Hog Ranch TR. NO. 030
Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: A scenic trail that accesses the Great Western Trail from the Whites Flat Road (FR 152)

Mileage: 1.5 miles
Difficulty: Foot: moderate
Bike: difficult
Horse: moderate
OHV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road
Elevation loss / gain: 400 ft.
Water availability: Filter or treat all water.
Hazards / obstacles: Sections of the trail can be difficult to follow. Look for cairns and blazes marking the trail. Mosquitoes are prevalent in spring and early summer. Wear a long sleeve shirt and pants and use insect repellent. Weather can change quickly. Be prepared for cold weather year round. Ridges, saddles, view points and open meadows are dangerous during thunderstorms.

Topo maps: USGS 7.5 minute quads: Posy Lake

The Trailhead: From Escalante drive west on Hwy 12. Turn right on the dirt road between milepost 55 and 56 and cross the Escalante River. After a short distance, make a right on the road signed “Barker CG.” This is forest road 149 (FR 149). Continue of FR 149 for 9.1 miles. Turn right on FR 152. The trailhead is 4.5 miles beyond this junction on the left (north) side of the road.

The Trail: From the trailhead take the old road for .40 miles. Keep an eye out for where the trail leaves the road to the left. The trail descends a short distance then begins to climb up a boulder strewn hillside. At .80 miles you will come into an open area. Look for rock cairns to guide you through the meadow. Pass under the lone pine tree then continue following rock cairns. An old trail leaves the meadow to the right, this is not the trail. Look to the left, strait up the meadow, and you will see rock cairns and a large blaze at the far end of the meadow. This is the trail. At 1.20 miles turn right on an old road at the junction of the Beck Hollow Tr. No. 031. At 1.30 miles turn right at the sign. The trail climbs for another .75 miles until it joins the Pine Creek Section of the Great Western Trail No. 001.6.