

## CAPITOL REEF

### Access Alerts:

- Fivemile Canyon or other canyons may be seasonally closed to canyoneering (from April through August 31) to protect sensitive raptor nesting habitat. Check with the visitor center.
- The NPS recommends that canyoneers use the downstream (Chimney Rock) exit from Pandora's Box. The route finding and physical difficulty of the upstream (Meeks Mesa) exit have led to the need for a number of Search and Rescues. For additional information, please contact the Capitol Reef rangers (435-425-4132), and bring a GPS or map and good route finding skills.
- Temporary road closures may occur if flash floods are threatening. Check with the visitor center.
- Visitor Center hours: Daily except some holidays 8am-4:30pm (6pm in summer); (435) 425-3791

### Permits and Fees:

**Entrance Fee:** The Scenic drive is the only area where an entry fee or park pass is required (\$10.00 per vehicle). Get passes at the visitor center or the self-pay kiosk at the start of the scenic drive.

**Canyoneering:** A permit is not required for canyoneering in Capitol Reef at this time. If you plan to spend the night in a canyon or backcountry location, you must obtain an overnight backcountry permit.

**Camping and Backpacking:** Permits are required for backcountry and primitive camping, with the exception of the Cedar Mesa and Cathedral Campgrounds. Permits are free and can be obtained at the visitor center during business hours.

### Rules and Restrictions:

- Minimum Impact techniques that do not destroy the rock or leave a visual trail are encouraged.
- Groups are limited to 12 people on backcountry routes (including canyoneering routes).
- Installation of new bolts, and use of power drills are prohibited.
- Replacing existing unsafe bolts is allowed.
- Where necessary to leave or replace webbing the webbing should closely match the color of the surrounding rock.

### Emergency Information:

**24-hour Emergency Response:** call 911

Note: cell phones do not work in many areas of the park. Public phones are located in front of the visitor center and the Fruita campground Loop A restroom.

**Nearest medical facility:** Wayne Community Health Center, located 19 miles west of the park in Bicknell, Utah; 128 N 300 W Bicknell, UT 84715; (435) 425-3744; Closed Sundays and limited hours on Saturday.

**Closest Hospitals** are located in Richfield (77 miles west, 1.5 hours from the visitor center), Price (151 miles north, 2.5 hours), and Moab (145 miles east, 2.5 hours from the visitor center).