

## HIKING

For more ideas, please visit the visitor centers along Byway 12 in Escalante or Cannonville.

[brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/area-activities/hiking/](http://brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/area-activities/hiking/)

**Escalante Petrified Forest** | Choose from a number of hiking trails for a view of large formations of petrified wood, or take some time to enjoy excellent fishing and bird watching.

**Lower Calf Creek Falls** | An easy, six-mile roundtrip hike along a desert stream where, at the turnaround point, a 124-foot cascading waterfall descends into a cool pool.

**Barker Complex Trail System** | A series of six connecting trails providing moderate to easy hikes and trips varying from one to five miles.

**Peekaboo Canyon and Spooky Gulch** | This popular slot canyon hike is located off the Hole-in-the-Rock Road at the Dry Fork Trailhead in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. This unique hike is short, about three miles roundtrip from the trailhead, and requires basic slot canyoneering skills. Be careful if you get claustrophobic—it is known for being dark and narrow in spots. Due to narrow walls and hot sand, be sure to leave your dogs in town or camp and take lots of water.

**Devil's Garden** | Wander through a series of unusual sandstone hoodoos providing an easy ramble for hikers of all ages and abilities.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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**Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument** | The Grand Staircase refers to massive rock layers that span from Kanab north to the Bryce Canyon area. These pink, white and red layers form “stair steps” up to the north across the western half of the monument.

**Devil's Garden** | Colorful formations juxtaposed with beautiful blue skies.

**Calf Creek Falls** | A 124-foot cascading waterfall found at the end of a three-mile hike.

**The Hogsback** | A particularly stunning portion of Scenic Byway 12. Pull off points along the highway offer spectacular viewpoints along the scenic, two-lane paved rocky ridge.

## SCENIC DRIVES

[brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/](http://brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/)

**Scenic Byway 12** | Also known as an All American Road, this drive spans more than 120 miles through diverse and ruggedly beautiful landscapes. This road runs through Red Canyon providing beautiful views and picture-perfect opportunities.

**Scenic Byway 143** | This drive is a 55-mile course between Panguitch and Parowan, Utah. It is also called Utah's Patchwork Parkway, describing the historical story of pioneers walking on quilts as they crossed to Parowan in a blizzard.

**Scenic Highway 89** | Also known as Heritage Highway 89. Passing through several historic small towns, the road connects travelers from the Bryce Canyon area to both Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks.

## SCENIC BACKWAYS

Be sure to check at the visitor's center for road conditions, especially during bad weather.

[brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/](http://brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/)

**Burr Trail Road** | A 66-mile scenic backway winding through the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef National Park and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

**Posey Lake/ Pine Creek Scenic Backway** | A dirt and gravel road through Dixie National Forest, where access to hiking, fishing, hunting and mountain biking are abundant along the way. Begins in Escalante.

**Hole-in-the-Rock Scenic Backway** | A 56-mile gravel and dirt road that requires four-wheel drive or all-wheel drive at the lower end. Expect 2-3 hours to reach the Hole-in-the-Rock. The backway also has access to Devil's Garden, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and several hiking trailheads.

**Hell's Backbone Road** | A dramatic loop winding along the forested flanks of Boulder Mountain connecting Escalante with Scenic Byway 12. This road is 44 miles and high clearance vehicles are recommended.



**WHAT DOES “TAKE YOUR TIME” MEAN?**

We ask our visitors to “Take Your Time” so they don’t rush through their trip, or miss out on the many experiences available in Bryce Canyon Country. We want to encourage our visitors to book enough time to see everything there is to do in Garfield County.

Where we live and work has everything from outdoor adventure to true western experiences, and visitors can take part in all of it if they just take their time and really enjoy everything there is to do here.

**WHAT ARE SOME KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES THAT WE CAN DO?**

**Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center**

What do dinosaurs, Native Americans and pioneers have in common? You can learn more about all of these at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center in Escalante. Ask the rangers at the Visitor Center to recommend a nearby hiking trail suitable for your family or group.

**Escalante Petrified Forest State Park** | There are many activities within the State Park for kids to enjoy. Wide Hollow Reservoir offers camping, kayaking, paddle boarding and more. Rentals are available. Call 435-826-4466 for more information.

**The Anasazi State Park Museum** | Features Native American dwelling ruins nearly 1,000 years-old in addition to a museum with educational exhibits and Native American artifacts. Kids will love exploring the Coombs Site Ruins including a life-size replica of an ancient Puebloan habitation. You will also find picnic tables, an art gallery and gift shop.

**Utah GeoTour** | Garfield County has five hidden Geocaches within Garfield County. If you find 3 of the 5 caches, write down the codes and pick up a Garfield County GeoTour patch at the Ruby’s Inn front desk.

*For more information, visit [www.geocaching.com/play/geotours/visit-utah](http://www.geocaching.com/play/geotours/visit-utah)*

**WHAT ARE THE STATE PARK FEES?**

**Escalante Petrified Forest State Park**

Day-use fee.....	\$8
Utah seniors 62+ .....	\$4
<b>Camping fees</b>	
Wide Hollow Campground.....	\$19
Lake View RV Campground.....	\$25
	<i>(water and electric hookups)</i>

**The Anasazi State Park Museum**

Day-use fee.....	\$5
Utah Seniors 62+ .....	\$3
Families .....	\$10

**WHAT IS THE MOST SCENIC DRIVE IN THE AREA?**

**Scenic Byway 12 All-American Road** | Scenic Byway 12 is always rated among the 10 most beautiful drives in America. Don’t miss it. To make the most of your tour, plan your trip to include activities like a picnic lunch or a stop in one or two of the small towns along the way. Go to [scenicbyway12.com](http://scenicbyway12.com) to download the Route Guide or pick up the printed guide at any visitor center in the area.

**Burr Trail Road** | A 66-mile scenic backway winding through the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Capitol Reef National Park and the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

*More info about scenic drives: [www.brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/](http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/scenic-byways/)*

**CAN I SIGN UP FOR ANY TOURS?**

A variety of tours are offered within the area including ATV/UTV, hiking, aerial, canyoneering, fishing and horseback riding tours. A full list of guides and outfitters can be found online or in the Bryce Canyon Country Travel Guide.

*For information about guides and outfitters available for tours in this area [www.brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/tours-and-rentals/](http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/tours-and-rentals/)*

**WHERE DO YOU SEE THE “GRAND STAIRCASE?”**

The Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is nearly two million acres of public land. There is not an actual monument that shows a staircase, however there are gigantic layers of rock that resemble a “grand staircase,” which is how the monument got its name. These giant steps drop from Bryce Canyon southward towards the Grand Canyon. The interagency visitor center in Escalante can help you find the best way to experience the Monument. If you have a full day in the area, find a tour suitable for your group so you can see and experience even more.

**CAN I TAKE MY PETS WITH ME ON HIKES AND INTO PARKS?**

Within Bryce Canyon National Park, pets are permitted only on all paved surfaces: campgrounds, parking lots, paved viewpoint areas, etc. Pets must be on a leash and cannot be left unattended or tied to an object.

Pets are allowed on the trails in Red Canyon and Dixie National Forest, as well as in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. If you have any further questions about pet regulations, please visit the nearest visitor center for additional information.

In Panguitch, there is a kennel for a safe and comfortable option for you to leave your pet.

*More information can be found here: <http://www.brycecanyoncountry.com/things-to-do/tours-and-rentals/kennels>*

**Never answer “I don’t know”** when a guest inquires about available activities. Respond by saying, **“Let me find out,”** and use the resources provided in this toolkit as a reference to answer questions, suggest ideas and inform guests.

You can also refer guests to the appropriate visitor center for more specific details about a particular attraction.