



## Sunrise/Sunset Arches - Escalante

**RATING:** Easy hiking

**LENGTH:** 2-3 hours

**MAPS:** King Mesa, UT; Sooner Bench, UT

**SEASON:** Any, although summers can be hot, and the roads difficult in the winter.



### Hype:

Are you a bit of an arch bagger? This short hike visits two very different arches. Sunset arch appears to be an Entrada sandstone arch while within sight of it, several hundred meters away, sits Sunrise arch in a different sandstone layer all together.

### Trailhead:

Head east out of the town of Escalante about 5 miles on highway 12 until the well signed Hole in the Rock road. From the mileage sign on the Hole in the Rock road (0.3 miles from the highway), travel down the Hole in the Rock road for 36.1 miles to the signed 40 Mile Ridge road on the left. (Note: Dance Hall rock is less than a mile past this turn off if you continue down the Hole in the Rock road, and makes an interesting place to visit with decent primitive camping.)

Follow the 40 Mile Ridge Road road for 4 miles to a tee where a short, steep road goes up the hill on the left to the Coyote Gulch trailhead. This is the trailhead. Any vehicle should be able to reach the trailhead in most conditions.

### Route:

From the trailhead, hike back down to the junction with 40 Mile Ridge road. Look south toward 50 mile mountain and the Hole in the Rock road. On the left, off in the distance, is Cave Point. Head across the sagebrush flat for about 20 minutes toward Cave Point until you are close to some small hoodoos and towers. Just before those hoodoos and towers, you can see a slickrock area to the south. The 2 arches are visible when you reach this area. (30-40 minutes from the car to the arches.)

Return the way you came. By parking on the small hill, you can see you vehicle for most of the return.

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