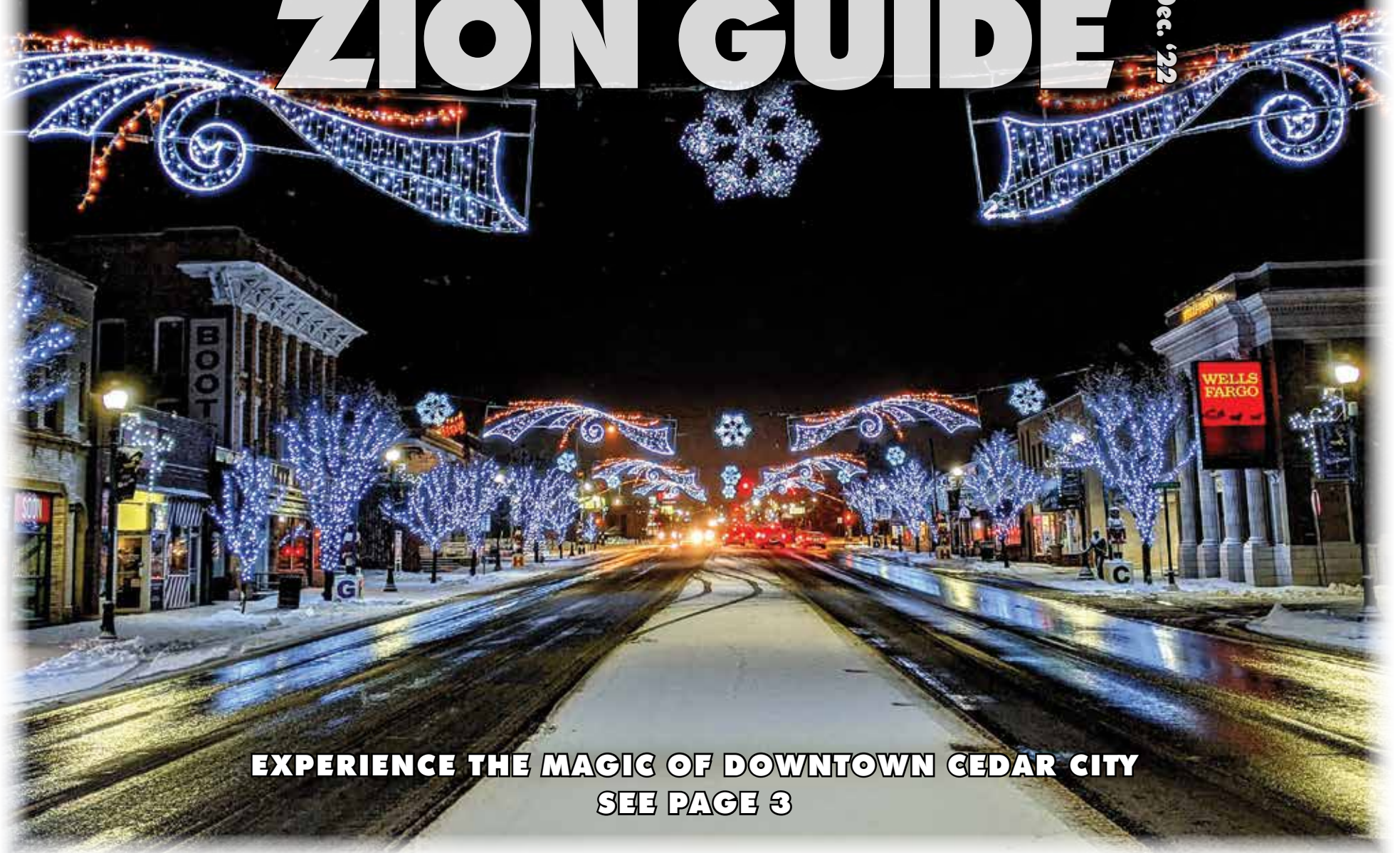


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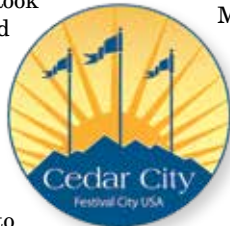
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EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF DOWNTOWN CEDAR CITY

Historic Downtown Cedar City during the holidays is a magical experience you won't want to miss if you're traveling through Southern Utah. Cedar City's annual downtown lighting ceremony took place on Thanksgiving weekend and recently attracted several hundred residents and visitors to kick off the holiday season alongside thousands of dazzling lights, decorated Christmas trees, food trucks, live music, professional entertainment, and not to mention the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter.



something that catches your eye between jewelry, home décor, clothing, toys, and delicious food, treats, and beverages. Consider shopping locally, this holiday season by visiting www.visitcedarcity.com for a list of local shops and restaurants. Plan to stop by the two year-round Farmers Markets in town on Saturday mornings, one located downtown and the other in the IFA Country Store. And you won't want to miss the dozens of dazzling holiday light displays in the area, with a map available on the Visit Cedar City website.

If you plan to stay awhile, check out the many concerts and events happening in the area, including The Piano Guys at Southern Utah University's America's First Event Center on Saturday, December 10th, the Orchestra of Southern Utah's "Messiah" at the Heritage Theater on Sunday, December 11th or Monday, December 12th, and the Masters' Singers Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th in the Heritage Theater to name a few.

Stop by the Frontier Homestead State Park during the month of December for plenty of fun for the entire family including opportunities to partake in holiday crafts and activities, or to gleam at the holiday light decorations.



This year, one lucky child was selected to fly in with Santa on a helicopter, courtesy of SUU Aviation, after entering the "Fly with Santa" contest. It was a magical night for the entire community, with lights set to illuminate Historic Downtown through the upcoming holidays.

"The holidays are such a magical time for everyone," stated Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green. "We strive to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone, whether you are a long-time resident, new resident, visiting for a moment during the holidays, or attending Southern Utah University (SUU) for a few years. We invite you to spend time with us and create lasting memories in our community!"

With a variety of businesses located in historic downtown and throughout Cedar City, there is so much to offer for your holiday shopping lists. You are bound to find

Wrapping up the year in Cedar City, there is much to reflect on and look forward to in 2023. Cedar City continues to attract hundreds of thousands of visitors annually with its many events and festivals.

"Every year we continue to find new ways to bring the community together," said Cedar City Events Director, Brooke Twitchell. "Many of our most popular events already have a date set for the new year and we encourage everyone to follow us on Facebook and Instagram or our City's website to stay connected."

With so much in store, Cedar City invites you to bundle up this winter and join us for traditions, memories, and festivities.

For more information about Cedar City Events, visit www.CedarCity.org and the Tourism Bureau's website at www.VisitCedarCity.com.

SIMONFEST THEATRE COMPANY RETURNS WITH A CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

"This is the perfect show to help us remember our humanity and our worth," says Founder and Artistic Director, Richard Bugg. "It's easy to lose focus on those things when many around us are embracing a cancel culture. This story is one of my personal favorites and Jimmy Stewart is my favorite actor. I'd love to share the story with you, sometime, of how I almost had a private luncheon with Mr. Stewart. Ask me after the show."

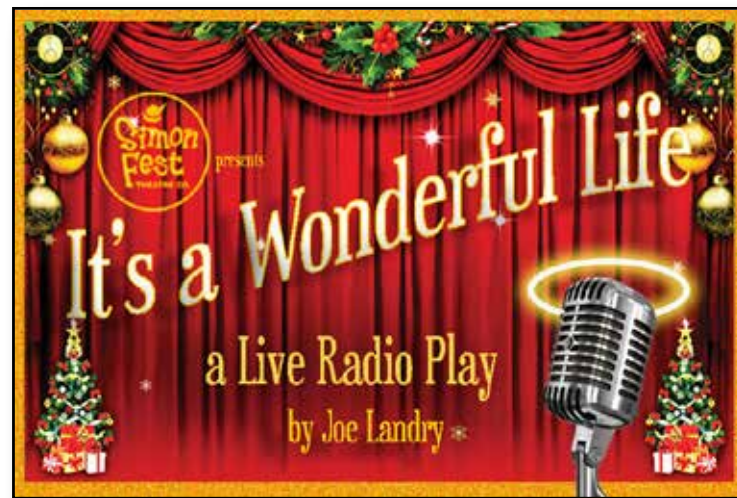
It's a Wonderful Life is the story of idealistic George Bailey, who feels trapped one Christmas Eve, doubting his worth, and thinks of ending his life. We share his journey of rescue, redemption, and

duction. Three additional actors will take their place behind microphones to create the illusion.

But since it is staged as a radio show, why not just broadcast it and forego having a live audience? "Because watching these actors create the voices and sound effects is more than half the fun," proclaims Bugg. "Have you ever wished you could have been in the audience for some of the old-time radio broadcasts, and seen Orson Welles, Jack Benny, Gracie Allen, George Burns, Lucille Ball, Hattie McDaniel, or Edger Bergen work their magic in front of the mic?"

"Storytelling is what makes us human," Bugg continues. "We must continue to share our stories as gifts, not battering rams. We, as a company, have a healthy respect for the dangers of the pandemic, but we believe that we must not live by fear, but by the desire—the need—the drive to remain a united society. Storytelling may also be the greatest catalyst for peace that we have. When we share our stories honestly, (with the goal of mutual understanding, not rabble rousing,) then we share a cathartic journey with our audience. That catharsis causes empathy; empathy leads to peace. And there is nothing as powerful as sharing that experience together in a darkened theater."

It's a Wonderful Life plays December 18th, 19th, and 21st at 7 PM at the Heritage Theater at 105 N 100 E in Cedar City. Tickets are available online at



purpose. The stage presentation is set on Christmas Eve of 1947 in a radio studio, where James Stewart and Donna Reed have been invited to recreate their roles from the film released the previous year. 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 Wheeler. Mr. Potter, and a handful of other characters, will be voiced by Richard Bugg, founder of SimonFest and director of this pro-

www.simonfest.org or by phone at 435-267-0194. The ticketing system automatically distances audience groupings. Audience members will be asked to wear masks.

You can also enjoy the show at the Center for the Arts at Kayenta on December 16th and 17th, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children and students, and they can be purchased online at www.KayentaArts.com or by calling the box office at 435-267-2787.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER TRAINING

A common passion that connects many of us here in Southern Utah is our love for recreating in the outdoors - no matter if that means hiking, biking, off-roading, canyoneering, or something else all together different. Many of these activities can take us deep into the backcountry. The promise of remoteness and solitude is part of the allure of getting outside; it also means that we are farther from help if things go wrong.

From allergic reactions to heart attacks, to sprains and broken bones: because we here at Dreamland Safari Tours host hundreds of guests each month, we know that medical emergencies can happen to any of us, no matter how experienced and careful we may be.

One of our guests' favorite destinations is White Pocket, an incredible slick rock playground of otherworldly colors and shapes that make you feel like you are walking on an alien planet. Given it takes 2+ hours of (mostly off-road) driving to get there from Kanab, the closest town, for emergency response purposes you might as well be on an alien planet. While all of our guides carry GPS communication, emergency response is not instant and never



guaranteed.

That's why we encourage our guides to pursue Wilderness First Responder ("WFR") training which prepares students to provide emergency response where access to definitive care may be delayed. WFR courses provide hands-on training for scenarios that you may encounter in the outdoors: from UTV roll-overs to lightning strikes, from anaphylactic reactions to bee stings to heart attacks.

WFR courses are an integral training tool for outdoor guides (which is why we are amazed to see that there are still many area guide companies operating without WFR training!). That said, Wilderness First Responder training goes far beyond the guide community: WFR courses are open to the public; you don't need prior medical training to participate. Ask yourself: what would you do if a friend or loved one was involved in one of the above scenarios while you are hours from definitive care? Participating in a WFR course will give you the knowledge and confidence to be a great partner should the unexpected happen.

If you'd like to be kept in the loop for when we host our next Wilderness First Responder course in Southern Utah, please reach out to hello@dreamlandtours.net and we'll make sure you are among the first to know!

JOSHUA CREEK CHRISTMAS AT THE BUMBLEBERRY THEATER

The NEW Bumbleberry Theatre is excited to be hosting some heartwarming events during the upcoming holiday season.

Joshua Creek Christmas is back by popular demand coming Saturday, December 17th, 2022, and the show starts at 7 PM.

Come join in as Joshua Creek brings us the Christmas spirit with their beautiful music. The storytelling songwriters present a collection of traditional and original Christmas songs mixed with memories and anecdotes of Christmas, making this a great gift or date night to increase the Christmas spirit. You can learn more about Joshua Creek by visiting www.joshuacreekmusic.com.

Tickets are just \$15 per person and can be purchased at www.showtix4u.com/event-details/68471

Known for their story songs and soaring vocals, Joshua Creek has released 8 albums since 2005. Their music generally revolves around themes of faith, family and patriotism. They've performed in front of a quarter million people, mostly in the Western U.S. Their song, "What Kinda Car," hit No. 1 on the Christian-Country charts in the south and their songs "I Love You Son," "Promise You'll Stay" and others are heard on local radio shows in the Rocky Mountain states. Their latest single is titled "The Garden Road."

Joshua Creek is: Jeff Hinton, lead vocals/guitar; Quint Randle, backing vocals/bass; Ron Saltmarsh, lead guitar/musical director/backing vocals; James Hollister, drums/percussion. This is a must see Christmas spectacular right here at the Bumbleberry Theater.

In addition to Joshua Creek Christmas, you can enjoy entertainment from Cole Sherratt & David Isle Sky. Cole performs every Saturday night from 5-9 PM; admission is free. Cole Sherratt is a Pop, Rock and R&B musician, entertainer, show producer, songwriter and vocalist who is based in Las Vegas, Nevada. He's been featured on HBO, NBC Sing Off Live Tour, seen routinely at MGM and Caesars Casino Properties and has toured internationally with Disney, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Spirit Productions, and AMResorts.

David Isle Sky is a local musician, singer-songwriter living in Springdale, just outside of Zion. He moved to the area this summer from Santa Fe and is excited

to announce that he will be performing every Friday night, 5-9 PM, at the theater inside the building for Porter's (restaurant). It's just David and his acoustic guitar, performing mostly originals, with some covers, all kid and family friendly.

The Bumbleberry Inn & Theater is located at 97 Bumbleberry Ln, Springdale UT 84767.



CHRISTMAS IN KAYENTA CONTINUES WITH THE 3 REDNECK TENORS & IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Get your tickets now for Christmas in Kayenta at the Center For the Arts at Kayenta. Featuring the 3 Redneck Tenors and It's a Wonderful Life.

Center for the Arts at Kayenta is proud to announce The 3 Redneck Tenors are again coming to Kayenta for their Christmas SPEC-TAC-YLE-AR! Christmas has always been about gathering with friends and family. And what better way to do this then by gathering to get into the Christmas spirit together! Don't miss this spectacular holiday show that is perfect for the whole family. Gift certificates are available, and shows are perfect for company parties or family groups!

The 3 Redneck Tenors Christmas SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR

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 19, 20 and 21st, 2022. 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 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

heartwarming way."

It's a Wonderful Life will be performed at the Center for the Arts at Kayenta on December 16th and 17th, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for children and students, and they can be purchased online at www.KayentaArts.com or by calling the box office at 435-267-2787.

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. www.KayentaArts.com Box Office: 435-674-2787. Come be part of the Arts!



Kayenta just in time for some down-home redneck Christmas Cheer. Only 3 shows will be performed, so get your tickets before they sell out! Show times are 7:30 PM each night - Adults \$35, Student \$10.

It's a Wonderful Life, a Live Radio Play

It's a Wonderful Life, a Live Radio Play is produced by the SimonFest Theatre Company. "We had such fun last season," says SimonFest director Richard Bugg. "This is a great story to revisit at Christmas time, one that reaffirms the importance of every individual's life - and in such a charming and

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2023 ARTS TO ZION – BETTER THAN EVER

ST. GEORGE — The Arts to Zion TOUR is back and better than ever with a more expansive approach to exploring the arts in Southern Utah. The five-day



event runs from January 12-16th, 2023, in various locations throughout Washington County and from Ivins to Springdale. This year it will run in conjunction with the St George Heritage Day activities throughout St George, UT.

Like in previous years, you still have the opportunity to visit local galleries and the more intimate private studios. In addition, live music will be offered as part of our “ala cARTe” gallery stroll featuring nibbles and discounts to some of Downtown St Georges finest restaurants on Friday evening, Jan 13th, 2023. 6pm -9pm



The event will kick off on Thursday, January 12th, with a private screening of the new locally filmed documentary called “A Matter of Faith” at the Electric Theater, which is about the St George Tabernacle, a Catholic priest, and a Mormon choir director, set in May of 1879. That year, the unthinkable happened, a Catholic High Mass was sung by a Mormon choir in the St George Tabernacle, and the entire community across what would become Washington County UT was there! For the rest of the TOUR weekend, this film will be shown publicly at the Pioneer Courthouse.

As always, the home studios will be open as noted on the Google Map www.ArtstoZion.org Only select home studios will be open for

the tour on Sunday, January 15th. They are designated on the printed rack cards and our online Google map for the TOUR.

Included on the tour are the private studios of artists in addition to commercial artists at their places of work. The cost of the private studios this year is \$10 per person to visit all private studios. Watch www.ArtstoZion.org for ticket sales starting the first week of December 2022.

“We are thrilled to highlight so many talented artists that live in southern Utah”, said Scott Messel, Arts to Zion Board chairman. “The beauty of our red rock landscape continues to inspire artists and as this area continues to grow, so does our artist family.”

Designed to provide a more complete arts experience, the ala cARTe activity within the TOUR adds a significant amount of music to the event. Line-up to be announced, but in the meantime, visit ArtsToZion.org or check out the event printed maps, located at the Pioneer Courthouse, Gallery 35 and other venues as soon as they are finalized on January 6th, 2023.

BLM OFFERS CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY TREE PERMITS

St. GEORGE, Utah—Each year, hundreds of people enjoy finding unique, naturally grown Christmas and holiday trees on public lands. The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Arizona Strip Field Office and agency partners have begun selling non-commercial permits in-person and online. To obtain a tree permit for the Arizona Strip and St. George Field Office online go to: <https://forestproducts.blm.gov/>. For information on purchasing tree permits for the Dixie National Forest visit their website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/dixie/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD838780>. Permits will be available now through December 23.

Visitors are welcome to obtain information and purchase Christmas and holiday tree permits in-person Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Public Lands Information Center located at 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah. To request information and assistance by phone during regular business hours, excluding weekends and federal holidays, call 435-688-3200.

Permits enable holders to cut personal-use trees on lands managed by the BLM and the USFS in the following areas;

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St. George Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (\$10 per permit).

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A permit is required for the harvest of each individual tree. The tree tag is validated by attaching it securely to the tree in a visible location and cutting out the date, month, and year. Permits are only good for the land agency in which the tag was purchased.

In support of the Every Kid Outdoors

program, one free tree permit is available to fourth graders who present a valid paper or durable Every Kid Outdoors pass. The student must be present with the parent at the time the permit is issued. Every Kid Outdoors vouchers are available to be printed at the program website.

Keep safety in mind when participating in this exciting holiday tradition. Early season cutting is advised as winter weather conditions in the mountains are unpredictable. Be prepared for wet or snow-packed roads and carry chains. Stay on designated roads and trails and respect private property boundaries. Let someone know where you are planning to go and the approximate time you will return. Remember to carry a cell phone, bring additional warm clothing, gloves, boots, a container of hot liquid, water, and a lunch or snack. Carry a flashlight, shovel, first-aid kit, matches, axe or handsaw, and a rope to secure your tree. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!



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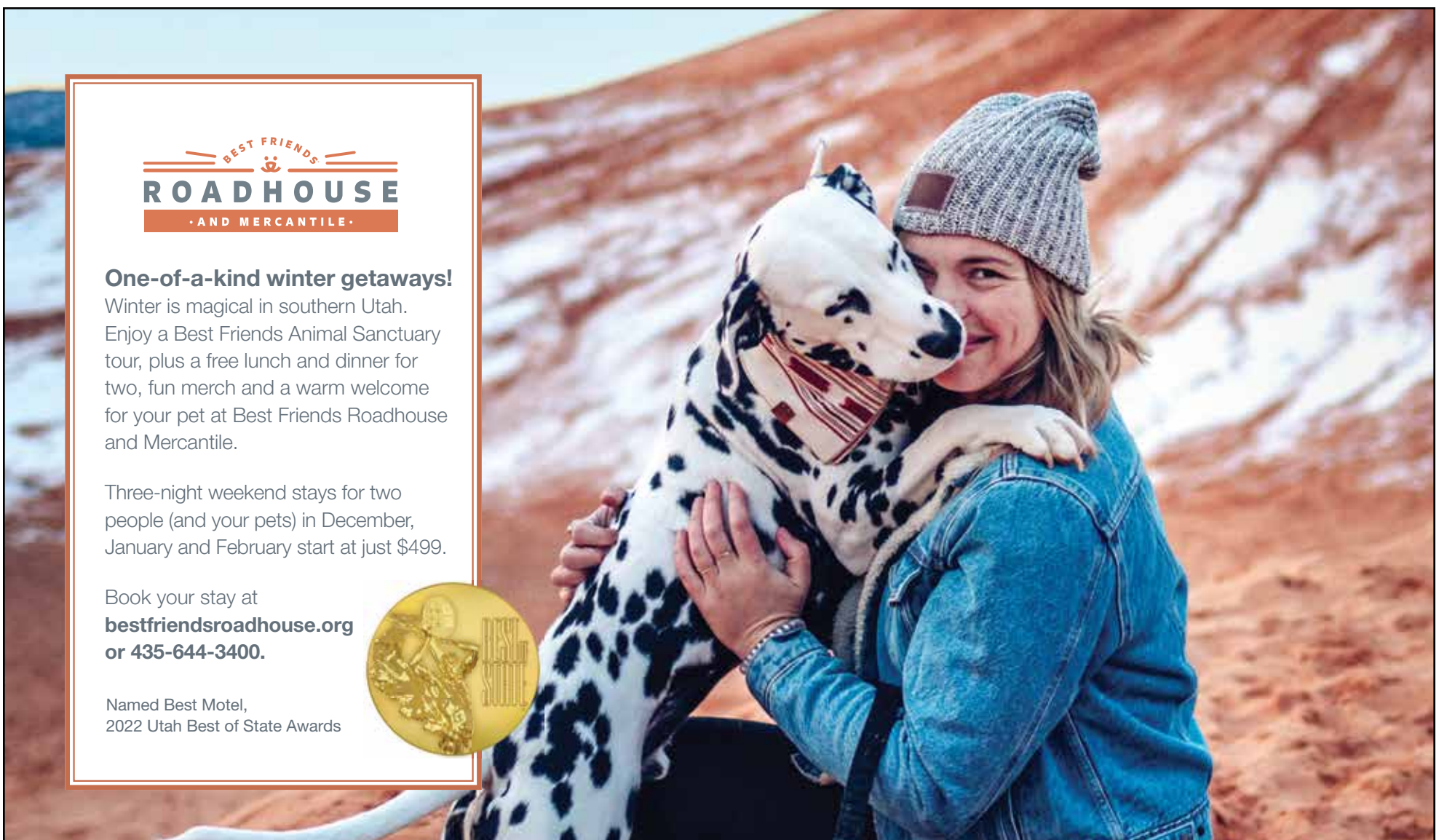
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THE CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW For The Independent

The Crossroads of the West Gun Show is coming to St George on December 17th & 18th. Crossroads has been doing Gun Shows in Utah for over 45 years. What started in Salt Lake soon expanded to St George as well as other cities both in Utah and other western states.

The Gun Show is a gathering of over 200 small locally owned businesses and individual collectors. Whether you're a once a year hunter or an avid collector, you'll find

everything you need; new and used firearms, ammo, scopes, collector items, knives, western and historic memorabilia, safes, custom holsters and more! Best of all, you'll find a wide variety of advice and knowledge concerning everything related to firearms. If it's outdoor, hunting or 2nd Amendment related, you'll find it there. If you enjoy supporting small businesses, this is a can't miss event!

If you're thinking about selling an individual gun or your entire collection, many of the collectors and dealers at the show will offer free appraisals of firearms or western



memorabilia.

The Gun Show will be held at the Dixie Center on Saturday December 17th from 9 am to 5 pm and Sunday December 18th from 9 am to 4 pm.

Tickets are available online at www.CrossroadsGunShows.com or at the door. Bring in this article or the ad printed in the November or December issue of the Independent for a discount at the ticket booth. If you'd prefer to buy your tickets online, use discount code "INDX". Tickets are good all weekend and children 12 and under are free. All local, state and federal laws apply at the show and no one under 18 can enter without a parent or guardian. If you plan

to bring your personal firearm for appraisal, sale or accessory fittings please ensure that it is unloaded prior to entering the Dixie Center.

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TWO CHRISTMAS SHOWS WORTH SEEING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
By Adam Mast

There is certainly no shortage of worthwhile yuletide-inspired shows and events to take the family to in Southern Utah this holiday season—Tuacahn’s much-

buzzed-about adaptation of “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” at The Hafen Theater among them—but we want to focus on two specific shows here.

SGMT’S “BEST OF BROADWAY 3: THE CHRISTMAS EDITION”

St. George Musical Theater returns with an infectious, likable, high-energy, toe-tapping Yuletide version of their popular Best of Broadway series. The aptly titled “Best of Broadway 3: The Christmas Edition” features an epic but briskly-paced 17 music numbers (with no intermission) performed by some of the strongest song and dance talent Southern Utah has to offer. With lively direction by SGMT Artistic Director Bruce Bennett, stellar music direction by local songstress legend, Alice Ericksen, precise choreography from Amber Shakespeare, Troy Bryce, Erica Bryce, Kelby Tyrrell, and Maria Vaccaro, and an up-



to-the-challenge cast and crew, this wonderfully vibrant show features a wide range of tunes that we refuse to reveal in this article. You’re best going in blind and letting the undeniable Christmas spirit wash over you like a warm holiday blanket. Only to say that you’re going to walk away from this winter wonderland of a production with a great big smile on your face.

SGMT’s high-energy “Best of Broadway 3: The Christmas Edition” runs from November 17th thru December 17th at the Opera House. Tickets can be purchased at sgmusicaltheater.com.

ENCORE! PRESENTS “A CHRISTMAS CAROL”

Yes...We all know the legendary holiday tale that is the Dickens classic, “A Christmas Carol” but you’ve never seen it quite like this. Put together by the amazingly talented folks at Encore! Performing

Arts, this youth-centric take on the iconic source material features a script by local acting legend, Rhett Guter (who also directed) and all original songs by the gifted Adam Record. Encore! is known for giving our youth an outlet in which they can learn all about the arts and with this take on “A Christmas Carol,” they’ve initiated something they refer to as “Show With a Pro.” The majority of the cast is made up of supremely talented local-based youth with veteran actor/storyteller Corbin Allred (“Saints and Soldiers”) and scene-stealing local theater actor Adam Cheney (“Little Shop of Horrors”) serving as onstage mentors to a very dedicated cast. The end result is something truly remarkable. And what’s more, Encore!’s goal is to make “A Christmas Carol” an annual tradition moving forward. You can help them make this a reality by filling The Electric Theater throughout their limited 2-week run.

Encore!’s magical production of “A Christmas Carol” will run from December 1st thru December 16th at the Electric Theater. You can purchase tickets at encorepa.org.

ST. GEORGE’S WINTER CONCERT SERIES TO SHOWCASE CHRIS ANDERSON

ST. GEORGE—The City of St. George’s free Concert in the Park series was so popular that a new idea emerged: arrange more live music for the residents of the City. The result is the Winter Concert Series, a festive celebration of music that brings community members of all ages together once a month from October through January.

The first such concert was on Oct. 24 at the Electric Theater (68 East Tabernacle Street) as Mountaintop Sound, a Utah-based band that blends a mix of Americana, folk, and bluegrass sounds, delighted the audience. All Winter Concert Series events are free to attend, but seating is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to the capacity of the building (300).

Performances are at 7 PM and doors open 20 minutes prior to each performance.

“We listened to our residents’ desire for more live music — and we hope this first step in meeting those wishes will be well received,” said Jeremy Poston, Technical Theater Coordinator for the City of St. George. “We love to give back to our residents and help them feel a sense of community through a greater variety of entertainment.”

There are two concerts remaining.

Dec. 13: Chris Anderson (Crooner Christmas).

Jan. 16: Legends of Rock (Classic Rock).

More information www.sgcity.org/winterconcertseries

Chris Anderson had music running through his veins his entire life but didn’t realize it until the age of 18. Once he discovered his gift, Chris’s otherwise ordinary life took a completely different, unexpected path. After hearing Chris sing for the first time, his uncle Jeff Anderson, a professional clarinetist, gave him his very first live performing opportunities as the lead singer of his former band, The Blue Notes.

About the Winter Concert Series

The Winter Concert Series is a festive celebration of music that brings community members of all ages together for four exciting nights. This new series runs from October through January once a month at the Electric Theater Center (68 E Tabernacle St). Seating is based on a first-come-first-served basis. The Winter Concert Series is free to the public. Donations are appreciated. Questions: Call 627-4580 or email artadmin@sgcity.org.



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- ★★★★ - Good
- ★★★ - Decent
- ★★ - Poor
- ★ - Terrible

THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

The lega-sequel has been on a roll as of late. With hits like “Top Gun: Maverick,” “Ghostbusters: Afterlife,” and even Netflix’s celebrated “Karate Kid” continuation “Cobra-Kai” appealing to fans in a pretty big way, it was only a matter of time before the iconic holiday stylings of 1983’s beloved “A Christmas Story” (a film that lives up to its iconic status as far as I’m concerned) got the official follow-up treatment. Before getting to the actual review, though, let it be known that there were already a few “sort of” sequels to the legendary yuletide Jean Shepherd-inspired classic.

There was the 1988 TV movie, “Ollie Hoopdale’s Haven of Bliss,” which, admittedly, I had completely forgotten about until a friend reminded me of it. There was also 1994’s slightly underappreciated “My Summer Story,” also directed by the original’s Bob Clark, which would find the Parker family hijinks taking place during an entirely different season. And then, there was the misguided mess that was the Daniel Stern-headlined “A Christmas Story 2” from 2012.

Of course, in addition to the Parker family being played by completely different actors, what really separates these projects from the film that inspired them was that they weren’t nearly as good. That brings us to “A Christmas Story Christmas,” a movie that, while not as strong as the original either, still has the nostalgic benefit of having several original cast members back in action.

“A Christmas Story Christmas” takes place in the 70s and finds a now adult Ralpie Parker (played by a returning Peter Billingsley), living life as a loving but stressed family man. His aspirations of making it as a professional writer have not yet materialized and a difficult holiday season becomes even more difficult when Ralpie learns of the passing of his old man. Upon hearing this sad news, a grieving Ralpie takes the family (played by Erinn Hayes, River Drosche, and Julianna Layne) on a trip to his old stomping ground where

he looks to give his kids the sort of magical Christmas he had as a youngster. Along the way, he re-connects with his mother (a game Julie Hagerty taking over a role made famous by a motherly Melinda Dillon) and a handful of old friends including Flick (a returning Scott Schwartz) and Schwartz (a returning R.D. Robb.)

As expected, “A Christmas Story Christmas” overfloweth with obligatory fan service. Some of it works surprisingly well, none more so than the warmth that Billingsley brings to the Jean Shepherd-inspired off-screen narration. Other callbacks, however, i.e. a strange and rather thankless Randy return and a handful of iconic line do-overs like “I triple dog dare you,” don’t fair nearly as well. There’s also an all too brief return of another memorable character from “A Christmas Story” (hint; He had yellow eyes...So help me God... Yellow eyes!) that should have made a bigger impression but since he’s reduced to a glorified cameo, his appearance doesn’t quite pack the punch that it should. Still, it’s a fun performance despite the brevity. All of the previous attributes make for a movie that is a bit of a mixed bag.



That said, living up to the monumental legacy of the original was always going to be an uphill battle, and all things considered, “A Christmas Story Christmas” is often more delightful than one might expect. Hagerty is quirky and likable as a loving, casserole-addicted mother looking to adjust to a single life, and while it’s a bummer that Dillon couldn’t be on hand for this movie, the “Airplane!” star does an admirable job filling in. Likewise, Billingsley is fun here as a family man who realizes, in a poignant fashion, that life moves by pretty fast. Beyond that, one can truly feel the spirits of memoirs writer Jean Shepherd, the first film’s director Bob Clark, and original Old Man, Darren McGavin, all over this thing and that’s certainly to this film’s benefit.

Yes, there are moments that feel rushed and there are certainly times when this film feels of the TV movie variety, but at the very least, the cast and crew behind “A Christmas Story Christmas” didn’t shoot their eyes out. It may not rival the original, but there’s a charm, sweetness, and harmlessness that make this one worthy of a stream (it’s only available on HBO Max) this magical holiday season.

OPINION

QUESTIONING CONVENIENCE

By Lisa Rutherford

As I sat in my dark and chilly home due to a Rocky Mountain Power outage, I started wondering about the conveniences that we take for granted. Sometime ago I saw a bumper sticker that said “Question Convenience.” That has rattled around in my brain for a while but the outage brought it back to the forefront of my thinking. I think perhaps the person who had that sticker on their car was trying to get people to think about what we give up for the conveniences we generally enjoy.

It’s never “convenient” to have the things we count on unavailable. When the power goes out—unless one has a generator—lights, heat or air conditioning, internet access, and more are unavailable.

The generally reliable twenty-four-hour power that we have come to enjoy has certainly not come without costs, as we are witnessing now. Climate change deniers will assert that fossil fuel energy is not the problem, but the majority of scientists who study this in great detail certainly see the connection. They’re much smarter than I—and most others—so I think I’ll stick with them.

Because we have allowed ourselves the convenience of this energy, we are now experiencing the inconvenience of the catastrophes associated with it: more violent storms, raging fires due to extreme temperatures, heaving flooding, rising sea levels, and more. All of these things are affecting the costs we pay for essential goods and services. In fact, Bernardo Bastien-Olvera lead author of a study done at the University of California Davis notes that “Our research adds to the evidence suggesting that impacts are far more uncertain and potentially larger than previously thought.” According to their research, as of 2020 and not including the 2020 disasters, \$500 billion in losses directly from climate-fueled weather disasters had been experienced in the U.S. Many people who don’t have financial resources to deal with such losses face the risk of bankruptcy.

Before readers discount that as just more woke-California hogwash, financial firm Morgan Stanley published a report in 2019 that detailed the cost of climate-related disasters. In the three years prior to that report, climate disasters cost the U.S. about \$415B. The report asserted that businesses need to do more to protect themselves from the devastating effects of what we now acknowledge as climate change. According to The National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)—part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)—the five years 2017-2021 cost \$788.4B (\$157.7B per year) with 911 deaths per year.

Water, another convenience, is being

affected by climate change, too. Those of us in the West who rely on the diminishing Colorado River are having to consider the effects of less water available to support the quality of life upon which we have come to rely, certainly an inconvenience. Many are looking to the farmers to give up their water so that some can still have their lawns, golf courses, larger-than-needed homes, and their continued waste of this precious resource.

I hear frequent mention of pioneer ancestors with an assertion that we must honor their works through our efforts to secure more—more water, more land, more fossil-fuel energy. Ha, we’ve become so pampered that most have no clue as to the effort those pioneers exerted and how little, in comparison, is exerted now. Rather, we just want more.

You’d think that people would be willing to cut back during this inflationary period, but I see more new gas-guzzling vehicles on the road. Huge vehicles pass me every day as their internal combustion engines suck up that costly gasoline. Do they let up with the lead foot? No. Are they complaining about inflation and the cost of gasoline? Probably. Are they blaming others rather than taking action themselves? Apparently. The convenience of having a larger-than-probably-needed vehicle apparently trumps everything.

Convenience can have very strange results as revealed in an article in The Economist magazine. Back in the 1970s typical American cars started getting more energy efficient—improving from 13 miles per gallon to 20 miles per gallon by 1980. But, did people stay with that improvement and the convenience it afforded while enjoying the economic benefits of better gas mileage and slow the growth of fossil fuel use? No. Many bought even bigger vehicles and more of them leading to increased oil consumption resulting in usage higher than the decade before. So, given what I’m witnessing lately, we are no smarter than others forty years ago.

Improvement in home-energy efficiency has not led to people keeping smaller energy-efficient homes but has led to the growth in home sizes even as the average population per household has shrunk since the 1940s. That increased home size has led to demand for more materials including lumber from our diminishing forests and other materials, all requiring more energy to produce. Apparently, we are not satisfied with good but always want better no matter what the cost. And the convenience is costing us.

So, as I finished writing, the electrical problem had been resolved. I wondered if people were scampering to turn on all lights and electrical appliances while giving little thought to the cost of that convenience to all of us. November 15, 2022, marked the day that our Earth’s population hit eight billion! And, it’s not the sheer number of people; it’s the consumption of those eight billion that will challenge the future of this planet. Many of those eight billion will want the same conveniences we in the developed world have enjoyed for some time. We need to set a new standard for the future.



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OPINION

UTAH'S NATIONALLY RENOWNED COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM

By Howard Sierer



Utah has been ranked first in the nation again and again in a variety of categories in recent years. Our nationally renowned "my529" college savings

program adds to that list of superlatives.

Per the federal Securities and Exchange Commission, "A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged savings plan designed to encourage saving for future education costs. 529 plans, legally known as 'qualified tuition plans,' are sponsored by states, state agencies, or educational institutions and are authorized by Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code."

529 plans allow parents, grandparents (or anyone else for that matter) to put money aside for a child's educational use after high school graduation. Often called college savings plans, their proceeds can be used for vocational training as well as equipment required for that training.

Financial columnist Greg Spears explains: "Like an IRA, a 529 plan gives you a tax break for saving for a specific goal—but, in this case, college rather than retirement. Money in a 529 grows tax-deferred and, if used to pay for qualifying education expenses, can be withdrawn tax-free."

Unlike IRA or 401(k) plans, contributions to a 529 account are not tax deductible on federal income tax returns. However, Utah citizens and those in a few other states can get a state income tax

credit for a portion of their contributions, another plus for our state.

Spears calls 529 plans "a rare tax triple play: tax-deductible contributions at the state level, tax-deferred growth, and tax-free withdrawals."

Utah's plan is open to citizens of all states, and Spears, who lives in Pennsylvania, explains why he chose Utah's plan. "We used Utah's 529 plan because it had rock-bottom fees, offered low-cost index funds, and didn't charge a sales commission." That's a powerful endorsement from a financial columnist who has studied 529 plans around the country.

Spears isn't alone in singing the Utah plan's praises. Morningstar, the highly respected financial rating firm, says, "Utah's my529 plan is the only 529 plan that's consistently received a 'Gold' rating since we debuted our ratings in 2012, but the investment team hasn't rested on its laurels. Instead, it continues to focus on improving the plan for the betterment of investors."

If your child does get a full ride to college, you can transfer money in a 529 account to another family member. You could even spend the money by going back

to school yourself. New rules also make money in a 529 available to pay for K-12 education or to repay up to \$10,000 in student loan debt.

With Pres. Biden's student loan debt forgiveness (a.k.a. vote buying) plan is being declared unlawful by courts here and here; the ability to repay college student loan debt is another 529 plus as well as a boon for parents who send their children to private K-12 schools.

Sadly, according to a 2021 Sallie Mae survey, only 37% of families use 529s to help pay for college. Paraphrasing an old television commercial, college or vocational education costs are a case of "pay me now (with tax-free investment gains and withdrawals) or pay me later."

Spears concludes his column with some advice: "Of course, you may not need to save in a 529 if your child can run a four-minute mile or is a lock to be admitted to a national military academy. As for the rest of us, I suggest starting to save as early as possible. After all, as almost everybody will tell you, kids grow up fast."

Utah's best-in-class "my529" plan is yet another reason to appreciate living in our well-governed state.

THREE PILLARS OF PROGRESSIVE PHILOSOPHY REVEALED

In the smoldering wake of what can only be called a Republican debacle, many pundits much better schooled in politics and history weighed in with their opinions on what happened.

But in the days after the election, one which dragged on interminably and unforgivably due to GOP negligence and Democratic exploitation, a few things became clear to me. Here they are, in no particular order.

Progressives want things, and they don't want to pay for them.

Conservatives want things too, but we manage to muster a bit of shame about our desire for acquisition. Progressives have no such reservations, and tell us in an almost admirably direct way what they deserve.

Take women. My liberal sisters believe that they have the right to have an abortion whenever and wherever the spirit moves them. They might give lip service to the concept of exceptions, but when you do suggest limitations as Lindsey Graham did with his 15 week ban, they balk.

Conservatives might be squeamish about drawing bright lines dissecting the period between "no abortion," "some abortion," and "go ahead have an abortion with a side of fries," but we generally accept that dominion over life and death is not something that should be left to a mother and her obstetrician.

But we don't even have to get to the life and death issues to see how differently the left wing and the right deal with the world.

I attended a forum the other evening featuring a mayoral hopeful in Philadelphia named Helen Gym, a well-known city councilwoman some say is the leading candidate to win the race next year. But Gym gave a progressive tell when someone asked her about the problems with trash collection.

Gym stated that it was an issue of "equity." I leaned in to hear how she was going to tie garbage to the civil rights movement. She did not disappoint.

The councilwoman said that she had recently been to an elementary school graduation, and lamented that the kids and their parents, dressed so beautifully, had to walk by piles of trash that the city hadn't yet picked up. She suggested that in some neighborhoods, it was important to have twice weekly pick ups, whereas in others, once a week was sufficient. That, she said, was equity.

I was astounded. My grandmother, who left school in third grade and was poor most of her life, made it a point to scrub down the

pavement in front of her West Philadelphia row home every couple of days. Her husband, my Pop Pop, was a trash collector for the city of Philadelphia for many years, until he fell off of a truck and broke his back.

Poor people can pick up after themselves if they have a modicum of dignity. But the councilwoman was suggesting that if you live in certain depressed and minority neighborhoods, you need the government to hold your hand.

Progressives never think people are capable of autonomy, and the village must always rush in to help.

Another development that underlined the difference between liberal and conservative philosophy was the news this week that the Pennsylvania House had voted to impeach Philadelphia's District Attorney, Larry Krasner.

It's as yet uncertain whether a trial will be held in the Senate since it's a lame duck session and they've adjourned for the year, but the mere fact that legislators — admittedly all Republicans — agreed to at least symbolically hold the criminally negligent prosecutor accountable for the rising homicide rate was great news.

It also reminded me once again of John Fetterman, our senator-elect, who was once on the Pennsylvania Board of Pardons and regularly cast the only vote to release on early parole violent criminals. In one case, he was in favor of commuting the sentence of a man involved in the murder of my friend's father, a beloved neighborhood pharmacist

in Overbrook.

Who is going to give the murder victim's grieving survivors a new chance at waking up in the morning, free from the psychological and emotional pain that will follow them through the rest of their lives?

Not John Fetterman. Not the sort of people who say "he paid his debt to society."

Frankly, if you take a life, the only way to pay that debt is to surrender your own. And if the death penalty makes you cringe, life imprisonment with no parole is the answer.

These things: abortion, a desire for

unlimited government aid, and a refusal to recognize the pain of victims define for me the philosophy of the progressives.

The fact that this philosophy was embraced by so many this month makes me infinitely sad.

It also makes me determined to rage against the dying of the light, and fight against abortion rights, fight for the rights of victims.

And, oh yeah, pick up my own trash.

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OUTDOORS

HIKING SOUTHERN UTAH: HIDDEN HAVEN FALLS TRAIL

By Tom Garrison

Trail: Hidden Haven Falls Trail

Location: Parowan Canyon Wildlife Management Area about five miles east of Parowan. The hike is free, and no permit necessary.

Difficulty: Easy with some Benson Creek rock scrambling and creek crossing the last part of the hike.

Average hiking time: One to two hours depending upon your speed, photo stops, and a side trip to the amphitheater.

Elevation: 7,105 feet trailhead elevation with a 250 feet elevation change.

Family-Friendly: Yes, we saw several young kids and a dog on the trail.

Getting there: From St. George, travel north on Interstate 15. About 15 miles past Cedar City, turn off at Exit 75, placing you on Highway 143 (aka 200 South Street) going east. Follow the signs for Brian Head and Cedar Breaks National Monument, and after about 2.5 miles, turn right onto South Canyon Road, also known as Highway 143. Reset your odometer at this intersection and follow Highway 143 south for 5.5 miles, where you will see a large white sign on the left (east) side of the road saying, "Parowan Canyon Wildlife Management Area." The sign is in a large parking area. This is the Hidden Haven Falls Trailhead. There also was a smaller white and blue sign reading "Hidden Haven" attached to a fence rail. This small sign may or may not always be there.

No matter how wonderful home is, and southwest Utah is indeed wonderful, just



about everyone needs to get out of town occasionally, even for a few hours. As we all know, the St. George area is hot in the summer. Not kinda hot, but a temperature close to that of the surface of the sun. What to do?

Our plan was an easy hike above 6,500 feet elevation (it's cooler) in a wooded area. The perfect hike includes a waterfall.

Guess what? Hidden Haven Falls Trail near Parowan meets all those requirements. It is approximately two miles round trip doable in the summer, and you probably won't melt.

My wife Deb and I departed on a Thursday morning in mid-June during an extreme heatwave (it usually doesn't get to 110 degrees until the middle of July).

We arrived at the trailhead about 9:15 am. The parking lot and trailhead elevation is 7,105 feet, and the temperature was in the mid-80s.

A wooden fence bounds the parking area/trailhead with an opening to the trail. The first section of the well-established trail, about 1/3 mile, runs north parallel to Highway 143 between the highway and Parowan Creek on the right. It is a wooded area, and the trail winds in and out of the shade.

While Deb and I totally enjoy desert hiking, this woodland trail is a nice change. We came to the first small footbridge



crossing Parowan Creek about 1/3 mile in when the trail bends away from the highway and heads east, now paralleling Benson Creek.

At approximately 1/2 mile along, we came to a fork in the trail marked by a solitary wooden bench. The right fork (heading south) heads uphill to an amphitheater. The left continues toward the falls, going east roughly paralleling Benson Creek to the left of the trail.

Next, we came to a second footbridge at .7 mile along the trail. Soon we entered a picnic area with tables and could see the top of Benson Canyon, where the falls are located.



We scrambled down the bank of Benson Creek just beyond the campground where a huge tree had fallen across the creek and continued upstream. From here to the waterfall requires some easy creek crossing and rock scrambling.



After about .1 mile, we heard and saw the waterfall—a very nice cascade about 40 feet high in a shady cove. It was the beginning of summer in a dry year, and the waterfall was flowing, but not a thundering torrent one could imagine in the spring of

a wet year. The one-way distance from the trailhead to the falls is about one mile with a 250 feet elevation change, an easy hike.

On the return trip, we quickly explored the amphitheater, less than a 1/4 mile round trip. It was somewhat odd to find an open area with a rough stage and staggered seating. Nevertheless, it would be an excellent venue for a play. Then it was back to the intersection and return to the trailhead.

Deb and I are used to desert hiking, where we can typically see scores of miles in every direction. This was different, albeit a nice change, in that most of what we could see was a bazillion trees everywhere. We didn't see any squirrels or lizards but did spot a few birds and butterflies.

We were a bit surprised to meet at least 20 other hikers, including several young kids, on a fairly obscure trail mid-week during a heatwave.

All-in-all a pleasant hike. This family-friendly adventure is worth the effort. We spent about 1 1/2 hours on the trail. The roundtrip distance is about two miles; add another 1/4 mile to see the amphitheater. So if you enjoy a leisurely hike in a cooler environment with a waterfall payoff, give Hidden Haven Falls Trail a try.



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A BRUSH WITH AFRICA Nov. 29-Jan. 13 (closed during UT holidays). The Utah Tech Sears Art Museum Presents "A Brush With Africa" featuring art by Birgit Wudenka McMullen, Sage Gallagher, and Ruth Hewlett-Pope, and in the Eccles Grand Foyer: Brush and Lens: Deena Millicam and Stephen Sandau. Sears Art Museum in the Eccles Fine Arts Center, 225 S. University Ave., St. George.

BEST OF BROADWAY 3 - A MOVIE MUSICAL CHRISTMAS Dec. 2-3, 7 PM. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AT RED HILLS DESERT GARDEN Dec. 2-3, 6 PM. Red Hills Desert Garden, 375 Red Hills Pkwy., St. George.

KURT BESTOR - RETURN TO THE MAGIC Dec. 2, and 3, 6 PM. Internationally acclaimed musician Kurt Bestor performs his annual Christmas Concert "Return to the Magic" with surprise guests. Tickets \$40/\$10. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

"HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" CHRISTMAS CONCERT, SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR Dec. 2-3, 7:30 PM. Two Christmas concerts by the Southern Utah Heritage Choir will feature performances from recording artists, the Truman Brothers. Ben and Chad Truman are the sons of Grammy-winning, and St. George native, Dan Truman of Diamond Rio fame. Tickets are \$20/per person at HeritageChoir.org. Crimson Cliffs High School Auditorium, 4430 S. Crimson Cliffs Way, Washington.

IDAHO JONES AND THE QUEST FOR ANASAZI'S LAST SECRET! Dec. 2-3, 6 PM., Join Rattlin' D Playhouse for an evening of big laughs, good food, and great music from Idaho Jones and the Quest for Anasazi's Last Secret! Rattlin' D Playhouse, 433 Diamond Ranch Pkwy., Hurricane.

DICKENS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Dec. 2, and 3, 10 AM. The Festival is created to bring you the best-selling experience of the year. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

CHRISTMAS EXPRESS TRAIN Dec. 2-23, 5, 7, and 8-9, 6 PM. Tickets start at \$3. The train leaves approximately every 10 minutes. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

THE GUILD "GIFT OF ART" SHOW ARTIST'S RECEPTION Dec. 2-15, 6 PM. The Southern Utah Art Guild's "The Gift of Art" show will feature many local artists in Southern Utah. Admission is free to the public. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

TUACAHN'S LIVE NATIVITY 7 PM. Dec. 2-23, 8:15 PM. Assigned Seating. \$4 per person Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

TUACAHN'S CHRISTMAS IN THE CANYON Dec. 2-23, 6 PM. Come celebrate Christmas at Tuacahn this holiday season! With over 250,000 twinkling lights, a live nativity show, Tuacahn Express train rides, open fire, and a visit with Santa Claus, you don't want to miss Tuacahn's Christmas in the Canyon event! Admission is free. Tuacahn's Cafe will be open for dinner and treats! Tuacahn Center for the Arts, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

ST. GEORGE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE Dec. 2-31, 5 PM. The annual St George Christmas Village will be the place to be if you're looking for some holiday cheer. Our local St George vendors bring a wide variety of goods for you to choose from, and our schedule of events create a joyful spirit for all to enjoy. Create your own annual Christmas tradition when you come visit our St George Christmas Village this holiday season. Red Cliffs Mall, 1770 E. Red Cliffs Dr., St. George.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER Dec. 2-22, Times vary. Starting at \$29 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

LA VERKIN CITY WINTERFEST Dec. 2-3, 8:15 AM. Wanlass Park, 435 N. Main St., La Verkin, St. George.

GLITTERING LIGHTS AT LAS VEGAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY Dec. 2-Jan. 8, 4:45 PM. Get in the holiday spirit a little differently this year, at Las Vegas Motor Speedway's Glittering Lights. In this drive-through Christmas lights display, you'll cover a 2.5-mile course through the speedway, as more than 3 million LED lights create over 500 animated displays. Las Vegas Motor Speedway, 7000 Las Vegas Blvd., North Las Vegas.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD: HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD Dec. 7-10, 5:30 PM. Enjoy holiday-themed activities, crafts, and entertainment. Santa Claus will be making a special stop here at the museum to listen to Christmas wishes during the event. The cost is \$2 per person or \$8 per family. For information call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park, 635 N. Main St., Cedar City.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Dec. 16-17, 7:30 PM. It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play. Be a part of the audience of this recreation of a 1947 live radio broadcast. Join Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, and a host of delightful characters as they tell this timeless and beloved story. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.



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CROSSROADS OF THE WEST GUN SHOW Dec. 17-18, 9 AM. Ticket price allows entrance for both days. Kids 12 and under are free with a parent or guardian and do not require a ticket. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

THE 3 REDNECK TENORS CHRISTMAS SPEC-TAC-YULE-AR! Dec. 19-21, 7:30 PM. The 3 Redneck Tenors Christmas Spec-Tac-Yule-Ar! 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 deep-fried feast of musical delights. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

TODDLER TIME 11 AM. Days/times vary. Washington County Library System, 88 West 100 South, St. George.

NFR LIVE BROADCAST AT CASABLANCA Dec. 1-10. 5:45 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.

THE RIDE AT CASABLANCA Dec. 1-4, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Singing a great variety of classic rock. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

GLEN GALLARDE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Dec. 21-25, 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.

THREE CHORD MONTE AT CASABLANCA Dec. 7-11, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. playing an eclectic mix of rock and pop from the 70's to the 2000's. Their song selection is anything but what you will expect, ranging from the music of Tom Petty, the Beatles, Boz Scaggs to Ozzy, Styx and Night Ranger with so much in between. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Dec. 14-18, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. R&B, funk, dance, oldies, and classic rock. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA Dec. 28-Jan. 1, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

KARAOKE WITH "GAYLE LOUISE" 5 PM. Karaoke Funnnnn with "Gayle Louise" Tuesday's and Wednesday's (702) 345-6747. PEGGY SUE'S DINER. 380 N. Sandhill Blvd, Mesquite.

Events by Day

TUESDAYS

MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Everyday is better when you make art! Join us every Tuesday from 11-Moon to create unique projects that you can take home. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

STORY TIME AT WASHINGTON BRANCH 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

TRAUMA & LOSS WOMEN'S GROUP 6 PM. Trauma & Loss Group for Women St. George, UT 84770, 640 E. 700 S., STE 101, St. George.

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., Mesquite.

THE GRACEFUL WOMAN 6:30 PM. Tuesday nights are now open to Women of all ages for a wonderful night of specialized teachings to empower, uplift, heal, strengthen and teach. Kundalini Yoga offers unique, transformative guidance for women to stay healthy both in body, mind and heart. Pregnant mommas are welcome, teenagers welcome, young and old are welcome! Fruit and Yogi Tea will be served after class. Bring your girlfriends, your daughters, your aunts, your mother and grandmother. By Donation \$5-\$11. Sage Hills Healing Center, 6232 W. Sage Hills Dr., Cedar City.

WEDNESDAYS

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.

KARAOKE AT BEAVER DAM BAR 5:30 PM. Every Wednesday with Gayle Louise (SAME TIME as Mesquite) (435) 229-9725. 411 Co Hwy 91, Littlefield.

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.

THURSDAYS

MUSIC TIME WITH MARLENE 11:30 AM. Join Marlene in our Theater Room every Thursday for music, prizes, and dancing! St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) 4 PM. Support group helping you focus on making small, steady lifestyle changes with "Real People-Real Weightloss. Call (435) 669-7172 or visit www.tops.org Pioneer Museum, 145 N. 100 E., St. George.

DESERT COMMUNITY STRINGS AND NEW 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.

KARAOKE B-I-N-G-O! 6:30 PM. Karaoke B-I-N-G-O! with "Gayle Louise". Two ways to win! Not based on talent. SING-PLAY-WIN! "KORAL KAFE Might As Well Lounge" (435) 627-6262. 2400 N. Town Center Dr. Washington.

JOYFUL YOGA 6:30 PM. An all Levels, all Ages class for anyone and everyone! Get your Joy on with Kundalini Yoga and Meditation as taught by Yogi Bhajan. Mantra, Mudra, Breathing, Movement all with a specific intention to elevate and synchronize your energy, physical and mental bodies to Meditate. Yogi tea and fresh fruit served after each class. By donation. \$5 to \$11. Sage Hills Healing Center, 6232 W. Sage Hills Dr., Cedar City.

KARAOKE NIGHT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 7:30 PM. Every Thursday night. Located in the Grille. Prizes available. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., urricane.

KARAOKE WITH DJ LANCE AT MIKES TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

FRIDAYS

MOMS 'N TOTS PLAYTIME AT HURRICANE 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

SATURDAYS

ST. GEORGE FARMERS MARKET 8 AM. The Farmers Market at Vernon Worthen Park is a free event, held every Saturday, from 8 AM. to 12 noon. The event is held every Saturday through the end of December. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

SWEET PEA FARM & ORCHARD FARM BREAKFAST 8 AM Every Saturday from 8 AM.-12 PM. all summer long. Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard, 136 S. 600 W., Parowan.

BEST FRIENDS GENTLE YOGA 9 AM. Join us for a 45-minute gentle yoga class for all levels and ages at Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET 9 AM.-1 PM. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735. IFA, 905 S. Main St., Cedar City.

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.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday behind 1/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 month 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.

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.

COLE SHERRATT 5 PM. Cole Sherratt is a pop, rock, and R&B musician entertainer, show producer, songwriter, and vocalist who is based in Las Vegas, Nevada. He's been featured on HBO, NBC Sing Off Live Tour, seen routinely at MGM and Caesars casino properties and has toured internationally with Disney, Norwegian Cruise lines, spirit productions, and AMResorts. Bumbleberry Theatre, 897 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale.

Events by Date

Fri, Dec 2

HURRICANE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FESTIVAL 3 PM. Come enjoy live entertainment throughout the event, browse and purchase trees on display, shop at the holiday market, visit Santa, buy homemade treats, and see the Christmas trains and nativities on display. Free Event. Hurricane City Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

MOST WANTED BAND AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. Playing classic rock, disco, oldies, country, and everything in between. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 3

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY/ SANTA'S VISIT 10 AM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

SKY MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR 10 AM. Come enjoy some holiday shopping with local artists and crafters at the Sky Mountain HOA Holiday Craft Fair in Hurricane. Admission to this event is free. There will be food, art, jewelry, crafts, and more. Don't miss out on this special event! Sky Mountain HOA Clubhouse, 985 N. Sky Mountain Blvd., Hurricane.

SPIRIT OF 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. Admission is FREE. For information call (435) 586-4874. Stratum Real Estate Office, 365 S. Main St., Cedar City.

HOLIDAY TREE JUBILEE 5 PM. 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. For information visit them on Facebook: /holidaytreelibee or call (435) 531-9138. \$25 Family Donation. Funds raised will go to local Homeless and At-Risk Teens and other local children and families who need a little extra help at Christmas. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

LAUGHING ALL THE WAY 6 PM. Join best-selling authors and HILARIOUS motivational speakers Hank Smith, Meg Johnson, and John Bytheway for Laughing All The Way, a fun and entertaining family Christmas event! Experience the Christmas spirit through fun, laughter, and inspirational holiday messages at an evening filled with some of the most popular speakers in the industry. Tickets are \$30 general admission, group, and discount tickets are available at ourturtlehouse.com/events/cedar-city/. Festival Hall/Heritage Center Conference Center, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

DAD BOD WITH DIZZY EDGE AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 7 PM. This is an exclusive event. See website for information blueskatzgrill.com. \$25 includes buffet. 21+ only! 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

SIMPLY THREE 7:30 PM. Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

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

Sun, Dec 4

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Mon, Dec 5

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.

DESERT HILLS HIGH: BAND O RAMA 5:15 PM. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George.

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON 6 PM. Come and enjoy food trucks, entertainment, a holiday sing-a-long, and the lighting of a Christmas Tree located next to the Johnson Center. Remember to decorate (or write a wish) on the provided ornaments and place it on the tree. Soda Nerd will be serving Hot Chocolate and Santa will be there to visit with the kids. Free admission. Johnson Arts Center, 59 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

SNOW CANYON HIGH: CONESITE ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7 PM. Snow Canyon High School, 1385 Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

Tues, Dec 6

BROWN BAG LECTURE Noon. Artists of all media 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 vwards@gmail.com Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 West, Mesquite.

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CALENDAR

DIXIE HIGH: DMS ORCHESTRA CONCERT 4 PM. Auditorium and Choir Room. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George. **ARTS COUNCIL MTG** 5:30 PM. Monthly board meeting of the Mesquite Arts Council. The public is welcome. Anyone wishing to volunteer or join the Mesquite Arts Council are encouraged to attend. Contact: Gwen Olsen 702-346-2787 golsen47@yahoo.com. Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca Street Room 23, Mesquite.

CHAPTER 1 BOOK CLUB 5:30 PM. Chapter 2 Book Club Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

CANYON VIEW HIGH: FALL DANCE CONCERT 7 PM. Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

Wed, Dec 7

SENIOR EXPO-AETNA 50+ FESTIVAL 10 AM. www.50Fest.org Virgin River Hotel & Casino, 100 Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite.

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

A NASHVILLE TRIBUTE TO CHRISTMAS 7 PM. The beloved and acclaimed Nashville Tribute Band returns to Southern Utah for a MERRY celebration of Christmas! Join us for original, traditional, and inspirational music. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

SNOW CANYON HIGH: CONESITE CONCERT BAND 7 PM. Snow Canyon High School, 1385 Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

Thurs, Dec 8

GARY HUFF AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Contemporary Music. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Dec 9

BLOOD DRIVE 10 AM. 100 W. Old Mill Road, Mesquite.

"LIGHT THE NIGHT" LUMINARY FESTIVAL 5 PM. Come enjoy our winter event to kick off the holiday season featuring many fun activities such as making your own luminary to help us "light the night," arts and crafts in the social hall with hot chocolate and apple cider, a fundraising art sale featuring the work of local artists, an art sale and wreath auction, and live music. This donation-based event is our biggest of the year! St. George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

PRENDELO LATIN NIGHT 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 10

CHRISTMAS SHOW Enterprise High School, 565 S. 200 E. St., Enterprise.

MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS DRAWING 10 AM. Social Hall, 50 E. Center, Panguitch.

SPIRIT OF 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. admission is free. For information call (435) 586-4874. Stratam Real Estate Office, 365 S. Main St., 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 HOME SHOW 5 PM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

THE PIANO GUYS 8 PM. Tickets are \$36 for students, \$48 for reserved seating, \$123 concert & merch package, and \$173 concert & meet and greet. Tickets are available online at Tbirdtickets.com. America First Event Center, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

THE RELICS AT BLUES KATZ 8 PM. Rock and Blues. 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

THE BEEZ BAND AT MIKES TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Mon, Dec 12

CRITTERS, CRAFTS, AND COOKIES 1 PM. Join us for cookies and crafting with adorable adoptable critters at Best Friends Visitor Center. Best Friends Visitor Center, 235 S. 100 E., Kanab.

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

VIRGIN VALLEY AMATEUR 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.

Tues, Dec 13

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

DIXIE HIGH: BAND CONCERT 7 PM. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

WINTER CONCERT SERIES - CHRIS ANDERSON CROONER CHRISTMAS 7 PM. The Winter Concert Series is a festive celebration of wonderful music that brings the community of all ages together for an exciting night! This NEW series runs October through January monthly at the Electric Theater. Seating is first come first served. FREE to the public. Donations appreciated. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Wed, Dec 14

SOUTHERN UTAH LADIES SOCIETY MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 6 PM. Southern Utah Ladies Society is a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to making a difference in our community. We host fundraising events to raise money for under-served organizations providing much-needed services. St. George Area Chamber of Commerce, 136 N. 100 E., St. George.

JOY TO THE WORLD! JENNY OAKS BAKER & FAMILY FOUR, FT. ALEX SHARPE & JASON F. WRIGHT 7 PM. Celebrate Christmas with Jenny Oaks Baker & her talented children, musical group Family Four as they present an inspiring Christmas show of sacred, exhilarating and beloved Christmas Carols. With music by Kurt Bestor, narration by Jason F. Wright, dancing by All American Cloggers, Southwest Dance, and The Canyon View High School Madrigals. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Thurs, Dec 15

TEEN BOOK CLUB 3:30 PM. Teen Book Club 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's on the third Thursday of every month. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

CANYON VIEW HIGH: MUSIC DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT 5 PM. Two concerts: 5 & 7:30 Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

MOUNTAIN MEADOW AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Acoustic Rock from the 60's - 80's. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

DIXIE HIGH: RADIO SHOW-CHRISTMAS CAROL 6 PM. Auditorium. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

CHRISTMAS A LA VIVALDI 7 PM. Come and enjoy Christmas A La Vivaldi a new Christmas tradition. Performed by a chamber orchestra, this is an entire Christmas concert with many of your favorite Christmas classics. The chamber orchestra will feature several vocalists and will feature a variety of beloved classical composers, including Bach and Beethoven. The Redstone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab.

IN JUBILO WINTER CONCERT 7 PM. Admission is FREE and open to everyone. For more information contact: injubilochorale@gmail.com. Festival Hall/Heritage Center Conference Center, Cedar City.

Fri, Dec 16

RYAN SHUPE & THE RUBBERBAND 7:30 PM. Spend a wonderful Holiday evening with Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand. This highly spirited show is great for all ages. With the same dynamic and joyful energy that brightens their popular shows during the year, Ryan Shupe & the RubberBand tailor their rocking, acoustic sound to their most favorite time of the year - Christmas! Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

CCMA - VOCALOCITY 7:30 PM. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

G&T WITH LADY SHAY AT BLUES KATZ 8 PM. Rock and Blues. 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

RUNAWAY FIRE BAND AT MIKES TAVERN 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 17

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA 2 PM. The mission is to Remember our fallen US Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach your children the value of freedom by carrying out coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies across America. For information visit wreathsacrossamerica.org. Cedar City Cemetery, 685 N. Main St., Cedar City.

JOSHUA CREEK CHRISTMAS 7 PM. Back by popular demand! Come join us as Joshua Creek brings in the Christmas spirit with their beautiful music The storytelling songwriters present a collection of traditional and original Christmas songs mixed with memories and anecdotes of Christmas This makes for a great date night, or gift to increase the Christmas spirit. Bumbleberry Theatre, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

GENTRI CHRISTMAS 7:30 PM. Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, Dec 18

COLE SHERRATT AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Contemporary Rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

MASTER SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT 7 PM. Bring your friends and family and enjoy the Master Singers in concert again. Admission is free. Masks are optional. Festival Hall/Heritage Center Conference Center, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Mon, Dec 19

VVAA GENERAL MEETING 11 AM. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

CHOIR CONCERT 7 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

Tues, Dec 20

LOSS-LOVED ONES SUICIDE SURVIVORS LOSS 7 PM. The support group meets continuously throughout the year on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We are an open, free, peer-led Support Group for adults 18 years and older. We encourage people from neighboring towns and all of Washington County to attend. Have questions? Reach out to May Bradley at maybradley@gmail.com. (801)815-7854. No Registration. St. George, 162 N. 400 E., Suite B200, St. George.

AN EVENING WITH NATHAN PACHECO 7:30 PM. This is a holiday show not to be missed. Filled with holiday and other classics, An evening with Nathan Pacheco, will be an unforgettable Christmas experience bringing the whole family together. Cox Auditorium, 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

Wed, Dec 21

ORCHESTRA CONCERT 6 PM. Auditorium. Enterprise High School, 565 S. 200 E. St., Enterprise.

Thurs, Dec 22

MIKE AND ELAINE AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 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.

DAVID JORGENSEN'S CHRISTMAS IN THE DESERT CONCERT AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 7 PM. Also featuring concert violinist Olga Ivanenko! See website for tickets blueskatzgrill.com. 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

Fri, Dec 23

READER'S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 3 PM. Reader's Circle Book Club Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

PRENDELO LATIN NIGHT/UGLY SWEATER NIGHT 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

RIVERHOUSE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 24

RANDALL FAMILY 3 PM. In commons area. Enterprise High School, 565 S. 200 E. St., Enterprise.

Thurs, Dec 29

MARK BOGGS AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. An eclectic mix of different songs from Elton John, Chuck Berry, Aretha Franklin, and more. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Dec 30

MR. OK (CHARLIE KESSNER) AND THE LAST LIGHT AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 31

DJ LEX NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY AT CASABLANCA 7PM. Bring in the New Year with DJ Lex in the Casablanca Showroom with all the dance party hits from the '70s, '80s, '90s, and today! Dance Floor is open! Doors 7 pm, Showtime 8 pm. Must be 21 years or older. Casablanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

FINAL COUNTDOWN AT THE RING 2023 9 PM. 1871 W. Canyon View Dr., St. George.

PRENDELO LATIN NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY & MEXICO VACATION GIVEAWAY Mike's Tavern, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Mon, Jan 2

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.

Fri, Jan 6

PRENDELO LATIN NIGHT 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

Sat, Jan 7

MYKOLA SUK RETURNS 7:30 PM. World-renowned pianist Mykola Suk returns! Featuring: Precocious Beethoven, Piano Trio Opus 1 #1, Bagatelles for Solo Piano, Piano Concerto #1. In the Lorraine Boccardo Theater. S10-S30. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

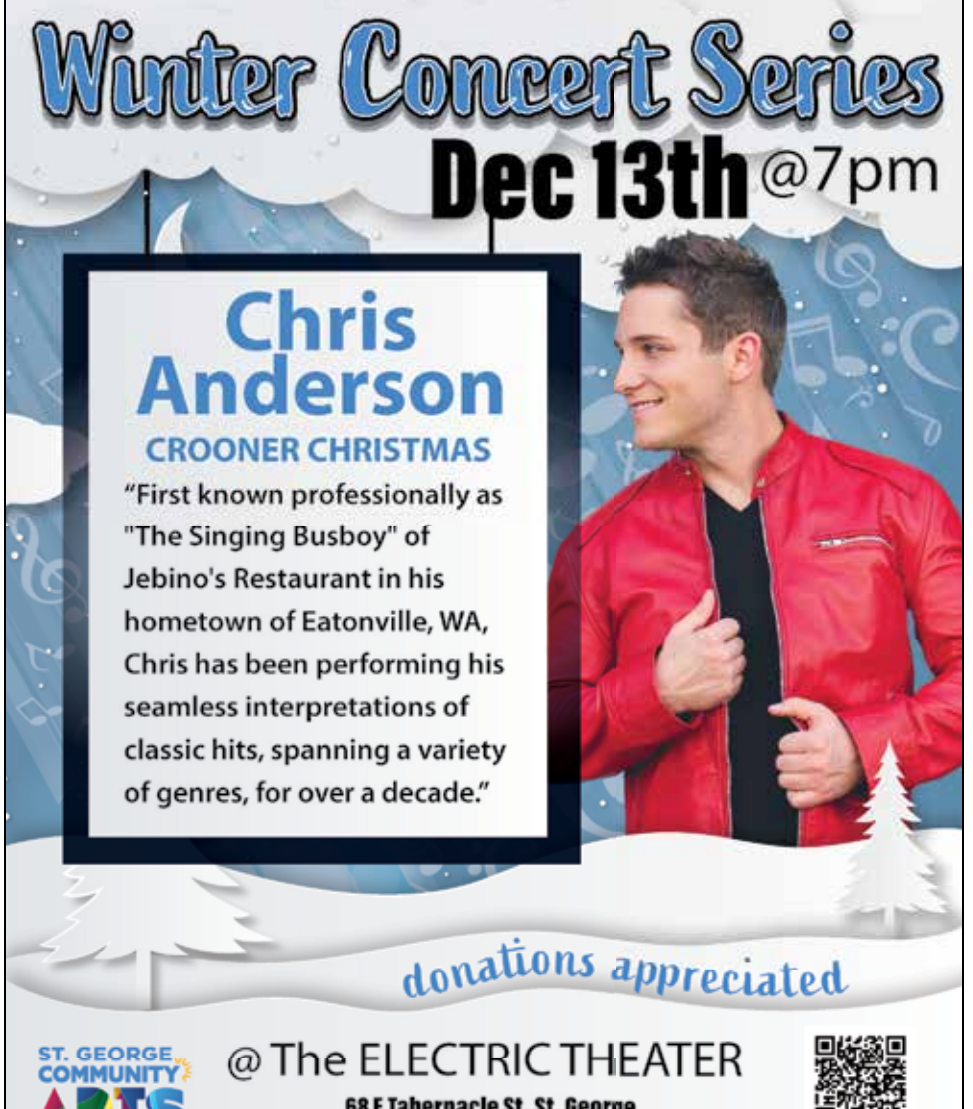
THE RELICS AT BLUES KATZ 8 PM. Rock and Blues. 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.



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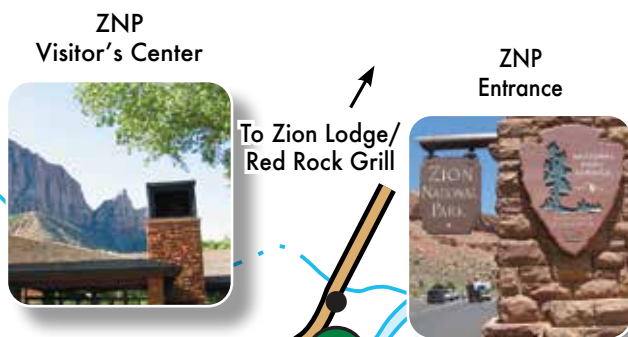
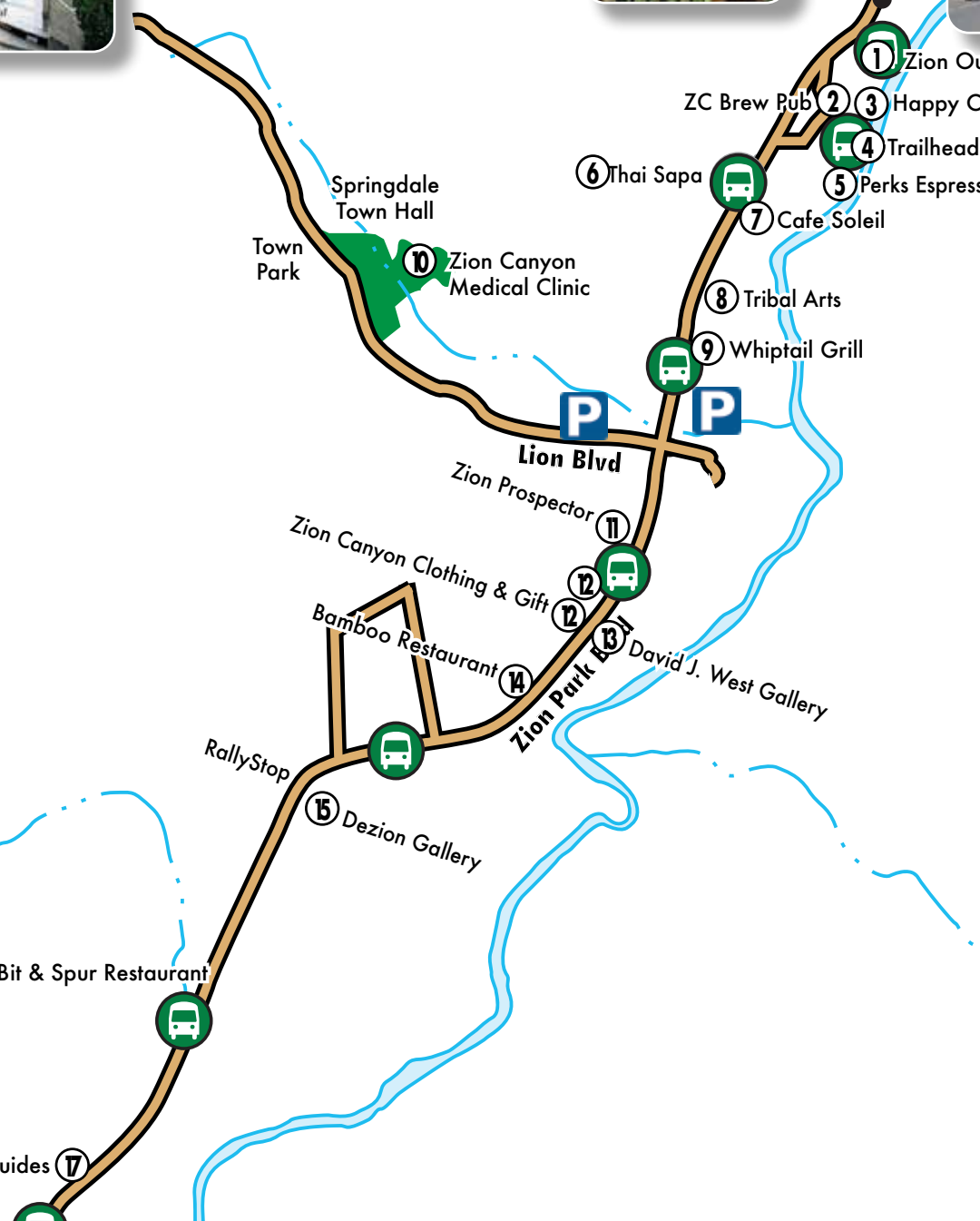
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Other spots of note in Springdale include the library (located on Lion Boulevard, next to Town Hall), tennis/pickleball courts (also on Lion Blvd), and the Virgin River, which has numerous locations of access, but Riverside Park is one of the best.

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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 <small>(Listed by address from ZNP Entrance)</small>	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan <small>(W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu</small>	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, V	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
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.

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

Go on a less crowded hike

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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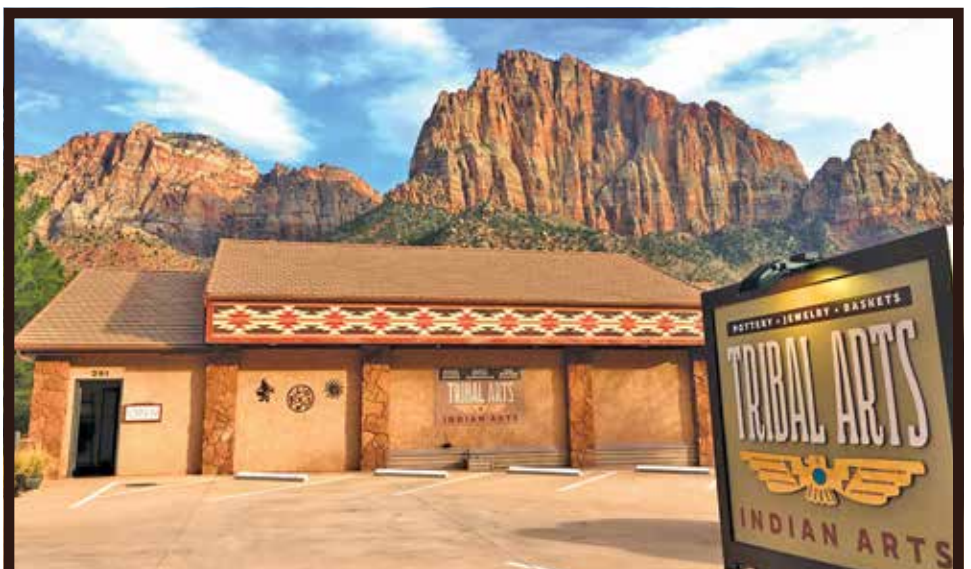
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Top Things To Do In Zion

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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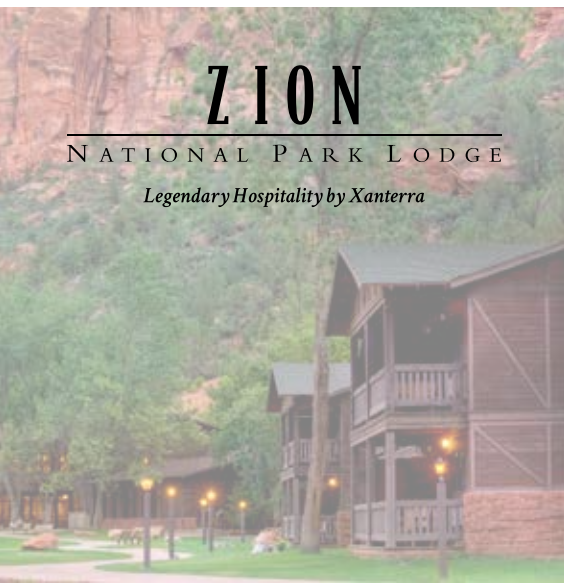
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Zion National Park Shuttle Info

SPRING OPERATIONS UPDATES FOR ZION NATIONAL PARK

Important Shuttle Bus Information

The Zion Canyon Line, or park shuttle, runs from the visitor center up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to destinations like the Zion Lodge and trailheads, including Emerald Pools, West Rim Trail, and Temple of Sinawava where hikers depart for the Narrows. There are two shuttle routes, and both are free. See our Park Information Guide for a map of the park shuttle.

The Springdale Shuttle, or town shuttle, is located in the Town of Springdale. It stops at 9 locations in town and picks up and drops off visitors at the park's pedestrian/bike entrance.

Background

The shuttle system was established in 2000 to eliminate traffic and parking problems, protect vegetation, and restore tranquility to Zion Canyon. In 2017, park shuttles estimated more than 6.3 million riders. In 1997, visitation was 2.4 million and increasing.

When The Shuttle Is In Operation

The park is a big place, and you can drive yourself on all open park roads except the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during the shuttle season when Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. Shuttle season is almost all year. Typically, shuttles run March through November, weekends in February and March, and the last week in December. See the current and upcoming schedule below. Explore the map of the park to see other roads you can drive. If you would like to visit the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive before or after the shuttles run each day, you may use a bicycle.

Shuttle Schedule

Weekend-only shuttle service will resume on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive from February 19 through March 18, 2022. Monday through Friday, private vehicles are allowed on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive until all parking lots are full.

During shuttle operations, the last shuttle will arrive back at the Visitor Center around 45 minutes after it leaves the Temple of Sinawava. Do not wait until the last shuttle to leave Zion Canyon for the day. Due to limited capacity, the shuttle may be full by the time it reaches your stop, and you will be out of luck.

Shuttle Service will start in Springdale on March 19, 2022.

How To Use The Shuttle System

The Zion Canyon Shuttle connects the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to stops at various locations on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Shuttles leave every few minutes and are all the same, going to all shuttle stops on the route in both directions. You may get on and off at any shuttle stop in either direction. The shuttle is free, but masks are required. Most visitors should start

at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. If you are staying at the Zion Lodge, please begin by using the shuttle there. More details about the park shuttle, including open and closed shuttle stops, are featured on our Park Information Guide.

The Springdale shuttle operates similarly on the town route but is slightly less frequent. Shuttle Stop Map in the town of Springdale.

Parking is limited inside Zion, and all parking lots fill early in the day. Paid Parking is available in the town of Springdale.

Our website contains additional Traffic and Travel Tips, and you can tune your radio to 1610 AM for additional information when you arrive.



Please, no eating or smoking on the bus, beverages other than water are not allowed, and pets are not permitted on the shuttle buses.

Masks continue to be required when on the shuttle.

Zion Shuttle Schedule

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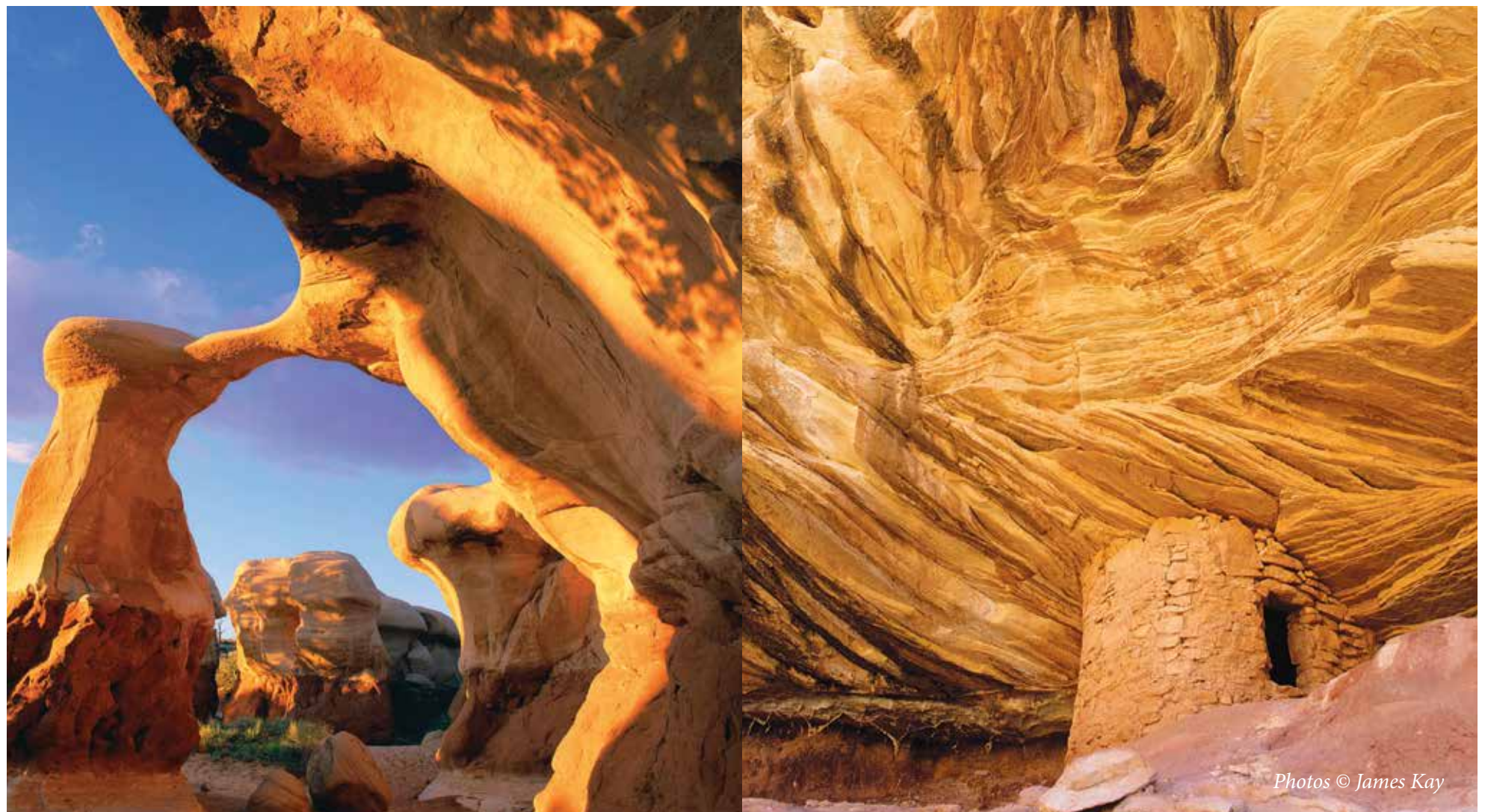
First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center
7:00 a.m.
Last shuttle leaves the Visitor Center
5:00 p.m.
Last bus out of the canyon from the Temple of Sinawava
7:15 p.m.

Springdale Shuttle Schedule

Starting Mar. 19

First shuttle leaves the Majestic View Lodge (Stop 9)
8:00 a.m.
Last shuttle leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop 1)
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Find more info on the shuttle system at [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov).



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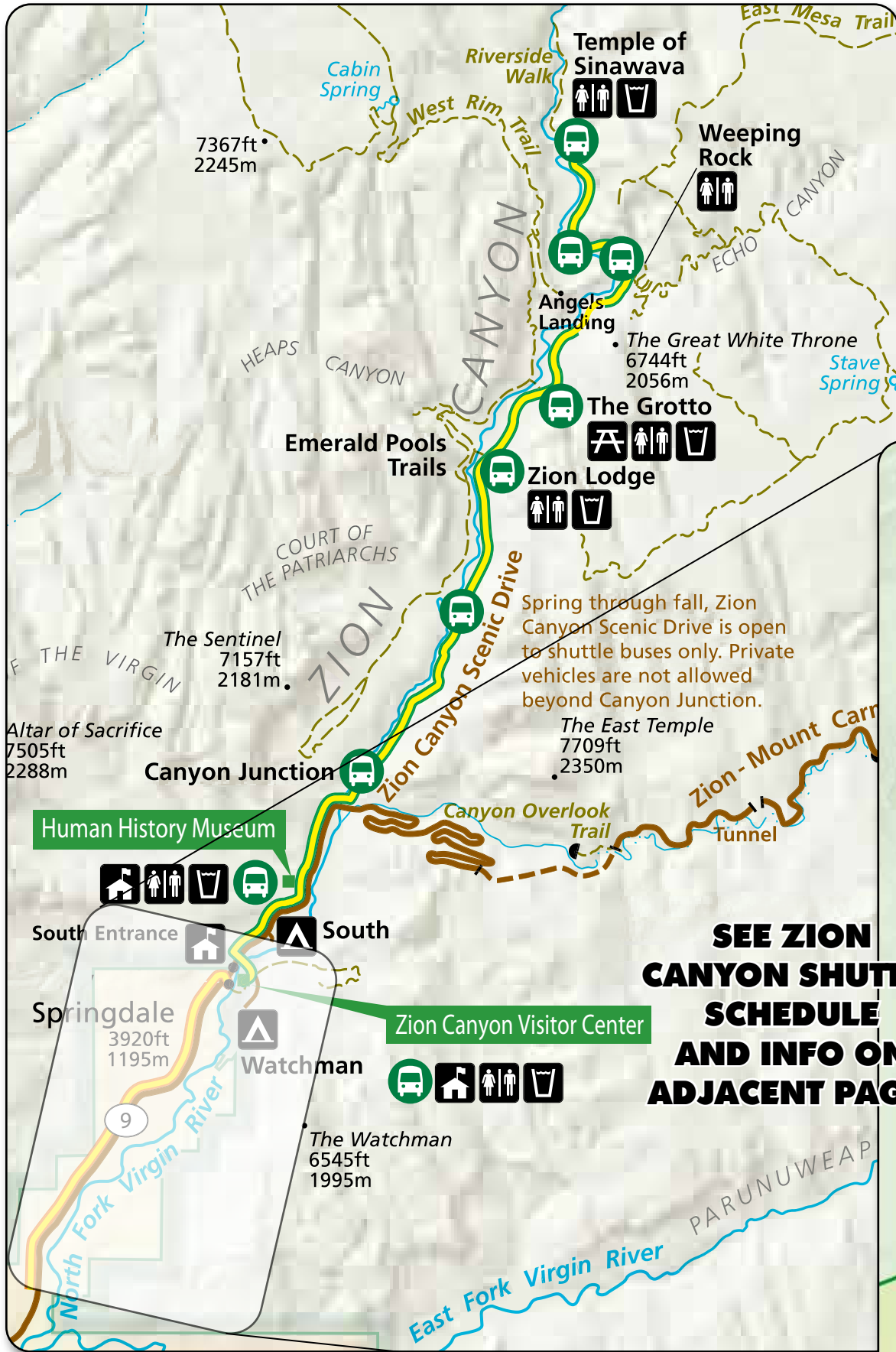


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May Amazing Earthfest
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June Jacob Hamblin Days Festival
A fun festival to celebrate the pioneer and Western heritage of Kanab and Kane County.

June-Aug. DSU Summer Concert Series
Enjoy a variety of live performances by bands, orchestras and solo artists. Located at the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater, just outside of Zion National Park.

June Maynard Dixon Country Campout
A 5-day gathering of artists and art lovers interested in the history of Western art and current Western painting.

July Kanab 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate the nation's Independence Day small-town style in charming Kanab, Utah! Parade, vendors, entertainment and festivities throughout the day into the evening.

July Springdale 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate Independence Day with the Springdale community. Kick off with a parade followed by a barbecue, live music and activities for the whole family.

July 24th of July Celebration
Celebrate the state of Utah with a pioneer dinner. Get ready for the fourth annual Kabob-a-Que.

July Pioneer Day Celebration
Games, Dutch oven dinner at the park and a great costume parade celebrating pioneer heritage.

August Symphony at the Grand Canyon
Symphony of the Canyons performs on the patio at the North Rim Lodge. Bring a picnic dinner and listen as the sun sets over the Grand Canyon.

August Kane County Fair
Offering many wonderful events for the whole family. Most of the events are free so don't miss out.

August Western Legends Round-up
Kanab's celebration of film, music, poetry, and Western heritage.

September Big Water Dinosaur Festival
Celebrating past and present dinosaur discoveries in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.

September Demolition Derby
Cars, trucks and "figure 8s" with up to 18 cars demolition derby with events for the entire family, including the Power Wheels Derby for kids and the wife-carrying contest!

September Carmel Mtn. Music and Art Festival and Car Show
Check out fancy cars and enjoy live entertainment, vendors, food and kid-friendly activities.

September Glendale Heritage Apple Festival
The Glendale Heritage Apple Festival was started to celebrate Pioneer Heritage and the many talents that are in this small town.

September Duck Creek End of Summer Bash
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Duck on In Saloon in Duck Creek Village. Come spend your Labor Day Weekend in Duck Creek enjoying live music.

September Zion Canyon Music Festival
Enjoy the beautiful fall season in Zion as the canyon is filled with music. The Zion Canyon Music Festival features music, art and an exquisite backdrop.

October Red Rocktoberfest
Art, food, live music and poetry, dancing, wagon rides, photography, games and activities for the kids, all on the main drag in Kanab. German food and activities.

October Zion Rocktoberfest
Celebrate the start of fall in Zion mixed with traditional Oktoberfest aspects. The event will feature live rock and folk music and many other activities.

Nov-Dec. Zion Joy to the World
Enjoy a wonderful of events in a weekend celebrating winter. Be a part of a community tree lighting, craft fairs, musical events and the fourth annual Light Parade.

November Butch Cassidy 10K Run
This 10K/5K scenic race brings together community, and not just with running. Stay after for some Grafton fun with what is promised to be a party.

November K-town Turkey Trot 5K
Taking place in Kanab on Thanksgiving morning, bring the whole family for this early morning fun run/walk to make room for that delicious dinner later in the day!

November Plein Air Art Invitational
Be a part of a week of lectures and demonstrations from some of the finest plein air artists in the country. Enjoy painting sales, exhibits and workshops.

November Christmas Light Parade and Festival
An annual light parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Gourmet s'mores school held on Main Street followed by music, caroling, hot cocoa and a wishing lantern launch.

November Zion Canyon Arts and Crafts Fair
Visit Zion for the 26th annual arts and crafts fair put on by Z-Arts. Spend the weekend touring the different vendors and craft booths.

December Windsor Castle by Night
Held at historic Pipe Springs National Monument, the Castle by Night is an opportunity to enjoy a historic recreation of an 1860's early settlement by candlelight and music.

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In 2017, the National Park Service reported 324 search-and-rescue operations, which means 324 extremely unpleasant vacation experiences — nearly one a day. In 2014, the reported number was almost half that. The majority of those rescues occurred in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and most hikers who end up getting into trouble are either in their 20s or are older than 60.

Despite our highly skilled and dedicated rescue teams' valiant efforts, not everyone made it out of their predicaments safely. Twelve people lost their lives in Utah's national parks in 2017 alone.

It's hard to imagine one wanting a vacation amid the splendor of our national parks to involve search and rescue teams or a close encounter with death.

Zion National Park is often referred to as an outdoor Disneyland. But this is the

wilderness, and it's far less forgiving than any theme park. Here are some tips for how to safely enjoy your time in Zion Canyon.

Bring water

You lose more water through perspiration than you realize, and if you are used to a more moist climate — and nearly any climate is less arid than southern Utah — you can become dehydrated quickly without realizing it.

The National Park Service recommends that hikers bring one gallon of water per hiker per day. There are fill stations throughout Springdale and the park that provided filtered water at no charge.

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are not reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

Wear appropriate clothing

While most paths and trails are well maintained, this is the great outdoors, and a little loose gravel or slickrock can lead to injury — or worse. Think of appropriate footwear as an insurance policy — and if you are a little nervous, a hiking stick never hurts. Also, dress lightly if it's going to be hot, but be sure to use appropriate sun protection like sunscreen and large-brimmed hats, because suffering from sunstroke or severe sunburn during an already taxing hike can be brutal.

Hike at your skill level, and don't take risks

Trails in Zion range from short and easy to long and challenging. Don't overestimate your ability and endurance level. And don't engage in horseplay or other activity that might endanger yourself or others. Some of Zion's hikes are steep, and you wouldn't be the first person to tumble down a hill — or worse, fall off a cliff. Zion is beautiful, but it's also dangerous, so respect yourself and

others by respecting the terrain.

Leave wildlife alone

Animals instinctively avoid humans, but the area is home to everything from poisonous snakes to mountain lions. Never approach local wildlife — and never try to feed them. This can result in injury to visitors, and numerous visitors have required stitches after attempting to hand-feed animals. But when humans feed wildlife, it's also not good for the animals, who are already best suited to feed themselves.

Hike sober

Sometimes relatively stationary outdoor activities like boating or camping involve enjoying an adult beverage or two. But when you're hiking the varied terrain of our national parks, you don't want your coordination, balance, or judgment to be impaired to any extent. Zion Canyon, Springdale, and Kanab are home to several fine restaurants and bars — but visit them for a cocktail after your hike, not before.

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ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM - This ancient Indian village in the heart of Utah's canyon country was one of the largest Anasazi communities west of the Colorado River. The site is believed to have been occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display in the newly remodeled museum. Anasazi State Park is in the picturesque town of Boulder on State Route 12. Group and individual picnic areas are available. There is no camping. (435) 335-7308.

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, reidside 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.

CEDAR BREAKS - Sitting at over 10,000 feet and looking down into a half-mile deep geologic amphitheater. Come wander among timeless bristlecone pines, stand in lush meadows of wildflowers, ponder crystal-clear night skies and experience the richness of our subalpine forest. Just four miles off Utah Highway 148, you'll find the Cedar Breaks National Monument parking lot.



CORAL PINK SAND DUNES - At an elevation of 6,000 feet and 12 paved miles off U.S. Highway 89 near Kanab, this park provides a fantastic setting for camping, hiking, OHV riding or just playing in the sand. A 265-acre conservation area prohibits motorized vehicles in order to protect the Coral Pink beetle (found nowhere else in the world) and its habitat. The mule deer, jackrabbit, kit fox, coyote, and many small rodents also make the park their home. (435) 648-2800.

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

to the Gulf of California, a distance of 1,400 miles. (435) 259-2614.

DINOSAUR TRACKS - The St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm is home to exceptionally well-preserved dinosaur tracks, some displaying skin impressions. These tracks, along with hundreds of fossil fish, plants, rare dinosaur remains, invertebrates' traces, and important sedimentary structures, show evidence that this site was produced along the western edge of a large, Early Jurassic (age between 195-198 million years ago) freshwater lake. (435) 574-3466.

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.

GRAND CANYON - A World Heritage Site encompassing 1,218,375 acres on the Colorado Plateau in northwestern Arizona. The land is semi-arid and consists of raised plateaus and structural basins typical of the southwestern United States. (928) 638-7888.

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT - Nearly 1.9 million acres of America's public lands and located between Bryce Canyon and Glen Canyon Recreational Areas. From its namesake Grand Staircase of cliffs and terraces across the rugged Kaiparowits Plateau to the beauty of the Escalante River Canyons, the Monument's size, resources, and isolated location provide amazing opportunities.

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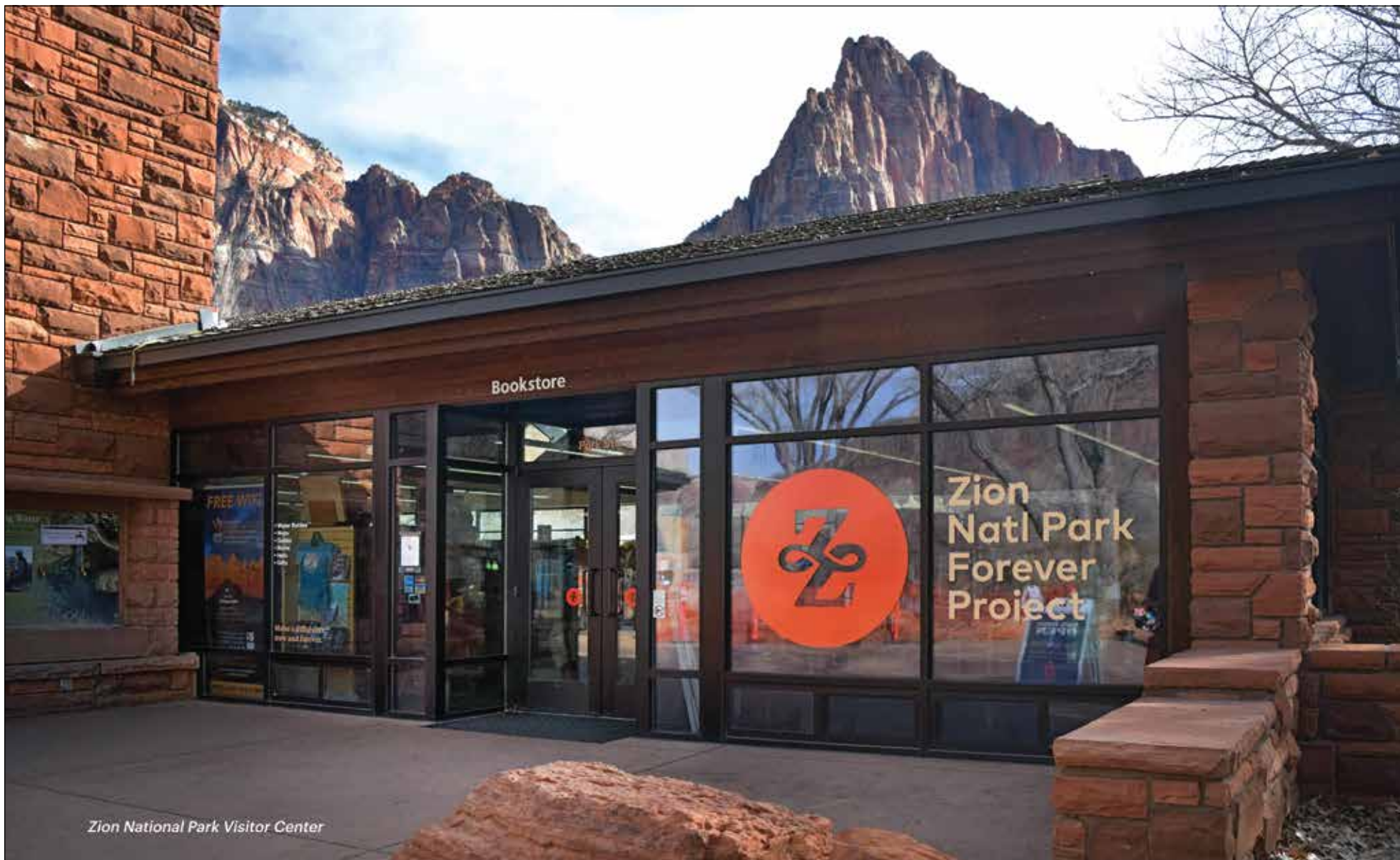
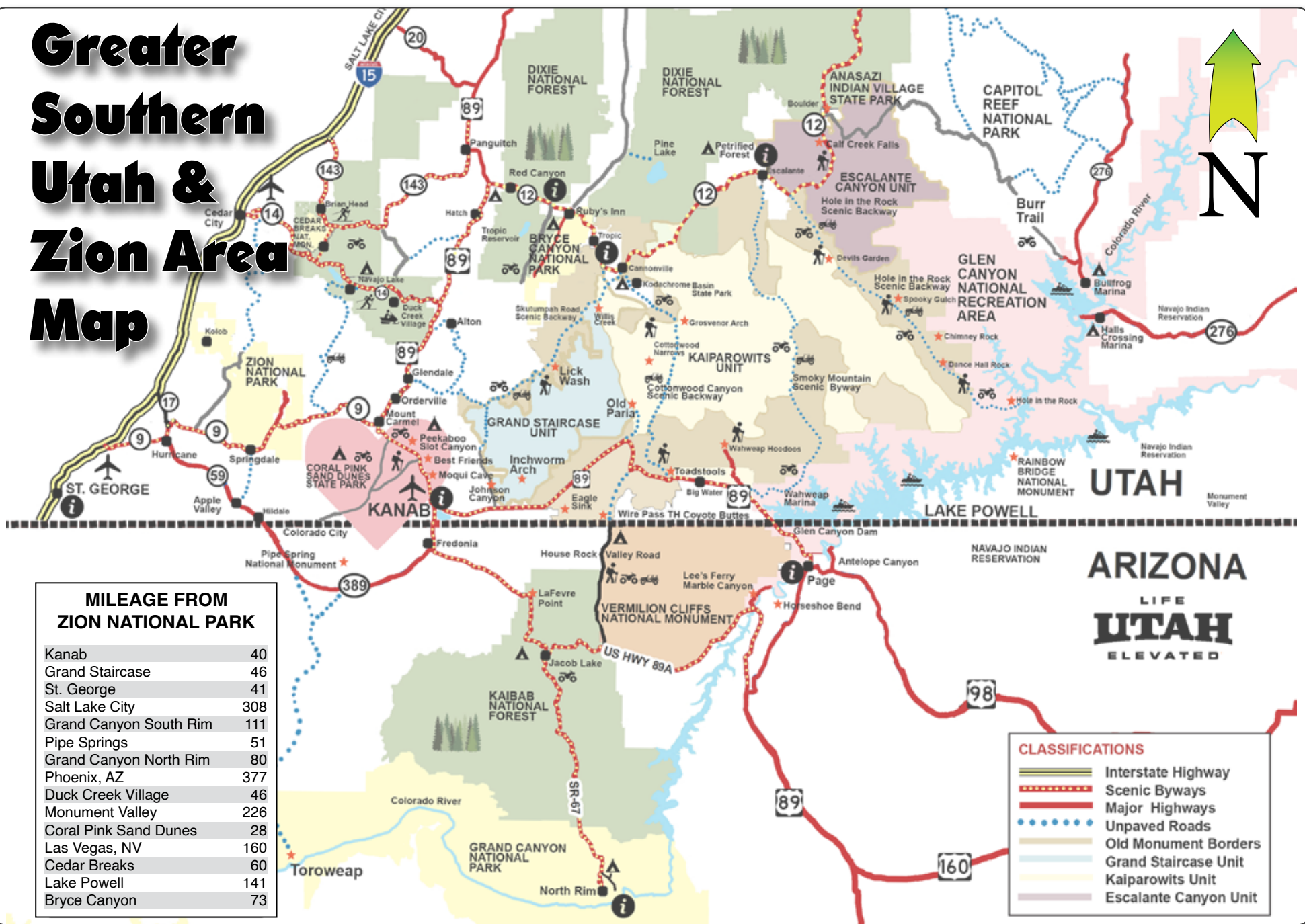
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Hiking is popular in Zion National Park, and popular hikes are seeing record visitation at peak days and times. For a less congested trek, consider these less-traveled hikes.

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.

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

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

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-beaten-path 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

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.

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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 Trail

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 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 Sinawava.

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-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



"Observation Point Revisited" - photo by David J West.

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.

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 accessible, 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.

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.

You can find lots more hiking and other visitor information at ZionGuide.com and SUIndependent.com. Be sure to read our preparedness and safety article on page 24 in this issue before you start your trek. Be safe and have fun!



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12 ERA Utah Properties	7 West Center, Kanab	(435-644-2606
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22 Kanab Tour Company	681 Chnle Dr, Kanab	(435) 644-5525
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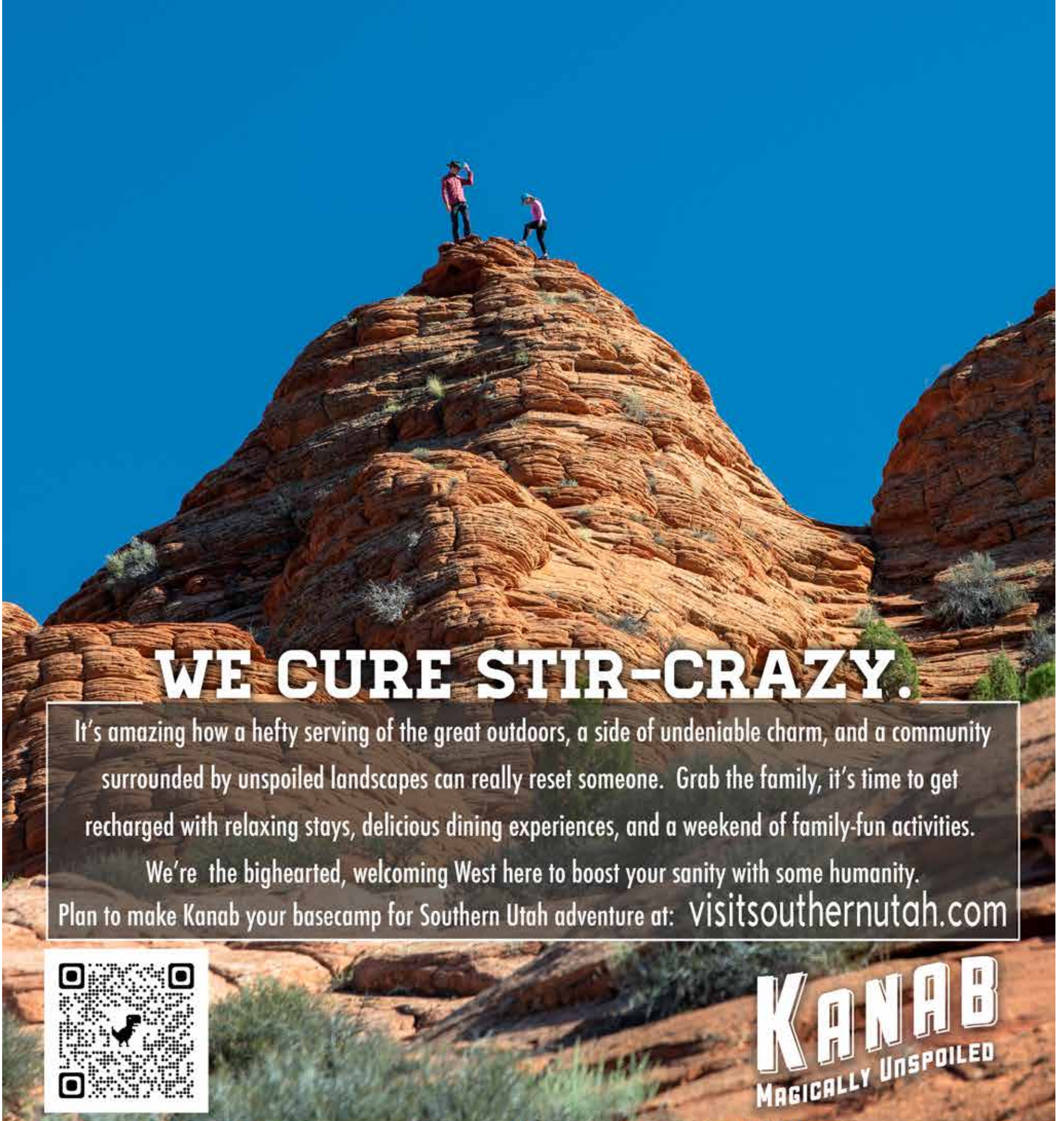


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