

RED CANYON TRAIL MAP

GENERAL INFORMATION

Whether your interest is geology, photography, botany, recreation, or simply sightseeing, Red Canyon is a fascinating area. Even with a limited amount of time, you can see spectacular colors, fantastic formations, and unique plants found only in this area. Stay a while and discover the beauty and wonder that await you in Red Canyon.

CAMPING • Tent and RV camping is on a first-come, first-served basis at the Red Canyon Campground for a per day fee. Campsites have a picnic table and fireplace, and can accommodate up to a 45-foot vehicle; however, there are no hookups. Water and restrooms are available throughout the campground. Showers are available in the lower loop and a RV dump station is available in the upper loop — both charge a fee. Camping is limited to 16 days. The campground is generally open from early May to late September, weather dependent.

WEATHER • Pleasant days and cool nights prevail April through October. Thunderstorms are common in summer. Winter lasts from November to March.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS • The Visitor Center and adjoining restrooms are wheelchair accessible, as are the restrooms and showers at the campground. The paved bicycle trail is accessible to wheelchairs, but some sections are steep.

MEDICAL SERVICES • First aid is available at the Visitor Center. A full-service hospital is located in Panguitch, Utah.

LOST AND FOUND • Report lost items and turn in found items to the Visitor Center staff.

FLASH FLOODS • During the summer months high intensity thunderstorms can produce flash flooding. When this occurs, stay out of washes and canyon bottoms.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT
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TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

RED CANYON BICYCLE TRAIL • No. 016

Foot and bike. Beginning at the Thunder Mountain Trailhead and extending to the Coyote Hollow Parking Area, this 5-mile paved trail travels the entire length of Red Canyon. The whole family is sure to enjoy this one! *Easy — 5 mi — 2-4 hrs*

PINK LEDGES TRAIL • No. 074

Foot travel only. From the Visitor Center, take this popular trail through brilliant red rock formations. Interpretive signs describe plants and trees found in Red Canyon. *Easy to moderate — 1 mi — 1/2 hr*

BUCKHORN TRAIL • No. 037

Foot travel only. This trail begins in the Red Canyon Campground at site #23 and climbs to a vantage point high above the canyon. You'll pass colorful formations and find spectacular views at the top.

Moderate to strenuous — .9 mi — 1-2 hrs

CASTO CANYON TRAIL • No. 089

Foot, bike, horse, and ATV (less than 42 inches wide on designated sections of the trail). With colorful formations and classic canyon scenery, you won't want to miss this one. ATV's follow the Barney Cove Trail (No. 014) to the Fremont Trail (No. 002). *Moderate to strenuous — 5.5 mi — 4-8 hrs hiking — 3-5 hrs horse — 2 hrs OHV*

BARNEY COVE TRAIL • No. 014

Foot, bike, horse, and ATV. This is used primarily as a connector between the Casto Canyon Trail (No. 089) and the Fremont Trail (No. 002).

Moderate — 1.9 mi

LOSEE CANYON TRAIL • No. 090

Foot, bike, and horse. Located in the bottom of Losee Canyon, there are many red rock formations along this trail. At the head of Losee Canyon, the trail connects with the Cassidy Trail (No. 093), where you can go south to Red Canyon or north to Casto Canyon. *Moderate — 2.9 mi — 3-6 hrs (up and back to trailhead)*

ARCHES TRAIL • No. 085

Foot travel only. Named for the 15 small arches that are found here, this loop trail winds through a small red rock cove. This is an exciting trail for all ages. Begins at the Losee Canyon Trailhead. *Easy to moderate — .7 mi — 1/2-1 hr*

LEDGE POINT TRAIL • No. 091

Foot, bike, and horse. This short but scenic trail passes through old growth ponderosa pine. It takes you to a viewpoint overlooking Red Canyon and Highway 12 to the south. *Easy — .6 mi — 1/2-1 hr*

RICH TRAIL • No. 092

Foot, bike, and horse. This trail can be used in conjunction with the Cassidy Trail (No. 093) for half or all day trail rides or hikes. The beauty of the red rock formations and the variety of trees and vegetation are spectacular. *Moderate to strenuous — 2.1 mi — 4-8 hrs*

CASSIDY TRAIL • No. 093

Foot, bike, and horse. This trail winds through red rock scenery and majestic ponderosa pine as it heads north to Brayton Point overlooking Losee Canyon, and continues on to Casto Canyon. Legend says that the famous outlaw, Butch Cassidy, used sections of the trail.

Strenuous — 8-9 mi — 1-2 days hiking — 5-6 hrs one way

TUNNEL TRAIL • No. 094

Foot travel only. Escape the crowds on this trail that begins on Highway 12 near the western highway tunnel. The climb to the top is worth the spectacular views of Red Canyon and the two tunnels. *Moderate — .4 mi — 1/2-1 hr*

GOLDEN WALL TRAIL • No. 095

Foot travel only. The trail begins on Highway 12 just west of the Visitor Center, winding its way through ponderosa pines to large golden rock walls amid beautiful red rock layers. Loops can be made with the Castle Bridge Trail (No. 096) and the Buckhorn Trail (No. 037)/Red Canyon Bicycle Trail.

Moderate to strenuous — 2.8 mi — 2-4 hrs

CASTLE BRIDGE TRAIL • No. 096

Foot travel only. Beginning half a mile south of the Golden Wall Trailhead, this trail boasts spectacular scenery and unique red rock formations. Be safety conscious on sections of trail that are in steep terrain.

Moderate — .6 mi — 1-2 hrs

BIRDSEYE TRAIL • No. 097

Foot travel only. Follow this trail from the Visitor Center into the vivid orange and scarlet rock formations of Red Canyon. Truly a "birdseye" view of this spectacular area. *Moderate — .7 mi — 1/2-1 hr*

THUNDER MOUNTAIN TRAIL • No. 098

Foot, bike, and horse. The upper section of the trail travels through a ponderosa pine forest, while the lower section features spectacular red rock scenery. The Grand View Trail (No. 066) can be accessed from this trail. *Moderate to strenuous — 7.8 mi — 4-8 hrs hiking — 4-6 hrs horse*

PHOTO TRAIL • No. 099

Foot travel only. This short but scenic trail climbs to a ridge overlooking Red Canyon to the east and the Sevier River valley to the west. Cameras are a must! *Easy — .3 miles — .2 hr*

HIKING SUGGESTIONS

- ✓ Wear sturdy boots or shoes suitable for rough terrain.
- ✓ Wear a hat and sunscreen. The sun is intense in southern Utah.
- ✓ Carry plenty of water.
- ✓ Stay on the trails. Cutting switchbacks causes erosion and damages fragile vegetation.
- ✓ Take your time. Elevations are above 7,000 feet (2,130 meters).
- ✓ Never throw rocks. There may be trails and people below you.



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