

# 16 ROAD RED GRAVEL COMMUNITY PIT

Pink gravel, baked shale, and sandstone clinker can be purchased for \$1.90 per cubic yard from the 16 Road Red Gravel Community Pit. To get there, go about a mile west of Fruita, turn on 16 Road and travel north into the Book Cliffs approximately 17 miles to the site turnoff. Turn right onto a short access trail that crosses Big Salt Wash and leads to the site. Look for the excavated area of gravel found at the base of the hillside. Normally the site can be reached by 2 wheel drive pickups, but spring runoff or storms may occasionally wash out the access trail through Big Salt Wash. At this site the rock consists of loose gravel-size material and also vertical faces of exposed bedrock. These massive ledges would require blasting and crushing to produce a usable supply. The existing supply of gravel is considered adequate for the general public, and the material can be loaded directly into a pickup. The rock itself is very hard and may be suitable for roadbase or landscaping purposes. Because the gravel is weak in color, and not washed, sorted, or sized, it is considered to be of lower quality than decorative rock sold by retail suppliers.

