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Went to the *Island in the Sky* part of Canyonlands today. Canyonlands National Park is trisected by the Colorado and Green rivers. They meet in the middle, sort of forming a "Y". The *Island* part is the top third. The *Sky* part is where we were, way high on a mesa, a place where everywhere else is down.



We ate the lunch we brought. I won't tell you what that was. I will tell you we had for supper last night: ravioli stuffed with sweet potato and feta cheese garnished with pine nuts. Then chile prawns and jasmine rice under eggplant puree. We ate lunch along the rim, near here.



This is our picture on top of Whale Rock. Francis took it. She and her husband Bob climbed the whale before we did. The top was about 15 feet across, sloping down in every direction, and the

wind was gusting at around 30 mph. We were scared to death. No, not for us, for Fran and Bob. Together I think they were about 160 years old. We walked all the way back with them. Very slowly.



This is Mesa Arch, another short hike from a parking area. The place was full of Germans. Arches NP was full of Germans, too. Come to think of it, Dinosaur NM was full of them too. They're always talking German. How rude.



Kind of adjacent to the national park is *Dead Horse Point* State Park. It is so named, as legend has it, because negligent cowboys corralled some wild horses there and left them to die. So, for your 7 buck entry fee you get a very nice picture of the Colorado, a good story, and not much else. Here's the picture. You heard the story. Now you owe us 7 bucks.



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