

Attu's Adventures in

# Arches & Canyonlands National Parks



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The first place to start exploring Arches National Park is with the Park Rangers at the Visitor Center. These knowledgeable experts told us about the best hiking trails, most picturesque arches, plus old Native American and early explorer historical sites in the park. I am so pleased that the Arches Rangers are so helpful and friendly. Another true asset of the park!

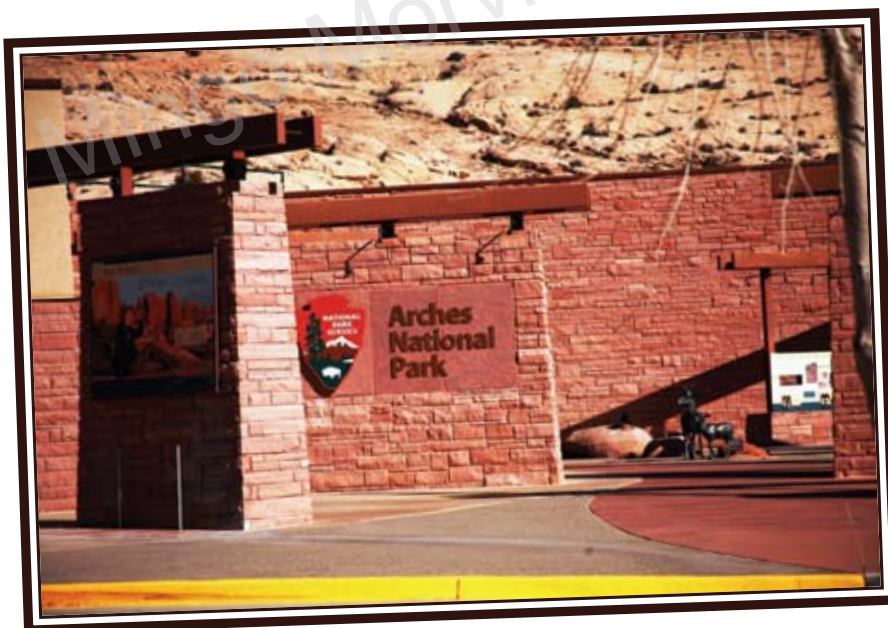


We also talked about safety in the park. In the summer there are rattlesnakes around. Please be careful where you walk. If you hear one, quickly get away from the noise. Also, carry plenty of water when hiking in the summer and be careful on icy trails in the winter. Never damage any of the marvelous rock formations, rock art sites and, of course, never feed any animals in the park.

The rangers also told Mingo about some longer trails in the heart of the park. "I could feel sore paws coming my way. Oh well" I thought! In the next few days I would hike Courthouse Wash, the Windows Arch trail and the trail to Delicate Arch. On these trails I would bound over million year old sandstone rocks, through many awesome

arches and clamor into canyons that were filled with incredible rock formations. These were going to be some amazing days to be a bear in Arches!

Oh yes, the rangers also told us about the great restaurants in Moab. I'm always interested in food! I am so happy to be exploring Arches National Park and to be making many new ranger friends!



I wish you could be here right now with me because the best way to see Arches National Park is to visit. The second best way to visit is through Mingo's photography. These are some of my favorite pictures of our visit to this magical wonderland.



The Needles district is a hiker's paradise. The drive from Moab is an hour or so and fairly scenic. Guess what, more big arches right along the roadside. Pretty cool!

Hiking in the Needles with Mingo is always a workout. He does love to hike long and hard with his bear buddy. I have to admit though I saw some parts of America that few ever see. This is such an awesome park. We visited old Indian sites, more arches and saw vast vistas filled with more towers, spires, buttes and mesas. Here are some of my favorite pictures of Canyonlands National Park.

