

WAHWEAP HOODOOS

HIKE



OFF THE BEATEN PATH: YES

BEST SEASON: SPRING FALL

VEHICLE: HIKE ONLY

HIKING: 9 MILES ROUND TRIP

AVERAGE TIME: A DAY

DIFFICULTY: EASE TO HARD
DEPENDING ON WEATHER

ELEVATION: 4042 FEET

GETTING THERE:

- From Kanab, take HWY 89 east, approximately 55 miles to Big Water.
- Turn left on the Ethan Allen Road, between mile 7 and 6, across the highway from the Grand Staircase Escalante Visitor Center.
- Follow Ethan Allen past several streets to a "T" in the road. Turn left at the "T" and bypass the old softball field on the left side of the gravel road. Follow this road past two fish hatcheries.
- Continue north past the corral which is 3 miles from HWY 89. 2-wheel drive vehicles, park on the right side of the road just before the creek.
- Start your hike here by hiking up Wahweap Creek.
- High clearance 4-wheel drive vehicles can continue past the corral, crossing Wahweap Creek, and then continue .3 miles. The trail begins in Wahweap Creek just below the 4WD parking.
- Hike north up Wahweap Creek.

DISCLAIMER:

"This map and directions are intended for general reference use only. Always check local road and weather conditions. Stay on designated roads. Dirt roads are impassable when wet. Please respect Private Property. Be prepared for a wilderness experience: Always bring extra water, food, sunscreen, and supplies. Cell phone service is non-existent in most areas! Do not remove artifacts or deface the 'rock art'. Leave no trace of your visit so others may enjoy."

Kanab Visitor's Center: 78 S 100 E

PHONE: 435.644.5033

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Hoodoos and balancing rocks are a natural wonder to see. Some describe these as goblins, ghosts or toadstools. Enjoy the unique geology of the sun scorched lands of the Southwest. The cap of the hoodoo, a Dakota Sandstone that was a beach of an incoming seaway, is 100 million years old. The post is Entrada Sandstone that is 160 million years old. The hoodoos come in many shapes and sizes and can be reached by taking a leisurely, easily navigated hike through Wahweap Creek. There are a few little slot canyons along Wahweap Creek that you could also explore. The Piutes believed that the hoodoos are the remnants of people who were turned to stone. Gaze up into these alcoves, in the early morning and you will see why.



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