Escalante 3-Day Family-Friendly Itinerary

**Times are estimates based on our experiences.**

**Day 1: Boulder**

- Head to Anasazi State Park. (1 hour)
  
  - Open 8 am – 4 pm Nov. 1 - Mar. 31. Open 8 am – 6 pm April 1 – Oct. 31.

- Burr Trail Road (2 hours)
  
  - Set odometer once you’ve turned on Burr Trail Road.
  - Stop at Singing Canyon at 11.2 miles. There is a small parking area on left-hand side of the road. The narrow slot is visible across the wash, where a shady cottonwood tree resides.
  - Drive to 18 miles and turn around at the end of Long Canyon. Can drive 30 miles to edge of Capitol Reef Park before heading back.

- Picnic Lunch (30 minutes)

- Hike Lower Calf Creek Falls (4 hours)
  
  - Calf Creek Falls Recreation Area is located 11 miles from Boulder or 15 miles from Escalante.
  - The trail is flat, but 6.0 miles long.
  - Fee required ($5) or National Parks Pass

- Enjoy your drive along Highway Scenic 12 back toward Escalante. Stop at the overlooks and admire the views. (1 hour)

- Dinner: We enjoyed the burgers at Circle D Eatery in Escalante.

**Day 2: Hole in the Rock Road**

- Stop at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center. Ask about road and hike conditions. Hours are different depending on the season. (30 minutes)
  
  - 7:30 am to 5:30 pm, 7 days a week from March to October
  - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, 7 days a week from October to Thanksgiving
  - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday from late Nov. to mid March.

- Visit Escalante Petrified Forest State Park (2 hours)
  
  - Swim in the reservoir—this will add more time if you swim for a long time.
  - Petrified Wood Cove (short walk with samples of petrified wood)
  - Hike the Petrified Wood Trail (1.0 mile, but steep climb at beginning)
  - Junior Ranger Program
• Drive to Devil’s Garden Picnic Area on Hole-in-the-Rock Road (30 minute drive)

• Eat lunch at Devil’s Garden and play in the rocks when done. (1-2 hours)

• Peek-a-Boo and Spooky Slot Canyons (3-4 hours)
  o Turn off at 26 miles on Hole-in-the-Rock Road.
  o 3.5 mile trail. Moderate and not for all families.
  o Does require a little bit of rock scrambling and climbing
  o If too tricky for you, consider doing the Escalante Natural Bridge hike here, and tomorrow doing Willis Creek Slot Canyon, which is much easier.

• Dinner. We enjoyed the sourdough pizza crust at Escalante Outfitters Restaurant.

**Day 3: Hike Escalante Natural Bridge**

• Drive to Escalante Natural Bridge. It is 13.3 miles from Escalante and there is a sign and small parking area. (3 hours)
  o Take water shoes and be prepared for 10 total river crossings.

• Lunch. If you are sick of picnic lunches, try Nemo’s. They have great fries and shakes!

• Head home or to your next destination.

**Add-on Activities**

Use these activities if you need to substitute our ideas above or if you have extra time to explore in the Escalante Area.

• Covered Wagon Natural Bridge (Escalante)
• Willis Creek (Cannonville)
• Kodachrome Basin State Park (Cannonville)
• Grovesnor Arch (Cannonville)
• Mossy Cave (Bryce Canyon)
• Bryce Canyon National Park
• Red Canyon (near Bryce Canyon)

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