

Butterfly

Trail Access: Petrified Dunes Trailhead

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 2 miles (round trip)

Difficulty: Moderate

Hiking Time: 1 hour



Trail Description

The hike begins at the trailhead shared with Petrified Dunes. From the parking area, head west towards the sandstone hills keeping straight at the first intersection. From here, the trail crosses the exposed sandstone and turns right, down a steep natural staircase towards a small thicket of scrub oak at the bottom. The trail follows along the base of the sandstone outcroppings in a northern direction before veering left across basalt lava flows and a dry creek bed. The hike ends at the T-intersection with the Lava Flow trail.

Special Features

Hikers will notice the "Butterfly" rock, a sandstone slab split in half resembling a butterfly with its wings splayed. Hikers often combine this hike with the Lava Flow trail and Snow Canyon Drive to make a loop.

Safety and Considerations

This trail features steep slopes and uneven surfaces. Wear suitable footwear.

Park Rules

- Hikers are required to stay on mapped trails.
- Dogs not allowed on Butterfly Trail.
- Day Use hours are 6am-10pm