



## DOUBLE ARCH - **ARCHES**



**Rating:** Easy Hiking

**Length:** Less than 1 hour

**Gear:** Standard Hiking Gear

**Maps:** THE WINDOWS SECTION, UT;

**Water:** None

**Season:** Any, although summers can be hot.

**Waypoints:**

Trailhead Double Arch

12S 627108mE 4283189mN

N38° 41' 17" W109° 32' 19"

Double Arch

12S 626966mE 4283512mN

N38° 41' 28" W109° 32' 24"

## Hype

Double Arch is uncommon in Arches National Park in that the arches were created from water erosion from above, rather than the more common side erosion that created most of the other arches in the park. The size of the arches is impressive, with the biggest arch being 148 feet wide and about 104 feet high. It is a very worthwhile short hike, accessible to most.

On a trivia note, the arch was briefly visible in the beginning of the movie Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade.

**Tags:** *hike, family friendly, beginner, access: paved*

## Trailhead

From the visitors center, follow the main park road 9.1 miles to just passed the Balanced Rock pullout. Turn right onto The Window Road and follow it to its end in 2.5 miles. This is both The Windows Trail and Double Arch Trailheads.

## Route

From the trailhead, it is about 0.25 miles to Double Arch. The arch is situated below Elephant Butte, the highest point in Arches National Park.

En route to the arch, the large rock formation on the left is known as the Parade of Elephants, an easy to understand name when you view the formation with a little imagination!

