

Five Mile Wash

A quiet wash with nobody else in it.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE

HIKING



4 miles

DISTANCE

720 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Moderate

DIFFICULTY

3 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

11 miles south of Highway 24, Waterpocket Fold area.

TRAIL TYPE

Out-and-back desert wash hike.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

A wild, less-traveled wash progressing from a wide sandy bottom into tightening Navajo sandstone canyon walls, with sculpted formations, small dryfalls, and seasonal pools.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

No dogs allowed; no fees. 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, extra water.

COORDINATES

38.15280, -111.08326 (Trailhead)

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

SAFETY

Flash flood risk in canyons; check forecasts and avoid narrows during predicted rain; carry physical map and first aid kit.

TRAIL TIP

It's a short hike, so take your time and actually explore the wash rather than rushing through.

