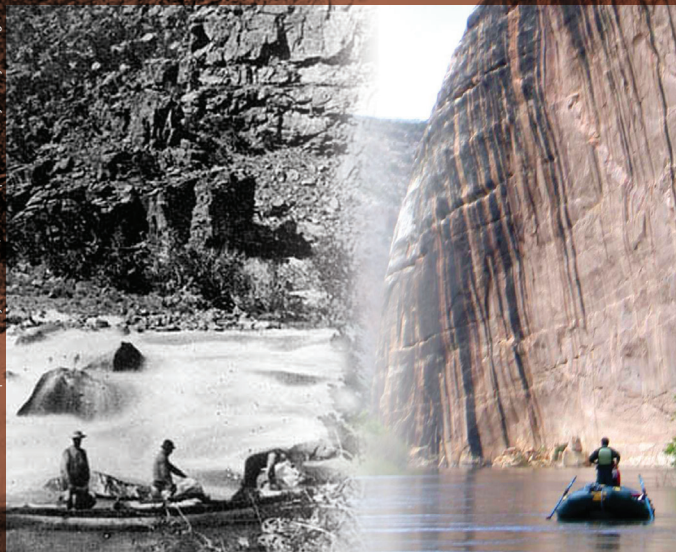


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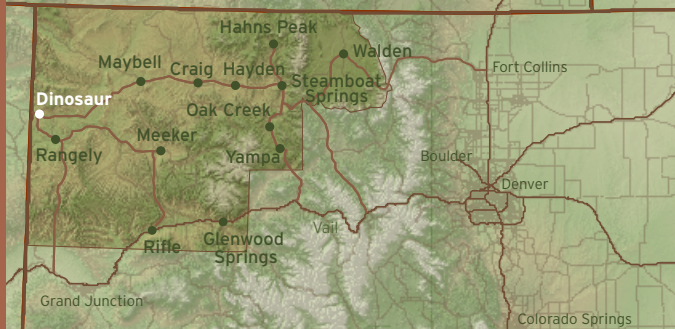
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Did you know that just outside the town of Dinosaur there is endless opportunity for outdoor adventure at Dinosaur National Monument?

Follow the Green and Yampa Rivers through deeply carved canyons on the same course as the area's early surveyors. In 1869 the Powell Expedition explored and recorded its waters and landmarks. The names they gave to the canyon's features, the *Gates of Lodore*, *Whirlpool Canyon*, and *Echo Wall*—attest to their experience of the uncharted terrain.

The Monument's cultural history dates back 10,000 years. Clovis and later Fremont and Ute Indians were the first explorers of the region. Their art, carved petroglyphs and painted pictographs, give us a glimpse into their lives. Early settlers built homesteads in this area—and some remaining evidence is found alongside native people's art.



Did you know that dinosaurs are only one chapter in one billion years of Earth's history exposed in Dinosaur National Monument's striking scenery?

A range of human history is preserved within the Monument, including Native American rock art, homesteaders' cabins, and an early 20th-century ranch.

Within the Colorado canyons, one billion years of history is revealed in towering rock formations. Experience the canyons and cliffs from the waters of the Green and Yampa rivers on a rafting trip. Or hike to a vantage point, 2,500 feet above the rivers, to take in stunning vistas of this remote region's boundless landscapes. Start from the Canyon Area Visitor's Center and take the self-guided Harpers Corner Auto Tour over Blue Mountain.

Trip Planning:

- Moffat County – www.visitmoffatcounty.com
- Dinosaur National Monument – www.nps.gov/dino
- www.byways.org/explore
- Northwest Colorado Cultural Heritage Tourism – www.nwcoloradoheritagetravel.org

Directions:

Canyon Area Visitors Center: Travel west on Interstate 70 to Rifle, Colorado. Take the exit for Highway 13, and follow Highway 13 north toward Meeker. Turn left on Highway 64, about 40 miles past Rifle. Follow 64 west to Dinosaur, Colorado (about 78 miles). Turn east (right) in Dinosaur, onto Highway 40. Travel east on Highway 40 for two miles. Turn north (left) on Harpers Corner Road at the signs and make the first right into the parking lot.