

Evidence of later settlement along the Dinosaur Diamond includes abandoned homesteads, historic trails, sprawling ranches and several ghost towns. These early pioneers led to the establishment of modern-day communities such as Grand Junction, Fruita, and Rangely in Colorado, as well as Vernal, Price, Green River and Moab in Utah.

Descendants of these ancestral Native Americans are still very much present today. The Utes, the Hopi, the Zuni, the Navajo and several other tribes claim a legitimate affiliation to these first settlers. In many places along the route, their cultural lifeways and art can still be seen and appreciated.

The people of these cultures expressed themselves through designs and symbols chipped into or painted on the area's rock faces. The painted images are known as pictographs, while the shapes incised into the rock faces are called petroglyphs. Fine examples of this ancient rock art can be viewed up close in places such as Canyon Pintado south of Rangely, Colorado, and in Dinosaur National Monument on the Utah/Colorado border, as well as in several other locations along the byway.

Religious structures known as kivas, for longer periods of time, building rock shelters, granaries and waterways and near permanent springs. Some of them settled and gathering cultures began limited farming along the perennial animals and a wetter climate. Later, as larger game declined, hunting in nomadic bands and taking advantage of the abundance of large may have entered the area as early as 12,000 years ago, wandering in spite of the limitations imposed by this arid land. Early humans



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Along with all the dinosaur sites and attractions to explore, you will find spectacular mountain and desert country for hiking, biking and OHV travel, boating, fishing and even skiing. The route is interspersed with towns full of shops, restaurants, lodging and famous Western hospitality.

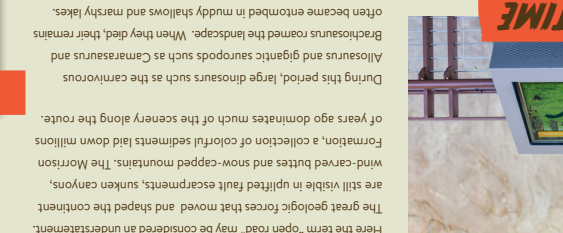
For detailed information on local resources, trail maps, usage guidelines and more, stop at state information centers, use the handy reference map on the back of this brochure, or visit DINOSAURDIAMONDBYWAY.ORG for more information and an annual calendar of events.



Earlier in the Mesozoic Era, sand dunes and Sahara-like deserts typified the landscape. Sediments laid down during this time played an important part in creating the fascinating terrain of the area's national parks. The erosional traits of Entrada Sandstone are responsible for the numerous arches in Arches National Park while the steep cliffs of Wingate Sandstone are primary components of the stark, breathtaking landscapes of Canyonlands National Park.

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BOASTS MUSEUMS WHERE THE
FOSSIL REMAINS OF THESE
CREATURES ARE ON DISPLAY.**

During this period, large dinosaurs such as the carnivorous Allosaurus and gigantic sauropods such as Camarasaurus and Brachiosaurus roamed the landscape. When they died, their remains often became entombed in muddy shallows and marshy lakes.



Here the term "open road" may be considered an understatement. The great geologic forces that moved and shaped the continent are still visible in uplified fault escarpments, sunken canyons, wind-carved buttes and snow-capped mountains. The Morrison Formation, a collection of colorful sediments laid down millions of years ago dominates much of the scenery along the route.

FORCES OF NATURE

So much to see

Depending on the amount of time you have and your starting point, there are numerous recreational, educational and scenic opportunities to discover along the byway, including:

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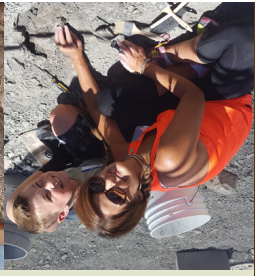
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While the arid terrain today may seem primordial, the area was once a lush, subtropical zone of rivers and lakes full of large reptilian lifeforms during the Mesozoic Era. The existence of these creatures lives on through the fossilized remains scattered throughout the canyons and mesas of the region.

Traveling the roads of the Dinosaur Diamond National Scenic Byway is like taking a time machine back through 200 million years of Earth's history. Over its 512-mile course, the Byway traverses prehistoric plateaus dotted with dinosaur quarries, sinuous canyons full of ancient rock art, and rural communities where the sense of history is found in a landscape of grazing livestock, abandoned cabins, forgotten graveyards and rustic churches.



STEP BACK IN TIME

HELP PROTECT OUR RESOURCES

While traveling the Dinosaur Diamond Scenic Byway, please help to protect and manage these fragile public resources for the enjoyment of future generations. Vertebrate fossils are protected by law and should be left as they are. If you find what may be a new fossil site, leave the bones in place and report it to the appropriate agency. Do not touch pictographs or petroglyphs as oils from your skin can degrade the ancient surfaces. Do not leave your own artwork or initials. Practice Leave No Trace principles. If you witness theft or vandalism in progress, please alert the proper authorities. Much of the Dinosaur Diamond is on public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

YOU CAN REPORT DAMAGE OR NEW FINDINGS TO:
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512-MILE NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY

Traversing the stunning desert landscape of eastern Utah and western Colorado, the route is managed as a non-profit partnership by several federal, state and local agencies and organizations. The Byway protects, promotes and interprets a stunning variety of paleontological resources, rock art sites, ruins, museums and other natural and cultural attractions along its route. America's Scenic Byways are a collection of 96 distinct and diverse roads designated by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.



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