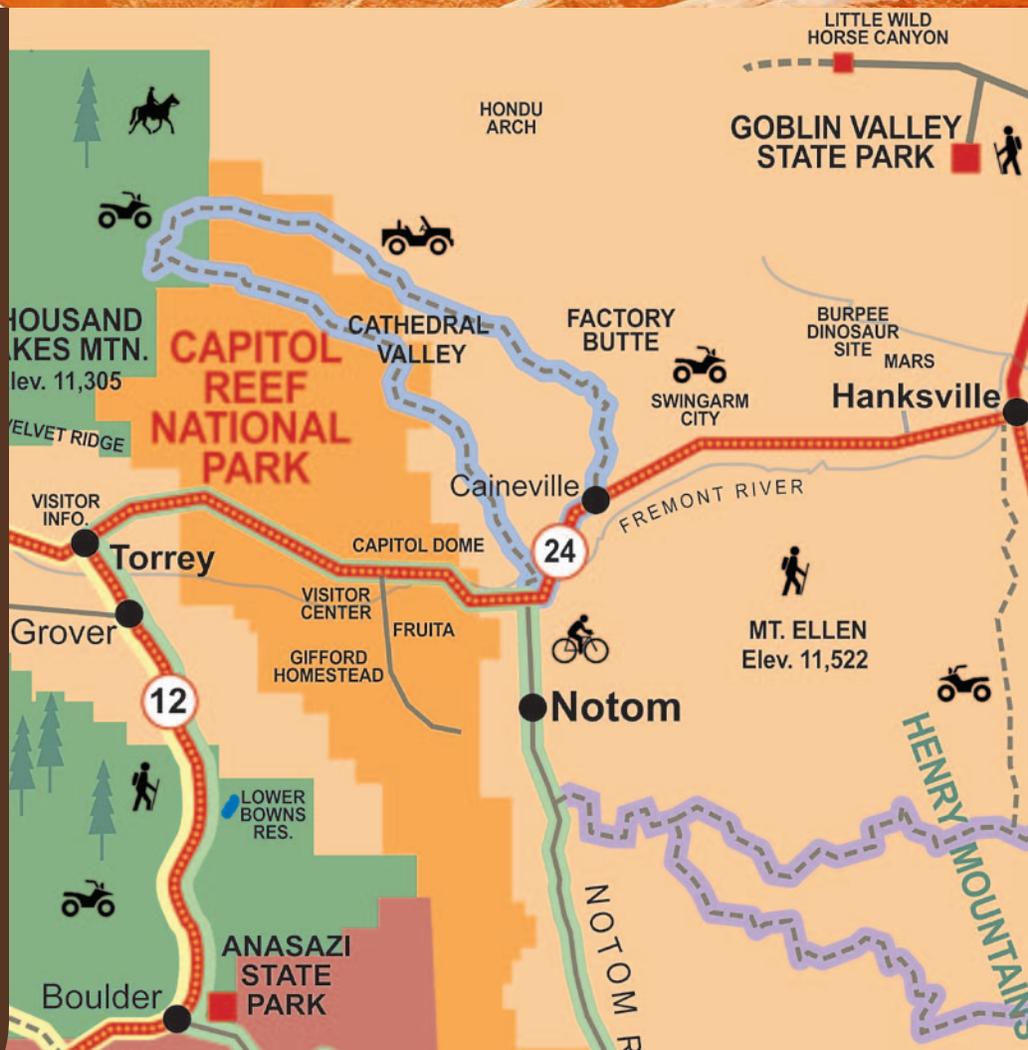




## INSIDER'S GUIDE TO

## NOTOM, UTAH

Notom is an unincorporated community found on Notom Road in Wayne County. Located on the eastern edge of Capitol Reef National Park it is a great location for day-trippers or campers to access key hikes in the park as well as reach the Henry Mountains and the beautiful Mt. Ellen peak. Surrounded by slot canyons and hiking trails Notom is situated at a lower elevation than many of the other local communities and is accented by the famous desert landscape of the area. No services are found in the area; however, services are available in nearby communities.



### **Mt. Ellen**

The Henry Mountains sit just east of Notom. Their highest point, Mount Ellen, reaches well over 11,500 feet. Mount Ellen itself is known as an “ultra prominent peak,” meaning that it stands out considerably from the surrounding mountains and has been described as one of Utah’s best views. At its peak, set well above the tree line, the breathtaking spectacle includes views of the Thousand Lake Mountain, Boulder Mountain, The La Sal and Abajo Mountains, the Circle Cliffs and the Waterpocket Fold. To reach this trail take Notom Road south from Highway 24. Drive south about 8 miles to the Sandy Ranch Road. This road will go east into the Henry Mountains. Follow signs to Bull Creek Pass (the road is an easy-to-navigate dirt road for much of the distance).

### **Notom Road**

Found southwest of Caineville on HWY 24, Notom Road, also known as Notom Bullfrog Road, is a well-known scenic backway that is paved for the first 11 miles of breathtaking scenery. The drive (that eventually turns to dirt road) leads past many great hiking and biking trails, including access to many of Capitol Reef’s backcountry trails and slot canyons. Because the majority of the trails and road are dirt, visitors are advised to check on road conditions with the park visitor’s center before setting out. The Notom road connects to the Burr Trail, and travelers can follow the Burr Trail west to Scenic Byway 12 and loop back through Capitol Reef National Park.

### **Swingarm City**

Not actually a “city,” Swingarm City is located just east of the community of Caineville and is really a wide surface of bentonite clay that has been designated for OHV and ATV vehicles only. In recent years it has become a haven for ATV and motocross riders who enjoy the stunning terrain that is mostly free of plants and vegetation. Click [here](#) for information on how to reach the best trails and points of interest.



## Overview of Closest Attractions to Notom:

Name	Distance from Notom	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
<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>Swingarm City</b>	7-10 miles east of Caineville (See link in description for directions)	Varies. Half-day to multiple days for riders.	Terrain available for beginning riders to experts.
<b>Mt. Ellen</b>		Half-day to full day	Trail listed as "medium" difficulty
<b>Notom Road</b>	10 miles southwest of Caineville on HWY 24 to turnoff	1-2 hrs. for scenic drive. Half day for hikers.	All ages. Dirt road may be new to some drivers.

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

Name of Trailhead	Distance	Difficulty Level
<b>Pleasant Creek Trail</b>	7.6 Miles	Easy
<b>Cottonwood Wash Trail</b>	6 miles roundtrip	Moderate
<b>Burro Wash</b>	8 miles rountrip	Hard

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

Name of Trailhead	Distance from Notom	Time Spent	Level of Difficulty/Age
<b>Goblin Valley State Park</b>	2 hour drive	Half day	All ages
<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