

COLO-ROAD
TRIPS
-K TO 5TH GRADE-
EDUCATIONAL ITINERARIES

EXPLORE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM. LEARN INSIDE OUR STATE.

Take a Picture
[Dinosaur National Monument](#)

Background: Stop in at the Visitor Center to pick up a map of the monument. As you drive along the roads in Dinosaur National Monument, you will see dramatic, rugged scenery with rivers, wildlife and incredible geologic features. John Wesley Powell was one of the first to reveal this area to the rest of the country. His first expedition in 1869 had no photographer, so his team relied on writing and pictures to recount what they saw.

Word Alert:

Expedition - A journey or voyage with a specific purpose

Activity: Choose a scenic pull off that you will be looking down. Look at the features. Can you see rivers, cliffs, trees, etc?

Pretend you are a member of Powell's first expedition and create a drawing to capture the scene in front of you.

One inspiring look at the monument can be found on a drive along Harper's Corner Road, a scenic tour that leads travelers to a grand overlook above the confluence of the Green and Yampa rivers. If you are interested in a hike, the [Plug Hat Trail](#) is an easy half-mile loop with panoramic views of surrounding canyons. Another option is [Harper's Corner](#), which is a moderate 3-mile trail with beautiful views of the Yampa River.

