



## The Box TR. NO. 009

Escalante Ranger District, Dixie National Forest

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**General Description:** A moderate hike that follows Pine Creek, a tributary of the Escalante River, through a lush steep-walled canyon. The trail descends through mixed conifer and into Ponderosa pines. Many stream crossings are required.

**Mileage:** 9 miles one way

**Difficulty:** Hike: moderate  
Bike: not permitted  
Horse: moderate  
OHV: not permitted, including E-bikes

**Trailhead access:** Graded gravel road

**Elevation loss / gain:** 1320 feet

**Water availability:** There is water in Pine Creek along the entire hike. Bring your own water for day hikes. All water should be filtered or treated before drinking.

**Hazards / obstacles:** Creek crossings can be slippery; a hiking stick may be helpful for balance. Due to the amount of time spent walking in the water, this hike is best done during warm weather months to avoid hypothermia. Flash floods are extremely dangerous in narrow canyons, hikers must be very cautious during flash flood season. Mosquitoes and deer flies 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.

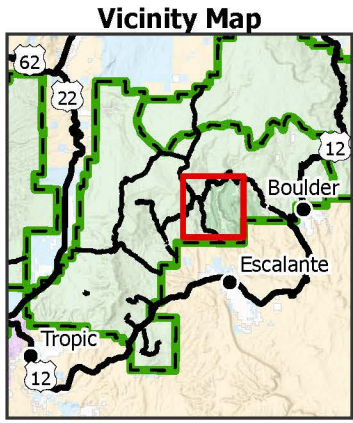
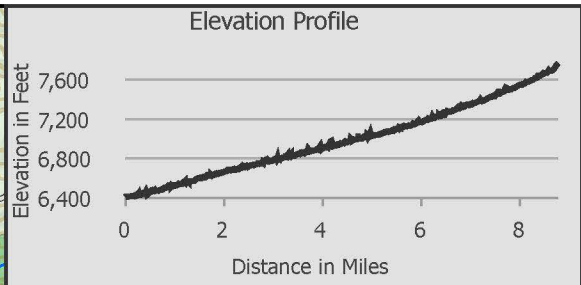
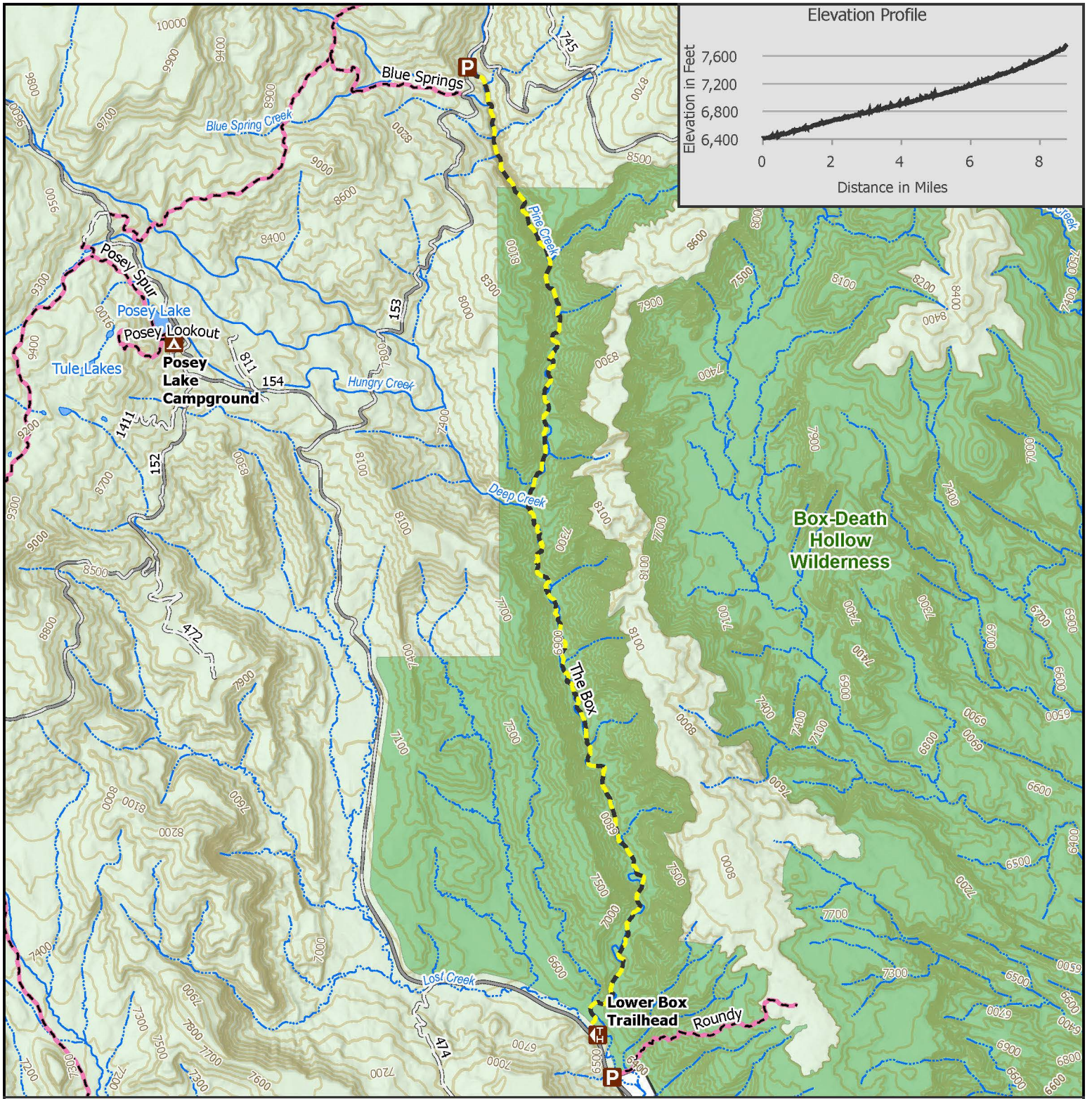
**Topo maps:** USGS 7.5 minute quads: Wide Hollow Reservoir, Posy Lake

### **The Trailhead:**

**Lower Box Access:** From Escalante, turn north on the Hells Backbone Road (300 E). 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 (FR 153). At 7.4 miles turn right at the sign "Lower Box Access." Drive 0.3 miles to the parking area. Follow old road to the trailhead.

**Upper Box Access:** 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 (FR 153). At 7.4 miles you will pass the Lower Box Access. At 13.6 miles the road will fork, turn right following the sign to "Hells Backbone Bridge" (FR 153). At 17.9 miles there will be a sign that says "Upper Box Access." Park on the narrow shoulder near the sign.

**The Trail:** From the upper box access sign, follow the trail down the grassy slope. After 0.16 miles you will come to the trailhead register. From here the trail follows the creek and crosses approximately 54 times.



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- Parking
- Campground
- Trailhead
- The Box
- Trail Non-Motorized
- Improved, Gravel
- Improved, Paved
- Unimproved Road (4WD)
- Non-Forest Road
- Perennial Stream
- Intermittent Stream
- National Forest
- Wilderness
- Private
- Forest Boundary



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