

Johnson's Canyon

Trail Access: Johnson Canyon Trailhead

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 2 miles (round trip)

Difficulty: Easy

Hiking Time: 1 hour



Trail Description

Access to Johnson's Canyon is just outside the south/Ivins entrance to the park. The trail begins along a route shared with Scout Cave trail. Along the first 1/3 mile, hikers traverse a somewhat rugged lava field dotted with small craters and rises. Continue straight when reaching the first intersection 1/3 of a mile in where Scout Cave trail turns off to the right. From here, the trail leaves the lava field and heads directly across a dry stream bed skirting the edge of a small cliff. As the trail rounds the bend into Johnson's Canyon, a wooden fence marks the view of Johnson's Arch. The hike ends shortly after at the rear of the canyon where a shady vegetated area makes for a perfect spot to rest and have a snack.

Special Features

This popular trail leads to a verdant canyon important for wildlife and used by several human cultures throughout the history of the region. Hikers may see remnants of a historical pipe once used to transport water from Snow Spring to agricultural areas in Ivins. After steady rains, a 200' waterfall often flows at the end of the canyon creating a large pool. This hike is closed annually from March 15th-September 14th for wildlife and habitat protection.

Safety and Considerations

Portions of this trail feature uneven rock surfaces and drop-offs. Wear suitable footwear.

Park Rules

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