



Blue Springs TR. NO. 032

Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: This trail follows the Blue Springs drainage and accesses the Great Western Trail from the Hell's Backbone Road (FR 153).

Mileage: 1.5 miles

Difficulty: Foot: moderate
Bike: moderate
Horse: easy/moderate
OHV: not permitted

Trailhead access: Graded dirt road

Elevation loss / gain: 700 ft

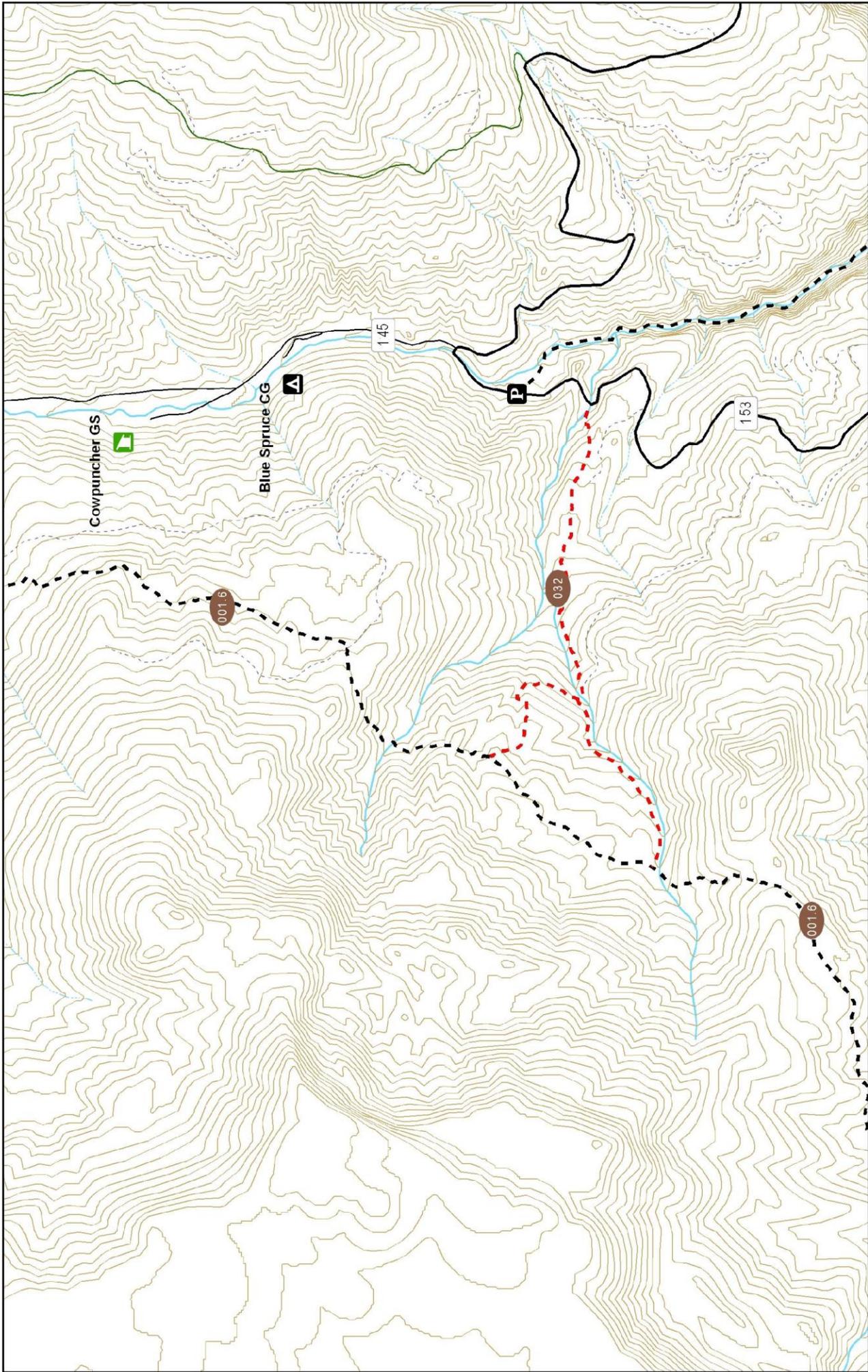
Water availability: Blue Spring Creek and Nettle Spring Ranch. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

Hazards / obstacles: Mosquitoes can be 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, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road. At 0.7 miles the road will fork, stay right. After 3.5 miles the road will turn to dirt and is now called Forest Road 153 (FR153). At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn right following the sign to "Hells Backbone Bridge" (FR 153). The trailhead is located 4.0 miles after this junction. Park in a pull-out along FS road 153.

The Trail: The Blue Springs Trail begins on FS road 153 near Blue Spruce Campground. The trail climbs continuously for 1.5 miles and ends at a junction with the Great Western Trail. About one mile after passing by Blue Spring Creek, the trail comes to a junction on an old road. One fork of the trail turns north and then northwest along the old road before reaching the Great Western Trail at Nettle Spring Ranch. The other fork of the trail turns west for about 0.5 mile where it also ends at a junction with the Great Western Trail.



Legend

- 001.6 GWT Pine Creek Section
- 032 Blue Springs Trail
- Trailhead
- Rental Guard Station
- Campground_wo_title
- 132 Road Number
- Non-Motorized Trail
- Motorized Trail (Vehicles 50" or Less)
- Main Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- Forest Road (All Vehicles)
- Seasonal Road (All Vehicles)
- Closed Road (For Reference Only)

