

Mesa Verde National Park

Distance from Park Entrance to: Cortez: 8 miles

Distance from Park Entrance to:

- Morefield Campground (4 miles)
- Far View Visitor Center (15 miles)
- Park Hdqs. Chapin Mesa Sites (21 miles - 45 min)

- To Durango (36 miles)
- To Mancos (7 miles)

HIKING

Knife Edge Trail

Beginning at the pullout near the Morefield Campground amphitheater, this 2 mile (3.2 km) flat trail leads along the old Knife Edge road bed. A self-guided trail guide describes the plants and animals along the walk.

Prater Ridge Trail

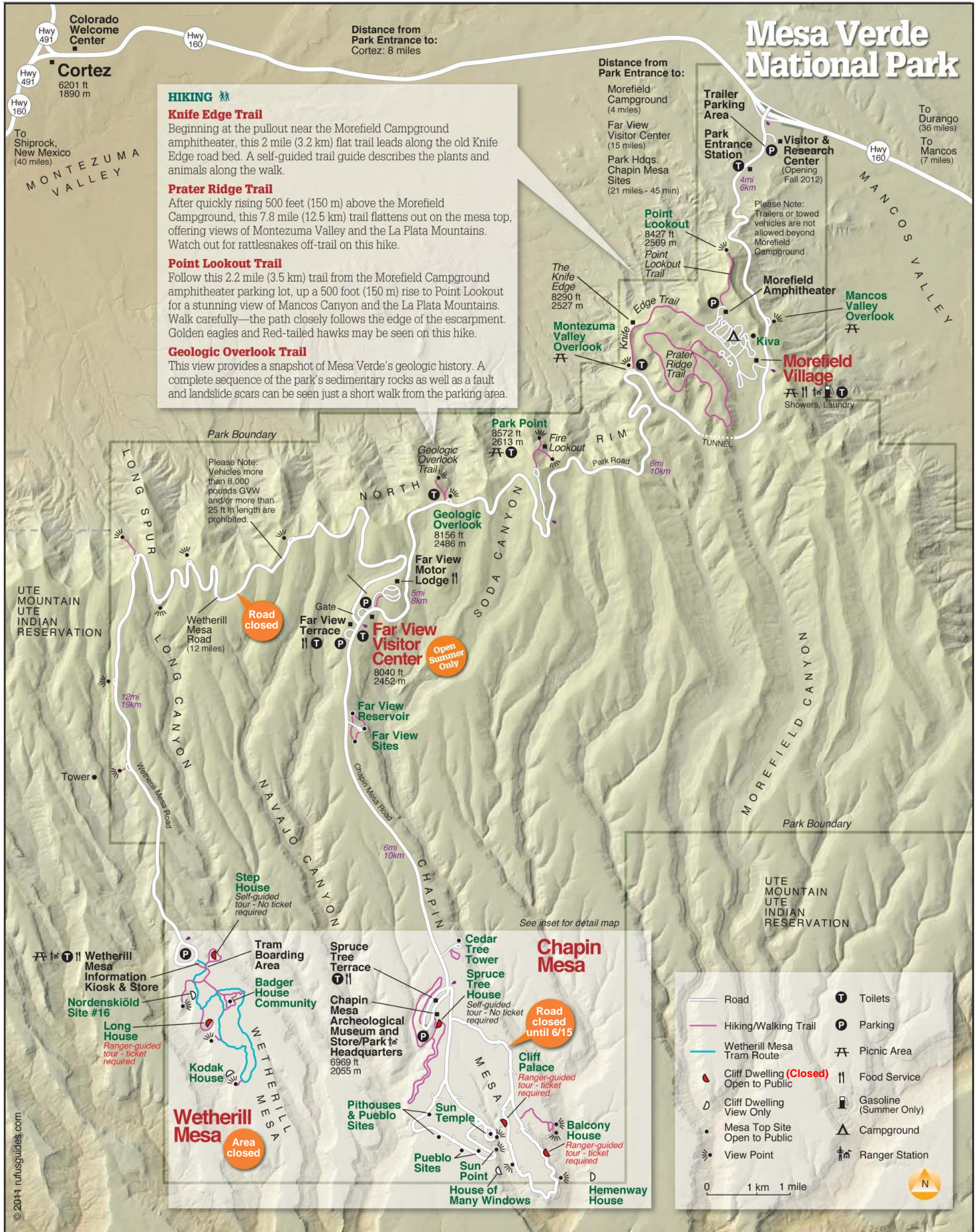
After quickly rising 500 feet (150 m) above the Morefield Campground, this 7.8 mile (12.5 km) trail flattens out on the mesa top, offering views of Montezuma Valley and the La Plata Mountains. Watch out for rattlesnakes off-trail on this hike.

Point Lookout Trail

Follow this 2.2 mile (3.5 km) trail from the Morefield Campground amphitheater parking lot, up a 500 foot (150 m) rise to Point Lookout for a stunning view of Mancos Canyon and the La Plata Mountains. Walk carefully—the path closely follows the edge of the escarpment. Golden eagles and Red-tailed hawks may be seen on this hike.

Geologic Overlook Trail

This view provides a snapshot of Mesa Verde's geologic history. A complete sequence of the park's sedimentary rocks as well as a fault and landslide scars can be seen just a short walk from the parking area.



Please Note: Vehicles more than 8,000 pounds GVW and/or more than 25 ft in length are prohibited.

Road closed

Open Summer Only

Road closed until 6/15

Area closed

	Road		Toilets
	Hiking/Walking Trail		Parking
	Wetherill Mesa Tram Route		Picnic Area
	Cliff Dwelling (Closed)		Food Service
	Cliff Dwelling Open to Public		Gasoline (Summer Only)
	Cliff Dwelling View Only		Campground
	Mesa Top Site Open to Public		Ranger Station
	View Point		