

Potash Road

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

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Information	Nearby Trails
Status: Open	Showing 8 trails within 2 miles Shafer Trail (0.00 mi to TH) White Rim (0.01 mi to TH) Chicken Corners (3.37 mi to TH) Rough Canyon (3.89 mi to TH) Lockhart Basin  (4.80 mi to TH) The Catacomb Spur  (6.86 mi to TH) Jackson Hole  (7.76 mi to TH) Hurrah Pass (9.25 mi to TH)
Typically Open: Year Round	
Difficulty: 2-2 (EASY)	
Length: 13 miles	
Highest Elevation: 4484 feet	
Duration: About 2 hours, 20 minutes	
Shape of Trail: Connector	
Best Direction to Travel: N/A	
Nearest Town: Moab	
Nearest Town w/ Services: Moab	
Official Road Name:	
Management Agency: Canyonlands National Park / Bureau of Land Management	

Highlights



This is an adventuresome extension to the paved Potash Road Scenic Byway (Highway 279) that originates in Moab. There are many natural and unnatural scenic personalities that present themselves as you travel this road. From the deep and intricate canyons on the western end to hoodoos and the Colorado River in the middle section, followed by an alien post-apocalyptic landscape of the potash mines on the eastern end. This offroad trail combined with the [Schafer Trail](#) makes for a great beginners level excursion into canyon country.

Route Information

Advanced Rating System 

Recommended Vehicle:

2WD Vehicle with High Clearance

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:

There is nothing technical to drive over on this road. High clearance is required to drive over outcroppings of rocks and slab.

Technical Rating: 2-2 (**EASY**)

Dirt and/or rocky road. Potential rocks and/or tree stumps less than 8" tall and/or vertical ledges less than 9" tall and/or near vertical ledges or waterfalls less than 12" inches. Good tire placement likely. Can be steep but with good traction.

[Read more about our rating system](#)

Description

Not to be confused with the Utah 279 Potash Road that is paved joining Highway 191 in Moab, this road is mostly dirt with some protruding rock. The guide described here is running the trail from west to east, starting at the bottom of [Schafer Trail](#). However, it can be driven in either direction. The GPX track and guide are missing a few connecting roads from waypoint 5 through 9 that will be added at a later date.

Waypoints

1. Trailhead (0 mi)



From Shafer Trail, take the trailhead on the left to begin Potash Road.