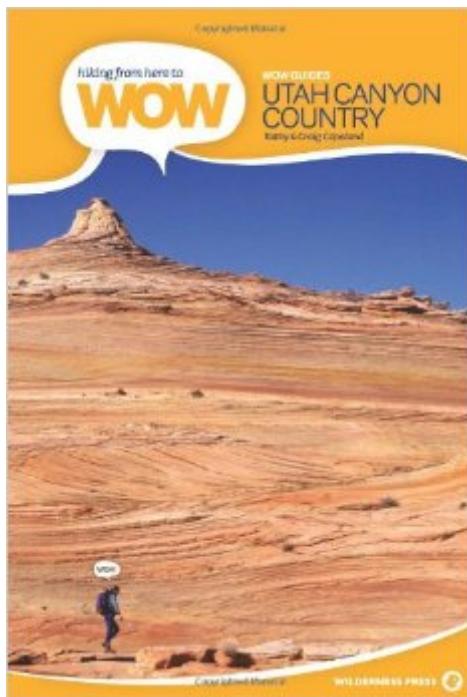


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# Hiking From Here To WOW: Utah Canyon Country (Wow Series)



## Synopsis

This full-color guide features 90 trails in southern Utah's spectacular canyon country that epitomize the wonder of wilderness. • The authors hiked more than 1600 miles through Zion, Bryce, Escalante-Grand Staircase, Glen Canyon, Grand Gulch, Cedar Mesa, Canyonlands, Moab, Arches, Capitol Reef, and the San Rafael Swell in order to compile their list of 90 WOW hikes. Coverage ranges from short dayhikes to multi-day backpacking adventures. The book describes precisely where to find the redrock cliffs, slick-rock domes, soaring arches, and ancient ruins that make southern Utah unique. And it does so in a refreshing style; honest, literate, entertaining, and inspiring. Authors include extensive updates at each new printing.

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I just wanted to say what a fantastic book the WOW utah guide is! Myself and my girlfriend just got back from spending 3 weeks this may in canyon country, and used this book extensively throughout - in particular, we hiked the arches' devils garden & delicate arch, dead horse point, canyonlands peekaboo and chesler park/joint trail, mule canyon, natural bridges, calf creek, hole-in-rock canyons peekaboo, spooky & brimstone (also explored egypt-3 off egypt bench, outside of the scope of the book) and willow & fortymile gulches, bryce canyon & zions angels landing. Outstanding memories came especially from the canyonlands and escalante hikes. Fortymile gulch was \*so\* much fun, deeper water than expected, and peekaboo slot was just incredibly beautiful - also we met a rattlesnake here, under a rock, and had to chimney up the walls to pass over it! Peekaboo and the joint are both just classic hikes in a crazy landscape- unforgettable. I dont normally write book reviews, but I felt this book gave such great advice in an outspoken style of writing that certainly paralleled my feelings towards the great outdoors - we quickly learnt to trust the book, full of little details that made things better, esp. with regard to avoiding the tourist hordes and finding camping. The only thing we found was that the approach to brimstone slot was more strenuous than expected, and described in the book - we hiked it at the hottest part of the day, and found it to be pretty brutal as the canyon floor is very sandy, and there was zero shade the whole way. The return was considerably easier, once it had cooled off.

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