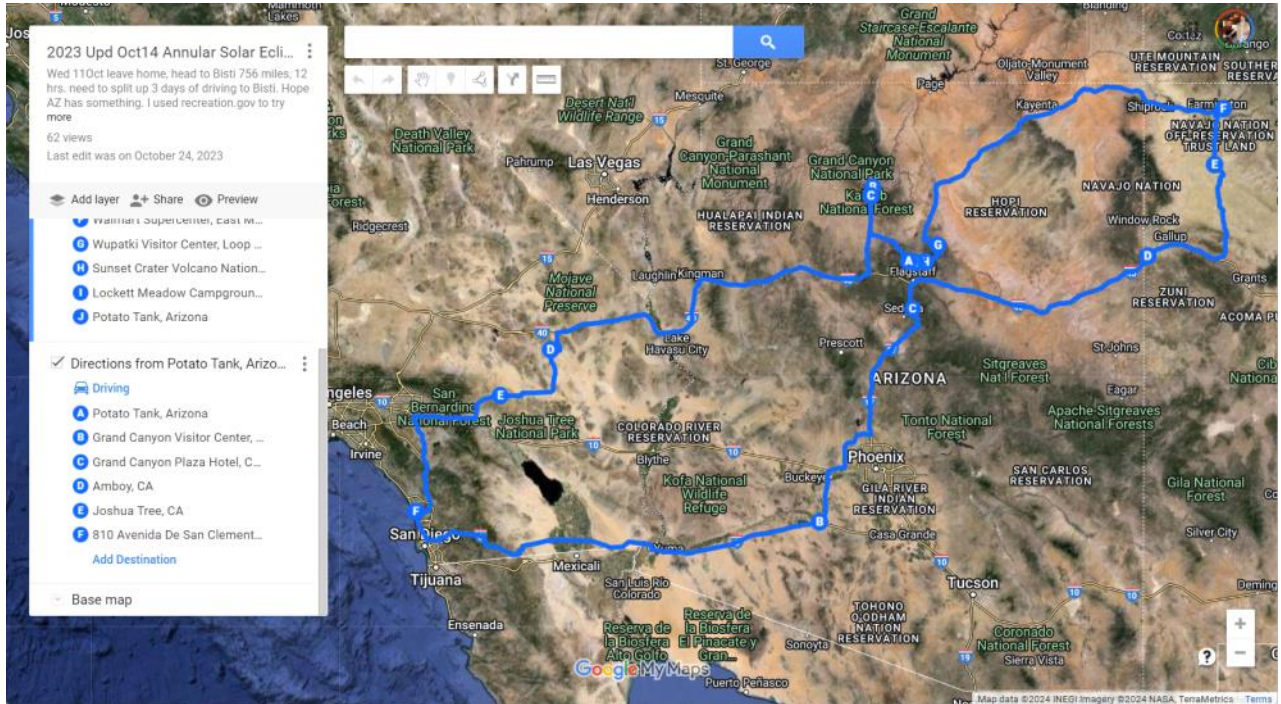


0 Summary and Preparation

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Updated map for this RdTrip - I sure LOVE our satellite Starlink Internet



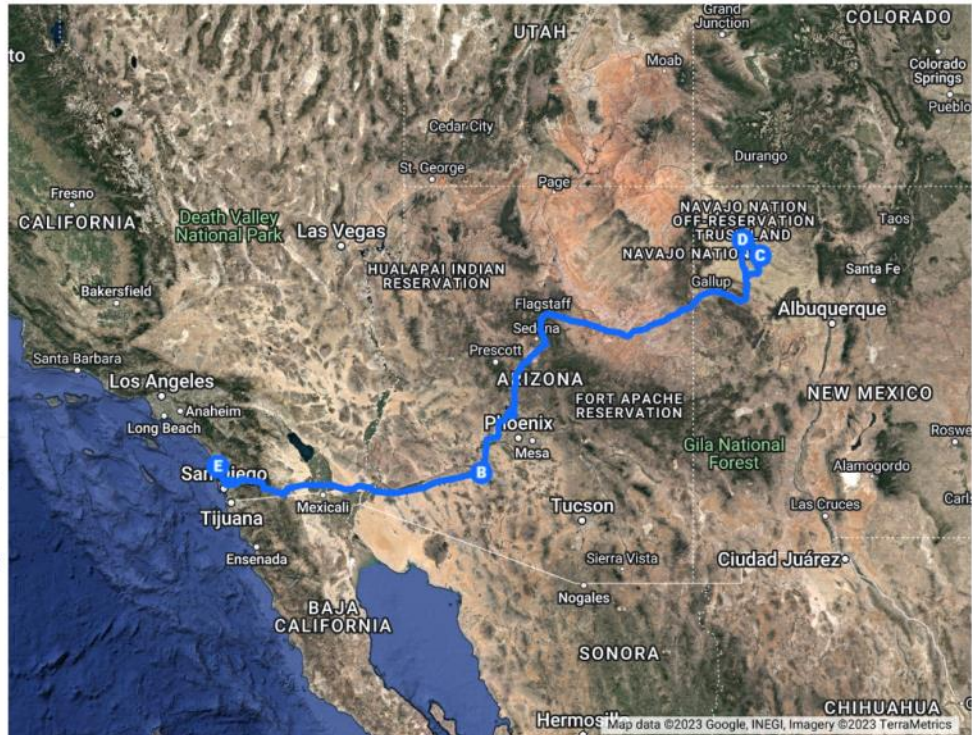
Such a summer not getting into Chaco Canyon ...

2023 Oct14 Annular Solar Exclipse - Chaco Bisti camping

Directions from 810 Avenida De San Clemente, Encinitas, CA to 810 Avenida De San Clemente, Encinitas, CA

- A** 810 Avenida De San Clemente, Encinitas, CA
- B** Space Age Restaurant, East Pima Street, Gila Bend, AZ
- C** Gallo Campground
- D** Bisti Badlands, New Mexico
- E** 810 Avenida De San Clemente, Encinitas, CA

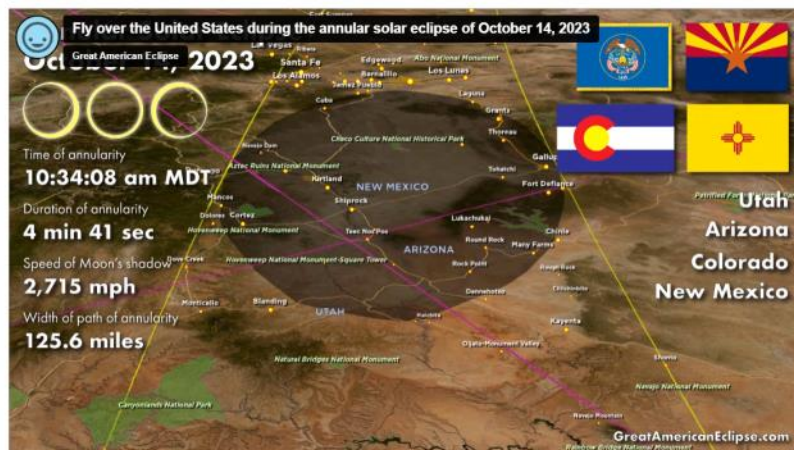
I use recreation.gov to make reservations at National Parks and had a hard time with Chaco Canyon. I phoned them and actually spoke to a person who let me know there's a 3 month window when sites listed NR, not released. So I'm trying to book 12 Oct, tomorrow 12 July at 7a PDT. Start computer, set my filters for 2 people, 2 pet, 24ft vehicle and at 6:55a start watching to see the NR turn A for available



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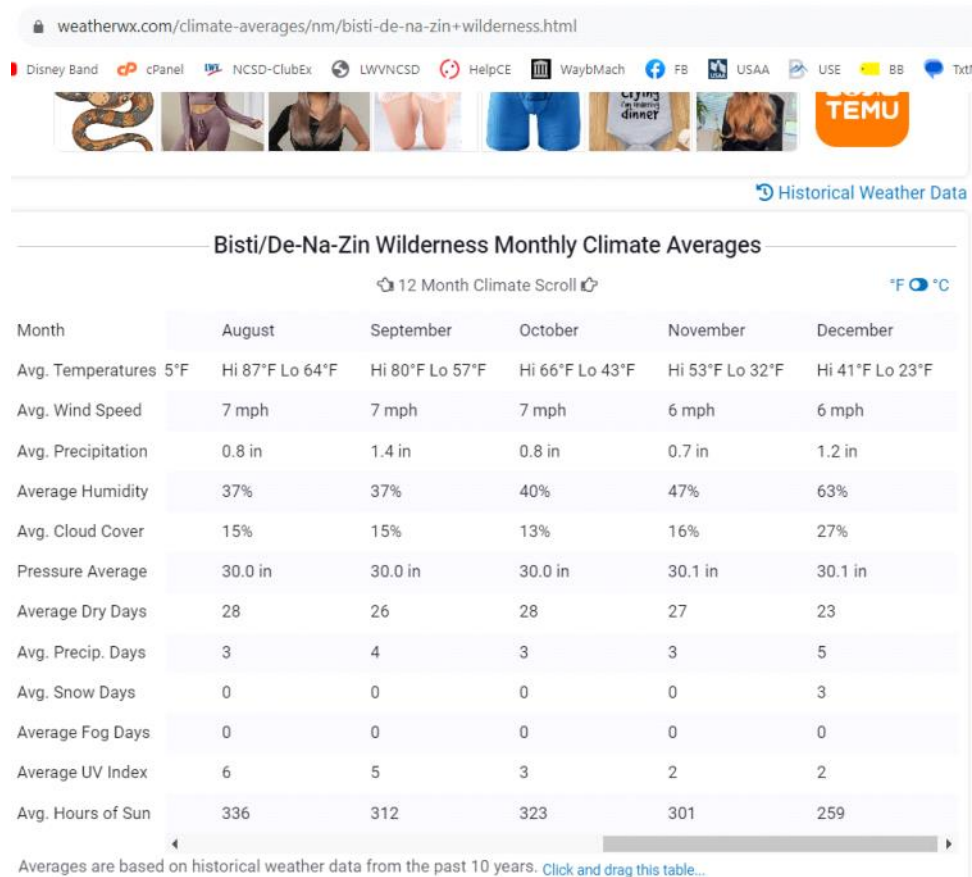
Fly over the Ring of Fire eclipse!



Watch the Moon's shadow race from Oregon to Texas on October 14, 2023! This flyover video animation chases the 'Ring of Fire' eclipse from 125 miles high at speeds from 7,000 mph to 1,700 mph. Anyone with eclipse glasses inside the dark oval will see the blazing sight of the Sun appearing as a slender brilliant ring.

If you could design an eclipse path that maximizes the number of national parks in its path, this is it! See the eclipse fly over Crater Lake National Park, Great Basin National Park, and others in the Four Corners region. The archeo-astronomical site at Chaco Canyon is ideally situated for a dramatic eclipse. In Texas, the path of this eclipse intersects the path of the April 8, 2024 total solar eclipse in the San Antonio region.

Weather -



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After exploring the Rock Garden, enter the hills to see The Wings. The Wings are spectacular at dusk and dawn and even at night. When you visit The Wings do not just capture them from a distance, get up close and personal. It is easy to find a route down into the wash between The Wings Overlook and The Wings. Once in the wash, you can climb up to The Wings from their northeast side. On the way to the Bisti Wings, you will pass many other good photo ops, including Red Rock Garden, The Pedestals, and The Manta Ray. A few hours before sunset, cross to the south side of Bisti wash. Explore the southern side of Bisti wash, starting in the east with the Petrified Cove area looking for fossils and petrified wood. Do not remove any fossils or petrified wood. End your day at sunset with the "Cracked Eggs". Cracked Eggs is also a good Blue Hour or even nighttime shoot, and you will probably see other photographers there."

1 Background info on Bisti Badlands Wilderness NM

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Maps and Directions

There is no formal parking area for the northern (Hunter) wash, and the BLM Site does not even mention parking there. I have indicated a possible area to park on the map below. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended. Parking at Hunter Wash provides the shortest and easiest access to The Wings, a bit over one mile over flat terrain. Hunter Wash itself is not as attractive as Alamo Wash.

For access to the Bisti Wash section, go 36.5 miles south of Farmington on NM 371 till you get to road 7297 signed for the Bisti Badlands. Make a left (East) turn on this good gravel road. Four-wheel drive or high clearance vehicles are not needed for this good road. Proceed two miles to the junction and make a left, then go about one more mile to the parking area on the right side of the road. There is no water or facilities other than a restroom at the parking area. You can camp at either the parking area or within the Bisti itself. I've also noticed RV's camped at pullouts on both sides of the road to Bisti's main parking. No wood fires are allowed. Please do not trespass on signed or fenced private property.

There is a second small parking area just past the main parking area. Depending on conditions, you may need a 4x4 to get to it. Just past the main parking cross the signed wash and continue 0.2 miles to parking on the right.



Bisti Badlands - This map contains driving directions and locations of many photogenic features in the Bisti / De-Na-Zin Wilderness. 249,876 views; Published on April 28

Hike from the South Parking Lot to Three Wings, with view of Bisti Rock Garden, Paint Pallet Hoodoo and Egg Hatchery



A detailed image of the BistiB Landmarks



I fear lots in this map are out of reach for me, as an easy hike

