Fruta Historic District (see map above)
Includes the Fruta schoolhouse, Blacksmith shop, the Gifford House store and museum, and other buildings and features.
Orchards have apricots, peach, cherry, pear, plum, apricot, and almond trees. Harvest times and fruit varieties are found here. You may pick and eat fruit free of charge while in the orchards, a nominal fee is charged to take fruit with you. Harvest times vary. Check at the visitor center or call the fruit hotline, 435-425-3791.
Facilities, Fees, and Services
Visitor Center: The visitor center is open year round 8 am to 4:30 pm, with extended summer hours. Closed some federal holidays. Information, orientation movie, exhibits, and bookstore are available. Park entrance fees are collected at the north end of Scenic Drive and at the visitor center. Nearby picnic areas have pit tables, grills, restrooms, and drinking water.
Accessibility: We strive to make our facilities, services, and programs accessible to all. For information go to the visitor center, call a ranger, call, or check our website.
Things To Do
Explore the beauty of Capitol Reef. Ranger-led activities are offered spring through fall. Schedules at the visitor center and on bulletin boards. Fruta Rock Nature Center has interactive displays. Check at the visitor center for hours.
The paved, 8-mile Scenic Drive offers breathtaking views of the Waterpocket Fold. Entrance fee is charged beyond Fruta campground. Allow about two hours for the round-trip drive.
A variety of trails from easy to strenuous offer many options to explore the park. Please remember biking in canyon country can be dangerous. Hike with others and tell someone of your hiking plans. Check at the visitor center for trail conditions. Monitor weather and be prepared for extreme conditions. Sunburn can cause flash floods. Carry one gallon of drinking water per person per day. Do not drink unpurified backcountry water. Trail guides are sold at the bookstore.
Pets are permitted in developed park areas only, not on hiking trails. They must be restrained on a leash, six feet or less, at all times. Clean up pet waste and place in a dumpster.
Boydles are restricted to public roads at all times.
Camping
Fruta, on developed sites, 71 spaces. Picnic tables, fire grate/oven, restrooms, water, vault and Rdump station. First-come, first-served. Limits: eight people per site.
Cathedral Valley and Cedar Mesa No fees. Primitive sites. Picnic tables, fire grate/oven, pit toilets, no water. First-come, first-served. Cathedral Valley has 22 sites. Cedar Mesa has four.
Group Site Available by written reservation only. Limit: 80 people.
Backcountry Camping: Free backcountry permit is required. Available at the visitor center.
Safety and Regulations
Safety is your responsibility. Be careful near cliff edges. Carry one gallon of drinking water per person per day. Do not drink unpurified backcountry water. Watch for flash floods, avoid canyon washes and exposed areas when storms approach. Do not feed or disturb wildlife. Do not litter. Pack out all trash. Hunting is prohibited in the park. Firearms regulations are the same as in any other park. Off-road vehicle use is not permitted in the park. Check road conditions at the visitor center. Ground fires are only allowed in grates provided in campgrounds. Do not disturb or collect plants, animals, fossils, artifacts, or minerals.
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