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Road Map Travel Guide

Utah State Highway #95 "Bicentennial Scenic Byway"

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MILE	KM	ITEM	SUMMARY	MILE	KM
0.0	0.0	Junction-Utah Highways SR 24 and SR 95	Western end of Utah Highway SR 95 at Hanksville, Utah. Scenic Highway, Called the (Bicentennial Scenic Byway).- SR 24 West leads to Capitol Reef, Utah National Park (40 miles) and, via scenic Utah Highway SR 12 in Torrey (51 miles), to Grand Staircase-Escalante, Utah National Monument (116 miles), Bryce Canyon, Utah National Park (161 miles) and Zion National Park (240 miles). Utah Highway SR 24 East leads to Goblin Valley, Utah State Park (34 miles) and ends after 45 miles at Exit 147 on Interstate 70, 11 miles west of the town of Green River, Utah. - Goblin Valley, Utah State Park Campground. Camping; RV Trailer Sites - 21 - Maximum RV Length - 30 ft - Tent Sites - 21 - Drinking Water - Modern Restrooms - Vault Toilets - Showers - Sewage Disposal. For additional information for SR # 95 (Bicentennial Scenic Byway) see attached link	121.8	196.0
0.0	0.0	Hanksville, Utah	Elevation 4,315 ft. Population 225. Founded in 1882 by Ebenezer Hanks and other Mormon settlers along the Fremont River, the town soon became a regional supply depot for local miners, ranchers and farmers. Hanksville is the last stop before Robbers Roost Canyon, where Butch Cassidy and the Wild Bunch would hide out. Campground, lodging, restaurants.	121.8	196.0
6.0	9.7	Henry Mountains, Utah	The Henry Mountains were formed about 48 million years ago by volcanic forces that were not great enough to break through the earth's surface. Mount Ellen, Utah to the north of the range, is the highest peak with an elevation of 11,522 ft.	115.8	186.4
9.9	15.9	Fairview Ranch Junction / Sawmill Basin	Access to several off-highway vehicle trails, hiking trails and campgrounds in the Henry Mountains. Check in first with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office in Hanksville before exploring the backcountry.	111.9	180.1
14.0	22.5	Henry Mountains, Utah		107.8	173.5
14.8	23.8	Dell Seeps / Adobe Swale / Burr Point	Access to several off-highway vehicle trails in the historic Robbers Roost region and to a panoramic view over the Dirty Devil River Canyon, Utah (11 miles).	107.0	172.2
16.4	26.4	Borderline Wayne County, Utah - Garfield County, Utah		105.4	169.6
20.5	33.0	Bull Mountain Road Scenic Backway	Graded dirt road (high clearance recommended)to North Wash (4 miles), Eagle Bench (9 miles), Crescent Creek (14 miles) and Bromide Basin (18 miles). There was a brief gold boom in this area in the early 1890s. The scenic backway is 68 miles long and ends on Utah Highway SR 276 to the southeast.	101.3	163.0
26.2	42.2	Junction - Utah Highway SR 276 Western End	Access route for Ticaboo (28 miles), Bullfrog Marina (40 miles) and other Lake Powell Recreation Areas.	95.6	153.8
29.0	46.7	Geologic Wonderland		92.8	149.3
33.3	53.6	Hog Springs Rest Area	The only rest area along Utah Highway SR 95 is located in North Wash Canyon. It took mother nature more than 100 million years to deposit the nine geologic formations which you see as you travel through North Wash Canyon.	88.5	142.4
36.4	58.6	Glen Canyon, Utah National Recreation Area	Glen Canyon National Recreation Area extends along the Colorado River from Grand Canyon National Park in far north-central Arizona, to Canyonlands, Utah National Park in southeastern Utah. Lake Powell is the centerpiece, surrounded by beautiful canyon country.	85.4	137.4

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40.0	64.4	North Wash Canyon		81.8	131.6
40.9	65.8	Lake Powell, Utah at Hite Marina		80.9	130.2
41.1	66.1	Hite Marina Overlook	The remains of Hite City, Utah a 'boom town', lie in Lake Powell below this point. Cass Hite found gold here in 1883. Following World War II, the population of the city increased to more than 200 people, sweeping the area for uranium. In 1964 the rising waters of Lake Powell, Utah engulfed Hite.	80.7	129.9
41.1	66.1	Hite Marina	Note the very low lake level in May 2003. The boat launch ramp is in the center of the photo, far away from the shoreline.	80.7	129.9
41.1	66.1	Confluence of Colorado River (right) and Dirty Devil River, Utah (left)	The water level in Lake Powell, Utah was so low in May 2003 that the Dirty Devil River and the Colorado River actually had a confluence again.	80.7	129.9
41.1	66.1	Flying back to Moab, Utah	Satisfied rafters are flown back to Moab after a 5-day trip through the whitewater rapids of Cataract Canyon, Utah on the Colorado River.	80.7	129.9
42.8	68.9	Dirty Devil River, Utah	This channel of the Dirty Devil River is normally flooded by Lake Powell. The photo was taken in May 2003 after 4 years of severe drought.	79.0	127.1
43.8	70.5	Bridge over Dirty Devil River, Utah	After surviving the rapids in Cataract Canyon, Powell's expedition camped at the mouth of the Dirty Devil River. 'The water is exceedingly muddy and has an unpleasant odor. One of the men in the boat following, seeing what we have done, shouts to Dunn and asks whether it is a trout stream. Dunn replies, much disgusted, that it is a dirty devil, and by this name the river is to be known hereafter.' - John Wesley Powell, July 28, 1869	78.0	125.5
46.3	74.5	Hite Road / Flint Trail	Off-highway vehicle access road to the Maze District of Canyonlands National Park (35 miles). It is the only dirt road from the north between the bridge over the Dirty Devil River and the bridge over the Colorado River. Stop at the Park Service office at Hite Marina (mile marker 48.6) before traveling into the Maze to check road conditions in what is some of the most rugged and forbidding country in southeastern Utah.	75.5	121.5
47.5	76.4	Bridge over Colorado River - Borderline Garfield County, Utah and San Juan County, Utah	View of the Colorado River channel, which is normally flooded by Lake Powell. This photo was taken in May 2003, after 4 years of severe drought. The Little Rockies and the Henry Mountains are in the background.	74.3	119.6
48.6	78.2	Hite Marina, Utah	Northern-most marina on Lake Powell, 141 lake miles from Glen Canyon Dam. Family units (trailers), primitive campground, marina store, gas station, boat rental.	73.2	117.8
53.1	85.5	Farley Canyon, Utah	Access road to Lake Powell, Utah. Primitive camping.	68.7	110.6
54.4	87.5	White Canyon, Utah	Access road to Lake Powell, Utah. No boat launch.	67.4	108.5
54.6	87.9	Glen Canyon, Utah National Recreation Area	Boundary. Glen Canyon, Utah National Recreation Area surrounds Lake Powell and provides hiking, 4-wheeling and camping opportunities, although most activity takes place on the lake itself.	67.2	108.1
64.0	103.0	Jacob's Chair, Utah	Jacob's Chair Butte.	57.8	93.0
71.0	114.3	Fry Canyon	Once a busy hub for uranium mining, the area is now serene and undisturbed. Lodge, store, gasoline.	50.8	81.8
76.4	122.9	Cheese Box Butte, Utah		45.4	73.1
83.8	134.9	Junction - Utah Highway SR 276 Eastern End	Access road to Lake Powell, Utah Halls Crossing Marina and Bullfrog Marina via Ferry. The Bears Ears on Elk Ridge are in the background.	38.0	61.2
91.5	147.2	Junction - Utah Highway SR 275 - Natural Bridges National Monument	Access road to Natural Bridges, Utah National Monument (6 miles) and Elk Ridge Scenic Backway (50 miles long off-highway vehicle dirt road) in Manti-La Sal, Utah National Forest.	30.3	48.8
93.2	150.0	Junction - Utah Highway SR 261 - Trail of the Ancients, Utah	Access road to Grand Gulch Primitive Area and Ranger Station, Moki Dugway, Utah Scenic Backway, several Cedar Mesa canyons, Valley of the Gods, Utah - San Juan River Goosenecks, Utah State Park and Utah Highway US 163 (33 miles), just north of the community of Mexican Hat, Utah.	28.6	46.0
97.1	156.3	Salvation Knoll, Utah	Historic marker. On Christmas Day 1879 four scouts of the Mormon Hole-in-the-Rock Expedition were lost in a blizzard. One of them climbed to the top of this knoll where he saw the Blue or Abajo Mountains about 10 miles to the northeast. Thus oriented the men were able to continue their search for the most feasible route between the Colorado River and Montezuma Creek near Monticello, Utah and Blanding, Utah.	24.7	39.7

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101.7	163.7	Mule Canyon Ruin	Ruin of an Anasazi pueblo (AD 1000-1150) including a block of rooms, kiva and tower.	20.1	32.3
102.2	164.5	Texas Flats Road	Primitive camping and off-highway vehicle access to the north and south forks of Mule Canyon with many Anasazi cliff dwellings.	19.6	31.5
102.6	165.1	Cave Towers, Utah	Off-highway vehicle access road to ancient towers sitting precariously on the rim of Mule Canyon.	19.2	30.9
107.0	172.2	Comb Ridge and Comb Wash	Comb Ridge is an 80 miles long monocline from Elk Ridge in the north down to Kayenta, Arizona. Formed over 65 million years ago, Comb Wash is a major drainage for the area, with tributaries draining from Cedar Mesa to the west as well as down the face of the monocline. It takes its name from the scalloped appearance of the ridgetop, which resembles the comb of a rooster.	14.8	23.8
107.4	172.8	Arch Canyon Road	Off-highway vehicle road going north along Comb Ridge to Elks Ridge.	14.4	23.2
107.5	173.0	Comb Wash Road	A 17.5 miles long off-highway vehicle road going south along the 80 miles long Comb Ridge monocline and connecting with Utah Highway US 163 just west of the town of Bluff and junction with Utah Highway US 191 (see separate road log). Primitive camping.	14.3	23.0
111.2	179.0	Butler Wash Ruin, Utah	Overlook of a small Anasazi cliff dwelling.	10.6	17.1
112.3	180.7	Butler Wash Road	A 20 miles long off-highway vehicle road along the eastern tilted side of the 80 miles long Comb Ridge monocline and connecting with Utah Highway US 163, just west of the town of Bluff and the junction with Utah Highway US 191 (see separate road log).	9.5	15.3
115.4	185.7	South Cottonwood Canyon Road	Off-highway vehicle access road to Manti-La Sal National Forest and the Blue or Abajo Mountains (Abajo Peak 11,360 feet).	6.4	10.3
121.8	196.0	Junction - Utah Highway US 191 - Blanding, Utah	For highway travel north or south via U.S. Highway #191 - See Road Map Highway Travel Guide - U.S. Highway #191 - Arizona/Utah State Line to Crescent Junction, Utah for driving directions. Start / Finish of Road Map Highway Travel Guide -e	0.0	0.0