



Cottonwood trees and giant rock walls.

and lacking in quality. Depending on the season, it will often be necessary to haul four to eight liters of water between fill-up points. Upon arriving at a source, it is not uncommon to find it alkaline or infested by cow patties. Indeed, many a Hayduke hiker has been known to grumble that Utah must be a topflight contender for the title of “cow poo” capital of the U. S. Better start looking over your shoulder, Texas.

One of the most common questions asked about any trail is, “What are the highlights?” Trying to select just one or two standout features on the Hayduke Trail is the hiking equivalent of attempting to pick the best Beatles song or Shakespeare’s greatest play—borderline impossible. Places such as Arches, Zion, and Bryce Canyon National Parks are world famous for a reason, namely their veritable treasure trove of diverse natural wonders. ▶



Right: A moment of illumination at Buckskin Gulch.  
Below: Desert spiny lizard.

