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## How to find Our Lady of Victory's Desert Solitaire and Her Holy Gardens:

**sjbes'** sanctuary is open from mid-August through April (closed May through July)

### Air Travel

Depending upon which direction you are coming, you can consider flying from Salt Lake/Denver/ Phoenix to Moab, Utah; to Farmington, New Mexico; or to any of these cities: Cortez, Durango, Grand Junction, Telluride or Montrose, Colorado.

### Airports nearest to Cortez, Colorado (within 100 Kms)...

[Durango, Animas Airpark \(AMK\)](#) 69 km away  
[Farmington, Municipal \(FMN\)](#) 72 km away  
[Durango, La Plata \(DRO\)](#) 80 km away  
[Blanding \(BDG\)](#) 81 km away  
[Monticello, San Juan County \(MXC\)](#) 88 km away  
[Telluride \(TEX\)](#) 97 km away  
[Moab, Canyonlands Fields Airport \(CNY\)](#) (183 km away)  
[Montrose Regional Airport \(MTJ\)](#) (140 km away)

### Train Travel

#### Amtrak

California Zephyr - Emeryville (San Francisco) to Grand Junction

California Zephyr - Denver to Grand Junction

Southwest Chief – Los Angeles, California to Gallup, New Mexico

Email us your travel plans and we will arrange for ground transportation to pick you up and transport you down to **sjbes'** sanctuary or to your motel at [sjbes@hotmail.com](mailto:sjbes@hotmail.com) or call 760-937-1118

## Driving Instructions to Our Lady of Victory Desert Solitaire and Her Holy Gardens

If you are driving from Denver, there are two direct ways for coming - Pagosa Springs/Durango/Cortez on Hwy 285/160 - or from Glenwood Springs/Grand Junction/ Moab on I-70/Hwy191. Look at the map, then follow the driving instructions below.



**Moab** - Take Hwy 191 and pass through the Ute Reservation on White Mesa. As you descend into the valley, you'll be taking a left on to Hwy 262 towards Hovenweep/Montezuma Creek. Go about 8 miles (approximately 15 min.). Turn left on #414 to Hatch Trading Post (You'll be headed Northeast). Travel about 5 miles. Travel past the trading post and curve to the left and you'll be on #446 headed towards Montezuma creek (creek not the town) which you'll cross over if it is not too high (approximately 5 min from Hatch). Take a right at the fork (#4031) and go over the creek bed (**if the creek is too high, you'll have to take the Alternative Route - see below**). Keep going and stay to the left which will take you to a "Y" Keep left. You'll be passing the Benally Clan (You'll have to pass through sheep, sheep dogs, and peacocks so go slowly). Best to go slowly anyway to be respectful to the Navajo culture . . .since you'll be in the Navajo Nation.. Go about 5 min and the sanctuary will be on the left. Look for a blue Kiosk I up on the hill, and turn into an opening on to the remains of an old road/trail and this is where you'll park. There will a 20 x 14 shed, a Champion 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel, a 20x20 constructed platform for tents and yurts etc...and the Holy Spirit and our Lady of Victory :) Check in by opening the blue Kiosk I.

**Cortez** - Take Hwy 491 south to McElmo Canyon (the Cortez airport road) follow it to Hatch Trading Post intersection (It will be about 45 to 60 minutes from Hwy 491). Turn right at the intersection "T" (#414 - # 446). Go 5 miles or 7 min and take the right fork over Montezuma Creek (**if the creek is too high go the Alternative Route - see below**), go approximately 3/4 of a mile and then at the fork take a left (#4031). Go about 5 min and it will be on the left. Look for a blue Kiosk I up on the hill, and turn into an opening on to the remains of an old road/trail and this is where you'll park. There will a 20 x 14 shed, a Champion 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel, a 20x20 constructed platform for tents and yurts etc...and the Holy Spirit and our Lady of Victory :) Check in by opening the blue Kiosk I.

**Denver** - There are a few options if you're coming from Denver. You can fly or drive. If you fly you are to make flight arrangements with Great Lakes Airlines (greatlakesav.com or 1-800-554-5111) to fly to Cortez, Co. Or you can come through Moab by way of I-70 West and South on Hwy 191 at Crescent Junction about an hour and 30 minutes pass Grand Junction. Then follow directions for Moab above. Or you could come by way of Hwy 285 to Del Norte then West on Hwy 160 over Wolf Creek Pass to Pagosa Springs (stop at the hot springs ...it's a great place to relax!) head towards Durango into Cortez. Follow directions from Cortez. Or fly to Grand Junction and take the air shuttle to Blanding (call Canyonlands Airport in Moab to make a reservation). When in Blanding follow Hwy 191 pass through the Ute Reservation on White Mesa then see Cortez directions above.

**Alternative Route if Montezuma Creek is too high** - Head back from the creek, back towards Hatch, but you'll be taking a left towards Cortez #401 at the "Y" and go 1/4 mile, then turn left on #412 and go about 3 miles. You'll be turning left on road #4161. Keep going around to the left #298 #4171, then go to the right at the "T". Go pass the Benally Clan - you'll see the hogan on the right.



Looking south from the southern boundary of Our Lady of Victory's Desert Solitaire – 10 acres owned by the non-profit of sjbes'

## **What to Expect When Coming to Our Lady of Victory's Desert Solitaire.**

- What is hauled in has to be hauled out.
- No electronic devices (cell phones, Ipods, radios, TVs ect...turn them off and lock them up)
- Bring drink and food to share.
- Be prepared for hot, cold, windy and rainy temperatures.
- Bring your own camping, potty, hiking and biking equipment (If you contact us, we'll be able to reserve the proper equipment for you - See How to Contact sjb's)
- Drink water - stay hydrated
- Respect the Daily Schedule and Routine - see Our Lady's Daily Routine
- Follow all local, county, state and federal laws
- Sign in at the northeast corner at the blue Kiosk 1 at entry
- While staying at the sanctuary, follow all guidelines for bathing and toileting
- Fill out an evaluation form for Our Lady at the northwest corner found in the metal sign-in box, and when done please place it back in the box

**Coming for One Day** - If you drive, park at gates or parallel park on county road. Join the "Daily Schedule" no matter what time you may arrive.

**Overnight** - If you are planning to stay overnight, you have options for either camping or staying in Bluff or Blanding at modern accommodations (you need to make your own arrangements. There is a list of suggested places to stay under traditional lodging).

**Camping (for one night, three days, a week or 1 to 6 months)** – bring gardening and landscaping tools/materials, camping gear, clothes to keep you cool when hot and warm when cold :), mountain biking or hiking gear/equipment and a dish, a snack and a drink to share with community.

**Or**

**Traditional Lodging** - Bluff is approximately 40 minutes away from the sanctuary. There are great places to stay at night, then you can come back out to the sanctuary during the day.

Suggested Places to Stay and Visit:

- Bluff, Utah.... <http://bluffutah.org/lodging/>