

Dinosaur trip announcement Oct 11-13

Limit of 30 people and you must be a member. Email john@wyom.net to reserve a spot after the 1st of September 6pm. We will be assisted on this trip by a retired National Park Service Naturalist, Alan Mebane and John Hebberger retired Chevron geologist. We will be driving on well maintained roads with the exception of the optional 3rd day. Everyone will be responsible for their own food and there are fees at the monument.

We will climb through steep folds of the Unita Mountains uplift south of Manilla.



We will follow the Sheep Creek Geologic Loop road using a road log from the Utah Geologic Survey

https://www.utahgeology.org/road_logs/uga-29_first_edition/OP_guide/sheepcrk.pdf



We then set up camp at Red Canyon Visitor Center.



The next day we will get up and head to Dinosaur National Monument established in 1915 after many exciting discoveries by Earl Douglas.



The visitor center was completely rebuilt in the last decade.



It includes a wall of fossils which we can take a shuttle to visit.

<https://www.dinoland.com/photo-gallery/>



We will camp at the Split Mountain campsite. <https://www.nps.gov/dino/index.htm>

The next we head back to Jackson on our own. Those who wish may further explore the monument.

Itinerary

Oct 11, 2019 Friday 9am - Leave Jackson for Flaming Gorge Reservoir following highway 530 on the west side of Flaming Gorge. Follow the Sheep Creek Geologic Loop south of Manila (road 218). Camp at Red Canyon Visitor Center area. Rim campground see map.

Oct 12, 2019 Saturday 8am – Leave for Dinosaur Quarry following highway 44 to 191 to Vernal, head east on 40 to Jensen, head north at Jensen to the quarry. Visit the new building housing the quarry site. Camp at Split Mountain or Green River campsite.

Oct 13, 2019 Sunday 8am – Leave for Jackson. Possibly see Museum in Vernal. Field Museum is closed on Sunday during winter. Official start of winter is in October but date is unclear.

Oct 13, 2019 Sunday 8am Optional . Continue east on highway 40 to Canyon Visitor Center. Go north on Harper's Corner Road to Echo Park Overlook. Go back to the way we came or continue on Echo Park Road above the Yampa River on bench. Exit at Elk Springs and take highway 318 to either 191 or 430. This is probably a long slow drive hence the optional form. Road conditions are unknown until we arrive.

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