

Grand Parade Trail

Kodachrome Basin State Park

APPROX. ROUND TRIP

1.5 miles

APPROX. GAIN

Minimal

DIFFICULTY

Easy

BEST FOR

First desert hikes and geology hunts

TRAIL STORY

A parade of stone pipes

Kodachrome Basin is filled with tall sedimentary pipes and colorful rock layers. Geologists still debate exactly how every pipe formed, which makes the basin a perfect place to practice careful observation.

LIVE TRAIL PAGE



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LOOK FOR - SIGHTINGS ARE NEVER GUARANTEED

- ☐ A tall sedimentary pipe
- ☐ Two different sandstone colors
- ☐ A pinyon pine or juniper
- ☐ A raven riding warm air
- ☐ A wash shaped by storm water
- ☐ A patch of fragile living soil

THREE TRAIL MISSIONS

- 1 Choose the stone pipe with the funniest silhouette and name it.
- 2 Find one clue that water sometimes crosses this dry basin.
- 3 Compare the bark or needles of a pinyon and a juniper.

MAP IT!

Draw the basin-floor loop and add three stone pipes as landmarks.

Add a legend: start, water, rest stop, viewpoint and turnaround.

KIND HIKER CODE

- Stay on the signed trail.
- Give wildlife plenty of room.
- Leave plants, rocks and water alone.
- Pack out every snack scrap.

THIS TRAIL'S SMART RULE

Stay on the signed trail, never step on dark crusty living soil and carry water because shade is limited.

GROWN-UP CHECK

Weather, access, parking and closures can change.