

Walk 250 Challenge

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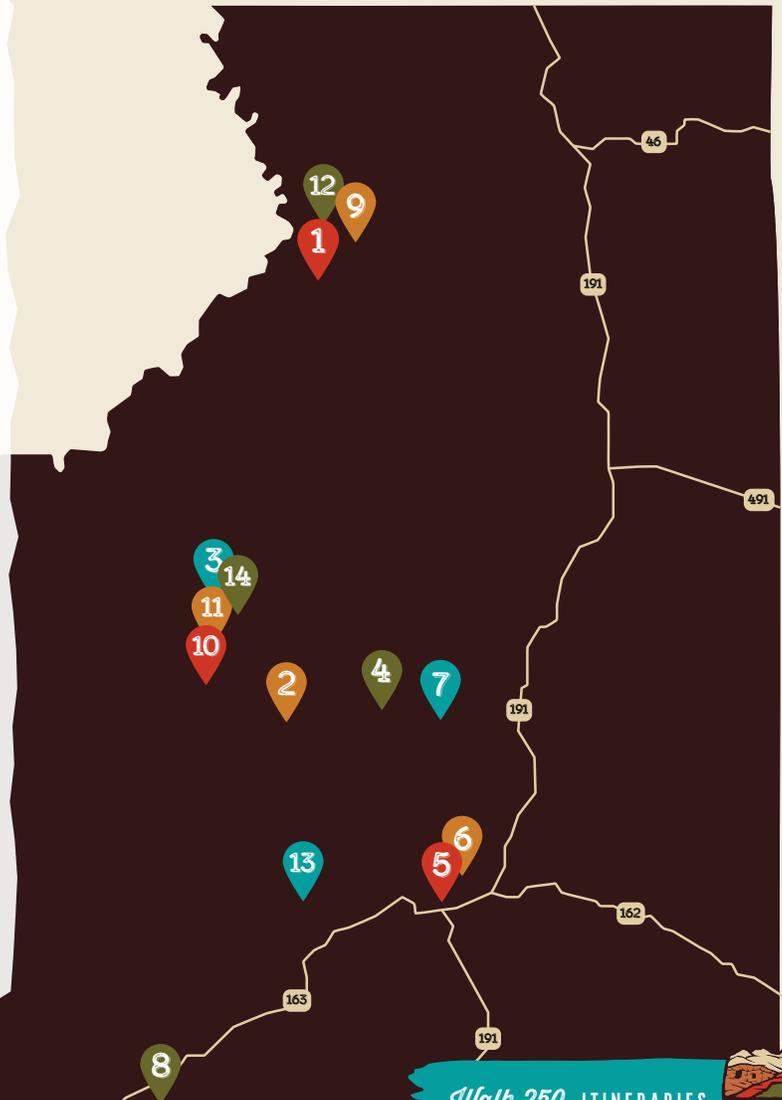
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The Walk 250 Challenge encourages participants to log miles of walking throughout the year, and San Juan County offers some unforgettable places to add some of those miles. From natural bridges and desert canyons, to scenic viewpoints and sweeping desert landscapes, Utah's Canyon Country provides

incredible places to explore on foot. Use these suggested itineraries to find trails, hikes, and walks across the county. Share photos from your adventure, and submit your miles for a chance to receive swag for participating in the Walk 250 Challenge in San Juan County!

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CHESLER PARK/JOINT TRAIL LOOP NEEDLES DISTRICT, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

1 ELEPHANT HILL TRAILHEAD
10.7 MILES | 38.1417, -109.8270

Chesler Park is one of the most well-known hikes in the Needles District of Canyonlands National Park. The trail travels across slick-rock benches, through red rock canyons, and climbs toward a scenic overlook before continuing into a wide grassy field surrounded by towering sandstone spires. Many hikers combine this route with the Joint Trail for a longer backcountry experience among the iconic Needles formations.



DRUID ARCH TRAIL NEEDLES DISTRICT, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

1 ELEPHANT HILL TRAILHEAD
10.8 MILES | 38.1417, -109.8270

Druid Arch is one of the most rewarding scenic destinations in the Needles District. This full-day hike travels through washes, canyons, and towering rock walls before reaching the massive arch formation at the end of the trail. The hike offers sweeping desert views and countless photographic opportunities along the way, making it a favorite for experienced hikers exploring Canyonlands National Park.

GRAND GULCH BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

2 KANE GULCH RANGER STATION
6-12+ MILES | 37.5250, -109.8961

Grand Gulch is one of the most remarkable canyon systems within Bears Ears National Monument. Hikes often begin at Kane Gulch Ranger Station and descend into a canyon rich with archaeological sites, petroglyph and pictograph panels, and dramatic desert scenery. Many routes follow the canyon bottom past archaeological sites and natural springs, offering an unforgettable experience for hikers interested in both history and geology.



SIPAPU BRIDGE TRAIL

NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT

3 SIPAPU BRIDGE TRAILHEAD
 1.2 MILES | 37.6166, -110.0135

Sipapu Bridge is the largest natural bridge within Natural Bridges National Monument and one of the largest in the world. The trail descends into White Canyon through a steep staircase and several ladder sections before reaching the canyon floor, where visitors can stand beneath the massive stone span. The hike offers a unique perspective of the bridge from below and a chance to explore the shaded canyon environment.



HOUSE ON FIRE

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

4 HOUSE ON FIRE TRAILHEAD 
 (SOUTH FORK MULE CANYON)
 3 MILES | 37.5408, -109.4887

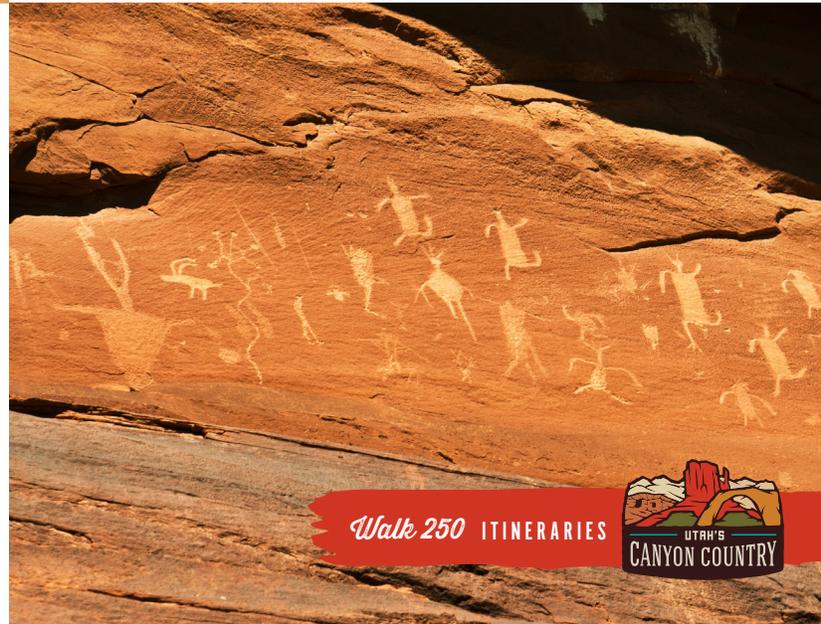
This easy scenic trail leads to House on Fire, an Ancestral Pueblo archaeological structure located in the South Fork of Mule Canyon. When sunlight reflects off the canyon wall above the site, the rock appears to glow like flames rising from the structure, creating one of the most recognizable archaeological sites in Utah's Canyon Country. The hike offers visitors a chance to experience the cultural history and landscapes of Southeastern Utah while exploring this remarkable site. Dogs are welcome on this trail.

SAND ISLAND PETROGLYPH WALK

BLUFF AREA

5 SAND ISLAND CAMPGROUND 
 1 MILE | 37.2619, -109.6190

Located along the San Juan River near Bluff, Utah, the Sand Island Petroglyph Panel features hundreds of ancient rock carvings created by ancestral cultures over many centuries. The short walking trail allows visitors to view the extensive petroglyph panel while enjoying the surrounding canyon scenery and the San Juan River corridor. Dogs are welcome on this trail.



BLUFF RIVER TRAIL

6 BLUFF RIVER TRAILHEAD 
1-2 MILES | 37.2831, -109.5562

This gentle walking trail follows the San Juan River just outside the historic town of Bluff. Cottonwood trees line the riverbank and provide shade along the route, creating a relaxing walk with views of sandstone cliffs and desert landscapes. The trail can be accessed from several locations, including two trailheads within Bluff and an additional access point at Sand Island. Leashed dogs are permitted on this trail.



BUTLER WASH INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

7 BUTLER WASH TRAILHEAD 
0.8 MILES | 37.2605, -109.6548

Butler Wash Interpretive Trail offers a short hike with views of Ancestral Puebloan cliff dwellings located high in the canyon walls. The trail is commonly used for nature walks and bird watching and is a great place to learn about the cultural history of the region. Leashed dogs are permitted on the trail.

WILDCAT TRAIL

MONUMENT VALLEY NAVAJO TRIBAL PARK

8 WILDCAT TRAILHEAD 
4 MILE LOOP | 36.9853, -110.1133

The Wildcat Trail is one of the few self-guided hiking trails in Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. This loop route circles the base of West Mitten Butte and offers up-close views of the valley's iconic sandstone formations, including East Mitten Butte and Merrick Butte. Leashed dogs are permitted on the trail.



SCENIC STROLLS UNDER: 2 MILES

Short walks with big views

POTHOLE POINT TRAIL

NEEDLES DISTRICT, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

9 POTHOLE POINT PARKING
0.6 MILES | 38.1703, -109.8063

This short slickrock loop winds through a landscape of natural potholes carved into the rock. These depressions collect rainwater and create tiny desert ecosystems that support plants and small animals. After seasonal rains, the potholes may contain creatures such as fairy shrimp, beetle larvae, tadpoles, snails, and tadpole shrimp. Following the cairn markers along the trail offers a fun and educational walk across the unique terrain of the Needles District.



OWACHOMO BRIDGE TRAIL

NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT

10 OWACHOMO BRIDGE TRAILHEAD
0.4 MILES | 37.5850, -110.0130

Owachomo Bridge is the easiest of the three natural bridges to reach within the monument. A short walk from the overlook leads to excellent views of the delicate sandstone arch spanning White Canyon. From this viewpoint visitors can also see the distant Bear's Ears buttes on the horizon.



SHORT ACCESSIBLE ROUTES UNDER: 1 MILE

Great for casual walkers, quick stops, or adding a few miles during a road trip.

NATURAL BRIDGES VIEWPOINT

NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT

11 BRIDGE VIEW DRIVE
0.2-0.5 MILES MILES | 37.5995, -110.0057

Bridge View Drive is a paved scenic loop with multiple overlooks where visitors can walk short distances to view the monument's three natural bridges: Sipapu, Kachina, and Owachomo.



Walk 250 ITINERARIES

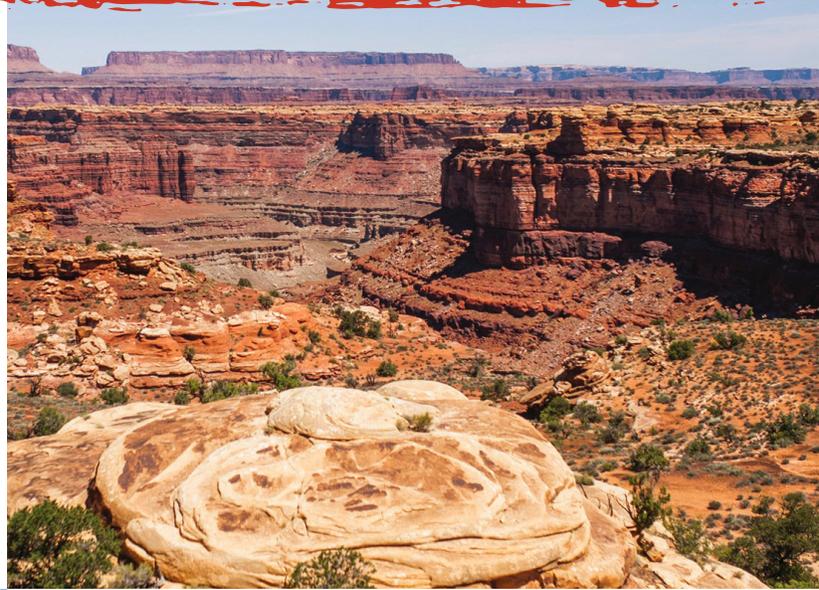


SLICKROCK FOOT TRAIL

NEEDLES DISTRICT, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

12 SLICKROCK FOOT TRAILHEAD
2.4 MILES | 38.1770, -109.8145

This scenic loop follows slickrock benches across open desert terrain and offers expansive views of the surrounding Needles formations and canyon landscapes. Several viewpoints along the trail provide excellent opportunities for photography, especially during sunrise or sunset when the sandstone formations glow in warm low-sun light.



VALLEY OF THE GODS SCENIC AREA WALKS

VALLEY OF THE GODS

13 VALLEY OF THE GODS ROAD 
1-4 MILES | 37.2650, -109.8073

Valley of the Gods features towering sandstone buttes rising from a wide desert valley, creating landscapes similar to Monument Valley but with fewer crowds. Visitors can walk sections of the scenic backcountry road and explore the surrounding desert terrain while taking in panoramic views of these iconic formations. Dogs are welcome on this trail.

PHOTO-OP WALKS: < 1 MILE

Routes with iconic backdrops perfect for Walk 250 photo submissions.

NATURAL BRIDGES OVERLOOK

NATURAL BRIDGES NATIONAL MONUMENT

14 NATURAL BRIDGES OVERLOOK
0.2-0.5 MILES MILES | 37.5995, -110.0057

Several overlooks along Bridge View Drive provide short walking paths to scenic viewpoints of the three major natural bridges within the monument: Sipapu, Kachina, and Owachomo. These viewpoints offer excellent opportunities to photograph the bridges from above and appreciate the scale of the canyon landscape.

