

Type: Lollipop loop day hike

Total Distance: 7.8 mi (12.6 km) round trip

Cumulative Elevation Gain/Loss: 1669 feet (509 m)

Time: 6.5 hours, including lunch and breaks

Trail Markings: Wayfinding cairns **Difficulty**: Moderate to difficult

Crowds: Heavy at the start, less as you go farther Water: Standing water possible on Primitive Loop Trail Directions to Trailhead: 38.782828, -109.594943

Trail Directions

- **0.0 mi** From the trailhead, walk through the large fins and onto the main trail
- O.3 mi Turn right at the intersection to Tunnel and Pine Tree Arches. Walk 300 feet down the hill to another intersection, then turn right. Check out Tunnel Arch (on your right, above). Retrace your steps back to the intersection, and go straight toward Pine Tree Arch.

Devils Garden Trail (7.8 mi)

Calculated from 1/3 arc seconds DEM



- 0.5 mi Walk through Pine Tree Arch, if you like, then hike back to the intersection.
- 0.7 mi Turn right at the intersection, go back up the hill, and turn right which takes you back onto the main Devils Garden Trail.
- 1.3 mi At the intersection with the Primitive Loop Trail, bear left toward Landscape Arch.
- 1.4 mi At Landscape Arch, check out the view from the platform. Continue past the sign that reads "Caution Primitive Trail Difficult Hiking." The trail will ascend a large fin.
- 1.7 mi Turn left at the intersection toward Partition and Navajo Arches. Continue 250 feet, then turn left again toward Partition Arch.
- 1.9 mi Check out Partition Arch, then walk back to the intersection.
- 2.1 mi Turn left toward Navajo Arch.
- 2.3 mi Enjoy Navajo Arch, then walk back to the intersection.
- 2.5 mi Bear left, then walk 250 feet and turn left onto Primitive Loop Trail. The path will continue on slickrock before ascending and taking you on top of a sandstone fin.
- 3.0 mi The sandstone fin portion ends at Black Arch Overlook. See if you can spot the titular arch (it can be hard to locate).
- 3.3 mi At the junction, continue straight toward Double O Arch. Don't forget to walk through it and explore the other side. Then return to the junction and turn left follow the sign toward Dark Angel. You'll see the obelisk in the distance.
- 3.9 mi Check out Dark Angel. Then head back the way you came.
- 4.3 mi Back at the junction, turn left on Primitive Loop Trail. As you hike, keep an eye out for some lesser known arches.
- **4.7 mi** Turn right onto the trail to Private Arch.
- 5.0 mi Arrived at Private Arch. Check it out, then hike back the same way.
- 5.3 mi At the intersection, turn right onto Primitive Loop Trail.
- 7.0 mi Turn left onto Devils Garden Trail. You'll see Landscape Arch off to the right.
- 7.8 mi Back at the parking lot.