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Grand Junction Area Attractions

COLORADO NATIONAL MONUMENT—Vibrant red sandstone canyons that rise above the Colorado River defy the formal “monument” designation of this National Park Service site. The canyons and mesas that form Colorado National Monument are home to desert bighorn sheep, red-tailed hawks and the colorful collared lizards. The Monument covers 32 square miles with 40 miles of hiking trails to suit a variety of abilities. Walk the short but very scenic Canyon Rim Trail or “hike from your car” on the 23 mile Rim Rock drive which provides motorists and road bicyclists wonderful panoramic views of the entire Grand Valley.

DOWNTOWN GRAND JUNCTION / ART ON THE CORNER—Stroll along Main Street in downtown Grand Junction where you will find a variety of unique gift shops, boutiques, antique stores, and Enstrom Candies (known for their world famous almond toffee—view the candy making from the coffee & retail shop). Downtown is also home to Art on the Corner, a collection of over 100 sculptures created by both local and national artists.

THREE SCENIC BYWAYS IN THE GRAND JUNCTION AREA—View spectacular scenery on one of the three scenic byways near Grand Junction: Grand Mesa Scenic & Historic Byway (Highway 65); Unaweep/Tabeguache Scenic & Historic Byway; and Dinosaur Diamond Scenic & Historic Byway.

DINOSAUR JOURNEY MUSEUM—Learn the history of the dinosaurs in western Colorado and surrounding areas with real fossils, cast skeletons, interactive exhibits and robotic reconstructions of dinosaurs. The museum also includes paleontology displays and a working laboratory where dinosaur rooms are prepared for display. Special “Horns & Frills” Exhibit May 18-September 16.

VIEW DINOSAUR BONES—Take a short hike on Riggs Hill Trail, Dinosaur Hill or “Trail Through Time.” Each hike provides opportunities to see actual dinosaur bone fossils and tracks in their natural state.

ONE RIVERFRONT TRAIL —Whether you enjoy walking, rollerblading, or biking (rent an e-bike!), our local trail system along the Colorado River is easily accessible. Several miles of paved trails are available along the river and have various access points.

WINE TASTING—Grand Junction is home to 23 wineries with tasting rooms that are open year round. Pick up a map at the Grand Junction Visitor Center (located at 740 Horizon Drive) and experience the excitement of discovering Colorado’s Wine Country.

Grand Junction Area Events

May 24—Riverfront Concert Series (Chris Hillman) at James M. Robb Colorado River State Park

May 24—Indies at the Avalon Theatre, Independent Film Series (“Final Portrait”)

May 25-27—Colorado State Series BMX Races at Mesa County Fairgrounds

May 26—Antique Truck Show at Cross Orchards Historic Site

May 31—Indies at the Avalon Theatre, Independent Film Series (“Back to Burgundy”)

June 1—Shrine Circus at Mesa County Fairgrounds

June 1-2—Mike the Headless Chicken Festival at Fruita Civic Center Pavilion

