

Capitol Gorge

HIKING

Walk where the pioneers once drove their wagons.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



2 miles

DISTANCE

0 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Easy

DIFFICULTY

2 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

Trailhead within Capitol Reef National Park's Fruita area.

TRAIL TYPE

Out-and-back hiking route on a flat canyon floor; dogs prohibited.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

The trail follows a flat canyon floor past historic pioneer inscriptions, ancient petroglyphs, and unique natural waterpockets.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Zero elevation gain and a flat canyon floor make this accessible for most fitness levels.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

No Dogs, Park entrance fee required. Nearest services: Fruita area, Capitol Reef National Park. Pack out everything you pack in. Flash floods can hit canyons fast from distant storms — check the forecast first.

EQUIPMENT

Physical map, first aid kit, and water recommended.

COORDINATES

38.21140, -111.16610 (Trailhead)

Coordinates are a navigation aid — conditions change, so always verify current road and trail status before you go.

SAFETY

Check forecasts before visiting; cell service is unreliable in the backcountry.

TRAIL TIP

Look for the Pioneer Register etched into the canyon walls — easy to miss if you're not looking up.

