


Scenic Byway 128

Whether this is your first trip to Moab or your fifth, you haven't seen Canyonlands until you've traveled Scenic Byway 128. Two miles north of Moab, Scenic Byway 128 leaves Highway 191 and travels through some of the most spectacular scenery in the country!

The views of the LaSal mountains make for endless photo opportunities.

As you travel northeast on Utah 128 the vistas range from open desert to red rock canyons. The route parallels the Colorado River for most of its 44 miles, and this coupled with views of the LaSal mountains make for endless photo opportunities. For those pressed for time, the Byway may be enjoyed in just over an hour. For those with time to indulge themselves, the opportunities are many. Hikers will enjoy the two mile trail that goes deep into Negro Bill Canyon to Morning Glory Natural Bridge, the sixth longest natural rock span in the U.S. Another trail leads the hiker directly to Fisher Towers, a cluster of dark red spires, the highest of which is nearly 900 feet. For those inclined towards the "wet and wild" the Colorado River is great for rafting, kayaking and canoeing. The 'daily' section, from Hittle Bottom to Takeout Beach, is a 13 mile day or overnight trip that is accessible from Scenic Byway 128. Continuing northeast on the Byway, about 30 miles from junction with Highway 191, you will come to Dewey Bridge, built in 1916, and used until 1986. This suspension bridge is on the National Register of Historic Landmarks.

The Grand County Traveled Council, located at the corner of Center and Main, produces a variety of brochures, including *Moab Area Hiking Trails*, *Movie Locations* and *Self-Guided Auto Tours* that will insure an enjoyable visit. 

By Mary Pittmann, Grand County Travel Council

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