

Donkey Reservoir

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Climb through pine and spruce to a lake beneath a volcanic rim.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



13.6 miles
(round-trip)

DISTANCE

2,750 ft
ELEVATION GAIN

Moderate,
Strenuous

DIFFICULTY

3-4.5 hrs
EST. TIME

LOCATION

Near Teasdale, Utah; Boulder Mountain area.

TRAIL TYPE

Out-and-back.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

From high-desert sagebrush into Ponderosa pine, quaking aspen, and Engelmann spruce, ascending toward 10,000 ft past Coleman Reservoir and Round Lake to Donkey Reservoir beneath a volcanic rim.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Primarily a maintained dirt path, but with technical rocky sections that can turn slick after rain.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Dogs allowed; no fees required. High-elevation route — often snow-covered and impassable in winter/early spring; check current conditions before you go. Pack out everything you pack in. Flash floods can hit canyons fast from distant storms — check the forecast first.

COORDINATES

38.26611, -111.47556 (Staging area)

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

SAFETY

Check weather for flash flood risk; carry physical map and first aid kit; notify someone of your route.

TRAIL TIP

Dispersed camping exists along the trail, but sites are limited with no services — bring everything you need.

