



SAND ISLAND PETROGLYPH PANEL - **BLUFF**



Rating: Roadside Attraction

Length: Less than an hour.

Maps: Bluff, UT

Season: Any

Waypoints:

Panel

12S 622444mE 4124805mN

N37° 15' 42" W109° 37' 09"

Hype

Sand Island Petroglyph Panel is a large panel near Bluff. On the banks of the San Juan River, it is easy to envision this lush area as a gathering place for ancient peoples. The panel is extensive, with literally hundreds of figures and dates from the earliest inhabitants of the area through the Pueblo III period. (AD 1150 to 1350) There are a few more modern inscriptions mixed in as well. Visiting the panel makes a great side trip when passing by. A BLM campground at the panel and boat launch is available for those doing portions of the San Juan River.

Tags: *roadside, rock art, family friendly, access: paved*

Trailhead

Travel west out of Bluff Utah about 3 miles on state highway 191. At mile post 22.1, turn south into the well signed Sand Island Campground. The panel is signed and easy to spot along the cliff band on the north side of the camp ground.

Note: No fee is required if just visiting the panel.

Route

Rock Art and Historic Site Etiquette

Rock art and historic sites are fragile, non-renewable cultural resources that, once damaged, can never be replaced. To ensure they are protected, please:

- **Avoid Touching the Petroglyphs:** Look and observe, **BUT DO NOT TOUCH!**
- **Stay on the Trails:** Stay on the most used trails when visiting sites, and don't create new trails or trample vegetation.
- **Photography and Sketching is Allowed:** Do not introduce any foreign substance to enhance the carved and pecked images for photographic or drawing purposes. Altering, defacing, or damaging the petroglyphs is against the law -- even if the damage is unintentional.
- **Pets:** Keep pets on a leash and clean up after them.
- **Artifacts:** If you happen to come across sherds (broken pottery) or lithics (flakes of stone tools), leave them where you see them. Once they are moved or removed, a piece of the past is forever lost.

None needed. The panel is visible from where you park.

