

Arches National Park

1-Day Deluxe Itinerary

Editor's Note

Arches National Park is home to more than 2,000 natural arches. They form from narrow sandstone 'fins' and them is truly amazing. It's easy to see why this is an incredibly popular park.

With popularity comes people, however. There is only one road through the park, which can add to the congestion at popular sites. It can be difficult to know the best way to beat the crowds, and the best places and times to view the most popular arches.

This is what this itinerary planner is here for.

Follow this detailed plan, while making choices along the way, and you will have the perfect 2-day itinerary tailored to your needs but without the stress and hassle of planning from scratch.

Enjoy your trip to Arches National Park!

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PARK OVERVIEW

Getting Your Bearings

There is only one entrance to Arches National Park, which is on UT-191, just five miles from Moab. The **Visitor Center** is almost immediately after you enter.

From there, the road climbs up a short hill and into the main part of the park. There is one road through the park - the 22-mile scenic drive. A couple of short roads are offshoots off the main road. Devil's Garden Campground, the only accommodation inside the park, is the far end of the road.

Arches National Park is divided into several sections. You'll first pass **Park Avenue**, then drive past the Petrified Dunes. Soon after **Balanced Rock** is a sideroad to the **Windows** section. Back on the main road, you'll dip down into Salt Valley before coming to the other sideroad, which goes to **Delicate Arch**. The main road continues past **Fiery Furnace** and on to **Devil's Garden**.





TIPS FOR VISITING

Entrance Fee

Visit the [NPS website](#) for the latest fees. If you plan to visit more than a couple of parks in a year, I recommend buying an [America The Beautiful Pass](#).

Getting There

The major gateway city is **Moab**, and this is where this itinerary assumes you are based. The nearest airport is the small Canyonlands Regional Airport, 18 miles from Moab. Grand Junction Regional Airport is 1 hour 45 minutes away. The nearest major airport is Salt Lake City International Airport, which is 3 hours 45 minutes away.

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Due to its proximity to Canyonlands National Park, many people combine a trip to both parks. It's also common to create a bigger road trip and visit all Utah's national parks (the other three are Bryce Canyon, Zion and Capitol Reef), which I recommend. Mesa Verde National Park is 2 hours away, Monument Valley is 2 hours 45 minutes away, Page AZ is 4.5 hours away and Grand Canyon's South Rim is 5.5 hours away. So, there are limitless possibilities to create an epic Southwest itinerary.

If you're visiting Grand Canyon, Zion or Bryce Canyon National Parks, you can get a detailed [itinerary](#) for each park. Use code ARNP for a 20% discount off each of them.

Getting Around

You will definitely need a vehicle to get around the park. However, you do not need a high clearance vehicle or 4WD/ AWD for anywhere in the park and there are no restrictions for RVs or trailers.



HOW TO USE THIS ITINERARY

This itinerary planner is designed to balance taking away the overwhelm with still giving you the freedom to **create an itinerary that suits your interests** and comfort level.

Please read all this information carefully so you can take full advantage of the itinerary planner.



Hikes

Where appropriate, several hike options are given, based on varying levels of difficulty and interest. In this case, you can **choose the hike** that best suits you.



Description

Includes **don't-miss sights and sites**. Where this includes wildlife, keep in mind that although these are common places to see wildlife, wild animals don't always show up on cue, so I can't promise you will see any animals.



Meals

Meal suggestions are given. Detailed options are provided in the [Dining Guide](#).



Driving Directions

Detailed **driving directions** are provided for each day. I have indicated where a road is closed to RVs and/ or trailers.



Things To Note

Includes any warnings, **important information**, considerations or closures.



Highlights

There are great views throughout the park, but these are especially **famous viewpoints and/ or sights**.



Less-Active Options

To really get the most out of the national parks, you need to leave the roads, but that doesn't mean you can't have an awesome time if you can't or prefer not to hike.

Non-hiking options are great for those with **limited mobility or fitness**. Some of these suggestions involve no walking at all, while others may involve short distances on flat or mostly flat paths.



Accommodations

This itinerary is based around you staying in nearby **Moab**. Accommodation options in Moab are provided in the [Accommodations Guide](#). However, I recommend staying inside the park if possible and you will also find information about the only campground inside the park in the [Accommodations Guide](#).

If you do stay somewhere other than Moab, read the **Adjusting Your Schedule** section so you can easily adapt your schedule based on where you stay.



Recommended

This symbol indicates that this is my **recommended choice**. However, you can still choose whichever option best suits your comfort level and interests.



The itinerary is **timed** for the best chance of getting a parking spot, the best light and the best way to avoid the crowds as much as possible.

Consequently, the itinerary has you **getting up early** in the morning. Arches National Park is extremely popular and by getting into the park early, you will avoid having to wait for a parking spot at the most popular locations. The national parks are more popular than ever, so the earlier you get there, the better, so if you started even earlier, that would be even better.

Although Moab is the most logical place to stay outside the park, you may choose to stay somewhere else nearby. If you do, see the **Adjusting Your Schedule** for timing changes.

The itinerary has a detailed breakdown of suggested **activities**, with **alternatives** or **flexible options** in the morning and afternoon. Each of the alternate options take about the same length of time, so you can choose one, then move on to the next activity no matter which option you chose.

I strongly suggest **sticking to the order of events** in the schedule. They are arranged and timed intentionally so that you get the most out of your trip.

Note that the **maps** here are designed to give you an overview of the park and where to go, but are no replacement for a detailed map, especially of the hiking trails. You can pick up maps at a Visitor Center or buy a very detailed printed topographic map there or before you go.



ITINERARY UPDATES

This itinerary is reviewed annually, but is not updated in real time, throughout each year. However, I want you to have the best trip possible and for this itinerary to be as useful as possible. So, I do provide updates on changing conditions such as road works, facilities closures, trail closures, etc. that may affect part of this itinerary.

[CHECK FOR ITINERARY UPDATES HERE](#)

I update this regularly, so I recommend checking frequently, especially as your trip gets closer.

THE DAY BEFORE



You will arrive in Moab. Check the [Accommodation Guide](#) to find a place to stay in Moab.



Use the [Dining Guide](#) to find somewhere for dinner in Moab and get supplies for a picnic lunch tomorrow so you don't need to leave and re-enter the park in the middle of the day.



DAY 1 AT A GLANCE

You'll start the day by seeing the most famous arch in the park - either up close on a 3-mile hike or from an easily accessible (but more distant) viewpoint. You'll then explore the Windows section before having a picnic lunch.

In the afternoon, you'll take a short hike to the longest arch in the park, then see - or hike through - Park Avenue.

OPTION A [page 8, 9-10]

7:00AM: Enter Park
7:30AM: Delicate Arch Trail
8:30AM: Arrive Delicate Arch
9:00AM: Leave Delicate Arch
10:00AM: Arrive Delicate Arch Trailhead

OPTION B [page 8, 11-12]

8:00AM: Enter Park
8:30AM: Arrive Delicate Arch Trailhead. Wolfe Ranch & Petroglyphs
9:15AM: Drive to Delicate Arch Viewpoint
9:20AM: Upper & Lower Delicate Arch Viewpoint

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10:00AM: Drive to Windows
10:15AM: Double Arch
11:15AM: North Window, South Window, Turret Arch
12:15PM: Drive to Devil's Garden Picnic Area
12:35PM: Lunch
1:30PM: Hike Devil's Garden to Landscape Arch
3:00PM: Drive to Balanced Rock
3:20PM: Walk around Balanced Rock

OPTION A [page 18-19]

3:45PM: Leave Balanced Rock
4:00PM: Park Avenue Trail (Courthouse Towers | Park Avenue)
5:30PM: Drive to Moab
5:45PM: Arrive Moab

OPTION B [page 20-22]

3:45PM: Leave Balanced Rock
3:50PM: Garden of Eden
4:05PM: Drive to Courthouse Towers
4:15PM: Courthouse Towers
4:30PM: Drive to Park Avenue Viewpoint
4:35PM: Park Avenue Viewpoint
4:45PM: Drive to Courthouse Wash Rock Art
5:45PM: Arrive Moab

6:30PM: Dinner



DAY 1

EARLY MORNING: 7:00AM | 8:00AM - 10:00AM



Delicate Arch is the most famous arch in the entire park (and there are over 2,000 of them). The freestanding arch even appears on Utah's license plate. Even though you've seen dozens of photos of it, nothing quite prepares you for how breathtaking it is in person.

It's also the most popular arch, so it gets very crowded. This is why you'll head there first thing.



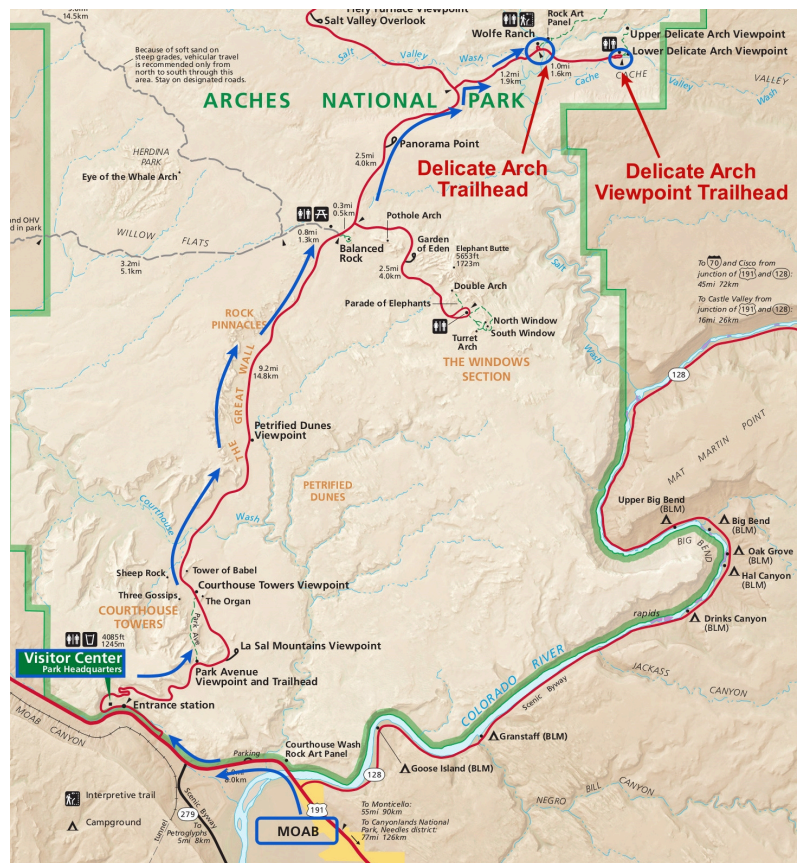
Breakfast

Have breakfast at your hotel or campground before leaving.



DIRECTIONS: Moab - Delicate Arch

From Moab, take Highway UT-191 north and cross the Colorado River as you exit town. 1.8 miles after the bridge, you'll see the entrance to Arches National Park on the right. Continue straight for 11.5 miles until you get to Delicate Arch Road on your right. Turn right and after just over a mile, you'll see the parking for the **Delicate Arch Trailhead** [Option A] on your left.



If you continue for another mile, you'll come to the **Delicate Arch Viewpoint Trailhead** [Option B] parking on your left.



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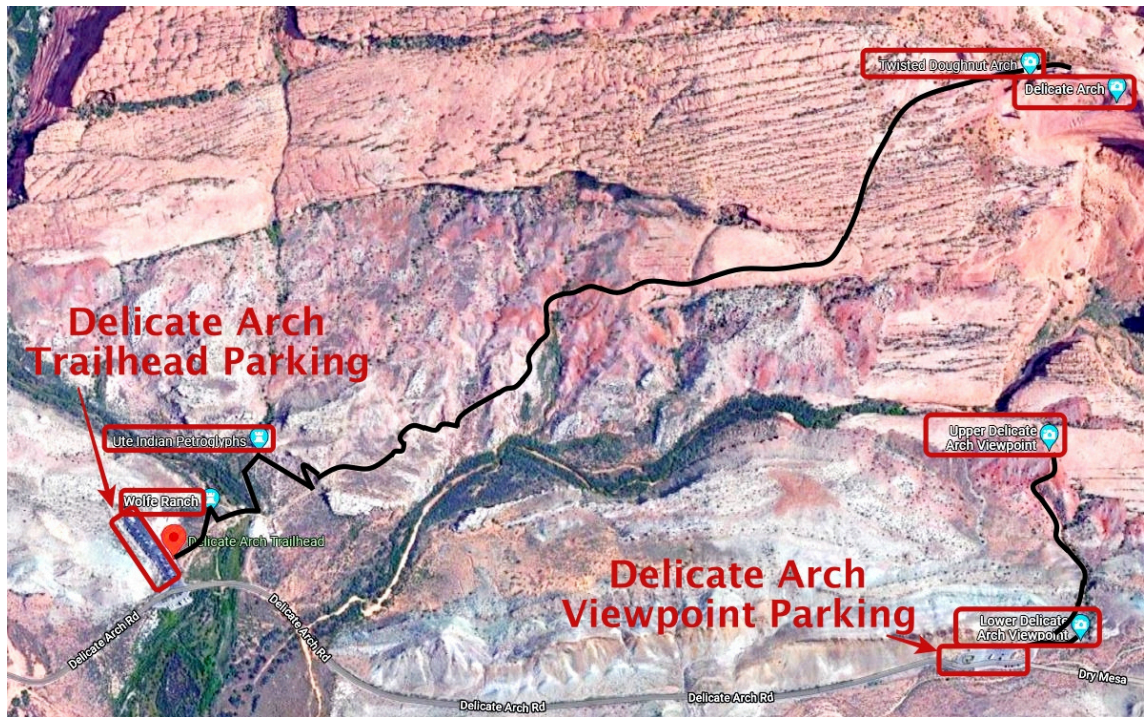
OPTION A: Hike to Delicate Arch

Delicate Arch Hike 7:30AM



To get to Delicate Arch, there is a 3-mile round trip hike that's rated as moderate. It's all uphill going there and downhill on the return.

Soon after the trail begins, there's a short side trail off to the left that takes you to **Wolfe Ranch**. The tiny one-room wood cabin was built in 1906 and, as you peer in the window, it gives a real glimpse into the harsh life of the early pioneers. You can learn more about its history on the [NPS website](#).



The trail continues over a small footbridge over Salt Wash. About 0.2 miles in, there's a sign to the Petroglyph Interpretive Trail to the left. Take this for about 0.1 miles and you'll come to a cool panel of **rock art** that depicts a hunting scene. It was carved in the mid-1600's by the Ute and/ or Paiute people.



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Delicate Arch Hike 7:30AM

The trail joins the main trail and then continues up a long stretch of open sliprock. This is very exposed and hot in the summer. Because you're doing this hike in the morning, you'll be avoiding the main heat of the day.

At the top, the trail winds through an area of chert (a hard, shiny rock used by Native Americans for tools and weapons). There are signs, but at some places, the trail is not easy to see, so keep a careful eye out.

At the end, the trail goes along a short ledge, hugging a cliff with a steep drop off on the left. Keep an eye out for a tiny arch, **Twisted Donut Arch**, on your right.



Then, you round a corner and BAM! One of the most breathtaking views you will ever see in your life. Photos do not do **Delicate Arch** justice. It stands on the edge of a bowl, with a sheer drop off on the far side and is nothing short of stunning.

Spend half an hour there, exploring the area and enjoying the view.



DAY 1

EARLY MORNING: 8:00AM - 10:00AM

OPTION B: Delicate Arch Viewpoint



To get to Delicate Arch, you need to do a 3-mile round trip hike that's rated as moderate and is all uphill going there [Option A]. If you prefer not to do that level of activity, you can still see the arch, though it is a more distant view.



Wolfe Ranch & Petroglyphs 8:30AM

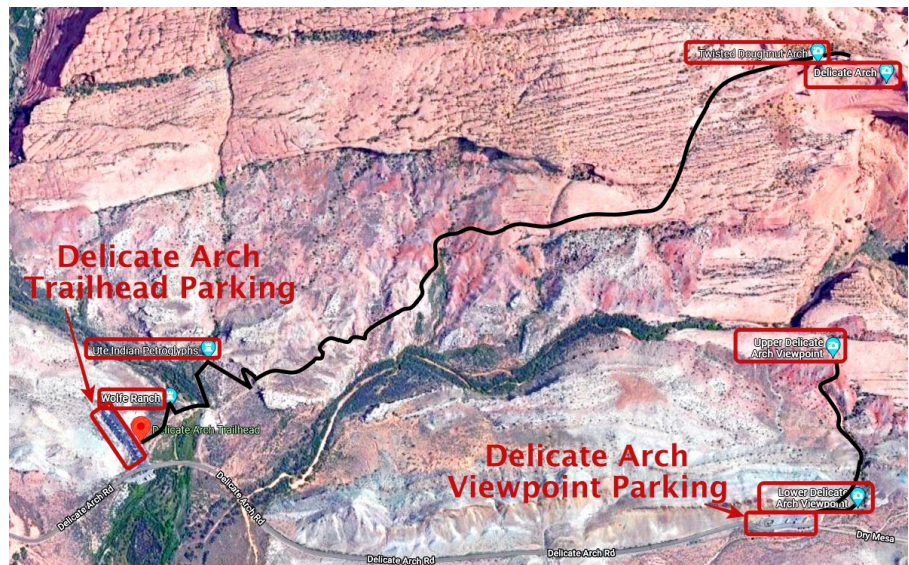
Start the morning at the Delicate Arch trailhead, as there are a couple of small but interesting historic sites very close to the trailhead.

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When you're ready, head back to your vehicle and drive 1 mile further down the road to the **Delicate Arch Viewpoint Trail**.





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EARLY MORNING: 7:00AM - 10:00AM



Delicate Arch Viewpoint 9:20AM

There are two viewpoints. The **Lower Viewpoint Trail** is a very easy, accessible 100-yard walk from the parking lot to a spot where you can look through Delicate Arch. Note that the arch is 0.75 miles/ 1.2 km away so binoculars and/ or a zoom camera lens will help.



The **Upper Viewpoint Trail** is a little harder and involves a short 0.25-mile but uphill climb. There are some steps, and the trail then winds up a sliprock ridge. The view of Delicate Arch is closer, but still distant. The arch is often nicely lit with sunlight in the morning.



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MORNING - AFTERNOON: 10:00AM - 3:45PM



Drive to Windows 10:00AM

After returning to the trailhead, where there are restrooms, drive to the Windows section of the park.

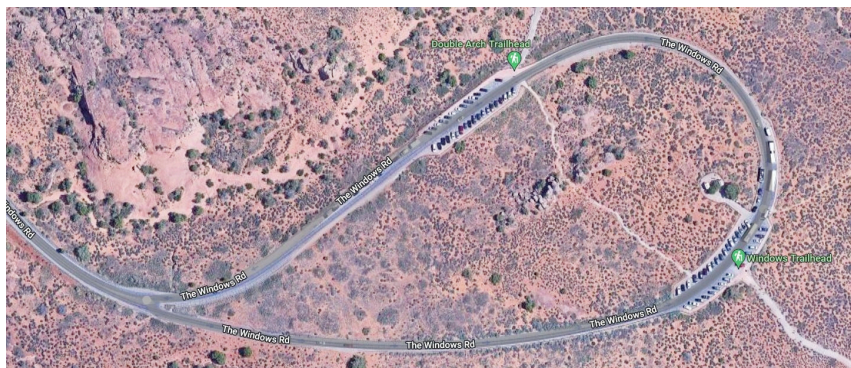


DIRECTIONS: Delicate Arch - Windows

Return the way you came along Delicate Arch Road, then turn left back on to the main Arches NP Road. Drive another 2.5 miles and then turn left on to Windows Road. Drive for another 2.3 miles until you get to the end of the road.



The road ends at a loop. The upper loop, which you come to first, is closest to the North and South Windows. There are restrooms here too. If you continue on around the loop to the lower section, you're closer to Double Arch. A short 0.1-mile trail connects the two. I recommend parking in the first available spot you find. You'll walk to all sections, so it really doesn't matter whether you park on the upper or lower loop.





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MORNING - AFTERNOON: 10:00AM - 3:45PM



Double Arch 10:15AM

From the lower loop parking area, head down the smooth dirt path for 0.25 miles (each way) to Double Arch. It's fairly flat and easy, but there's no shade, so it gets very hot in summer.



Not only is Double Arch the tallest arch in the park, but there are also two arches together. You can see both of the arches well from the end of the flat trail. However, if you're feeling adventurous, you can climb up closer to them, though that does involve some scrambling up rocks.

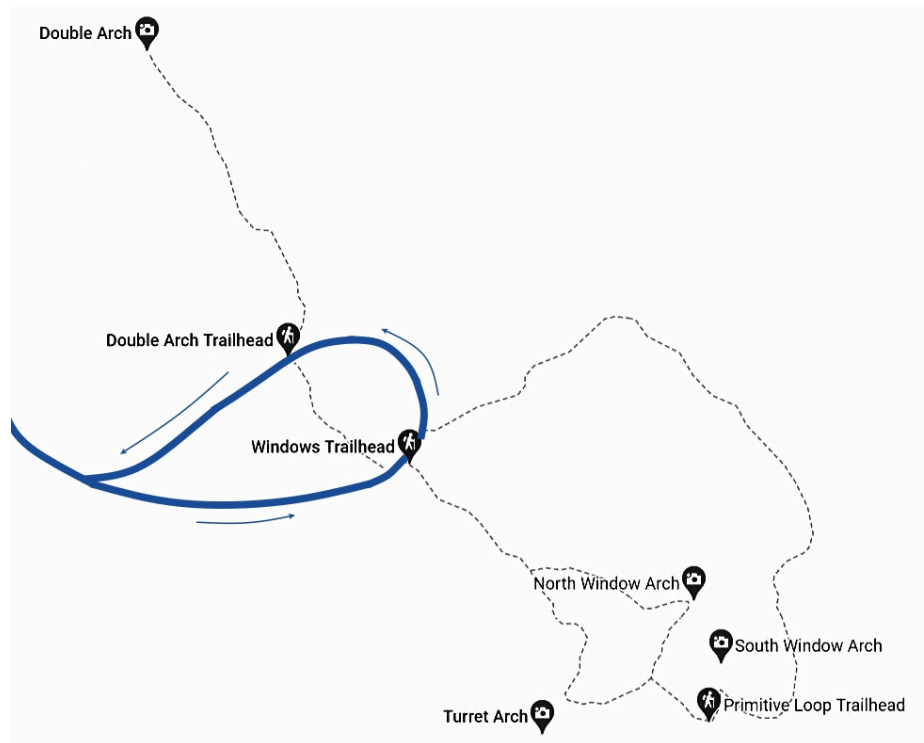


The Windows 11:15AM

From the lower loop, follow the short 0.1-mile path that connects to the upper loop and the start of the Windows Trail. North and South Windows are two large arches next to each other. The first 100 yards or so is paved and flat, then there are some steps and a rougher surface. The path diverges after a while and to the trail is Turret Arch goes to the right while the Windows are to the left.



I recommend going to **Turret Arch** first. This is named after the turret-like pillar next to the arch. It is less visited than the Windows, even though it is only a couple of hundred yards away. There is a bit of an



incline with some steps. When you go through the arch, turn around and



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The Windows 11:15AM



look back to see the Windows framed through the arch.



A short trail connects Turret Arch to the Windows. The arch on the left is **North Window**, and this is the most popular. It's a reasonably easy scramble up from the trail to the arch itself. You can stand inside the arch and look out over the park.



From the North Window, continue along the trail to the **South Window**.

You can go back the way you came, or you can return from South Window to the parking area via a **primitive trail** that goes behind the two windows. There are cairns marking the primitive trail. Few people take the primitive trail, so it's a way to escape the crowds, but if you prefer, it's easy enough to return on the main path directly to the parking area (without needing to go via Turret Arch).



Devil's Garden Picnic Area 12:35PM

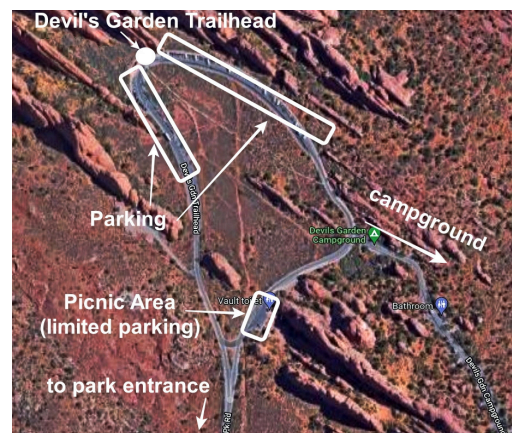
Head to the picnic area near Devil's Garden and have a picnic in the park to avoid having to go all the way back to Moab and then deal with re-entering the park.



DIRECTIONS: Windows - Devil's Garden Picnic Area

Follow the loop around and head back along the Windows Road. When you get to the main Arches National Park Road, turn right.

Continue straight for 8 miles until the end of the road. The road forks and become one way. Soon after the fork, you'll pass the picnic area in your right, then the road to the campground. The road loops around to the left and you'll come to a long section with parking. Park wherever you can. The road loops back to the two-way main road.





DAY 2

MORNING - AFTERNOON: 10:00AM - 3:45PM



Devil's Garden Hike to Landscape Arch 1:30PM

Devil's Garden trail, the longest trail in the park, has some of the best hiking in Arches National Park. There are three distinct sections. In the first section, which you'll hike today, you'll see three arches, including the longest arch in the park.

The section, to Landscape Arch, is an easy paved trail 0.9 miles each way with little elevation change. There is a short spur trail off to the right a short way into the hike that



takes you to **Pine Tree Arch** (named after the pine tree in the middle of the arch) and **Tunnel Arch**, which looks like a tunnel and you only see at a distance. These add another 0.5 miles.



This section ends at **Landscape Arch**, which, at 306 feet, is the longest single span arch in North America. It is also incredibly thin (just 11 feet thick at its center). If you look up to the right, you'll see another arch as well. This is **Partition Arch**.

When you're ready, return the way you came.



Balanced Rock 3:20PM

Balanced Rock is a large boulder that looks like it is balancing on another pillar of rock. It stands 128 feet tall, so it's hard to miss. You can see it from the parking lot, but it's worth walking around it to see it from different angles. A 0.3-mile trail that's paved and mostly flat goes around Balanced Rock. The trail splits after a couple of hundred feet and creates a loop around the rock. Either direction is fine.



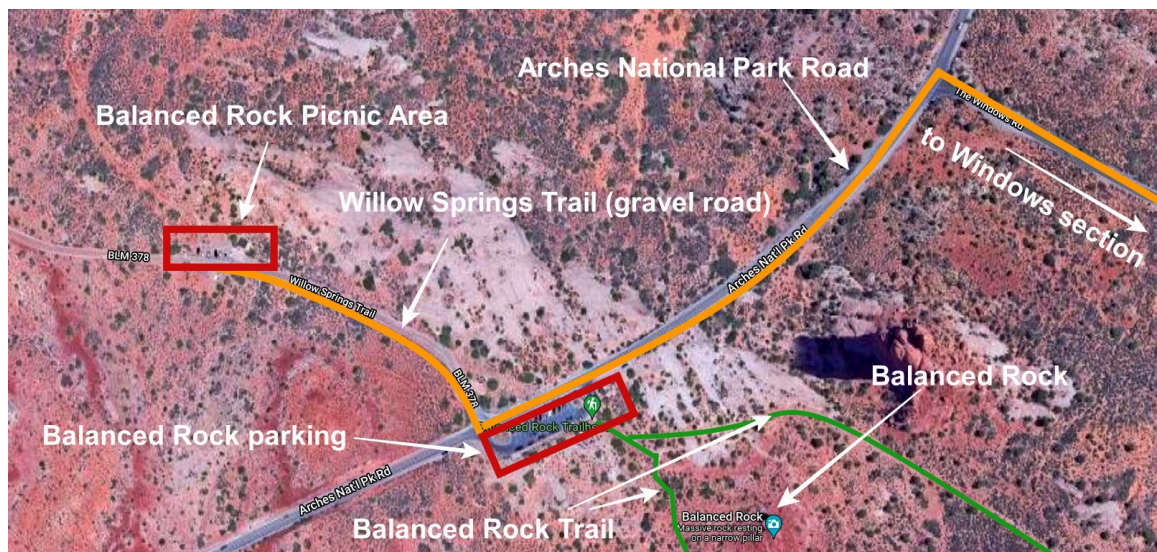
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DIRECTIONS: Devil's Garden - Balanced Rock

From the Devil's Garden parking, keep going around the loop and the road rejoins the main two-way Arches National Park Road. Drive for 8.2 miles. Just after you pass the junction to the Windows section, you'll see Balanced Rock on the left.





DAY 1

AFTERNOON: 3:45PM - 5:45PM



OPTION A: Park Avenue Hike

Park Avenue 4:00PM



Park Avenue is a short canyon between two cliffs of sandstone that gets its name because of its similarity to the famous New York City avenue surrounded by a row of tall buildings on both sides.

A 1-mile (each way) hike goes down into the valley, so the cliffs are all around you. The trail goes between **Park Avenue Viewpoint** and **Courthouse Towers**. There is a parking lot at both ends, so you can start at either end. The official trailhead and most common starting point is the Park Avenue Viewpoint.



There tends to be fewer people starting at the Courthouse Towers – and the uphill/ downhill section is in the middle rather than ending with an uphill walk, which you will if you start/ end at Park Avenue Viewpoint.

Driving from Balanced Rock, you'll come to Courthouse Towers first. If there's parking there, I'd grab a spot and hike from there. Otherwise, head to the Park Avenue Viewpoint a short distance down the road. If you have someone who isn't hiking but can drive, they could drop you off at one end and pick you up at the other end, saving you hiking back.



From the Park Avenue Viewpoint, there's a short but pretty steep descent into the valley, on a well-marked trail. After this steep section, the rest of the hike is fairly flat and for the most part follows a stony wash. Near the end, there are some enormous rectangular pillars (called the Courthouse). If you look up to the left, you can see the only arch on this hike – Baby Arch. It's high up at the bottom of a large cliff and, as the name implies, is small.



DIRECTIONS: Balanced Rock - Park Avenue

Continue along the main Arches National Park Road heading back towards the entrance. You'll first come to the **Courthouse Towers Viewpoint**. The parking lot is on your left and you have to cross the



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DIRECTIONS: Balanced Rock - Park Avenue
road (carefully) to get to the trailhead.

Continue along the main road. A further mile along, you'll pass the **La Sal Mountains Viewpoint** on your left (worth a quick stop), then the **Park Avenue Viewpoint**/ Trailhead parking is another 0.4 miles further along, on your right. From the parking, it's a very short walk to the official viewpoint and the start of the hike down into Park Avenue.



DIRECTIONS: Park Avenue - Moab

Keep driving towards the park entrance. You'll drive down the hill, then pass the Visitor Center is on your left, 2.5 miles from Park Avenue. Soon after, you'll exit the park. Turn left on to UT-191.



Dinner 6:30PM

Use the [Dining Guide](#) to find a place for dinner in Moab.



That's the end of your Arches National Park itinerary!

From Moab, it's:

- 45 minutes to Canyonlands National Park (Island in the Sky)
- 1.5 hours to Canyonlands National Park (Needles District)
- 1 hour 45 minutes to Grand Junction
- 2 hours 15 minutes to Mesa Verde National Park
- 2.5 hours to Capitol Reef National Park
- 2 hours 45 minutes to Monument Valley
- 3 hours 45 minutes to Salt Lake City
- 4.5 hours to Bryce Canyon National Park
- 5.5 hours to Grand Canyon (South Rim)



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OPTION B: Scenic Drive to Viewpoints

Garden of Eden 3:50PM



The **Garden Of Eden** is a less-visited viewpoint that is underrated. There are pillars and fins that will one day become arches, baby arches being born (slowly) and medium-sized arches that have yet to mature into the grand arches most people search out.



You can see the cluster from the parking lot, but if you are feeling a little adventurous, you can also walk among them for a bit. There are no trails, but you can wander around easily (just avoid stepping on any of the **living soil**). The large stone pillar near the parking lot is Owl Rock. You may see climbers ascending the stone tower.



DIRECTIONS: Balanced Rock - Garden of Eden

Head back towards the Windows. Turn right on to Windows Road. A mile down the road, you'll see a sign for Garden of Eden Viewpoint on your left. The very short (0.1 miles) side road ends at the viewpoint.



Courthouse Towers 4:15PM

The Courthouse Towers are huge monolithic towers at one end of Park Avenue. Imposing structures include the Tower of Babel, a huge fin almost three hundred feet just north of the Courthouse Towers parking lot. The Organ, a 700-foot-tall sandstone fin, is the second tallest tower in Arches, and Sheep Rock is the third tallest tower in the park at 440 feet tall. If you feel like a little bit of a walk, you could cross the road and start the Park Avenue Trail, turning back before it starts climbing. on your return, look out for tiny Baby Arch up high in a sandstone cliff.



DIRECTIONS: Garden of Eden - Courthouse Towers

Turn right on to Windows Road, then left on to the main Arches National Park Road. Pass Balanced Rock and drive for another 5.5 miles. The Courthouse Towers parking lot is on your left.



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Park Avenue Viewpoint 4:35PM

Park Avenue is a short canyon between two cliffs of sandstone that gets its name because of its similarity to the famous New York City avenue surrounded by a row of tall buildings on both sides.

There is a wonderful viewpoint right next to the parking lot where you can look down into the canyon. You won't see arches here, but the towering monolith and cliffs are the birthing ground for future arches and even without the park's namesake arches, the views here are stunning.



DIRECTIONS: Courthouse Towers - Park Avenue

Continue along the main road. A further mile along, you'll pass the La **Sal Mountains Viewpoint** on your left (worth a quick stop), then the Park Avenue Viewpoint/ Trailhead parking is another 0.4 miles further along, on your right.



Courthouse Wash Rock Art 4:45PM

At Courthouse Wash, which is just outside the national park, there are several panels with ancient rock art spanning several periods. There are pictographs (paintings on rock) and petroglyphs (carvings in rock).

It's thought that Archaic Indians first painted the long, tapered figures, and then later, Ancestral Puebloans or Utes added the bright white circular forms that resemble shields. The nearby petroglyphs were probably done by Utes.



From the parking area, walk along the paved multi-use path in the direction of Moab. You'll cross the wash. Just after you cross the bridge, there's a path





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on your left. There are signs and cairns (rock piles) indicating the way. The trail goes off the left a little uphill to get to the panels. Total distance is 0.6 miles return.



DIRECTIONS: Park Avenue - Courthouse Wash Rock Art

Keep driving towards the park entrance. You'll drive down the hill, then pass the Visitor Center is on your left, 2.5 miles from Park Avenue. Soon after, you'll exit the park. At the intersection with the main road to Moab UT-191, turn left to head back towards Moab. After 1.3 miles, you'll come to a "Welcome to Moab" sign on your left. The parking area is on the left. If you pass the Marriott Springhill Suites and Fairfield Inn on your right, you've gone too far.



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ADJUSTING YOUR SCHEDULE

The schedule is based on a stay in **Moab**. Moab has the most accommodation options and is close to the park entrance, so I really recommend staying there. However, if you stay in nearby places, adjust the schedule as follows:

INSIDE ARCHES NATIONAL PARK

Devils Garden Campground: Start 10 minutes later

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Willows Flat Campground: Start 45 minutes earlier

Needles District: Start 1 hour 30 minutes earlier

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK

Kayenta Campground, Wingate Campground and yurts: Start 35 minutes earlier

SPANISH VALLEY

Spanish Valley: Start 15 minutes earlier

ALONG HIGHWAY 128

Big Bend Campground: Start 10 minutes earlier

Sorrell River Ranch: Start 20 minutes earlier

Castle Valley Inn: Start 30 minutes earlier

ALONG HIGHWAY 279

Williams Bottom Campground: Keep the same

Gold Bar Campground: Start 10 minutes earlier

GREEN RIVER

Green River: Start 45 minutes earlier



USEFUL LINKS

These links are all available in the actual itinerary, but here they are all together as a useful planning and preparation resource.

Bonus extras (Accommodation Guide, Dining Guide, Dead Horse Point State Park)

<https://parkscollecting.com/arches-bonus-extras-dx69sp29/>

Itinerary Updates

<https://parkscollecting.com/itinerary-updates-f6x9m2/>

Arches National Park Entrance Fee

<https://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/fees.htm>

Annual Pass: [America The Beautiful Pass](#)

Ranger Programs

<https://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/programs.htm>

Current Park Conditions

<https://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/traffic.htm>

Discover Moab (activities in Moab)

<https://www.discovermoab.com>

Book Flights: [Skyscanner](#)

Camper Van Rentals: [Escape Campervans](#)

Accommodations

[Hotels and motels](#)

[Vacation rentals](#)

[Campspot](#)

[Campnab](#)

Travel Insurance: [Travelex](#)

Packing Lists: <https://parkscollecting.com/packing-lists/>

Zion National Park Itinerary

<https://parkscollecting.com/zion-itinerary/>

Bryce Canyon National Park Itinerary

<https://parkscollecting.com/bryce-canyon-itinerary/>

Grand Canyon National Park Itinerary

<https://parkscollecting.com/grand-canyon-itinerary/>



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