

HENRIEVILLE



Three miles east of Cannonville on Highway 12, Henrieville offers splendid, uncluttered scenery with nearby fossil beds and a pioneer hiking trail to Kodachrome Basin. Henrieville was settled in 1878; farming, stock raising, and fruit orchards were the principal industries. This rustic little town has retained its proud heritage throughout the years. Public and private campgrounds are nearby.

6 Griffin Top

Powell Point and the Table Cliffs Plateau strike various poses as travelers drive east from Henrieville on Scenic Byway 12. The route climbs past a rocky section with unusual colored clay hills, hence the name “The Blues”. About 20 miles east of Henrieville, Forest Service Road 17 starts north of Highway 12 and continues northwest through Main Canyon. The dirt road accesses the Table Cliffs Plateau and the Pine Lake area to the west, and the Griffin Top to the north along the Griffin Top Scenic Backway.

From the same Highway 12 turnoff, North Creek Canyon road leads to excellent fishing lakes including Barker Reservoir and Posey Lake. Many of the Forest Service roads in this area connect. A Dixie National Forest map should be consulted before traveling these routes.



When the snow falls, snowmobilers can ride 40 miles of signed trails that start in Widtsoe, the Bryce and Escalante areas. Cross country skiers should stop in Escalante and ask about the area’s trails.

-  Hike, fish, mountain bike, OHV, 4-wheel, camp, view wildlife
 -  Snowmobile, cross country ski, view wildlife
- Public and private campgrounds are available in the area.



7 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park

Escalante Petrified Forest State Park is located one mile west of Escalante along Highway 12. Visitors to the park may want to fish for trout, boat or swim at Wide Hollow Reservoir, or examine petrified wood dating back 160 million years. An interpretive trail that winds through the park provides information about the samples of colorful mineralized wood and dinosaur bones. The park’s modern campground is open year round. All services are available in Escalante.



-  Hike, mountain bike, fish, swim, boat, camp, sight see, photography
 -  Camp, fish, sight see, hike, mountain bike
- Public and private campgrounds are available.



A recreational paradise surrounds Byway 12. Mountain lakes like Posey Lake offer fishing and boating. Deer, elk, antelope and other wildlife can be seen in many areas. Hiking opportunities are plentiful in the slickrock canyons of the Escalante.

8 Smokey Mountain Road *

From Escalante the Smokey Mountain Scenic Backway heads south for 78 miles and ends at Big Water near Lake Powell. Sections of the dirt road are impassable when wet and high clearance vehicles are required. **Check locally for road and weather conditions. Do not attempt to drive this road if a storm is approaching.** Spectacular views of Bryce Canyon, Navajo Mountain and Lake Powell can be seen along the route. Smoke is sometimes visible from the underground coal mine fire that has been smoldering for over 100 years — giving Smokey Mountain its name. Sections of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area were the filming sites for the movies “The Planet of the Apes” and “The Greatest Story Ever Told”. Closest services are in Escalante; no services are available along the backway.

-  4-wheel, OHV, mountain bike, hike, sight see, backpack
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- Public and private campgrounds are available in the Escalante area.

ESCALANTE

Escalante is called the “Heart of Highway 12” because it is geographically located near the midpoint of the Scenic Byway. The Anasazi and Fremont Indians lived in the area hundreds of years before the first explorers appeared. The town was originally called Potato Valley for a wild species of potato that grew there when settled in 1875. It was later renamed Escalante to honor explorer Father Escalante and the Escalante River.

Escalante is a gateway to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Byway 12 and several dirt roads access the monument from Escalante.

Two visitor centers are located on Highway 12 in Escalante: the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center at the west end, and a Garfield County Visitor Center in the center of town. All services including public and private campgrounds are available.

