



## Newspaper Rock - Indian Creek

**RATING:** Roadside Attraction

**LENGTH:** 1 hour

**MAPS:** Shay Mountain, UT

**SEASON:** Any



### Hype:

Newspaper Rock, at the entrance to Indian Creek, is a fantastic glimpse into ancient cultures. The rock has petroglyphs dating back about 2000 years, to B.C. times. The panel is a mix of Navajo, Anasazi, and Fremont Indian creation, as well as (unfortunately) a bit of the vandalism of modern man. For the most part, however, they are impeccably preserved and fascinating to visit. This short side trip is highly recommended if passing between Monticello and Moab, and easily enjoyed by all. It goes with out saying, but do not touch, or otherwise vandalize the petroglyphs. They are protected under federal law.

The trailhead does not allow camping, but does provide a pit toilet. Great primitive camping is available further down the road in Indian Creek proper. This is a crack climbers paradise, so expect to see many climbers on the cliffs along the road during cooler seasons. Seemingly due to it's orientation, the sunsets in Indian Creek are, arguably, some of the best around and not to be missed.

If camping is full, Hamburger Rock, about 20 miles from the highway on the right, generally is less crowded. The road is signed the Lockhart Road, and the camping area is a short distance from the main road.

### Trailhead:

About 20 miles north of Monticello (or 40 miles south of Moab), just after mile post 86, turn west on the signed Canyonlands Road. Follow this road 12.3 miles to the well signed Newspaper Rock pullout on the right.

### Route:

The panel is visible from the parking area.