

KAYENTA-MONUMENT VALLEY SCENIC ROAD

Features & Attractions

1. Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park

This great Valley boasts majestic sandstone spires, buttes, and rock formations. Visit the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park and explore the natural beauty. Drive the loop road or take a tour with an experienced Navajo guide to see the signature rock formations and learn more about the culture, heritage, and traditions of the Navajo people.



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2. Agathla Peak “El Capitan”

Agathla Peak, a 1,400-foot volcanic plug, is said to be a sky supporter. It became known as the “place of wool and hair,” because traditionally animal hides were scrapped against the rock. It was later named “El Capitan” by Kit Carson because of the way the rock formation commands the entrance to the Valley.



3. Mystery Valley

Mystery Valley contains countless side canyons, numerous arches, and is home to Anasazi cliff dwellings, petroglyphs, and pictographs. Some of the ruins include Square House, Baby House, Honeymoon House, and House of Many Hands. Mystery Valley is only accessible with a Navajo Guide.



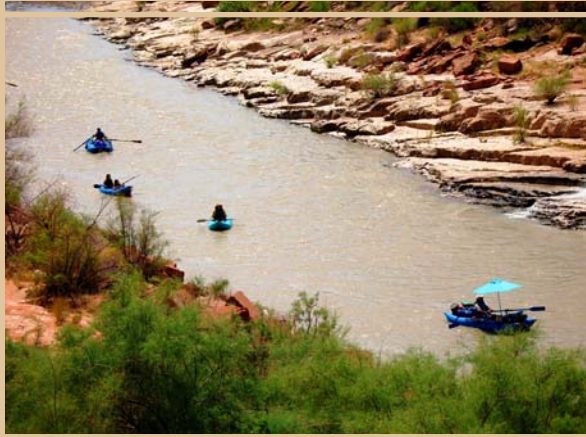
4. Lake Powell

Lake Powell is the second largest man-made reservoir in the U.S., storing almost eight trillion gallons (30 billion m³) of water. There are recreational opportunities such as boating, camping, fishing, and sightseeing in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.



5. Goosenecks State Park

View this amazing geological formation in which the San Juan River winds its way through the desert 1,000 feet below. The park offers picnic areas, camping, vault toilets, and an observation shelter. Bring your own drinking water (not available on location).



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6. Mexican Hat Rock

Mexican Hat (population 90) is a small town in San Juan County, Utah, which boasts amazing scenery featuring 1,200-foot sandstone cliffs, the layered canyons of the San Juan River, vast sandy desert plains, and a wide valley studded with isolated red rock buttes and mesas.



7. Valley of the Gods

Located 30 miles north of Monument Valley along US 163, visitors can tour the area using a 17-mile dirt road starting near the small town of Mexican Hat, Utah. Along the drive are various rock formations, including ‘The Seven Sailors,’ ‘Lady in the Bathtub,’ and ‘Rudolph and Santa Claus.’



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8. Train Rock Butte

Train Rock Butte is a solitary butte that is almost 1.5 miles long. As the name suggests, the rock formation is said to be two train cars coupled together. As the sun sets, Train Rock glows with brilliant red hues.



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9. Navajo National Monument

This National Monument features three intact ancient cliff dwellings. Park rangers guide tours/hikes to Betatakin (Ledge House) and Keet Seel (Broken Pottery). There is a Visitor Center, museum, three short self-guided trails, two small campgrounds, and a picnic area available for visitors. Tourists should bring water and appropriate gear for hiking.



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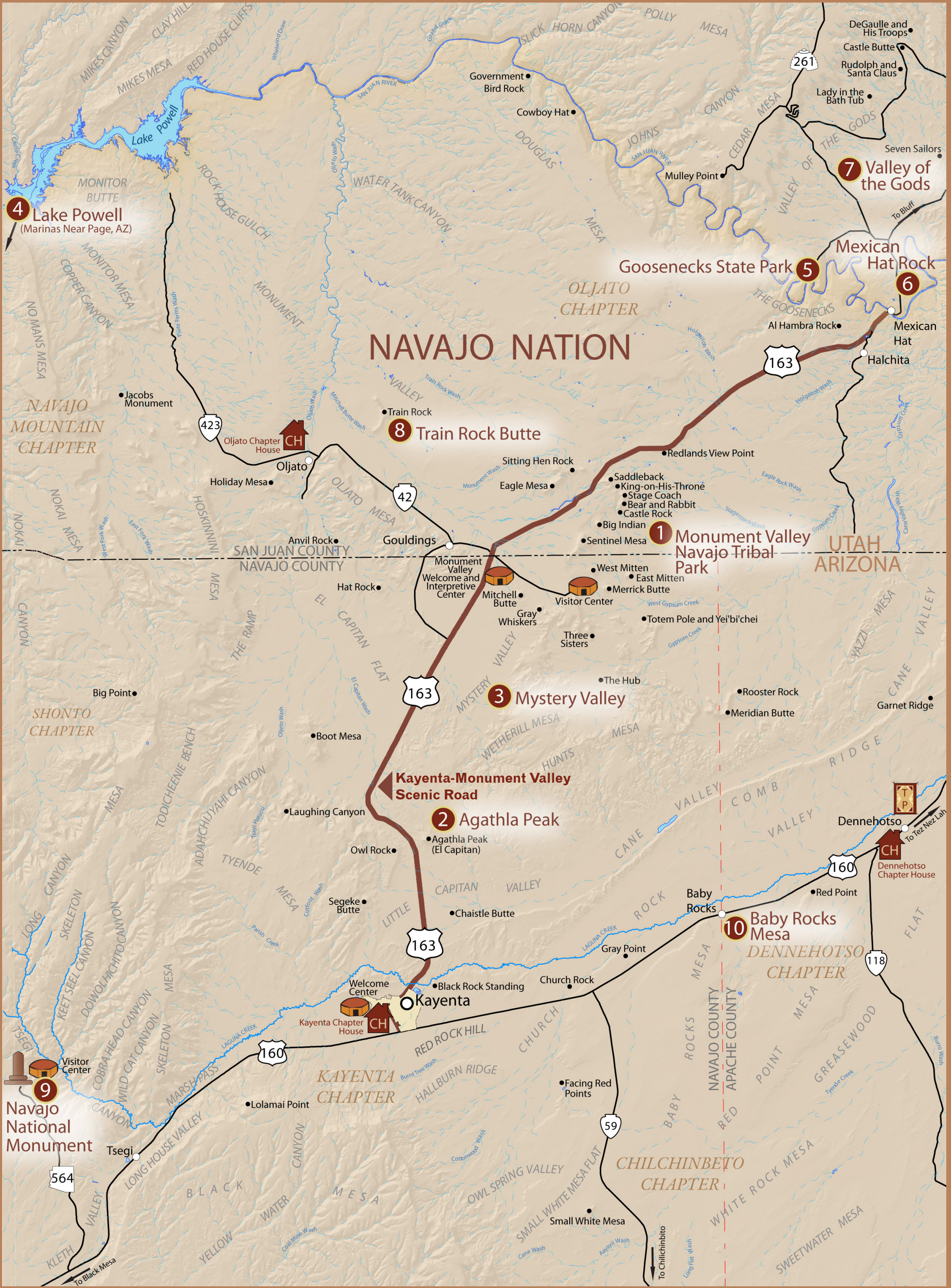
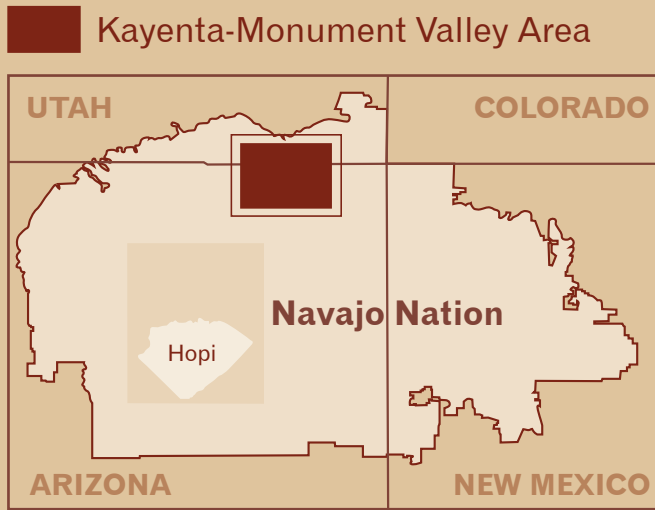
10. Baby Rocks Mesa

The small and intricate nature of the erosion along the mesa gives the formation a soft and gentle character with the color providing a wonderful contrast with the azure sky. Baby Rocks Mesa is just off US 160, 23 miles east of Kayenta. Just to the west is Church Rock, an impressive formation rising out of the desert floor.



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BIRD'S-EYE MAP VIEW



The Navajo Nation covers over 27,000 square miles and extends into the states of Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Diné Bikéyah, or Navajoland, is larger than 10 of the 50 states in the U.S.

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