

TRAILHEAD ACCESS POINTS FROM "HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK" ROAD

There are seven major access points and trailheads into the Escalante drainage from the "Hole-In-The-Rock" road. The first four trailheads provide the visitor with a greater opportunity for solitude than the heavily traveled Coyote Gulch.

The following is a description of these seven access points with mileages beginning at the junction of Highway 12 with the "Hole-in-the-Rock" road. Mileages are approximate.

NOTE: All access roads are unimproved graded dirt, therefore, susceptible to deterioration during wet weather.

1. HARRIS WASH10 miles to junction, then a good road 7 miles to trailhead. Passable in all vehicle types. Park on the right at 4-wheel drive sign. Begin your hike by walking downstream in the wash bottom. Do not cross the wash and continue on the road as it only leads to an abandoned drill pad.
2. 25 MILE WASH.....16 miles to junction of Egypt road, then 3 miles on a good road to the parking area. Passable to all vehicle types. Park on right at signed parking area. There is no register box at this trailhead.
3. EGYPT BENCH16 miles to junction of Egypt road, then 10 miles to trailhead on a fair road with steep grades and sharp corners. Passable in most autos. Figure 30 minutes for the 10 miles. A 2-3 hour hike via Fence Canyon to the Escalante and nearby Choprock and Baker Bench Canyons.
4. EARLY WEED BENCH.....23 miles to junction at Cat Pasture, then across a wash (Dry Fork Coyote). The approach to the wash is in deep sand but it is usually wet and solid. From the wash to the trailhead there are 5 minor washouts; the surface is generally rough. Bear right to avoid spur roads. Road not suitable to low clearance or light weight rear drive vehicles. This trailhead offers ready access to Scorpion Gulch (2-3 hours), plus an hour's hike to 25 Mile Wash via Fox Canyon.
5. RED WELL.....30 miles to junction. Then 1.5 miles to trailhead on a fair road. Provides access to upper Coyote Gulch.
6. HURRICANE WASH.....33 miles to parking area along the road. An unimproved road goes down Hurricane Wash .2 miles to the trailhead. This is the busiest route in the Escalante system. Generally, expect to see a number of other hikers, especially during school holidays around Spring and Fall.
7. 40 MILE RIDGE.....35 miles to junction, then 5 miles of fair road, other than a few minor washouts, followed by 2 miles of deep sand (keep up speed and don't stop in deep sand) to trailhead. CAUTION: Deep sand not suitable to low clearance or light weight rear drive vehicles. A 2 mile hike from the trailhead takes you to the "Crack-in-the-Wall" which provides passage to a sand slide thence to either lower Coyote Gulch or the Escalante River.