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**Medical Emergency 911**

**SLICKROCK MILEAGE LOG**

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| Mile 0.0  | Trailhead parking area.                                       |
| Mile 0.3  | First Practice Loop juncture; main trail goes left.           |
| Mile 0.8  | Second Practice Loop juncture; main trail goes left.          |
| Mile 1.5  | Abyss Viewpoint.  |
| Mile 2.3  | Three-way junction. Start of main loop; go left.              |
| Mile 2.6  | Mountain View Cave (above trail).                             |
| Mile 4.0  | Portal Viewpoint junction, main trail goes right.             |
| Mile 4.2  | Panorama Viewpoint junction, main trail goes right.           |
| Mile 6.7  | Shrimp Rock.  |
| Mile 8.2  | Three-way junction, loop end; go left to return to trailhead. |
| Mile 9.0  | Abyss Viewpoint.  |
| Mile 9.7  | Practice Loop junction; go right to return to trailhead.      |
| Mile 10.2 | Practice Loop junction; go right to return to trailhead.      |
| Mile 10.5 | Trailhead parking area.                                       |



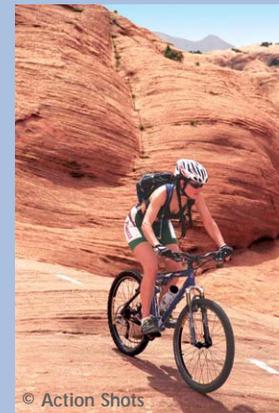
# Sand Flats Bike Trails

(Porcupine Rim Trail on Reverse Side)

## Slickrock Bike Trail

This 10.5-mile loop crosses a scenic and rugged expanse of rolling Navajo Sandstone, the remnant of an ancient desert environment of wind blown sand dunes. Originally established in 1969 for motorcycles, the trail has become a popular destination for mountain bikes. The Slickrock Bike Trail is open to both motorcycles and mountain bikes but is not suitable for ATV's because it crosses steep side slopes and narrow ledges. The Main Trail rates 4 on a scale of 1-4 with 4 being the most difficult. Trailhead facilities include a parking area, shade structure, trail register, vault toilets, picnic tables, a trash dumpster and information kiosk. No drinking water is available.

The normal riding season is from mid-February through November, with spring and fall months being the most popular. Ice, which can make the trail very hazardous, may be found on parts of the trail from late December through February. Early morning and evening rides are best during the summer when mid-day temperatures can exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.



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**Practice Loop:** For riders with less time and/or experience, there is a 1.7-mile Practice Loop. The Practice Loop begins by turning right at the top of the first ridge about 0.3 mile north of the trailhead, and returns to that point via a segment of the main trail. The Practice Loop is not necessarily easier than the Main Trail, but it offers riders an opportunity to test equipment and

skills without venturing too far from the trailhead. It is still a difficult trail and should be approached with respect. It is not for novice riders or young children.

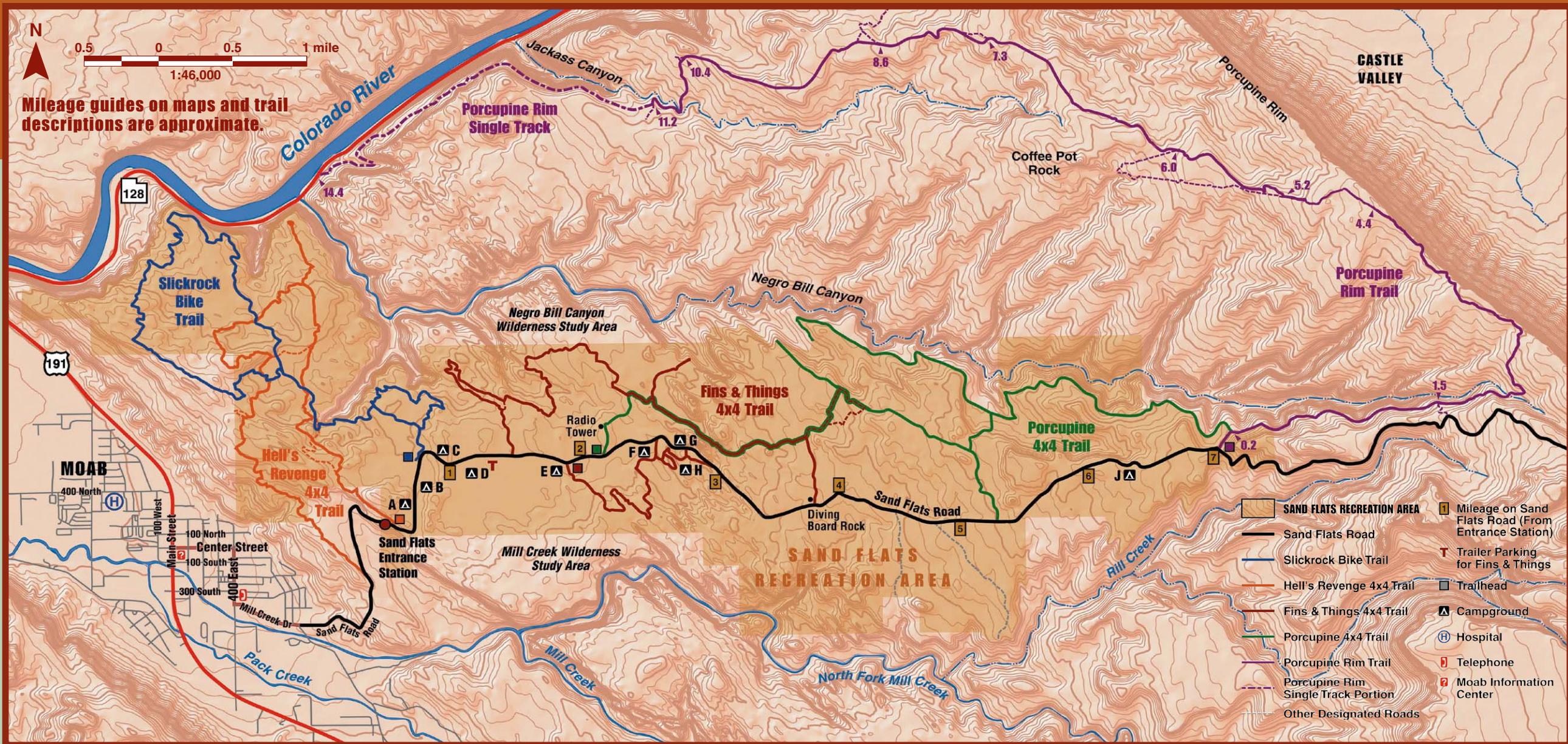
The routes of both the Main Trail and the Practice Loop are indicated by painted white "dashes." Trail intersections with alternate routes are also painted on the rock. Several portions of the main trail are marked with yellow dashes where the trail follows narrow ledges or abrupt drop-offs. Riders are cautioned to be especially careful at these locations and anywhere else the trail approaches a cliff, changes grade or crosses rutted rock. There are tough spots that may require walking bikes. Because of numerous steep ascents, many riders need 3-4 hours to complete the trail.

Be aware of alternate bike routes and search and rescue routes marked with white dots. These are not necessarily maintained and it is recommended that you stay on the well-marked main route. The Hell's Revenge 4x4 Trail, marked with yellow flame symbols, also crosses the Slickrock Bike Trail six times.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL

Grand County has the highest incidence of search and rescue in Utah. Please help us reduce this by playing it safe and following these guidelines:

- **Let someone know your itinerary.** A friend or relative will get help if something goes wrong and you haven't returned when expected.
- **Travel with another person or another vehicle.** If your equipment breaks down, you can avoid getting stuck in the backcountry.
- **Carry trail maps and know how to use them.** Although we try to mark the trail adequately, directional signs may be missing and illegal roads can spring up. Make a note of trail layout, and track mileage markers and key junctions. If you have lost the trail, do not continue in the hopes of finding your own way. Retrace your route back towards the trailhead until you pick up the trail. If you cannot retrace your route, stay put, conserve energy, make yourself visible and await rescue.
- **Bring at least a gallon (4 liters) of water per person and high energy food.**
- **Start early to avoid the heat of the day.**
- **Inspect your bike or vehicle before hitting the trail.** Check your equipment to make sure it is in top operating condition. Also check equipment frequently while on the trail. Riding on Moab trails puts maximum stress on frames and components. Frequent inspections reduce the possibility of injury.
- **If in doubt, scout.** If you are unsure of the route, stop and scout on foot. Do not travel cross-country or try short-cuts. Go back the way you came.
- **Drive or ride Safe and Sober.** It is illegal in Utah for any occupant of a vehicle to open an alcoholic beverage. Please remember to buckle up.
- **Always wear a helmet** when riding a bike or an ATV.
- **Be prepared in case of emergency.** Carry maps, matches or lighter, pump, patch kit, first-aid kit, a good tool kit and extra food, water and clothing.
- **Develop basic riding and driving skills on easier trails.** Trails like Slickrock, Porcupine Rim, Hell's Revenge and Fins and Things are not suitable places to learn basic skills.



# Porcupine Rim Trail

The Porcupine Rim Trail starts 7 miles from the Entrance Station at the east end of the recreation area. The first 11.2 miles of the trail are open to bikes and motorized vehicles. After this point the trail departs from the dirt road and becomes a single track suitable only for mountain biking and hiking. The trail is rated a 4 (difficult), on a scale of 1 to 4. It includes a 3-mile, 900-foot ascent from the trailhead to Porcupine Rim and then an 11-mile, 2,800-foot descent to the Colorado River. One of the great attractions of the trail is the stunning view it offers of Castle Valley from the top of the Rim.

Ridden from the trailhead, Porcupine Rim Trail is 14.4 miles to Highway 128 or 20.4 miles to Moab. If ridden as a loop, the entire ride is 30.8 miles with an elevation gain of 3,000 feet. Shuttle services in Moab can provide transportation to the trailhead.

The trail is marked with brown flexible posts, cairns and occasional symbols painted on rock. Normal riding season for the trail is from late March through late October. Due to the high elevation of the rim, snow, rain or cold temperatures may occur during early spring and late fall. The singletrack section is extremely technical and exposed in many places. This section may require dismounting and walking.

Trailhead facilities include an information board, vault toilet, trail register and limited parking (if the parking area is full, park along the north side of the main road, facing Moab). The water in the stock tanks at the trailhead is not potable.

There are numerous spur routes off the main trail, most of which are indicated on the main map. Many of these are dead-ends. Follow the main trail on the map to avoid getting lost.

## PORCUPINE RIM MILEAGE LOG

- Mile 0.0** Trailhead. Please sign the trail register.
- Mile 0.2** Porcupine Jeep Trail to left; Porcupine Rim Trail goes right.
- Mile 1.5** Stay straight on trail. Right fork (Lazy Man) ascends to the Sand Flats Road.
- Mile 4.4** Trail goes right.
- Mile 5.2** Trail goes right. The left spur is a long descent ending at Coffee Pot Rock.
- Mile 6.0** Trail goes right. Spur accesses Coffee Pot Rock.
- Mile 7.3** Trail goes left.
- Mile 8.6** Trail goes left. Dead-end on right.
- Mile 10.4** Trail goes left and enters the Wilderness Study Area. Stay on the trail!
- Mile 11.2** Trail goes right to begin the singletrack. Turn around point for all four-wheel vehicles. The prominent doubletrack on the left leads to a dead end.
- Mile 14.4** Trail ends. Six miles to Moab on bike path and Highway 128. Use caution on highway and please ride single file.

