

# Moab Housing Resources

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### Rental Resources

#### Houses & Apartments

- Zillow <https://www.zillow.com/moab-ut/rentals/>
- KSL <https://www.ksl.com>: a news site/marketplace with classifieds and housing listings
- [Moab Advertiser Classifieds](#)

#### Groups

- [Moab Rentals | Facebook](#). Facebook group for rentals. Updated more regularly than the standard apartment links.
- [Housing Authority of Southeastern Utah - Posts | Facebook](#). This is run by a nonprofit that provides rental information and resources to low-income individuals in Moab area (must make sure you are qualified for low-income housing).
- **UCC GroupMe**: This is a resource for UCC members to communicate on logistics, planning, housing, training etc. If you haven't received an invitation to this yet, please email us at [uccrecruiter@usu.edu](mailto:uccrecruiter@usu.edu)

### Dispersed Camping

***Follow all local land use regulations and obey all signage and closures (see: Camping Resources). Practice Leave No Trace principles diligently. Use strong common sense and situational awareness at all times!***

This guide is to be used in conjunction with proper navigation and preparedness to improve your camping experience on your off time. The dispersed camping areas and routes are broken down by seasonal reliability. Distance from the UCC office (paved miles), route difficulty, cell service/internet, special considerations, etc. are noted. Route difficulty will vary depending on driver, vehicle, weather, etc. The UCC cannot guarantee the accuracy of this guide due to constantly changing regulations and conditions. All dispersed areas are on unpaved roads and vary in distance/travel time from pavement. All areas will require some level of exploration to find your preferred campsite. Have fun, be safe!

#### Spring Season:

Cotter Mine Rd / BLM 215: 38.680663, -109.692731

**13.7 miles, 2WD closer to highway. High Clearance along middle stretches** (sandy washes, rocky). Multiple dispersed options scattered along route. Some have designated camping signs. BLM has a cluster of free designated sites with fire pits 0.7 miles south of Mill Canyon Dinosaur Tracksite as well. **Impassible after storms.** Shade very limited, good service/internet. 4,650' elev.



Behind the Rocks Rd: 38.422576, -109.442192

**11 miles, High clearance and 4WD recommended/required.** Coordinates are for State Trust Lands info Kiosk (0.9 mi from 191) with map of 38 free designated sites. Many of these will require high clearance to reach. Cluster of free designated BLM sites at Picture Frame and Balcony Arches (5.4 miles from 191, 30 minutes) will require high clearance 4x4 due to blowing dunes, rough slickrock, washes, etc. Better shade opportunities with larger/denser juniper. Awesome views of La Sals and BRWSA. Good service/internet both areas. 5,450' elev.

Blue Hills Rd / Ten Mile Pt : 38.748437, -109.738255

**19.2 miles, 2WD on main route. High clearance/4WD on secondary tracks** (there's many). Long road,



lots of opportunity for camping. North side of road dispersed, south side designated sites only (See BLM camping map). Secondary tracks may be impassible after storms. Most sites quite exposed. Spotty service, easy access from Hwy 191. 4,650' elev

Klondike Bluffs area: 38.741947, -109.732686

**18.3 miles, 2WD on main routes. High clearance/4WD possible on secondaries.** Busy during much of the year. Dispersed campsites can be found throughout much of the area. Exposed, little shade. Some areas **likely impassible after storms**. Spotty cell service, easy access from Hwy 191. 4,650' elev.

### Highway 313:

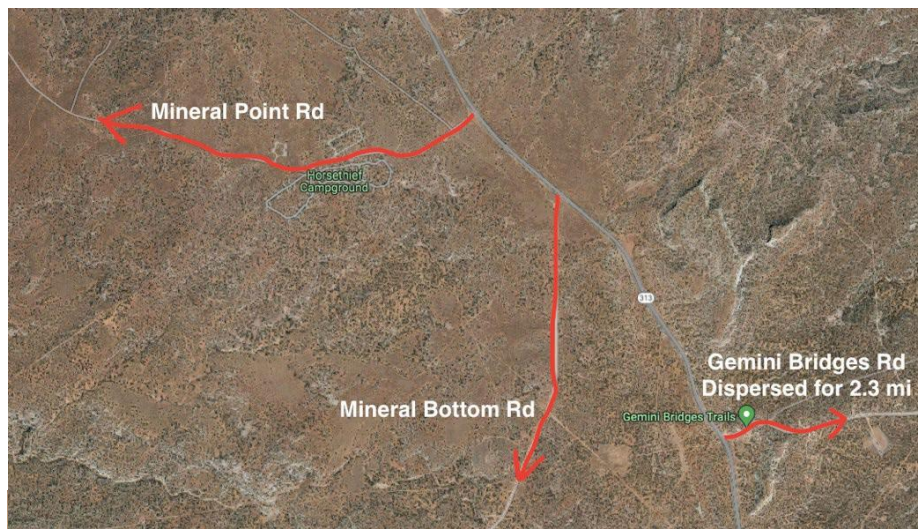
The following are various turnoffs/routes along the highway North of Moab. Popular area with lots of trailheads for Mountain biking, campgrounds, pit toilets, 4x4 routes etc.

There are likely more dispersed opportunities up off this highway than anywhere else in the Moab area. Highly recommend spending some time exploring the area, not to mention Island in the Sky district of Canyonlands N.P. is at the top.

Mineral Bottom / BLM 129:

38.582832, -109.801281

**25.3 miles, 2WD for most of main route. High clearance/4WD often necessary for switchbacks** towards end, (inquire about Mineral Bottom proper). Some dispersed options along this route as well as nearby Mineral Point Rd. (see BLM camping map). Paid BLM campground (Horsethief) close by. Mostly good service, pinyon/juniper shade. 5,800' elev.



Dubinky Wells Rd (BLM 137) / Spring Canyon Rd: 38.628940, -109.801845

**21.6 miles, 2WD on main routes. High clearance/4WD depending** on level of exploring. There's a paid BLM campground (Lone Mesa) near 313 but plenty of dispersed options along this route and its offshoots (see BLM camping map). No camping at X but worth a look! Mostly good service, pinyon/ juniper shade. 5,250' elev



Brides Canyon/Gemini Bridges: 38.656037, -109.679113

**11.6 miles, 4.4 miles from 191, High clearance/4WD and A/T tires required** for Brides. Gemini is a scenic (and popular) offroad route that connects Hwy 191 and upper Hwy 313. **This has become a rough 4x4 route** due to extremely high use. Bride's Canyon (30 minutes from 191, no service/internet, 4,670' elev.) has 6 free designated sites, very scenic, busy.

Upper section of Gemini off 313 is much smoother (2WD) and has varying amounts of dispersed campsites/trailheads on State Trust Lands and BLM, (see BLM camping map). Best not have large groups or fires up here. Mostly good service, pinyon/juniper shade. 5,800 elev.

### Summer Season:

#### Manti-La Sal National Forest:

The La Sal Mountains and surrounding National Forest are key to enjoying the hotter months in Moab. Exploring them during your summer is an absolute must! High elevation provides wonderful temperatures (**often 30 degrees cooler than the valley**) and excellent recreation opportunities. The forest is mixed aspen/fir with multiple small lakes and streams. The National Forest provides tons of dispersed camping. **Find existing campsites and do not make your own.**

#### La Sal Loop Road:

The loop road is paved and has plenty of camping and offshoots with camping as well. It is the main access to the mountains. It can be reached by heading South on Hwy 191 and making a left on Old Airport Rd (towards Kens Lake, there's signs to follow). Alternatively, you can access the other side of the loop road by heading down River Road (Hwy 128). Make a right to and through Castle Valley, continue towards the mountains and turn right onto the signed loop road.

#### Geyser Pass Rd/FR 071: 38.488609, -109.315519

**18.3mi, 2WD except during storms**, gravel. Popular for good reason (drive slow!). There are many camping options along this route and most are quite accessible with a reliable vehicle. The road is 7.9 miles long, starts at 8,000' and climbs to Geyser Pass at 10,600'. Once at the pass you can continue down the backside of the mountains for even more epic exploring. Lesser used roads can get rough. Varying cell service/internet, good shade, lots of trailhead options.

#### Gold Basin: 38.480671, -109.262863

**2WD except during storms**, gravel. Spur road off Geyser Pass Rd, handful of very nice sites up here as well. Gold Basin trail at end of road is beautiful year-round. Say hi to the marmots! Aspen/fir, spotty cell service. 10,000' elev.

#### Oowah and Warner Lakes:

**22.7mi/26.2mi respectively. Gravel/dirt, 2WD except during storms.** These access roads are off the loop road, both are steep and often wash-boarded from high use. Both roads have limited free dispersed sites before arriving at the paid USFS campgrounds. The lakes offer gorgeous scenery, trailhead access, and fishing opportunities. Aspen/fir, no service. 8,700' elev.

## Fall/Winter Seasons:

Most Spring Season camping will apply to fall/winter as well. Again, weather can quickly affect the reliability and access of these areas. If there is heavy precipitation in the forecast it is wise to camp in rocky areas that drain well (gravel, slickrock, sand). The red and blue-gray dirt routes around town can get extremely soft when wet.

Yellow circle Rd: 38.435779, -109.428192

**10.3 mi, 2WD except after storms.** Popular dispersed camping area. First bit is designated/signed sites only. Again, see BLM camping map. Certain areas impassible after storms, don't drive through the big puddles out here...wonder how we know that. Limited shade, ok cell service/internet. 5,400' elev.

## Camping Resources

*In an emergency always call 911. Dispatch will best know how and who to contact for your emergency!*

Please understand that we highly encourage you all to be prepared and resourceful prior to requesting staff or assistance outside of the UCC. Also know that we understand you are in a truly unique position during your time in Moab and we are willing to help when possible. Vehicles can get beat up or stuck while camping in this area and these are almost always your home on wheels. Getting you and your vehicles through the season safely and happily will require a community effort!

**Camping Regulations: "BLM Moab Camping PDF"** (google to find)

<https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/BLMUtahMoabCamping.pdf>

This PDF map is awesome! Please use it regarding camping regulations across varying land use agencies.

**For free camping, you will be focusing on areas that are:**

Yellow (BLM without Wilderness designation), cross-hatched green (designated sites only, portable toilet/wag bag required), light green (U.S Forest Service), and some light blue (State land without Reserve or Park designation).

### **UCC Moab Staff:**

Olivia Lindstrom Cell: (412) 420-9363

**Please respect the use of this number.** All my experiences rescuing/helping folks on and off the clock has been positive thus far. If you need help; please provide your location, needs, and number of people/vehicles. I have a moderately capable 4x4 with seating for 5 total plus gear.

### **UCC Members:**

**One of your absolute best resources will be your fellow members.** Don't be shy, share contact information early in your season. (There are other camping/sleeping options that I cannot include in this guide for obvious reasons)

### **Vehicle Services in Moab:**

- Grand Tire Pros: (435) 259-7909
  - Best shop for tire needs, busy, first come first served
- Point S Tire and Auto: (435) 259-0066

- Walk in services/repairs, busy, first come first served
- Parriott's Garage: (435) 260-1301
  - Better for specialty/niche/performance repairs and services
- Tic Tac Tow: (435) 260-0619
  - Best for normal towing/vehicle needs although they do have one offroad wrecker
- Moab Motorsports: (435) 259-1109
  - Extreme offroad recovery/trail repair needs, extensive 4x4 experience.

### **Navigation:**

#### Gaia GPS (FREE app)

It cannot be stressed enough how useful this app will/would be to most of you. It is excellent for recording tracks and waypoints which can be useful in saving favorite campsites, hikes, etc. The app also does a great job showing camping areas (specifically dispersed) which you may not find otherwise.

#### Google Maps

Satellite view can be very helpful when used in conjunction with other forms of navigation. Often you can even zoom in far enough to get a good idea of a routes surface condition, (slickrock ledges, sand, double track, maintained gravel, etc.) Many wise “no-go” decisions can be made by viewing satellite imagery...ask us how we know...

#### National Geographic Moab Maps

Yep, good ol' paper maps. These are the absolute best for the area. There are a few different flavors regarding these, but the “Moab Greater Region” (\$14.95) will provide the best bang for your buck. There is more detail in the Moab map pack but you can buy different zones individually as well.

#### **Leave No Trace:** [Int.org](http://Int.org)

Why Leave No Trace? LNT involves the “Seven Principles” that we follow to work and recreate outdoors in a sustainable and mindful fashion. This helps conserve and protect many vital resources for you, the environment, and those in the future as well as the past. **Please know these principles for use on and off work hours.**

#### **Weather:** [weather.gov](http://weather.gov)

NOAA and the National Weather Service will provide the most detailed and accurate weather for the area. The weather here is extreme and can range from single digits to triple digits, all forms of precipitation, flash flooding, extreme heat, etc. We encourage you all to be informed and up to date on weather conditions. **Staying informed will ensure your safety as well as those who work in emergency services such as Search and Rescue, Grand County EMS, etc.**

#### **Fire Restrictions:** [utahfireinfo.gov/fire-restrictions](http://utahfireinfo.gov/fire-restrictions)

Note: Please do not construct new fire rings, use only existing ones. **Do not ever leave fires unattended!** **Always make sure your fire is out and cold!** Mix coals/ash with water and feel for heat by hand.

This guide was created for the purpose of supporting members of the Utah Conservation Corps during their AmeriCorps term of service. It will always be a work in progress. Feel free to ask questions and update the Moab staff with any of your findings throughout your time with the UCC.

