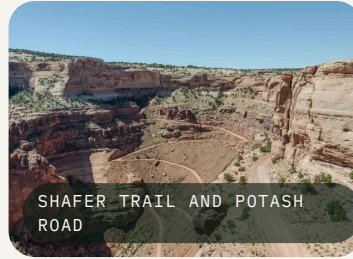


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GRAND VIEW POINT



SHAFER TRAIL AND POTASH ROAD



WHITE RIM ROAD

THINGS TO DO

The scenic drive

On the mesa top, the paved road runs 34 miles (55 km) there and back past viewpoints and trailheads.

Grand View Point

At the end of the road. The rim trail is 2.9 km (1.8 mi) long and takes about an hour and a half.

Aztec Butte

2.3 km (1.4 mi) with scrambling over bare rock.

Which roads need a permit

Day trips by 4WD vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle on the White Rim Road, over Elephant Hill, in Lavender Canyon ...

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Mesa Arch

One kilometre (0.6 mi) there and back, about 30 minutes, to an arch right on the edge of the cliff.

Upheaval Dome and Whale Rock

At the northern end of the road.

The long trails go down

All longer trails at Island in the Sky descend 300 to 600 m (1,000 to 2,000 ft) to the White Rim bench, on ...

White Rim Road

The 100-mile (161 km) loop runs below the mesa top and requires four-wheel drive with low range and high ...

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