

Capitol Reef National Park

OPEN ALL YEAR



Capitol Dome • Utah Travel Council photo

Things to do at Capitol Reef National Park

- ◆ Hike
- ◆ Explore the Waterpocket Fold
- ◆ Take the Scenic Drive
- ◆ Photograph
- ◆ Bicycle on paved roads
- ◆ View wildlife
- ◆ Explore Fruita Historic District
- ◆ See ancient petroglyphs
- ◆ Drive the Burr Trail
- ◆ Join a free guided walk, talk, evening program or children's activities, May-September.

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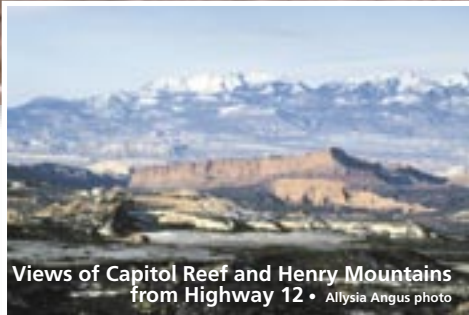
Website: www.nps.gov/care

Entrance fee is charged

Visitor Center is open all year
Open daily (hours are seasonally variable)
Visitor center is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas,
and New Year's Days

- ◆ Museum, Bookstore, Information Desk
- ◆ Orientation slide program

Elevation: 3,877- 9,200 feet



Views of Capitol Reef and Henry Mountains
from Highway 12 • Allysia Angus photo

Colorful cliffs of Capitol Reef
Janet Reffert photo

Capitol Reef National Park's rugged landscape is a maze of brightly colored cliffs and canyons that the Paiute Indians called "the Land of the Sleeping Rainbow." But it was the pioneers who named the area

for the dome shaped rock formation that reminded them of the country's Capitol, and the nearly impassable ridges called reefs.

The Waterpocket Fold, a bulge in the Earth's crust, forms a unique geological feature that stretches for 100 miles in Bryce Canyon Country. This remote area of the park is perfect for hiking and exploring.

To reach Capitol Reef National Park from Boulder, take the Burr Trail and drive through spectacular Long Canyon in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Deer Creek Campground, Wolverine Petrified Wood Area and access to The Gulch, Horse Canyon and several other outstanding hiking trails in the Escalante Canyons are located along the Burr Trail. Once in Capitol Reef Na-

tional Park, the Notom Road Scenic Backway, a dry weather dirt road, heads north from the Burr Trail and parallels the Waterpocket Fold through the national park to Highway 24.

The Burr Trail continues south to Bullfrog, Ticaboo, and Lake Powell.

To reach Capitol Reef National Park along paved roads, drive Scenic Byway 12 over Boulder Mountain. Stop at viewpoints for breathtaking views of Capitol Reef, the Waterpocket Fold and the Henry Mountains.

Before driving to Capitol Reef, stop in Boulder for information and services.



Hikers at the Waterpocket Fold

Long Canyon and the Burr Trail
(below) • Janet Reffert photo

