

Pleasant Creek Trail

HIKING

Wet boots, red walls, ancient petroglyphs.

CAPITOL REEF COUNTRY TRAIL GUIDE



7.6 miles

DISTANCE

480 ft

ELEVATION GAIN

Easy

DIFFICULTY

4 hrs

EST. TIME

LOCATION

End of Pleasant Creek Road, via the Scenic Drive south of Fruita.

TRAIL TYPE

Out-and-back.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Sandy footpaths alternate with frequent stream crossings along a perennial desert stream, framed by red Wingate and cream Navajo Sandstone cliffs and Fremont cottonwood groves, with hidden alcoves and ancient petroglyphs.

DIFFICULTY NOTES

Largely unmaintained trail with frequent water crossings.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

No Dogs. Fees Required.. Nearest services: Fruita. Pack out everything you pack in. Flash floods can hit canyons fast from distant storms — check the forecast first.

COORDINATES

38.19559, -111.12236 (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; carry physical map and first aid kit.

TRAIL TIP

Expect to get your feet wet — this hike crosses the creek repeatedly.

