

# BURRO WASH TRAIL

Explore the Slot Canyons of Capitol Reef National Park



## LOCATION

This trail is located 7.8 miles south of Hwy 24 on Notom-Bullfrog Road.

## TRAIL TYPE

This trail is for hiking only.

## DISTANCE

This trail is approx. 4 miles each direction, making the total distance approx. 8 miles.

## DIFFICULTY

This hike is difficult. It is better if at least 2 people hike this together so they can help each other along.

## TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The trail starts out easy in an open wash area. Three miles into the slot canyons start and many obstacles that would be difficult for inexperienced hikers/climbers.

## EQUIPMENT

Bring climbing gear if you want to go beyond the obstacles at mile 4.

## ENVIRONMENT

Burro Wash would be very dangerous in rainy weather due to flash flooding.

## SAFETY

Be careful while hiking this trail. Falling may cause severe injury. Do not hike if there is any chance of rain in the area.



## GET A CLOSER LOOK.

Because this trail is so difficult, it is easy to get caught up in just finishing it rather than enjoying it along the way. Make sure you take the time to experience the trail and get a closer look at the beauty, rather than just complete it.

## TAKE IN THE VIEWS.

The beautiful and unique Navajo Sandstone blankets the Burro Wash area. This trail is located right in the heart of the white rock, which sets it apart from the other slot canyons. This makes for fantastic views that are unique in this area.



**Trail tip:** Wear shoes or sandals that will be appropriate for walking in water. You may encounter places where you will walk or wade through pools of water.

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## DO IT AT YOUR OWN PAGE.

Bring your camera and a tripod for the best photographs in the darker areas of the slot canyons. Enjoy the adventure of negotiating the twists and turns of this narrow passage.





## TRAIL INSTRUCTIONS

From Notom road you're headed west up the wash, and at approximately the 2 miles in you'll find the trail beginning to narrow. You'll come across a large chock stone that you can negotiate around by moving up a slick rock slide on the south side of the canyon about 20 yards before this stone. Further on you'll encounter other chock stones that you'll need to get around or over, and you'll come across two narrow sections that are just wide enough to squeeze through. At the three mile point you will encounter a large chamber that is impassable, unless you go back through the prior section of narrows (about 200 yards) and then climbing up a steep sloped wall on north side. Drop down into the wash after you are past the large chamber. You'll have another mile of hiking in and out of narrow sections where you'll reach an impassable pour-off section. To go beyond this point will require rock climbing gear and experience.