



Porcupine Rim Trail

The Porcupine Rim Trail starts 7.1 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 3000 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** Spur to the left. Stay right. Shortly after this a right fork ascends to the Sand Flats Road.
- Mile 4.4** Spur trail to right; main trail goes left.
- Mile 5.2** Trail goes right. The left spur is a long descent ending at Coffee Pot Rock.
- Mile 6.0/6.3** Trail goes right. Both spurs access 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 Highway 128. Use caution and please ride single file.

