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## **SUGGESTIONS FOR TRAVEL TO MOAB, PROFESSOR VALLEY FIELD CAMP, AND LASAL BASE CAMP**

CFI's Professor Valley Field Camp and LaSal Mountain Base Camp are located in a beautiful part of the Colorado Plateau within 30 miles Moab, Utah. We are far from major cities and getting your group here will be part of the adventure! Our listing is not all-inclusive but should help you get started with travel plans, optional accommodations, and activities.

### **Travel recommendations**

Your best option may be driving from home or flying and renting a car, school bus, rented vans, or charter motor coach. Call CFI if you have questions about your transportation needs *during* your program. CFI can arrange program transportation for an additional fee. Note that the last several miles to both Professor Valley and LaSal Base Camps are on graded gravel roads.

#### Fly to Salt Lake City and rent a car or charter a bus

Salt Lake City Airport is a major transportation hub, served by major airlines, rental agencies, and shuttles to motels and the city. Miles one-way: SLC to Moab 235, Moab to PVFC or LaSal Mtn. base camp 20. Plan at least 5 hours of travel time from Salt Lake City to Moab, Professor Valley, or the LaSal Mountains.

#### Fly to Denver or Grand Junction, Colorado, and rent a car or charter a vehicle

Denver International Airport is six hours east of Moab; it is a major transportation hub with major airlines, all car rental agencies and shuttles to motels and the city. Grand Junction, Colorado is two hours east of Moab. Walker Field Airport in Grand Junction is served by several major airline connections with many car rental agencies and motel shuttles.

#### Amtrak Train to Grand Junction, CO or Green River, UT and rent a car or charter a bus

If you choose to take Amtrak, plan to arrive the day before your program and expect delays. The Hampton Inn is a good hotel near the Grand Junction train station; call (970) 243-3222. Green River is a town about 50mins northwest of Moab.

#### Van rental services for Salt Lake City, Grand Junction, and Southeast Utah

Car rentals usually have 7- or 15-passenger vans, among other options. The following serve Salt Lake City and Grand Junction: Avis, Budget, Hertz, Enterprise, and Dollar. Enterprise also has a local Moab office.

#### Motor coach and bus charters for Salt Lake City, Grand Junction, and Southeast Utah

- American Spirit Shuttle: 14-passenger vans including river shuttles, based in Grand Junction, Colorado; (970) 523-7662.
- Colorado Charter Lines: Dirt roads okay, based in Denver, CO; (800) 821-7491
- Le Bus: 56-passenger luxury motor coaches, operate on paved roads only, based in Salt Lake City; (800) 366-0288 or (801) 975-0202
- Lewis Stages: 20- to 56-passenger coaches, based in Salt Lake City; (800) 826-5844
- Moab Luxury Coach: Provides shuttles and taxi service with a fleet of Ford Expedition SUVs, based in Moab; (435) 940-4212
- Roadrunner Shuttle of Moab: 24-passenger vans, all locations Salt Lake City and Grand Junction; (801) 359-8677 or (435) 259-9402
- Utah Trailways: Full-size motor coaches up to 57-passenger, based in Salt Lake City; (800) 876-5825 or (801) 466-5001

### **Popular campgrounds**

- BLM group sites (cost effective, approx. \$4/person/night, can reserve multiple sites for large group); reserve at (435) 259-2102; info online at [http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/recreation/campgrounds/group\\_campgrounds.html](http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab/recreation/campgrounds/group_campgrounds.html)
  - Some local sites: Dewey Bridge, Hittle Bottom, Lower & Upper Onion Creek, Big Bend, Goose Island, etc.

- Reserve NPS and BLM campsites online (limited selection): <http://www.recreation.gov>
- Arches National Park Campground  
<http://www.nps.gov/arch/planyourvisit/camping.htm>; (435) 719-2299
- Canyonlands National Park Campground  
<http://www.nps.gov/cany/planyourvisit/camping.htm>; (435) 719-2313
- Dead Horse Point State Park Campground  
<http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse>; (800) 322-3770
- Colorado National Monument (Grand Junction, CO)  
<http://www.nps.gov/colm/index.htm>; (970) 858-3617
- Sandflats Recreation Area (Moab Slickrock Bike Trail)  
<http://www.utah.com/database/campgrounds/?id=136>; (435) 259-2444
- Green River State Park Campground  
<http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/green-river>; (800) 322-3770

**Commercial Campgrounds** (a few suggestions, there are many others; all have showers)

- Archview Campground (north of Moab)  
<http://www.archviewresort.com/>; (800) 813-6622
- Canyonlands Campground (downtown Moab)  
<http://www.canyonlandsrv.com/>; (800) 522-6848
- Moab KOA (south of Moab)  
<http://koa.com/campgrounds/moab/>; (800)-562-0372

**Places to hike and visit before and after your CFI program**

Moab area BLM Recreation Sites (no fees); (435) 259-2100

- Fisher Towers: 3 miles East of Professor Valley on Hwy 128
- Negro Bill Canyon & Morning Glory Natural Bridge: 5 miles east of Moab on Hwy 128

National Park Service Southeast Utah Group (call for information on educational group fee waivers); (435) 719-2100

- Arches National Park: 5 miles north of Moab
- Canyonlands National Park, Island-in-the-Sky District: 35 miles north of Moab
- Canyonlands National Park, Needles District: 50 miles south of Moab
- Hovenweep and Natural Bridges National Monuments: approximate half-day drive south of Moab

**Museums**

- John Wesley Powell River History Museum: Green River, Utah  
<http://www.johnwesleypowell.com/>; (435) 564-3427
- Museum of Moab  
<http://www.moabmuseum.org/>; (435) 259-7985
- Dinosaur Journey Museum: Fruita, Colorado  
<http://www.museumofwesternco.com/visit/dinosaur-journey/>; (970) 858-7282
- Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum: Blanding, Utah  
<http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/edge-of-the-cedars>; (435) 678-2238
- Anasazi Heritage Center: Dolores, Colorado  
<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/ahc.html>; (970) 882-4811

**Area travel planning websites**

- State-wide travel with links to each area: <http://www.go-utah.com>
- Local information site with links to camping, lodging, travel information etc.: <http://www.moab-utah.com>
- Local Travel Council site with links to activities, lodging, campgrounds, etc.: <http://www.discovermoab.com>
- Local Chamber of Commerce site, links to travel information and businesses: <http://www.moabchamber.com>