

# West Canyon Road

**Trail Access:** Sand Dunes Picnic Area

**Allowable Uses:** Hike, Cycle, Equestrian

**Distance:** 8 miles (round trip)

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Hiking Time:** up to 4 hours



## Trail Description

This narrow gravel road is closed to most vehicles making it very popular for biking, running, and horseback riding. Beginning at the iron gate in the north end of the Sand Dunes picnic area, the road rolls along the valley bottom, climbing slightly until reaching a dead-end near the base of towering white cliffs.

## Special Features

Along the route, users are treated to expansive views of the park's geologic features. Seven small wells adjacent to the road tap deep into the underlying sandstone and Navajo Aquifer, bringing drinking water to the park and surrounding communities.

## Safety and Considerations

Maintenance trucks and emergency vehicles periodically share the road.

## Park Rules

- All users must stay on mapped trails.
- Dogs must be on physical leash; max length 6'
- Day Use hours 6am-10pm.