

Grand Wash

HIKING

Walk a canyon that narrows to 15 feet wide.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



2.2 miles

DISTANCE

200 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Easy

DIFFICULTY

1.5-2 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

Capitol Reef National Park, accessible from Highway 24 or Scenic Drive via the Cassidy Arch trailhead.

TRAIL TYPE

Out-and-back or point-to-point shuttle.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

A gorge cut through the heart of the Waterpocket Fold along a gravelly wash bottom; canyon walls reach 800 feet, with 'the Narrows' closing to just 15 feet wide, plus desert potholes and honeycomb weathering.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Flat and relatively effortless - jaw-dropping scale without a grueling climb.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

No dogs allowed; fees required. Pack out everything you pack in. Flash floods can hit canyons fast from distant storms — check the forecast first.

COORDINATES

38.27806, -111.19224 (Trailhead)

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

SAFETY

Incredibly prone to flash floods - check the forecast at the visitor center before entering.

TRAIL TIP

Check the forecast before you go — this is one of the more flash-flood-prone hikes in the park.

