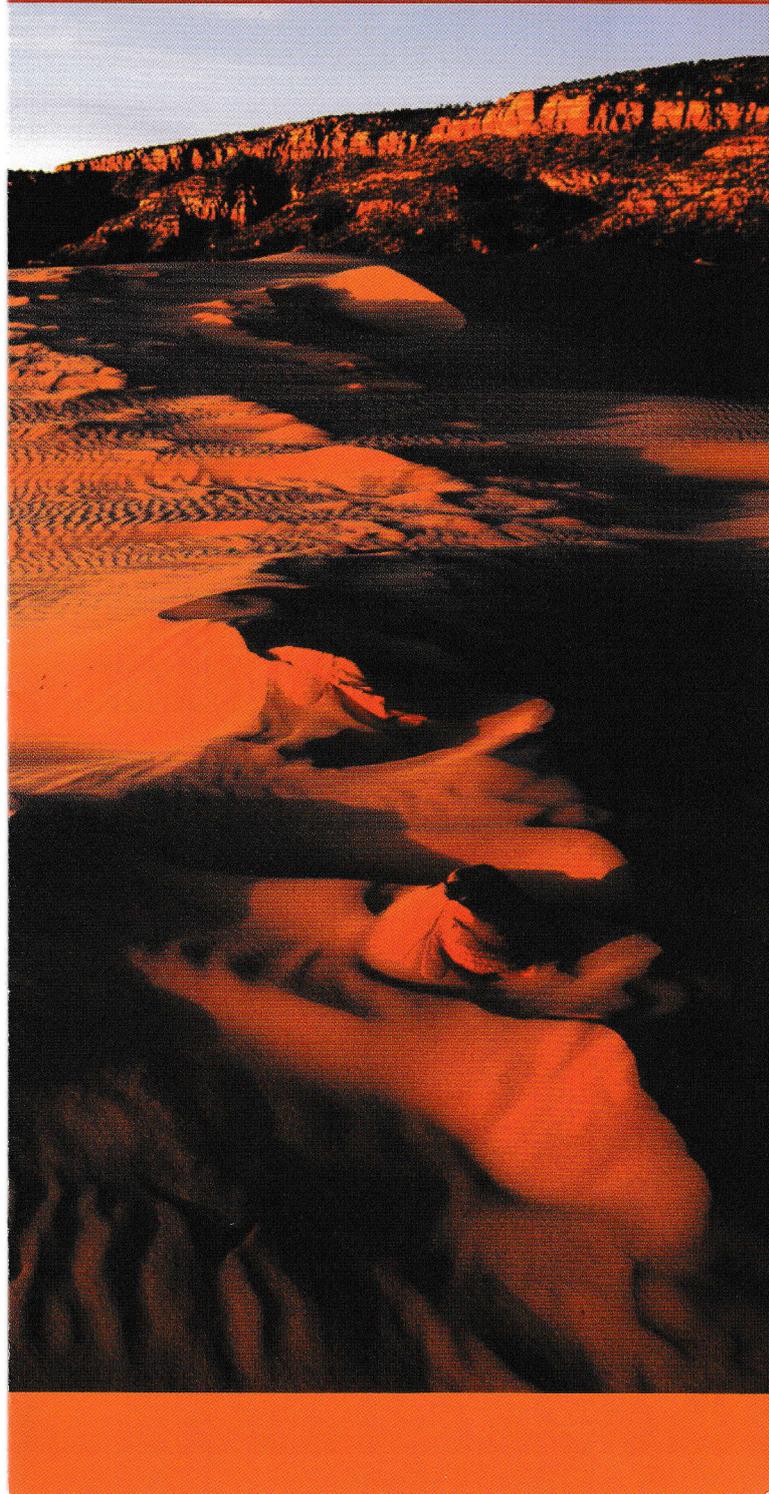


Utah State Parks

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK



Explore acres of colorful, sweeping dunes dotted with juniper and pinon pines at Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park. Ride off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and dune buggies, or hike mountains of shifting sand.

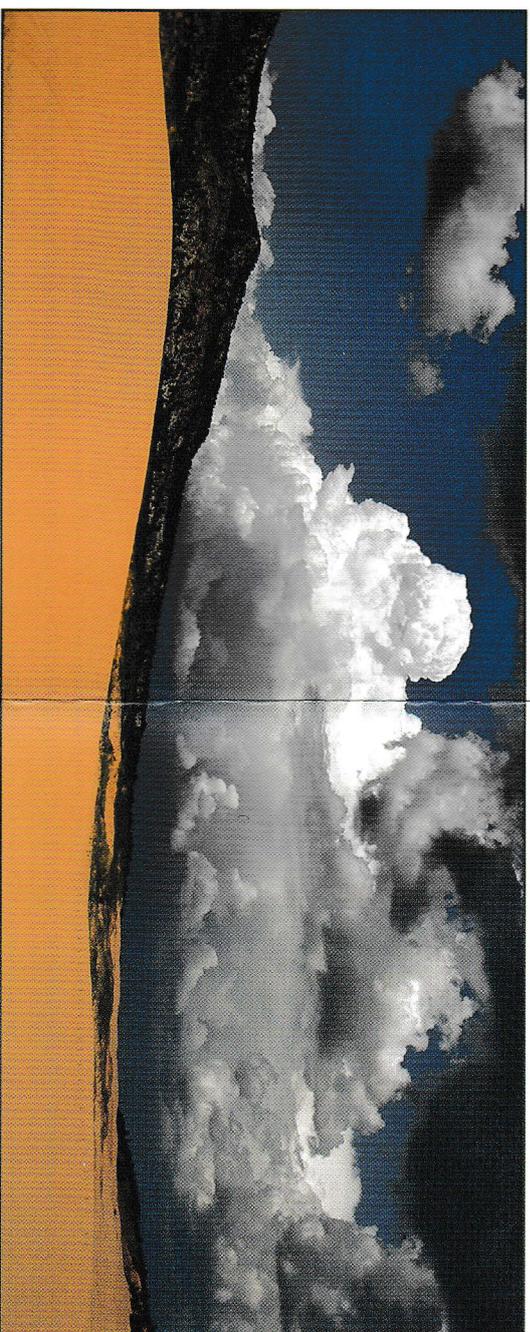
Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park is a popular destination for OHV enthusiasts who enjoy riding 1,200 acres of dunes. Approximately 90 percent of the Coral Pink dune field is open to OHV use.

The park was established in 1963 and serves as an access point to the sand dunes for a variety of recreation uses. Park rangers and staff work to protect the resource and provide for public safety.

GEOLOGY

Sand dunes are created by three factors: sand, high winds, and a unique influence upon those high winds. At Coral Pink Sand Dunes, a notch between the Moquith and Moccasin mountains causes this unique influence. Wind is funneled through this notch, increasing wind velocity to a point where it can carry grains of sand from the eroding Navajo sandstone.

This phenomenon is known as the Venturi Effect. After the wind passes through the notch and into the open valley, wind velocity decreases, depositing the sand.



NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST

Coral Pink Sand Dunes is an ideal location to set up a base camp for exploring Utah's extraordinary scenery. Within a short drive are Cedar Breaks, Grand Staircase/Escalante, and Pipe Springs national monuments, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Lake Powell, and Zion, Bryce Canyon and Grand Canyon national parks.

HIKING

Wander the dunes and explore this interesting and unique landscape. Discover many interesting hikes adjacent to the park, including South Fork Indian Canyon Pictographs. These ancient Indian rock paintings are located at the bottom of South Fork Indian Canyon. The trailhead is approximately four miles northeast of the park and is accessible via foot, OHV and four-wheel drive vehicle.

CONSERVATION AREA

A 265-acre conservation parcel serves as a resource management area for protecting the Coral Pink Tiger Beetle and its habitat. The remaining 1,200 acres of dunes are open to all types of recreational activities.

CAMPING

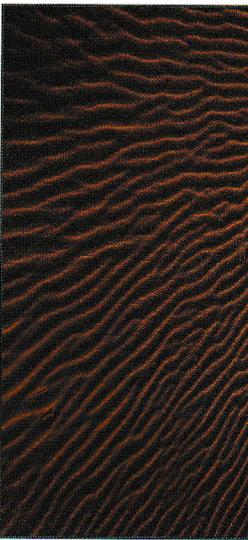
Adjacent to the dunes, camp in a modern campground with restrooms, hot showers, and sewage disposal station. Each roomy campsite provides pull-through parking, picnic table, and barbecue grill.

Bring a picnic lunch and select a day-use site, each with a table and barbecue grill. A group day-use area adjacent to the dunes offers a fire pit ideal for Dutch oven cooking.

Stroll along the one-half mile nature trail or the walkway, which extends onto the dunes and is accessible to visitors of all abilities.

A visitor center offers information on the park and surrounding areas, OHV safety, and also offers an interesting display of sand specimens from around the world.

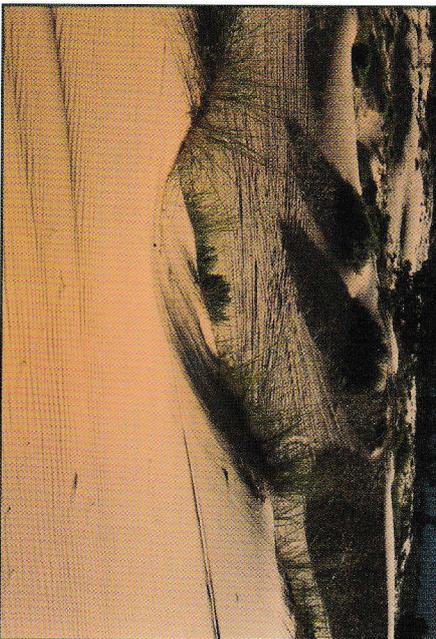
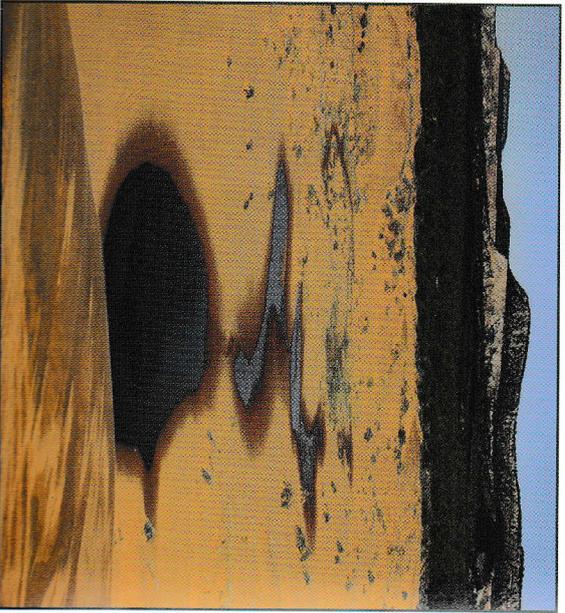




PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Located at an elevation of 6,000 feet, Coral Pink Sand Dunes receives relatively high amounts of precipitation. This moisture allows for a wide variety of plants, including stands of ponderosa pine, dune grasses more than six feet tall, and beautiful wildflowers that reach their peak in June.

Catch a glimpse of mule deer, coyotes, kit foxes, jack-rabbits, and many small rodents within the park. The dunes support a diverse population of insects, including the Coral Pink Tiger Beetle, which is found nowhere else in the world. Melting snow often creates small ponds on the dunes that support amphibians such as salamanders and toads.



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