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Strange RV Encounters: I Found Mollie's Nipple Near Purgatory



The Weird, the Wacky, and the Wonderful



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After seeing [the millions of dead fish at the Salton Sea](#) and [Slab City, the last free city in America](#), it's time to head to Utah, because millions of dead fish and thousands of people living for free aren't nearly as interesting as what I found in this place...

Hurricane, Utah -- where I found Mollie's Nipple and the infamous Purgatory Correctional Facility.

Credit for these two wacky finds goes to a local resident with a similar sense of humor. I highly recommend staying in a place long enough to meet some locals, because they always know about the wacky sights you just can't find by yourself. Fortunately, I belong to a couple of international groups that have meeting halls all over the world. One such place is where I met the gentleman who told me about today's treasures.

It might be worth mentioning that my tour guide knew the location the Purgatory Correctional Facility because he was once a resident. No adventure is complete without a little thrill. But I digress.

Mollie's Nipple: A Beaut of a Butte

One bold explorer so named the happy hill and several others in the area after his wife's anatomy. At 4,953 feet above sea level, the perky peak stands tall amid other less noticeable buttes and plateaus along Highway 9/State Street heading east toward Hurricane. You can't miss it, but here are the GPS coordinates: 37.128316,-113.298004.

Purgatory Correctional Facility, Once Home to [Warren Jeffs](#)

Keep heading east, and you'll find Purgatory. Early LDS pioneers named this general area of the desert after a particularly difficult time crossing it. Apparently, the local government, one with an obvious sense of humor, decided to name the correctional facility Purgatory. I wonder if it's hot in there?

If the name sounds familiar, you're not crazy. Purgatory Correctional Facility was once home to Warren Jeffs, the infamous leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The sheriff's department doesn't allow tours, but you can drive by the sign at 2493 S. 5200 W and take your photo with it. Then, you can say you've been to Purgatory and back.

To see more photos, [follow more of my weird, wacky, and wonderful RV adventures on Flickr](#).

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Hi Michael! Glad to hear I've converted another! (LOL) Getting an RV is the best thing I've done - some much better than I could've imagined! I'm enjoying your work as well - your travels seem just as interesting!



michael lynch 1/14/2013

You've got me wanting to but an RV, now ! Enjoy your travels and writings and keep the great stuff coming !

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