

Escalante 3-Day Family-Friendly Itinerary



***Times are estimates based on our experiences.*

Day 1: Boulder

- Head to Anasazi State Park. (1 hour)
Open 8 am – 4 pm Nov. 1- Mar. 31. Open 8 am – 6 pm April 1 – Oct. 31.
- Burr Trail Road (2 hours)
 - Set odometer once you've turned on Burr Trail Road.
 - Stop at Singing Canyon at 11.2 miles. There is a small parking area on left-hand side of the road. The narrow slot is visible across the wash, where a shady cottonwood tree resides.
 - Drive to 18 miles and turn around at the end of Long Canyon. Can drive 30 miles to edge of Capitol Reef Park before heading back.
- Picnic Lunch (30 minutes)
- Hike Lower Calf Creek Falls (4 hours)
 - Calf Creek Falls Recreation Area is located 11 miles from Boulder or 15 miles from Escalante.
 - The trail is flat, but 6.0 miles long.
 - Fee required (\$5) or National Parks Pass
- Enjoy your drive along Highway Scenic 12 back toward Escalante. Stop at the overlooks and admire the views. (1 hour)
- Dinner: We enjoyed the burgers at Circle D Eatery in Escalante.

Day 2: Hole in the Rock Road

- Stop at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center. Ask about road and hike conditions. Hours are different depending on the season. (30 minutes)
 - 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, 7 days a week from March to October
 - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, 7 days a week from October to Thanksgiving
 - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday from late Nov. to mid March.
- Visit Escalante Petrified Forest State Park (2 hours)
 - Swim in the reservoir—this will add more time if you swim for a long time.
 - Petrified Wood Cove (short walk with samples of petrified wood)
 - Hike the Petrified Wood Trail (1.0 mile, but steep climb at beginning)
 - Junior Ranger Program

- Drive to Devil's Garden Picnic Area on Hole-in-the-Rock Road (30 minute drive)
- Eat lunch at Devil's Garden and play in the rocks when done. (1-2 hours)
- Peek-a-Boo and Spooky Slot Canyons (3-4 hours)
 - Turn off at 26 miles on Hole-in-the-Rock Road.
 - 3.5 mile trail. Moderate and not for all families.
 - Does require a little bit of rock scrambling and climbing
 - If too tricky for you, consider doing the Escalante Natural Bridge hike here, and tomorrow doing Willis Creek Slot Canyon, which is much easier.
- Dinner. We enjoyed the sourdough pizza crust at Escalante Outfitters Restaurant.

Day 3: Hike Escalante Natural Bridge

- Drive to Escalante Natural Bridge. It is 13.3 miles from Escalante and there is a sign and small parking area. (3 hours)
 - Take water shoes and be prepared for 10 total river crossings.
- Lunch. If you are sick of picnic lunches, try Nemo's. They have great fries and shakes!
- Head home or to your next destination.

Add-on Activities

Use these activities if you need to substitute our ideas above or if you have extra time to explore in the Escalante Area.

- Covered Wagon Natural Bridge (Escalante)
- Willis Creek (Cannonville)
- Kodachrome Basin State Park (Cannonville)
- Grovesnor Arch (Cannonville)
- Mossy Cave (Bryce Canyon)
- Bryce Canyon National Park
- Red Canyon (near Bryce Canyon)

For full details and pictures, read up on these adventures and many more at utahsadventurefamily.com.

