

FROM FORK TO TRAIL:

Grand Junction's
Epicurean Delights
and Outdoor
Exploration Await!



The Colorado National Monument, just outside Grand Junction, was established May 24, 1911 by President William Howard Taft's Presidential Proclamation. Its 23-mile-long Rimrock Drive was hewed out of sheer sandstone walls by workmen of the Depression-era Civilian Conservation Corps.

**Story and photographs
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Guacamole, Tacoparty



Bananas Foster, Devil's Kitchen

Okay, okay. You've been to Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Aspen, Vail and maybe even Durango. So you think you've seen and experienced the best of Colorado...

Allow me to introduce you to a spot you might not have thought to include on your Colorado itinerary. That would be Grand Junction.

This city lies on the Western side of Colorado, as opposed to the Front Range, of the state. In fact, it lies at the foot of the Book Cliffs, a spectacular 200-mile cliff face – the longest on the planet – that marks the start of the Rocky Mountains.

Grand Junction is the heart of the Grand Valley, where you'll find some of the most fertile land in the nation, extending from the communities of Palisade to the east and to Fruita to the west. Today, this verdant valley produces some of the sweetest peaches, cherries, apples, apricots and flavorful wines you'll find anywhere.

It's not surprising given its location at the confluence of the Gunnison and Colorado rivers, the latter of which was known as the

Grand River up until July 25, 1921, hence the city's name.

Just 10 minutes from Grand Junction's downtown, the majestic mountains and towering red rock monoliths of the Colorado National Monument rise high into the sky. Managed by the National Park Service, it's sort of a mini Grand Canyon – without the crowds.

In Downtown Grand Junction, I experienced a discernible welcoming vibe. That's probably due to the fact that the Downtown includes more than 100 locally owned stores, memorable restaurants, craft breweries, local wineries and more. *Much more!*

Grand Junction, with a population of 68,034, is the largest city between Denver and Salt Lake City. The city's wonderful and warm small town spirit is matched only by the Grand Valley's abundant and scenic open spaces that enticed me to venture out, explore and breathe deep.

Spend a few days here. I've got plenty of ideas on the pages following that will keep you happily engaged.



Colorado National Monument

While I was visiting Grand Junction, a friend posted an Instagram photo of bumper-to-bumper traffic with the caption “Next time I plan a trip to Zion National Park will be on a Tuesday in February.”

An even better idea would be to head to Grand Junction and the nearby Colorado National Monument. It’s the national park you’ve never heard of!

Well, to be sure, it was established by President William Howard Taft as a national monument, not a national park. Taft had visited the Grand Junction area during the peach festival of 1909 and after an intense lobbying campaign led by local explorer John Otto. The somewhat ec-

centric Otto arrived in Grand Junction in 1906 and chose to live in the remote and rugged region, dubbing the canyons, peaks and valleys “the heart of the world.” Succumbing to Otto’s persistent and persuasive campaign, Taft used the 1906 Antiquities Act to issue a Presidential Proclamation in 1911, declaring the 32,000-square-mile region a national monument, thereby preserving the land from development.

It’s just 10 minutes to the park’s east entrance from downtown Grand Junction, and there’s the west entrance, near Fruita, where you’ll likely spot some Desert Bighorn Sheep just a couple of miles in. Be sure to use the turnout to get a good

view of Balanced Rock, a 700-ton boulder that’s perched above a flatbed sandstone shelf. Two miles further down Rimrock Drive, the Saddlehorn Visitor Center offers a splendid introduction to the monument. It’s staffed with knowledgeable park rangers and there’s a recently completed 18-minute film that’s shown on a loop, plus lots of exhibits, a souvenir shop filled with books, maps and gifts, and restrooms.

Rimrock Drive was built over several years, beginning in 1931 by the Civilian Conservation Corps in a Works Progress Administration project initiated under President Franklyn D. Roosevelt’s “New Deal.”



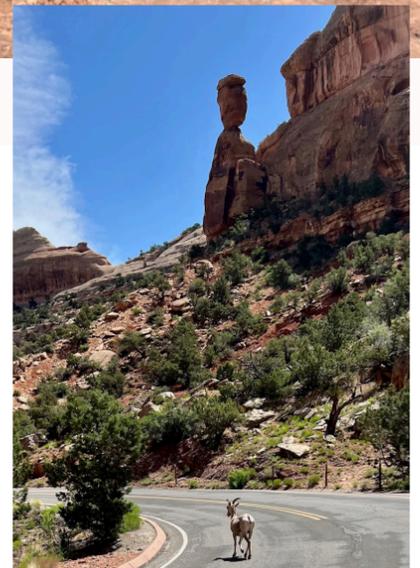
You can park at the Saddlehorn Visitor Center, then stroll out back and hike on a number of trails through Monument Canyon and Wedding Canyon.

Today, the drive remains the only paved road through the monument and includes three tunnels, with clearances of 16 feet at the center, but only 10 feet and a couple of inches at each side, making the road inhospitable to large RVs. On the other hand, bikers adore the 23-mile route; you need to keep a sharp eye out for them!

It’s a magnificent drive with lots of overlooks and trailheads along the road. Three of the most popular hiking trails are the Window Rock Trail, a short gentle trail with rim-side views of Monument and Wedding Canyons; the Canyon Rim Trail,

a one-mile loop that I took from the Visitor Center that follows the rim of Wedding Canyon; and for advanced hikers, the Monument Canyon Trail, a 11.6-mile roundtrip with steep switchbacks into Monument Canyon from the rim. Once on the canyon floor, it’s a moderate and scenic hike.

If you’re not planning on extensive hiking, plan on two to three hours to drive the entire route, with stops at the Visitor Center and snapping photographs along the way. Then you can spend the rest of the day in Downtown Grand Junction, shopping, eating and maybe enjoying a nice brewski.



A Desert Bighorn Sheep sauntered across my path on Rimrock Drive, just below Balanced Rock, a 700-ton boulder perched precariously on a sandstone pedestal.

Downtown Grand Junction

Grand Junction was incorporated July 22, 1882, although human civilization in the area dates back thousands of years. It was long inhabited by the Ute people, among other indigenous cultures.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroads also came to town in 1882 and the Interstate highway system reached the city in the 1960s. These connections supported the economic growth of agriculture across the Grand Junction area, and in later years wholesale goods and energy production.

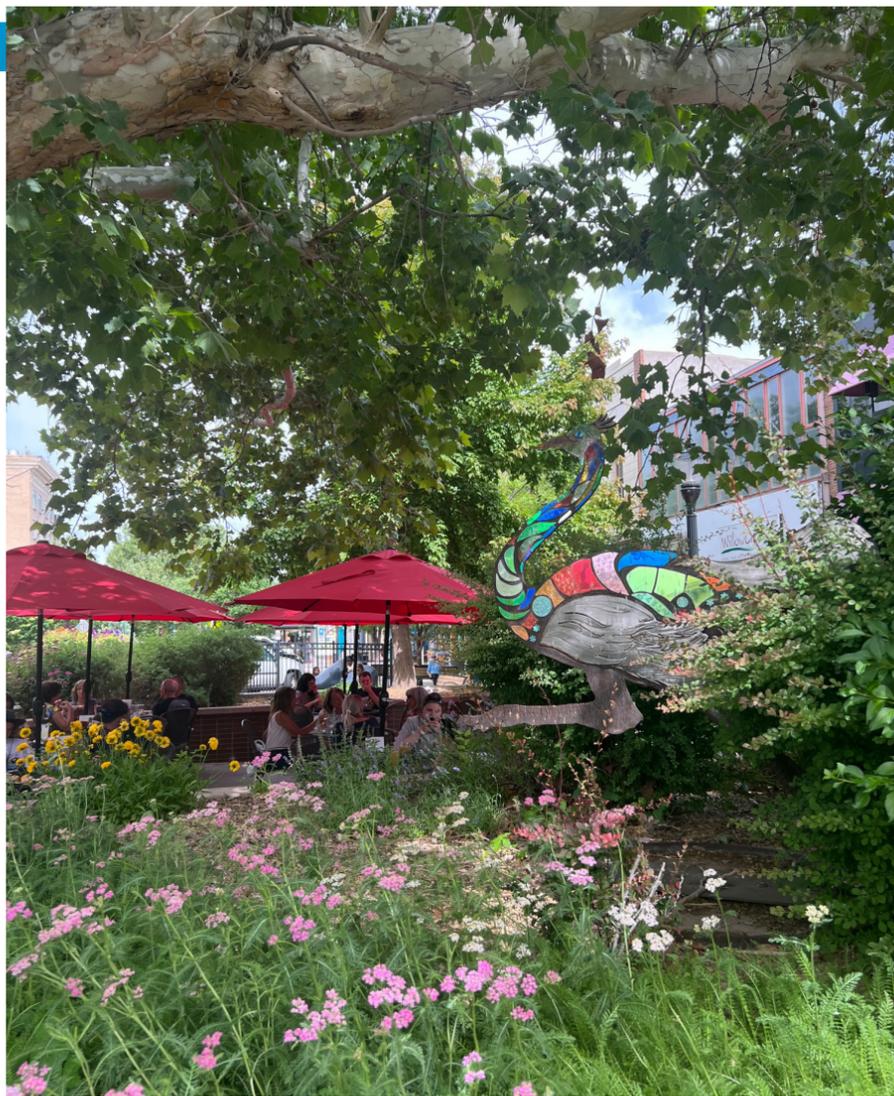
Between the river and the railroad, Grand Junction became a regional hub of agricultural and mining industries that transformed the downtown.

In the 1950's, a time when many cities were looking towards pedestrian malls, Downtown Grand Junction embraced the concept of a chicane, which is a serpentine street design with pockets of green space and public art.

The downtown was first recognized nationally in 1962 when Operation Foresight began to reconstruct Main Street into a "downtown shopping park" with landscaping, parking and updated streets for which the city was awarded All America City recognition by Look magazine.

Coal and shale oil drilling was the lifeblood of Grand Junction for much of the 20th Century. Exxon closed abruptly in 1983 on what locals called "Black Sunday;" Unocal closed in 1991.

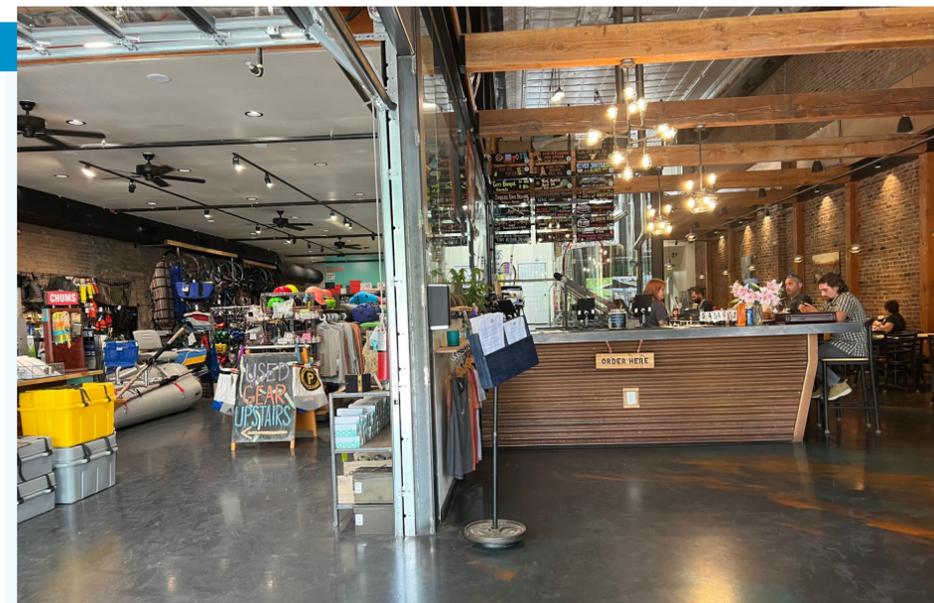
Fortunately, by the turn of the century, Grand Junction had already undertaken the necessary steps to develop its downtown. Tourism and the area's natural wonders including its agricultural products took center stage, and in recent years major medical centers have provided a new business base.



Colorful patios, trees, planters and sculptures fill Downtown Grand Junction.



Ramblebine Brewing Company is a popular stop on Main Street.



Trail Life Brewing (right) shares its space with next door neighbor, The Gear Junction, outdoor outfitters.

Today, Grand Junction's Downtown is celebrated as an innovative and successful downtown revitalization strategy, the design of which is part of the unique character and history of the community. Downtown is even a designated park.

I loved meandering down Main Street, with several Victorian-era buildings rising on the avenue's sides and a wide center median. In addition, wide sidewalks are filled with pedestrian seating areas and restaurant patios. I enjoyed perusing books on the history of the region at Grand Valley Books and Out West Books. Want more area history? Stop by the Museum of the West, just a block off Main Street. Here you can ride a stagecoach, see the firearms that outlaws used, sit in a one-room schoolhouse and climb the 75-foot-tall Sterling T. Smith Educational Tower for a 360-degree view of the town and surrounding mountains.

Throughout the district, shade trees provided dappled light. I took time to view some of the 115 sculptures and murals that are placed throughout the downtown, part of the year-round Art on the Corner outdoor sculpture exhibit established in

1984 by local sculptor, Dave Davis. To date, more than 750 sculptures have rotated throughout the space and several have been sold. I noticed that a number of sculptures had been placed inside former circular fountains. One by one, the fountains are being turned into planters. Yes, even the Centennial State is also experiencing drought!

Throughout the summer (this year through Sept. 21) the Market on Main, Downtown's signature event, runs on Thursday evenings, showcasing farm products from the Western Slope and all of Colorado. The program is sponsored by St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, one of the city's largest employers.

Downtown also holds First Friday's, where art galleries and many other shops stay open until nine on the First Friday of each month with many artists on site.

There are many breweries, two super wine-tasting rooms, dozens of great restaurants, in the Downtown core, several of which I've listed in the "If You Go" section. They are interspersed with local shops – in fact, I don't recall seeing any chain stores in



Art on the Corner sculptures and murals have filled Downtown Grand Junction with color and creativity since the programs inception in 1984.

Grand Junction's Downtown. Now that's impressive!

Something I found curious was that the city's Downtown had been developed several blocks from one of the area's greatest assets, the Colorado River.

Community planners recognized this several years ago and created a plan, now well under development to better connect Downtown with what is now called the "River District." It includes Los Colonias park, which features open spaces with picnic tables, shelters, restrooms and, best of all, an outdoor amphitheater that now hosts outdoor concerts and events. Kannah Creek's Edgewater Brewery is conveniently located next door and the Western Colorado Botanical Gardens is a block away.

Additional riverfront developments include Dos Rios, a 58-acre mixed-used residential and commercial development; a Riverfront Trail and a two-mile "Lunch Loops" trail system, so named because it provided a handy biking trail that can be enjoyed by Downtown business workers during their lunch breaks.

Hotel Maverick – on the campus of Colorado Mesa University

Hotel Maverick had just celebrated its third anniversary when I stayed at this impressive “teaching hotel” on the campus of Colorado Mesa University. Maybe not coincidentally it’s rated Grand Junction’s number one hotel on Trip Advisor. I found both the service and product of both the hotel and its fine dining restaurant, Devil’s Kitchen, to be top notch.

The hotel is owned and was built by the university, home of the “Mavericks,” and managed by Charlestowne Hotels, which manages several college-affiliated hotels in its portfolio.

Founded in 1925, Colorado Mesa University is a public institution offering liberal arts, professional, and technical programs at the master’s, bachelor’s, associate and certificate levels – 119 academic programs in total. It is the premier university in Western Colorado.

Hotel Maverick works with students majoring in CMU’s Hospitality Management program and students enrolled in the culinary program at Western Colorado Community College. I sat down with hotel GM Tammy Anderson, who has been with the hotel since it opened in the height of the pandemic, to learn a bit more.

Hotel Maverick is a 60-room boutique hotel (boutique hotels are under 100 rooms) spread out over four floors. Tammy said that 80 percent of the 99-person hotel staff, including herself, is comprised of existing and former students at CMU.

The hotel internships run for six months. “Students begin at the front desk, one of the most integral parts of the job,” she said. “It’s the first and last point of contact with a guest. The front desk team’s role is critical in ensuring that guests feel welcome and enjoy their stay.”



Hotel Maverick



My spacious hotel room featured a headboard to my bed made of “beetle-killed pine” from salvaged wood from pine trees killed by the Mountain Pine Beetle. These tiny beetles killed more than 100 million acres of trees throughout the U. S. and Canada, including thousands of trees in nearby Big Bear. The wood left behind features distinct blue striations and is structurally sound if harvested within two years.

Tammy continued: “Interns will also work a couple of weeks in housekeeping, learning to properly clean rooms, then work with maintenance for a few days. They’ll gain experience working with our sales department, then food and beverage and help with a banquet or two. They’ll shadow a hostess, but we don’t allow hospitality students in the back of the kitchen.”

The students also spend a full day with the general manager. “Our internships are all-encompassing and when they leave, they’ll have a really good idea is this busi-

ness they want to be in or not.

Sometimes interns will protest that they have to work nights, weekends and holidays. “I tell them this is the real world – weekends and holidays are often when people want to travel,” Tammy said. “It’s good for them to figure out if this is the right fit before they get too far into their career.”

Tammy’s own career included an internship through CMU at the Grand Junction Convention & Visitors Bureau, now called Visit Grand Junction, and other area hotels

and resorts in Western Colorado.

Devil’s Kitchen restaurant and bar is located on the hotel’s fourth floor, and features stunning views of the university and the Book Cliffs beyond from its interior dining room and rooftop deck. It has quickly made a name for itself in culinary circles and with this writer.

While some might think the restaurant is a play on words from Gordon Ramsey’s Hell’s Kitchen TV Show, the restaurant takes its name from a popular trail at the Colorado National Monument.

I enjoyed a beautifully prepared and presented dinner at Devil’s Kitchen, which is best described by sharing photos of my three-course meal. I only made a dent in that fabulous Bananas Foster dessert, meant for two people (or three or four!). But I felt it was my duty to order it, as part of my unrelenting efforts to educate my dear readers. Or, you might say the devil made me do it!

Devil’s Kitchen restaurant serves lunch and dinner, Monday through Friday, brunch and dinner on weekends. Happy hour is 3 – 6 p.m. daily and all day Monday.



Devil’s Kitchen has views of the Colorado Mesa University campus and Book Cliff Mountains beyond.



Deviled eggs are deep fried in tempura egg white.



Homemade lavender fudge was a most welcomed welcome gift.



My fabulous server, Maresa, expertly prepared Bananas Foster tableside that featured cherries, bananas, vanilla bean ice cream, banana liqueur and rum, which flamed brightly.

Tacoparty and Bin 707

Meet Josh Niernberg, executive chef and owner of Bin 707 Foodbar and Tacoparty, two of Grand Junction's most renowned and innovative restaurants.

Niernberg has again this year been named a semi-finalist Outstanding Chef in the annual James Beard Foundation's Restaurant and Chef Awards, and he received the same honor in 2022. The awards were canceled due to Covid in 2021. The previous year Josh was a semifinalist for the Outstanding Chef in the Mountain Region.

Josh's wife, Jodi, is a Grand Junction native while Josh grew up on the Front Range where he began his restaurant career in the early 2000s, working with some of Denver's most innovative restaurants. He also earned a BA in industrial science from Metropolitan State University of Denver, which he has since put to good use designing some exciting restaurant settings.

The Niernbergs moved to Grand Junction at the height of the 2008 recession.

Jodi's father was a partner in a real estate venture that included a restaurant. The operator left and "Our plan was to come here to operate the restaurant in order to sell it," Josh said. "That was the first Bin 707."

"We eventually found a buyer for that property," Josh said. "But the restaurant had developed a following and we moved downtown."

Josh and Jodi, who served as beverage director at the time, had discovered the wealth and unbeatable lifestyle of the Grand Valley.

"With the farm-to-table movement, we were smack dab in the middle of it," Josh said, paying tribute to the bounty of the valley's rich agricultural products. "We've really been lucky with fresh produce, with some farmers growing crops ex-



Josh Niernberg, owner of Grand Junction's Tacoparty and Bin 707 Foodbar, was named a semi-finalist Outstanding Chef for both 2022 and 2023 in the annual James Beard Foundation's Restaurant and Chef Awards

Photo courtesy of Bin 707

clusively for us. We also use Farm Runners, an independent delivery service, based in the town next to us." Farm Runners works with 77 family farms on the Western Slope, providing seasonal produce, meat and dairy.

While focusing on local products and sustainable practices, Josh's vision is also global. "Grand Junction's closest ports are San Diego and Los Angeles, which opens us up to the Pacific Rim, and our closest border is Mexico. Therefore, we have more regional influences from Asian and Mexican cuisine than we do to French and Italian.

"Colorado is also famous for its beer industry and that's largely due to the grains grown here," Josh said. "But those grains haven't yet made their way into the food system. I'm currently working on a new menu. I'm buying barley in raw form from a malting company and using it in many ways. I'll cook it like a risotto, ferment it and use it on a steak dish, or a bison and

barley dish. The liquid that comes off it can be used as a stock. We are also dehydrating it and puffing it for salads.'

Bin 707 Foodbar is a premier fine dining restaurant with 200 seats, focusing on local, natural, organic and sustainable foods and wines. The property includes a 700-square-foot heirloom tomato and fresh vegetable garden and the region's most extensive and eclectic wine list, featuring more than 150 bottles.

Tacoparty is a casual, order-at-the-counter eatery. It's fast, but this is not fast food, not by a long shot. Here you can order the taco lunch of your dreams, although your dreams probably didn't anticipate twice-fried yam tacos, rockfish tempura tacos or pork belly tacos with apricots. Six varieties of tacos are offered on the menu each day, from Josh's array of more than 100 taco recipes. "Our menu is a celebration, or party if you will, of the local ingredients grown, sourced and made within our Grand Valley," he explains.



Tacoparty's guacamole is the most colorful and delicious version of the popular dish I've ever encountered. The popular avocado dish includes a blackberry gastrique, radish pico, strawberry, serrano chili, herbs and amaranth furikake, which is a combination of amaranth seeds, with a sweet and nutty taste and the dry Japanese condiment, furikake.

Plans are bright for the Niernbergs, and more of Josh's offerings to come. Jodi is home nights with their two young boys while Josh is making plans to move Bin 707 Foodbar to 400 Main Street, with an opening planned for next year. The present Bin 707 will become Jojo's Dinette/Superette, also in early 2024. That sounds like fun!

Enstrom Toffee & Confectionery

Step aside, Almond Roca! I've discovered a richer, more buttery and less brittle toffee produced in the heart of Grand Junction.

Like the tale of Josh and Jodi Niernberg, this is another sweet success story of a young couple laying down roots in Grand Junction, albeit nearly a century ago.

Newlyweds Chester ("Chet") and Vernie Enstrom moved to Grand Junction in 1929, and Chet, with partner Harry Jones, established the Jones-Enstrom Ice Cream Co.

Note the year: 1929. You know what happened – the stock market crashed that fall and the Great Depression ensued. But Chet, educated about refrigeration – a must in the ice cream biz – harnessed his expertise to become the go-to refrigeration guy in the Grand Valley. Chet and Harry continued their ice cream business for 30 years, and all the while Chet was perfecting his hobby of candy making, much of which found its way into the ice cream.

During World War II, when sugar and butter was rationed, Chet developed a novel service: parents of servicemen would provide him with butter and sugar and he would supply the rest of the ingredients to whip up toffee to send to their boys overseas. By 1960, he had perfected his almond toffee recipe and he and Vernie established



Founders Chester and Vernie Enstrom

Photo courtesy of Enstrom Toffee & Confectionery



You can watch through large picture windows as talented candy artisans make Enstrom's famous toffee in small batches.

the Enstrom Candy Co., a mom-and-pop shop that made caramels, hand-dipped chocolates and their beloved toffee that today, like yesterday, has only five ingredients, but all of the highest quality.

Over the past 64 years, the company has remained family owned, now helmed by the fourth generation.

While you can order Enstrom candy online, you'll have to visit the factory store in Downtown Grand Junction to sample Enstrom's incredibly delicious ice cream. Sixteen of their 50 flavors are offered at a time, with seasonal favorites rotating in, such as Palisade Peach (made with fabulous

Grand Valley peaches from Palisade) or Pecan Praline (Enstrom makes the pralines in-house). One of the most requested concoctions is the Tahitian Vanilla hot fudge sundae – the hot fudge sauce and whipping cream are made in-house, too.

The store opens at 7 a.m. on weekdays, and if you visit anytime between 8 a.m. and noon, you'll see the candy making artisans at work through large picture windows. There's a full espresso coffee bar as well, plus the store is filled with boxed candy and other gift ideas. It's all great fun... there's nothing like being a kid in a candy store!

Adrenalin Rush!

I wanted to experience at least one outdoor adventure in the Grand Junction area, and at first it was going to be a rafting trip down the Colorado River. But heavy snows over the Grand Mesa above the valley were still melting and the fast-moving waters caused all excursions to be put on hold.

Instead I chose something completely out of my comfort zone, and shouldn't we all do that from time to time when we travel to parts unknown? And so it came to pass, that I went off-roading on a RZR (pronounced razor) on trails at the foot of the massive Book Cliffs. My two-hour sunset ride began at the offices of the aptly named Adrenalin Driven Adventure Tours where I met Lewis Baker, my guide and driver and owner (along with his wife) of the company. Lewis provided me with a helmet and got me strapped into it along with the full harness aboard the Polaris RZR, a side-by-side off-road vehicle. It was pretty state-of-the-art with an onboard GPS system and, as I would soon learn, an awesome off-road suspension system.

Before we got started, Lewis asked me, "How do you feel about roller coasters?" From the look of terror on my face, Lewis rightly figured he would need to break me in gently.

Within two blocks of the check-in office we drove off the highway and onto dirt trails. The area surrounding Grand Junction is over 76 percent public lands, managed by the Bureau of Land Management, totaling over one and a half million acres.

Lewis has been doing off-roading so long that he actually created some of the BLM trails. For the first half hour or so, we putted along, with an occasion burst of speed, with Lewis demonstrating the RZR's



Lewis Baker took me on a wild ride aboard a Polaris RZR through Grand Junction's BLM lands.

incredible spring action and maneuverability as we bounced along gullies, through mud, over sand, up and over boulders. It was a gorgeous yet desolate landscape, save for some sage and scrub oak along the way as we drew closer and closer to the Book Cliffs.

At one point, Lewis drove along the narrow spine to the top of a dune with what I considered sheer drops on either side. At the top, he turned off the motor and I had the entire Grand Junction area laid out before me. He told me it was possible to drive down the sides of the mountain – he'd done it – but we wisely turned on a dime and traveled back down the way we came up.

Lewis pointed out that RZR's can handle inclines of 30 degrees or more. As we approached one steep dune, I asked him if I could jump out and film him while he scaled the mountain. No problem, he said. He put the pedal to the metal and soared



The Book Cliffs

up the hill, then plowed back down. Then he asked if I'd like to give it a try.

Now confident in Lewis's skill set, I agreed. So away we went, Lewis accelerated up the steep face, spun the wheel sharply to the left as we approached the summit and we came careening back down. Such a rush! "Want to do it again?" he asked. "Oh yeah," said I, and we were off again. Yup, surprise, surprise, I was hooked.

Adrenaline-Driven Adventures offers customizable half and full day tours of other popular Grand Junction area destinations, including Rattlesnake Canyon, home to 35 natural arches, the second highest concentration of natural arches in the world, after the much more highly trafficked Arches National Park. Tours also include the Grand Mesa National Forest, the world's largest flattop mountain, covering 500 square miles, and featuring more than 300 lakes.

IF YOU GO...

Getting There:

I recommend you drive! Grand Junction is 840 miles from Coronado, via Interstate 15 to Interstate 70. You will encounter some of the country's most beautiful scenery on the stretch of I-70 between I-15 and Grand Junction. Plan to spend a night in Las Vegas, Nevada or St. George, Utah.



Visit Grand Junction

The Visit Grand Junction Visitor Center is a good first stop, with three-dimensional exhibits that explain the formation of the land and the area's history, plenty of brochures plus a knowledgeable staff. Ask them about current sites to view the band of more than 100 wild mustangs!

(970) 256-4060
740 Horizon Drive

The website provides information on accommodations, shopping, restaurants, breweries, and wineries, trip planning ideas, and area hiking.

www.visitgrandjunction.com

Craft Wine and Beer

Carlson Vineyards Downtown Tasting Room

545 Main Street, Downtown
www.carlsonvineyards.com
(Winery is at 461 35 Road, Palisade)

Kannah Creek Edgewater Brewing Company

905 Struthers, River District
www.kannahcreekbrewingco.com

Ramblebine Brewing Company

457 Colorado Avenue, Downtown
www.ramblebinebrewing.com

Rockslide Brew Pub Company

401 Main Street, Downtown
www.rockslidebrewpub.com

Shiras Winery & Tasting Room

449 Colorado, Downtown
www.shiraswinery.com

Trail Life Brewing

436 Main Street, Downtown
www.traillifebrewing.com

Two Rivers Winery & Chateau

2087 Broadway, Redlands
www.tworiverswinery.com

Museums, Attractions & Adventures

Adrenalin Driven Adventures

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www.adacgj.com

Colorado National Monument

www.nps.gov

Enstrom Toffee & Confectionery

701 Colorado Ave., Downtown
www.enstrom.com

Museum of the West

462 Ute Avenue, Downtown
www.museumofwesternco.com

Western Colorado Botanical Gardens

655 Struthers, River District
www.wcbotanic.org

Restaurants

Bin 707 Foodbar

225 North 5th Street
www.bin707.com

Café Sol

420 Main Street
www.cafesoldgj.com

Devil's Kitchen

840 Kennedy Avenue
www.devilskitchenrestaurant.com

Kiln Coffee Bar

326 Main Street
www.kilncoffeebar.com

Kulina Lani Organic Sourdough Bakery

644 North Avenue
www.kulinalani.com

Roots Gastrohub

401 Colorado Avenue, Downtown
www.rootsgastrohub.com

626 on Rood

626 Rood Avenue
www.626onrood.com

Tacoparty

126 South 5th Street, Downtown
www.tacopartygj.com

Where to Stay

Hotel Maverick

A boutique hotel on the campus of Colorado Mesa University in the heart of Grand Junction.
840 Kennedy Avenue
www.thehotelmaverick.com

The Chateau at Two Rivers Winery

Featuring the architecture and décor of a French Country chateau, the inn features ten spacious suites, all with winery views. Complimentary continental breakfast. 2087 Broadway (Redlands area of Grand Junction near Colorado National Monument)
www.tworiverswinery.com

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