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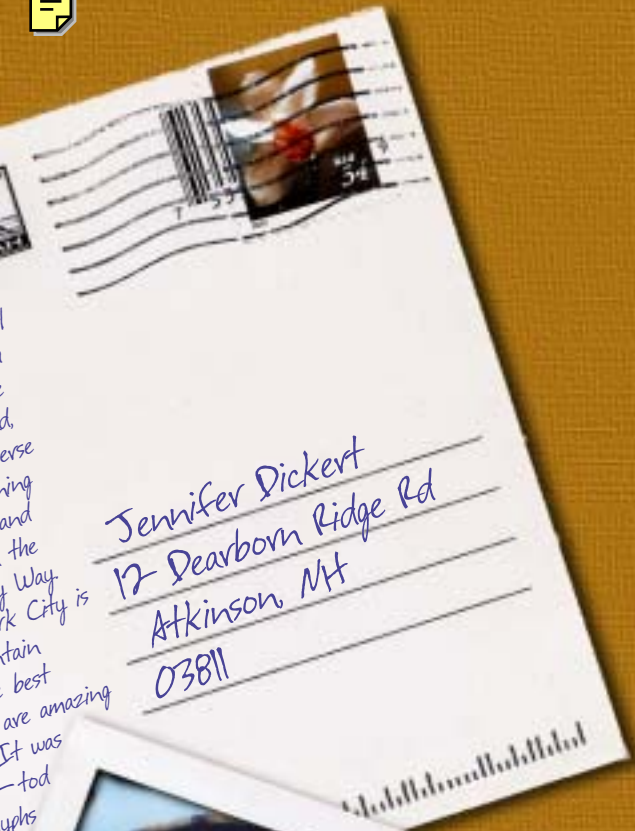
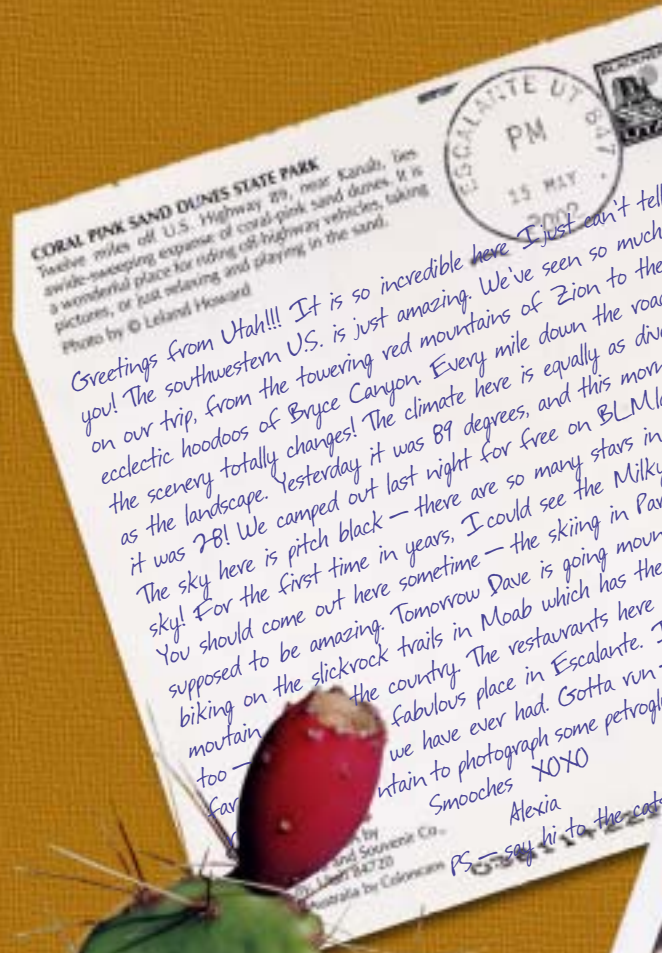
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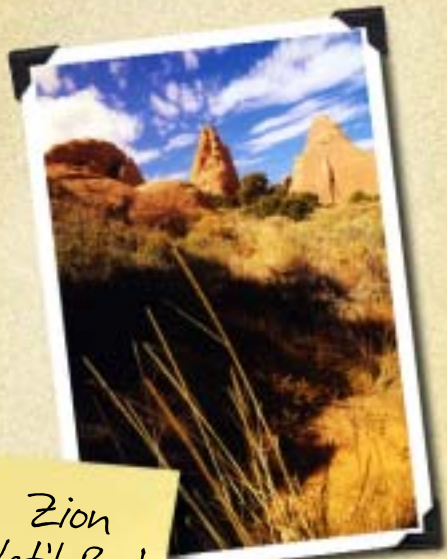
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 Bryce Canyon, UT 84717
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Dead Horse Point State Park:
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www.moab.com/parks/deadhorsepoint.asp
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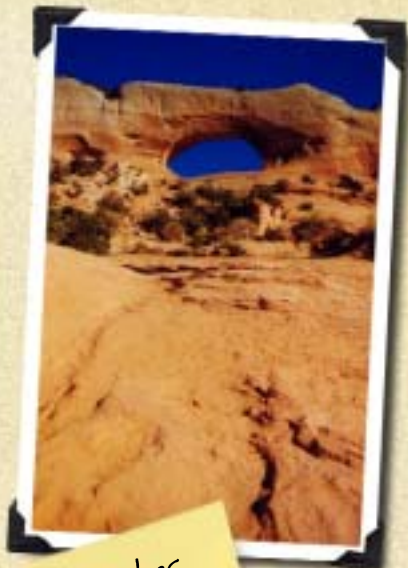
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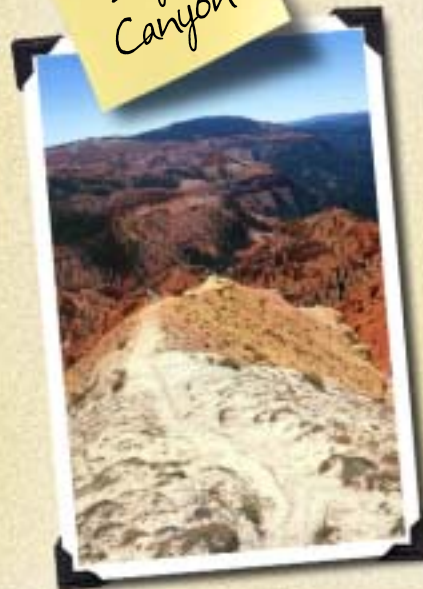
Zion Nat'l Park

Zion National Park was the first place we visited. This was one of my favorites! What made it so spectacular were the tall red mountains, the checker boarded rocks and the delicate layers in all the sand stone. Every hundred yards the rock totally changes! We walked on a one mile walking path and then climbed into the Narrows which was truly amazing! And sunset is incredible too—when the soft golden light hits the rock, they glow a brilliant orange. It's unbelievable!



Arches Nat'l Park

We cruised around Utah and found ourselves at Arches National Park in the eastern part of the state. How incredible! Over millions of years, rain and wind have gently eroded away the sandstone and carved out hundreds of these natural arches. Some of them, like Wilson Arch pictured here, are huge! We climbed up to it and stood inside—it towered above our heads! Arches National Park is home to hundreds of these natural arches and is where Delicate Arch lives, probably the most famous arch of all. It's even pictured on the Utah license plate.



Bryce Canyon

We went to Bryce Canyon on the second day of our trip, it's just an hour or two drive from Zion. Bryce is, without a doubt, the most unique place in the world. Millions of years of rain and wind did not carve out arches here, they carved "hoodoos" which are these tall sandstone statues that tower overhead. There are millions of them! The canyons are just breathtaking. We camped overnight in the park and woke up at 5:30am so we could see the sunrise over the canyon. The weather here in the high desert is amazing—during the day it was 85 degrees, and at night it went down to 29. Just like Zion when the warm light hits the rock, the whole place just comes alive! There are dozens of trails that go into the depths of the canyons and wind through the hoodoos.



Dead Horse Point

Deadhorse Point was one of our last stops on our trip. Many people mistake it for the Grand Canyon. In fact, this is where the final scenes of "Thelma and Louise" were shot! But, unlike the Grand Canyon, we didn't encounter any hoards of people here. It was very quiet, and made for some fabulous picture taking. The name comes from a legend that says that some cowboys rounded up some wild horses on one of the plateaus. The horses looked down at the river a thousand feet below, and even though their gate was left open they died of dehydration because they couldn't figure out how to get to the river. I don't know if it's true or not, but that is a really sad story!

