

Mt. Ellen

HIKING

Stand on the highest point in the Henry Mountains.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



5 miles

DISTANCE

1,024 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Strenuous

DIFFICULTY

4 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

Henry Mountains, Bull Creek Pass.

TRAIL TYPE

Alpine summit trail.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Leads to the highest point in the Henry Mountains: steep, rocky terrain above treeline opening to a 360-degree vista of the Waterpocket Fold, La Sal and Abajo Mountains. The Henry Mountains bison herd frequents alpine meadows in summer.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Steep, rocky ascent with the trail occasionally fading; navigate by ridgeline.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Leave No Trace; dogs allowed; no fees. 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

38.08583, -110.80250 (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

The trail fades in and out above treeline — follow the cairns rather than assuming a clear path.

