



Hell's Half Acre is designated as a National Natural Landmark (NNL) and a Wilderness Study Area (WSA). These designations help preserve the area so the public can enjoy and study this unique geologic area in its healthy, natural condition. The Lava Trail System is open to non-motorized recreation activities only.

Visitors can explore the Lava Trail System in three locations:

1.) Hell's Half Acre Trail (Northbound I-15)

Two developed lava trails with interpretive signs discussing geology and biology of the lava flow; popular destination for environmental education groups.

Located about 20 miles southwest of Idaho Falls and 5 miles east of Blackfoot. While traveling northbound or southbound on Interstate 15, take the "Blackfoot Rest Area" exit. The interpretive trails are close to the parking area.

2.) Hell's Half Acre Trail (Southbound I-15)

Two developed lava trails with interpretive signs discussing geology and biology of the lava flow; popular destination for environmental education groups.

Located about 20 miles southwest of Idaho Falls and 5 miles east of Blackfoot. While traveling northbound or southbound on Interstate 15, take the "Blackfoot Rest Area" exit.

3.) Twenty Mile Trail

Undeveloped trails offering scenic solitude; short 0.5 mile loop trail and a 4.5-mile trail to the main vent of the Hell's Half Acre flow. Trails are primitive and marked with poles across lava. A fire ring and other amenities are located at the trailhead.

Travel west from Idaho Falls on Highway 20 to mile marker 287. Continue 0.3 miles until reaching a sign noting "Lava Trail." Turn south onto the gravel road and continue one-quarter mile to the trailhead.