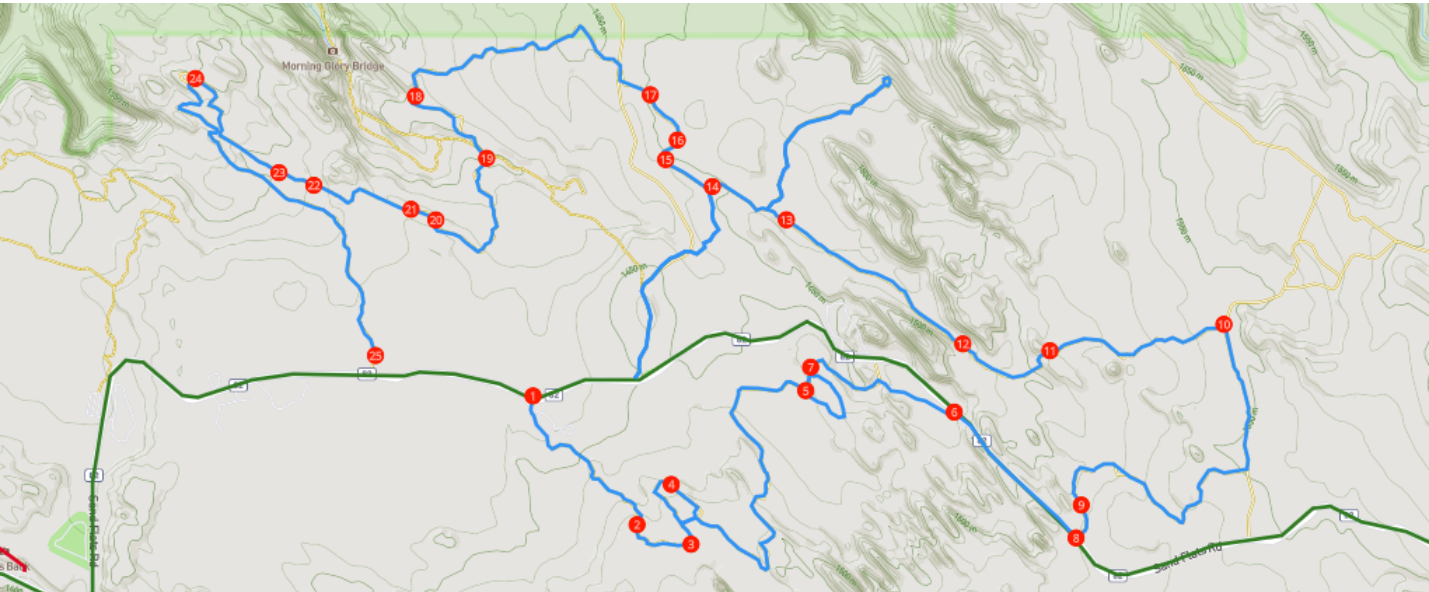



Fins and Things

Moab, [Utah](#) (Grand County)

Last Updated: 07/18/2019



Information	Nearby Trails	
Status:	Open	Showing 5 trails within 2 miles
Typically Open:	Year Round	Sand Flats Road  (0.01 mi to TH)
Permit Information:	Permit Required - Click Here	Hells Revenge (1.27 mi to TH)
Difficulty:	4-6 (MODERATE - DIFFICULT)	Potato Salad Hill (1.50 mi to TH)
Length:	9.2 miles	Rimrock (2.26 mi to TH)
Highest Elevation:	4750 feet	Steel Bender (3.22 mi to TH)
Duration:	About 4 hours	
Shape of Trail:	Loop	
Best Direction to Travel:	N/A	
Nearest Town:	Moab	
Nearest Town w/ Services:	Moab	
Official Road Name:	Fins and Things	
Management Agency:	Bureau of Land Management	

Highlights



Are you looking for a trail close to Moab that optimizes the Moab experience? This is definitely one of the first you must try to gain some experience and really get a feel of the difference in traction that the Sandstone gives to the 4x4 experience. The "Slickrock" isn't slick at all and by airing down your tires you will be amazed at being able to climb 50-60% inclines without any slippage. During the 1800's when this area was being settled by those coming west, they used wagons with steel rims pulled with oxen or mules. This same sandstone that gives us traction on rubber tires was horrible with steel-rimmed wagon wheels hence the name "Slickrock" was given and is still used today. I can imagine the carnage having wagons full of supplies rolling down these fins dragging the occupants and teams of oxen with them.

Fins and Things is located in the Sand Flats Recreation Area, and a fee is required to access the route, once you pay the fee you will get a nice map of the trails it contains. This trail provides spectacular views of the LaSal Mountains across the sandstone domes of Sand Flats. Although it is only 9.2 miles long, You should allow three to four hours to complete the steep climbs and even steeper descents.

"Fins" are the Navajo Sandstone slickrock formations northeast of Moab, and the "things" are what remains as the fins erode. The fins started as wind-blown sand dunes some 200 million years ago, they got cemented into sandstone, and they are now going full circle back to sand blowing in the wind.

The trail is marked with painted dinosaur (stegosaur) symbols or stripes. Drivers and riders should follow the marked route, which traverses the slickrock domes south of the Sand Flats Road before crossing this road to follow fins and domes on the north side of the Sand Flats Road.

Route Information

Advanced Rating System 

Recommended Vehicle:

Stock SUV with High Clearance and 4 Low

Concerns:

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|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ✓ None | ✓ Short Wheelbase Only | ✓ Impassable When Wet |
| ✓ No Full Size | ✓ Narrow Shelf Road | ✓ Deep Sand |
| ✓ Body Damage | ✓ Mild Off Camber | ✓ Mud |
| ✓ Width | ✓ Moderate Off Camber | ✓ Pinstriping |
| ✓ Height | ✓ Extreme Off Camber | ✓ High Water Crossings |

Summary:

This trail has multiple sections that are steep and rocky. Several of the climbs are between 45 and 55 degrees.

Technical Rating: 4-6 (**MODERATE** - **DIFFICULT**)

Typically, more rock or undulated road surface. Potential rocks and/or tree stumps less than 18" tall and/or vertical ledges less than 18" tall and/or near vertical ledges or waterfalls less than 36" inches. Tire placement becomes more difficult. Can be steep and off-camber.

[Read more about our rating system](#)
