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Escalante Mountain Singletrack

LENGTH: 6 Days / 5 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS: Cabins/Camp

FITNESS LEVEL: Intermediate

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From the high alpine terrain of the Aquarius Plateau to the deep canyons of the Escalante River, discover a fantastic array of backcountry cycling! This mountainous region contains trails so remote that each year we are commissioned by the US Forest Service to maintain and clear them ourselves! These primitive trails reveal hidden lakes, secret canyons, and spectacular mountain vistas. We often encounter large herds of elk and other rarely seen wildlife. Trip highlights include riding atop the highest plateau in North America, visiting John Wesley Powell's favorite lookout point, climbing Hell's Backbone, and cycling the exciting Gap Mountain Trail!

Escalante is a great trip for skilled riders with endurance and singletrack experience. This trip can also accommodate riders traveling with less experienced friends, as it offers optional dirt roads paralleling some singletrack sections.

Trip Amenities

There are shower facilities available at the Escalante Outfitters. No cell phone service during this trip. The cabins on this trip are remote, appropriate to the locations in which we ride. They are chosen for comfort, scenery, and proximity to our activities. *No Single Supplement Available At Cabins. Single supplement IS available at a local Inn. Call for details. Add \$395*

Meals

All meals on this trip are prepared by your experienced guides except for 1 dinner and 1 breakfast at a local restaurant.



Day 1 | Travel and Orientation

If you haven't traveled with us from Las Vegas, our tour meets at Ruby's Inn, near Bryce Canyon at 4:30pm. We'll hop in the van for a quick 90-minute shuttle to Escalante, our home for the next few nights. The meeting will be held at Escalante Outfitters, our base cabin for four nights. We will meet our cabin hosts and have dinner, safety orientation, and introductions.

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Day 2 | Great Western Trail and Barker Reservoir

Our adventure begins with a shuttle to the south side of the Aquarius Plateau in the high elevations of the Dixie National Forest. We start with a nine-mile ride to the Great Western Trail, and Willow Bottom Reservoir, where we meet our support vehicle and stop for lunch. After lunch we'll enjoy the exhilarating singletrack of the Barker Loops. While riding the Loops, we'll pass by approximately five mountain lakes, Yellow Lake, Blue Lake, Flat Lake, and Lower Barker and Barker Lakes. Continuing on a double track descent of 2,000 feet over six miles, we'll arrive at the old Escalante logging road. From here, we'll descend another 2,100 feet to Escalante through high desert scenery. Along the way, we'll have the opportunity to explore Indian ruins that date back nearly 1,000 years. A short shuttle will take us back to the cabins.

Total Moderate Mileage | 27 miles

Elevation Gain 686 ft

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Terrain | Jeep Road & Singletrack, Some Van Support

Day 3 | Gap Trail, Posey Lake

A morning shuttle takes us to the north side of the Aquarius Plateau where we start our morning with a three-mile descent on the Gap Trail to a section of the Great Western Trail. The section we'll be riding is one of the most technical and remote rides we offer on any trip! Riding along this mountain singletrack, we climb 2,500 feet and descend 3,300 feet over 15 miles. We'll stop at Posey Lake where, time permitting, we'll have the opportunity to do some hiking. Our day finishes with a 3,000-foot descent (dirt road) back to the cabins.

Total Moderate Mileage | 30 miles

Elevation Gain 949 ft

Total Seasoned Mileage | 30 miles

Elevation Gain 1337

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Terrain | Single-track/Doubletrack, Some Van Support



Day 4 | Great Western Trail, Hell's Backbone & Calf Creek Falls

A shuttle takes us back to Posey Lake where we continue along the Great Western Trail through the five-mile Hodge Podge section. The ride is challenging with one hike-a-bike section. The ride descends to Blue Spruce Creek and our truck. After a quick snack, we'll ascend 1,400 feet of fire road to Hell's Backbone, an area that looks into the Death Hollow Wilderness and our lunch stop. After lunch, we'll hop into the van and shuttle to the Calf Creek Falls Trailhead. On the way to the falls we will see pictographs and storage structures left by the Anasazi Indians. We'll finish the day with a cold, refreshing dip in a pool that's fed by a 128-foot waterfall. A shuttle will take us back to the cabins.

Total Moderate Mileage | 15 miles biking, 6 hiking

Elevation Gain 2200 ft

Total Seasoned Mileage | 36 miles biking, 6 hiking

Elevation Gain 2992 ft

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Terrain | Single-track and Jeep Road, Some Van Support

Day 5 | Barney Top, Powell Point

After a quick shuttle to the Escalante Canyon Pass, nestled in the mountains of the Dixie National Forest, we'll start with a tough 1,500-foot climb to Barney Top (el: 10,557 feet). The scenery up here is incredible, with views looking back into the Escalante Desert. For the next five miles, we'll descend doubletrack to the Powell Point trailhead. An eight-mile out and back ride takes us to the highest plateau in North America. We'll be sitting at an elevation of 10,188 feet as we take in the views. After lunch on a high overlook, the next six miles descends 2,000 feet down to Pine Lake and The Pines Lake Hut, tonight's stay. **Since we'll be riding through some of the remotest backcountry around, most of today is spent riding without a support vehicle.*

Total Moderate Mileage | 24 miles

Elevation Gain 2861 ft

Total Seasoned Mileage | 47 miles

Elevation Gain 3742 ft

Cabin | Pine Lake Hut

Terrain | Singletrack/Doubletrack, No Van Support

Day 6 | Thunder Mountain

Today's ride takes us to Thunder Mountain—one of the most scenic trails we have ever found...on any trip! This trail takes us around huge red hoodoos, through canyons, and into green pine forests. We'll shuttle back to Ruby's Inn to conclude the tour.

Total Mileage | 13 miles

Elevation Gain 839 ft

Terrain | Singletrack, No Van Support



The Basics

State: Utah

Duration: 6 days/5 Nights

Type: Cabins/Camping

Airport: Las Vegas, NV

Mileage: 109-153 Miles

Season: Summer/Fall

Elevation: 6,000–10,770ft

MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Ruby's Inn

Address: 26 South Main St, Bryce Canyon City, UT 84764

Time: 2:30 pm (MST)

* We will return to Ruby's between 2:00 and 3:00pm on the last day. Our shuttle returns to St George around 6:00pm

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Round-trip shuttle from St. George to Rubys Inn: \$75

*Take advantage of our shuttle from St George (\$75 Round-Trip).

The shuttle will leave from the,

Desert Garden Inn at 11:30 am, 1450 S Hilton Dr, St George, UT 84770

BIKE RENTALS

We offer Santa Cruz and Specialized bikes. Please click for more information.

[Learn more about our rental gear on our website.](#)

CAMPING RENTALS

- Three-man tent with fly and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag with liner
- Camp Pillow
(BYO pillowcase)
- Sleeping Pad and Cot

Bringing or shipping your own gear? [See our shipping policy.](#)



WEATHER

You will be riding and sleeping at elevations over 7,000 ft for the first 4 nights of this trip. Weather predictions in this area are often unreliable due to the elevation, so it is best to be prepared for cold evenings and inclement weather. Please use the following locations when checking the weather online:

Escalante, UT

WHAT SETS US APART?

Our People: Our guides are the best in the business! Trained personally by the owners, our guides understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

Our Commitment: We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, run our facilities with solar and wind power, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

Our Food: Our guides lovingly prepare meals for the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same time- including dessert!

Specific Trip Tips

- Las Vegas, Nevada, is the closest city with a major airport and car rentals. We recommend that you fly into Las Vegas and drive to Bryce, Utah. Remember there is a one hour time difference.
- Don't forget your sunscreen AND your layers. You will experience a wide-range of temperatures each day
- We recommend arriving at your meeting location at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour.

Use our [Pre-Trip Information Center](#) for packing lists, how to prepare, FAQ and more!

TRIP COST INCLUDES: Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, except dinner on day 5, which is on your own, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

Gratuities to local restaurants, hotels, transportation, and additional activities mentioned on this itinerary are paid by Escape Adventures. If you engage in an activity that is not part of this trip as outlined, then you are responsible for tipping.

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between the guides.