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Bryce Canyon Country has many beautiful and adventurous areas to explore. Those visiting in the area will find plenty of great outdoor activities, such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, off-roading and more. The area features lakes, canyons, plateaus and forests, which are perfect destinations for those seeking a great outdoor escape. You will also find amazing scenic drives and interesting Native American and pioneer history.

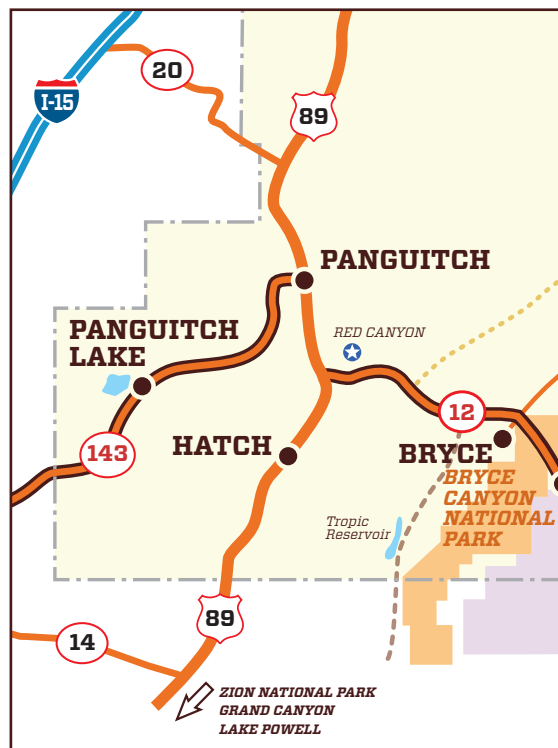


PANGUITCH LAKE / RED CANYON / BRYCE CANYON

Panguitch Lake is an excellent destination for fishing, hiking, ATV riding, horseback riding and mountain biking. From here, you may also connect to Cedar Breaks National Monument.

Red Canyon is part of the Dixie National Forest and is just 1 mile east of the junction of Scenic Byway 12 and Scenic Highway 89. Red Canyon has a visitor center and a paved trail that is ideal for walking, hiking and biking. World-class mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding and ATV trails extend from Red Canyon into unique rock formations much like you'll find inside Bryce Canyon National Park.

Bryce Canyon National Park is along Scenic Byway 12 and just 15 minutes east of the 89/12 Junction. Turn south on SR-63 to the entrance of the park. In this area you will find ATV, horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking and aerial tours.



Culture, History and Shopping

Don't miss the opportunity in each area to experience the western and Native American culture and history or to shop for art, souvenirs and gifts at unique shops

Lodging and Dining Options

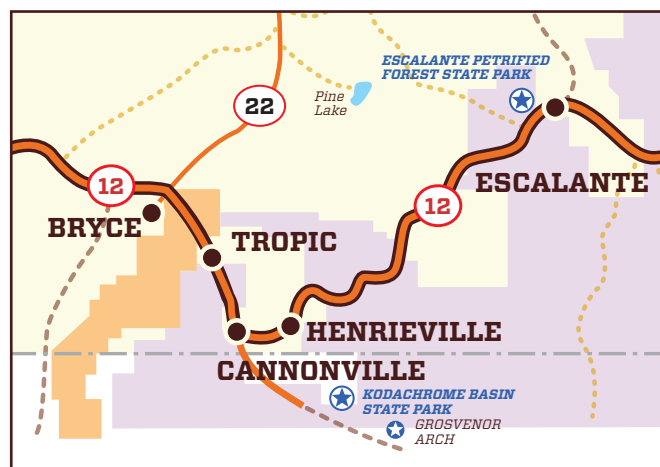
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GRAND STAIRCASE / KODACHROME BASIN

Just east of Bryce Canyon National Park you'll find one of America's great marvels in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. There are several places where you can access the monument, but if you want to see Grosvenor Arch, Cottonwood Canyon and Kodachrome Basin State Park, then you'll want to access it from Cannonville. In Grand Staircase-Escalante, you'll find interesting slot canyons to explore and some of the most scenically rough terrain you'll likely ever see.



The road from Cannonville to Kodachrome Basin is paved, but if you continue south on either Skutumpah (west) or Cottonwood Canyon (southeast), you're traveling on a fairly good dirt road. This road is passable in good weather; however, check road conditions before venturing out into this magnificent region, and make sure to take enough water and supplies

Kodachrome Basin is a well kept scenic secret. Named after the film made by Kodak, this Utah state park is a delight for photographers and explorers. Trails extend among unique rock formations in all directions, and there is an excellent campground here, with some services available during the main travel season.

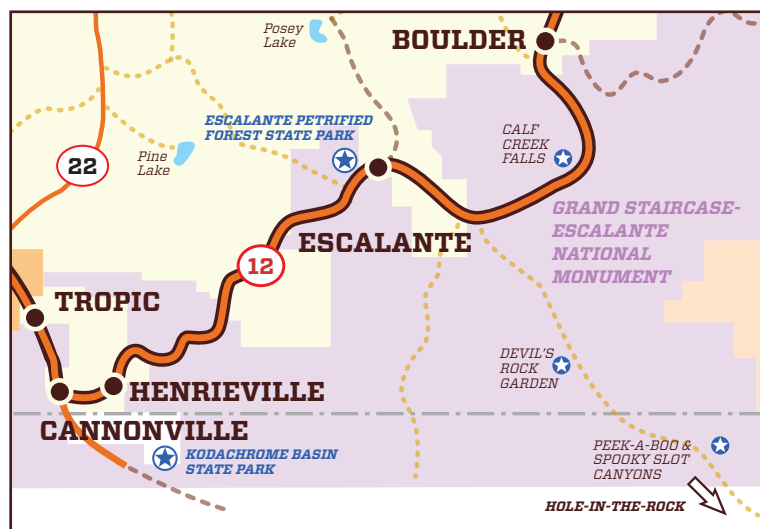
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GRAND STAIRCASE / HOLE IN THE ROCK

From the town of Escalante, you'll find spectacular options for venturing into world class backcountry. Just east of Escalante on Scenic Byway 12 is the famous Hole in the Rock Road, which is named for a historic pioneer trek that followed this course in 1879 and 1880. Mormon pioneers forged a path to the eastern part of Utah in a monumental journey that is chronicled in interpretive displays found at the east end of Escalante at the Escalante Heritage Center.



Little did the pioneers know of the dramatic slot canyons that lie parallel to their path, which are now used by modern explorers for outdoor adventure. Two very popular slot canyons that are quite easy to explore are called Peek-a-Boo and Spooky. Don't miss the opportunity to visit Devils Garden, which is about 12 miles down the Hole in the Rock Road. Stop by the visitor center in Escalante (the west end of town) for more details and for permits for certain backcountry activities.

Culture, History and Shopping

Each of the communities offer resources for exposure to western, Native American or pioneer heritage. Don't miss the unique museums, shops or information centers in these areas.

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BOULDER MOUNTAIN

Boulder Mountain is the highest wooded plateau in North America with over 80 lakes and can be accessed from either Escalante or Boulder. The forest is thick and the wildlife is plentiful. Bring your camera, fishing pole and exploring supplies for a day or weekend trip. You'll enjoy the views as you drive up and down this majestic plateau. From certain points, you'll be able to look out across over 90 miles out and see views such as the Grand Staircase, Lake Powell and the sacred Navajo Mountain.



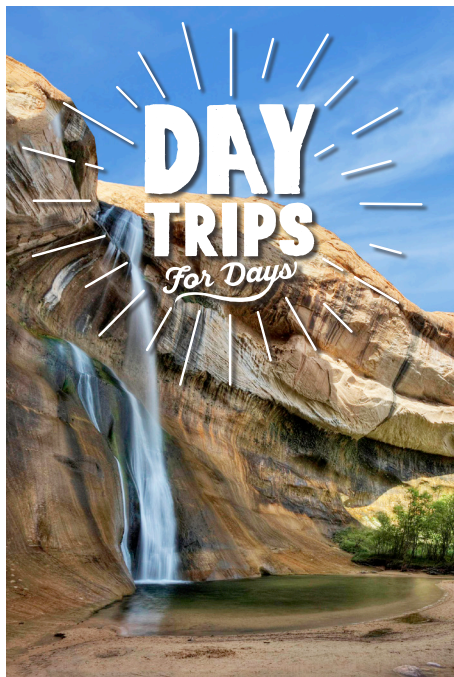
From one access point near the town of Boulder, visitors have the option of taking a scenic drive to the bridge at Hell's Backbone or exploring the Box-Death Hollow Wilderness Area. These are predominantly dirt roads that are well maintained. Be aware that roads can become damaged from recent rains or winter snow melt, so plan accordingly.

Culture, History and Shopping

Boulder and Escalante each offer some unique shopping opportunities and chances for exposure to western and Native American culture.

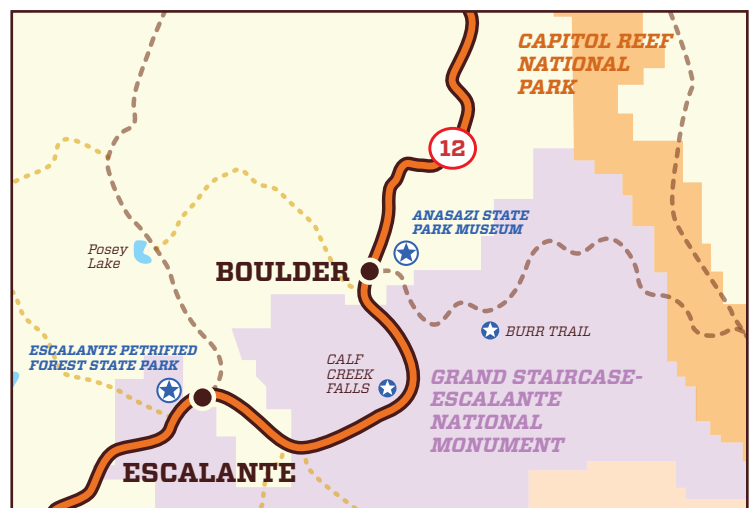
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CALF CREEK / ANASAZI STATE PARK / BURR TRAIL

Between the towns of Boulder and Escalante you be able to drive along what is locally referred to as the Hogsback on Scenic Byway 12. The Hogsback is where the canyons drop 1,000 feet on both sides of the highway. Here you'll find Lower and Upper Calf Creek Falls. The Upper Falls is a 1 mile descent with a return trip that is a fairly steep ascent back to your vehicle. The Lower Falls is a 2.5 mile (each direction) walk that is relatively flat and follows a course along Calf Creek. Beaver dams, fish and petroglyphs highlight this experience.



In Boulder, you'll enjoy a visit to the Anasazi State Park. The site is believed to have been occupied from 1050 to 1200 A.D. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display in the newly remodeled museum.

Utah's Burr Trail road is a 66-mile scenic backway that winds through some of the most untamed areas of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef National Park and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The road leads to Bullfrog Marina on Lake Powell, but many guests will turn north on the Notom Road and do a loop through Capitol Reef National Park. The route is incredibly scenic, cutting through pale Navajo sandstone dunes near Boulder and past many scenic landmarks.

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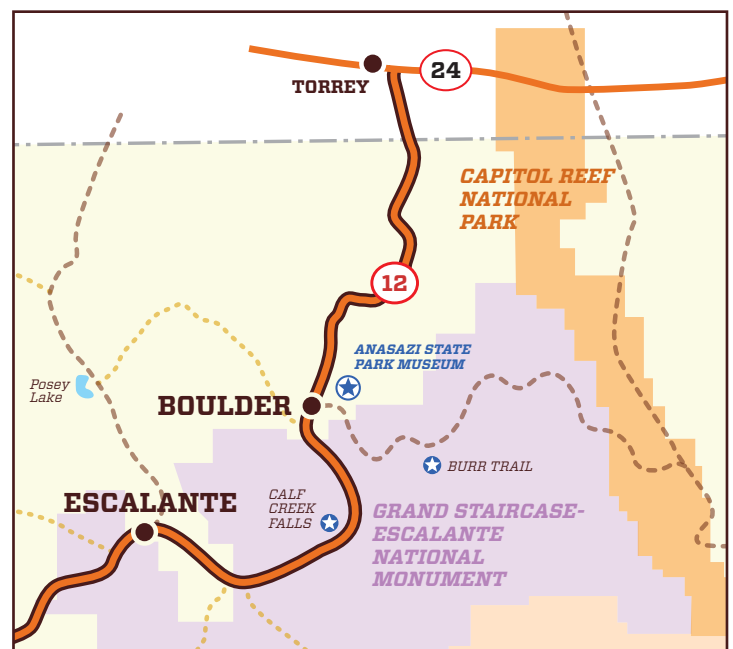
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CAPITOL REEF NATIONAL PARK

Capitol Reef National Park is a rugged landscape that is accessible via Scenic Byway 12 and U-24 and is open all year. You can also take the Burr Trail from the town of Boulder and follow the Notom road to the north. Take the park's scenic drive, stop in at the visitor center and museum, hike the trails, and visit the old log schoolhouse and the town of Fruita.

The Waterpocket Fold—a 100-mile long wrinkle in the earth's crust known to geologists as a monocline—extends from nearby Thousand Lakes Mountain to the Colorado River (now Lake Powell). Capitol Reef National Park was established to protect this grand and colorful geologic feature as well as the historical and cultural history that abounds in the area.



The visitor center is located 10 miles east of the town of Torrey or 37 miles west of the town of Hanksville. The visitor center museum offers an overview of park features and includes exhibits on geology, archeology and history as well as a short orientation slide program.

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