



UPPER CALF CREEK FALLS - ESCALANTE



Rating: Easy Hiking

Length: 1-3+ hours

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: Calf Creek, UT

Water: Flowing at the falls.

Season: Any, no snow

Waypoints:

Trailhead

12S 461484mE 4190354mN

N37° 51' 35" W111° 26' 16"

Falls

12S 460249mE 4189811mN

N37° 51' 18" W111° 27' 07"

Upper-Upper Falls

12S 460203mE 4189902mN

N37° 51' 21" W111° 27' 09"

Hype

Although Lower Calf Creek Falls gets most of the press, Upper Calf Creek Falls is my favorite. Less crowded, with plenty of charm and scenery, this is a great place to spend a hot day lounging. For the bold, there are a few smaller falls above the main falls that can be jumped. For the timid, just spending a hot day next to the cool babbling stream will be excitement enough.

Beware, the hike in and out are in full sun. Avoid hiking in or (especially) out during the hottest parts of the day in the summer.

Tags: *hike, dog friendly, family friendly, access: paved*

Trailhead

The trailhead is right off of highway 12. The easiest way to find it is to start from the Calf Creek Campground turnoff, and travel north on Highway 12. After 5.6 miles, there is a short side road on the right (west) side of the road. There are a few side roads here. If you are at the correct one, you will find a few parking spots, and a trailhead sign in register on the west side of the parking area.

Route

From the parking area, go past the trailhead register, and head down the well cairned trail. It begins on relatively steep slickrock as it quickly descends and becomes more gradual. About 30 minutes from the car, near the bottom of the canyon, the trail splits. Left goes to the bottom of the falls. Right goes above the falls to some other small falls and pools. Both are worth a visit.

Return the way you came. Hiking time is about 30 minutes down, and 30-60 minutes back up depending on energy level.

