Pacer Lake ATV Trail  TR. NO. 004
Dixie National Forest, Escalante Ranger District

General Description: One of several access points into the Pacer Lake, Grass Lakes, Poison Creek, and Antimony Creek area from the Griffin Top. Many loops can be made from this trailhead. See trails 003, 045, and 047.

Mileage: 5.7 miles one way

Difficulty:
- Foot: Moderate
- Bike: Difficult
- Horse: Moderate
- OHV: Moderate

Trailhead access: Graded gravel road

Elevation loss / gain: 10340-9160 = 1180 feet

Water availability: Water is available at Pacer Lake and other nearby lakes and streams. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

Hazards / obstacles: 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: Barker Reservoir, Grass Lakes

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, continue straight at the junction, following signs to Posey Lake Campground. Continue past the campground. At 21.6 miles turn left on FR 140. At 8.5 miles turn right at the sign that says Clayton Guard Station. After a short distance you will see the trailhead parking area on your left.

The Trail: The trail leaves the parking lot from the northwest corner. After about 200 feet the Poison Creek ATV Trail turns right and the Pacer Lake ATV Trail continues strait. The trail passes several closed roads, be sure to look for rock carins and trail markers. At about 2.9 miles the trail passes through a gate then steeply descends. At 4 miles the trail reaches Forest Road 136. To continue to Pacer Lake turn right. After about 1 mile the southern end of the lake comes into view. To access the dam continue north on FR 136 a little further until you see the road on the right that will take you up on the dam. There are several nice camping spots along the shore of Pacer Lake.