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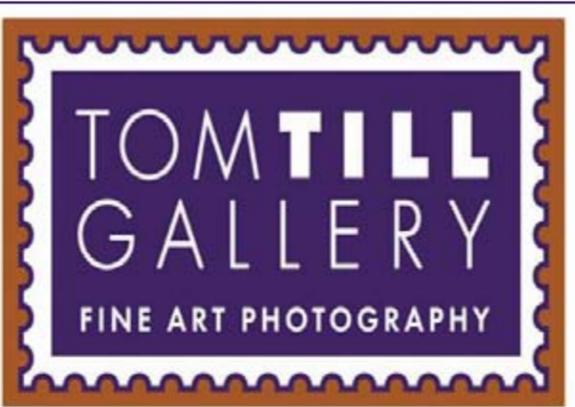
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# HIKING HAPPENINGS

## Aztec Butte – Clues To An Ancient Culture

Story and photos by Marcy Hafner

Island In The Sky, with an average elevation of 6100 feet, is the highest portion of Canyonlands National Park. Situated like a desert island, this sheer-walled plateau is surrounded by a far-reaching, isolated landscape, which drops precipitously down to the surging waters of the Colorado and Green Rivers. On a clear day, a person can cast his vision almost 100 miles across a tangled web of canyons, mesas, buttes, fins and spires – a wondrous horizon-to-horizon view climaxed by three distinct mountain ranges – the La Sals to the east, the Abajos to the south and the Henry Mountains to the west.

Somewhere in time - many centuries ago - groups of ancestral Puebloans (formerly known as Anasazi) lived within the boundaries of the park. Pressured by the growing populations around Mesa Verde, they had migrated to Utah's Canyonlands searching for more suitable land to grow their crops of corn, squash and beans. By 1200 A.D., these early farmers had settled in scattered areas throughout the park wherever water was abundant including along the Green River. They, however, still practiced the hunter-gatherer lifestyle and regularly climbed the steep 2,000 foot terrain to the Island In The Sky mesa for that purpose. During those travels, they also built granaries, and one of the best examples of those ancient structures is in the vicinity of Aztec Butte - a prominent landmark that is visible for a long distance.

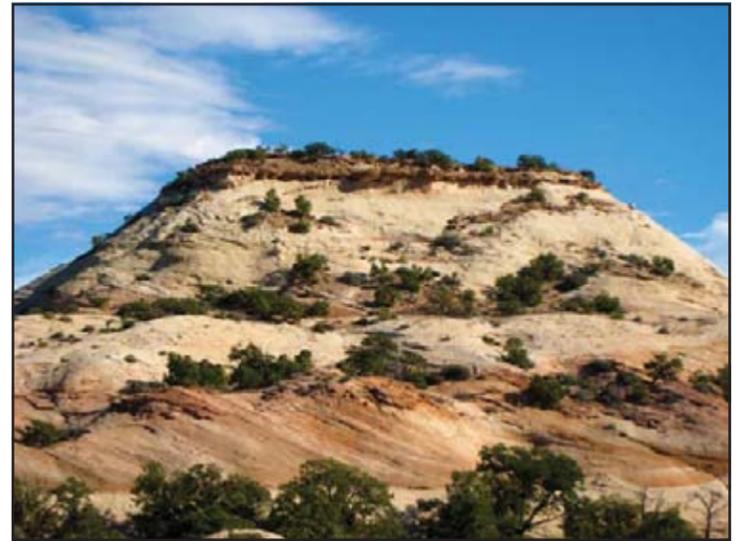
To get to Island In The Sky, drive ten miles north of Moab on Highway 191. At Highway 313, turn left and drive another 25 miles to the park's entrance station.

On my last visit to the park, I stopped at the visitor center to make some inquiries about the granaries, and the ranger informed me that due to a rock slide, the trail up the steep slickrock to the top of Aztec Butte had been closed. A spur trail, however, to a small hill on the west side of Aztec Butte remained open to two easily accessible granaries, which remained in excellent condition. After that conversation, I drove approximately five more miles to a stop sign, where I turned right in the direction of Willow Flat Campground and Upheaval Dome. Parking for Aztec Butte isn't far beyond that turn.

During the first part of this easy-going sandy trail, I am impressed with the healthy growth of blackbrush, pinyon pines, junipers, Mormon tea, sagebrush and Indian rice grass. The various buttes fascinate me – each one displaying its own trademark size and shape from a gentle cone to a sharp-edged slanted protrusion that abruptly shoots up from the ground. But the most dominant structure is the mystical image of Aztec Butte, as its dimensions imaginatively suggest an Aztec pyramid - a hefty chunk of pale white rock, which steeply angles upward from a light brown base to its flat-cropped top, where a small forest of pinyon pines and junipers thrive.

At the fork, a faded sign clearly indicates that the trail to Aztec Butte is closed, and I continue along the spur trail towards the lower butte. Soon piles of rock called cairns indicate the best way up the short gentle grade to the top. Then one small boost over the final ledge, and I'm standing on firm ground with an even more dynamic view of Aztec Butte.

The trail now makes a loop along the perimeter of the mesa, and I travel the counterclockwise direction. Gingerly dropping down just below

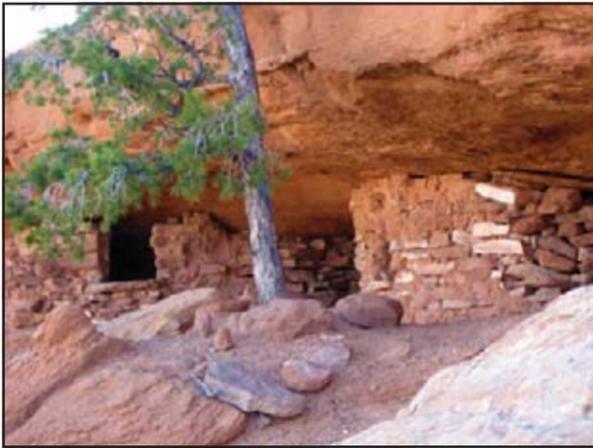


The explanations for this strange activity are varied - maybe they wanted a measure of security – if something happened to their food supply along the river, they still had this cache on the mesa. Possibly, they didn't trust their marauding neighbors or enemies. To me, however, the most plausible theory is they built these granaries to be used during their hunting-gathering trips on the mesa.

Over the years, changing weather patterns to a dryer climate made farming more difficult. The depletion of the clan's natural resources added another stress factor to their sustainability. Eventually they had no other choice but to move on to greener pastures, and various groups gradually drifted away. For a long time, the common belief was that they just mysteriously disappeared, but strong scientific evidence now suggests they probably joined the Hopi and Zuni communities in New Mexico and Arizona and Pueblo villages along the Rio Grande.

By 1300 these ancient people had completely vacated their homeland leaving behind only traces of their past. Archeologists have unearthed a tremendous amount of

information about the lifestyle of this tribe of Native Americans, but so much about their passage remains a haunting conundrum, and those unanswered questions remain buried in the shifting sands of the desert.



the rim on the west side, I discover the granaries tucked away inside a small alcove. On this rocky ledge a pinyon pine has defied the odds – despite the lack of soil, it has somehow managed to mature into a tall tree. These well-preserved dwellings, which were constructed long before this pine was even born, have withstood the test of time and the elements. The three foot high rock and mortar walls are still intact, and each granary has a rectangular hole for access with a ledge - one is even framed with pieces of wood.

This well-protected alcove must have been a pleasant place for these resourceful people to finally stop after a long haul up the steep canyon - a huge relief to drop their heavy load of food! And while they rested they could look out on this expansive view of The Henry Mountains, the Bookcliffs and the staggering vastness of the Canyonlands scenery.

As I stretch out on the front porch, I ponder the arduous back-breaking work they must have endured to get their food stocks up here – to build these granaries so far away from their fields, the reasons must have been compelling.



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- 14 **Second Wednesday Book Club at the Library.** *Mr. Ives' Christmas* by Oscar Hijuelos is December's book selection. All are welcome - 6:00 p.m. in the Grand County Public Library's Board Room.
- 15 **Frankie D's - DJ Kid Steveo** 9:30 pm
- 17 **Christmas Bird Count at Moab** see article on page 1B
- 16 **Frankie D's - Mid Life Crisis**, classic rock 9:30 pm
- 19 **Sorrel River Ranch Chef's Demonstration:** 2-3 pm. Our culinary team invites everyone to spend an afternoon with our Chef's as they create sugar cookies from scratch. Ideal for decorating, sharing with friends and leaving out for Santa Claus, the kids are certain to have a fun time with this family cooking demonstration. The course is \$25 per person for one adult and one child (aged 5-12). Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. 435-259-4642
- 21 **2nd Annual Christmas Bird Count at Dead Horse Point** see page 6A

- 21 **Journey Beyond Book Group** at the Seekhaven Chapel 81 North 300 East. December's book selection is "The Year of Pleasures" by *Elizabeth Berg*. All are welcome! Books provided by the Utah Humanities Council are available for checkout at the library.
- 21 **Winter Solstice** see Sky Happenings on page 4B
- 23-24 **Frankie D's - DJ Kid Steveo** 9:30 pm
- 25 **CHRISTMAS**
- 25 **Community Christmas Dinner** see page 11A
- 30 **Frankie D's - DJ Kid Steveo** 9:30 pm
- 31 **Frankie D's - Celebrate New Years Eve with Mid Life Crisis.** Party Favors.

**January**  
1 **NEW YEARS DAY**

- February**  
11 **2012 Health Fair**, 10 am to 1 pm at the Grand Center - sponsored by Moab Regional Hospital





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- January 13-15 ..... Bluff Balloon Festival
- February 11..... Moab Regional Hospital Health Fair
- March 10-13 ..... Skinny Tire Festival
- March 17 ..... Canyonlands Half Marathon
- March 31-April 8..... Easter Jeep Safari
- April 26-29 ..... Moab Spring Quarter Horse Show
- April 27-29..... April Action Car Show
- May 12..... Gran Fondo
- May 26-27..... Moab Arts Festival

- June 7-9 ..... Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo
- Aug. 30-Sept. 10 .... Moab Music Festival
- September 21-23 .... Moab Century Tour
- September 22-23 .... Moab Fall Quarter Horse Show
- October 3 -7..... Outerbike
- October 5-7..... 24 Hours of Moab
- October 21..... The Other Half
- October 25-28 ..... Moab Ho-Down Bike Fest
- October 28..... Pumpkin Chuckin' Festival
- November 2-4 ..... Moab Folk Festival
- November 9-11..... Moab River Rendezvous

# MOAB CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

For a community to prosper and grow, its residents have to be **INVOLVED**. If you would like to participate in any club or organization, **PLEASE CALL THEM**. Many of these groups are always looking for a helping hand or two.

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## December

- 2 Frankie D's - 9:30 pm *Mid Life Crisis*, classic rock.
- 2 **Special reading with Stephen Peck.** Join us at Back of Beyond Books at 7:00pm for a special reading by former Moab resident Stephen Peck from his first novel.
- 2 **Annual Bazaar** hosted by the *Daughters of Utah Pioneers*. 12:00pm -2:00pm
- 3 **Frankie D's - 7pm, After the Electric Light Parade Party** with the *Boom Boom Room* and *Dancing Behind the Sheets*.
- 2-3 **Moab Winter Sun Festival** - Tree Lighting, Winter Sun 10K, Electric Light Parade, Holiday arts & craft fair, Grand Center Gift Fair, merchant specials and more. See ad on page 2A.
- 2-3 **MARC Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair** - 4pm-8pm (2<sup>nd</sup>) 10am - 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup>). All hand-made pottery, jewelry, soaps, clothing, plants, knitted goods, wood crafts, cheese, pet treats, birdbaths, photography, cinnamon ornaments and more. *Santa* will visit from the North Pole on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and there will be a *Christmas Cat Adoption* from 10am - 2pm.
- 2-3 **Grand Center Gift Fair** - Friday 4pm to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm. The Café will be open during the fair and the Center's famous cinnamon rolls and sticky buns will be available both days!
- 3 **Cortez Parade of Lights** on Main Street, 6 pm. Call Gayel at 970-654-4095
- 3 **The Cocoa Cottage-** *Moab Regional Hospital* invites you to enjoy free hot chocolate & frosted cookies during the Electric Light Parade from 5:30 pm until the end of the parade. 83 S. Main St. (Canyonlands Trading Post).
- 3 **Winter Sun 10K** - 10am. Fast downhill course, raffle prizes, yummy food, long sleeve tech shirt. For more information or to register, go to www.moabhalfmarathon.org
- 3 **Watch Bighorn Sheep near Green River at 8am.** The watch will be held near Green River. The event is free. Everyone is encouraged to attend. You don't need to pre-register, but please be on time." Bring a pair of binoculars or a spotting scope along with snacks, drinks and a camera. If you don't have your own binoculars or a spotting scope, no problem -- the biologists will have extra spotting scopes and binoculars for you to use. If you'd like to participate, meet at the John Wesley Powell Museum in Green River.(1765 E. Main Street.) For more information, contact Brent Stettler at (435) 613-3707 or brentstettler@utah.gov.
- 5 **Sorrel River Ranch Chef's Demonstration:** 2-3 pm. Our culinary team invites everyone for a special teaching demonstration. Spend an afternoon with our Chef's as they teach how to make cranberry sauce from scratch. The course is \$25 per person. Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. 435-259-4642
- 5-15 **MARC Holiday Arts Classes-** \$20 per class, ages 10 and up. Must preregister, supplies provided. Classes include **Simple Woodworking** Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30; **Wreath Making**, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30; **Decoupage**, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 6-8:30; **Photo Albums**, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8:30; **Gingerbread House Making**, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-7.
- 8 **Utah Film Circuit: *Buck***, December's film is a free screening at Star Hall at 7:00 pm. 2011 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award Winner. Call the Library at 435-259-1111 for more information. Moab is an initiative of the Grand County Public Library and the Utah Film Center.
- 8-9 **The Simply Dance Co. presents** two performances of Tim Burton's "*The Nightmare Before Christmas*", featuring the GCHS Red Devillettes. 7pm both nights at the Grand County High School Auditorium. \$8 Adults, \$4 Kids (4 - 12), Kids 3 and under free.
- 9 **Brewer's Dinner** at the Moab Brewery - Grand County Educational Foundation's 2nd annual social event 5:30-7:00 pm, reservations and prepayment required. Five course dinner, beer and win pairing, \$100 per person. Contact Michael (michaelm@themoabbrewery.com) Open social event starts at 7:00pm to 8:30 pm, must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets at the door, \$20 per person, hors d'oeuvres buffet, live music and drawings for prizes
- 9 **Frankie D's - DJ Kid Stevo** 9:30pm
- 10 **Elks National Free Throw "Hoop Shoot: Contest"** - For all boys and girls ages 8-13. Registration begins at 11:00 am. For more information contact Dan Stott at 260-1413 or visit www.elks.org/hoopshoot 200 E Center St.
- 10 **Frankie D's - A special Fund Raiser for Moab Roller Derby**, everyone invited.
- 12 **Sorrel River Ranch Chef's Demonstration:** 2-3 pm. Our culinary team invites everyone to spend an afternoon with our Chef's as they create sugar cookies from scratch. Ideal for decorating, sharing with friends and leaving out for Santa Claus, the kids are certain to have a fun time with this family cooking demonstration. The course is \$25 per person for one adult and one child (aged 5-12). Reservations are required 24 hours in advance. 435-259-4642
- 12 **Community Christmas Program** - Come join us for the first annual community Christmas program at Star Hall (159 E. Center St). This event will begin at 6 PM and is open to the general public. Free Admission. For more info call 916-220-3857.
- 13 **Open house at the Utah State University Moab** at 6 pm. Grand Center 182 N. 500 W, Moab, Utah. All community members are welcome to join us and provide feedback on a draft of the master plan for the new campus.

For more info on events see [www.moabhappenings.com](http://www.moabhappenings.com)

**DEADLINE for JANUARY Events Calendar: DECEMBER 20, 2011**

**Listings in the Moab Happenings Events Calendar are FREE!!**  
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e-mail: [info@moabhappenings.com](mailto:info@moabhappenings.com)

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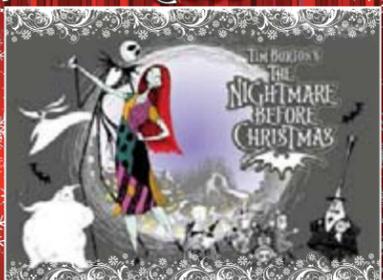
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# WINTER RECREATION HAPPENINGS

## Winter in the La Sal Mountains

When the weather in Moab gets cold, freezing the Colorado River and putting snow and ice on everybody's favorite bike trail or climbing route, there is another alternative available. Find yourself in an inversion? It is time to go and discover the recreation opportunities in the La Sal Mountains.

The La Sals are second only to the Uintas as the highest peaks in the state of Utah. These mountains soar to almost 13,000 feet above sea level and over 8,000 feet above the valley floor. A laccolith process formed the La Sals. With this process, a mass of igneous rock intruded between layers of sedimentary rock, resulting in uplift. You could call them frustrated volcanoes too. Aside from the volcanoes of the Pacific-Northwest, there are no peaks with greater rise in the continental U.S.

Winter recreation in the La Sals includes cross country skiing, skate skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, back-country skiing and snowmobiling. The winter access to the mountains is provided from two routes kept open by the Grand and San Juan County Road Departments.



suffocation. These are not good odds. It's not good policy to plan on outrunning an avalanche, even on a fast snowmobile, because avalanches have been clocked at well over 200 mph. Grim statistics showing that snowmobilers are the most likely people to be killed in avalanches also support this.

1. The La Sal Mountain Loop Road is plowed regularly. The Geyser Pass road is kept open to the restrooms and parking area at 9,600'. The Geyser Pass Road and Gold Basin Road beyond the winter trailhead is a popular area for cross country skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. Groomed trails are provided by the Lower Utah Nordic Alliance (LUNA). Volunteers groom trails approximately twice a week, which provide 12 kilometers of a groomed trail-system, open to every winter user group. These roads also provide access to backcountry skiing and snowboarding in the Mt. Tomasaki and Gold Basin areas. There is a sledding hill just below the parking lot. If you are using the sledding hill, please park in the parking lot so other vehicles can get to the parking lot. The road in the winter is narrow enough!

Snowmobiles are not allowed to leave the road in Gold Basin. Please respect this closure of the most popular skiing area in the La Sals - the rest of the entire range is open to you!

2. From near Old La Sal at the south end of the range, the road is plowed regularly two miles short of Dark Canyon Lake, just below Mount Peale. The San Juan Road Department makes a parking lot at about 9,600'.

*Winter Huts are available for rent from...*

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These simple cabins are great for folks who want to spend several days in the mountains, but don't want to lose a couple of hours driving back and forth from town every day. The hut operators can snow cat your supplies and camping gear in for you saving you the heavy carry.

### Avalanche Hazard in the La Sal Mountains

The La Sals are rubbly piles of fractured stone. The angle of repose for this broken stone is 38 degrees, and since snow is also a granular substance, 38 degrees is the bulls-eye slope angle for snow avalanches. Keep in mind though, that avalanches run on terrain from 30 - 45 degrees. Most people caught in avalanches are in terrain that is 30 - 35 degrees of steepness. The La Sal Mountains usually possess one of the weakest snow packs imaginable.

Why do we care? Because 30% of people completely buried by avalanches are killed by trauma and many of those remaining die from

So what do we do? Fortunately, staying safe doesn't have to mean staying at home! The good news is that most people trigger the slide that catches them, so if we learn a little about snow and adjust our behavior to suit the conditions, we can continue to enjoy our winter playground!

The Manti-La Sal Avalanche Center in Moab exists to help you make the right decisions. The MLSAC Forecasters examine the snow and produce an advisory informing you of where you are most likely to run into problems and just how sensitive the snow is. They also produce a mountain weather forecast, work with the Moab Winter Search and Rescue Team and provide avalanche education to the community in numerous ways. The MLSAC educates the community through the advisories, classes held periodically, radio announcements on the weekends on KZMU, the website and at the Geyser Pass Trailhead information board. The center director is Max Forgensi.

The website is a great tool for:

- Finding a weather forecast for the Moab area, including radar images
- A current photo gallery of the La Sal Mountains
- Advisories for the La Sals and the Abajo Mountains
- A current course schedule for southeast Utah

Watch for periodic special events like ski swaps and avalanche awareness classes. If you need to talk to one of the avalanche forecasters, please call 259-7155 Monday-Friday during normal business hours and be sure to mention you read about it in Moab Happenings.

### FOR CURRENT ADVISORIES

**259-SNOW (7669)**

or on the Internet at

<http://utahavalanchecenter/advisory/moab>



### AVALANCHE CLASS SCHEDULES

You can find class announcements online at

h <http://utahavalanchecenter.org>

h <http://www.cnha.org/friends/>

or by calling

**259-SNOW (7669)**

## Change of the Seasons

The seasons are now teetering between fall and winter and the roar of tourist season has diminished. December brings tranquility to Dead Horse Point that seemed unimaginable just a short time ago. The hiking trails remain open offering hikers the chance to soak in astonishing views. These are the views that have inspired countless artists and left lasting impressions on visitors worldwide. Winter visitors to the



Winter view from Dead Horse State Park

park gain the pleasure of hiking trails where the footprints of others have almost entirely faded, leaving an unspoiled landscape. The Intrepid T rail System remains open until the first big snowfall for those mountain bikers that refuse to let the changing seasons keep their tires out of the dirt. For cold weather campers, the campground offers heated running water restrooms all winter long.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Christmas Bird Count will kick off winter in the park on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year's event turned out a great list of birds. With luck this year we can expand that list and even add a few rarely seen species. Participants will scour the park, making use of all passable trails in hopes of catching a glimpse of a Chukar, Northern Goshawk, Pinyon Jay or a number of other birds that make their home in the Dead Horse Point area. Interested birders should contact the park for more information.

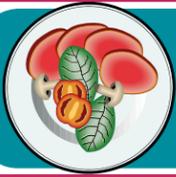
The photographs of Tom Till continue to adorn the walls of the Bighorn Art Gallery. To view the exhibit, "Breathtaking - the Vistas of Dead Horse Point", be sure to arrive at the visitor center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as winter hours are now in effect. The photographic works of Tom Till call attention to the visual power of the canyons



surrounding Dead Horse Point.

Dead Horse Point State Park is located nine miles north of Moab on US 191, and 23 miles south on SR 313. The visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the winter. The park is open on Christmas Day and New Year's Day but the visitor center is closed. Park admission is \$10 per vehicle. For more information, contact the park at 435-259-2614.

By Jordan Perez



# RESTAURANT GUIDE



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## How To Get A Drink... ...In Moab, Utah

Recent changes to Utah Liquor Laws have made it less confusing and easier to get an alcoholic drink. You can now go to **some** restaurants and without ordering food, you can order a drink.

Some restrictions may still apply as to where you can sit in a particular establishment when consuming alcohol. For example, Zax has an adult atmosphere in the Watering Hole where you can order a cocktail and watch your favorite sporting event on their 13 tvs, with or without ordering food. This locally owned full-service restaurant serves their entire menu in both the Watering Hole and restaurant. However, if you sit in the family dining restaurant, you need to order food to consume an alcoholic beverage.



The Moab Brewery, Moab's only on-site microbrewery, offers a variety of locally brewed beers in their tavern, as well as being available at other restaurants in town. Many flavors are on sale at retail stores in Moab as well in the Salt Lake City area.

Eddie McStiff's Restaurant, Brew Pub and Bar has 12 beers on tap and a tiki bar where you can get a glass of wine or a cocktail or beer without ordering food.

The Rio Sports Bar & Grill boasts Moab's largest selection of liquor with indoor and outdoor seating (must be 21 years or older).

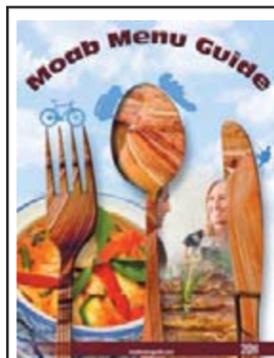
Also new is the addition of two upscale lounges in Moab. Vista Lounge located inside Buck's Grill House and The Ghost Bar, upstairs at Jeffrey's Steakhouse. Both locations have a sophisticated and casual atmosphere to relax and wait for dinner or to just stop in at the end of the day and have a drink to unwind.

Moab has two local wineries. Castle Creek Winery is located at Red Cliffs Lodge, 15 miles from Moab on Scenic Highway 128 (The River Road). Spanish Valley Vineyards is located just off Highway 191, south of Moab about 6 miles on Zimmerman Lane. Both wineries have on-site tasting rooms and wine available for sale. Utah State Liquor Stores also sell many local wines. If you would like to try some of these award winning vintages, look for restaurants serving these Moab wines.

The **Utah State Liquor Store** is the only location where you can purchase bottled liquor, wine and beer with an alcoholic content above 3.2%. The Moab store is located at **55 West 200 South** and is open from Monday through Saturday (11:00 am to 9:00 pm - May 1st to November 1st and from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m - November 1st to May 1st). They are closed on Sundays and Holidays.

Beer (3.2% alcohol content) for take-out can be purchased at food stores and convenience stores for off-premise consumption only. On-premise beer (you can drink it here) is available at various licensed locations, including taverns, golf courses, bowling alleys, and restaurants that have the required beer license.

Utah law forbids open containers in or about any motor vehicle. A blood alcohol level of 0.08% (0.05% if you have a child in the car with you) is the maximum allowable under Utah Code to be declared "driving under the influence."



Pick up a copy of the **Moab Menu Guide** at many businesses around town. It can help you choose a place to eat or order your meal for take-out. The Moab Menu Guide is also online at [www.moabmenuguide.com](http://www.moabmenuguide.com).

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**Buck's Grill House & Vista Lounge**  
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**Burger King**  
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 11 East 100 North 259-6018  
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**China Cafe**  
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**Moab Brewery**  
 686 South Main 259-6333  
 Lunch & Dinner  
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For more information about these restaurants pick up a "Moab



**Moab Coffee Roasters**  
 90 N. Main St. 259-2725  
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**Pantele's Desert Deli**  
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**Pasta Jay's**  
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**Portal Grill at Moab Regional Hospital**  
 450 West Williams Way

**Red Rock Bakery & Net Cafe**  
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**Sabuku Sushi**  
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**Slickrock Cafe**  
 5 North Main 259-8004  
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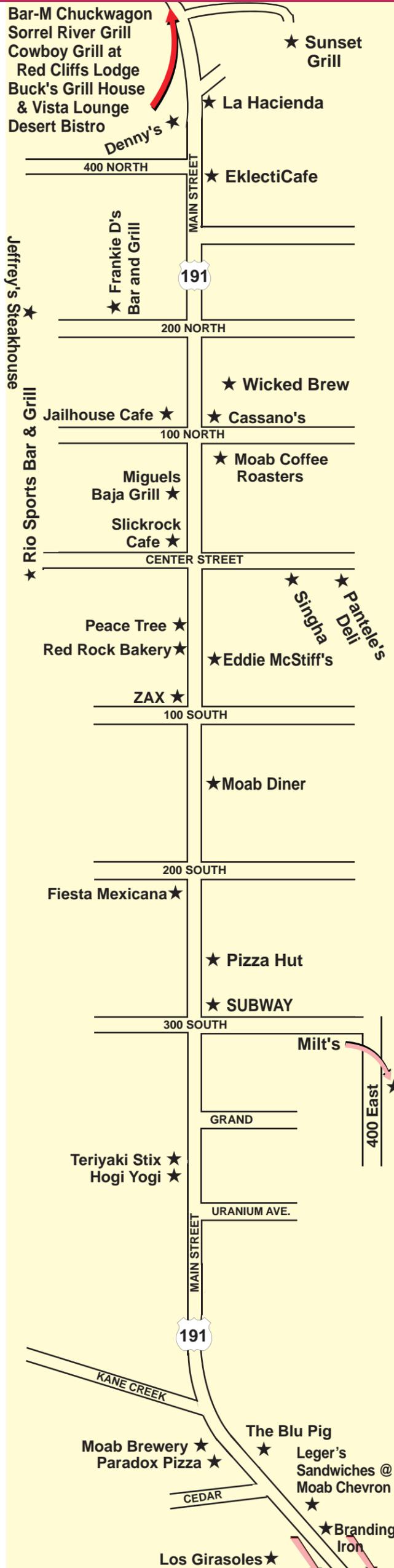
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## Holiday Dining Guide

After a quick round of phone calls to a variety of restaurants in Moab, I've come to the conclusion that restaurant schedules vary greatly as to who is open and when. But the good news is that there are more restaurants continuing to remain open for a longer time each season and some who are adapting their menu selections and taking the plunge into staying open for business all year round.

So here's a brief listing of some holiday dining choices....However, don't hesitate to pick up the phone and call ahead to check on hours. See restaurant guide on pages 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in section A of this issue for more details about location and type of cuisine.

Here are a few choices to consider if you're looking to dine out on:

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Denny's, Eklecticafe, Frankie D's, Hogi Yogi, Leger's Sandwiches, Moab Diner, Pantele's, Paradox Pizza, Pasta Jay's, Pizza Hut, Red Rock Bakery, \*Sorrel River Grill, Szechuan Restaurant, Teriyaki Stix, Wake and Bake Cafe

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Denny's, Frankie D's, Leger's Sandwiches, \*Sorrel River Grill, Szechuan Restaurant

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

China Cafe, Denny's, Eddie McStiff's, Eklecticafe, Fiesta Mexicana, Frankie D's, Hogi Yogi, Jeffrey's Steakhouse, Leger's Sandwiches, La Hacienda, Moab Diner, Paradox Pizza, Pasta Jay's, Pizza Hut, Red Rock Bakery, Rio Sports Bar & Grill, Sabaku Sushi, \*Sorrel River Grill, Sunset Grill, Szechuan Restaurant, Teriyaki Stix, The Blu Pig, The Branding Iron, Wake and Bake Cafe

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

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## Red Cliffs Lodge & WabiSabi, Offers Free Christmas Dinner to the Community

Red Cliffs Lodge and WabiSabi are offering a free community Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 25, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Center. The dinner is made possible by generous donations from the community. Everyone is invited to attend or volunteer at the event.

This is the sixth year WabiSabi has offered its Hands Up Christmas Dinner, and last year nearly 350 meals were served. Over 100 volunteers cook, serve, clean, decorate and coordinate the meal. The Youth Garden Project and the Grand Center contribute their facilities for cooking and serving. Red Cliffs Lodge is donating and preparing a full Christmas dinner including turkey, stuffing, potatoes and dessert. Dozens of other businesses and individuals have donated other food and funding for the meal.

"We live in such a generous and supportive community, and it's great to harness that good energy and share it with everyone," says Holly Dinsmore, WabiSabi's Warehouse Manager and organizer of the Hands Up community meals.

"This is a tough time for everyone, and whatever we can do to help people out, we want to do it."

"Plus," she adds, "we don't want to see anyone spend the holidays alone."

Dinsmore says a broad cross-section of the community attends the Hands Up meals each year, from schoolteachers and business owners, to the unemployed and homeless. And while all appreciate the free meal, it's more about building the bonds of community than helping people through lean economic times.

WabiSabi is currently seeking volunteers to help with meal setup, serving and cleanup. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact Ariel Atkins at 259-2553 or programs@wabisabimoab.org. Unfortunately, WabiSabi is unable to accept food donations from individuals. Everything served must be prepared in a commercial kitchen. However, financial contributions to the event may be mailed to WabiSabi, 1030 S. Bowling Alley Lane, Moab, UT 84532.

As always, generous community involvement is vital to the success of the event.

"It's amazing to see how many people jump in and help out with these meals," says Dinsmore. "We are so fortunate to live in a community where everyone wants to get involved and help one another out. It's truly an expression of the holiday spirit."

"Hands Up is a chance for the individuals, nonprofits and businesses of Moab to unite in sustaining area residents and the community at large," she adds.

WabiSabi is an integral part of the Moab community, supporting its eclectic sense of identity and the diversity of residents that comprise it. To learn more, visit www.wabisabimoab.org.

# MILEAGES TO MOAB

Distances used on this chart are based on main numbered routes from point to point. Shorter distances may be available using different routes.

## MILEAGE CHART

	Albuquerque, N.M.	Arches	Blanding, Utah	Bluff, Utah	Bryce Canyon N.P.	Canyonlands N.P.	Canyonlands Needles	Canyon Rims	Capitol Reef N.P.	Cortez, Colorado	Dead Horse Point	Denver, Colorado	Durango, Colorado	Gooseheads	Grand Canyon N. Rim	Grand Canyon S. Rim	Grand Junction, CO	Green River, Utah	Hovenweep	Lake Powell Halls Csg.	Lake Powell Hite	Las Vegas, Nevada	Los Angeles, CA	Mesa Verde N.P.	Mexican Hat, Utah	Moab, Utah	Monticello, Utah	Monument Valley	Natural Bridges	Newspaper Rock	Page, Arizona	Phoenix, Arizona	Price, Utah	Salt Lake City, Utah	Zion National Park
Albuquerque, New Mexico	367	329	355	608	398	359	353	487	249	396	444	218	389	535	407	430	415	291	419	416	587	805	278	382	362	307	324	376	335	456	449	548	730	575	
Arches National Park	367		81	107	361	31	62	80	244	119	29	356	165	142	499	325	110	49	116	171	168	447	722	149	134	5	60	159	129	58	285	480	110	230	404
Blanding, Utah	329	81		26	279	113	58	74	158	83	111	446	130	56	322	242	196	130	45	90	87	358	630	99	52	74	22	77	47	47	199	393	192	321	322
Bluff, Utah	355	107	26		301	139	84	100	180	82	137	477	152	30	296	220	222	152	35	110	107	332	604	125	26	103	48	51	65	74	173	367	214	343	296
Bryce Canyon National Park	608	361	279	301		310	347	353	100	361	418	553	406	331	219	159	308	221	320	282	192	205	477	390	323	356	301	277	232	327	151	378	280	324	86
Canyonlands National Park	398	31	113	139	310		109	86	275	151	2	377	196	169	435	359	142	80	158	203	200	478	750	180	165	36	91	190	150	89	316	506	142	362	435
Canyonlands N.P. Needles	359	62	58	84	347	109		70	230	106	107	434	151	114	380	314	188	126	113	148	145	524	746	135	120	73	46	145	115	20	271	451	188	308	390
Canyon Rims Rec. Area	353	80	74	100	353	86	70		236	112	84	411	157	130	396	320	165	103	119	164	161	501	773	141	126	50	52	151	121	50	277	467	165	285	396
Capitol Reef National Park	487	244	158	180	100	275	230	236		244	273	422	289	209	319	259	177	75	199	161	71	336	608	273	202	239	184	227	111	209	353	509	134	257	217
Cortez, Colorado	249	119	83	82	361	151	106	112	244		149	421	45	139	405	324	204	158	47	172	169	566	838	29	128	105	60	159	129	85	285	475	220	359	404
Dead Horse Point	396	29	111	137	418	2	107	84	273	149		375	194	167	433	367	127	78	156	201	198	392	664	178	163	34	89	188	148	87	314	504	140	260	433
Denver, Colorado	444	356	446	477	553	377	434	411	422	421	375		339	462	750	681	246	346	468	536	533	758	1031	550	490	361	416	519	493	414	638	826	408	512	764
Durango, Colorado	218	165	130	152	406	196	151	157	289	45	194	339		183	450	337	170	271	92	220	217	575	847	54	143	160	105	168	174	130	294	520	333	404	413
Gooseheads	389	142	56	30	331	169	114	130	209	139	167	462	183		266	261	252	186	65	138	135	439	711	168	8	101	78	32	92	188	158	348	248	377	277
Grand Canyon North Rim	535	499	322	296	219	435	380	396	319	405	433	750	450	266		214	505	404	277	404	401	237	509	434	270	396	344	236	361	370	123	347	466	413	127
Grand Canyon South Rim	407	325	242	220	159	359	314	320	259	324	367	681	337	261	214		417	372	255	324	321	283	555	357	194	320	268	169	287	263	139	217	434	583	297
Grand Junction, Colorado	430	110	196	222	308	142	188	165	177	204	127	246	170	252	505	417		101	241	286	283	510	782	233	247	115	170	248	243	168	395	590	163	285	493
Green River, Utah	415	49	130	152	221	80	126	103	75	158	78	346	271	186	404	372	101		175	220	217	398	664	197	184	53	108	203	177	106	329	519	62	182	241
Hovenweep	291	116	45	35	320	158	113	119	199	47	156	468	92	65	277	255	241	175		127	124	491	763	76	61	122	67	86	84	92	210	402	237	366	331
Lake Powell Halls Crossing	419	171	90	110	282	203	148	164	161	172	201	536	220	138	404	324	286	220	127		90	562	838	201	134	164	112	155	43	137	281	471	171	411	400
Lake Powell Hite Marina	416	168	87	107	192	200	145	161	71	169	198	533	217	135	401	321	283	217	124	90		559	831	198	131	161	109	152	40	134	278	468	96	408	397
Las Vegas, Nevada	587	447	358	332	205	478	524	501	336	566	392	758	575	439	237	283	510	398	491	562	559		272	595	432	451	506	307	525	512	281	287	460	419	121
Los Angeles, California	805	722	630	604	477	750	796	773	608	838	664	1031	847	711	509	555	782	664	763	838	831	272		867	704	717	779	579	797	784	553	376	602	691	393
Mesa Verde N.P., Colorado	278	149	99	125	390	180	135	141	273	29	178	550	54	168	434	357	233	197	76	201	198	595	867		163	144	89	188	158	115	314	504	259	388	433
Mexican Hat, Utah	382	134	52	26	323	165	120	126	202	128	163	490	143	8	270	194	247	184	61	134	131	432	704	163		129	74	25	91	99	151	341	240	373	270
Moab, Utah	362	5	74	103	356	36	73	50	239	115	34	361	160	101	396	320	115	53	122	164	161	451	717	144	129		54	151	120	53	280	475	115	235	294
Monticello, Utah	307	60	22	48	301	91	46	52	184	60	89	416	105	78	344	268	170	108	67	112	109	506	779	89	74	54		99	72	28	225	415	168	299	344
Monument Valley	324	159	73	51	277	190	145	151	227	159	188	519	168	32	236	169	248	203	86	155	152	307	579	188	25	151	99		118	125	126	316	265	394	245
Natural Bridges Natl Monument	376	129	47	65	232	150	115	121	111	129	148	493	174	92	361	287	243	177	84	43	40	525	797	158	91	120	72	118		94	244	432	136	368	363
Newspaper Rock	335	58	47	74	327	89	20	50	209	85	87	414	130	188	370	263	168	106	92	137	134	512	784	115	99	53	28	125	94		231	440	168	334	370
Page, Arizona	456	285	199	173	151	316	271	277	353	285	314	638	294	158	123	139	395	329	210	281	278	281	553	314	151	289	225	126	244	231		272	391	420	119
Phoenix, Arizona	449	480	393	367	378	506	451	467	509	475	504	826	520	348	347	217	590	519	402	471	468	287	376	504	341	475	415	316	432	440	272		663	645	382
Price, Utah	548	110	192	214	280	142	188	165	134	220	140	408	333	248	466	434	163	62	237	171	96	460	602	259	242	115	168	265	136	168	391	663		123	281
Salt Lake City, Utah	730	230	321	343	324	262	308	285	257	359	260	512	404	377	413	583	285	182	366	411	408	419	691	388	373	235	299	394	368	334	420	645	123		306
Zion National Park	575	404	322	296	86	435	390	396	217	404	433	764	413	277	127	297	493	241	331	400	397	121	393	433	270	294	344	245	363	370	119	382	281		306

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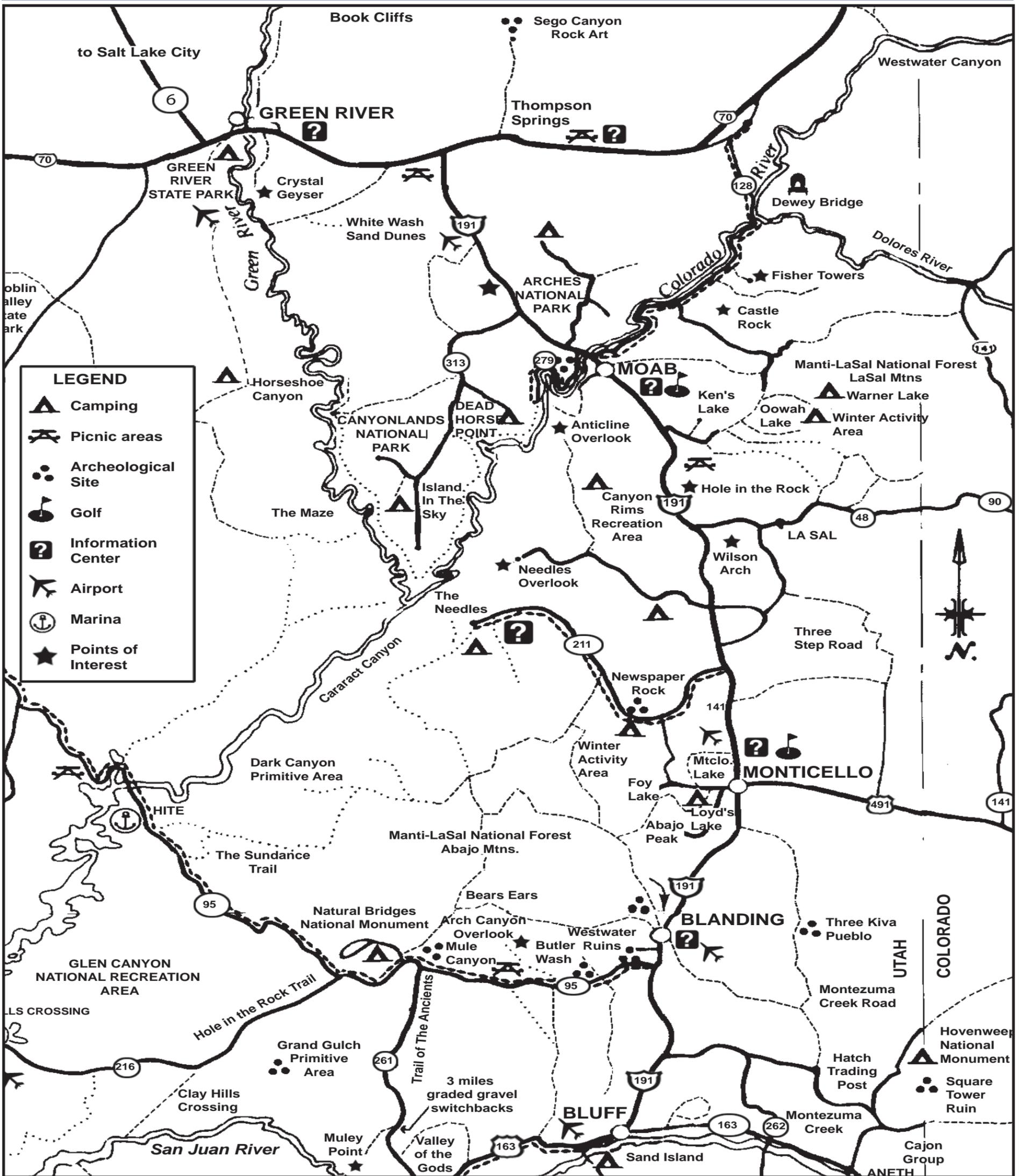
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## John Hagner - Stuntman

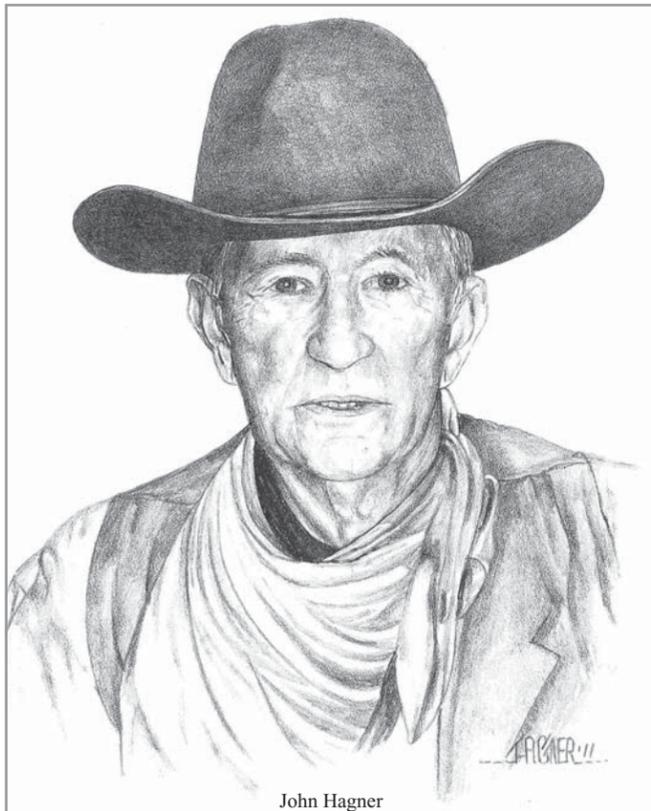
by John Hagner

John's career started professionally in 1960 in California where he was an instructor at the first Trampoline Center in that area. It was owned by John's long time friend, Glenn Sundby, who was the Editor/Publisher of the Modern Gymnast Magazine, a publication that was dedicated to gymnasts the world over. John also was artist for that magazine.

It was at the Tramp Center one day in 1960 when John received a phone call from 20th Century-Fox Studios in West Los Angeles, that he was to go there the following day. They needed a stuntman who could do a high fall. He arrived at 20th the next day and was taken to the lower mote (an area where there was a South Sea Island setting (outdoors) and a sailing ship, 'The Tiki' was docked. John met the director, who told him he would be performing a high fall for the star of the television series "Adventures In Paradise". Then a short while later, he went over to one of the sound stages where there was a cliff setting. This was where John would do the high fall.

John, anxious to do his first stunt brought along his 8 mm camera and asked someone if they wouldn't mind filming the stunt. Nearby was Gardner McKay (the star of the show who John would double for). McKay said, "give me the camera ... I'll shoot it for you!"

To do this particular stunt required a set up of cardboard boxes and mattresses (nowadays stunt people use an air bag). John told a couple of the prop men to set up the boxes and mattresses the way he felt would be alright for a safe landing. The mattresses were actually called "Talmadge Pads", named after its inventor, Richard Talmadge, one of the greatest stuntmen of all time.



John Hagner

The fall was a one-take stunt that Gardner McKay was pleased to film.

Later that day, John was asked to play a character in the same episode, which he did (of a pirate). The name of the episode was "Hangman's Island". Hagner was paid \$400.00 for that day's work (not bad back in those days). The stunt represented a height of 35 ft. (\$10.00 a foot Hagner estimated) and \$50.00 for the walk-on shot.

John went on doubling for Gardner McKay for the last year and a half of that series, and during that time, he also worked several other shows at 20th, including "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea" (the feature), doubling for its star, Walter Pidgeon, and then the series came out with

the same title, where John doubled for David Hedison in a couple of episodes. Then, the "Batman" series started up and John worked stunts in several episodes (playing one of the henchmen for the characters The Joker (Cesar Romero) and Mr. Freeze (George Sanders).

Hagner went on working for all of the major studios including, Warner Bros. where he performed stunts in "The Great Race", starring Tony Curtis, Natalie Wood, Peter Falk and Jack Lemon. John played one of the bakers in the bake shop sequences that took four days and nights to complete and when seen on screen, lasted just six minutes. They threw 3,500 fruit filled pies (a Guinness Book record of how many pies thrown in one movie), even out-did the old Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy and Three Stooges movies combined.

At Warners, John stunted in a television series called,

"Hank" and did gymnastics and acrobatics in scenes filmed in the studios' own gym. He doubled for Gregory Peck in "Captain Newman, M.D." for Universal Studios in 1963. The stunt he performed was an 80-foot ladder climb near the end of the movie. John was flown to an airfield in Arizona by the famous movie stunt pilot, Paul Mantz, in his own B-25 WWII bomber. Two years later, Mantz was killed while filming scenes for the Jimmy Stewart movie, "Flight of the Phoenix".

At Columbia Studios in Hollywood, Hagner worked in a western called, "The Wild Westerners", in which he was one of twenty stuntmen in a knocked-down and dragged-out saloon brawl.

For those who don't know ... John Hagner is founder of the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame, which began in 1973 in Southern California and was located at three different places, including Palmdale, Mojave, Banning and Cabazon. Then, he received the opportunity to relocate it to Moab, Utah, where it was open to the public for nearly eight years, until they had to vacate the building.

The Hall of Fame is presently without a home and is still in storages.

Hagner is an accomplished artist (Artist of the Stars) ... and has done portrait drawings and paintings of several hundred personalities of motion pictures, television, stage and sports. His work is featured here in a series he calls, "Stunt Stars and Legends".

He also is an accomplished musician, playing a full set of drums and is a singer in a band called, "The Happy Notes".

Anyone interested in wanting to learn more about the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame may contact John at 435 260-2160. His mailing address is: Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame, 81 W. Kane Creek Blvd. - #12, Moab, Utah 84532.

The Hall of Fame website is: www.stuntmen.org. For more information, go to Facebook and search Falling For Stars, then Artist of the Stars, then Stunt Stars and Legends.

Hagner is available for doing commission art work. Also, donations are accepted as a tax-deductible entity by making your check or money order to Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame, at the above address. Be sure to mention you read about it in the *Moab Happenings*.

## John Hagner - The day that changed his life!

Dream of a 14 year old from Baltimore, Maryland to become a Hollywood Stuntman began when John Hagner jumped from his 3rd story window ...

John Hagner, a resident of Moab since 1989, founder of the Hollywood Stuntmen's Hall of Fame and former stuntman since 1960 went back for a visit to his hometown of Baltimore, Maryland.

He hadn't been back for 53 years except for a couple of brief visits. However, his stay this time was extended for 3 weeks. One of the reasons Hagner went back was to do additional research on his family history and to see some of the sights where he spent his youth.

As a youngster he was raised in the area of Northeast Baltimore on Hope Street. He and his family lived in a 3-story brownstone row house, where, at the age of 14, he became seriously interested in becoming a stuntman.

One day in mid-July, he was sitting at his window on the third floor just pondering his dream of doing stunts for the movies. The day before, there was a fierce storm that knocked down a tall tree in front of his house. The City sent out a worker to dig up the tree trunk and fill in the hole with cement. The worker arrived and began to dump some sand and gravel on the street and a large mixing pan and he started to mix the ingredients to make cement. The sand pile was about 5 feet high. Hagner looked down and thought for a couple of minutes and decided that this was the day that he would leap from his 3rd story window and land in the sand pile near the curb.

He dashed down the stairs to the area where the worker was and ran over to them and said, "Hi mister, would you wait a minute and don't take anymore sand from the pile because I want to jump out of my 3rd story window and land in the sand"

The worker, busy with his job of filling in the hole told Hagner to go away, that he had work to do. Hagner pleaded with him and told him again he wanted to jump out of the window. Evidently, the worker didn't hear him, so John, noticing the sand pile had been reduced to about 4 feet high. So, he darted back up stairs and opened the window ... stood up on the window sill ... waited for the worker to take a shovel-full of sand from the pile and then, he jumped.

By the time the worker turned around to shovel more sand away from the pile ... he was surprised to see Hagner, sitting on top of the sand pile ... very excitedly shouted to the worker ... "I did it ... I did it!" The worker shouted to Hagner ... "Get out of here kid ...you're crazy!" Hagner repeated "I did it, I jumped out of the window. Thanks mister for giving me the chance to be a stuntman!" To this day, I still think the worker didn't believe me.



Hagner's mother, sitting on the window sill of the 2<sup>nd</sup> story, washing the outside of the windows, with her back facing the street below, screamed "Good Lord, he jumped" hesitant to look around to see the results of her son's antics!

After hearing Hagner's mother's comments ...The worker may have believed that he did jump!

Hagner had worked in a couple of movies that were filmed here in Moab ... "Sundown: The Vampire In Retreat" and "Geronimo". Today, he and fellow musicians of "The Happy Notes" perform every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Moab Senior Center and every 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at the hospital.

Contact John Hagner if anyone is interested in "The Happy Notes" performing for any function. His phone number is 435 260-2160.

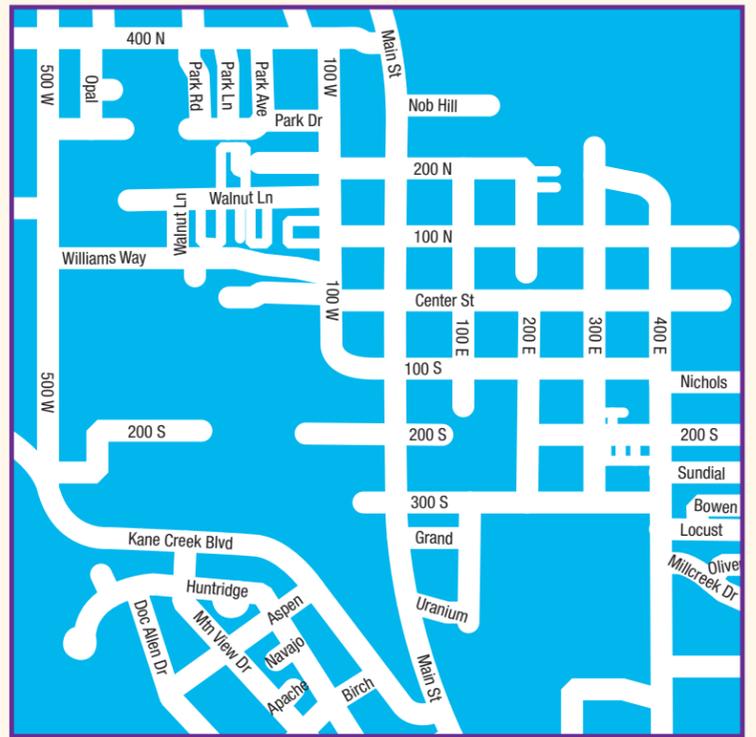


Baltimore-Washington Airport, October 2011 — John Hagner, welcoming his niece Marine Captain Elizabeth, home from her 5th deployment to Afghanistan. Her mother, Elaine looks on.

John Hagner is a regular contributor to Moab Happenings with articles about stuntmen and the movie industry. He is an accomplished artist and draws the portraits that accompany his articles.

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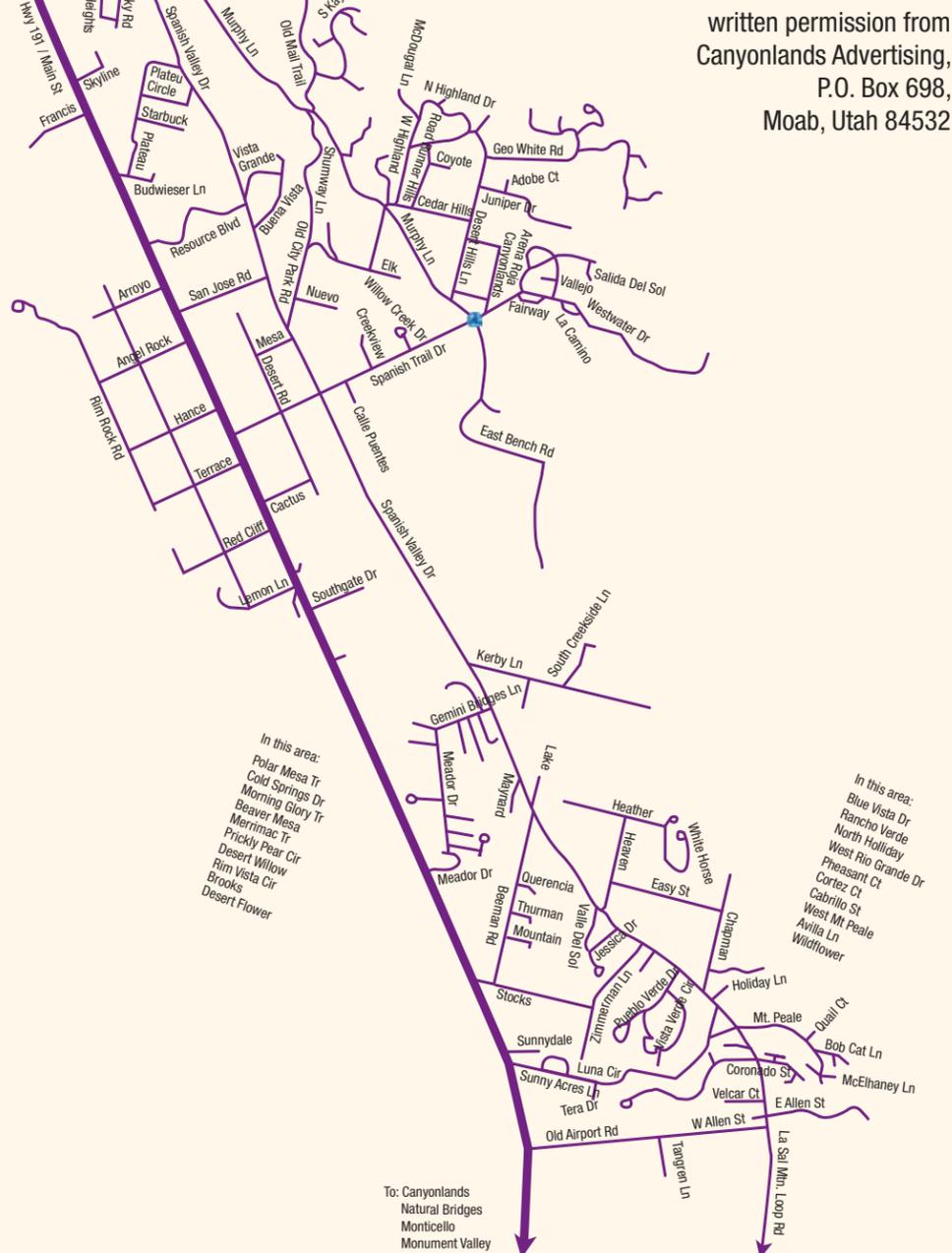
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8:00		DEMOCRACY NOW						8:00	
9:00	Jah Morning Reggae	MOAB Morning Blend					Blue Plate Special (blues/rock)	Shine Time (Children)	9:00
10:00		Moab Mamas (everything)	Amarillo Highway	Tilted Park (Americana Classic Rock)	OddBins	Trailer Park Companion / Wayward Wind			10:00
11:00									The Trading Post (call-in Buy/Sell)
Noon	Grass is Greener (Bluegrass)	It's My Party/ The Skye's the Limit (rock-blues-unreleased)	radio mmm... (Classic Indie)	Horizon Line	Random Toonage	1-2-3 (funky world soul)	Ain't Live Grand? (live recordings)	Noon	
1:00								Fire on the Mountain	1:00
2:00	Red Rock Potluck	Radio Mundial Radio MOONDial	Planet Picante (latin)	A Little Bit of This and a Lil' Bit o' Dat	Red Rock 'n Blues	Free Speech Friday Public Access	Belagaana Review (fruit and nuts)		2:00
3:00		WORLD MUSIC						MOAB Drive Time	Tween Time (pre-teen fun)
4:00	West of Broadway/ Concert in the Park	Ritmo Latino	SoundThing/ Uncle Meat's Mystery Show	Gaelic Circle / MOAB Drive Time			Big River / Ranch Exit (twang)		4:00
5:00		DEMOCRACY NOW						KZMU Overnight	5:00
6:00	Kokopelli Coffeehouse	Big Swing Face (big band jazz)	Moab City Council/ Atomic Lounge	Thin Edge (jazz)	Rock Garden (rock)	The Rainbow Room /Funky Soul Jam	Main Street Cruise!		6:00
7:00								the eleventh hour	7:00
8:00	KZMU Overnight	Fashionably Late	Conscious Party	Suburban Urge	Pandora's Box	Altered State	Radio Free Moab (rock 'n roll & punk)		8:00
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## Moab's Annual Christmas Bird Count

by Damian Fagan

For birdwatchers the Christmas Bird Count, known as the "CBC," is a popular wintertime holiday pursuit. How popular you might ask? During the 2009-2010 count, which was the 110th anniversary of the count, there were 2160 counts and over 60,000 observers throughout North America and parts of Latin America. Antarctica's Camp Crozier count did not happen that year; I'm presuming gale force winds and sub-freezing temperatures had something to do with the birders not venturing outside that day.

So what is the CBC? Sponsored by the National Audubon Society, the Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running citizen science project in North America. It started as an alternative to a holiday hunting competition where participants bagged birds and game animals. The biggest pile of fur and feathers won. The fledgling Audubon Society's Frank Chapman organized a



new event that focused on counting, not killing birds. Hatched as the "Christmas Bird Census" in 1900, 27 birders recorded birds in 25 counts scattered across the United States that first year.

The census molted into the "Christmas Bird Count" and now occurs each year during a two-week period between mid-December and early January. This year represents the count's 112th anniversary. "Everyone who takes part does it for the love of birds and the excitement of

friendly competition," said Marcy Hafner, the Moab count coordinator. "Knowing what the CBC has contributed towards the research of bird populations adds a special significance to this event."

So how does it work? There is a pre-determined count circle with a 15-mile diameter that includes portions of Castle, Grand and Spanish Valley. The circle includes residential neighborhoods, the Matheson Wetlands Preserve, a stretch of the Colorado River, a corner of Arches National Park, and surrounding canyons and uplands. The count coordinator organizes teams that include experienced and novice birdwatchers. Teams venture forth into assigned areas on count day to record species and numbers of individual birds observed in their areas.

What does the CBC capture? The Christmas Bird Count provides a snapshot of winter bird occurrence, and provides conservationists and researchers with data to analyze long term health and population status for birds in North America. Considering the wealth of data, some national or local trends of bird populations may emerge that reflect environmental conditions. Birders may also uncover unusual or rare occurrences of species. "Last year a ferruginous hawk, a great horned owl, several merlins and peregrine falcons were added to the species list for the day," explained Marcy. "So if you want to add some extra spice to your holiday season, come on out and join the fun!"



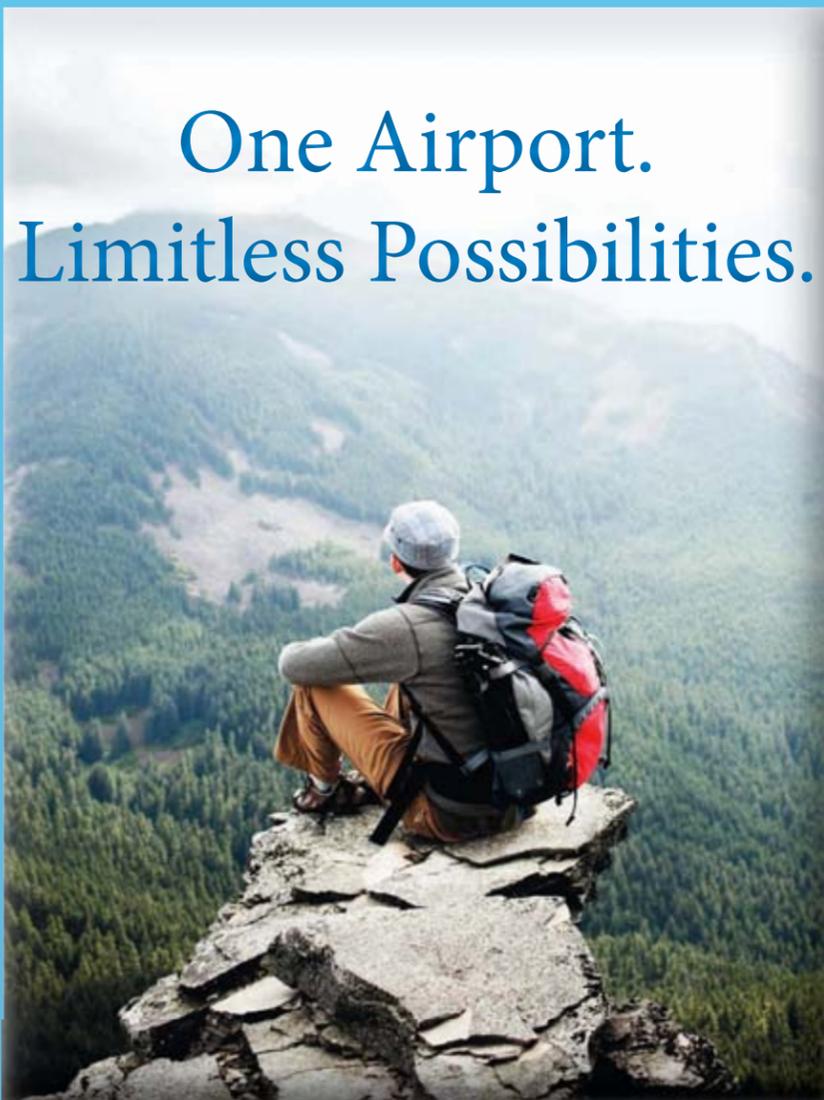
This year's Moab CBC will be held on December 17. Contact Marcy Hafner at [marcymoab@yahoo.com](mailto:marcymoab@yahoo.com) or 259-6197 to sign up. Remember to dress for the weather, which can be balmy or freezing. The wrap-up potluck brunch, a true highlight of the count,

is Sunday, December 18 at The Nature Conservancy office, 900 W. Kane Creek Blvd, at 10:00 a.m. Good birding!



You can follow Damian Fagan's writing and activities at [damianfagan.blogspot.com/](http://damianfagan.blogspot.com/)

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# TRAIL HAPPENINGS

## Amasa Back - A Winter Destination

by Kirsten Peterson

Winter in Moab. This thought conjures up images of solitude on the slickrock, exploring without the crowds of tourist season, and a light dusting of snow on the higher slopes of the red rock canyons. But often the light dusting is actually 6-12" of persistent snow that foils many a mountain bike or hiking adventure and steers many to the skiing opportunities in the La Sal Mountains. What many



locals have discovered is that Moab has a nearby classic trail with a south facing orientation, making it snow-free earlier than any other spot plus offering an amazing array of riding and hiking opportunities – the Amasa Back trail.

Amasa Back is a raised point of land that juts out of the Kane Creek Canyon area and is bordered on three sides by the Colorado River. Named after Amasa Larsen,



a colorful local character who ran cattle in the area, Amasa Back is a multiple-use area that offers great opportunities for the mountain biker and hiker as well as the motorized recreationist. Often you'll encounter all of these users happily sharing the trail and enjoying their own day out in this spectacular setting. The trail and terrain is by no means easy as there are ledges to navigate and steep sections to climb and descend, but the rewards are worth the effort. The views from the high overlooks are world class whether gazing out at the Jackson Hole monolith, looking across the Colorado River at Poison Spider Mesa, or searching for the Island in the Sky plateau and Dead Horse Point. Additional non-motorized routes off the main trail give mountain bikers fantastic singletrack options and range from a fun intermediate trail from the top to Pothole Arch to the extremely challenging Rock Stacker and Jackson Trails. These are great hiking routes as well which contour and drop through the cliffs overlooking the river and can be done alone or as a loop when combined with the jeep trail.

To find the trailhead, either ride or drive from town on Kane Creek Road to the end of the pavement (4.5 miles) and park in one of two parking lots, the first on the right lies at the bottom of the Jackson Trail and the second is a half mile further, also on the right. The trailhead is another half mile up the road and is well signed. The trail itself immediately drops down towards the creek below. Often the creek has almost no water but occasionally the hiker needs to be inventive or barefooted!

Mileage on the trail will depend on what variation you decide on. Mountain bikers should plan on 3 hours to ride to the top overlooking the Potash mine and back. A 5-6 hour variation adds the extra mileage of the challenging route to Pothole Arch and the option of the Rock Stacker



and Jackson Trails. Plan to pick up a map at one of the bike shops in town and talk to staff about the difficulty of these trails to make sure this is the ride for you before heading out.

Hikers can explore side canyons and with a careful eye will spot some of the rock art panels along the route as well as on the road approach to the trail. One favorite route is to hike up the jeep trail and back down the Jackson Trail



**Trail Mix** is an advisory committee to Grand County in the development and maintenance of non-motorized trails. The committee represents non-motorized users including bikers, hikers, equestrians, and skiers. Many government agencies and private citizens make up the "mix" that makes this group work so well. Come join us on the 2nd Tues. of each month from 12-2 at the Grand Center (500W. 182N.). Everyone is welcome. Contact Sandy Freethy 259-0253 or find us online at [www.grandcountyutah.net/trailmix/](http://www.grandcountyutah.net/trailmix/). You may also reach us at [moabtrailmixinfo@gmail.com](mailto:moabtrailmixinfo@gmail.com).



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# SKY HAPPENINGS

## The Sky for December 2011

By Faylene Roth

### SUNRISE AND SUNSET TIMES FOR DECEMBER

(The time of sunrise and sunset assumes a flat horizon. Actual time may vary depending upon the landscape.)

DATE	SUNRISE	SUNSET
1	7:17am	4:57pm
2	7:18am	4:57pm
3	7:19am	4:57pm
4	7:20am	4:57pm
5	7:20am	4:57pm
6	7:21am	4:57pm
7	7:22am	4:57pm
8	7:23am	4:57pm
9	7:24am	4:57pm
10	7:25am	4:57pm
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21	7:32am	5:00pm
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25	7:34am	5:03pm
26	7:34am	5:03pm
27	7:35am	5:04pm
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29	7:35am	5:05pm
30	7:35am	5:06pm
31	7:36am	5:07pm

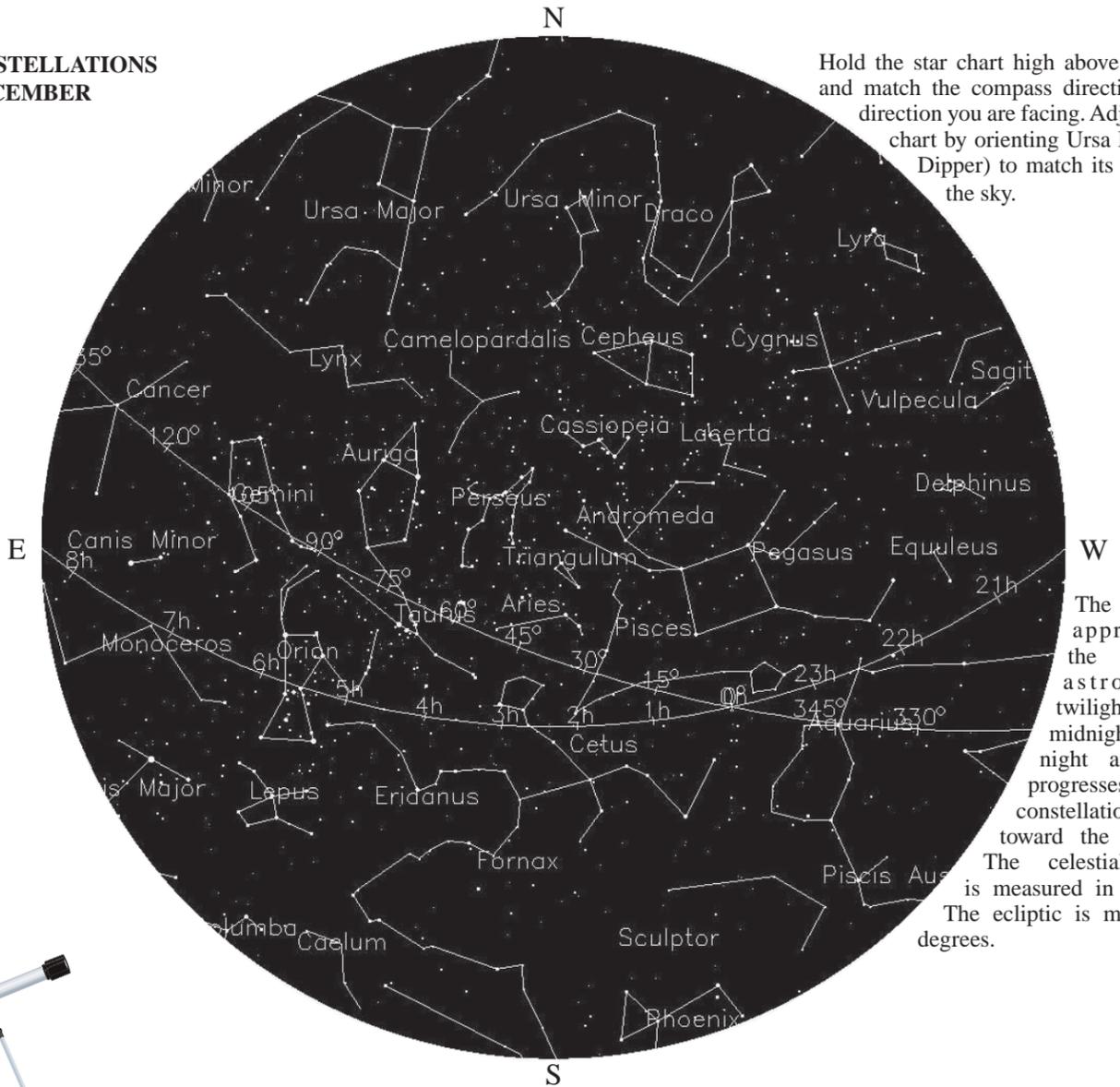
Cygnus the Swan takes a nosedive on the western horizon as it glides through the Milky Way towards the center of our galaxy. In this position, it is often called the Northern Cross.

### MAJOR CONSTELLATIONS OF DECEMBER

- Overhead**  
Andromeda  
Aries  
Auriga  
Perseus  
Pegasus  
Pisces  
Triangulum
- Northward**  
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Perseus  
Ursa Major  
Ursa Minor
- Eastward**  
Canis Minor  
Gemini  
Orion  
Taurus
- Southward**  
Aquarius  
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Cetus
- Westward**  
Cygnus  
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Hold the star chart high above your head and match the compass directions to the direction you are facing. Adjust the star chart by orienting Ursa Major (Big Dipper) to match its position in the sky.



The star chart approximates the sky from astronomical twilight to midnight. As the night and month progresses, the constellations shift toward the northwest. The celestial equator is measured in hours (h). The ecliptic is measured in degrees.



### LUNAR ECLIPSE

Early morning risers will observe this month's full moon being overtaken by the Earth's shadow on December 10. A lunar eclipse occurs during a full moon when the sun, earth, and moon are on the same plane. As the earth moves between the sun and moon, it first casts a partial shadow, the penumbra. When the Earth has moved far enough to block all light on the moon, it casts a full shadow, called the umbra, which marks the period of total eclipse. Totality lasts about 51 minutes. Observers in Moab can watch the beginning of the eclipse and may see the moon enter totality before it disappears behind the rocks. The following timetable is based on information provided by the Clark Planetarium in Salt Lake City.

**Penumbral phase begins about .....5:46am MST**  
**Total phase begins about .....7:06am MST**  
**Greatest eclipse occurs about.....7:32am MST**  
**Moonset (in Moab) is about.....7:27am MST**  
**Totality ends about.....7:57am MST**

### METEOR EVENTS

The Geminid Meteor Shower, generally one of the year's best, is well-known for multicolored meteors and fireballs that produce very few trails. The source for this prolific meteor shower is the asteroid Icarus. Unfortunately, a full moon on December 10 obscures all but the brightest of this year's show. A more promising event occurs on December 20. The Delta Arietids provide early evening potential on a mostly moonless night. Aries is a small constellation comprised of two fairly bright stars above and to the left of Jupiter. This shower produces up to 10 meteors per hours. A few days later, on December 22, the Ursid Meteor Shower continues throughout the night. The Ursids emanate from the region of the Little Dipper, so good viewing begins around 11:00pm. A nearly new moon promises a dark night for viewing up to 20 meteors per hour.

*Note: Apparent magnitude values range from -4 to +6 for most planets and visible stars. The lower the value the brighter the object. A decrease of 1.0 magnitude is 2.5 times brighter.*

#### Primary Sources:

USGS; U.S. Naval Observatory; Your Sky at <http://www.fourmilab.ch/yoursky/>

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### VISIBLE PLANETS

**Jupiter** - Find Jupiter high overhead in the evening sky, then dropping below the western horizon around midnight. The brilliant yellow planet is the brightest object overhead and appears on the edge of the constellation Pisces. The two bright stars above and to the left of Jupiter form the constellation Aries. (Magnitude -2.8)

**Mars** - Wait until after midnight to look for Mars. It rises in the eastern sky below and to the left of Regulus (bright star at Leo's heart). Look for it overhead in the early morning twilight. It appears farther east each day, moving about 15 degrees farther left of Regulus by month's end. It's red-orange orb brightens significantly this month as its orbit brings it closer to Earth. (Magnitude +0.6 to +0.2)

**Saturn** - Regulus (Leo), Mars, Saturn, and Spica (Virgo) form a line across the eastern sky in the early stages of morning twilight. Saturn (in Virgo) appears about 45 degrees below Mars and about 10 degrees above and to the right of Spica. Mars shines a little brighter, but Saturn's disk appears larger. (Magnitude +0.7)

**Venus** - On December 1 Venus adorns the tip of the teapot in Sagittarius, outshining Jupiter in the overhead sky. It sets within a few hours of the sun this month and will be difficult to see without a clear view of the western horizon. By the last week of December, Venus appears farther east and has moved into Capricorn. (Magnitude -4.0)

*Note: Hold your hand at arm's length to measure apparent distances in the sky. The width of the little finger approximates 1.5 degrees. Middle, ring, and little finger touching represent about 5 degrees. The width of a fist is about 10 degrees. The fist with the thumb extended at a right angle equals 15 degrees. The hand stretched from thumb to little finger approximates 20-25 degrees. The diameter of both the full moon and the sun spans only 0.5 degree. Adjust for the size of your hand.*

### DAYLENGTH

The shortest period of daylight this month is 9 hours, 28 minutes during a six-day period December 19-24 when the length of the days vary by only a few seconds. Civil twilight contributes a half hour of light before sunrise and after sunset. Nautical twilight adds an additional half hour at each end of the day, but it contributes much less light than summer twilights because the sun is now below the bulge of the earth's equator which blocks our access to its light (and warmth). Pitch darkness follows in another half hour at the end of astronomical twilight when all color has vacated the horizon.

### WINTER SOLSTICE

Last year the winter solstice occurred during a full moon, but the two events are not related. The moon has a 29.5-day cycle from full moon to full moon; whereas, the solstices are determined by the position of the earth in its 365.25-day orbit around the sun. The relative position of the earth's tilted axis to the sun and the earth's position in its orbit around the sun determine whether a solstice or equinox occurs. The winter solstice marks the point in time when the earth's northern hemisphere tilts away from the sun and the earth reaches the point in its orbit when the sun is due south. In Moab that time is December 21, 2011, at 10:30pm. Most calendars put the Winter Solstice on December 22 this year, because the official time is based upon Universal Time which coincides with Greenwich Mean Time at 0 longitude on the globe. That means that in England, as well as along the eastern coast of the United States, the Winter Solstice will occur on December 22. However, Mountain Standard Time is seven hours behind Universal Time; so, it will be 10:30pm, December 21, here when the earth reaches its winter solstice position.

### MOON HAPPENINGS

**Dec. 2** - First Quarter Moon sets soon after midnight.  
**Dec. 10** - Full Moon occurs at 7:36am and rises at 5:15pm.  
**Dec. 17** - Last Quarter Moon rises shortly after midnight.  
**Dec. 24** - New Moon occurs at 11:06pm.  
 (The time of moonrise and moonset assumes a flat horizon. Actual time may vary.)

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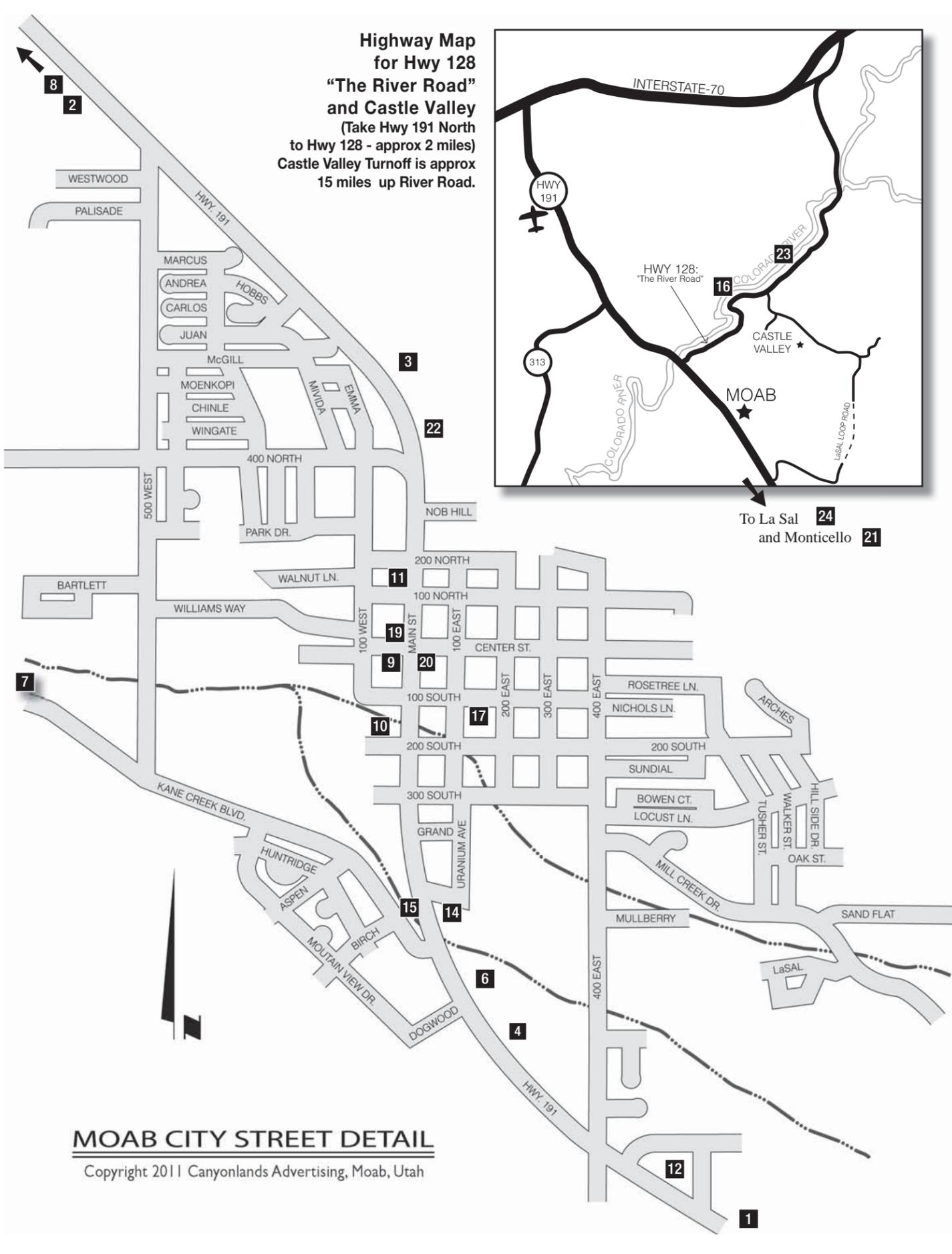
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# ASTROLOGY HAPPENINGS

## Your Monthly Horoscope - December 2011

By Rob Wells

The first five days of the month most of us will be walking around with our brains in a bucket and sporting for a fight, so be warned. Good Ole Mercury is retrograde and messing everything up, so triple check everything you say and everything you do. After the 5th, the planets relent and give us all a return to sanity that lasts all the way to the 18th. The retrograde ends on the 14th so get that shopping done "quick" after that. Venus and Saturn re-tighten the purse strings on the 18th, but the rest of the planets make the end of the second week a load of fun. Watch out for the office party on the 21st. If you can't keep a handle on things, it could be the foundational event for stories you will have to live down for years. Come the 22nd, we find the Sun and Jupiter expanding the holiday exuberance. The Sun slips into Capricorn on the 23rd, but you may not even notice the shift in energy as Saturn and Neptune spend the rest of the month showing everyone the possibilities that exist in everyone's lives. On the 29th, the Sun and Pluto, The Alpha and The Omega, come together in the skies. The metaphor is completely mind blowing. It doesn't get any more blatant than this: Happy New Year!

Mercury Retrograde: 1st to the 14th  
Winter Solstice: Thursday the 22nd  
Ashura: Monday the 5th  
Hanukkah: 20th to the 28th  
Christmas Day: Sunday the 25th

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21 Sagittarius:** Happy Birthday, Sag! You have an interesting month ahead. First week try very hard to hold your tongue and keep any impulses to something rash under control. For the next two weeks life is everyday as it comes. Just be careful spending money and double check everything always. The third week comes with a new romantic interest; just don't lose your head. The holiday week is golden. Enjoy!

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20 Capricorn:** Take some time to rest this month. You've had a very busy year. Avoid doing or saying anything inflammatory with anybody in your social group during the first week of December. The following two weeks allows you to be anything you would like. Be mindful of your cash and double check matters during that time. The fourth week of the month you are back on top of the world and having a great holiday season.

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 18 Aquarius:** Having your dreams is where you are this month. Now is the time to visualize the coming year. Don't let friends try to spend your money or stamper you into something that isn't you during the first week of the month. You feel like you are running in place during the second week of December. Toward the end of the third week it will be time to step on the gas and get things done. You earn the right to relax during the last week of the month. Have a great holiday!

**Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 Pisces:** Your career has you center stage this month. With that come conflicts from your partner and how they feel about it during the first week of the month. Once those issues are set aside the second week is very romantic. The third week of December is pretty lack luster but without incident. The fourth, and holiday week of the month, truly will be glorious for you. Invite friends to visit every day and night for a party and don't forget your camera.

**Mar. 21 - Apr. 20 Aries:** You may be heavily involved with your church group this year and that will certainly have it's own rewards. Try to keep your outside activities out of the workplace during the first week or it'll get you into trouble. A romance could blossom on the job during the second week that could carry you through the holidays. The third week of December is low-key and uneventful. The last week of the year makes up for the one before, as it is filled with every Christmas goodie you can imagine.

**Apr. 21 - May 21 Taurus:** Stretching cash over this month will be your highest purpose. The first week of December has you feeling testy and frustrated over the wants of a child. Don't let it get to you. The feeling turns around for the second week and tempers cool. The third week is work-a-day and uneventful for you. It's a good time to just take care of things. The holiday week is just glorious for you and yours. Your earlier efforts pay-off and you will feel blessed this year



**May 22 - June 21 Gemini:** Your partnerships have your attention this time of year. During the first week of the month, don't close yourself off or act rashly about the differences the two of you have regarding your home. By the second week, things are rosy again and you are both back to playing nicely together. The third week is just a week to shop, hang decorations, trimming the tree, and cooking, if that's what you have planned. The last week of December is going to be over the top memorable, so keep the camera handy and the Love Light and the tree lit.



**June 22 - July 22 Cancer:** Your employment and your health are paramount this month, and just to test how solid you are, a flare-up between you and a co-worker could test you during the first week of the month. You two are back to being friends by the second week but the incident may have left your immune system weakened, so watch it. Just take care of what needs doing during the third week of December, as it doesn't make any demands and matters seem to flow smoothly. The last week of the month is really what you have been waiting for. Shine so very brightly this year and have fun!



**July 23 - Aug. 24 Leo:** Your romantic and creative attachments are highlighted this month and troubles over money or a difference of opinion can turn the first week of the month into a war zone. You get it all worked out and happy again by the second week. The third week of December is a time to just go get everything handled. Use this time wisely. The last week of the season will bring joy, romance, happiness and fun times with friends and family. It'll be just GREAT!



**Aug. 24 - Sept. 22 Virgo:** You could be planning a family holiday get together and you could be feeling the pressure of that choice during the first week. Remember, you have a plan, now work it, and breathe. A lover, friend or child comes to your aid during the second week of the month, and this flows into, and through, the third week when everything seems to easier. The last week is just wonderful and you are rewarded by the smiles and warmth of everyone who visits the holiday season.



**Sep. 23 - Oct. 23 Libra:** You are usually all over the holiday season by this time of year, but during the first week of the month you could be feeling pesky and put upon, and you're holding back letting everyone around you know. You'll get past during the second week, just hope you didn't offend too many people with your rants. You get back to the errands and the spinning and the jumping and the business of buzzing during the third week. The last week you pull out that award-winning smile as you greet friends and family for holiday good times.



**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22 Scorpio:** This is the time of year when you concentrate on what is important to you, and then some friend with a bone to pick upsets your apple cart in this regard during the first week of the month. Meeting fire with fire may not be the best tactic. You both work it out by week two so get back on course quickly. Use the third week to work quietly at getting set-up for the holiday. The last week of December could be a holiday season to truly remember so let the good times roll.



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We have all slipped the dog waiting patiently at your feet a little piece of turkey here and there, after all it's the season for giving, but think twice about what you are handing out. Dogs and cats are very sensitive to salt, sugar and fat which if done by tradition should be mostly what you are eating these holidays. That turkey from Thanksgiving wasn't just turkey, but lots of salt and pepper and a healthy coating of fatty gravy too. If you give a hand out, there is also someone else willing as well, so keep in mind that your "little gift" could be one of many.



Here are a few things to keep away from your pets during those special holiday occasions:

**Raw bread (or any yeast based) dough:** The yeast will expand in the stomach causing extreme pain, bloating and some seriously wicked gas. Phew!

**Dessert:** Sugar is bad, really bad for dogs but artificial sweeteners like xylitol are deadly in tiny amounts. No chocolate either, most people know it's toxic to dogs but the darker the more dangerous. Stick to the dog biscuits.

**Poinsettia's:** These beautiful flowers are a regular tradition for Christmas, but just like most red plants they are dangerous. If you're getting one of these beauties for a friend think twice if the have pets. Many people don't know how toxic they can be to nibbling kitties.

**Christmas tree tinsel:** This can prove to be too tempting for your kitties and not only will they play with it (and potentially pull the tree down), but if ingested tinsel can twist their intestines while their body is trying to pass it and cause lots of painful and expensive damage to their digestive tracts. This goes for decorative ribbons on presents too.

**Tree lights:** These can be dangerous if they chew the cord, so consider a bitter chew deterrent if

your pets have this curious habit (oh yeah and spray it on while the lights are unplugged!).

Now you have a good basis of what to keep away from your pets during the holidays, you should honor the idea of giving too, so *here is a list of things to GIVE:*



**Something to chew and occupy their time:** Even though the house is full of people, your pets may not get as much attention. Consider long lasting chews like Bully Sticks. These treats often last longer than rawhide chews and are more digestible. Just make sure that you keep an eye out to ensure they are NOT eating it too fast. Another treat that takes time is a Kong (for cats or dogs) filled with a little low sugar peanut butter (or for cats, cat treats like bonito flakes). Freezing the Kong with stuffing can make the treat time last even longer.

**A safe space away from all the action:** Not all pets are social butterflies, and often with strangers in the house they can be stressed out easily, especially cats who are not as attached to people as they are their territory. Often a closed bedroom, basement or bathroom out of the way can give them a necessary break. If you know you have a pet that is less than thrilled with a group of visitors consider boarding them over the holidays too. Most boarding facilities are open over the holidays for that very reason.

**A jacket for cold weather:** If your dog doesn't have a nice thick double coat and they spend a large amount of time outdoors consider something to keep them warm. Yes we know it's dressing up the dog, but they will thank you for it. There are a wide variety of ways to dress them warm, from light vests, warm hoodies, and even heavy fleece. The most important part to keep warm is their chest. It is where much of their body heat is exchanged. There are even booties lined with fleece to keep their feet warm in the snow, and keep out those little balls of snow they get between their toes.

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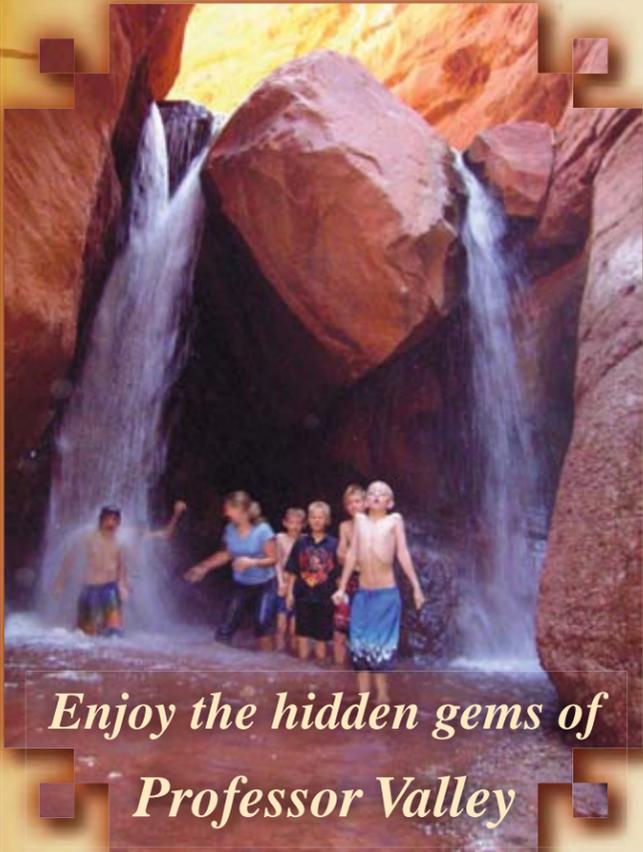
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