

# Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers & Photographers 2006 Conference

## DETAILS: Travel & Food

### Lodging & Food:

Headquarters for the RMOWP 2006 conference will be **La Quinta Inn**, 815 S. Main St, a very attractive property with meeting facilities, spacious and comfortable guest rooms, an above-average continental breakfast, a pool, an exercise room, and a friendly staff. Most of our indoor activities will take place there, including the Saturday evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

RMOWP has arranged a special discounted rate for the conference of \$68 per night for one or two people. This rate is guaranteed only until April 1, and because the La Quinta will quite possibly be booked solid in May we suggest you make your reservations right away.

Contact La Quinta directly at 435-259-8700 (fax 435-259-8601) and tell the reservations person that you are with Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers. If by chance there is any confusion about this, or if you have any special requests, ask for Kelly Frandsen.

Information on the La Quinta is on the motel's website, [www.laquintamoab.com](http://www.laquintamoab.com), and for additional details go to [www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com) and type in Moab, Utah in the Find a La Quinta section.

Those who prefer to camp will find a variety of public and private campgrounds in the area, including **Canyonlands Campground & RV Park**, a shady and quiet campground right downtown. It has 144 sites, a dump station, self-serve laundry, store, and swimming pool. It's located at 555 S. Main St., Moab, (800-522-6848 or 435-259-6848; [www.canyonlandsrv.com](http://www.canyonlandsrv.com)). Rates in May for one or two people are \$19 tents, \$24 to \$28 RVs. Advance reservations are recommended.

Conference attendees will not leave hungry. We'll begin **Wednesday evening** with a Happy Hour and Light Buffet, meaning that you can nibble a bit and then head off for dinner, or chow down on the munchies and forget dinner. The La Quinta Inn provides an above average continental **breakfast**, and there are several restaurants in Moab that offer good full breakfasts.

**Thursday's lunch** is at Red Cliffs Lodge, where we'll sit on an outside deck overlooking the Colorado River and partake of an all-you-can-eat buffet, which includes sandwich fixings such as roast beef, ham, turkey, cheeses, croissants, tomatoes, lettuce, and the like; salads; soup; chili; fruits; yogurt; a hot taco and burrito bar with all the fixings; and dessert. See [www.redcliffslodge.com](http://www.redcliffslodge.com). On **Thursday evening** we'll be downtown in a semi-private dining room at the Moab Brewery, where we'll order off the menu and pay-as-we-go. The restaurant does a good job with burgers, sandwiches, salads, chicken, and fish, with prices for most items in the \$7 to \$15 range. You can check out the menu at [www.themoabbrewery.com](http://www.themoabbrewery.com).

**Friday's lunch** is generously being provided by the Moab Area Travel Council, and although we don't know exactly what will be offered, it's taking place at The Broken Oar Pub & Grill, which is known for good sandwiches, burgers, wraps, and salads. Those who opt for the sunset boat ride **Friday evening** will also get some good grub. Boat tour operator Canyonlands by Night provides a locally-popular cowboy-style Dutch oven dinner of barbecued beef, pork, and chicken, plus roast beef and roast pork, potatoes, beans, corn, biscuits, a salad bar, and dessert. See [www.canyonlandsbynight.com](http://www.canyonlandsbynight.com).

**Saturday's lunch** is on your own, but there are plenty of restaurants in Moab. **Saturday Evening's Banquet** will be catered in our meeting room at La Quinta Inn. Choices are the caterer's specialty prime rib, plus baked salmon and chicken parmesan, and all entrees come with baked potato, seasoned green beans, salad, roll, beverage, and dessert of Swedish cream and raspberries.

### **Getting to Moab**

Straddling U.S. 191 in southeastern Utah, Moab is south of I-70 and north of Monticello. **Note:** Those driving to Moab from the south using an old map need to know that U.S. 666 from New Mexico into Colorado and Utah is now U.S. 491.

The closest major **airport** to Moab is Walker Field, in **Grand Junction, Colorado** (970-244-9100; [www.walkerfield.com](http://www.walkerfield.com)), about 125 miles east of Moab, which has direct flights or connections from most major cities on America West Express/Mesa, Delta/Skywest, Frontier, Great Lakes, and United Express/Skywest. Car rentals are available.

Moab is 238 miles southeast of **Salt Lake City**, where most major airlines fly into Salt Lake City International Airport (800-595-2442 or 801-575-2400; [www.slairport.com](http://www.slairport.com)). From there, you can rent a car, take a van shuttle with **Bighorn Express** (888-655-7433 or 801-746-2417; [www.bighornexpress.com](http://www.bighornexpress.com)), or fly to **Canyonlands Field** (435-259-7419; [www.moabairport.com](http://www.moabairport.com)), 16 miles north of downtown Moab. **Salmon Air** (800-448-3413; [www.salmonair.com](http://www.salmonair.com)) offers daily scheduled flights between Salt Lake City and Moab. Shuttle service into Moab and car rental is available at Canyonlands Field.