

# Arches National Park



Arches National Park is located in Utah, near the Colorado River. This park is best known for its 2,000 arches and rock formations made out of a distinctive red rock.

**What to do:** Visitors can check out the most popular and largest free-standing arch called, Delicate Arch. Due to its shape, it's been nicknamed things like "Cowboy's Chaps."

**History:** While researchers have not found many dwellings in Arches, there is evidence of tools possibly left by ancient Puebloans who lived near.

**Wildlife:** Given the desert heat, many creatures at Arches like to be awake when the sun is down and the temperature is cooler. These nocturnal animals include kangaroo rats, foxes and even mountain lions.

**Fun Fact:** The park cuts down on light pollution, to create dark skies--designed for stargazing. Be sure to give your eyes some time to adjust to the darkness before looking for constellations.