



Hamburger Rocks



The Hamburger Rocks are small, dark colored hoodoos with hamburger-like shapes within the Navajo sandstone. The white colored slope they are perched on accentuates the rocks. The route is unmarked and carrying a topographic map is recommended. The hike is extremely hot in summer; carry adequate water. Water can usually be found at the Muley Tanks about 200 yards (182.8 m) north of Hamburger Rocks but would need to be purified. Use caution in narrow canyons during the flash flood season (July–September). Total round-trip distance is nine miles (14.49 km) from Halls Creek Overlook or 12 miles (19.32 km) from The Post parking area. The hike can be done as a long day hike or an overnight backpacking trip. Backcountry permits are required for all overnight trips and can be obtained at the visitor center.

Location of Trailheads

1. Halls Creek Overlook is located on a spur road four miles (6.44 km) west of the Notom-Bullfrog Road. The road is rough and sometimes requires four-wheel drive. The Notom-Bullfrog Road is hard-packed dirt and is usually passable to passenger cars. Total distance from Hwy 24 is 57.6 miles (92.73 km).
2. The Post parking area is located at the end of a short spur road three miles (4.83 km) south of the Notom-Bullfrog and Burr Trail Roads junction. Total distance from Hwy 24 is approximately 37 miles (59.57 km).

Mileages

Halls Creek Overlook to bottom of canyon.....	1.2 miles (1.93 km)
Hamburger Rocks via Halls Creek Canyon.....	3.3 miles (5.31 km)
Total round-trip via Halls Creek Overlook route.....	9.0 miles (14.49 km)
The Post parking area to Hamburger Rocks.....	6.0 miles (9.66 km)
Total round-trip via The Post access route.....	12.0 miles (19.2 km)

Hike Description

Halls Creek Overlook provides the best access to Hamburger Rocks. From this spectacular viewpoint, a steep trail descends 800 feet (244 m) over 1.2 miles (1.93 km) to the Halls Creek drainage. Pay attention to landmarks

as the sign marking the point where this route climbs out of the canyon would be easy to walk past on your return trip. The remainder of the route is unmarked but not difficult to follow; simply walk up (north) the canyon

following the wash bottom. In approximately two miles (3.22 km), Hamburger Rocks will be visible low on the Fold on the left (west) side of the Halls Creek drainage. Stay in the wash until the rocks are right above you, and then hike up the Fold (less than ¼ mile [0.40 km]) to their location. On USGS topographic maps, Hamburger Rocks are located just south of the Muley Tanks, which are marked. Return to your vehicle via the same route for a total round-trip of nine miles (14.49 km).

From The Post parking area, follow the Halls Creek drainage south. You will pass the narrow cut into Lower Muley Twist Canyon after five miles (8.05 km). Hamburger Rocks are approximately one mile (1.61 km) beyond (south) this point. A sign indicates the Muley Tanks on the right (west) and above the wash at the base of the Fold. Hamburger Rocks are located low on the Fold about 200 yards (182.8 m) south of this point. Return via the same route for a total round-trip of 12 miles (19.32 km).

Additional Information

Maps:
USGS 7.5 Minute Series:
The Post and Deer Point
Available at the visitor center

Best Seasons:
Spring and fall

For more information and backcountry permits, contact
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