

WEATHER NOTES

*Exploring Escalante
April 30-May 4, 2007*

The Colorado Plateau is characterized by extremes, even in its weather. Your preparation for southern Utah's diverse conditions is easy if you keep in mind the following weather conditions and your own tolerance to the sun, heat, and cold. Being prepared is not difficult and will allow you to enjoy these diverse moods of Mother Nature. Expect to experience two major extremes: warm/dry and cold/wet.

During our trip we can expect temperatures in the 80s during the day while possibly dipping below freezing at night. Typically in late spring, days will be warm and dry and nights will be cool - however, afternoon storms can bring cold, wet, and windy conditions.

Although we are anticipating warm weather, it is important to be prepared for the unexpected. Rain gear that keeps you dry is a necessity. The most effective way to plan for temperature and weather changes during our trip is to layer your clothing each day and shed as the day progresses. Synthetic materials work the best in keeping you warm. Some examples of synthetic materials are fleece, polypropylene, and capilene. Wool also works great.

On warm days, cottons that are light colored help reflect the heat. To protect your skin from the sun's rays, you might want to bring a long sleeve cotton shirt, comfortable, loose fitting pants, a hat with a brim, and sunscreen.

And last but not least, please bring along a pair of comfortable shoes appropriate for walking and/or hiking. We look forward to seeing you in April!