

ASHLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Vernal, Utah

(Population: 21,951 • Service area: 39,372)

Welcome to a land of high cliffs, desert sand, sagebrush and mountain peaks. Situated in a beautiful valley in the corner of northeastern Utah, Vernal is a place that abounds in both natural beauty and family-friendly living.

THE HOSPITAL

Ashley Regional Medical Center is a 39-bed acute-care Joint Commission accredited facility. The hospital has affiliation with 30 physicians whose specialties include Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics,



Radiology, Orthopedics, ENT, Dermatology and General Surgery. Other services include MRI, CT Scan, Mammography, Nuclear Medicine Scans, PH and Manometry Studies, Chemotherapy, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and a C.O.L.A. Certified Laboratory. Ashley Regional Medical Center recently finished an \$8.2 million expansion that includes a new ICU unit, an outpatient surgery department and a 24-hour emergency room, staffed with a dedicated emergency room physician, that treats 14,000 patients a year. The new OB department features two birthing suites that deliver over 450 babies a year.

THE COMMUNITY

Vernal, the county seat of Uintah County, is a progressive city that recently won the *America in Bloom* award for its efforts to beau-

tify the community. The city offers numerous educational opportunities, beginning with a strong public school system. *Utah State University* has a branch campus that offers bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. *Uintah Basin Applied Technology* and *Weber State University* offer Radiology Tech, LPN, RN, and Laboratory Tech degrees.

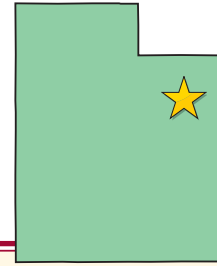
The city of Vernal hosts a popular *Community Concert Series*, which features performances by local musicians. *The Outlaw Trail Theater* performs original productions that bring the Wild West back to life. Vernal is also home to the nationally acclaimed *Dinosaur Round-Up Rodeo* and the national *Professional Bull Riding Competition*. The city's *Utah Field House of*

Natural History has several exhibits, including those dealing with dinosaurs, geography and Native American history. The nearby *Ute Indian Reservation* is also a source of summer activities with regular events and pow-wows.



Distance to Major Cities

Salt Lake City, UT	180 miles
Aspen, CO	210 miles
Denver, CO	330 miles
Cheyenne, WY	370 miles



Local Points of Interest

- *Utah Field House of Natural History Museum* – learn about the region's dinosaur past.
- *Flaming Gorge Reservoir* – choose from fishing, boating, camping, biking, hiking and more.
- *Nearby National Parks* – enjoy the spectacular vistas and natural wonders of Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Zion, Dinosaur National Monument and many others, while touring Utah.

RECREATION

Vernal is a veritable paradise for the outdoor enthusiast. Boating, fishing, hiking, white-water rafting, mountain biking, camping—whatever your outdoor passion, it's all here. The *Uinta Mountains*, the highest in Utah, surround Vernal with hundreds of lakes and streams teeming with trout. *Flaming Gorge Reservoir* offers spectacular outdoor activities, including boating, fishing, camping, biking and hiking. The *Green River* provides blue-ribbon trout fishing and exciting white-water rafting. *Nine-Mile Canyon* features a breathtaking corridor of Fremont Indian petroglyphs and pictographs (above). *Dry Fork Canyon*, *Jones Holes* and *Echo Park* also feature these spectacular drawings.

Vernal is dinosaur country. *Dinosaur National Monument* offers one of the largest collections of Jurassic period bones and fossils as well as scenic highways, wilderness areas and hiking trails. State parks at *Steinaker* and *Red Fleet Reservoirs* provide modern campgrounds and wonderful opportunities for boating and fishing. Wildlife is plentiful in the area: bighorn sheep, moose, Rocky Mountain goats, elk, deer, pronghorn antelope, cougars, coyotes, golden and bald eagles and more.

