

Lower Bowns / Oak Creek Trail

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HIKING

Pine forest to desert reservoir, one ride.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



12.8 miles

DISTANCE

2,700 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Moderate

DIFFICULTY

4-6 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

Off Scenic Byway 12, Boulder Mountain area.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Transitions from cool, high-elevation pines of Oak Creek Reservoir at 10,100 feet down to arid, sagebrush shores of Lower Bowns Reservoir.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Rough terrain and significant elevation change requiring a capable vehicle or steady endurance.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Leave No Trace; dogs allowed; no fees. Nearest services: Rosebud and Pleasant Creek campgrounds. 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

38.07694, -111.36750 (Trailhead)

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

SAFETY

Check weather forecasts; carry physical map, first aid kit; notify someone of your route.

TRAIL TIP

Conditions shift fast between the high and low ends of this trail — dress in layers.

