



BCHU Chapter: San Rafael

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Name of the Trailhead:
Fuller Bottom

Name of Trail:
North Salt Wash Loop

Other Trails (if any) used by this route:
San Rafael River
Sids Mountain
Virgin Springs



General direction to trail entrance from parking area: South

Elevation at trailhead: 5200 feet

Property of: Bureau of Land Management

Camping and use restrictions at the trailhead and along the route:

weed free hay, Primitive camping only (no stock allowed in improved camping areas)

Other Restrictions:

Water is available in the river. This water is salty and some horses will not drink it until the second day. Users may want to provide water for their horses, particularly if they think that the horses will not drink strange water.

Difficulty:
moderate

To complete this route, Horses need to be:
Sound Only

Directions to the Trailhead from: Castle Dale (nearest town)

Trailhead is approximately 20 miles east of Castle Dale. It is accessed from the Castle Dale to Woodside road that goes east from State Highway 10 one mile north of Castle Dale. There is a wooden corral on the southeast corner of this intersection, that can be seen from the highway. Drive this well maintained road approximately 13 miles to Buckhorn Well. This well is located on a major four way intersection. There are road signs on this intersection. Turn south on the road to the Wedge. Drive down this road for approximately a half mile. There will be a Y intersection with the main road to the left. Take the right (south) road to Fullers Bottom. The roads to this point are good all weather gravel roads. The Fuller Bottom road is a bladed dirt road and can be hazardous in wet weather or dusty in dry weather. The road will cross the Fuller Bottom Draw several times and can get washed out. Five miles down this road you will come to a large pull out located above the river on the north side. This is the BLM trailhead. Undeveloped camping is available about 0.2 miles further down the road near the river.

Parking Instructions:

This is an undeveloped trail head. You will need to park so as to allow other users to park here. Be aware that this trailhead is used by boaters and hikers. There is a place to sign in on the southeastern corner of this trail head. Please sign in and state that you are riding horses.

TRAIL-ROUTE DIRECTIONS AND DESCRIPTION:

Other Surfaces:(please describe)

Care must be taken when crossing the river to stay on the trail. The river has several places where the bottom is too soft for horses to cross safely.

Features: stock watering, campsites

Other Features

This is a primitive trail head with no amenities provided. You can camp on the UDWR land across the first cattle guard after the trail head.

Hazards: deep or wide water crossings, steep section of trail, flash floods, narrow trail with steep drop offs, slick rock

Additional Notes and Words of Wisdom

This ride is approximately 18 miles long and usually takes 6 hours to ride. It is generally easy with a few spots that could be a little tricky. The horse must be familiar with crossing running water (usually only ankle deep), some rocky trails, and some soft soil. It is a ride I frequently take in the spring to start my horses thinking about being ridden again and to start getting them into shape.

Summers are generally to Hot and buggy to be enjoyable to ride this canyon

Current Level of use by:

Hikers: LOW
Bicyclists: LOW
ATV's: LOW

High = greater than 7 groups; Low = less than 3

Area Tack and Equipment Dealers:

1. Name: IFA Country Store
Address: 240 W 100 N, Price, UT 84501
phone: 435-637-0652

2. Name: Castle Valley Coop
Address: 50 E Main, Ferron, UT
phone: 435-384-2900

3. Name: Castle Valley Coop
Address: 35 W SR 31, Huntington, UT
phone: 435-687-2453

Hospital: Castleview Hospital, 300 N Hospital Dr, Price, UT 84501
435-637-4800

