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### **CELEBRITY CONCERT SERIES - TAKE** TIME TO FEED **YOUR SOUL By Ginger Nelson**

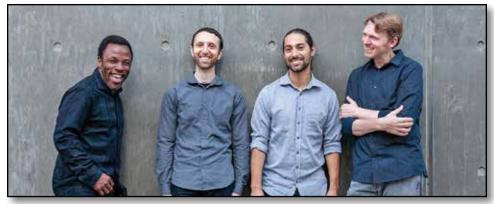
As I wait in the dimly lit wing of the Cox Auditorium stage, I take a long deep breath while reviewing a (short) list of notes to share with the audience as I make the first preshow announcement for the 2021 season. Like many times before the same reminders run through my mind, turn off your phones, check out the upcoming shows, and of course, don't forget to buy some delicious chocolate turtles. I run through my checklist once more and try to remember to stand up straight and smile; this is a moment I will cherish.

As an audience member, you may have noticed that, unlike previous Directors of the Celebrity Concert Series, my speech may not be as polished or professional but rather a bit clumsy but full of heart (I hope). Because of that hope, before the Utah Symphony takes the stage, this preshow announcement marks the first concert back since March 2020, and it feels more important, more momentous. Deeper thoughts hang in my mind. How many people are in the audience? Are they excited? Will they be engaged, focused, and ready to hear what the symphony has so generously prepared to share?

Over the past 60 years, the Celebrity Concert Series has remained a beacon for locals to partake in performances by incredible artists that they wouldn't have had the opportunity to see otherwise until now. With just the touch of a button, the entertainment world is within reach. With so much content readily available, it begs the question: Is inperson entertainment meaningful or relevant anymore? As both a patron and performer in the arts, I can emphatically say YES.

The connection we feel and become part of as human beings when in attendance at any performance is deep. Now more than ever. We all have the opportunity to join





together and heal as we learn to see each other's souls and emotions firsthand in the expression and storytelling through performance. Choirs' hearts beat in unison, hopes soar with the swell of music, and synapses fire while we watch the exhilarating precision of a dance routine. These moments are part of our makeup. They feed our souls. They quench a thirst of our beings that is ever yearning to be a part of the collective whole. I have the amazing pleasure of a job that allows me to share these moments with

As a fellow patron of the arts, I know we each have the opportunity to take in some incredible plays, music, exhibits, and concerts that our talented community presents in abundance. At the Celebrity Concert Series, we understand that you have options, and we are honored that you chose to share your time with us. If you have yet to experience this feast of the soul, we welcome you! If you are a loyal patron, bring a guest, or better yet, start a new family tradition! It is time to fill the seats with fellow individuals

who share a passion for performance.

For more information and our full-season line up visit www.celebrityconcertseries. com, and for tickets, visit the DSU Ticket Office in person from Monday - Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, over the phone at 435-652-7800, or online at DSUTIX.com.

I look forward to seeing our growing audience as I step out from behind the curtain, standing up tall and remembering to smile. Until then, have a wonderful holiday season, and remember to take time to feed your soul!



# M & S Turquoise



The moment of stepping out from behind the curtain to welcome our audience has grown significantly for me. A genuine invitation to partake in live performance is at the core of what we do at the Celebrity Concert Series. Over the past few months, it has been challenging, albeit understandable, to see our once robust audience trickle in slowly. We miss those who can no longer join us as much as those who need a bit more time to feel safe. As things are, we will patiently look forward to a full reunion with all of our patrons. In the meantime, might I suggest some reflection?

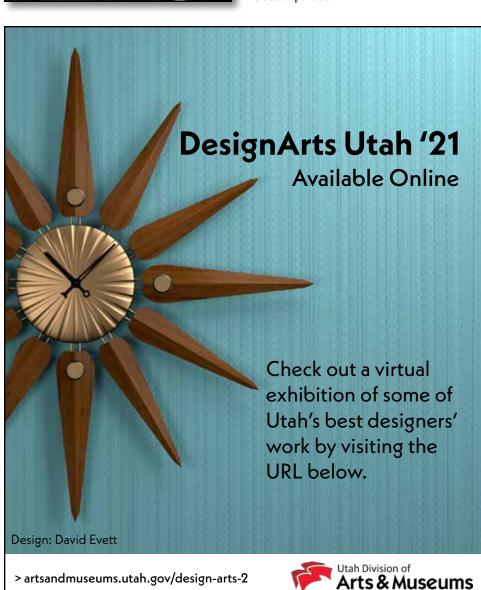
As you attend your next in-person event, take a moment to reflect on what feeds your soul. Consider sharing what you experience with your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and even strangers! We would love to see you in our audience for the concerts we have coming up and those rounding out the season in 2022. Just before the end of the year, we welcome Irish Christmas In America for a return performance along with a guest appearance by the All American Cloggers. Whether it's smooth harmonies from The Drifters or the brilliant WWII bandstand of Wartime Radio Revue, we have spectacular talent joining the CCS roster with worldclass expertise.

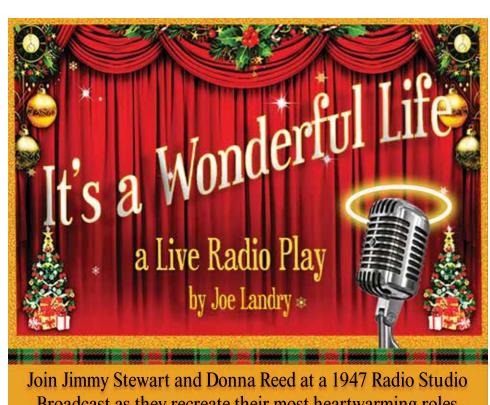


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# **DUE WEST CHRISTMAS PRESENTED** LIBERTY LIVE **ENTERTAINMENT**

Due West is an American country music group composed of Matt Lopez, Tim Gates, and Brad Hull. Due West was founded in Nashville, Tennessee in 2004. By 2009, the band self-released its debut single. "I Get That All the Time", which was also made into a music video, which has aired on Great American Country. In 2011, their second single, "When the Smoke Clears", was released



as a music video. Both "I Get That All the Time" and "When the Smoke Clears" made it into Great American Country's top 20. The ONLY Christmas concert by Due West in 2021 is right here in St. George, Utah to share their original Christmas Songs from their album, "I Hear Christmas" as well as their top country music hits.

Due West is also a part of the Nashville Tribute Band, which you may have heard on the Nashville Tribute albums ("Joseph: A Nashville Tribute to the Prophet" and "Trek: A Nashville Tribute to the Pioneers"). As reported in the Deseret News, 2010.

"[Being a part of Nashville Tribute] has been a great experience because...it helps us remember that what's important is to use our talents to do good. Nashville Tribute originally helped create an audience for Due West," said Hull. "Now we're hoping to create an audience for Nashville Tribute with Due West."

Lopez said, "We feel like what we're supposed to do with Due West is bring an audience to hear a message that's so much bigger than what we could possibly talk about in country music. People who might never come and listen to music about a prophet or a religion will come because they're fans of Due West. And if one person comes to a Nashville Tribute show and is affected by it, then we've done our job."

You can enjoy Due West on Saturday. December 18th, 2021 at the Dixie State University's Cox Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 6:30 PM with the concert starting at 7 PM.

Get vour tickets at www.libertventertainment.live or www.dsutix.universitytick-

# "NO KID HUNGRY" **BAKE SALE THURSDAY DECEMBER 23RD 3-4PM** SPRINGDALE RIVER PARK

Utah Friends!

It is time for my annual "No Kid Hungry" bake sale. This is an initiative to stop childhood hunger in America. During this past year, the organization, Share Our Strength sent many meals to kids who were at home during the school year. Many children rely on school breakfast and lunch. They got them!

If you would like to donate but do not want to participate in the bake sale, you can send me a check made out to me and I will include it in our bake sale funds (P.O. Box 154, Springdale, 84767).

Also, please share this information with anyone you think might be interested in the bake sale. Please order by email so we have a record of everyone's orders.

Last Christmas we sent \$1500 to "No Kid Hungry". I hope we can surpass that

Season's Greetings to all our southern this year! Assorted sweet bread, 2 For \$12 or 3 for \$16.50. Pumpkin with chai spice, marbled chocolate banana, zucchini with ginger and cardamom, apple cranberry walnut ginger, dried fruit, and nut with amaretto, Gluten free versions available, \$1 Additional per bread, order by december 9th. Email: barbarazion55@gmail.com





### **CELEBRATE KRISTMAS IN KAYENTA WITH CENTER** FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA, **3 REDNECK TENORS AND** IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

proud to announce their holiday shows for December 2021. Christmas has always been about gathering with friends and family, and this year it seems even more important than ever before. Don't miss these spectacular holiday shows, perfect for the whole family. Gift certificates are avail-

It's a Wonderful Life, Radio Show

Be a part of the audience of this recreation of a 1947 live radio broadcast. Join "Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed" and a host of delightful characters as they reenact this timeless and beloved story in a 1947 radio studio. Watch the fun unfold in the telling of this classic Christmas tale. Complete with crazy antics, sound effects, surprises and all the

Christmas feels. This show is a wonderful night out for the entire family!

It's a Wonderful Life can be enjoyed on December 16th, and 17th, 2021; with show times at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students.

Redneck Tenors Christmas SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR December 20-22

The 3 Redneck Tenors are real-life Broadway and Opera stars that are ready to jingle-bell-rock the Center For the Arts at Kayenta on December 20-22, 2021. The 3 Redneck Tenors were top finalists on "America's Got Talent" and have been thrilling audiences since 2006. Their unique Christmas show features classic, pop, and a

Center for the Arts at Kayenta is deep-fried feast of musical delights. There's nothing old-fashioned about this music, arranged by award-winning composer Craig Bohmler. The show is infused with vitality, energy, passion, and laughter. These "trailer park singing angels" have packed their festive mullets and will be dashing

through Kayenta just in time for some down-home redneck Christmas Cheer. Get your tickets before they sell out!

3 Redneck Tenors Christmas Performances can be enjoyed from December 20th through the 22nd, 2021. Times vary. With tickets for adults at \$35, and student are iust \$10.

Purchase your tickets online at www.KayentaArts. com or call 435-674-2787

About Kayenta Arts Foundation and Center For the Arts at Kayenta

Kayenta Arts Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop and create an environment where diverse artistic endeavors for educational and enrichment purposes can flourish. Our vision is to be the premier venue in the greater southern Utah area for awareness, appreciation, education, enjoyment and celebration of the arts.

Center For the Arts at Kayenta, located in Ivins. Utah was built with grass roots support from the community, united by a shared passion for the cultural value of the art community, bringing diverse artistic talent and culture to our unique, premier venue for the benefit of the community.

## IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE FROM KAYENTA TO CEDAR CITY!

The SimonFest Theatre Company returns with its masterful, nostalgic, heartwarming Christmas classic, It's a Wonderful Life. "We had such fun last season," says director Richard Bugg. "And what better story to revisit at Christmas time, than one that reaffirms the importance of every individual's life — and in such a charming and heartening way."

It's a Wonderful Life – a Live Radio Play is a stage recreation of a 1947 live radio play broadcast based on the beloved 1946 film starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Audiences will watch a cast of eight create all the character voices and sounds needed for an old-time radio show, just as if they were part of the original airing on Lux Radio Theater.

This radio play adaptation was originally mounted at Stamford Center for the Arts in 1996 and has been performed there since with great success. It was at Stamford that the play was fine-tuned and took shape. Through word of mouth alone, productions have since taken place around the country, including the noted Chicago premiere at American Theatre Company.

"Last Christmas," continues Bugg, "while amid the pandemic, we felt the need to do some live theatre. What better way than through a radio play in which the actors all stand at their own microphones and create through sound effects and vocal characterizations this great story. The pure art of storytelling is the cure for our ennui, our sorrows, our anxieties, and yes, even



The role of Clarence, the Angel will be played by an actual Clarence — Clarence Gilyard of film and television fame. Recreating the roles of Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed (George Bailey and Mary Hatch) will be husband and wife team, Jaymes Wheeler and Alyson King. Mr. Potter, and a handful of other characters, will be voiced by Richard Bugg, founder of SimonFest and director of this production. Creating a myriad of other characters and Foley sound effects for the production will be actors, Holly Barrick, Phillip Jensen, Maximillian Gilvard. and Peter Gilvard.

our incivilities. Please come share this experience with us, as we take a journey of laughter and empathy."

It's a Wonderful Life - a Live Radio Play, by Joe Landry, will play at both the Center for the Arts at Kayenta (December 16th and 17th at 7:30 pm,) and at the Heritage Center Theater in Cedar City (December 20th, 21st, and 22nd at 7 PM.).

For tickets to the Kayenta performances, call 435-674-ARTS or visit the website: KayentaArts.com and for tickets to the Cedar City performances, call 435-267-0194, or visit the website: SimonFest.org

# A MERRY MOVIE CHRISTMAS RETURNS FOR IT'S 11TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

On Saturday, December 18th, the nonprofit, Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU), is hosting "A Merry Movie Christmas" for its eleventh consecutive year at the Electric Theater. This cinematic yuletide celebration prides itself

on creating a platform for local filmmakers but additionally, the goal is to always bring awareness to a worthy local cause.

This year, FMASU and "A Merry Movie Christmas" are celebrating a very special cause in The Figmentation Foundation. This compassionate organization sets out to give children stricken with illness an opportunity to be the heroes of their own adventure through the power of imagination and storytelling. Founder Jeremy Bird and her thoughtful team have created a vital outlet for kids whose lives have been altered by various forms of trauma. Jeremy will be on hand at the event with Operations Director Jacque Ence Bird to discuss this wonderful organization and how what they do can instill confidence and hope among those who need it most.

With The Figmentation Foundation serving as the centerpiece of "A Merry Movie Christmas," this joyous, daylong event will provide warm and fuzzy entertainment for attendees of all ages and all walks of life. Expect plenty of surprises along the way as well.

The event will open with the 2021 Holiday Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase -A collection of



short films that are sure to give you a big dose of Christmas spirit. The Showcase will be followed by a visit from the one and

only Santa Claus. The big man himself has taken time out of his hectic schedule for photo ops with the little ones. He's taking a red-eye flight all the way in from the North Pole so be sure to bring the kids out in a showing of unwavering support. Attendees will then be treated to a catered lunch, a Guerilla Showcase Awards ceremony, and an informative conversation with Team Figmentation Foundation.

This magical celebration will be capped off by a screening of a Christmas classic of the highest caliber, followed by what is sure to be a lively and insightful discussion led by a panel of knowledgeable guest storytellers and film historians, including Mike Caravella, Jason Jackson, Colin Cunningham, and April VeVea.

Lend your support to this wonderful long-running Christmas-inspired event. Tickets are on sale now at www.fmasu. com and it should be noted that half of the proceeds will go to The Figmentation Foundation.

Happy Holidays, everyone!



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# MARA THE MUSICAL BRINGS AUDIENCES TO THEIR FEET!

By James McFadden

Just Seven Shows Remaining! St. GEORGE, UT - MARA THE MUSICAL continues to wow audiences! Mara is an original musical written by local resident Tamara Smith which hosts a handpicked cast and crew of over 50 of southern Utah's most talented performers. Be Swept away into another world where men are torn between the women they love, the ocean they call home, and the legend of MARA. Join us as we transform The Electric Theater into a salty-air-filled, one-time experience that is sure to leave you wanting more. With only 7 performances remaining over the next two weeks, you are going want to get your tickets right away!

ever hear the tale.

Mara The Musical opened last week at The Electric Theater on Friday, November 26th, 2021 (The night after Thanksgiving). There were no auditions held for this production, each performer was handpicked and individually invited to be a part of this amazing story, including yours truly. Yes, that's right, I'm excited and honored to say, I will be one of MARA's original cast of performers.

"MARA is a wildly passionate original musical that is about to take southern Utah by storm."

Most notably, performing in this compelling story, is Rachel Cox as MARA. Rachel has toured and performed throughout the U.S. and abroad, including performances in Canada, South Africa, and Western Europe. Rachel is joined on stage by Tyson Chanticleer as Shane, a wayfaring sea captain who's obsessed with the legend of MARA; a woman who once walked the land but for whom the gods cursed and cast into the ocean to await true love.

Also joining Rachel and Tyson onstage will be Collin Cunningham, best known for his cinematic roles in Falling Skies, Stargate SG1, and AMC's 'Preacher' and with over 50 other amazing performers you'll have to visit our website as we introduce you to each of them over the next few weeks!

MARA The Musical can be enjoyed for the next two weeks with closing night on December 11th, the last day to see this incredible story. For more information,



The Southern Utah Art Guild (SUAG) would like to invite you to enjoy "The Gift of Art" show featuring many local artists. The show features 139 works of art from 50 Southern Utah Artists. The show consists of contemporary art from all mediums including all forms of painting and mixed media, photography, pottery, sculpture and other.

The show has been running since November 12th and will continue through December 16, Monday through Friday from 9 AM-5 PM and Saturday 11 AM-3 PM at the Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E. in St. George.

In addition to our show, we would like to invite all SUAG Members and their Families to join us for our annual holiday appreciation celebration! Join us Friday, December 10th at 6 PM to 8 PM at The Red Cliff Gallery!

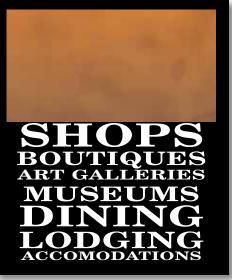
There will be live music, great food and lots of prizes. Members must be present to

win.

The Southern Utah Art Guild is an organization whose mission is to promote the visual arts and artists in Southern Utah. Go to www.southernutahartguild.com to find out more about the activities of the Southern Utah Art Guild.

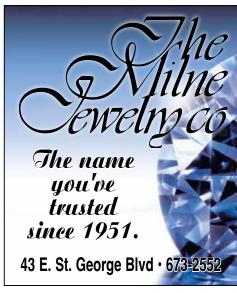


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"There is an old legend about the sea, men still tell where 'er they be. She once was a beauty, lived on the land, lovely and lively when she met the man." – From The Musical

MARA is an original story, never before experienced by an audience. It is something new and fresh that is certain to take you on an amazing journey and <u>you</u> have an opportunity to be one of the very first people to

please visit their website at www.marathemusical.com. And stay tuned as we spend the next four weeks introducing you to the performers and giving you a peek into what is sure to become one of the most revered stories of all time...

Purchase your tickets online, as of this writing, opening night is almost sold out.

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# **UTAH'S PARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL** REDISTRICTING

By Howard Sierer



Utah is a red state: we're conservative and very likely to stay that way for decades to come. But how far should our majority-Republican state legislature go to keep a Democrat out of our congressional delegation?

The U.S. constitution empowers states to determine the "Times, Places, and Manner" of congressional elections. The Supreme Court's "one person, one vote" decision applied the constitution's equal protection clause to require states to create congressional districts with roughly equal populations.

As a result with each new federal census, states are required to examine their congressional district boundaries and modify them as required by the one person, one vote rule. Redistricting is underway nationwide to reflect population changes tabulated in the 2020 census.

State legislatures have long practiced gerrymandering, drawing congressional district boundaries to benefit candidates of the legislature's majority party. While the Supreme Court forbids drawing district boundaries using race as a criterion, it ruled in 2019 that "partisan gerrymandering claims present political questions beyond the reach of the federal courts."

Like it or hate it, gerrymandering is here to stay for the foreseeable future.

A number of states including Utah have made attempts to minimize the role of partisan politics in drawing new boundaries by creating non-partisan commissions. Most of these efforts, including Utah's, have fallen short: the temptation for legislative

majorities to maintain political power is just too strong.

Utah The Independent Redistricting Commission was voted into existence in 2018. As required by its mandate, the commission proposed three possible congressional district

maps.

The distinguishing feature of all three alternatives is that Salt Lake County would be kept intact in a single district. Since the county contains the core of Utah's Democratic voters, any one of the three alternatives would improve the party's prospects for electing at least one congressional representative when compared with the existing 2010 boundaries.

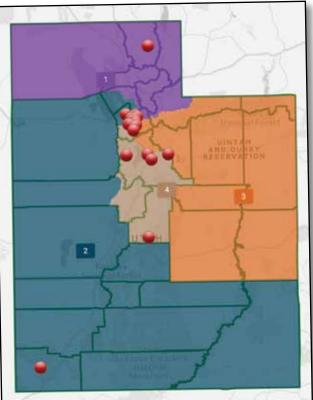
As required by state law, those three alternatives were submitted to the state legislature. But instead of picking one, our lawmakers promptly rejected all three in favor of its own map, one that it had been preparing even before the commission reported.

It's clear the legislature agreed with former U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop, a Republican commission member who resigned before the commission completed its work. He complained that five of seven commission members were from the Wasatch Front making the body "metro-

centric" and favoring Democrats.

Utah was the fastest-growing state in the union from 2010 to 2020, growing 18.4 percent. With much of that growth outside of Salt Lake County, the legislature had ample opportunity to diminish Salt Lake's political clout. And this it did, splitting parts of Salt Lake County into all four districts.

For example, those of us in Southern Utah's Washington County will continue to be in the same congressional district as citizens in parts of Salt Lake's East Mill Creek neighborhood located east and a little south of downtown Salt Lake City. We'll be lumped in with the popular Lagoon amusement park and with suburbs as far north



as Farmington.

Republican legislators argue that including both urban and rural areas in each district motivates our congressional representatives to consider the needs of the state as a whole instead of focusing primarily on either urban, suburban or rural priorities.

Democrats in turn argue that Salt Lake

December '21 · Page 7 County residents are a compact urban community and deserve representation that reflects that fact. They further argue that 37.6% of Utah citizens voted for Pres. Biden and that these citizens are effectively being frozen out of congressional representation.

My sense of fair play argues for keeping Salt Lake County intact inside one of

> our four congressional districts. In a previous column, I supported the Redistricting Commission proposition and argued against letting the legislature establish district boundaries. I complained that "elected officials are choosing their voters. It should be the other way around."

> But my sense of fair play is tempered by the lack of same in many other states where partisan gerrymandering continues unabated. For example, California voters gave Biden 63.5% of their votes. But their House of Representatives delegation has 42 of its 53 seats, 79%, in Democratic hands, an excess of 7 Democrats.

Texas gave Trump 52.1% of votes while 64% of its 36 representatives are Republicans. Illinois voters picked Biden on 57.5% of their ballots while 72%of their 18 representatives are Democrats.

Gerrymandering is and will likely continue to be a fact of political life. I believe that expecting Utah to unilaterally abandon it makes no more sense than eliminating our country's

armed forces as a virtuous indicator of our commitment to world peace or defunding police to demonstrate commitment to social justice.

So, while all states ought to do better, I can live with Utah's flawed but all-tootypical election districts for at least the next ten years.

### **PUBLIC LAND IS A TRUE BLESSING** By Lisa Rutherford

forces bent on monetizing the area are at

work. That certainly applies to Utah in



This is the time of year when we give thanks for the blessings we have more than any other time. Now, most, perhaps many, are merely focused on material goods and the mad dash to secure the bounty of

gifts that have come to represent Christmas. But we are blessed here by far more than what can be bought online or in local stores.

The beauty and the size of Washington County drew my husband, Alan, now deceased, and me here. We cared little about the shopping or number of restaurants. It was the openness and beauty that fed our souls and beckoned us to explore. Those were the blessings that we relished and which I still do. Washington County's population is currently around 180,000, and growth is rampant, although perhaps not as overwhelming as in the mid-2000s but close.

general and our area, Washington County, specifically. What price will future residents pay for bad decisions now? Perhaps they will not know what has been lost, but those of us who have experienced it will know and will feel the sting of the loss and feel sorrow for those who never experienced this blessing. Many officials in our county and throughout this state complain about the

amount of public land in Utah. One of their biggest complaints is about the land being "tied up" and unavailable for other usesmostly extraction activities and growth. To quote another huge figure in the

conservation arena, Aldo Leopold, "We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

Perhaps there will be many who continue to see our public lands as a mere commodity to be squandered for dollars rather than the true blessing it is, but

for those who have true vision, these are lands worthy of our respect and preservation for those who follow.

The vast expanses provided by our state's public lands provide more than just stunning vistas. At my age, I may never get out again to take long hikes in challenging, difficult to access and mysterious areas, but just knowing they are there-knowing that areas, where the old ones walked and toiled,

are not being razed and gutted-makes my soul soar with delight.

We should heed John Muir's statement about our receiving more blessings from nature than we seek. Here in Washington County, we are blessed to be able to walk just outside the bustling city of St. George and be greeted with the delights of an area that has been and should continue to be preserved, Red Cliffs National Conservation Area, where citizens and visitors alike can refresh themselves and commune with

What value do you place on that? Those who see a piece of land and consider what economic value it might provide if developed should consider the value that land has

otherwise. Nature has provided humanity with what is needed since humans first walked this planet. Perhaps what is needed now more than ever are places that help maintain mental health so that humans can revive themselves and return from that natural experience to be useful, productive members of our burgeoning society. Therein lay both the economic value of public land and the human value or blessing that can never be measured in dollars and cents.

We ourselves are at risk if we do not protect these special lands. Scientists have yet to determine if life is possible on other planets. Best we take care of the only one we have.









I certainly don't need to quote John Muir —a founder of the Sierra Club—but feel compelled. "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." So true! I have spent much time exploring Utah's public lands and am always blown away by the beauty and vastness. There's harshness, too; yet it is fragile, and many would overrun what I and many consider a blessing if given license to do so.

Gifford Pinchot – American forester and politician – stated, "Unless we practice conservation, those who come after us will have to pay the price of misery, degradation, and failure for the progress and prosperity of our day." Although his focus was on forests, his vision can be applied to any area where

# OUTDOORS

# EAST REEF TRAIL IN RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE By Tom Garrison

Trail: East Reef

**Location:** Red Cliffs Desert Reserve near Leeds

Difficulty: Easy with some up and down sections

**Average Hiking Time:** Less than two hours at a leisurely pace for the 2.5 mile loop hike. **Family Friendly:** Yes

Getting There: Heading north on Interstate 15 take Exit 22 near Leeds onto Old Highway 91. Turn left and continue north approximately 2.2 miles through the town of Leeds. (In Leeds, the highway is renamed Main Street.) Next turn right (south) onto signed 900 North/Babylon Road just past the sign for the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area. Babylon Road (the primary access to seven trailheads and 13 designated trails) begins as asphalt and becomes a dirt road at .6 miles in. Stay on the main road and at four miles from the turnoff you reach the unsigned East Reef Trail trailhead and small parking area, good for three vehicles on the right (west) side of the road. A few feet beyond the trailhead is a large red sign reading, "All motorized vehicles must stay on designated roads." The trailhead is also .3 miles past the well-marked Historic Babylon trailhead. I strongly recommend a high clearance vehicle.

All hikes are good. Some have one or two attractions, others more. This hike, East Reef Trail in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, is one of the multi-attraction hikes. First, although only a few miles from civilization, it feels like, and is, wilderness. A place of solitude, we encountered no other people on our trek. Upon hiking to the top of East Reef/ridge are great views of the Virgin River. Past inhabitants of the area also left their mark—petroglyphs on the western side of East Reef. We, my wife Deb and I, began our adventure on a Thursday morning in late



The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve was established in 1996 to protect a large and diverse habitat capable of sustaining wildlife populations threatened by development and habitat loss. It comprises 62,000 acres and has more than 130 miles of shared use trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Three ecosystems—the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin Desert, and the Colorado Plateau—merge in southwestern Utah and the Reserve reflects the biological diversity of this unique region. The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Habitat Conservation Plan is administered by Washington County in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Remember, the reserve is a sensitive area, stay on the trails and minimize your impact—walk as if you are kissing the earth

Marked by a short wooden fence and

stepover, the trailhead elevation is 2,810 feet with a 120 feet elevation change from the trailhead to the highest point. There are some not-too-steep up and down sections.

The temperature was in the low 40s at about 9 am as we began our hike under an awesome blue Utah sky. Unfortunately for us, a cold gale force wind accompanied us for the entire hike—brrrrrr. It never got warmer.

Be advised that the trail is marked by four widely spaced, almost unreadable trail signs. And there are several user trails that while not the official trail, do eventually get back to the main trail.

We began heading southwest on the eastern side of the reef (ridge) along the left side (south) of a gully. Within ½ mile the trail became steep for a while and then down a bit to the southwestern tip of the reef. This vantage point afforded great views of the Virgin River.



At about ¾ miles along we descended the western side into a valley formed by two ridges and followed a dry streambed for about ¼ mile. The trail then jogs slightly to the right (east) and is closer to the bottom of East Reef. Less than 1 ½ miles along the trial, we came across two very large free standing boulders, one of which has some nice petroglyphs.

This section of trail also features a large mound, or small hill, with wide grey and reddish bands. Fairly odd in this area of mostly brownish and reddish ridges.



Then it was up an incline where we took some photos back toward the valley we traversed and soon our trail merged with Historic Babylon Trail. It quickly turned south to confront East Reef. On Historic Babylon Trail we crossed the ridge by walking through a large gap filled with boulders and almost vertical walls.

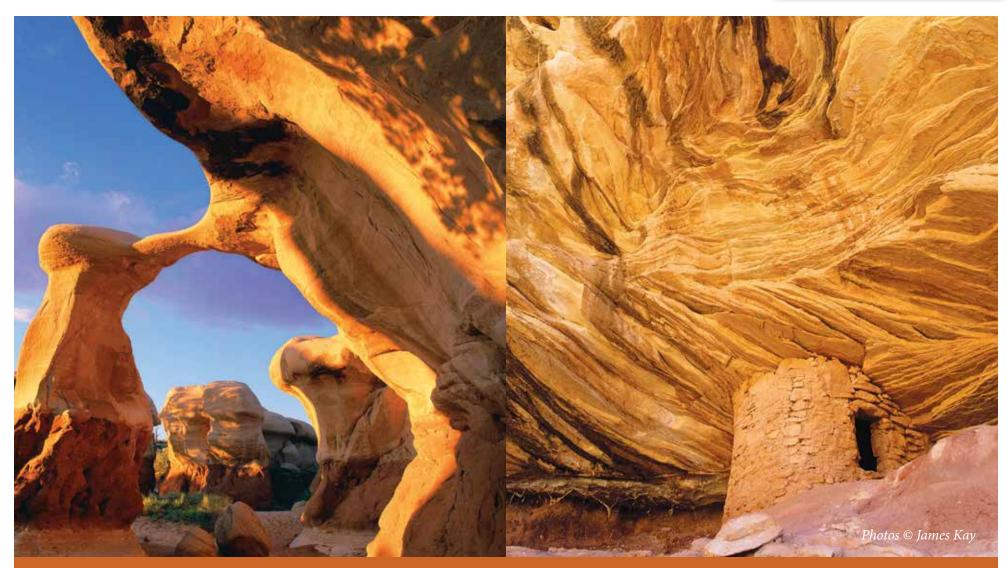
Through the ridge we were now at the Historic Babylon trailhead and headed southwest down Babylon Road .3 mile to complete the loop hike back at the East Reef trailhead.

This is an easy hike with some not too steep up and down sections. The views are good as were the petroglyphs. As with most of our hikes, we did not encounter other people. The entire hike was about 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles and took less than two hours.

Tom Garrison has been an avid hiker for more than 30 years. He is the author of seven books, the most recent hiking book being "Hiking Southwest Utah and Adjacent Areas, Volume Three."



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# MOVIES

### **FIVE UNCONVENTIONAL CHRISTMAS MOVIES TO ENJOY AT HOME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!** By Adam Mast

'Tis the season, folks. 'Tis the season for Christmas classics! But rather than focusing on the likes "It's a Wonderful Life," "A Christmas Story," "Miracle

on 34th Street," "Christmas Vacation," and "Elf"--all films

I love unconditionally--I thought I'd take a little time to focus on 5 unconventional Christmas treasures that are completely worthy of viewing during the most wonderful time of the year. It should also be noted that these titles are more of the deepcut variety. Translation: While movies like "Die Hard," "Gremlins," "Black Christmas," and "The Ref" certainly qualify, they tend to pop up on Christmas lists all the time so I'm leaving them off for that very reason. Therefore, if you're in the mood for Christmas films that are a little more outside the box, check these out.

"EDWARD SCISSORHANDS" (PG-13) Tim Burton could have made this list a few times with quirky Christmas-themed films like "A Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Batman Returns" tucked firmly under his belt. That said, I'm going with the delightful modern fairytale, "Edward Scissorhands." Not only does it star a warm and lovable John Depp as a misunderstood simpleton with scissors for hands and not only does it sit alongside "Ed Wood" as Burton's best movie, but it also manages to answer the age-old question; Where does snow come

"KISS KISS, BANG BANG" (R)

Screenwriter Shane Black made his directorial debut with this noir-infused fun to be had in "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang," material. Likewise, this is some of Kilmer's most entertaining work. A must-watch!

cops ultimately bonding over the course of one turbulent holiday season. "Lethal

Weapon" is a quintessential 80s action movie and it would go on to

fact, Gibson just announced

"RARE EXPORTS" (R) This imported gem of a horror show puts an entirely new spin on a Christmastime legend and the end result is something that could be

"WAR OF THE ROSES" (R) "Divorce Court."

thriller/comedy in which Robert Downey Jr.'s Harry Lockhart teams with Val Kilmer's Gay Parry (it makes me laugh just saying the name) to solve a mystery during the holidays. Black's direction is just as stellar as his writing here and for all the this movie was an instant reminder of how good Downey Jr. could be given the right

"LETHAL WEAPON" Shane Black is the only repeater on this list. Before he would go on to direct Christmastinged fare like "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" and "Iron Man 3," he would cause bidding wars between countless studios all over Hollywood with his screenplay for the high octane actioneer, "Lethal Weapon." Directed by the late, great Richard Donner, this Mel Gibson/Danny Glover-headlined thriller would find a pair of mismatched

spawn a handful of sequels. In

that he would be directing one final installment as a tribute to Donner after his unfortunate passing.

best described as "The Thing" meets "Santa Claus: The Movie." "Rare Exports" is certainly offbeat but it's so assured and so serious in tone that I wasn't about to leave it off this list. It's just one of those unique Christmas-set horror films that have to be seen to be believed.

Danny DeVito is quite an actor but some folks tend to forget that he's one hell of a director as well! Riding high on the success of "Throw Momma From the Train" in the 80s, DeVito would go on to something far more mean-spirited. But for all its jet black humor, "War of the Roses" is a cautionary tale first and foremost. With its harsh story of an estranged couple (played by Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner) duking it out in a bitter divorce over the course of the holidays, this sometimes brutal always hilarious gem plays like "Die Hard" meets

Honorable Mention: "Krampus," "Rocky IV," and "Eyes Wide Shut"

# "Hallelujah for the weekend!"

Beautiful acoustic guitars dominate the power ballad "Carved In Stone" which is elevated even further by great harmonizing and the powerful vocal ability that singer/ guitarist Erik Martensson is known for, Whether singing rock anthems or ballads like this one he knows how to elevate the song and engage the listener.

another beautiful ballad that progresses in tempo before reigning it back in towards

"We Didn't Come To Lose" is both an anthem and mission statement that is made to be played in the biggest venue possible much like the rest of this incredible album. "The Things We Love" is almost a Celtic influenced Queen sound and one of my favorites on the album. "Dead Inside" is CD and digital exclusive, it's not on the vinyl and in an interesting twist the vinyl has a completely different sequencing of the album's tracks along with an exclusive track of it's own, It's definitely worth buying both for those excellent songs and the different track sequence lets vou experience the album differently.

This might be the best album of the



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RADE TOUR Nov. 29-Dec. 11, 6 PM. Get excited about this year's Gingerbread House tour featuring uniquely crafted gingerbread houses sponsored by local business heroes, www.gingerbreadparade.org. Visitors may collect stamps from each location and turn in their stamp-cards at the end to receive a prize. The parade ends with a celebration on Dec. 11 at the Holiday Market located at Atwood Innovation Plaza at DSU, St George 1-40 PM. We will be at a booth to give out prizes to children and families that visited each location and received a stamp on their map. We are also providing the entertainment at the Holiday Market and there will be performances by students of Desert Hills High School. 50 S. Main St., St. George.

ART WALL GALLERY MCCALL CHIDESTER Located inside Groovacious Records. McCall's artwork will remain on display until the end of December. Groovacious, 173 N. 100 W., Cedar

DICKENS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Dec. 1-4, 10 AM. The Dickens' Festival is not just another craft show, but a unique and unusual entertainment and shopping experience. Olde English shops, hundreds of period costumes, and the REAL Father Christmas. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George

KURT BESTOR'S CHRISTMAS-RETURN TO THE MAGIC Dec. 3-4, 7:30 PM. Kurt Bestor returns for the 4th year to the intimate setting of the Kayenta Center for the Arts. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

**ROBIN HOOD AND HIS UN-MERRY NOT-**MEN Dec. 3-4, 6 PM. Join Rattlin' D Playhouse for a night of belly-bustin' comedy and dinner as they perform their BRAND NEW hilarious spoof of the well-known movie classic. Rattlin' D Playhouse, 433 Diamond Ranch Pkwy., Hurricane.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT RED HILLS DESERT GARDEN Dec. 3-Dec 31, 5 PM. Red Hills Desert Garden will be transformed into a winter wonderland with thousands of holiday lights and displays that are guaranteed to add a little sparkle to the season. Red Hills Desert Garden, 375 E. Red Hills Pkwy., St. George. HOLIDAY TREE JUBILEE Dec. 3-4, 5 PM. \$20 Family Donation. Come see Santa and an amazing display of decorated Christmas trees to help kick off the holiday season! All proceeds go to our local kids and teens in need. Enjoy free professional Christmas photographs, free hot chocolate, dozens of Christmas trees, auction items, children's area, and much more. For information visit Facebook: /holidaytreejubliee or call (435) 531-9138. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

WONDER OF WONDERS-SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR CONCERT Dec. 3-4. 7:30 PM. Enjoy an evening of musical delight with the beautiful sounds of the Southern Utah Heritage Choir, featuring BYU's Vocal Point. Crimson Cliffs High School, 4430 S. Crimson Cliffs Way, Washinaton.

**RED DIRT GIRLS: PEACE'D TOGETHER ART EXHIBIT** Dec. 3-Jan.14, 9 AM. The new exhibit at the Sears Art Museum on campus opens on October 1st, featuring art from the Red Dirt Girls. Free admission. Sears Art Museum, Eccles Fine Arts Center, 155 S. University Ave., St. George.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CANYON AND LIVE NATIVITY Dec 3-Dec. 23. 6 PM. Come celebrate Christmas at Tugcahn this holiday season! With over 250,000 twinkling lights, a live nativity show, train rides, open fire, and a visit with Santa Claus. Tuacahn's Cafe is open for dinner and treats! See our Calendar for dates and times. Assigned Seating. \$3 per person, \$20 per family (up o 10 people). Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuaca

A CHRISTMAS STORY Dec. 3-22, 7:30 PM. Hafen Theater, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

CHRISTMAS LANE Dec. 4-31, 5 PM. Christmas Lane Christmas Lane Driving Tour (behind Cedar City Motor Co. at the Golf Course). Admission is free for this winter wonderland. The Homes in the loop participate in telling Clement Moore's classic poem "A Visit from St Nicholas" better known as "The Night Before Christmas." 400 F 1250 N Cedar City

NATURE HILLS: CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM Dec. 4-Jan. 8, 10 AM. Gather at the farm as it transforms into a magical Winter Wonderland, with lights and Christmas displays, come enjoy an Old-Fashioned Christmas centered around the beauty of the Farm. For tickets and information including a schedule of events visit naturehillsfarm.com/christmasonthefarm.html. Nature Hills Farm, 4326 N. 2100 E., Cedar City.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST Dec. 4-15, 5 PM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

"THE GIFT OF ART" SHOW Dec. 4-16. 9 AM. The art show will feature works from local artists and a variety of mediums, from oil and acrylic painting to mixed media and sculpture. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

IRVING BERLIN'S WHITE CHRISTMAS Dec. 4-18, 7:30 PM. The beloved 1954 classic stars Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye as World War II vets and singing duo Bob Wallace and Phil Davis, with Rosemary Clooney. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main St., St. George,

NATURE HILLS-LIVE NATIVITY Dec. 6, and 13, 6 PM. . Tickets are required. Limited tickets will be sold. \$3 per person, infants under 1 yrs are free. Available online www.naturehillsfarm. com/livenativity.html. Live animals will be at this activity NO DOGS will be allowed. Nature Hills Farm. 4326 N. 2100 E.. Cedar Citv.

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SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY HANDEL'S MESSIAH Dec. 10-11, 7:30 PM. The award-winning Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah, George Frideric Handel's soul-searching oratorio. Also featuring the Lieto Voices! choir and professional soloists. Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

DESERT EDGE DANCE COMPANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CRIMSON **CLIFFS HS** Dec. 10-11, 969 N. 3050 E. A1, St. George.

NUTCRACKER BALLET Dec. 10-11, 2 PM. Desert Hills High School, 828 East Desert Hills Dr., St. George,

STAHELI FARM'S DRIVE-THROUGH LIGHT SHOW Dec. 11-Jan. 1, 6 PM. Feel like a child again as you encounter whimsical displays and familiar characters that come to life with your favorite Christmas music. Drive through in the comfort of your own car or enjoy the lights on an open-air wagon ride (weather permitted, reservation only). Staheli Family Farm, 3400 S. Washington Fields Rd., Washington.

A DIAMOND HOLIDAY Dec. 15-18, and Dec. 18, 2 PM. 7:30 PM. Presented by Diamond Talent Productions, directed and choreographed by Brian and Melinda Larson is back in the Center for the Arts at Kayenta! This holiday favorite is a Southern Utah family tradition for many locals. Come enjoy the costumes, fantastic dance numbers, traditional, and contemporary holiday favorites starring the Diamond Company Performers. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Covote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Dec. 16-17, 7:30 PM. A staged Radio Play. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Court. Ivins.

LIGHTS AT THE HOMESTEAD Dec. 20-24, 5:30 PM. Come stroll through the park grounds and enjoy the holiday lights. Admission is free and donations are encouraged. For information call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

THE REDNECK TENORS CHRISTMAS SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR Dec. 20-22, 7:30 PM. These "trailer park singing angels" have packed their festive mullets and will be dashing through Kaventa just in time for some down-home redneck Christmas Cheer. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Court, Ivins.

SIMONFEST: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Dec. 20-22, 7 PM. This beloved American holiday classic comes to life in a live-in-studio audience setting of a radio broadcast. Seasoned actors and Folio artists create the behind-the-scenes magic of vintage radio storytelling, bringing this funny, moving, and life-affirming tale back to our hearts. Tickets are available online at www.simonfest.org. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

ELECTRIC COMEDY FESTIVAL Dec 27-30, What are you doing that weird week between Christmas and New Year? We're bringing The Brightest Stars in Stand-Up, industry professionals, and the greatest comedy fans together in the breathtaking landscape of Southern Utah. There's nothing happening like this that weird week between Christmas and New Year. Bring Your Friends and Family to Electric Comedy Festival! Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St.,

LUMEN ATRA AT CASABLANCA Dec. 1-5, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Playing a diverse variety of dance music- from Top 40 hits of today, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s and more!. Free. 21 or older, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd. Mesquite.

JAMIT AT CASABLANCA Dec. 8-12, 7 PM. showtimes may vary. Classic and modern rock, R&B, pop, country, and more. Free. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite. **GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA** Dec. 15-19, and Dec. 29-Jan. 2, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

GLEN GALLARDE PROJECT CASABLANCA Dec. 22-26, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Former Star Search vocalist Glenn Gallarde and the band, specializes in bringing a show of Top 40's, Dance and all Rock Anthems of the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and to the present day. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

NFR LIVE BROADCAST AT CASABLANCA Dec. 1-11. 6:45 PM. Watch the National Finals Rodeo Broadcast Live Feed from the Skydome Lounge and Main Bar TVs! Free admission, must be 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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STORY TIME AT WASHINGTON BRANCH 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington. TRIBUTE TO THE KING AT CASABLANCA 6-10 PM. Starring John Brooks. Must be 21 or older. Free. "Voted Best of Las Vegas 2013 "Best Elvis Tribute Show" and "Best Lounge Performer." CasaBlanca Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd.,

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### THE **INDEPENDENT ALBUM REVIEW** By Rob Jones

**Eclipse: Wired**  $(\cdot)(\cdot)(\cdot)(\cdot)$ 

In a year already stacked with extremely good hard rock albums Wired ranks among the very best of them. Eclipse set out to record a hard rock party album and on a musical level they succeeded in that goal. Wired is energetic and powerful, every song on this album is catchy as hell and gets stuck in your head long after you've listened to the album a dozen times, and while the lyrics might not always reflect the party vibe the music itself is bombastic and exciting.

The album kicks off with the sounds of people in a bar while the band starts playing some mid-tempo picking before blasting out of the speakers into one of the best songs on this album "Roses On Your Grave".

Keyboards share rhythm duty with the guitars on "Dying breed" and the song keeps the momentum going, "Saturday Night (Hallelujah)" is a weekend anthem that will likely be a staple for Eclipse in their future live sets and will have you singing

"Poison Inside My Heart" starts as

year honestly; it's got it all! There isn't a single note or moment on the whole thing that isn't extraordinary. Extremely good singing, masterfully written and played music, great lyrics, the whole album is packed full of melodic rock earworms that get stuck in your head and gets you moving. This is a rare perfect album in my opinion, everyone should listen to Eclipse and check out this incredible album.

# **CALENDAR**

KANAB OUTDOOR MARKET 5-8 PM. Enjoy live music, locally grown produce and flowers, locally produced foods, crafts, wellness products, jewelry, and more every Wednesday evening this summer! Come hang out and build community. Kanab Center Terrace 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

STORY TIME WITH MRS. MANN 10 AM Washington County Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

STORY TIME AT HURRICANE LIBRARY 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

GAMER CLUB 3 PM. Teens and 'tweens who love anime, gaming, or both meet for book discussions, games, and great times. Santa Clara Library, 1099 Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

BINGO WEDNESDAY AT THE GRILLE 6-8 PM. Free. There will be prizes given to all the winners. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

SINGER'S CLUB LIVE 6 PM. Open mic, sing, guitar, or grand piano. Facebook "Singer's Club" like our Facebook and watch the livestream every Wednesday night. Contact us if you want to perform. Gentry Music & Arts, 771 S. Bluff St., St. George.

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#### **THURSDAYS**

visit www.tops.org Pioneer Museum, 145 N. 100 E., St. George.

HORIZONS STRINGS 5:30-7:30 PM. Open to all ages and abilities. If you used to play a stringed instrument and would like to get back to the joy of music, this group is definitely for you. desertstrings.org Basement of St. George Medical Building, 736 S. 900 E., St. George.

Prizes available. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr.,

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TUACAHN SATURDAY MARKET 9 AM. A fun craft festival set in a beautiful and scenic canyon. Every Saturday morning we have live entertainment, crafters, vendors, food and fun. In the event of rain, we cozy up under the cover of the Tuacahn Amphitheater plaza, Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins,

HURRICANE UTAH FARMERS MARKET 9 AM. Hurricane Valley is full of talented farmers, bakers, and crafters who have local produce and homemade goods. Hurricane Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday behind I/G Winery. Free admission. The Festival City Farmers Market offers the bounty of local farmers and backyard gardeners who grow organically year-round. Come and support local farmers by buying fresh and local year-round. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, and more. 45 W. University Blvd/Center St., Cedar City.

MONTHLY LAWNMOWER RACES 10 AM. The first Saturday of each onth starting at 10 AM Arizona time, and joining in for karaoke four nights a week, Wednesday through Saturday, beginning at 5 PM at the Beaver Dam Bar. 411 N. Old Highway 91 Littlefield

TUACAHN SATURDAY MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday local artists, crafters, and vendors to come and show off their work. 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

TAI CHI DRAGON QIGONG AT SANTA CLARA LIBRARY 10:30-11:30 AM. Full-body energetic healing. Admission is free. No experience needed. Tai Chi Dragon Qigong is good for all ages and all levels of health and mobility. Santa Clara Library, 1099 N. Lava Flow Dr., Santa Clara.

TINKER LAB 11 AM. Tinkerlab is the museum's newest weekly class offered to museum guests. In this class kids will get the chance to experiment, and learn new skills. Tinkerlab activities will normally be crafted for groups ages 5+, but all are welcome to come "tinker" with us! Tinkerlab will be held on each Saturday of the month. Participation is included with your admission price. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE AT ST. GEORGE LIBRARY 2 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

**Events by Date** 

Fri. Dec 3

FIRST FRIDAYS AT RED CLIFFS MALL 6 PM. The first Friday of every month at Red Cliffs Mall the parking lot comes alive with food trucks, vendors, live music, bounce houses, and a beer garden. Fun for everyone. 1770 Red Cliffs Dr., St. George. KARAOKE WITH DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. First Friday of every month. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

LA VERKIN CITY WINTERFEST 8 AM. LaVerkin Winterfest is an annual event with continuous entertainment, craft booths, and food vendors. After dark, there will be the tree lighting and a light parade. The night will end with a fireworks display. LaVerkin. **IRON SPRINGS: CEREAL WITH SANTA 8:30** AM. Tickets are \$4 online (ironspringsutah.com) or \$5 at the door. Santa will arrive at 9 AM. For information call (435) 708-0101. Iron Springs Resort, 3196 Iron Springs Rd., Cedar City.

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 9 AM. Southern Utah Ladies Society is hosting a Holiday Boutique to raise funds for Girls On The Run. Free admission. Come shop with 34 unique vendors selling lots of areat aift items. Dozens of raffle prizes available. Take your own photo with Santa for a \$5 donation to Girls On The Run. Atwood Innovation Plaza, 453 S. 600 E., St. George.

DICKENS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 10 AM. The Festival is created to bring you the best selling experience of the year. Delighted guests will wind through narrow village streets as they shop for their gifts. They will be amazed to see our "Olde London" come to life. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY/SANTA VISIT 10 AM. Visit with Santa at the Social Hall. Cookies and hot olate, Panauitch Social Hall, 65 F. Center, Panauitch,

A RED ACRE CHRISTMAS 10 AM. The farm stand will be busting out with all the goodness it can: baked goods, pies, samples, cheese tasting, fresh wreaths and swags, Christmas trees, and giveaways. Sip complimentary cider while you walk a real working farm warm your hands by the fire. Shop for thoughtful gifts and food for the holidays. Come hungry! Vegan option available. (\$2 donation per person for house tour) Rain, shine, or snow; it will happen. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY/SANTA VISIT 10 AM. Visit with Santa at the Social Hall. Cookies and hot chocolate. Panguitch Social Hall, 65 E. Center, Panguitch.

STRATUM: CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 1 PM. Come enjoy holiday treats, crafts, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Elementary School students can earn money for their school just by attending. Free admission. For information call (435) 586-4874. Stratum Real Estate Group, 365 S. Main St., Cedar City.

CHS/23RD ARMY BAND CONCERT (edar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

CHRISTMAS PARADE OF LIGHTS 6 PM. Beginning at the mailboxes on 2500 S / Old 91 and ends at the Kolob Fire Station. Line up begins at 5:30 PM. and will end with hot cocoa and pictures with Santa Clause. For information visit www. newharmonyfire.org/christmas or call Melanie (435) 632-0341. New Harmony, Cedar City.

SO UT COMEDY THEATER 7 PM. The 1st Saturday of each month will be the funniest improv comedy show in Southern Utah. Suggestions from the audience create hilarity on the spot. PG & R-rated shows. 7 PM-PG Show. 9 PM-R Show. \$15 advance/\$20 door. \$10 Students with ID. Group Tickets-6 for \$60. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to showtimes. Masks are mandatory. Dixie Center. (435) 922-HAHA haha@soucomedy.com. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr.. St. George.

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WILLIAM JOSEPH WITH THE DIXIE STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 7:30 PM. Celebrity Concert Series presents William Joseph with the DSSO Cox Performing Arts Center. 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

APOLLO'S ARMY AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. Apollo's Army is a band that specializes in all forms of rock music. Having a background in all genres and decades of music, Apollo's Army offers a diverse sound with something for everybody to bang their head or tap their foot to. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City. Sun, Dec 5

CASEY STICKLEY OF SECOND ECHO AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Contemporary Rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George. Mon, Dec 6

PAWS FOR TALES-READ TO A DOG 4 PM. Children can read to registered therapy dogs. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

**SNOW CANYON HIGH: CONESITE BAND** 5 PM. Snow Canyon High School, 1385 Lava Flow Dr., St. George. **DESERT HILLS HIGH: IMPROV CLUB SHOW** 

6 PM. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George. BACA BENEFIT Mike's Tavern, 90 W. Hoover Ave, Cedar City.

BROWN BAG LECTURE Noon. Artists of all medias are invited to give a presentation. Community and business people are welcome to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the 45 minute lecture during their lunch break. A list of the monthly events can be obtained at the gallery or by calling 346-1338. Contact: 702-346-1338 vvarts@gmail. com Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 West, Mesquite.

CCMA: NASHVILLE CHRISTMAS 7:30 PM. http://www.cedarcity.org/calendar.aspx?EID=2809. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

**VOYAGER LECTURE SERIES-OPERATION** BARBAROSSA, THE GERMAN INVASION, PRESENTED BY RON SMITH 7:30 PM. Ron Smith will be your guide in analyzing many factors that produced a Soviet victory. People generally assume that the Russian winter defeated Germany. While that was a factor, numerous other reasons account for the failure of Operation Barbarossa. Enjoy a glimpse 80 years back into time and examine ten reasons why the Russians prevailed against Germany. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

MIKE AND ELAINE AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7 PM. This multi-instrumentalist couple are also in local band Soul What!? and cover a range of musical styles in many genres, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Dec 10

SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY HANDEL'S MESSIAH Dec. 10-11, 7:30 PM. The award winning Southwest Symphony Orchestra presents Handel's Messiah, George Frideric Handel's soul-searching oratorio. Also featuring the Lieto Voices! choir and professional soloists. Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 F. St. George.

Sat, Dec 11

MARIGOLD GARDENS: CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM 11 AM. Come and celebrate with Santa, Christmas tree lighting, booths, food, Christmas tree lane, fresh-cut trees, wreath making, and toy making. Crafts and food will be available for purchase at the farm. Admission is \$5 at the farm. For information call (435) 592-9126. Marigold Gardens, 5418 N. 4200 W., Cedar City. **SECOND SATURDAYS AT SUMA 2 PM. Formerly** known as Family Day, this series of events is for families and friends in the community of all ages. The planned activities are geared toward people of all ages and backgrounds, and this event is free and open to the public. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City. CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY HOME TOURS 5 PM. View five Panguitch homes and support Sub for

Santa! Panguitch City, Panguitch. ZION JOY TO THE WORLD Light Parade 7 PM. Parade lineup is at 6 PM on Canyon Springs Rd. The parade will travel from Canyon Springs Road, up SR-9, turning left onto Lion Blvd and concluding at the Canyon Community Center (126 Lion Blvd) to join the Sweets Social and have a chance to see and take pictures with Mr. & Mrs. Clause! Canvon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale. **IDENTITY CRISIS AT MIKE'S TAVERN 90 W.** 

Hoover Ave., Cedar City. Sun. Dec 12

**ERNESTO ALVAREZ AT GEORGE'S CORNER** 6 PM. Acoustic Contemporary Rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George. Mon, Dec 13

A YULETIDE COMEDY 6 PM. Welcome the holidays with a night of dinner and comedy featuring Arvin Mitchell, comedian and current Studio C cast member. 18 + only. Tickets are \$40 available online at ayuletidecomedy.ticketleap.com. The Barn at Cedar Meadows, 1419 W. 3000 N., Cedar City.

VIRGIN VALLEY AMATURE RADIO CLUB 6 PM. The Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club holds meetings on the second Monday of each month. For more information please go to our website at: www.vvarc.net. Airport Fire Station #3, Mesquite.

DIXIE HIGH: CHOIR & ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT 6 PM. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

SNOW CANYON HIGH: WINTER CHOIR CONCERT 6 PM. Snow Canyon High School, 1385 Lava Flow Dr. St. George

BAND CONCERT 7:30 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925

N., Cedar City. Tues, Dec 14

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB 2:30 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

DIXIE HIGH: BAND CONCERT 6:30 PM. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

Wed, Dec 15

CANYON VIEW HIGH: BAND/CHOIR/ **ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 5 PM.** and 7:30 PM. Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City. Thurs, Dec 16

**TEEN BOOK CLUB** 3:30 PM. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

PAWS FOR TALES-READ TO A DOG 4 PM. Children can read to registered therapy dogs. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George

BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB 4:30 PM. Meet'Son the third Thursday of every month. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E.. Washinaton.



SKY ALLEN MUSIC AT GEORGE'S CORNER **7 PM.** Free. Folk/Soul. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Dec 17

DJ JUKEBOX JB Mike's Tavern, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar

Sat. Dec 18

DUE WEST 7 PM. American country music Christmas concert in Southern Utah. Tickets on sale now at DSU Box Office or www.libertyentertainment.live Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 F. St. George.

**REALITY CHECK AT MIKE'S TAVERN** 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, Dec 19 STEVEN STAY AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM.

Free. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George **SWING WITH SANTA GOLF TOURNAMENT** 

9 AM. Shotgun Start. Two person modified alternate shot. Entry Fee \$55 per player. Entry Fee Includes: Tournament entry, team prizes on-course contests, lunch after play. Callaway scoring method will be used to determine NET team scores. Both team members tee off every hole and the best drive is selected. Must use 5 Drives from each team member. Palms Golf Club, 550 Peppermill Palms Blvd., Littlefield.

Mon, Dec 20

BHS MUSIC DEPARTMENT WINTER **CONCERT** Noon. City of Beaver, Beaver.

CHOIR CONCERT 7:30 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City. Tues, Dec 21

IRISH CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA 7:30 PM. Celebrity Concert Series presents Irish Christmas In America Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George. Wed, Dec 22

NATHAN PACHECO CHRISTMAS 7:30 PM. Come celebrate the season with the family for an unforgettable holiday experience with acclaimed tenor Nathan Pacheco. Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** 7 PM. Washington County Library System, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

Thurs, Dec 23

JOSH LARSEN AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Josh Larsen is a singer/songwriter from St. George. Acoustic

Alternative Rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George. Fri, Dec 24

READER'S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 3 PM. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

Find more events daily at SUindependent.com

Tues, Dec 28

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT 8 AM. Join us for the historic Silver Reef Christmas Bird Count. We need lots of birders, whether beginners or experts, to find the feathered beasts using a 7.5 radius of Leeds, Utah, as a winter hideout. This count covers diverse habitats in southwest Utah, including ponds, reservoirs, historical sites, red sandstone deserts and cliffs, and usually warm winter weather. Please register with the lead compiler, Marshall Topham, (marshalltopham@ gmail.com marshalltopham@gmail.com), (435) 632-7841, with your name, contact information, and whether you're familiar with the area. The CBC is the longest- running citizen science effort in the world.

Thurs, Dec 30 MUSIC TIME AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

11:30 AM. Join us for music time in the Communications Room. This event is included with your museum admission. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

Fri, Dec 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 6 PM. Ring in the New Year with dinner, line dancing, horseshoes, BINGO, inflatables, kid games, and fun for the whole family! Triple C Arena, 800 N. Main St. Panauitch

NEW YEARS EVE AT THE LEDGES We're ringing in the New Year with a celebration at The Ledges & Fish Rock Grille. We've got a live DJ, appetizer buffet, midnight champagne/cider toast, balloon drop, photo booth, and cocktail specials. The entry is \$49 per person. Tickets are sold online only. NO SALES AT THE DOOR. https://ledges.com. The Ledges, 1585 Ledges Pkwy., St. George.

Vinyl Fusion at Beaver Dam Station & Bar! Can you say PARTY!?!? 401

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NEW YEARS EVE BASH 8 PM Ring in the New Year with Co Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

CEDAR CITY FINALE-NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL 10 PM. In its inaugural year, the Cedar City Finale New Year's Festival is one event that you don't want to miss! Kick-off the year, 80's style, at the Heritage Theater with a black light dance party, kids activities, and more. When the clock strikes midnight, join us for a spectacular fireworks show. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Wed, Jan 5

FOREIGN FILM CLUB 6 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George. Thurs, Jan 6

THE DRIFTERS 7:30 PM. Celebrity Concert Series presents The Drifters, Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

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KARAOKE WITH DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. First Friday of every month. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Jan 8

**DESERT HILLS HIGH: DRILL TEAM CLASSIC** 6 AM. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George.

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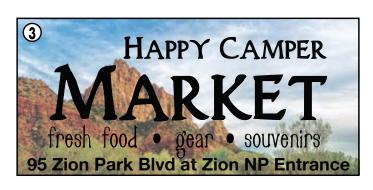












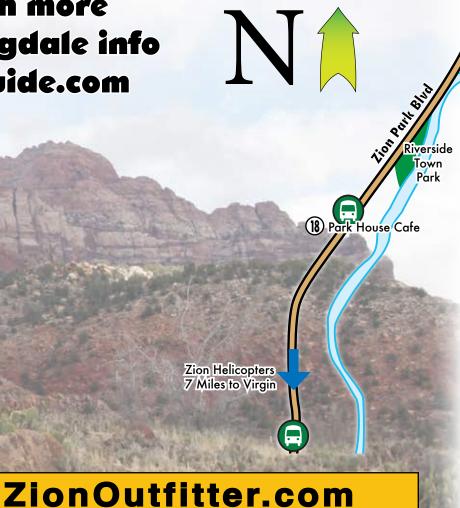












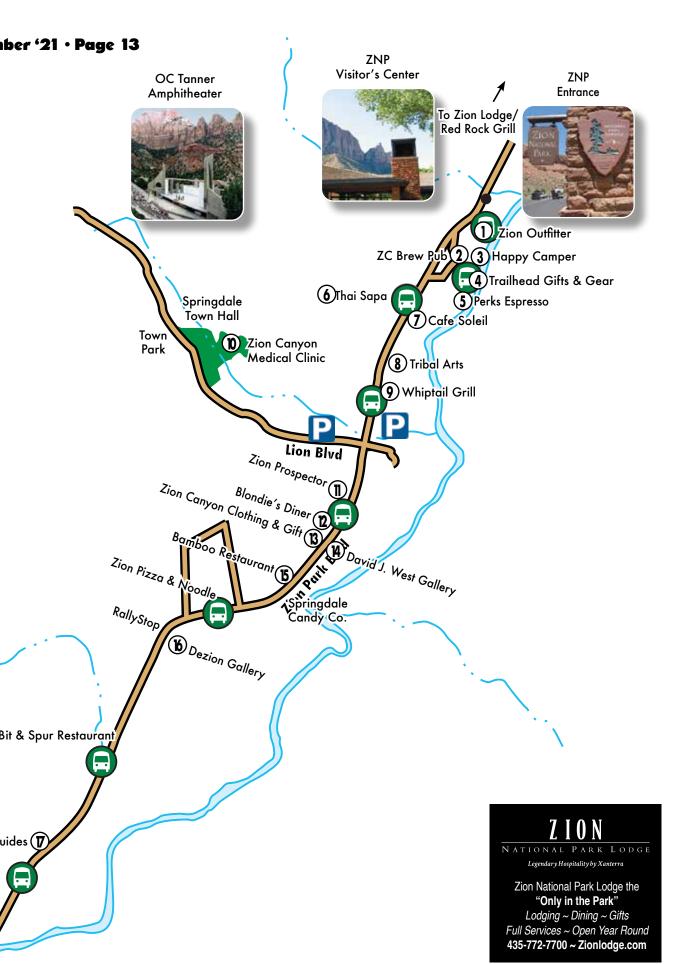
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Paid parking lots can be found on Lion Blvd, behind Whiptail Grill Restaurant at 445 Zion Park Blvd, and a number of other locations throughout Springdale.

Other spots of note in Springdale include the library (located on Lion Boulevard, next to Town Hall), tennis/pickleball courts (also on Lion Blvd), and the Virgin River, which has numerous loctions of access, but Riverside Park is one of the best.









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### GUIDE TO UTAH'S LIQUOR LAWS

If you order an alcoholic drink at the restaurant bar, don't be surprised when the bartender asks you to order some food with your drink. In Utah, restaurants may only serve alcoholic beverages with food. Customers don't have to order food each time they buy another drink. The beer sold in grocery stores and gas stations, and tap beer is a bit weaker in Utah, limited to 3.2% alcohol content by weight (4.0% by volume), about 0.5% less than a typical American domestic beer. You can buy full-strength beer, along with liquor and wine, in a state-operated liquor store. Please remember to tip your servers and drink responsibly! The Utah State Liquor Store in Springdale is located inside the Switchback.

### SPRINGDALE'S FEATURED RESTAURANTS FROM ZION GUIDE

Restaurant (Listed by address from ZNP Entr	Address rance)	Phone	Drinks/Vegan (W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu	Hours	WI-FI
Red Rock Grill	1 Zion Lodge	435-772-7760	W, B, M, E, V	6:30-10:30am, 11:30am-3pm, 5-10pm daily	Yes
Zion Canyon Brew Pub	95 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0336	W, B, V	Noon-10pm daily	Yes
Happy Camper Market	95 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-7805	B, <b>V</b>	8am-8pm daily	Yes
Thai Sapa	145 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0510	W, B, E, V	11:30am-9:30pm daily	No
Perks Coffee Shop	147 Zion Park Blvd	435-668-0446	E	7am-4pm daily	No
Café Soleil	205 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0505	W, B, M, E, V	7am-9pm daily	No
Spotted Dog Cafe	428 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0700	W, B, M, E, V	7-11am, 5pm-9pm daily	Yes
Whiptail Grill	445 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0283	W, B, V	Noon-9:30pm daily	Yes
Blondie's Diner	736 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0595	B, V	11am-8:30pm Mon-Sat	Yes
Bamboo Chinese Restaurant	828 Zion Park Blvd	435-703-2882	V	11:30am-10pm daily	Yes
Zion Pizza & Noodle	868 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3815	W, B, V	4pm-10pm daily	No
Oscar's Cafe	948 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3232	W, B, E, V	7am-9pm daily	No
Switchback Grille Restaurant	1149 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3700	W, B, M, E, V	5-8pm daily	No
Jack's Sports Grill Restaurant	1149 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3700	W, B, M, V	Noon-9pm daily	No
Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon	1212 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3498	W, B, M, E, V	5pm-11pm daily	Yes
Park House Café	1880 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0100	W, B, V	8am-2pm daily	Yes

See detailed restaurant listings for Springdale and the greater Zion National Park area at ZionGuide.com.

# Welcome To Zion from Zion Guide!

### Safety Tips For Zion

### **Emergencies**

For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or (435) 772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call (435) 772-3226. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

### Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

It is easy to get dehydrated while hiking and walking in the desert, so pack along extra water, and be sure to take rest and water breaks on long hikes. There are a number of places to refill your water bottles in Zion National Park

including the visitors' center and Zion Lodge as well as a new hydration station at the Springdale bus stop in front of The Bumbleberry Inn and Zion Canyon Brew Pub.

### Be cautious near steep cliffs

Falls from cliffs on trails can result in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below you. Stay on the trail. Stay back from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings. Please watch children.

#### Watch for flash floods

All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. You are assuming a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility.

# Tips To Minimize Your Impact

### Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

Each month, Zion National Park pays many thousands of dollars to haul away waste collected from garbage cans and recycling bins. Your experience and that of everyone who visits Zion Canyon can be improved by never littering and making sure you pick up any trash you see along the way. Recycling bins are placed strategically throughout Zion Park, and it is highly encouraged for everyone to use them.



### Please stay on the marked trails

Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape. Remember, if you bring it in, please pack it out.

### Go before you go

It is always a good idea to use the restroom before you begin a hike since facilities are limited to select locations. If you do need to take care of your business, please pack it back out.

Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

### Please leave it how you found it

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.

# Tips To Maximize Enjoyment

The most visited Zion hikes have a lot of competition. If you'd rather not feel like you're in the line at a theme park, consider seeking out a less traveled path. Check out our feature, Less-Traveled Zion Hikes, in this issue

### To avoid the crowds, go early or late in the day

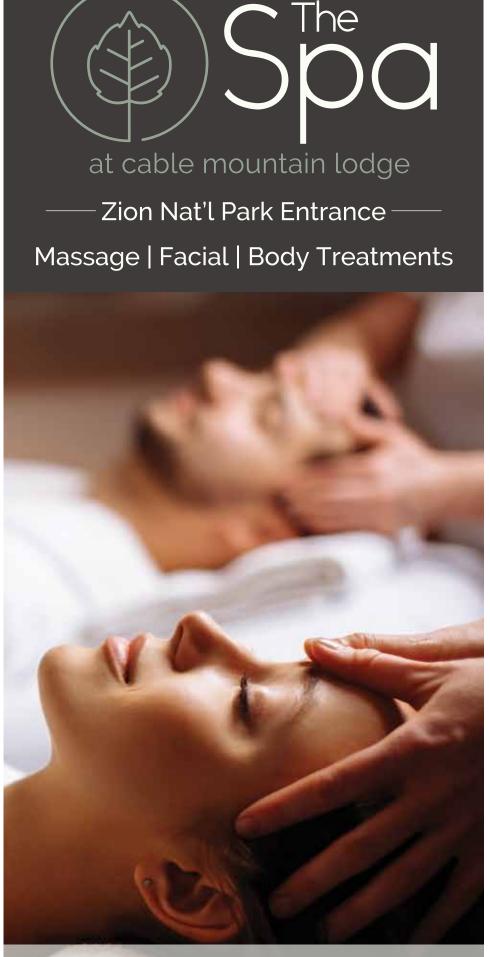
Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in.

### Consider coming back again in the low season

Starting in the late fall, the number of visitors to Zion Canyon starts to dwindle, and by December it's significantly less than in the heat of the summer. It is simply a different experience to see Zion in the winter with the snow-capped monoliths. Most hikes are still accessible and are less crowded. You can also drive to the Temple of Sinawava parking lot. The shuttles stop running from November until March.

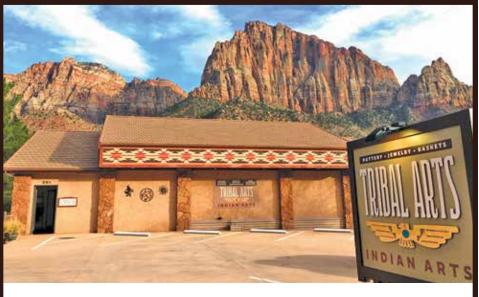
### Check out Kolob Canyons and Kolob Terrace Road

With gorgeous open spaces and plenty of dirt roads to explore, Kolob Terrace Road is one of Zion's best kept secrets. You'll notice the air getting cooler as you gain elevation, and you'll find plenty of beautiful views worth stopping at for a quick photo op. The Kolob Terrace Road turnoff is in Virgin, so watch for signs. Portions of the Kolob Canyon District of Zion National Park are reached via Exit 40 on Interstate 15.



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### Top Things To Do In Zion

### Get some great hiking in

Zion National Park is known for its scenic landscape and unrivaled hikes. No matter your fitness level, there are hikes here for you. Please go to ZionGuide.com to see the details on many area hikes.

### Spend a day in Springdale

Springdale is unique to our national park system in that it is almost completely surrounded by Zion National Park. So when you're in Springdale, you're right in the middle of Zion Canyon.

#### Catch an event

Not only does Zion Brew Pub have live music every Saturday, the property also hosts a handful of events throughout the year, as do the Bit and Spur restaurant, Tanner Amphitheater, Bumbleberry Inn, Wildcat Willies, and several other locations.

### Try a guided tour

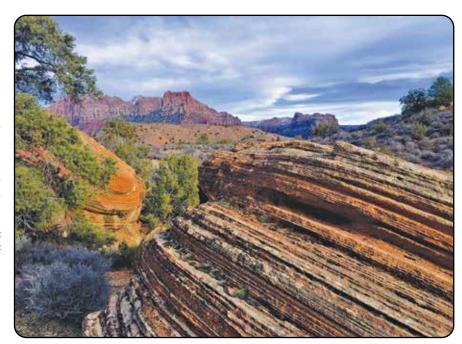
Jeep, helicopter, ATV, canyoneering, horseback riding, or mountain biking, guided tours are all available. Many of these tours take you outside Zion National Park boundaries and give you a unique perspective on Zion's canyons and plateaus from surrounding areas of southern Utah. Check out ZionGuide.com for listings and ads.

### Visit the east side of Zion and spend a day in Kanab

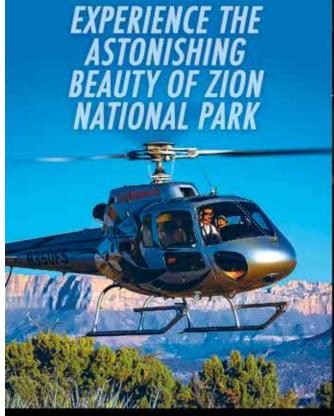
The east side of Zion is generally less crowded, making hikes more accessible and private. These are some of the most enjoyable hikes in the canyon. You can spot wildlife you won't see elsewhere in the canyon. The city of Kanab, situated east of the canyon, is full of unique attractions, like the Little Hollywood Movie Museum and the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

### Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints

Be sure you've got extra charged batteries, smartphone cables, and memory cards so you can capture all the magic of Zion National Park. Additionally, there are numerous photo tour and guiding companies to assist you. Thank you for visiting the Zion National Park area.









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# Zion Canyon Shuttle Info

### FALL OPERATIONS UPDATES FOR ZION NATIONAL PARK

The following operations for Zion National Park that will occur starting in September, and continue through October, and November. ZNP always recommends that visitors plan ahead and check the park website before their visit at nps.gov/zion to see what activities are currently available, what facilities may be open or closed, and park alerts on current park conditions. Visitors are required to wear face masks in federal buildings including the Zion Park Store, on shuttle buses, and in queue lines. Visitors should follow CDC guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and recreate responsibly.

During much of the year, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is only accessible by shuttle bus. ZNP operates a free shuttle in Springdale so you can leave your vehicle at your hotel or park in one of the approved parking areas in Springdale and catch the shuttle in town. Enter the park at the pedestrian bridge at Zion Canyon Village. The following table provides an update for the Zion Canyon Shuttle.

lic health guidelines, shuttle drivers are not allowed to assist riders with wheelchairs. During this time when wheelchairs cannot be allowed on shuttles, please visit the Zion

Desk, and Zion Park Store.

- Kolob Canyons Visitor Center (Outside Information Desk), 9 AM - 2 PM
- Zion Canyon Visitor Center (Outside In-

First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Last bus out of the canyon from the Temple of Sinawava

The Town Shuttle starts at 8 AM and runs

through November 28, 2021. The last

shuttle out of Zion Canyon will link with the

last shuttle from Zion Canyon Village into

Sept. 20 to Nov. 7 Nov. 8 to Nov. 28 Nov. 29 to Dec. 22 Dec. 23 to Jan. 1 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Shuttle not in service

8:00 a.m.

5:45 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

6:15 p.m. Shuttle not in service

Canyon visitor center information desk for

The following provides the hours of operations for the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Wilderness formation Desk), 8 AM - 6 PM

- Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk, 7 AM 5
- Zion Canyon Park Store, 8 AM 6 PM



ZION CANYON HOLIDAY EVENTS

12/11/21 @ 7PM LIGHT PARADE & SWEETS SOCIAL

PARADE STARTS ON CANYON SPRINGS DR. SR-9 TOWARD ZNP, LEFT ON LION BLVD. TO THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER SWEETS SOCIAL AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER FOLLOWING PARADE (126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE)

### 12/18/21 @ 10AM WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

JOLLEY-GIFFORD CEMETERY, SPRINGDALE. WREATHS WILL BE PLACED ON VETERAN'S HEADSTONES FOLLOWING A SHORT CEREMONY

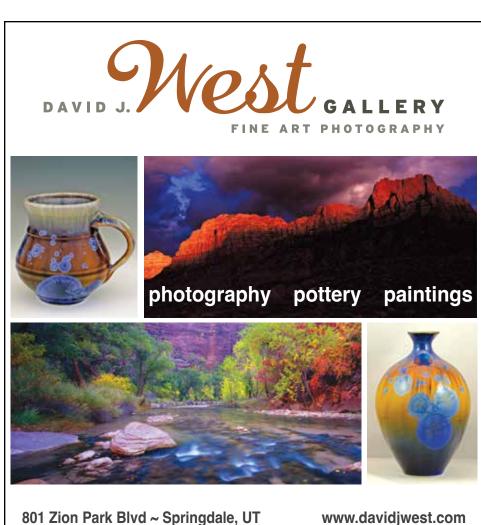
12/31/21 @ 6:30PM NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

AT THE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER (126 LION BLVD, SPRINGDALE) COME ENJOY LINE DANCING AND FOOD, CHAT WITH FRIENDS AND WATCH OUR

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# Zion Canyon Shuttle Info

# FALL OPERATIONS UPDATES FOR ZION NATIONAL PARK (CONT.)

Visitors are encouraged to check with the staff at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to learn about the available Ranger led programs.

Currently South Campground, Watchman Campground (Call 877-444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov), and Lava Point Campground are open at Zion National Park. The South Campground will close on October 18, 2021 for the season. The park is closing the campground two weeks earlier this year in order to complete intermediate steps in the design process for the South Campground rehabilitation project. This information will help to support the planning process for anticipated implementation of construction in 2023. Reservations for campsites at Watchman Campground are strongly suggested-the campground is typically full every night during the reservation season. The Lava Point Campground is open through September, as weather allows. This campground is first come, first serve. Camping is permitted in designated campsites, but not in pullouts or parking lots.

The Zion - Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park.

The following table provides the daily schedule of when large vehicles, including tour buses, motor homes, and trailers, may travel through the tunnel.

Park visitors are reminded that their safety is their responsibility. The NPS requests the public's cooperation utilizing Leave No Trace (LNT) practices throughout Zion National Park. Following these LNT principles and tips helps to protect Zion National Park during your visit.

The park also encourages visitors to take the Zion National Park Pledge. The Zion Pledge is a personal promise you can make to protect yourself and the park. Please share

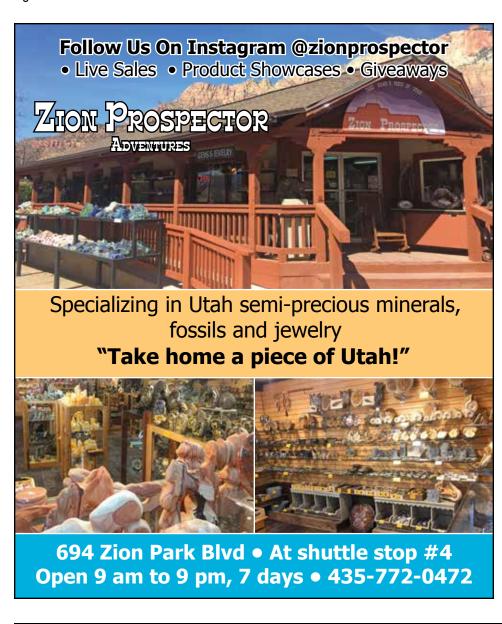
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**BAKER** - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and to fish. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and contains brown trout, green sunfish, crayfish, redside shiner, and mountain sucker. It has picnic areas and vault toilets. There is a fee for visiting the reservoir and no boat ramp.

**BRYCE CANYON** - Bryce Canyon National Park is a scientist's laboratory and a child's playground. Because Bryce transcends 2,000 feet of elevation, the park exists in three distinct climatic zones: spruce/fir forest, ponderosa pine forest and pinion pine/juniper forest. This diversity of habitat provides for high biodiversity. Here at Bryce, you can enjoy over 100 species of birds, dozens of mammals, and more than a thousand plant species. (435) 834-5322.

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**DEAD HORSE POINT** - Dead Horse Point State Park is perhaps Utah's most spectacular state park. Dead Horse Point is a promontory of stone surrounded by steep cliffs near Moab. The overlook at Dead Horse Point is 6,000 feet above sea level. Two-thousand feet below, the Colorado River winds its way from the continental divide in Colorado

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ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Valley Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground



is situated between both lakes and has 21 campsites and flush toilets. There is a boat ramp on Upper Enterprise Reservoir and several fishing areas around both reservoirs. Fishermen will find rainbow trout and smallmouth bass here. Fees are charged.

**FOUR CORNERS** - The Four Corners is the only place in the U.S. where four states come together at one place: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. Here, a person can put each of their hands and feet in four states at the same time. The unique landmark is on Navajo Nation land and is open for visits from the public. West of U.S. Highway 160, 40 miles southwest of Cortez, Colo. (928) 871-6436.

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**GUNLOCK** - In scenic red rock country, 15 miles northwest of St. George, lies the 240-acre Gunlock State Park and Reservoir where year-round boating, water sports, and quality fishing for bass and catfish attract visitors. Facilities include boat launching ramp and pit privies. (435) 628-2255

**LAKE MEAD** - Lake Mead National Recreation Area offers a wealth of things to do and places to go year-round. Its huge lakes cater to boaters, swimmers, sunbathers and fishermen, while its desert rewards hikers, wildlife photographers, and roadside sightseers. It is also home to thousands of desert plants and animals adapted to survive in an extreme place where rain is scarce and temperatures soar. (702) 293-8990.

**LAKE POWELL** - In Glen Canyon National Recreation Area is one of the world's great places for houseboating! The 186-mile-long lake offers sandy beaches, cool blue water, and exceptional red-rock scenery. It is excellent for boating, skiing, kayaking, and fishing. Boat or hike to Rainbow Bridge, or explore any of its many canyons or sand dunes. (928) 608-6200.

**PINE VALLEY** - Pine Valley Reservoir is a beautiful place for fishermen to fish brook trout and rainbow trout. The reservoir is near the Pine Valley Recreation Complex, which has over 150 campsites with picnic and restroom facilities. This area is greener than most other parts of southwestern Utah with pine and pinion trees, and many come to enjoy camping and hiking. It is west of the town of Central. (435) 652-3100.

**QUAIL LAKE -** Quail Creek State Park provides excellent year-round camping, picnicking, boating, and trout and bass fishing in sunny southwest Utah. The park is three miles east of the Interstate 15 Hurricane exit on Utah State Route 9. Facilities include 23 campsites, modern restrooms, a fish cleaning station, and two covered group-use pavilions. (435) 879-2378.

**SAND HOLLOW** - Looking to fish? Swim? Ride your ATV in the sand? Do all that and more at Sand Hollow State Park, located between St. George and Hurricane. Bring your boat, a picnic, and some fishing gear for a fun day on the reservoir, or watch the kids swim while you relax on the beach. Load up your RV or tent and settle in for a nice campout, or ride your ATV in the dunes of Sand Mountain. (435) 680-0715.



**SNOW CANYON** - Named after early Utah leaders Lorenzo and Erastus Snow, Snow Canyon State Park begins just outside of Ivins and stretches northward. Spectacular scenery includes towering red and white sandstone cliffs, black lava formations, and even a waterfall that appears during heavy rain. Snow Canyon offers 16 miles of hiking trails, beautiful sand dunes, technical rock climbing sites, horseback riding, year-round camping, nature studies, and wildlife viewing. This park is a favorite for locals and visitors alike. (435) 628-2255.

**ZION** - With breathtaking views, numerous hiking attractions of all difficulty levels and some of the most spectacular scenery on earth, Zion National Park and its surrounding areas attract thousands of visitors every year. This natural wonder is not only a mecca of recreational activity, but Zion and nearby Springdale host numerous cultural activities, as well. There's something for everyone in Zion – whether you're looking for a challenging hike or a fun excursion for the family. (435) 772-3256.



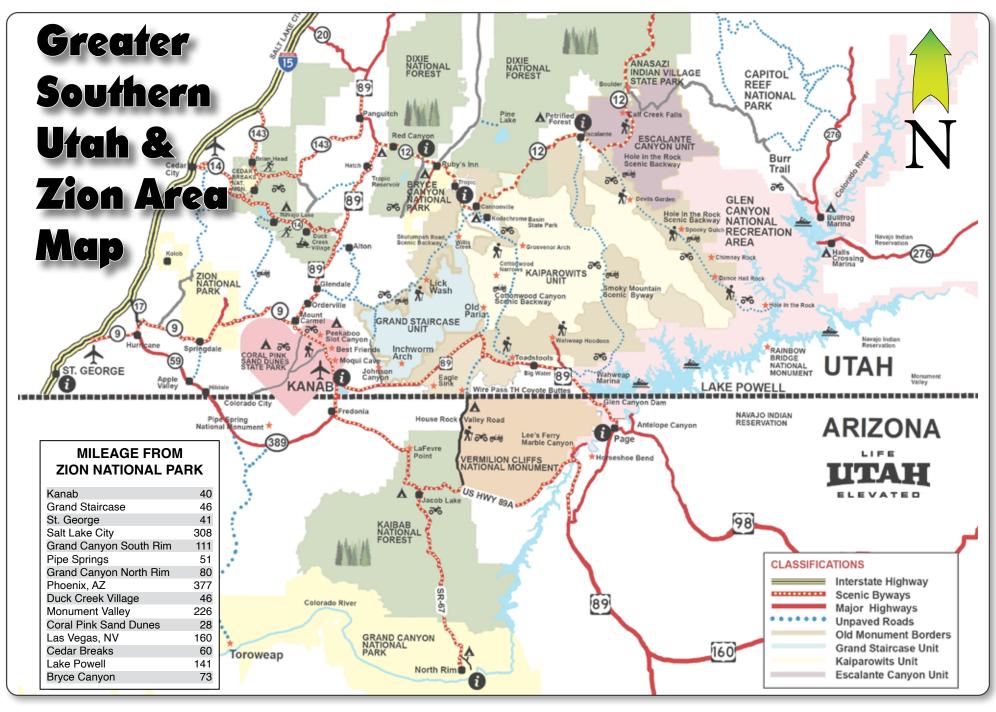
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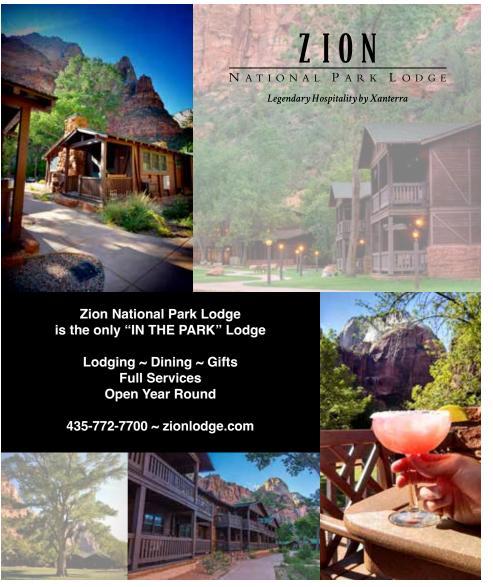
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# Less-Traveled Zion Hikes

Trail Closures (as of March 1 '20)

The Weeping Rock Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail (East Rim from Weeping Rock) are closed due to rockfall damage. These closures are indefinite at this time. Lower Emerald Pools Trail is closed for trail repairs until Spring 2020.

Hiking is popular in Zion National Park, and popular hikes are seeing record visitation at peak days and times. For a less congested trek, consider these lesstraveled hikes.

### **Northgate Peaks**

By Don Gilman

The Northgate Peaks trail in the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park is an amazing trail with spectacular views. The trail itself is nearly flat, making it a perfect hike for families.

To reach the Northgate Peaks trailhead, take State Route 9 to the town of Virgin. Turn left onto Kolob Terrace Road. Drive for 15.7 miles through increasingly spectacular country until the short spur road (on the right) for the Wildcat Trailhead is reached. Drive a few hundred feet to the large parking area.

The trail heads east across grassy plains and stands of Ponderosa Pine with dynamite views of the towering Pine Valley Peak to the west. Soon the trail will be fully in the forest with limited views. After 0.9 miles, the junction with the Hop Valley trail is reached. Continue east, and 0.1 miles further, the junction with the Northgate Peaks Trail is reached. Head south on this trail for another 1.1 miles until the end of the official trail is reached at a rocky basalt bluff with epic views of the Northgate Peaks to the east and west and of North Guardian Angel

to the south.

For families with young children, this makes an excellent turnaround spot.

### Gifford Canyon

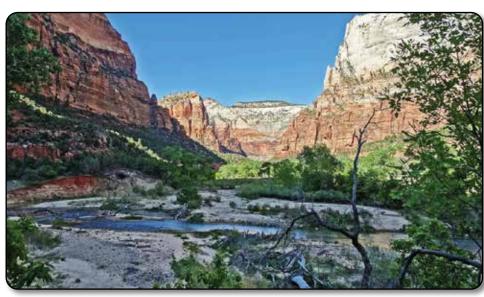
By Bo Beck

Gifford Canyon offers a nice stroll through a sandy wash and is very charming when water is running. This hike is nearly 3 miles long and will take about 2 hours to finish.

beaten path on the backside of the rock.

On top of this wall is a narrow dirt path that is crowded by rock and vegetation. It winds around the mountain to a dead end with a beautiful view of the mountain where the Canyon Overlook Trail is located, opposite is Gifford Canyon.

The path will lead past stone bridge and to another minor slickrock climb. At



**Many Pools** 

To start this hike, park in the lot located immediately east of the Zion/Mt. Carmel Tunnel. The trail begins at the backside of the restrooms at the back of the parking lot. There will be a steep, sandy path to climb down before you enter Pine Creek slot. Follow the path upstream for almost 75 feet, and look for a 15-foot wall of slickrock. You can scramble up the rock or look for the

the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone.

### **Chinle Trail**

By Greta Hyland

Chinle Trail is an off-the-beatenpath trail located in the lower elevation west desert wilderness area, offering wide vistas, desert landscapes, and a reprieve from the more touristy trails in the park. Though it's a long trail, it's a mellow hike that can be cut off whenever you feel like turning around. It's a great hike with kids because it's not treacherous, slippery, or steep. Avoid it after snow or rain as it will be muddy.

The Chinle Trailhead starts outside of Zion, south of Springdale. If you are coming from St. George, the turn is about a block before you hit the apple orchard and stand as you leave Rockville off of State Route 9. There is a parking area off the right of Anasazi Way near the Anasazi Plateau housing development. If you hit houses, you missed it. And yes, the trail starts below the housing development and takes you right through it. Don't worry though, it doesn't last long

Shortly after you get through the

housing development, you will hit a sign letting you know you are entering the Zion Wilderness. At this point, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because you have gotten away from civilization to enjoy nature, and chances are that you won't see another soul until you return to your car

### **Many Pools**

By Candice Reed

The route is moderate with a gentle uphill climb to an alcove, but plan for a strenuous hike if you continue to the East Rim.

The route begins right off the highway. Drive to the pullout near the second drainage on the north side of the State Route 9, about 0.8 miles after the smaller tunnel. Walk carefully along the road about 150 yards and drop down into a sandy bowl on the north side of SR-9. There is a trail for a short distance, and then the sand turns into large flat stones that you can pick and choose to walk on, depending on your sense of balance. A short distance off the road, filled pools carved into the rocks appear. Ponderosa Pines and Juniper trees twisted by the wind are a good backdrop to the reds and whites ribboned through the rocks.

### Hidden Canyon

By Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan

Hidden Canyon features steep ascents, narrow foot paths, and switchbacks on a narrow cliffside with exposure at high elevations. Some parts have chains to use for assistance. Be cautious near slippery sandstone areas with steep dropoffs. Expect full sun in most places after the early morning. Once you are into the canyon, it is shady and surprisingly cool.

This impressive 2.2-mile roundtrip hike begins at the same busy trailhead as Weeping Rock, Observation Point, and the East Rim. Begin at the Weeping Rock Trailhead, which quickly splits to the left. The trail you want to follow bears right toward the East Rim, Observation Point, and Hidden Canyon. Watch for a sign that indicates the direction to Hidden Canyon.

A well-traveled path takes trekkers between sheer sandstone walls rising up hundreds of feet, made up by some of Zion's most famous landmarks: Cable Mountain and the Great White Throne. Once beyond the end of the actual trail and into the slot canyon, look for small sandstone caves and a 20-foot long arch. Be careful to only explore as far as you know is safe for you! Few should ever venture past the freestanding arch.

Sandstone pools at the end of this hike are a favorite spot of the delightful and boisterous canyon tree frogs. Look for the tiny gray creatures near the water, and listen for their loud trilling. Past the pools is the end of the Hidden Canyon Trail.

### Overlook Trail

By Charlotte Emett

The Overlook Trail is a short, beautiful hike located on the east side of Zion National Park, just outside the Mt. Carmel tunnel. The hike is about one mile roundtrip, and it usually takes people about an hour. It is definitely one of the easier hikes in Zion, but it's still considered a moderate-level hike due to a few exposed areas and sandstone pathways, which can be slippery.

The Overlook trailhead lies right outside of the Mt. Carmel tunnel by the ranger booth. Exit the tunnel too quickly and you'll miss it.

It begins with a staircase carved out of the sandstone leading up and away from the road. Soon, you'll be walking along the side of the mountain and looking down into a thin crevice known as Pine Creek Canyon. At about halfway, you'll walk across a bridge that wraps around a corner and leads to an area of recessed rock wet with the moisture that caused it to erode and be filled with ferns growing out of the sandstone.

Please check with nps.gov for current conditions, restrictions, and access. Be careful and have fun!



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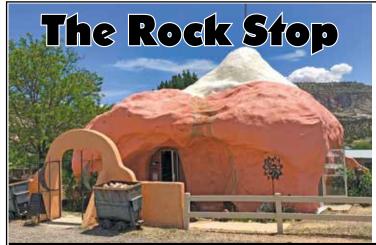






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# Popular Zion Hikes

### Trail Closures (as of March 1 '20)

The Weeping Rock Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail (East Rim from Weeping Rock) are closed due to rockfall damage. These closures are indefinite at this time.

Warning: These hikes are *very* popular and often overcrowded. While they are well worth doing, expect them to be a little congested.

If you are feeling up to some of the more *difficult* hikes, try some of these popular hikes.

### Angels Landing via West Rim

Possibly the most popular hike in Zion, Angels Landing takes around four hours to complete and covers just under 5 1/2 miles. As you work your way up the 1,488-foot change in elevation, you'll want to look out for long drop-offs. This hike is not for young children or people with a fear of heights. Be sure to enjoy, but be careful along the last section of the hike, which is a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. The hike starts at The Grotto.

### Observation Point via East Rim Trail

This hike climbs through Echo Canyon to a viewpoint of Zion Canyon and offers access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap, and East Mesa trails. Plan for at least half of a day as this hike takes around five hours to complete and stretches over 8 miles. The 2,148-foot change in elevation from start to finish has long drop-offs, so be careful. Like Hidden Canyon Trail, this hike starts at Weeping Rock.

### The Narrows via Riverside Walk

A full-day hike at 8 hours, the Narrows can pose extra dangers depending on the weather. High water levels can prevent access to the Narrows, so be sure to check with the visitor center before beginning this 9 1/2-mile hike. You'll start this hike at Temple of Sinawaya.

### Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

Getting to Kolob Arch via the La Verkin Creek Trail follows Timber and La Verkin creeks and connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. A full-day hike, it will take around 8 hours to finish the 14-fourteen mile trip. This hike starts at Kolob Canyons Road.

If you are looking for something more **moderate**, try some of these mid-range hikes.

### Watchman Trial

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this hike takes about two hours and covers just under 3 miles. The 368-



"Observation Point Revisited" photo by David J West.

foot elevation has some minor drop-offs and ends at a view point for Tower of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.

### Middle Emerald Pools Trail

A two-hour hike, Middle Emerald Pools has long drop-offs. The unpaved trail to the Middle Emerald Pools has loose sand and slippery rocks. You'll cover two miles in 2 hours over the course of a 150-foot elevation gain. The hike starts at Zion Lodge.

### **Upper Emerald Pool Trail**

Starting at Zion Lodge, this is a shorter trail covering one mile in about an hour. You will rise 200-feet in elevation, and there are minor drop-offs.

### **Kayenta Trail**

This two-hour hike starts at the Grotto and goes for two miles. You'll gain 150 feet in elevation, and the trail does have long drop-offs. This unpaved climb connects the Grotto to the Emerald Pools trails

### Canyon Overlook Trail

Starting at Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, this one-hour hike provides a 163-foot gain in elevation over the course of a mile. This rocky and uneven trail ends at a viewpoint for Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. While this trail is mostly fenced, there are long drop-offs.

### Taylor Creek Trail

You'll begin this five-mile hike at Kolob Canyons Road. It should take around 4 hours to complete and provides a 450-foot gain in elevation. Larger groups may need to split up, as this hike limits 12 people to a group. It follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

### Timber Creek Overlook Trail

A quick hike, the Timber Creek Overlook Trail covers just one mile and 100 feet in elevation gain. It can be done in about 30 minutes. The trail follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.

Those looking for something less strenuous should check out these easy hikes.

### Pa'rus Trail

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this two-hour hike covers 3 1/2 miles and rises 50 feet in elevation. A paved trail that follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction, Pa'rus Trail is wheelchair accessible and is open to both bicycles and dogs.

### **Archeology Trail**

Also starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this short half-hour hike covers just under half a mile and rises 80 feet in elevation, making it a short but steep trail. This trail offers trailside exhibits and views of several prehistoric buildings.

#### **Lower Emerald Pool Trail**

This paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. It also connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. It should take about an hour and covers just over one mile with 69 feet in elevation gain.

### **Grotto Trail**

Starting at Zion Lodge or the Grotto, this trail connects the two locations and can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pools and Kayenta trails to create a 2 1/2-mile loop. The non-loop version should take about 30 minutes and rises 35 feet over one mile.

#### Riverside Walk

Starting at Temple of Sinawava, this 1 1/2-hour hike cover just over two miles and rises 57 feet in elevation. While it is wheelchair accessable, there are minor drop-offs. The trail, which is paved, offers trailside exhibits as it follows the Virgin Rivet along the bottom of a narrow canyon.





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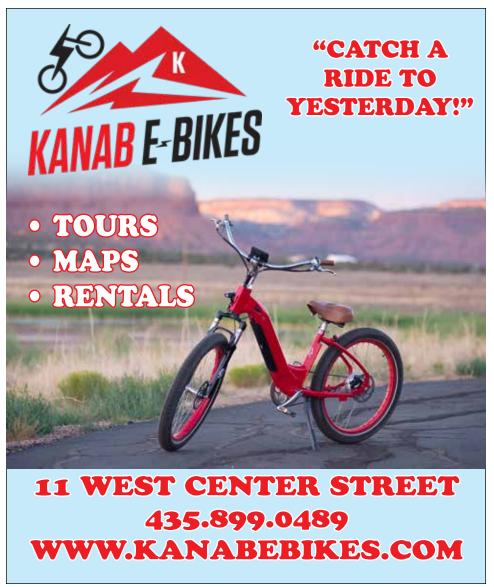
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