

Hidden Pinyon

Trail Access: Hidden Pinyon Trailhead

Allowable uses: Hiking

Distance: 1.5 miles (round trip)

Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Hiking Time: 45 minutes



Trail Description

From the signed trailhead, take a right onto the paved Whiptail trail and head uphill to the first signed left hand turn. From this point, you will enter a winding rock passage with cliffs lined in lichen, moss and desert varnish. The passageway opens and the trail merges with Red Sands trail. Head north until the next intersection. Follow signage for Hidden Pinyon to the left. This leads across a sage flat, down through a boulder passage and into a hidden canyon framing views of the Petrified Dunes and white cliffs to the north. The trail soon reconnects with the Red Sands trail at a T-Junction. Take a right and follow this route along a sandstone ledge, past the "Hidden Pinyon" and back to the trailhead.

Special Features

Nineteen metal post make educational stops along this self-guided nature trail. A trail guide is available at a trailside kiosk for those hikers seeking a deeper understanding of plants and geologic features seen along the hike.

Safety and Considerations

Portions of this trail feature ledges or uneven rock surfaces. Wear suitable footwear.

Park Rules

- All hikers are required to stay on mapped trails.
- Dogs must be leashed. Scoop and dispose all waste.
- Day use hours are 6am-10pm.