

# Petrified Forest Trail

Escalante Petrified Forest State Park

**APPROX. ROUND TRIP**

**1.0 mile**

**APPROX. GAIN**

**200 ft**

**DIFFICULTY**

**Moderate-Strenuous**

**BEST FOR**

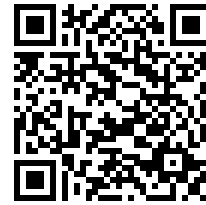
**Geology fans and ages 6+**

**TRAIL STORY**

## When wood slowly became stone

Long-ago floods buried trees in mud. Mineral-rich groundwater slowly replaced the wood while preserving tiny structures, and erosion later exposed the colorful stone logs on this mesa.

**LIVE TRAIL PAGE**



Scan for current trail details and trailhead directions.

**LOOK FOR - SIGHTINGS ARE NEVER GUARANTEED**

- ☐ Red or orange petrified wood
- ☐ A dark mineral streak
- ☐ A visible tree-ring pattern
- ☐ A pinyon pine or juniper
- ☐ Wide Hollow Reservoir below
- ☐ A raptor or songbird

**THREE TRAIL MISSIONS**

- 1 Find three colors in one piece of petrified wood without touching it.
- 2 Look for a pattern that still resembles a tree.
- 3 From the mesa, point toward the reservoir and the visitor center.

**MAP IT!**

Draw the climb to the mesa, the loop, three petrified-wood stops and the reservoir below.

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Add a legend: start, water, rest stop, viewpoint and turnaround.

**KIND HIKER CODE**

- Stay on the signed trail.
- Give wildlife plenty of room.
- Leave plants, rocks and water alone.
- Pack out every snack scrap.

**THIS TRAIL'S SMART RULE**

**Never pick up or remove petrified wood. Wear sturdy shoes, carry water and skip the strenuous extension with younger children.**

**GROWN-UP CHECK**

Weather, access, parking and closures can change.