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# ITINERARY

## ESCALANTE SLOT CANYONS

When traveling into Southern Utah's backcountry, be sure you have a high-clearance vehicle for backcountry roads, pack plenty of water, make sure someone knows where you plan to go and do not go into slot canyon areas if there is any chance of rain.

### DAY 1

#### MORNING ADVENTURE

##### DRIVE TO ESCALANTE/BOULDER

**Scenic Byway 12 – Utah's All-American Road:** This is the famous All-American Byway that's known for its unique landscape and breathtaking views. Stop and take some pictures if you'd like.

#### LUNCH: NEMO'S

**Location:** 40 East Main St., Escalante

Feed your cravings with Nemo's. Enjoy various types of burgers or sandwiches at this quick and easy drive-through spot. You can also stop here for a sweet treat like ice cream when you feel the need. [Menu](#)

#### AFTERNOON ADVENTURES

##### BURR TRAIL ROAD & SLOT CANYONS

The Burr Trail is one of the best places to find slot canyon adventures. With numerous hikes along the way, [here is a mile-by-mile walk through of the Burr Trail](#). Depending on how much time you have, the following lists various hikes you might want to explore.

- **Singing Slot Canyon** Lightly trafficked, 0.3-mile slot canyon hike that is known for its popularity and acoustics.
- **Long Canyon** This narrow canyon is an easy, 15-minute, 0.3-mile hike. It is enclosed by sheer walls of Wingate sandstone which tower hundreds of feet above the road.
- **Upper Muley Twist Canyon Trailhead** About 33.2 Miles from Boulder, this hike is an easy, 1.7-mile hike from the Strike Valley Overlook parking area to the Saddle Arch. To get to the Strike Valley Overlook, a four-wheel drive vehicle is needed. Otherwise, you can walk in 0.3 miles to the trailhead for a slightly longer hike. To do the loop portion of the hike from Saddle Arch, follow the cairns. As a loop, you can go either clockwise or counterclockwise. (Counterclockwise gets the more strenuous part done first).
- **Peek-a-Boo Arch viewpoint** 36.1 miles from Boulder, this arch is visible on the skyline to the northwest. Some say this arch resembles an unblinking eye in the horned head of a giant lizard stretched out along the sandstone slope of the Waterpocket Fold.

#### DINNER: ESCALANTE OUTFITTERS

**Location:** 310 West Main, Escalante

Open every day from 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. except Wednesdays, this café features fresh, homemade pizza, salads, pastries, desserts and organic fair-trade coffee. Dine-in on the patio seating for added atmosphere. [Menu](#)

#### LODGING: ESCALANTE YURTS

**Location:** 1605 North Pine Creek Road, Escalante

A unique experience for any trip, be sure to book your Yurt in advance! Comfortable king and queen beds await as well as your own private bathroom and shower. Breakfast is provided daily in the privacy of your own yurt. Enjoy the evening with your own outdoor seating or make s'mores at one of the fire pits. Star-gazing is mandatory!

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### DAY 2

#### **BREAKFAST:** ESCALANTE MERCANTILE

*Location:* 210 W Main St, Escalante

Escalante Mercantile is a general store and café providing all of your nutritional, organic, and gluten free products for your every need. With locally-grown garden produce, you'll have your choice of to-go items for your lunch. Grab it to go because you've got a big day of hiking ahead!

#### **MORNING ADVENTURES:** ZEBRA SLOT CANYON

About 25 minutes from Escalante, you'll be able to hike through the popular Zebra Slot Canyon. This 5.2-mile hike is out-and-back. It can get very narrow, so go as far as you feel comfortable and bring plenty of water. It's recommended to download the trail map prior to going as you'll have minimal cell service in this area. Don't forget to Recreate Responsibly!

#### **LUNCH:** BROUGHT WITH YOU FROM ESCALANTE MERCANTILE

#### **AFTERNOON ADVENTURES:** BIGHORN CANYON TRAIL

This 6-mile hike is moderate and on average takes about 2 hours to complete. It's a popular trail for hiking, backpacking and birding. As you hike out-and-back, you can go as far as you feel comfortable. Bring lots of water and feel free to stop along the way to explore the slot canyons on the left. It's recommended to download the trail map before heading out as you'll have minimal cell service.

#### **DINNER:** CIRCLE D EATERY

*Location:* 475 W. Main Stree, Escalante

Circle D Eatery opens for business at various times during the week, so be sure to check their website for the latest information. Enjoy casual dining of American cuisine either inside or on the covered and uncovered patio spaces outside. This dining establishment is well known for its ribs, brisket, and chicken smoked on premises as well as several vegetarian offerings. Beer and wine are also available.

#### **EVENING ADVENTURE:** ESCALANTE PETRIFIED FOREST STATE PARK

*Location:* One mile west of Escalante at 710 N Reservoir Road of Scenic Byway 12

Find a treasure's trove of petrified wood and fossilized rocks at this state park. Look in the visitors center for exhibits or make it a game of "I Spy" along the 1.1-mile trail.

#### **LODGING:** ESCALANTE YURTS

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### DAY 3

#### **BREAKFAST: UTAH CANYON OUTDOORS**

*Location: 325 W Main Street, Escalante*

Enjoy organic, fair-trade espresso drinks — both hot and cold — at The Coffee Corner within Utah Canyon Outdoors. Savor your drink from the patio with a view of the native gardens.

#### **DRIVE HOME**



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