Moki Dugway

The breathtaking Moki Dugway winds 1,200 feet from top to bottom on three miles of graded gravel at an 11% grade. Most vehicles can travel the route safely, but caution is advised for motor homes or vehicles pulling trailers.

Steep switchbacks and expansive views make the Moqui Dugway a dramatic addition to your Cedar Mesa trip

From the Top of the Dugway: On the horizon to the east lies Sleeping Ute Mountain, near Cortez, Colorado. To the southeast is the Shiprock near Shiprock, New Mexico. To the south the Carrizo Mountains straddle the New Mexico/Arizona border. Monument Valley is southeast on the Utah/Arizona Border.

History: The Moki Dugway was built in the 1950s by Texas Zinc Minerals as a route for ore trucks hauling uranium and vanadium from Cedar Mesa to the processing mill near Mexican Hat. You will not see ore trucks today, but you may encounter passenger vehicles slowly moving along the narrow route.

Caution: Please remain on the roadway or in the overlook areas. If you stop to take photos, please pull your vehicle completely off the road to a safe location in one of the pull-out areas along the Dugway, to allow others to pass. If you leave your vehicle to find a good spot for a photo, do so with great care.

What You Can Do to Protect the Cedar Mesa Special Area:

Stay on Designated Routes
Driving off road can damage sites

Don't Touch Rock Writing or Add Your Own

Steer Clear of Walls
Structures can be easily damaged

GPS Reveals Too Much
Remove location data for online photos

Don't Bust the Crust
Stay on existing trails

Leave All Artifacts Where You Find Them
Don't take or add to "Display Rocks"

Know Where Pets are Allowed
Pets are never allowed in archeological sites

Enjoy Archaeology without Ropes
Using climbing gear to access sites is illegal

Camp and Eat Away from Archaeology

No Fires in Valley of the Gods
Use existing fire rings when on the rims

Go to the Bathroom Away from Sites
Pack out all toilet paper

It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations, as they may be different inside and outside the Bears Ears National Monument. For maps, trip planning information, and rules, regulations, and recreation permits, contact the BLM at (435) 587-1510.

To Report an Emergency Call 911

Cell phone service is unreliable in this area - you may need to walk or drive out to a high point.

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Valley of the Gods & Moki Dugway

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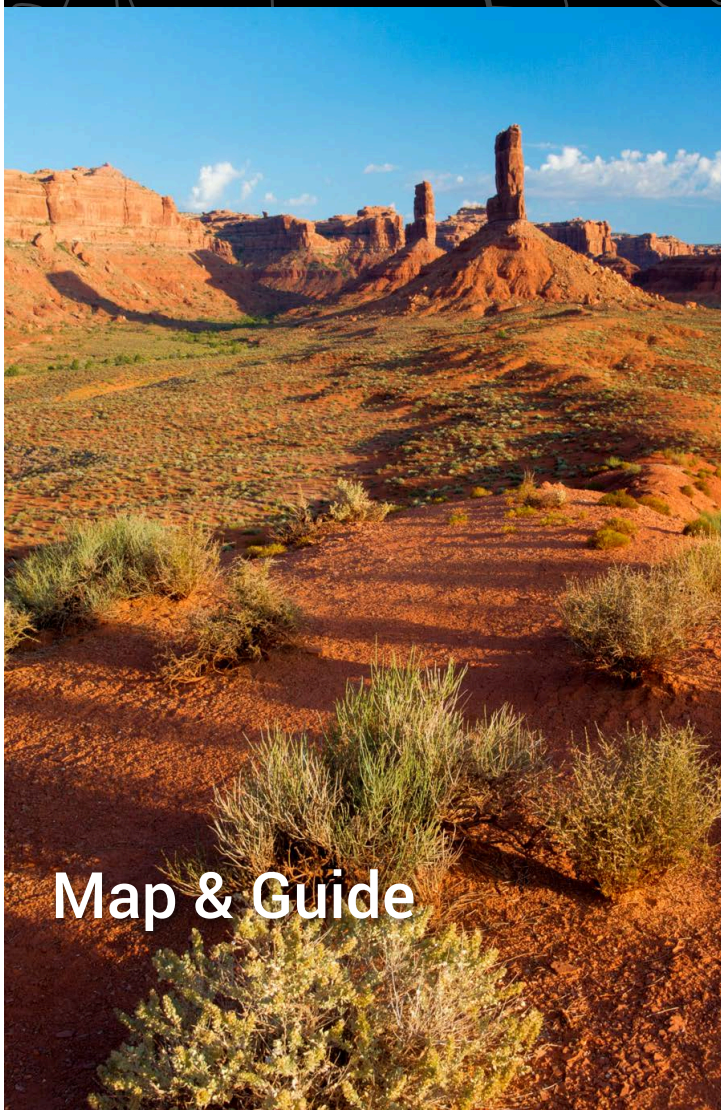


Map & Guide

Valley of the Gods

The parking area near the top of Moki Dugway provides stunning views of Valley of the Gods. From here you will see sandstone formations with fanciful names such as Pyramid Peak, Rooster Butte, and the Seven Sailors. County Road B242 winds 17 miles through Valley of the Gods, skirting many of the formations. The road surface is graded gravel and clay, which is typically suitable for passenger cars. However, the road can be difficult or even impassable when wet. Plan on spending about two hours traveling the loop.

History: The small ranch house visible at the north end of the valley is the Valley of the Gods B&B. Originally Lee's Ranch, it is the only home within the 360,000 acre Cedar Mesa Special Recreation Management Area.

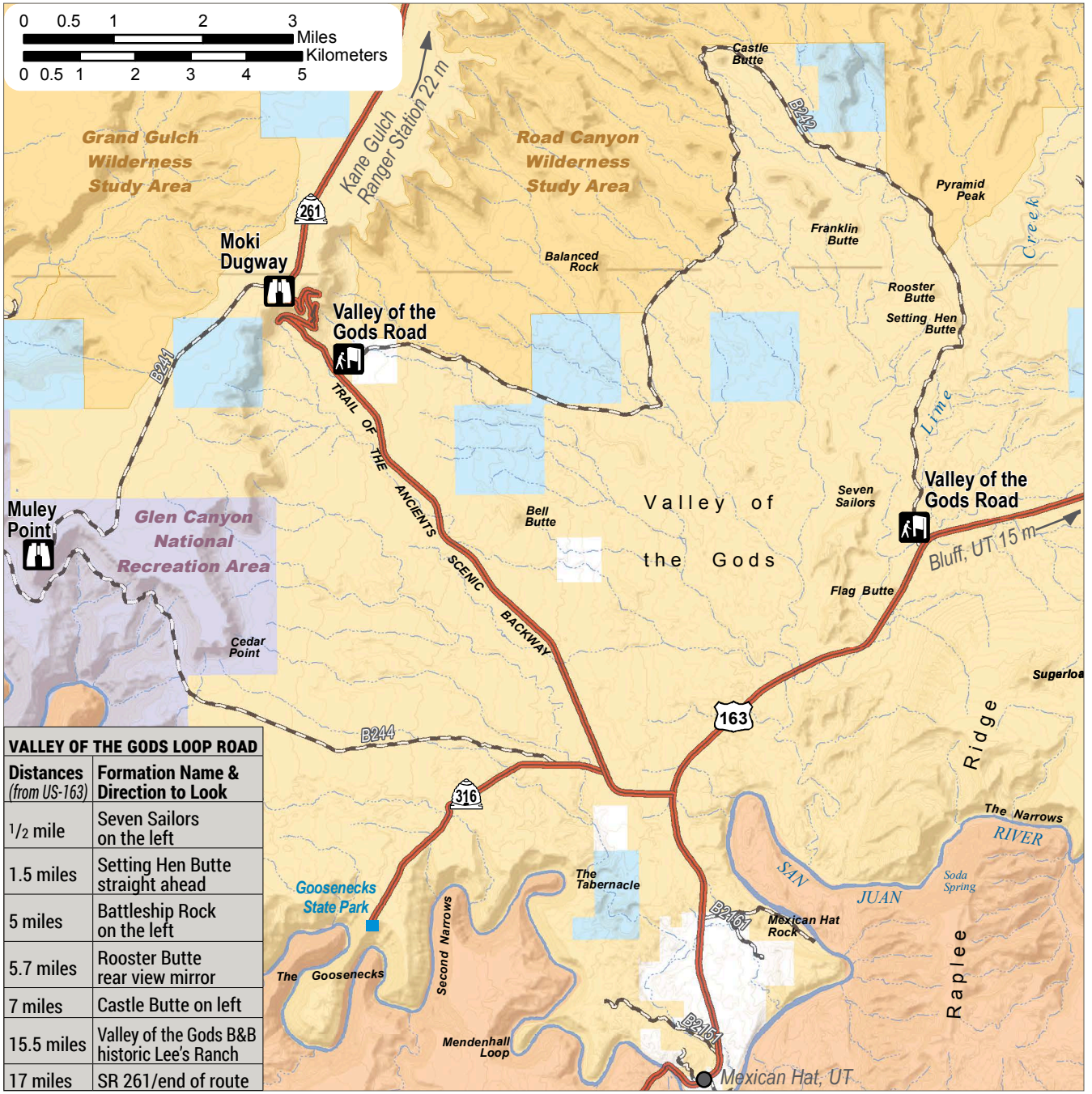
Photography: As is usual in this stark land, morning and evening are the best times for photos. The valley is full of deep evening shadows and the morning sun shines directly on the valley and its towers.

Near the Dugway

Goosenecks State Park: This Utah State Park at the end of State Route 316 offers and astonishing view of the great meandering canyon carved by the San Juan River. The desert landscape reveals its underlying structure, exposing 300 million years of geologic activity below a 1,000 foot overlook.

The Goosenecks of the San Juan River as seen from the State Park

Muley Point (Glen Canyon National Recreation Area): Access near the top of Moki Dugway via County Road B241. The 1,200 foot cliffs of Muley point overlook Monument Valley and John's Canyon. This road can be rough, and is impassable when wet.



VALLEY OF THE GODS LOOP ROAD	
Distances *(from US-163)*	**Formation Name & Direction to Look**
1/2 mile	Seven Sailors on the left
1.5 miles	Setting Hen Butte straight ahead
5 miles	Battleship Rock on the left
5.7 miles	Rooster Butte rear view mirror
7 miles	Castle Butte on left
15.5 miles	Valley of the Gods B&B historic Lee's Ranch
17 miles	SR 261/end of route

Legend:

North

Information Kiosk
State Routes
Class B Roads

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