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435-335-7447 www.bouldermesa.com

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435-335-7565 www.burrtrailoutpost.com

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Escalante Canyon Outfitters

888-326-4453 www.ecohike.com

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435-335-7349 www.originaltradegoods.com

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Escalante Outfitters

435-826-4266 www.escalanteoutfitters.com

Escalante's Grand Staircase B&B Inn

435-826-4890 www.escalantebnb.com

Escape Goats Tours and Shuttles

435-826-4652 www.escapegoats.us

Excursions of Escalante

800-839-7567 www.excursionsofescalante.com

The Fly Shop at Escalante Outfitters

435-826-4266 www.escalanteoutfitters.com

LaLuz Desert Retreat

435-826-4708 www.laluz.net

Slot Canyons Inn

435-826-4901 www.slotcanyonsinn.com

The Vagabond Inn

435-826-4266 www.vagabondbnb.com

WHAT IS QUIET USE?

Whether you're looking for adventure or solitude, a challenge or a sanctuary, nature offers its best when experienced through quiet use.

As the bustle of civilization encroaches on our remaining wild and remote areas, we need to safeguard the special places where we can still 'get away from it all.' These places share one quality: silence.

Choose your experience...

Hiking, backpacking, bird watching, horseback riding, photographing, fly fishing, camping, snowshoeing, stargazing, or just plain sitting—enjoy the experience while maintaining tranquility for others. Hear a creek babble, the wind whispering through ponderosas or the whoosh of raven wings overhead...or even your own quiet breath. Hike to the waterfall at Lower Calf Creek Falls. Wriggle through the narrow slots of Peek-a-Boo and Spooky Canyons. Gaze at the star-studded night sky. Ride horseback among autumn's blazing aspens.

For more information...

For a full range of trip options, our public lands stewards can assist you with maps, weather and road conditions, safety guidelines, 'Leave No Trace' principles and permits:

Escalante Visitor Center (GSENM, Forest Service, Glen Canyon)
435-826-5499. www.ut.blm.gov/monument

Boulder contact station (seasonal),
Anasazi Museum 435-335-7382

Glen Canyon National Recreation Area:
www.nps.gov/glca/ 928-608-6200

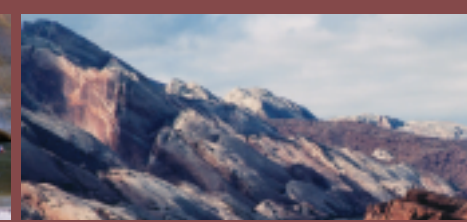
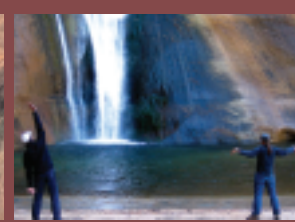
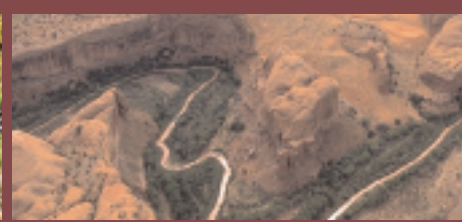
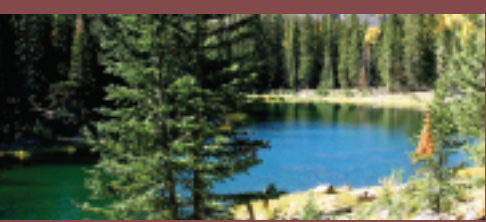
Capitol Reef National Park:
www.nps.gov/care/ 435-425-3791 ext.111

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BOULDER MOUNTAIN AND THE AQUARIUS PLATEAU
(Dixie National Forest)

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT
(Bureau of Land Management)

GLEN CANYON AND CAPITOL REEF
(National Park Service)

THE HIGH COUNTRY

The highest timbered plateau in North America (7,500-11,400 ft.) features quaking aspen and spruce, deer, elk, brown bear and cougar, scenic lakes, great fishing, forest trails, campgrounds, spectacular views and cool air. The lakes and creeks comprise the headwaters of the Escalante River basin to the south.

Chriss Lake

A day hike through meadows and aspen forests to a high mountain lake.

3.6 miles
(foot) moderate / strenuous
(horse) moderate
(bicycle) not recommended

Deer Creek Lake

A day trip through aspen and mixed conifer forests to Deer Creek Lake, with access to other lakes.

6.0 miles
(foot) easy / moderate
(horse) easy
(bicycle) moderate

Great Western Trail - Jubilee Loop

A multi-day trip through aspen and mixed conifer forests. Visit several mountain lakes, and the historic Jubilee Guard Station.

24.0 miles
(foot) moderate
(horse) easy
(bicycle) difficult

THE WIDE DESERT

The eastern third of GSENM, the Canyons of the Escalante, comprises a magical maze of high-desert sandstone. Towering walls, domes, dry canyons and creeks channel sparse rainfall into the Escalante River.

Lower Calf Creek Falls

A developed trail from Calf Creek campground beside the creek to the 126 foot high waterfall and back. Picnic tables, BBQ grills, and restrooms in campground.

6.0 miles
(foot) moderate

Devil's Garden

Informal trails between sandstone hoodoos, leading to several arches including Metate Arch. Picnic tables, BBQ grills, and pit toilet.

Miles variable
(foot) easy

Escalante River

Social trails beside (and in) Escalante River to the natural bridge. Continue 1.0 mile further to Sand Creek canyon.

4.0 miles.
(foot) easy

Peek-a-boo and Spooky

Sandy trail descends into Dry Fork Coyote Gulch, then downstream on unmarked route to sculptured slot side canyons, each less than 0.5 miles long.

5.0 miles.
(foot) moderate / strenuous

THE DEEPER CANYONS

In the lower basin, Glen Canyon holds spectacular canyons and vast slickrock formations for the adventurous hiker. Hole-in-the-Rock Road, a former Mormon pioneer wagon route, ends at a 600 ft. high cliff above Lake Powell. The Burr Trail, north of the river, accesses the 80-mile long monocline of Waterpocket Fold in Capitol Reef.

Lower Harris Wash

Classic canyon hike down one of the largest tributaries of the Escalante River. Perennial stream, lush riparian willows and cottonwoods, and flanked by towering red-hued walls. 10 miles one-way to River.

2-3 day backpack (foot) moderate

Coyote Gulch

Popular but challenging canyon hike with perennial stream, arches, natural bridge, hanging gardens and waterfalls. Steep terrain, unmarked route, and deep, narrow canyon. Access from three trailheads.

2-3 day backpack (foot) strenuous

Strike Valley Overlook

(Upper Muley Twist Canyon)

The colorful, meandering canyon cuts lengthwise along the spine of Waterpocket Fold. A short slickrock hike up to Strike Valley Overlook provides outstanding views of the Fold and the Henry Mountains.

6.5 miles (without 4WD) (foot) moderate

Lower Muley Twist Canyon

A deep, narrow, twisting canyon with large alcoves and sculptured formations. Hiking in the canyon bottom on sand and river cobbles. Retrace steps at The Post cut-off trail.

8.0 miles (foot) moderate / strenuous.