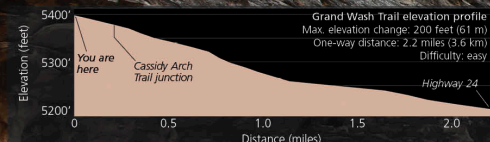




# Grand Wash and Cassidy Arch

## Grand Wash

Follow a dry streambed deep into the rocky, sculpted heart of Capitol Reef. As the canyon floor narrows, footsteps echo between sandstone cliffs looming hundreds of feet overhead. Amidst the soaring walls, specialized habitats support plant and animal life. Look for agile bighorn sheep foraging on the canyon's sandstone terraces. The route ends where the wash joins the Fremont River at Highway 24.



The trail to Cassidy Arch crosses colorful sandstone landscapes.

## Cassidy Arch Trail

In the cliffs high above Grand Wash is a natural stone arch named for Butch Cassidy (Robert L. Parker), a notorious outlaw and train robber, who reportedly had a hideout in Grand Wash. The Cassidy Arch Trail begins on the north side of Grand Wash about 0.2 mile (0.5 km) from the trailhead, and climbs steadily to the canyon's rim along scenic terraces. At the Frying Pan Trail junction, turn left and follow the marked route across colorful slickrock to the arch. Please stay on the trail to protect fragile desert plants. Carry water and use caution near cliff edges.



**Dangerous flash floods occasionally occur in canyons. Avoid hiking in canyons when storms are present. Check weather conditions at the visitor center. If caught in a flood, climb to high ground for safety. Do not attempt to cross floodwaters. Floodwaters may subside quickly, but road conditions may not allow driving out of the canyon for hours or days.**

Foot traffic only

Pets prohibited on trail

No bicycles or other vehicles

Use caution near cliff edges

Beware of flash floods

Lightning hazard during storms

Leave no graffiti, stacked rocks, or other trace of your visit

