



## INSIDER'S GUIDE TO

## GROVER, UTAH

Named after President Grover Cleveland, Grover is conveniently located on Scenic Byway 12 near Boulder Mountain and Capitol Reef National Park, making it a great central location for visitors looking to explore a wide-range of activities in the area. Visitors staying in the warm, local lodging of Grover can head northeast into the Park for hiking and exploring, northwest to Fishlake National Forest for hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and scenic drives, or south on Scenic Byway 12 to sections of Boulder Mountain area, the Grand Staircase ESM, and other attractions. Grover is an unincorporated community with a small population and an economy that is built primarily on farming and ranching, and more recently on tourism.

To reach Grover travel south from the junction of Highway 12 on National Scenic Byway 12 South.



### **Boulder Mountain**

Boulder Mountain is home to more than 80 highly-accessible lakes. The area is situated in a “high plateau” and is one of the most beautiful high-elevation lake regions in Utah. Fishing, camping, and an extensive trail system for backpacking are some of the reasons people are drawn to this mountain.



### **Bicknell Bottoms/Wildfowl Area**

A bird watcher’s paradise, Bicknell Bottoms is a 670 acre wetland and farmland area located along the Fremont River. The peaceful area is an attractive place to spot waterfowl and birds of all kinds. See here for more information and directions.



### **Velvet Ridge**

This 14-mile trail, used mostly for mountain biking, hiking, and ATV riding, follows a course along the edge of Torrey Breaks through views of canyons, cliffs, ledges and mesas. The ridge-line parallels sections of the Fremont River and leads through the Red Gate and forests of alpine timber. To reach the trail, head towards the town of Torrey. Just before entering the town, turn left at Sand Creek Road. After a mile you will come to an unpaved parking area. Look for the Great Western Trail Information Board for info on the trailhead.



## Overview of Closest Attractions to Grover:

Name	Distance from Grover	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
<b>Boulder Mountain</b>	1 hr. drive, depending on destination	Half-day to multiple days	All ages
<b>Bicknell Bottoms/ Wildfowl Area</b>	25 min. drive	Varies	All ages
<b>Capitol Reef National Park</b>	15 min. drive	Half day to multiple days	All ages. Trails and areas with all levels of difficulty
<b>Velvet Ridge (Mountain Biking Trail)</b>	15 min. drive	1-2 hours	Trail is listed as “good for all levels”

**\*Here are three recommended hikes for the area. See website for more details and other hikes.**

Name of Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty Level
<b>Cooks Mesa</b>	2.1 miles	Moderate
<b>Chimney Rock</b>	3.5 miles	Difficult
<b>Cassidy Arch Trail</b>	3.5 miles	Difficult

## Other Don't-Miss Attractions in the Nearby Area:

Name of Trailhead	Distance from Grover	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
<b>Factory Butte/Swingarm City (Great place for ATV and motocross)</b>	1 hr. drive	Half day to multiple days	All ages. Areas listed from beginner to extreme
<b>Fishing, Hiking, Hunting at Thousand Lakes Mountain, Mill Meadows Reservoir, Johnson reservoir, Boulder Mountain</b>	Varies. Many areas within 10-15 min.	Multiple days	All ages

### A Brief History of the Area

The town was originally settled in 1880, and was named for President Grover Cleveland, who was in office when the town was incorporated and assigned a post office (which was later replaced with rural delivery service). The town was once given the unflattering nickname of Carcass Creek. Today this rural farming community offers a pastoral setting for relaxation and adventure.

