

Guadalupe Mountains

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Devil's Hall Trail



The Devil's Hall Trail is a relatively easy hike up Pine Spring Canyon to a narrow, scenic canyon. It is a particularly beautiful hike in the fall when the big-toothed maple trees in the canyon are turning brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow. Any time of year hikers can marvel at the large cliffs rising up to Guadalupe Peak and the geological processes that created Devil's Hall and the Hiker's Staircase.

This is a moderate 4.2 mile round trip hike with minimal elevation gain. It will take from 2 to 3 hours to complete the round trip hike.

The trail starts at the RV section of Pine Springs Campground. Start at the main trailhead, and then follow the signs for Devil's Hall. There is a good trail for the first mile. Shortly after passing the horse trail to Guadalupe Peak, the trail drops into the canyon bottom. There is not a maintained trail for the second mile. Just follow the canyon bottom for another mile, climbing up the Hiker's Staircase (a natural rock stairway) and ending at a narrow canyon called Devil's Hall. There is a sign at Devil's Hall indicating the end of the trail. From there you will have to come back the same route. The route requires some scrambling around boulders and is therefore rated as a moderate hike.

Safety Concerns

- Hikers should carefully monitor the weather. Afternoon thunderstorms are common through the summer months.
- Much of the trail is in the open desert and can be extremely hot during summer months. Bring plenty of water. Also come prepared with sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing.
- Although they are not considered a danger, rattlesnakes are often encountered. If a rattlesnake is sighted, give it plenty of room.

What To Bring

- 1 - 2 quarts of water per person
- comfortable footwear
- light jacket/rain jacket (even in summer)
- lunch/snacks
- plastic bag for trash (be sure to pack out all litter)
- sunscreen
- hat (for sun protection)
- warm, layered clothing/hat/gloves (for cooler months)
- first aid kit/band aids/mole skin for blisters (at least one per group)
- trail map (at least 2 per group – these are available at the visitor center)

Milages

Trailhead at Pine Springs Campground0.0 miles
Junction with Guadalupe Peak Horse Trail..... 1.1 miles
End of trail at Devil's Hall2.1 miles

Map

