

WALKABOUT TRAVEL GEAR ONLINE NEWSLETTER ++++++

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com>

We're not glossy but neither is the way we travel.

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Hello. You're on this e-mail list because you requested to be on it or some mysterious Internet entity added you to it.

As always, if you prefer not to receive our newsletter (or if you receive duplicates) just let us know. Please type the term "March98" in your reply.

WALKABOUT NEWS+++++

WE NOW EXIST BEYOND CYBERSPACE!

We've opened our first retail outlet, in Moab, Utah. Moab is the center of Red Rock country, next to Arches and Canyonlands National Park

Aside from travel gear, we also have a used paperback exchange so you can trade in that novel you've been lugging around for a new one. In the near future you will also be able to access email at the store.

It's at 88 E. Center, behind the Visitor's Center:

<http://www.moab-utah.com/maps/streetmap.html>

OTHER NEWS

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Remember we now have a real-time currency converter on our site. It can be accessed in the WalkBoard section, or directly at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/convert.htm>

Diner's Club has been added to the credit cards we accept. (American Express, Discover, Visa, and MasterCard.)

International customers: Please note that our area code has been

changed from 801 to 435. (Our 800 and 888 toll-free numbers for North America remain the same.)

NEW PRODUCTS, SALES, ETC ++++++

Eagle Creek has discontinued the Endless Journey in Meridian Blue. We've got a few left. If you like blue you are in luck. Sale price \$225.00 instead of the regular \$275.00. Mention the sale price when you order. (Use the comments box if you order online.)

We now stock FilmShields, lead lined bags which protect your film from airport X-rays. While one pass through the X-ray machine may not fog your film, not many people know that the fogging effect is cumulative and thus on long journeys with many flights the film may fog. Better safe than sorry. See FilmShields at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/misc.htm>

Grundig has just released an incredibly tiny Shortwave Radio, the Mini World 100. It fits in the palm of your hand, yet allows you to receive broadcast from all over the world.

Also, we've lowered our price on the Grundig Traveller II from \$109.95 to \$99.00. The Traveller II is also a very compact shortwave, and ~~also~~ doubles as an alarm clock. Both Shortwaves are also at:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/misc.htm>

You can also visit our new products page:

<http://www.walkabouttravelgear.com/new.htm>

INFORMATION PRETENDING TO BE USEFUL BUT ACTUALLY PROPAGANDA ++++++

We want our store to be more than a place to sell travel gear. The paperback book exchange and email access are a good start, but we welcome suggestions to make it a haven for road-weary travellers with the world on their backs.

TRAVEL TIP ++++++

In keeping with our Moab, Utah theme:

Drink lots of water in the desert: ~~Drink~~ at least a gallon a day during the summer.

TRAVEL SUGGESTION+++++

In celebration of our new store, this edition's travel suggestion is to Moab, Utah.

Gateway to Arches and Canyonlands National Park, Moab is also a mountain biking and river running Mecca. The Slickrock Trail is perhaps the world's most famous mountain bike path while the Colorado River runs through town.

The Moab area has been inhabited for thousands of years. The ancient Anazai and Fremont Indians lived here, and their rock drawings can be found up many canyons. Spanish explorers passed through in the 1600s. Cowboys and miners were next, and then the Mormons. The Mormons were driven out by the Native Americans, but when various minerals deposit were found, including uranium, Moab became a boom town. Bust followed boom, then boom followed bust as the unique scenery was discovered by the world.

Moab perhaps first entered the collective consciousness when John Wayne and John Ford discovered the area, filming many Westerns here.

John Wayne: "Moab is where God put the West."

Moab has been a popular filming location every since, for seemingly almost every automobile commercial ever made to Thelma and Louise, Indian Jones, and many other films.

Despite being a small town with a population of 5,000 or so, Moab sees over a million visitors a year, many from Germany.

A nice photo of Red Rock in contrast with the La Sal mountains:

<http://www.moab.net/photogallery/fieryfurn2.jpg>

Current Moab news:

<http://www.moabutah.com/>

Current weather in Moab:

<http://cnn.com/WEATHER/html/MoabUT.html>

INTERNET RECOMMENDATION ++++++

The official Moab homepage contains a wealth of information, including the comprehensive list of Moab lists, from the National Parks to food and lodging:

<http://www.moab.net>

OTHER STUFF ++++++

As always, explore the world now. And come visit to

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