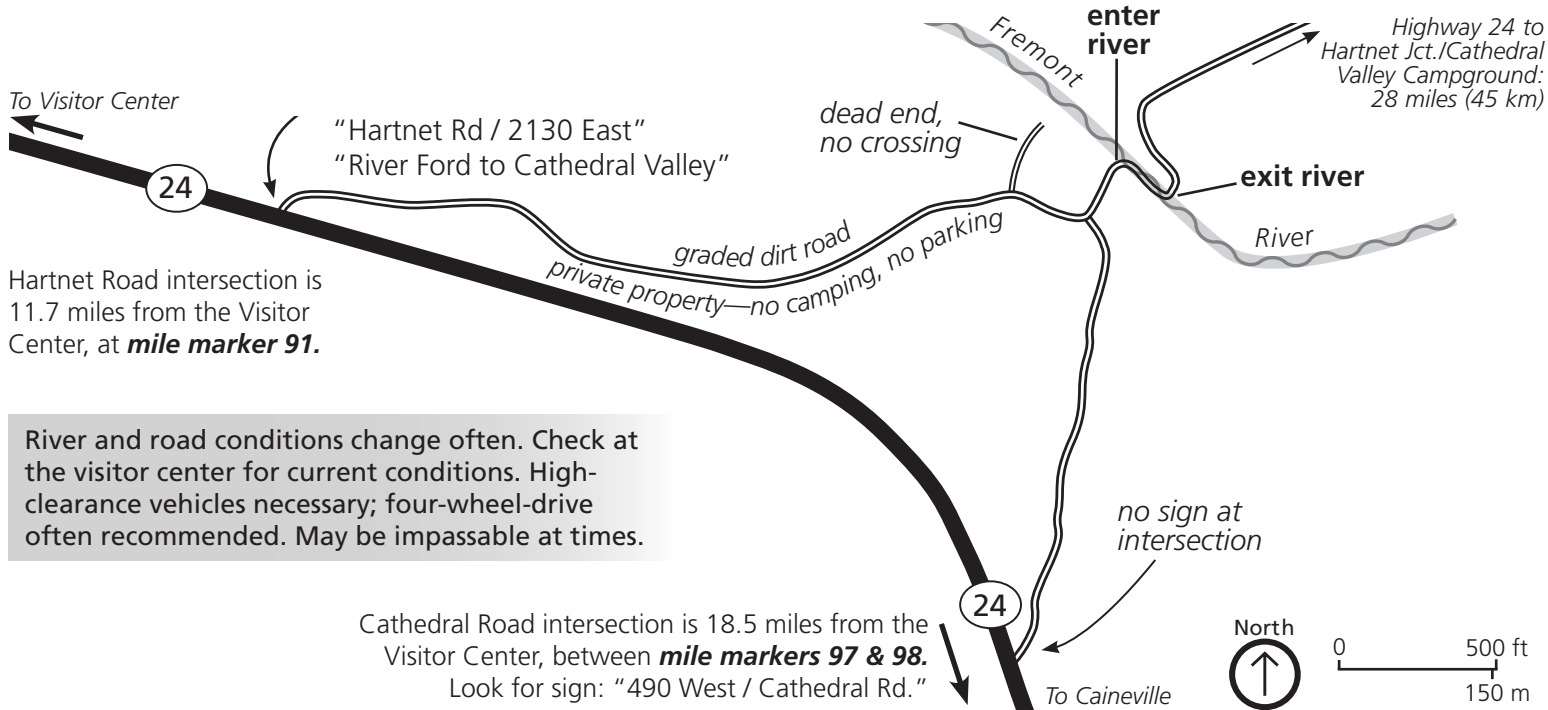


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Hartnet Road/Cathedral Valley Travel Information

Travel in this rugged, isolated region requires preparation. **You are responsible for your own safety.** The nearest services are hours away. Cell phone service is unreliable or non-existent. Protect yourself—and the park—by following these guidelines when traveling into remote areas:

- Check weather forecasts and road reports before departing. Be prepared for changing conditions.
- Let others know your travel plans, especially if exploring backcountry areas. Have a self-rescue plan.
- Carry extra food, water, and appropriate clothing. Stay hydrated, and limit exposure to desert sun.
- Beware of storms that may cause sudden flash floods, and avoid travel in narrow canyons if rain is approaching.
- Do not walk or drive across flooded roads or trails—play it safe and wait until floodwaters subside.
- Roads in this area are maintained infrequently and are not plowed in winter. Some sections of road cross areas of bentonite clay, which becomes impassable when wet. Deep, soft sand may also exist on roads. Roads may occasionally require four-wheel-drive vehicles, and may quickly become impassable due to weather.
- Do not camp in dry washes or narrow canyon bottoms.
- Avoid high, exposed areas during thunderstorms.
- **Avoid unnecessary risks. Think before you act. This is a remote area—self-rescue may be necessary.**
- Leave all objects in their natural state. Collecting or damaging any park resource (wood, rocks, plants, animals, bones, antlers, artifacts, etc.) is prohibited.
- The use of weapons, traps, or nets in the park is prohibited. Weapons include firearms, bows and arrows, and slingshots.
- The use of all Type I/Type II off-highway vehicles (OHVs) is prohibited within the park.
- Vehicles must remain on established roads or pullouts.
- Pets are not allowed on park trails or in off-trail or backcountry areas. Pets must be kept under physical restraint at all times—either inside vehicles or on leashes. Leashed pets are permitted only where vehicles are permitted (roads, pullouts, parking areas, campgrounds). Pet leashes must be no longer than six feet in length.
- Feeding or intentionally disturbing wildlife is prohibited. Keep wildlife wild! Yield to wildlife and pedestrians on roads.
- Fires are allowed only in the designated camping area (Cathedral Valley Campground), and only in provided fire rings or portable fire pans able to contain all ash and residue.
- Within the park, vehicle camping is allowed only at established campgrounds (Cathedral Valley, Cedar Mesa, Fruita).
- Backpacking is by permit only. Check specific regulations and obtain free permits at the visitor center.