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# UTAH NATIONAL PARKS

**Arches National Park** has over 2,000 sandstone arches. Landscape Arch is one of the world's longest natural arches. It is 291 feet (89 m) long.

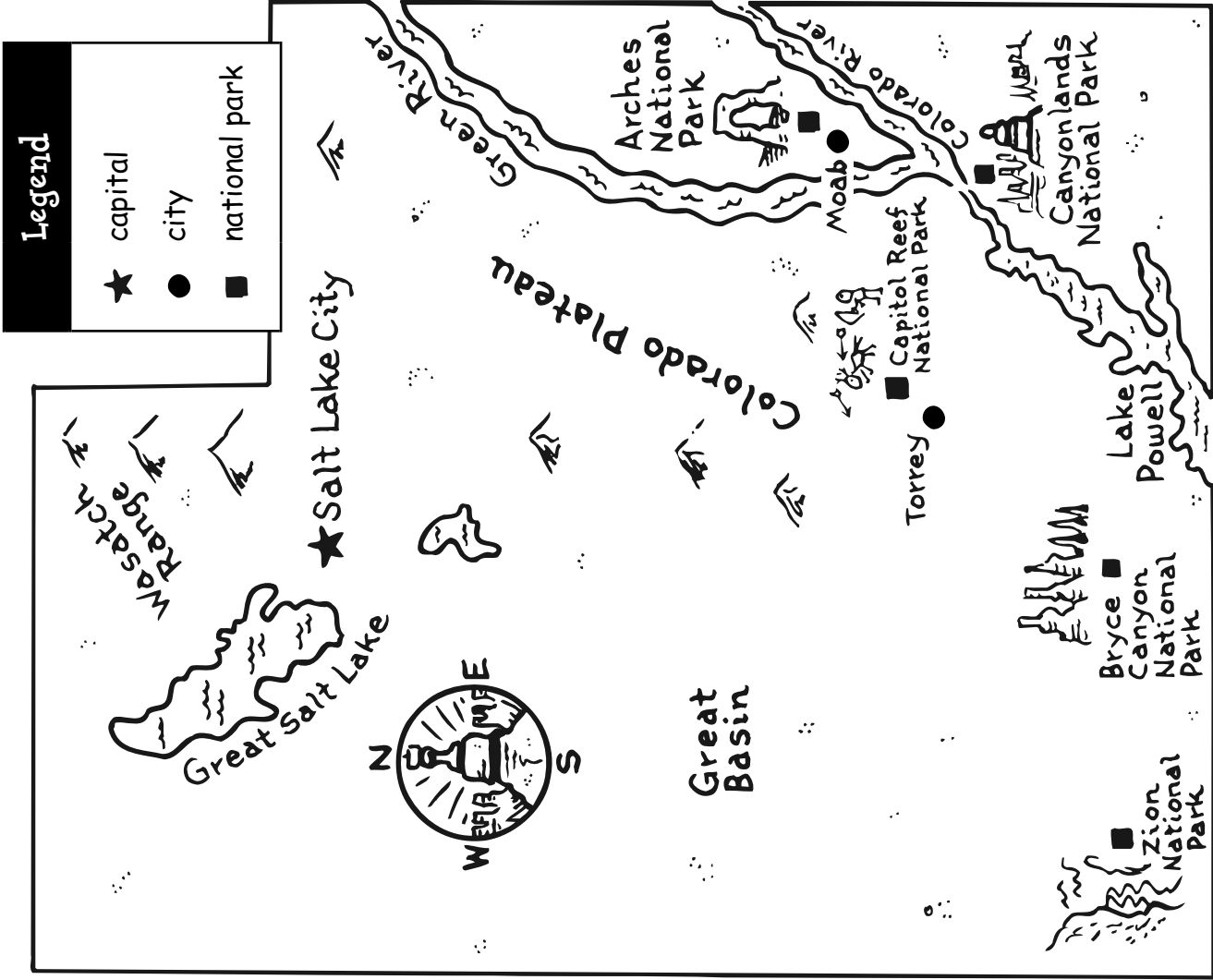
**Bryce Canyon National Park** contains unusual rock formations that are in more than 60 shades of copper, cream, pink, and red. Rocks are in the shapes of castles, cathedrals, and even wild animals.

**Canyonlands National Park** is noted for its red rock canyons, sandstone spires, and a series of canyons called the Maze.

**Capitol Reef National Park** is famous for its long ridge that is topped by white sandstone that looks like a capitol dome. Petroglyphs and pictographs left by the Fremont Indians can be seen on cliff walls.

**Zion National Park** is known for its steep and narrow canyons and its unusual rock formations. Zion Canyon in the park is about 10 miles (16 km) long. Its walls reach 3,000 feet (910 m) high in some places.

**Rainbow Bridge** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# National Parks of Utah

## Monday

1. How many national parks are in Utah? Are they located in the northern or the southern part of the state?

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2. Which national park is near Torrey? How did it get its name?

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## Tuesday

1. Which national parks are near Moab? How did they get their names?

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2. Bryce Canyon National Park has unusual rock formations. The rocks are in which unusual shapes?

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## Wednesday

1. Which national parks are southeast of the state's capital city?

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2. Which two rivers are near or in two national parks?

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# National Parks of Utah

## Thursday

1. Besides canyons, what other physical features are shown on the map of Utah?

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2. How can historians tell that native peoples made their home in the Capitol Reef National Park area?

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## Friday

1. National parks are considered cultural landmarks. Why?

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2. Which park contains a canyon that is 10 miles (16 km) long with walls that reach 3,000 feet (910 m) high?

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## Challenge

Besides the five national parks, Utah has many national monuments. One of the most famous is called Rainbow Bridge National Monument. It is the world's largest natural rock bridge. It is in the shape of an arch. From its base to the top of the arch is 290 feet (88 m). The top of the arch is 42 feet (13 m) thick and 33 feet (10 m) wide.

Write one or two facts about Rainbow Bridge on the map and add a picture of the bridge to the map. Rainbow Bridge is located southeast of Lake Powell. You may wish to use additional resources to find out more about Rainbow Bridge.