

## Hole-in-the-Rock Trail Group Visit/Trekking Details

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### Details:

#### Trekking Information Details:

The Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation will be pleased to answer your questions, make suggestions, and provide the following:

- Trail information (maps of the trail can be downloaded from the trail section of our website.
- Service projects at the Bluff Fort Historic site or Hole-in-the-Rock Trail.
- Suggest speakers for firesides.
- Day and evening use of the Bluff Fort Historic Site including the log meetinghouse, grounds, restrooms, and use of a full kitchen and eating area with tables/chairs for up to 150 people.
- Handcart rentals at Bluff, Utah.
- Water buffalo rental at Bluff, Utah.
- Use of Camp Stickiety-ta-tudy, our primitive campsite west of Bluff, Utah.

Email or call us to explore possible options: Email [inquiry@hirf.org](mailto:inquiry@hirf.org), Bluff Fort Visitors Center 435-678-9995.

#### Background Information

Many sections of the Hole-in-the-Rock trail can be visited by small groups, without a permit provided that the group uses individual vehicles and adheres to the BLM's/Park Service usage and group size guidelines. However, groups sponsored by a organization and/or that exceed the BLM/Park Service size limits will require a permit from the appropriate agency (BLM/Park Service). Any group, regardless of size, wishing to pull handcarts will require a BLM permit. Even small groups are responsible to carry out their own waste and provide toilet facilities.

The Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation is pursuing a license from the BLM that would allow the foundation to offer ward and stake groups trekking and camping abilities at select portions of the Hole-in-the-Rock Trail, San Juan County side of the trail only. This would eliminate the need for wards/stakes to obtain their own BLM permits and eliminate the per person charge currently imposed by the BLM for large groups. Until such time as the Hole-in-the-Rock Foundation is licensed to provide these trekking options, the following guidelines apply:

#### San Juan Hill or other sites trail locations in San Juan County (with the exception of Glen Canyon)

Item/Requirement	Cost	Contact
Use of handcarts, day use or camping requires a BLM group permit. Without special permitting camping group sizes are limited to	Camping, \$5 per person per day	Todd Parker Permit Desk BLM Monticello Field Office

24 in the Cedar Mesa area and 12 in the Comb Ridge/San Juan Hill area.		435-587-1510
Porta-Potty Groups are required to bring or arrange for porta-potties. Requirements are typically one for every 40 people. The specific ratio will be specified by the BLM.	Rentals are available in Blanding for about \$65 per porta-potty. These are available on trailers. The supplier will drop off and pick them up again for about \$1.00 per mile.	Country Comfort <a href="tel:435-459-1599">435-459-1599</a>
Handcarts	\$15 per cart. Transportation of the handcarts, including a truck or trailer to transport them, is the responsibility of the renter. Handcart damages are the responsibility of the renter.	Email <a href="mailto:inquiry@hirf.org">inquiry@hirf.org</a> Bluff Fort Visitors Center 435-678-9995
Water Buffalo (250 gal)	\$15 per day.	Email <a href="mailto:inquiry@hirf.org">inquiry@hirf.org</a> Bluff Fort Visitors Center 435-678-9995
Camp Stickiety-ta-tudy Five acre primitive campground with potable water. Renters are responsible to obtain and transport porta-potties and remove waste to nearby disposal area.	\$150 per event, of which \$50 is a refundable clean up deposit.	Email <a href="mailto:inquiry@hirf.org">inquiry@hirf.org</a> Bluff Fort Visitors Center 435-678-9995
Bluff Fort Historic Site, including the use of the log meetinghouse.  Kitchen/eating area, with tables and chairs for 150 people.	No charge  \$50 of which \$25 is a refundable cleaning deposit.	Email <a href="mailto:inquiry@hirf.org">inquiry@hirf.org</a> Bluff Fort Visitors Center 435-678-9995
Vehicle accessibility:  San Juan Hill – four-wheel drive only. Non four-wheel vehicles can pull the highway and park at the trailhead. There is no ability for city buses to pull off or turn around at the trailhead. City bus pull off accommodations are limited to the Bluff Fort Historic Site and the foundation’s campground.		

<p>Season/Temperatures: Mid summer temperatures typically hover around 100 degrees . There is no shade along the trail or at the foundation’s campground. Due to the temperatures, the ideal trekking time is usually late spring through early summer.</p>		

### **Hole-in-the-Rock Crevice in Glen Canyon or other trail sites in the Golden Staircase National Monument Kane/Garfield Counties**

The Escalante BLM Field Office and the National Park Service are in the process of finalizing a Hole-in-the-Rock road (Escalante to Hole-in-the-Rock) camping and usage guidelines for large groups. When in place, this new guideline will accommodate larger groups (at BLM designated locations) than what is specified below. However, the fee structure will be the same as noted below. Contact the BLM Escalante Field office for details on camping site locations and group size limitations.

Item / Requirement	Cost and group size restrictions	Contact
<p>Golden Staircase National Monument (Escalante through Sooner Wash) group day use and or camping permit.</p> <p>Glen Canyon (Soda Cabin through the Hole-in-the-Rock group day use and or camping permit).</p>	<p>\$5 per person/Day or \$100 per group, whichever is higher. Maximum group size 25.</p> <p>\$100 per group plus possible monitoring fee. Maximum group size 100.</p>	<p>BLM Escalante Field Station Escalante, Utah Recreation Planner Jabe Beal 435-826-5601</p>
<p>Porta –potties: Groups are required to bring or arrange for porta-potties.</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Hunters Portable Toilet Svc Cedar City, UT (435) 867-7323</p>
<p>Vehicle accessibility. Until recently, four-wheel drive was</p>		

<p>required along the last ten miles of the road to the Hole-in-the-Rock. Garfield County has greatly improved the road. As of the spring of 2011, you can make it without four-wheel drive but high ground clearance and good tires are a must. The condition of the road varies with each storm, thus always check on the current road condition.</p>		
<p>Season/Temperatures: Mid summer temperatures typically hover around 100 degrees. There is no shade along the trail. The ideal trekking time is usually late spring through early summer.</p>		
<p>Escalante Heritage Interpretive Site – adjacent to Highway 12, 2 miles north of Escalante</p>	<p>No charge</p>	<p>Escalante Heritage Jerry Roundy 435-826-4542</p>