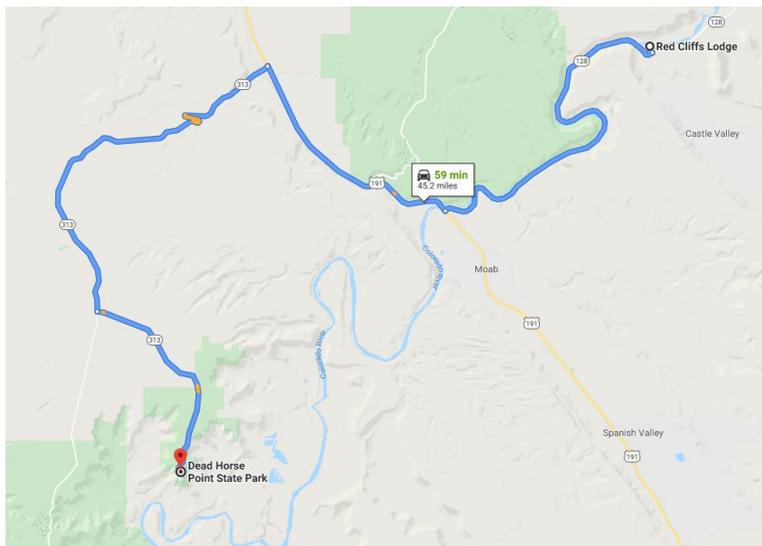


DEAD HORSE POINT DRIVE – MIATAS IN MOAB VI

Optional add on to Canyonlands (Mesa Arch and Grand View Point)

Optional add on to Potash Road

Drive time from Red Cliffs Lodge to Dead Horse State Park overlook and back to the lodge is approximately 4 hours. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and a full tank of gas. Don't forget your camera for amazing views!



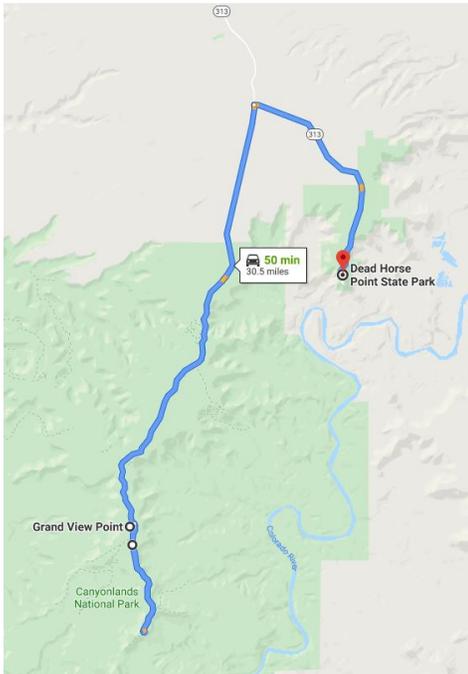
1. The drive begins at Red Cliffs Lodge – set trip meter to “0”
2. From Red Cliffs Lodge, turn right onto State Road 128 for approximately 14.5 miles (towards Moab)
3. At US 191 junction turn right onto US 191 for approximately 8.5 miles (passing Arches National Park entrance).
4. Turn left onto State Road 313. If going in or with a group, note point 5 below.
5. Just past the railroad tracks on SR 313, we will stop and regroup on the roadside.
6. Follow State Road 313 approximately 14.5 miles.
7. Turn left to stay on SR 313, towards Dead Horse Point State Park vs. going straight to Canyonlands National Park.
8. Approximately 5 miles from the turnoff we reach the Utah State Park entrance and Visitor Center.
9. Pay the fee (\$10 fee per vehicle).
10. We will spend 30 minutes at the Visitor Center then regroup to go to the final overlook.
11. Turning left out of the Visitor Center parking lot, travel approximately 2 miles to the overlook parking lot. Then a short walk to the overlook where we will spend approximately 45 minutes
12. Return to Red Cliffs Lodge or take optional drives to Canyonlands National Park (Option A) or Potash Road (Option B). Allow 2 additional hours for Canyonlands optional drive, and 1 hour for optional Potash Road drive.

About Dead Horse Point:

Dead Horse Point is a promontory of stone surrounded by steep cliffs. The overlook at Dead Horse Point is 6,000 feet above sea level. Two thousand feet below, the Colorado River winds its way from the continental divide in Colorado to the Gulf of California, a distance of 1,400 miles. From the overlook, canyon erosion over 150 million years may be viewed on a grand scale and is caused by the river slicing down into the earth's crust as land is forced upward.

Before the turn of the 1900's, mustang herds ran wild on the mesas near Dead Horse Point. The unique promontory provided a natural corral into which the horses were driven by cowboys. The only escape was through a narrow, 30-yard neck of land controlled by fencing. According to one legend, a band of mustangs was left corralled on the Point. The gate was supposedly left open so the horses could return to the open range. For some unknown reason, the mustangs remained on the Point. There they died of thirst within sight of the Colorado River, 2,000 feet below.

Option A: Canyonlands National Park Add On from Dead Horse Point (Will add Approximately 2 hours)



1. From Dead Horse Point final overlook, return approximately 7.9 miles to junction of Grand View Point Road and SR 313.
2. Turn left onto Grand View Point Road.
3. Will be a National Park entrance fee of \$10 per vehicle or use National Parks Pass.
4. Follow road for approximately 23 miles, stopping at Island In the Sky Visitors Center, Mesa Arch and other points of interest along the way. Mesa Arch is a ½ mile relatively easy hike.
5. Return to Red Cliffs Lodge by retracing steps above:
 - a. 23 miles back to SR 313 turning left onto SR 131
 - b. 14.5 miles to US 191, turning right onto US 191
 - c. 8.5 miles to US 191 junction, turning left onto SR 128
 - d. 14.5 miles to Red Cliffs Lodge

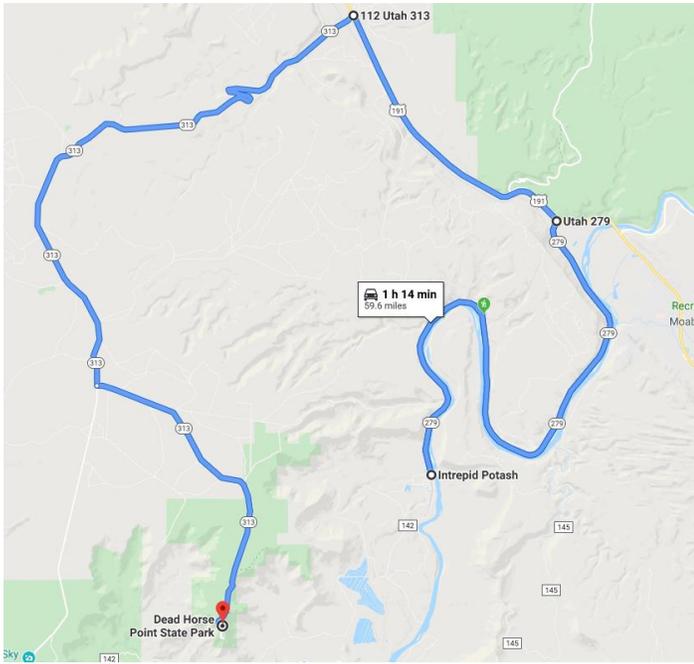
About Canyonlands Island in the Sky Area:

The Island in the Sky mesa rests on sheer sandstone cliffs over 1,000 feet above the surrounding terrain. Every overlook offers a different perspective on Canyonlands' spectacular landscape. Mesa Arch is a spectacular arch perched on a cliff edge (see photo above). You can get views of the White Rim Road, canyons, and the distant La Sal Mountains. Mesa Arch is a popular spot for sunrise photographers, but it's an excellent visit any time of day.

Upheaval Dome is quite a different story. In an area approximately three miles (5 km) across, rock layers are dramatically deformed. In the center, the rocks are pushed up into a circular structure called a dome, or an anticline. Surrounding this dome is a downwarp in the rock layers called a syncline. What caused these folds at Upheaval Dome? Geologists do not know for sure, but there are two main theories which are hotly debated; Salt Dome or Impact Crater?



Option B: Potash Road Add On from Dead Horse Point (Will add approximately 1 hour to the drive)



1. From Dead Horse Point final overlook, return approximately 7.9 miles to junction of SR 313 and Grand View Point Road
2. Turn right onto SR 131, retracing steps back towards Moab
3. Travel 14.5 miles to US 191, then turn right onto US 191
4. Travel 6.9 miles on US 191 then turn right onto Potash Road
5. Potash Road is paved for 15 miles.
6. After turning around, retrace steps back to US 191, then turn right towards Moab
7. Travel 1.6 miles then turn left at SR 128 to return to Red Cliffs Lodge, 14.5 miles

About Potash Road

- After 2.7 miles on Potash Road the drive enters the deep gorge of the Colorado River.
- At the 4 mile point, look for rock climbers on the cliffs along the section of the road, locally referred to as Wall Street.
- At 5.1 miles several petroglyph panels are visible on cliffs on the right side of the highway. Marked pull-offs on the left side of the road provide parking to view these panels. An interpretive sign provides additional information.
- At 5.9 miles the Poison Spider Trail Parking will be on the right. A kiosk on the end of the parking lot, near the vault toilet, will have a map for a short trail to dinosaur tracks and rock art.
- Trailhead parking for the trail to Corona and Bowtie Arches is available at 9.9 miles. This is a strenuous hike. Corona Arch, with an opening of 140 by 105 feet, is also known as Little Rainbow because of its resemblance to Rainbow Bridge at Lake Powell.
- Look for Jug Handle Arch, adjacent to the highway, at 13.5 miles.
- Shortly beyond Jug Handle Arch, the canyon widens and the sheer cliffs below Dead Horse Point State Park become visible in the distance.
- The paved highway ends at the Intrepid Potash Mine where potash, a mineral often used as a fertilizer, is extracted.

