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UTAH TECH'S D-WEEK CELEBRATES 110 YEARS OF TRAILBLAZING TRADITIONS

Celebrating over a century of trailblazing tradition, partnering with the community and embracing the pioneering spirit, Utah Tech University's D-Week is an annual opportunity for students, alumni and the entire Southern Utah community to come together.

A springtime spirit week, D-Week was born in 1915 to settle a class rivalry dating back to 1912, when the classes of 1913, '14 and '15 took turns painting their graduating year on what is now known as Dixie Rock. The D was constructed to create one unified symbol of school spirit. Civil engineer Leo A. Snow laid out the stone outline of the 100-by-75-foot D and a crew of 12 repaired an abandoned trail to make way for teams of horses to haul up buckets of whitewash. Then on what became known as Dixie Day, more than 100 people worked together to rearrange and paint lava rocks to fill in the D. Upon completion, volunteers and onlookers enjoyed a meal together and presented skits and speeches to commemorate the special day.

Over a century later, Utah Tech worked to get the D added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2022 and the now-weeklong celebration continues to bear the D-Week name to honor the long-standing traditions still embraced. As always, the community is invited to join in the fun.

Kicking off D-Week, community members can venture to Southern Utah businesses and featured Art in the City bison, where pop-up parties will offer free giveaways as part of Brooks' City Tour from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday, April 7. For

example, UT tumblers engraved with individual's names will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Town Square Park bison. Location details for all stops on the tour will be on @utahtechu's Instagram stories the day of the event.



in 2000. In its current form, the Great Race still features relay teams of 10 as they run, pedal, swim, scoot and slide their way through the infamous mud pit to the finish line. This year's iteration of the storied relay is set to start at 5 PM on Friday, April 11, in Greater Zion Stadium. The community is invited to participate in the Great Race by pre-registering at utahtech.edu/dweek.

Immediately following The Great Race, Brooks Birthday Carnival will offer games and concessions to celebrate the ninth birthday of the university's mascot, Brooks the Bison. Brooks was unveiled during D-Week 2016, when the Trailblazers athletic identity was launched. The event will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the Encampment Mall, where pioneers parked their covered wagons when they first settled St. George, built a strong sense of community and began the area's rich history of valuing education by teaching school lessons from the back of their wagons.

In the pinnacle of D-Week, the community will unite to apply a fresh coat of whitewash to the iconic D on the Hill, enjoy breakfast together and take in the stunning views of St. George. Paint the D will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 12.

110 years after the inaugural painting of the D on the Hill, Utah Tech University continues to celebrate the institution's rich history of offering a second-to-none education. For more details about this year's D-Week events, visit utahtech.edu/dweek.

a queen who embraces the values of UT. The pageant begins at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, April 8, in the Eccles Fine Arts Center, and general admission is \$10.

Another longstanding tradition of D-Week, The Great Race, dates back to a 1960s bike race through St. George. Since then, The Great Race has morphed into a 10-person relay team that included motor crossing, horseback riding across Foremaster Ridge and tubing down the Virgin River in the early 1970s before it moved to campus

Utah Tech students will display their commitment to service, community involvement and academic achievement in the Trailblazer Queen Pageant, a century-long tradition of crowning

PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE

By Josh Warburton

Life is full of change, and many of us are experiencing it right now. It could be work or family-related, a seasonal change, or simply moving into a different phase of life. All of those are true for me right now.



After a very challenging year of working two jobs, I realized that I was going to have to

make some changes to my business, this newspaper. Before Covid hit, I had built it to a point where it was practically on autopilot. We had enough customers for me to work relatively part-time, produce what I felt was a high-quality publication and website, and get a decent paycheck.

That all changed during COVID as so many arts and entertainment organizations shuttered or paused. Our business dropped off a cliff, but roughly half of our advertisers kept running, as they were primarily retail with annual agreements. We were lucky enough to get two of those PPP loans, and we could maintain all of our staff. But frankly, it's never been the same.

Some of those organizations shut down for good. And while some new ones have popped up, it's still not to the point it was pre-2020.

We have also had five more years now of people aging and habits changing. Remarkably, though, our print circulation is roughly the same as it was 10 years ago, and online readership is strong.

This March edition marks the beginning of our 30th year and my 30th year as publisher of this little newspaper. It has been a heck of a ride, and I am proud of what we have accomplished over these 29 years.

We've given countless writers and contributors a platform to express themselves. We have published thousands and thousands of articles highlighting the best of what Southern Utah has to offer—truly our core mission.

And this mission continues with this issue. As I mentioned last month, we have doubled down on our local arts and enter-

tainment coverage, producing roughly 50% more local event spotlights both in print and online at suindependent.com.

I only recently realized that The Spectrum, where I got my start as a paperboy, mailroom worker, then classified paginator, had moved to all national and no local news. All the more reason for us to expand and enhance our local events coverage. We hope you've been enjoying the additional content; it's been fun to be highlighting more of the very best of Southern Utah.

If you've got an event or happening, please reach out. We'd love to share your creations with our audience. Message us using our email listed in the contents section, and please follow us on social media.

Happy reading!

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CEDAR CITY STAR SEARCH 2025 IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Get ready for another year of outstanding local talent at Cedar City Star Search on Saturday, March 15, at 7 PM at the Heritage Center Theater! This exciting community event features talented acts throughout Iron County for a chance to win a cash prize and a reigning title in their category!



Participating in a Star Search event is an exhilarating opportunity for aspiring performers to showcase their talents, gain confidence, and receive valuable feedback. Whether singing, dancing, or performing comedy, contestants experience the thrill of the spotlight and the support of an enthusiastic audience. Beyond the excitement, Star Search events foster personal growth, creativity, and community engagement. They provide a platform to discover hidden talents, build stage presence, and even open doors to future opportunities. Most importantly, these events celebrate passion, dedication, and the joy of performing—proving that every star deserves a chance to shine!

This year, twelve finalists will compete in front of an esteemed panel of local celebrity judges, including Cedar City Mayor Garth O. Green, Southern Utah University

President Mindy Benson, and Cedar City Children's Musical Theater Founder and President Jewly Krause.

Cedar City Events is looking forward to partnering with Canyon Creek Services for another year of philanthropic efforts to raise money and awareness for the life-saving services they provide. This community-based non-profit advocacy organization serves Beaver, Iron, and Garfield counties and offers free, confidential, and comprehensive services to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Cedar City Star Search is always an exciting evening filled with music, dancing, and quality entertainment," said Cedar City Events Director and event host Brandon Burk. "While it's a free event, we hope the community will come together and share a donation at the door for Canyon Creek Services-- every penny counts."

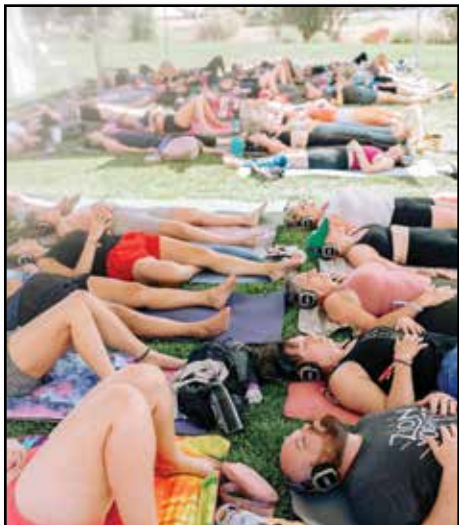


Thanks to Clark & Linford Jewelers, the event sponsor, contestants in each age division and category could win up to \$250. The categories are Youth, Teen, Adult, Group, and Audience Choice. Contestants in years past include dancers, singers, musicians, ventriloquists, acrobats, magicians, comedians, and more!

View this year's finalists and reserve your free ticket online for Cedar City Star Search at www.cedarcityut.gov/starsearch. Tickets must be reserved in advance for this event. You won't want to miss this unforgettable night of community talent!

FLOW INTO YOUR BEST SELF: ZION YOGA & WELLNESS FEST RETURNS TO SPRINGDALE

Zion Yoga and Wellness Festival comes to Springdale, Utah, for a transformative celebration of wellness, connection, and joy in a world that often feels disconnected and overwhelmed. Zion Yoga Fest promises an immersive experience, inviting participants to embark on a journey toward self-discovery, community connection, and boundless bliss.



Scheduled to take place from May 1 to 4, ZYWF is more than a gathering; it's a sanctuary where individuals can reconnect with themselves and their community in profound ways. With a focus on building inner resilience, fostering authentic connections, and cultivating happiness; this year's festival is poised to be the most empowering yet.

Attendees can expect a diverse array of classes, meditations, lectures, sound healing, breathwork, music, and workshops led by esteemed instructors from the local community and abroad. Each session is curated for practitioners of all levels, providing growth, healing, and self-expression opportunities.

In addition to the yoga and wellness offerings, attendees and the public can

explore the Vendor Village Market, brimming with artisans, healers, and wellness vendors. Browse a diverse selection of handcrafted goods, artisanal products, and holistic services to enhance your well-being and support your journey towards inner harmony. The Vendor Village market is free and open to the public.

"At ZYWF, our mission is to create a space where individuals can come together to foster connection, experience healing, and feel happiness," says Camille Zolman, founder of the festival. "We are highly focused on building up our community. Whether that's by supporting local businesses through partnerships or offering diverse education and learning for local teachers and practitioners, we believe that by coming together, we can cultivate healing, joy, and a profound sense of connection that extends far beyond the festival; it journeys and has an impact on the collective."

The Vendor Village Market is free and open to the public. If you'd like to participate in the workshops and classes, tickets for Zion Yoga and Wellness Festival are available now- join us and discover the magic. ZYWF is open to all including a Kids Pavilion with "mindful childcare" for children 18 months to 8 years old. Don't miss your chance to experience the transformative power of yoga, wellness, community, and happiness at this year's festival!

For more information and ticket purchases, visit www.zionyogafest.com. Use code "ZION" at checkout to get \$20 off your festival pass. One-day, two-day, and four-day passes are available.



ST. GEORGE ART FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 46 YEAR'S OF CREATIVITY AND INSPIRATION

One of the most cherished rites of spring in St. George arrives soon when the 2025 St. George Art Festival sets up shop in Historic Town Square. Slated for April 18-19, the event will showcase the works of nationally renowned artists, along with live music, food trucks and booths, a film festival, 5K race, dedicated children's area and more. In addition, two free concerts will connect festival-goers in a celebration of the power of the arts to enrich a community.

"Each year, the St. George Art Festival unites residents and visitors alike in discovering the joy of artistic creativity and excellence," said Peyton Lee, Community Arts Manager for the City of St. George. "The hallmark of the festival is its ability to unite creators and consumers of art in all its myriad formats."

Held annually over Easter Weekend, the must-see event offers paintings, ceramics, sculptures, textiles, glassworks, photography, fine jewelry, and more, all carefully curated from hundreds of submissions from across the U.S. This year, more than 160 artists were accepted into the show.



festival continues April 19 at 9 AM with the Art Attack 1-mile and 5K race. Artwork will be displayed from 10 AM to 6 PM, concluding with another concert on Tabernacle Street featuring indie rockers The Greeting Committee, veterans of Lollapalooza, and the South by Southwest conference and festival.

Attendees can participate in a wide array of enjoyable activities, including:

- Live entertainment on three stages scattered throughout Town Square.
- Artwork from this year's featured artist, Liza Compass, whose work spans music, songwriting, singing, and acting, in addition to her "Dreamscape Realism" artistic explorations.
- A creation station for the young, and the young at heart, offering 15 diverse crafts that bring artistic visions to life.
- Food trucks and vendors preparing an array of international food and refreshments, situated by the west and main stages.
- The Art Attack 1 mile and 5K race, which will take over Tabernacle Street April 19 at 9 a.m., with winners of various age groups receiving original works of art created by the Southern Utah Art Guild as prizes.
- The Desertscape Film Festival, showing April 16-19 at the Electric Theater, bringing cinema-lovers together to enjoy indie films and filmmakers. Visit www.sgartfestival.com for more information.



On April 18, the festival will run from 11 AM to 7 PM. Then Tabernacle Street will come alive with the feel-good musical offerings of "Yachty By Nature," whose take on the '70s and '80s "yacht rock" favorites will surely have everyone on their feet. The

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR ENTERTAINMENT IS KING

The Washington County Fair will return this year on April 11 through April 19, 2025, promising a week filled with entertainment, competitions, and community festivities for all ages!



Concerts and Live Entertainment - Country music enthusiasts are in for a treat with two major concerts beginning with Lonestar. The award-winning band, known for hits like "Amazed" and "I'm Already There," will perform on Monday, April 14. Next up is Lee Greenwood. Celebrated for his patriotic anthem "God Bless the USA," Greenwood takes the stage on Wednesday, April 16. In addition to these headliners, the fair will feature various local artists and bands throughout the week, ensuring continuous live entertainment for attendees.

Traditional Rodeo - The fair upholds its Western heritage with two evenings of rodeo action! Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12 - Both nights commence at 7 PM in the large outdoor arena, with gates opening at 5:30 PM. Spectators can anticipate thrilling performances by cowboys and cowgirls competing in the Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association.

Demolition Derby - A highlight for many is the Demolition Derby, which is slated for Saturday, April 19, with gates opening at 5:30 PM and a start time of 7 PM.

Tickets are priced at \$30 if purchased before April 19 and \$35 on the day of the derby. It's important to note that these prices do not include the \$3 gate admission.

The Annual Parade - Embracing the theme "Celebrating Our Nation," the parade is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, at 9 AM in St. George. The lineup for participants begins at 7:30 AM on Tabernacle Street, west

of 200 West.

What fair is complete without an awesome carnival and family-friendly activities?

April 12: 4 PM to 10 PM - April 13: 10 AM to 10 PM - April 15-16: 4 PM to 10 PM (Family Nights with all rides at \$2.00) - April 17-18: 4 PM to 10 PM and finally April 19: 10 AM to 11 PM.

Beyond the rides, attendees can explore exhibits, enjoy food vendors, visit the Animal Education Center & Petting Zoo, and relax in the Beer Garden.

Competitions and Showcases are at the heart of this year's fair, with community participation through various contests. Baby Contest: Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 AM - Kids Cookie Contest: Saturday, April 20, at 11 AM - Fresh Salsa Contest: Saturday, April 20, at 2:30 PM

Additionally, there will be showcases for literary arts, princesses, and more, highlighting the diverse talents within the community.



Capping off select nights with spectacular fireworks displays on April 12, 13, & 19 at 10 PM. These displays promise to light up the night sky, offering a memorable experience for all attendees.

Ticketing and Admission

General admission to the fair is \$3 for individuals aged 13 and above and \$2 for children aged 3 to 12. Parking at the fairgrounds is free! For a comprehensive schedule and more details, visit washcofair.net and start planning your visits today! With its rich history and diverse lineup of events, the 2025 Washington County Fair promises to be a celebration of community spirit and tradition.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD-WINNING WINES ARE NOW IN UTAH

Zion Vineyards Brings Home Three Silver Medals

The 2024 San Francisco International Wine Competition has just concluded, and the results are in! Since its introduction in 1980, the San Francisco International Wine Competition has set the standard for professional wine judging. Most recently celebrating its 44th year in 2024, the SFIWC is one of the largest and longest-running international wine competitions in the world. Maintaining the highest levels of integrity and impartiality, ensuring that all wines are treated with equal care and consideration by panels of highly esteemed wine experts.

The Tasting Alliance Competitions are considered the most influential for a reason. They have elevated the reputation of thousands of brands and represent the ultimate curator for the world's best wine, beer, and spirits. Receiving a medal from the organization is a critical next step for any producer to earn recognition in the industry.

The 2024 Competition Zion Vineyards entered three of their wines. We are Proud to announce that all three received Silver Medals in their respective varietal. In essence each entry was evaluated within a peer group of similar wine. The entries include the Zion Vineyards.

Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2022, Washington County AVA; SILVER MEDAL

Wine aged in a new French Oak Barrel combined with wine aged in a

new American Oak Barrel, creating a more complex flavor profile. A full-bodied wine with intense dark fruit flavors of black currants, blueberry, and the woody scent of tobacco. This combination adds richness and spice to the wine with notes of vanilla, clove, and caramel.

Tempranillo Reserve 2022, Washington County AVA; SILVER MEDAL

Aged in a brand-new French Oak barrel, creating a dry, full-bodied wine, with flavors of red and Bing cherry, dried fig, spice and clove with notes of tobacco, toasty oak, vanilla and smoke.

Miscela Rossa 2022 Red Blend, Washington County AVA; SILVER MEDAL

60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Zinfandel, and 10% Tempranillo. A blend that showcases the best of all three varietals. Fruit forward and with delicate notes of earth and smoke, dark fruit flavors of black currants, plum and blueberry and a chocolatey finish.

There is a limited amount of our Miscela

Rossa left. The Cabernet and the Tempranillo Reserves are available to Taste and Purchase at Zion Vineyards. Located at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds Utah. Just 14 miles North of St George off the I-15. They're Open Seven Days a week Noon till 6 PM, Fri and Sat Noon till 7 PM. No Reservation Needed, 435-216-1340.



SOUTHERN UTAH FESTIVAL GUIDE FOR MARCH THROUGH MAY 2025

MARCH 2025

Washington County:

March 15 – Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Springdale): At the Springdale Ballfield behind the Canyon Community Center, enjoy a parade and festive Irish-themed fun.

March 20-22 – Vintage Market Days of Southern Utah (St. George): Held at Washington County Legacy Park, discover antiques, handmade treasures, live music, and food.

March 31 – Ivins Fitness Fest (Ivins): At Ivins City Heritage Park, explore health booths, activities, and launch the month-long "Sloth-A-Thlon" challenge.

Iron County:

Mid to Late March – Brian Head Spring Carnival (Brian Head Resort, tentative): Check exact dates for live music, costume contests, pond skating, and fun on the snow.

APRIL 2025

Washington County:

April 11-19 – Washington County Fair (Hurricane): Legacy Park hosts carnival rides, 4-H exhibits, rodeo events, and family fun.

April 18-19 – St. George Art Festival (St. George, tentative): Town Square showcases regional art, live music, food vendors, and interactive displays.

April 19 – Hurricane Easter Car Show & Festival (Hurricane, tentative): Easter weekend event with classic cars, food stalls, and live music near the Community Center.

April 19 – Dixie Power Kite Festival (St. George): At Utah Tech University, kids who read earn a free kite or book; proceeds benefit literacy programs.

Late April-Early May – Washington City Cotton Days (Washington City): Celebrate heritage with parades, historical demos, live music, and a car show.

Mid to Late April – Kayenta Street Painting Festival (Ivins): Artists fill Kayenta Art Village with vibrant chalk art, music, food, and interactive activities.

April 26-27 – Zion Canyon Chalk & Earth Fest (Springdale): Springdale Town Park hosts live music, sustainability booths, and family-friendly art fun.

Kane County:

April 19 – Soutpown Days (Orderville): At the North Event Center, enjoy a soup contest, pioneer booths, wiffle ball, lawnmower races, and more—celebrating Orderville's communal history.



MAY 2025

Washington County:

May 1-4 – Zion Yoga and Wellness Festival (Springdale): Four days of yoga, workshops, live music, and wellness vendors at 126 Lion Blvd.

May 22 – Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour (St. George): The Electric Theater hosts outdoor adventure films from around the globe.

Iron County:

May 2 – Cedar City Spring Fiësta (Historic Downtown Cedar City): This community celebration includes a bike ride (Slow Roll) and Cinco de Mayo-themed events promoting cultural diversity, with live music and food. Parking is available at the SUU lot (Center Street/300 West) and the public parking structure on Main Street by Lin's shopping center.

Kane County:

May 1-3 – Kanab Film and Arts Festival (Kanab, tentative): Film screenings, art exhibits, and occasional live music celebrate Kanab's cinematic roots.

May 8-11 – Amazing Earthfest (Kanab): A week of guided hikes, films, and cultural programs focused on public lands and environmental stewardship.

Mesquite, Nevada:

May 2-3 – Mesquite Days: Parades, local crafts, and live music fill various locations around town.

Beaver Dam, & Littlefield, Arizona:

First Weekend in May – Beaver Dam Jam: A multi-day music fest near Beaver Dam Station with local bands, food vendors, and on-site camping.

Disclaimer: This is not an exhaustive list. We're sure we've missed some great events, so please check our continuously updated Festival Guide and searchable calendar at suindependent.com for more events and details.

MOSTER TRUCK INSANITY INVADES THE DIXIE SUNBOWL

Live A Little Entertainment Group, based in Rigby, Idaho, has announced the Monster Truck Insanity Next Level Tour will produce two HUGE events at the Dixie Sunbowl on Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29! This tour includes some of the nation's biggest and baddest monster trucks, along with the Mega Truck Shootout, Full Boogie Tilt LIVE, Mini Monster Truck Mafia, Insanity Fest pre-show, and the Monster Truck Ride Experience! The Monster Truck Insanity Tour is sure to create an exciting weekend of motorsports competition and family entertainment in southern Utah!

"We are absolutely thrilled to bring the Monster Truck Insanity Tour to St. George in 2025," says Skyler Neibaur, CEO of Live A Little Entertainment Group, which produces motorsports events and across the entire US. "The folks at the City of St. George and the St. George Lions have been an absolute pleasure to work with, and we look forward



to embedding ourselves in the local community as we bring family entertainment for all ages to the Sunbowl.

St. George is like a second home to us, and we cannot wait to show our friends and neighbors the all-new Next Level Tour."

Discounted, family affordable pre-sale tickets can be purchased at www.utah-monstertrucks.com.

About Live A Little Entertainment Group

Live A Little Entertainment Group, based in Rigby, Idaho, produces over 80 motorsports and concerts events a year including the Monster Truck Insanity Next Level Tour, Zombie Rampage, Western Grand National Pulling Series, and the All American Throwdown. Events are located coast to coast, and competitors come from across the entire US and Canada. For event or sponsorship information, visit www.livealittleentertainment.com or contact them at (888) 490-1990.



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The Largest Home Expo in St. George Features Free Admission & Free Parking and offers The Latest Trends In Home Improvement, Remodeling, & Design.

Nationwide Expos, the leader in trade shows across the nation, will host the St. George Spring Home Expo from March 21st through March 23rd, 2025, at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George, Utah. Over 200 booths will showcase the latest trends in home improvement, remodeling, interior design, and outdoor living. Many local Southern Utah exhibitors and national vendors will also be present.

The three-day event is free to the public. It allows homeowners in the St. George area to meet with local contractors, remodeling experts, and design pros to gain inspiration and start planning their next home improvement projects. Exhibitors in roofing, solar, kitchen and bathroom renovations, hot tubs, flooring, and more will participate at the St. George Home Expo. In addition, live demonstrations will be held throughout the event.

St. George residents looking to update the exterior of their homes, replace their roofs, renovate their kitchens, upgrade their bathrooms, or enhance the appearance of their outdoor living spaces can find

everything they need at the Spring Home Expo. Moreover, many vendors offer exclusive discounts and savings expressly for visitors attending the show.



“The St George Home Expo is not only the largest home show in St. George, it’s also one of our most popular home shows in the Southern Utah area. Due to widespread demand, we’ve added a third day for our St. George Home Expo roster on Sundays,” commented Sol Lee, Senior Marketing Manager at Nationwide Expos.

Admission and parking to the St. George Home Expo are free. The event will take place on Friday, March 23, 2025, from Noon to 8 PM, on Saturday, March 24, 2025, from 10 AM to 6 PM, and on Sunday, March 25, 2025, from 11 AM to 4 PM. The Dixie Convention Center is located at 1835 S Convention Center Dr., St. George, UT 84790. Interested in exhibiting at the

event? Contact the Nationwide Expos organizers at 435-345-4663.

About Nationwide Expos: Headquartered in Boca Raton, FL, Nationwide Expos has a local office in Murray, UT, and is the leader in Home Improvement Trade Shows. Nationwide Expos sponsors over 90 home, and garden shows across the nation.



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What other public festival offers so rich a variety of experiences in so intimate a setting? It's in Kanab, Utah, where red rock cliffs, great accommodations, and fine dining choices abound!

Adventure hikes depart each morning, led by archaeology, botany, geology, or paleontology specialists. Contemporary authors, doc films, ideas, inspiration, and stars!



Notice how lawns around Utah are beginning to disappear as residents implement water conservation measures? At Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, landscape designer Tim Clarke uses native plants to create attractive and successful home gardens. In the wild with USU Geoscience Professor Colter Davis, explore a vibrant outcrop of the Chinle formation at Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Journalist Zak Podmore brings to life the magnificent terrain of canyon country and its complex water politics, while author Morgan Sjogren explores wilderness ethics in a writing workshop. With Laurence Lowe, BYU Professor Emeritus of Music, as your guide, hear works by inspired

composers who have touched the source of creativity.

Find balance in body, mind, and life with yoga at Earthfest, where you can learn ways to connect to your inner self, your partner, and the world.

Amid the elegance of original works of western art at Bingham Gallery in Mt. Carmel, Utah, hear an unforgettable live chamber music performance including the world premier of three original compositions for violins and piano from Laurence Lowe's new album, "On Contemplating Loss."

Safely observe the fiery surface of our sun through a powerful solar telescope! In the opposite direction, examine the rising moon in the ambiance of spine-tingling live music. Space-themed costumes are welcome!

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day on an early morning walk, listening, spotting, and identifying beautiful birds.

The annual Amazing Earthfest in Kanab, Utah, inspires and educates residents and visitors to value stewardship of natural and cultural resources on America's public lands and to explore responsibility to present and future generations. Events encourage individual experience and community conversation to explore scientific knowledge, discover shared values in conservation and land ethics, enhance appreciation for the benefits that public lands provide, understand natural systems and human impacts upon them, and promote appreciation for creative artistic expression that connects people with their natural heritage to sustain rural Western economies.

For those who love nature. Make reservations now and register to attend! AmazingEarthfest.org.

NEW FLAVORS ON TAP: EDGE OF THE WORLD CONTINUES TO EVOLVE

Colorado City's beloved Edge of the World Brewery is still breaking the mold in a town once dominated by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Renowned for its welcoming atmosphere and signature craft beers, the brewery has expanded its offerings to include locally crafted spirits—thanks to a separate distillery operated by head brewer and brewery co-owner Ray Hammon in a different location. While the distillery's official grand opening is still upcoming, curious patrons can currently visit by appointment only. In the meantime, the brewery features these new spirits in its signature cocktails, giving guests a taste of what's to come.

New Menu, New Tastes

Since November 2024, Edge of the World has replaced its popular pizza menu with healthier fare, including burgers, sandwiches, and salads. Fans of Berry Knoll's old favorites can still enjoy hearty local flavors, but the revamped menu aims to draw in a broader audience seeking lighter twists on classic pub dishes.

Beyond Brew: Cocktails, Lottery, and a Dog-Friendly Patio

Edge of the World isn't just for beer enthusiasts. In addition to craft brews, the brewery serves cocktails, wine, and—courtesy of the separate distillery—house-distilled spirits featured in signature mixed drinks. For those feeling lucky, the brewery also carries the Arizona Lottery. And if patrons want to bring their canine companions, the dog-friendly patio provides a relaxed spot to enjoy scenic desert views.

Distilling Future Plans

Co-owner and head brewer (and soon-to-be head distiller) Ray Hammon has never shied away from innovation. Although the distillery operates independently and at a different location, it's poised to boost the local economy and tourism scene once fully open. Until then, anyone interested in



a behind-the-scenes look can schedule an appointment—no need to wait for the brewery to start incorporating the distillery's spirits, which are already on the menu in specialty cocktails.

Upcoming Entertainment

Edge of the World Brewery keeps the fun rolling with daily Happy Hour from 4–6 PM and Ladies' Night every Thursday at 6 PM. On the first Thursday of each month, visitors can enjoy Bingo, and the first Friday features Karaoke. Every third Thursday offers a special Ladies' Night Karaoke, while the fourth Thursday is playfully dubbed "Trivia Tuesday." Most Friday nights bring live music, open mics, or comedy shows to the stage, complete with rotating seasonal beers, cocktails, and food specials. - March 7 – Rio Virgin will deliver desert jazz for Mardi Gras season with special food and drink deals. - March 14 – The annual St. Patrick's Day celebration kicks off with Stone Company providing lively tunes.

Looking Ahead

Though the distillery's full launch date has been pushed back, visitors to the brewery can still enjoy the evolving food menu, weekly events, and trademark hospitality. Keep an eye on Edge of the World's Facebook page for updates on the distillery, including new appointment availability, photos, and more announcements.

SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD'S MARCH 2025 EVENTS

The Southern Utah Art Guild would like to invite you to three events in March 2025 at Red Cliff Gallery and one event at Arrowhead Gallery. All events are free, and the public is invited to attend.

Red Cliff Gallery:

Enjoy the work of 70 local artists with over 180 new works of art at our "My Favorite Things" art show on display at the Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N 200 E, St. George, Utah. The show ends on March 27, 2025. The exhibit is free, and all artwork is for sale. Gallery hours are M-F, 9 AM to 5 PM, and Sat Noon to 4 PM. The Photographs of Jo Ann Merrill will be the featured artist during the show.

On Wednesday, March 12, at Red Cliff Gallery from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, there will be an Oil Painting Demonstration by well-known local artist Marilyn Rose. Marilyn is a member of Oil Painters of America, and her work is in many art collections in California and the Southwest.



On Thursday, March 13, at 4 PM at Red Cliff Gallery, there will be a speaker, Ray Campeau, Artist and Gallery Owner from Bozeman, Montana. Ray will discuss his Gallery and his life as an artist. Ray is the curator at Main Stope Gallery, Butte, Montana, and his artwork is in many private collections throughout the American West.

Arrowhead Gallery:

Arrowhead Gallery's featured artist for March is Rorie Tafoya. Her oil paintings showcase everything from animals to landscapes, often set against dimensional backgrounds using a blend of textured paste and shiny foil. Gallery hours are from Tuesday through Thursday, 11 AM to 6 PM, and Friday and Saturday, 11 AM to 8 PM, 68 E. Tabernacle in St. George.

Visit www.southernutahartguild.com for more information and event updates.

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VINTAGE MARKET DAYS® 'BLUE SKIES' SET TO SHINE IN HURRICANE

Vintage Market Days® is rolling back into Washington County Legacy Park Fairgrounds for its fifth event, scheduled for March 20–22. Titled “Blue Skies,” this lively market will feature over 110 vendors from multiple states. Each will offer an array of carefully curated vintage and antique treasures, handmade crafts, clothing, jewelry, and more. Live music and various food trucks will round out the festive atmosphere.

Event Highlights

Running from 10 AM to 5 PM all three days, Vintage Market Days® is known for its welcoming vibe and impressive vendor lineup. Shoppers can expect booth after booth of one-of-a-kind items, including architectural salvage, repurposed furniture, and spring-themed décor. Families are encouraged to attend, and children 12 and under get in free. Whether you're seeking mid-century furnishings or that perfect nostalgic collectible, there's something for everyone to discover.

Ticket Deals and Discounts

For those wanting the first crack at the goods, Early Buying Event tickets are currently half-price and available through



VintageMarketDays.com (be sure to use the promo code “vintage50” for the discount). Even if you miss out on early-bird pricing, you can still save a little cash at the gate: mention or show this article for \$1 off regular admission. The organizers aim to make the event accessible and fun for casual shoppers, serious collectors, and families alike.

Plan Your Visit

Hurricane, Utah, serves as an ideal location, offering plenty of space at the Washington County Legacy Park Fairgrounds for vendors to display their wares. The scenic area also provides an excellent backdrop for a day of vintage-themed adventure. Stroll along the rows of booths, enjoy the live music, and pop by one of the food trucks for a quick bite when you need a break from treasure hunting.

Check out VintageMarketDays.com for directions, additional event details, and a closer look at participating vendors. Mark your calendars for March 20–22 and get ready to soak up the “Blue Skies”—and plenty of vintage flair—at Vintage Market Days®.



'QUINTO ELEMENTO' COMES TO UTAH TECH

By Cami Cox

On March 26, Utah Tech Live will present “Quinto Elemento,” a flamenco experience choreographed by award-winning, internationally acclaimed artist Patricia Guerrero and featuring six dancers from the Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana dance company. The performance will take place at 7:30 PM on the Eccles Mainstage Theatre at Utah Tech University.

Featuring masterful choreography and original live music, “Quinto Elemento” explores the mystical “fifth element” of

ether, the essence comprising the space around us – unseen by the human eye yet always present. The performance will showcase original music by Grammy-nominated composer Jose Luis de la Paz.

Based out of New York City and Durham, North Carolina, Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana is one of America's premier flamenco companies. The company celebrated its 40th year in 2023 and travels the nation to promote flamenco as a living artform and an important component of Hispanic heritage. The dance troupe's founder, Carlota Santana, was honored by the king of Spain with “La Cruz de la Orden al Merito Civil” for her dedication to preserving the art of flamenco in the United States.

Tickets for “Quinto Elemento” can be purchased in person at the ticket office located on the first floor of the Holland Building at UT, or by calling 435-652-7800. For additional information, visit utlive.org or email boxoffice@utahtech.edu.



ST. GEORGE CHAMBER SINGERS TO PERFORM BRAHMS' REQUIEM

On March 28-29, 2025, under the leadership of Conductor and Artistic Director Paul Wiens, the St. George Chamber Singers will combine with the UT Chamber Choir for a stunning performance of Brahms Requiem!

Never having been performed in its entirety in Southern Utah, this will be a very unique opportunity for patrons to hear one of the most prominent choral works of the 19th century! It will be performed in its original German text, complete with a chamber orchestra of local musicians.

This concert is part of the St. George Chamber Singers' 10th anniversary. They are honored to deliver this rare experience to Southern Utah and thank the community for its 10 years of support!

Brahms' Requiem was somewhat unconventional for requiems in its time, focusing more on comfort and consolation for the living than on prayers for the dead. It is considered a unique masterpiece of technique and effect and was

Brahms' first work to bring him international fame.

Tickets can be purchased online at <http://utahtech.eventue.net/events/CHAMBER>, by phone at 435-767-9800, or in person at UTU Box Office (Holland Centennial Commons-Utah Tech University) Mon-Fri 9 AM to 4 PM. General ticket prices are \$18. The student ticket price is \$15.

St. George Chamber Singers in a non-profit organization. For more information about this organization, visit www.stgeorgechambersingers.org.



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For wine lovers seeking a unique tasting experience, Water Canyon Winery offers two stunning locations in Southern Utah—Springdale and Hildale—where guests can savor hand-crafted, all-natural wines in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

At both locations, visitors can enjoy naturally curated wine tastings, featuring Water Canyon Winery's signature natural wines. Made with minimal intervention and no additives, these wines express the purest flavors of the land, allowing the unique terroir of the region to shine through. Pair your tasting with a beautifully arranged charcuterie board that enhances the experience.

Located just outside Zion National Park, Water Canyon Winery's Springdale tasting room offers a cozy retreat for adventurers looking to unwind after a day of exploring. Enjoy a wine tasting while taking



in the breathtaking red rock scenery and learning about the winery's commitment to sustainable winemaking.

In Hildale, guests can take their experience even further by visiting the vineyard, where the grapes are grown with care and respect for the land. After a tasting, indulge in a delicious meal at The Winery Café, where seasonal, locally inspired dishes are crafted to complement Water Canyon's natural wines. Whether you're enjoying a crisp orange wine in the afternoon or a bold red as the sun sets, every sip tells a story of passion, nature, and craftsmanship.

Come experience the art of natural wine at Water Canyon Winery. Whether you visit our Springdale tasting room or immerse yourself in the full vineyard and café experience in Hildale, your perfect pour is waiting.

Visit WaterCanyonWinery.com or [watercanyonwinery](https://www.instagram.com/watercanyonwinery) on Instagram for more information.



SPRING INTO CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

Free Social, April 5, 2025.

Washington City Arts Council (WCAC) announces two upcoming events.

MARCH WORKSHOP

Our March workshop will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 10 AM – 12 PM with web designer Harrison Spriggs. The workshop will provide everything you need to know about creating a website and how to use it to promote and sell your art. You'll walk away with free tools to use for graphic design, insight into how to use AI to create web content, a ready-to-go web template that you can personalize, a digital copy of the presentation for future reference, and an overview of domain names, hosting, pricing, security, and branding colors. If you want to develop your website, non-artists will find the workshop equally valuable.



Harrison Spriggs is a freelance web designer and digital marketer with a track record of helping businesses and creatives build strong online presence. With years of experience designing websites, optimizing search engines, and crafting digital marketing strategies, he can help you learn how to turn a website into a powerful tool for growth. The workshop is limited to 40 individuals, so register early to ensure your spot. To register or for more information, visit or email washingtoncityartscouncil@gmail.com. The cost of the workshop is \$40.

SPRING SOCIAL

The public is invited to come and socialize at the Washington City Arts Council's Spring Social. A short program will kick off the evening, after which you can explore what our local art scene offers at this eclectic event. You will be treated to light refreshments and live music as you experience beautiful art and engage in stimulating conversation with our talented artists. There is no cost to attend the Social on April 5.

The Social will occur on Saturday, April 5, at the newly remodeled Washington Heritage Hall, located at the northeast corner of Telegraph and Main Streets, Washington, Utah. Festivities begin at 6 PM and will run until about 7:30 PM. More information will be available at <https://www.washingtoncityartscouncil.com/about>.

WCAC workshops and events are supported by Washington City RAP Tax and the Miner Foundation.

DISCOVER SOUTHERN UTAH: ZION JEEP TOURS ROLLS OUT NEW NIGHT SKY EXPERIENCE

Zion Jeep Tours Rolls On with Over 20 Years of Adventure

Zion Jeep Tours, a local staple for over two decades, continues to blaze new trails in the scenic Zion area. With private and group tours available year-round, the company's experienced guides share insights on everything from the region's unique geology to its abundant wildlife. Now, they are reaching new heights—literally—by unveiling Night Sky Tours.



Offering Nighttime Adventures

Zion Jeep Tours' new Night Sky Tours whisk guests away from city lights, heading up secluded mountain roads to gaze at the star-packed heavens. Visitors get to relax under a canopy of stars in reclining chairs, bundled up in cozy blankets, while professional-quality telescopes and binoculars enhance the view. It's the perfect opportunity for families, wedding parties, and large groups to discover the wonders of Southern Utah's nighttime magic without the city glow getting in the way.

A Passionate New Owner

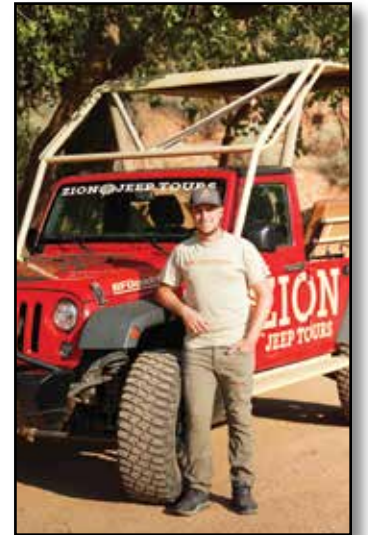
In 2024, Ben, a longtime outdoor enthusiast and former tour guide with Zion Jeep Tours, became the new owner. He's continuing the company's legacy of offering fun, informative off-road adventures. Under Ben's guidance, Zion Jeep Tours is planning fresh expeditions for 2025, set to be announced on its website, Facebook, and Instagram pages. "We have an amazing team that all share a passion for the Zion area and outdoor adventures," a company representative says. "Our guides love what they do and enjoy being part of our guests' experiences out here in Zion. We're looking forward to many more years of adventures to come."

More Than Just a Tour

Beyond daily excursions, Zion Jeep Tours accommodates

large groups for special events such as birthday parties, wedding celebrations, and even dinner gatherings in scenic locations. The team's deep knowledge of the region's flora and fauna, plus plenty of entertaining stories, make each tour memorable for visitors of all ages.

Whether it's the classic daytime sight-seeing adventure or the newly introduced Night Sky Tours, Zion Jeep Tours promises an unforgettable experience in the heart of Southern Utah. For more information on pricing and schedules or to reserve tickets, visit ZionJeepTours.com or follow the company on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.



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A MESMERIZING SPRING EXHIBIT AT THE ST. GEORGE ART MUSEUM

The St. George Art Museum will launch its Spring Exhibition on March 22 from 6-8 PM, featuring the creative talents of Rachel Henriksen, Grace Wilson, and Shane Christensen. Everyone is invited to enjoy light refreshments, meet the artists, and experience how these three distinctive visions share threads of experimentation, tradition, and uplifting community spirit. This opening reception perfectly aligns with the museum's mission of fostering artistic connections, inspiring creativity, and enriching southern Utah's cultural landscape through engaging exhibits. With this vibrant spring lineup and a welcoming atmosphere, the St. George Art Museum continues its tradition of celebrating imaginative expression and serving as a central gathering place for art enthusiasts.



Off the Grid: Rachel Henriksen

Henriksen's "Off the Grid" explores the interplay between structure and disruption, employing grids, patterns, and repetition to reflect the interconnectedness of people and cultures. Her artworks use warped lines, shifted perspectives, and dynamic color, echoing the nuanced dance of human relationships—stable yet ever-changing.

Shangri-La: Grace Wilson

Grace Wilson's "Shangri-La" offers viewers a radiant sanctuary built on the foundations of love, gratitude, and compassion. Vibrant images and handwritten reflections function as visual "love letters," emphasizing how kindness and empathy weave through everyday life. Through floating figures, halos, and hearts, Wilson's work underscores the joyful impact even the smallest caring act can have.

Shane Christensen's Ceramic Visions

Shane Christensen, a practicing potter since 1993, brings a dynamic ceramic element to the show, blending American folk influences with an Asian flair. After earning his BA in ceramics and sculpture and his MFA from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Christensen taught at Western Texas College and Snow Canyon High School before becoming an assistant professor and Chair of the Visual Arts Department at Dixie State. His creations, ranging from functional objects to large-scale vases and platters, make deft use of decals and other surface techniques, bridging cultural traditions with universal appeal.

The St. George Art Museum

Located in historic downtown, the St. George Art Museum is dedicated to educating, enlightening, and entertaining through the power of visual art. By showcasing diverse exhibitions and hosting community-focused events, the museum enriches cultural awareness and fosters artistic dialogue throughout southern Utah.

How to Attend

The Spring Exhibition reception on March 22 from 6-8 PM is free to the public at 47 E 200 N, St. George, UT 84770. For museum hours and upcoming events, visit www.sgcity.org/artmuseum or call (435) 627-4525.

UTAH TRAILS CONFERENCE 2025

Where Adventure and Innovation Converge

The Utah Trails Conference 2025 is blazing a path to Kanab for two days of outdoor exploration, engaging presentations, and networking opportunities. Taking place April 23–24, this annual gathering invites trail enthusiasts, builders, and advocates to learn from industry experts, share ideas, and get hands-on with trail-building techniques right where the adventure happens.

A Two-Day Trail Extravaganza

On April 23, attendees will gear up for immersive field workshops. From trail layout and design for Utah's arid landscapes to an off-highway vehicle (OHV) maintenance tour, there's plenty on the docket for trail lovers of all stripes. After honing outdoor skills all day, participants can wind down with a Kick-Off Dinner at Jackson Flat Reservoir, presented by the Kane County Water Conservancy. Live music from the Chris Paul Band will keep the energy high as guests enjoy a celebratory awards ceremony spotlighting exceptional contributions in the Utah trails community.

Diving into Day Two

April 24 brings a full schedule of classroom sessions—covering topics like Ebike trends, fundraising for nonprofits, and building collaborative relationships between communities and land managers. Backcountry Horsemen, technology experts, and experienced volunteer coordinators will lead sessions on everything from equine partnership to emerging digital tools for trail funding. With breakfast, lunch, and ample networking breaks, participants can expand their trail-building toolkit while forging new partnerships.

Ticket Information

- Regular (\$199): January 13–April 18
- Late (\$225): April 19–April 25

Tickets can be purchased online, and attendees are encouraged to nominate peers for awards recognizing their outstanding achievements in the trail industry. Readers can use the code "infowest20" for \$20 off the regular price.



Experience Kanab

Known as "Magically Unspoiled," Kanab sits near several national treasures—Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, and the Grand Canyon North Rim are all just a short drive away. With scenic wonders like the Coral Pink Sand Dunes and The Wave within reach, Southern Utah is an explorer's dream. Local restaurants, offering culinary variety that spans vegan cuisine to traditional French, add to the area's charm.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and explore at the Utah Trails Conference 2025. Whether you're a trail builder, outdoor enthusiast, or community organizer, this event offers something for everyone. To secure your spot, visit recreation.utah.gov/utah-trails-conference/ and purchase tickets before they sell out. For more details on the conference schedule, nomination forms, or any inquiries, head to the official website and get ready to blaze new trails this April in Kanab.

GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY PRESENTS ONCE ON THIS ISLAND JR.

April 3-4, 2025, In Cedar City.

Gateway Preparatory Academy students are bringing the vibrant story of *Once on This Island JR.* to life! This musical adaptation of *The Little Mermaid* is set in the Caribbean and follows Ti Moune, a young peasant girl who falls in love with Daniel, a boy from a wealthy family. Guided by the island's gods, she embarks on a journey that tests the power of love against the forces of prejudice and fate.

Join us for two unforgettable performances at The Heritage Center Theater (105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720) on April 3rd & 4th at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$5

in advance, \$8 at the door, and can be purchased at gpacharter.org.

This production showcases the hard work of 50 talented student actors and

singers, supported by Gateway's stagecraft class, which designed and built all the sets and props. The production team includes Emilee Clements (choreography), Sarah Shelly (musical director), David Cowley (technical director), and Nathan Ferguson (director).

We invite the community to experience this powerful musical and support our students' dedication to the arts!

Once on This Island JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). For more information, visit www.mtishows.com.



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SPRINGDALE GOES GREEN! PARADE, FOOD TRUCKS, JELL-O SCULPTURES, AND MORE

The Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau is rolling out the green carpet for its annual St. Patrick's Day Festival on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Springdale Town Park, 126 Lion Blvd. From 2 PM to 7 PM, anyone looking to celebrate the luck of the Irish can count on a lively day packed with food, music, and plenty of hometown charm.

But the fun starts even earlier! On the morning of March 15, head over to the Canyon Community Center in Springdale for a Green Jello Sculpture Making workshop.

- Adults: 9:30 AM – 11 AM
 - Kids & Families: 11 AM – 12:30 PM
- All the green jello and art supplies



you need will be provided, and the event is FREE—just bring your imagination (and any extra items you might want to include in your sculpture). Sponsored by Z-Arts and the Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau, it's the perfect opportunity to craft a one-of-a-kind piece to enter in the 2025 Green Jello Sculpture Contest. Questions? Call or text Lanell at 435-414-0279.

Later in the day, the St. Patrick's Day Festival festivities kick off at 2 PM with a parade marching right through town and ending at the park. Once there, festival-goers can explore a variety of food trucks serving up local favorites and holiday-inspired dishes, plus vendor booths offering everything from handcrafted items to fresh treats.

Among the highlights is the ever-popular Green Jell-O Sculpture Contest, where participants showcase their jiggly masterpieces—whether they're towering structures or whimsical bite-sized creations—in hopes of winning top honors (and ultimate bragging rights).

Local entrepreneurs and community members are still encouraged to join the fun: the festival is seeking food trucks, vendor booths, and parade entries to make this year's celebration bigger and better than ever. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome.

For more information, visit the Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau Facebook page. Whether you're there for the parade, the food, or the green jello, you're sure to leave with a little extra luck in your pocket.

KAYENTA STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL & 5K COLOR FUN RUN

By Cami Cox



Get ready to (literally) paint the town the weekend of April 4-6. It will be a colorful one in the Ivins community as the annual Kayenta Street Painting Festival gears up for an outdoor chalk art extravaganza featuring the talent of local artists. Also taking place that weekend, on Saturday, April 5, will be the Kayenta 5K Color Fun Run, with participants becoming human works of art as they get doused with color at powdered paint stations along the race course. All in all, it will be a vibrant weekend that is anything but dull!

Kayenta Street Painting Festival

Returning for its 15th year, the Kayenta Street Painting Festival will kick off on Friday, April 4, at 5 PM in the Kayenta Art Village, located at 851 Coyote Gulch Court in Ivins. Focused on the theme "Red Rock Reflections," the event will showcase the work of students and professional artists as they create colorful murals on canvases of asphalt depicting Southern Utah's red rock landscapes.

Attendees can watch the participants

create their live, on-site artwork, vote for their favorite murals, and browse the Kayenta Art Village's galleries. There will also be food trucks, live music, and lots of fun for the whole family.

Admission for spectators is free. The festival will take place on April 4 from 5-8 PM, April 5 from 10 AM to 5 PM, and April 6 from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Kayenta 5K Color Fun Run

The second annual Kayenta 5K Color Fun Run will occur on April 5 at 8 AM at Kayenta Art Village.

The event is open to participants of all ages and abilities and will cover 3.1 miles across the Kayenta community. Attendees can run, walk, or stroll, and each color stop during the race will include a powdered paint station, where participants can get painted up to finish the race as colorful human masterpieces.

Once the race is over, breakfast snacks and beverages will be available for participants, and they can then stroll through the Street Painting Festival and enjoy the festivities.

Registration for the Color Run is \$45 if completed before April 3 and \$55 if completed between April 3-5. Registration can be completed online and includes a Color Run event T-shirt. Packet pickup for registrants will take place April 4 from 5-8 PM or April 5 before the Color Run starting at 6 AM.

For more information about these events, call (435) 674-2787 or visit KayentaArts.org.

FROM CORNED BEEF TO KARAOKE - VISIT ADRIA'S IN MARCH

Adria's Restaurant in Kanab is kicking off spring in style this March, continuing its reputation as a beloved local gathering spot for hearty comfort foods and lively events. Owner Adria and her team have some special happenings lined up all month long—plus a few surprises on the horizon.

Karaoke Every Friday

You won't want to miss Karaoke Fridays at Adria's. Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-timer, this is the perfect chance to enjoy music, laughs, and maybe even discover a hidden talent. Bring friends, share a plate of their famous Western Bacon Cheeseburgers or Cowboy Cheese Steak, and sing the night away.

St. Patty's Day Party: March 17

Celebrate luck, laughter, and all things green at Adria's St. Patrick's Day Party. Enjoy traditional corned beef and cabbage with potatoes and carrots, sip on green

beer, and soak in the festive atmosphere complete with music and friendly faces. It's the perfect way to get into the Irish spirit right here in Kanab.

Adria's Third Anniversary: March 30

Mark your calendars for March 30 as Adria's commemorates another year of great food and community. From day one, the restaurant has been committed to serv-



ing comfort classics—and the occasional new twist—and has become a go-to spot for both locals and visitors. Join the celebration, raise a glass, and toast to many more years of dining and fun.

Huge Yard Sale—Date TBA
Keep an eye on Adria's social media pages for the official date of their huge yard sale. Bargain hunters and treasure seekers will have plenty to explore. After you've worked up an appetite sifting through potential finds, head inside for a meal or treat. Adria's adjacent ice cream shop also has you covered if you need a quick bite or something sweet to keep you going.

Looking Ahead: Runaway Fire on May 17
Spring may be in full swing, but Adria's is already planning ahead for a rockin' night in May. Circle May 17 on your calendar to catch Runaway Fire, one of the best bands in the region. It promises to be a show you

won't forget.

Beyond the special events, Adria's continues to serve up dishes that keep customers coming back—from Biscuits and Gravy and Gourmet Mac and Cheese to vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free entrées. With seating for up to 230 guests, the restaurant can easily host private parties, reunions, and corporate events, complete with custom catering and a full liquor license.

Located at 86 S 200 W in Kanab, Adria's is open Sunday to Thursday from 8 AM to 9 PM (closed Wednesdays), and on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 PM. For the latest updates, follow "Adria's Restaurant Kanab" on Facebook, check out @adriasrestaurant on Instagram, or call (435) 644-2419. With a warm welcome, hearty meals, and a calendar packed with fun, Adria's Restaurant invites you to make March memorable in Kanab.

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<p>WIFFLEBALL TOURNEY 9 am at Elementary School 5 players per team Youth and Adult Divisions Register online at cliffleball.com or Contact Lance Peterson (435) 669-9155</p>	<p>EASTER EGG HUNT 10 am at Town Park SOUP CONTEST Entries due at 10:30 am at NEC Contact Emalene Lake to enter (801) 358-4656</p>	<p>LAWN MOWER RACES 5:00 pm at Carrol Arena Contact Shane Frost for more information and to register (435) 691-2382</p>
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TIPPLE TRAIL VIA (BY WAY OF) RED REEF EAST TRAIL

By Tom Garrison

Location: Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Utah
Difficulty: Red Reef East Trail is easy—not rocky, with only a few sections that are not too steep up and down. Much of Tipple Trail is rocky, mostly up and down, with some fairly steep inclines. I rate it as moderately strenuous. Remember, you cross Leeds Creek on the way out and back. If the water is low, it is easy; if the water is high, be careful.
Average Hiking Time: About 2 1/4 hours at a leisurely pace with many photo stops.
Elevations: The Red Reef East trailhead is approximately 3,159 feet in elevation, with a 190-foot elevation gain from there to the highest point of the hike.
Family Friendly: Red Reef East is fine for all family members; Tipple Trail might be a challenge for young children.

Finding the Trailhead: The trailhead is about 10 miles from St. George. Driving

north on Interstate 15, take Exit 16 onto State Route 9 toward Hurricane. At the first traffic light, turn left (north) and proceed northeast on Old Highway 91 for four miles. Around four miles, you'll see a brown sign on the right reading Red Cliffs National Conservation Area/Red Cliffs Recreation Area and arrows pointing to the left. Within a hundred yards or so, take a left turn (northwest) through two narrow tunnels under Interstate 15. Go left after transiting through the tunnels and follow the signs and the paved road .4 miles from the Old Highway 91 turnoff to the Red Cliffs Recreation Area entrance station. After the entrance station, continue on the paved road and park in the day parking area on the right, 1.3 miles from the Old Highway 91 turnoff. Then, walk north about 200 yards against traffic on the eastern paved road to Campground 8. The Red

Reef East trailhead, a stepover and sign, is at the back of Campground 8.

Or, going north on Interstate 15, take Exit 22 to the town of Leeds. At the end of the off-ramp, make a sharp right (south) on Old Highway 91. Travel approximately



two miles and turn right (northwest) just past the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area/Red Cliffs Recreation Area sign and proceed through two narrow tunnels under Interstate 15. Then, follow the directions above.

Mining played a big part in southwest Utah's history. The area around Leeds was heavily mined for silver in the late 1800s. By the early 1900s, the mines had closed. There were some mining revivals the next 50 years, but none lasted long. This mining era did leave many two track dirt roads and boarded-up mines in the Leeds area.

If you want to explore a portion of this mining area and experience some splendid views of southwest Utah's red sandstone mountains, then the 3.6-mile round trip Tipple Trail via Red Reef East Trail is for you. This trail is in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. The name of the latter section of this trail, Tipple, refers to a "tipple" structure used in mining to load extracted rock for transport.

This area is also known for its reefs. Most people think of reefs as bars of rock, sand, coral, or similar material lying beneath or just above the surface of a body of water. When geological formations were being named in southwest Utah, someone went wild applying the moniker "reef" to every ridge they saw. Reefs not near water are simply ridges resulting from tectonic (faults and earthquakes) and volcanic uplift and erosion. They may be colorful depending on the composition of the original sediments that were deposited and subsequently uplifted.

In the Harrisburg/Leeds area are at least five lengthy ridges called reefs—Red Reef, White Reef, Silver Reef, Buckeye Reef, and Leeds Reef.

The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve was established in 1996 to protect a large and diverse habitat capable of sustaining wild-life populations threatened by development

and habitat loss. It comprises 62,000 acres and has more than 130 miles of shared-use trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Three ecosystems—the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin Desert, and the Colorado Plateau—merge in southwestern Utah and the Reserve, reflecting this region's biological diversity.

My wife, Deb, and I set off on our adventure to Tipple Trail via Red Reef East Trail on a crisp, clear mid-February morning. We parked about 10 am near the trailhead under a deep blue Utah sky with the temperature in the high 40s. The trailhead elevation is 3,159 feet with about a 190 foot elevation change from there to the highest point of the hike.

We stepped over the trailhead stepover (neither one of us tripped) and headed east along the wide trail. The well-marked trail meanders a bit, sometimes going north but mostly east. We crossed a couple of dry washes and a few mild inclines. The views of the red cliffs and mountains to the west and north were magnificent.

After .7 miles from the trailhead, we came to the intersection with Tipple Trail on our right. The first section of the well-marked Tipple Trail goes south and then west, closing in on the riparian environment of Leeds Creek. Within .3 miles, we came to the creek and easily crossed (the water level was low). Be advised that after rain, the creek may be challenging to cross. Then, the trail led upslope and onto a ridge line (aka White Reef) going east. The views remained good. Hiking along, we came across the ruins of an old mine. The trail is mostly up and down slopes, some of them fairly steep.

The trail ends about 1.1 miles from the Red Reef East Trail intersection, with a stepover and sign at the northern boundary of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. About 100 yards prior to the boundary is an intersection on the right with Adit Trail.

We then began the return trip. The returns are always fun because you are looking at what you didn't see (unless you are walking backward or always glancing back the way you came) on the way out. The views were just as good as on the way in.

Being mid-winter, the flora was dormant, and a few birds were the only animals we saw. We only met two humans and their dog on the trail, maybe because it was a Monday morning in the winter.

We spent about 2 1/4 hours on the 3.6-mile round-trip hike. East Reef Trail is easy, and Tipple Trail is moderately strenuous due to its up-and-down nature with several rather steep slopes. I recommend this adventure—a natural setting with fantastic views about 10 miles from St. George. A great way to break mid-winter doldrums.



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THE DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL RETURNS TO THE ELECTRIC THEATER FOR SEVENTH OUTING!

The 501(C)(3) nonprofit, Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah, has just announced dates as well as early bird all-access badge sales for the 2025 Desertscape International Film Festival, which is about to embark on its 7th year. Additionally, this independent film showcase has also revealed its opening night feature.

DIFF 2025 will take place in beautiful St. George, UT from Wednesday, April 16th through Saturday, April 19th with the majority of the screenings and events taking place at the historic Electric Theater. Desertscape will, once again, coincide with the long-running St. George Art Festival and this will only add to the magic of the proceedings. This celebration of independent cinema will feature over 40 films—shorts and features—from all around the world. Multiple countries and genres will be represented throughout the festival and programmers promise a little something for everyone.

Last year's stunning slate of films included Josh Margolin's 2024 winner "Thelma" starring June Squibb, Peter Flynn's affectionate ode to film collectors "Film is Dead. Long Live Film!" H. Nelson Tracey's bitter-sweet romance "Breakup Season" starring Samantha Isler and Chandler Riggs, Alex Astrella's moving documentary short "Free Play," and Joseph DeGolyer's understated father/son story "Chicken Coop" just to name a precious few.

The entire 2025 lineup is expected to drop in mid-March but at press time, festival programmers were able to offer up this enticing morsel; The 2025 opening night feature will be the North Macedonian import, "DJ Ahmet" from writer/director Georgi M. Unkovski. This charming coming-of-age gem finds a 15-year-old Yurok boy escaping the pressures of his small village life through the power of electronic dance music. "DJ Ahmet" went on to win the Audience Choice and the World Cinema Special Jury Award for Creative Vision at the recent Sundance Film Festival. It's an absolute crowd-pleaser and the team at Desertscape couldn't be any more thrilled to have it as their feature opener.

Beyond that, programmers promise a diverse slate of films from all around the globe. Additionally, Desertscape 2025

will host after parties, a live script read, industry panels, filmmaker Q&As, special guests, an awards ceremony and plenty of networking opportunities for those looking to get into the film business. Plus, plenty of art and live music courtesy of the venerable St. George Art Festival. This is to say nothing of all of the breathtaking scenic locales St. George and its nearby areas have to offer. Come for the amazing films...Stay for the beautiful sights.



Desertscape International Film Festival all-access passes have just gone on sale at a steal of an early bird price of \$99, but this is a limited offer. The early bird price runs through March 25th, with the passes jumping up to \$150 on March 26. These passes provide the most cinematic bang for your buck and include admittance into all screenings and events as well as access to food and a VIP lounge. Additionally, all-access passes come with an exclusive Desertscape swag bag! Purchase your passes at fmasu.com/event-details/the-2025-desertscape-international-film-festival.

Individual screening tickets, day passes, and 4-day screening badges (screenings only) are expected to go on sale in the third week of March alongside the full lineup announcement.

Don't miss the 2025 Desertscape International Film Festival. St. George's premiere independent film showcase!

*Schedule subject to change

★★★★★ - Amazing!
 ★★★★★ - Good
 ★★★ - Decent
 ★★ - Poor
 ★ - Terrible

THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Mast

HEART EYES (R)

★★★★

"Heart Eyes" is an immensely entertaining slasher romcom mashup.

I can't think of a more entertaining Valentine's Day-centric movie in recent memory than "Heart Eyes." This is a film that will be of particular interest to those couples out there that incessantly argue over whether they're going to go see a romantic comedy or a horror flick on Cupid's big day because as it happens, this amusing movie manages to be both at the same time. It's like an 80s/90s slasher walked smack dab into the middle of a rom-com. In theory, it really shouldn't work at all, but I'll be damned if it doesn't.

"Heart Eyes" opens on the slasher side of things by introducing us to a masked killer who, we're told, visits various cities and murders random couples on Valentine's Day. After a brutal opening establishes what the Heart Eyes killer is capable of, the film switches gears and throws us into romcom terrain by introducing us to Ally McCabe (Olivia Holt), an unlucky-in-love independent woman who finds herself clashing with new boss Jay Simmonds (Mason Gooding.) Following a slightly volatile dinner/business meeting, Ally spots her ex in the arms of his latest soulmate so to make him jealous, she plants a kiss on an unsuspecting Jay. Unbeknownst to her, the Heart Eyes killer sees them kiss and targets the non-pair thinking that they're a couple. As expected,

carnage and hilarity ensues.

The slasher aspect of "Heart Eyes" certainly functions as a whodunnit reminiscent of "Scream" as well as director Josh Ruben's last film, the creative werewolf romp, "Werewolves Within." At the same time, this movie gamefully pays homage to nearly every romcom trope you can shake a stick at, making for a very entertaining hybrid. It's the ultimate Meet Cute. In fact, this is one of the better romcoms I've seen in a while and as a slasher, I actually preferred this to the last two "Scream" entries. What's more, as a slice of holiday horror, it's vastly superior to Eli Roth's "Thanksgiving" because the horror and humor work in much stronger harmony.

Even though the proceedings here do tend to get somewhat brutal at times (keep in mind that this movie is R rated for a reason), "Heart Eyes" manages to steer clear of descending into a swamp of doom, gloom, and nihilism. On the contrary, it offers an oddly light touch that lands it more in the "Happy Death Day" and "The Final Girls" camp, and a great deal of that has to do with the romcom side of things.

"Heart Eyes" certainly isn't without its flaws. The whodunnit may not work for everyone (I kind of liked it) and some might find the proceedings a little too precious when it comes to the fashion in which it wears its plethora of influences proudly on its sleeve but honestly, I had a really good time with this movie. The leads are appealing, and the film is well paced. It's an affectionate love letter to the kinds of flicks that director Josh Ruben holds dear. Further still, the proceedings are energetic, silly, gleefully gory, and, yes, even romantic.

If you and the one you care most about enjoy romcoms and can handle the extremities that come with the quintessential R-rated slasher film, this is just the right flick to see on Valentine's Day, or on date night for that matter. At the very least, you can bet that "Heart Eyes" is going to be my traditional go to every February 14th! Just don't tell my wife because I haven't told her yet.

Spring Into Reading!

March into the library and find a world of books, learning and fun! Whether you're chasing leprechauns, discovering new stories, or diving into exciting events, the Washington County Library System has something for everyone this March! Get lucky with a great read!



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Washington City Arts Council UPCOMING EVENTS

March Website Workshop with Harrison Spriggs

Saturday, March 15, 10 AM – Noon



Learn how to build and maintain a website that promotes and sells your art—covering everything from domain names and hosting to branding and security. Gain access to free design tools, AI content strategies, a customizable web template, and expert guidance that benefits artists and non-artists alike.

Cost: \$40.

Washington City Arts Council's Spring Social

Saturday, April 5, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



Kick off the evening with a short program, then explore our eclectic local art scene while enjoying live music, light refreshments, and stimulating conversation. Mingle with talented artists in a newly remodeled venue and immerse yourself in the creative energy of our community.

No Cost.



For additional info or to contact Washington City Arts Council please visit:

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 or www.facebook.com/wcacut

How To Use This Calendar: Begin by reviewing the 'Multi-Day Events' section to find specific dates or event types happening over multiple days. For weekly reoccurring events go to 'Events by Day.' Then explore 'Events By Date' for date-specific events.

Multi-Day Events

38TH SEARS INVITATIONAL ART SHOW & SALE Feb. 15-Mar. 29. This year Utah Tech celebrates the 38th Annual Robert and Peggy Sears Invitational Art Show and Sale. This fundraising exhibition features a wide variety of subjects, including landscapes, portraits, and still lifes, in a number of media, including oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, photography, ceramic, and sculpture. We are open for SPECIAL hours this exhibition: Mon.-Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM. FREE. Sears Art Museum, 155 S. University Ave. St. George.

MY FAVORITE THINGS ART SHOW Mar. 7-27, 9 AM. "My Favorite Things" art show featuring over 70 local artists. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

SUU STUDENT DANCE CONCERT Mar. 6-8, 7:30 PM. Tickets available at the Utah Shakespeare Festival Box Office, online at bard.org/tdaa, by phone at 435 586-7878, or in person a half-hour before each performance. 351 W. Center St., Cedar City.

WAIT UNTIL DARK Mar. 7-8, 7:30 PM. This edge-of-your-seat thriller will have you hooked from start to finish. Follow Susy, a blind woman targeted by con men, as she turns the tables in a gripping battle of wits and courage. Wait Until Dark is a pulse-pounding tale that promises twists, turns, and a finale you won't forget. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER Mar. 7-8, 7:30 PM. Dolores Doré Eccles Fine Arts Center, 255 S. 700 E., St. George.

SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP Mar. 10-13, 9 AM. An action-packed camp designed to unleash your child's inner superhero with hands-on activities that build strength, confidence, and problem-solving skills. 5 to 8-year-olds 9-11 AM., 9 to 11-year-olds Noon-2 PM. Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Mar. 11, 12, 25, and 26. 6 PM. Showtimes may vary. R&B, funk, dance, oldies, and classic rock. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

VINTAGE MARKET DAYS® "BLUE SKIES" Mar. 20-22, 10 AM. Vintage Market Days® returns with over 110 vendors offering antiques, repurposed furniture, and unique finds. Enjoy live music, food trucks, and a fun, family-friendly atmosphere. Washington County Legacy Park Fairgrounds, 5500 W. 700 S., Hurricane.

BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT Mar. 13, 20, and 27, 7 PM. Comics from TV and the Movies at the CasaBlanca Showroom! Three new comedians each week! Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SHAMROCK JUNCTION Mar. 14, 15, and 17, 5:30 PM. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Shamrock Junction! Bring your favorite green attire, and enjoy an evening filled with festive and memorable activities for the entire family. \$8 per person (Children 12 months and younger are free). Thunder Junction All-Abilities Park, 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA Mar. 18, and 19, 6 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

MONSTER TRUCK INSANITY Mar. 28-29, 7 PM. Featuring the Insanity Tour superstars seen on TV, plus Mini Monster Mafia, Mega Truck Championship Shootout, Monster Truck Ride Experience, and Full Boogie Tilt LIVE. Visit utahmonstertrucks.com. \$10- \$50. Kids' tickets only \$10! Discounts online. Dixie Sunbowl, 150 S. 400 E., St. George.

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL ENTRIES Submissions for the 19th Annual Red Rock Film Festival are open. The actual Festival is September 23-27, 2025. To enter a short, feature, or trailer, visit filmfreeway.com/RedRockFilmFestival. Cedar City.

PAROWAN SWAP MEET Mar. 21-22, 9 AM. Two fun days of antiques, food, clothing, toys, tools, yard sales, and fundraisers. Everyone welcome. For more information, call 435-559-4504. Iron County Fairgrounds, E. Clinic Wy., Parowan.

ST. GEORGE HOME EXPO Mar. 21-23. Planning on upgrading your home or need a reliable contractor to fix your leaking roof, the St. George Home Expo is your place to find all local remodeling experts. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

BRAHMS' REQUIEM Mar. 28-29, 7:30 PM. The Saint George Chamber Singers and Utah Tech Chamber Singers sing Brahms' "A German Requiem." Sung in the original German and accompanied by the chamber orchestra. Dolores Dore Eccles Fine Arts Center, 255 S. 700 E., St. George.

LAMB OF GOD - EASTER ORATORIO Mar. 30-31, 7 PM. The musical telling of the final days of Jesus's life and his resurrection. Featuring several local soloists, a large choir, and orchestra under the direction of Jackie Jackson and David Jordan. Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

UTAH TECH D-WEEK April 7-12. Celebrating a century of trailblazing tradition, partnering with community, and embracing the pioneering spirit. D-Week is an annual opportunity for students, alumni, and the entire Southern Utah community to unite. For more details about this year's D-Week events, visit utahtech.edu/dweek.

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Events by Day

MONDAYS

FARMERS MARKET & LIVE MUSIC AT THE BIT & SPUR 5 PM. The iconic Bit & Spur Restaurant and Saloon announces its vibrant live music series and farmers market events, now through the Fall. Weather-permitting. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

TUESDAYS

MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Everyday is better when you make art! Join us every Tuesday from 11 to 12 p.m. to create unique projects that you can take home. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

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

KARAOKE TUESDAY AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN 8 PM. 432 N. 100 W. Cedar City.

WEDNESDAYS

FREE POOL WEDNESDAY'S AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN Warehouse Bar + Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

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.

WONDER WEDNESDAY 4 PM. Wonder Wednesdays are an after-school program for elementary aged children. Activities are held each Wednesday during the school year. artsFUSION partners with education students to teach Wonder Wednesday once a month at the Southern Utah Museum of Art. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

MIDVALLEY: FARMERS MARKET 4 PM. Come for live music, jump house, face painting, and more. Find some beautiful, original, and unique items for your loved one, all the crafters and artisans are local and everything is handmade by them. This is a Project of The PEACE Guild - Text: 435 704-6916. 780 Midvalley Rd., Ench.

ROWLEY'S RED BARN WEDNESDAY MARKET 5 PM. Come hang with us at Rowleys Red Barn every Wednesday Night, for some good times and great vibes. A Perfect destination for Date night or midweek Family outing. We have live music, awesome vendors, and yummy food trucks. Rowley's Red Barn, 471 W. Telegraph St., 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.

THURSDAYS

SUNRISE ROTARY 8 AM. Meets every Thursday at Scotty's Restaurant at the Falcon Ridge Golf Course. e contact: Deb Parsley debparsley@kwcom. Falcon Ridge Golf Course, 1024 Normandy Ln., Mesquite.

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.

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

FRIDAYS

CRAFTIVITY 11 AM. Join this creative activity every Friday where together, guests and volunteers work to make easy, fun, and educational crafts. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

CEDAR STREET FEST 3 PM. Local businesses, artisans, and performers come together for a weekly celebration of Cedar City's unique culture. Enjoy music, food, and fun, including live music, theatrical performances, stand-up comedy, bouncy houses, art classes, games, Artisans Fair, Farmers Market, drive-in movies, and more. Visit Cedarstreetfest.com. Cedar Fun Center, 170 E. Fiddlers Canyon Rd., Cedar City.

KARAOKE AT ADRIA'S 7 PM. Come in and have a great time with us! Adria's Restaurant, 86 S. 200 W., Kanab.

LIVE MUSIC AT HOME ON THE DESERT RANGE 7:30 PM. Join Home on the Range & Navajo Crafting Co as they welcome local duo Wes & Trekker performing for their first night of live music. Come shop, eat some homemade ice cream, sip some craft soda, and relax to the music. Home on the Desert Range, 97 W. Center St., Cedar City.

OTC COMEDY IMPROV 8 PM. Having performed for 20+ years, you can be sure that every show is unique and completely made up on the spot from suggestions that YOU (the audience!) give them! Wanna see two cavemen at a fancy party? A giraffe mafia? Sentient pillows lamenting their love lives? Any of this could happen! Every Friday. Tickets are \$10. Advanced tickets available for purchase at otccomedy.com. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

SATURDAYS

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.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every event showcases over 50 vendors from all over Washington and Iron Counties bringing you the best in locally grown produce, pasture-raised meats, raw cheeses, and unique artisanal products. Enjoy local food and goods while sitting in the shade on our green grass, jamming out to local live music. This is truly an event for the whole family. Every Saturday. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday behind I/G Winery. Free admission. 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.

ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS 2:30 PM. Join us for the adult Dungeons & Dragons club at the Springdale Library! Embark on epic quests, battle fearsome monsters, and unravel mysterious plots in this immersive tabletop role-playing game. Springdale Branch Library, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WEEKLY MEETING 3 PM. Al-Anon Family Group is Back! Weekly meetings on Sundays. Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Rd. A, Mesquite.

Events by Date

Fri, Mar 7

LYLE LOVETT AND HIS ACOUSTIC GROUP 7:30 PM. Tickets start at \$40. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

BERTOIA BIRTHDAY BASH Noon. Play the sounding sculptures! Talk to the artist's daughter. Eat French baked goods! It's Harry Bertoia's birthday, and we are here to celebrate. He designed modernist chairs, crafted monotypes, welded metal bushes, and performed on Sonambient. Harry Bertoia is world-renowned, creating over 50 monumental architectural sculpture commissions. Harry Bertoia Foundation, 1449 N. 1400 W., Ste 11, St. George.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT KAYENTA 5 PM. First Fridays at Kayenta. Live music, food trucks, and a pop-up boutique market in the Kayenta Art Village beginning at 5 PM, with film screenings in the theater presented by DOCUTAH. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

KATRINA BREE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Powerhouse vocalist & original artist. Blues, Soul, R&B, Rock singer. With her soulful voice and raspy tone, Katrina Bree delivers emotion and passion to her audience spanning many eras and genres of music. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sat, Mar 8

MURRAY SAWCHUCK AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Renowned magician and comedian Murray SawChuck has made waves in the world of entertainment with his unique blend of comedy and magic. Must be 21 or older to attend. CasaBlanca Showroom. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SMART SATURDAY 10 AM. SmART Saturday is a monthly art class geared towards children 6-12 years of age. Looking at art throughout history. Class starts with a brief art lesson on that month's topic, followed by a related art project! Two separate sessions begin at 10-11:30 AM and 11:30 - 1 PM on the second Saturday each month. For information or to make reservations, please call the St. George Art Museum at (435) 627-4525. 47 E. 200 N., St. George..

Mon, Mar 10

HAM RADIO CLUB 6 PM. "The Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club holds meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the airport fire station 3 from 6-7 PM. All hams interested in joining our group and all visitors are welcome. For further information, phone Jonny Rauzi 801-643-4952. Airport Fire Station #2, Mesquite.

Tues, Mar 11

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

Wed, Mar 12

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING 5 PM. Ivins City Hall, 55 Main St., Ivins.

MESQUITE REPUBLICAN WOMEN MTG 5:30 PM. Mesquite Republican Women meet the second Wednesday of each month at 840 Hafen Lane Veterans Center. Doors open at 5 PM meeting begins at 5:30 PM. Contact 858 254-1214, swainsd@gmail.com. Mesquite Veterans Center, 840 Hafen Lane, Mesquite.

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Thurs, Mar 13

ALLEN STANLEY AND KELLY PENTICO AT GEORGE'S 7:30 PM. Allen performs his Original Country Music. 'Original Music, Only' at George's Corner George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

JO DEE MESSINA 8 PM. Tickets start at \$44. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Fri, Mar 14

GREMLINS - FREE MOVIE NIGHT 7 PM. Join us for a night of laughs, scares, and nostalgia as we screen this classic film. Grab your friends some popcorn, and prepare for a fun evening out. The Redstone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab.

ROCK STAR KARAOKE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Rockstar Karaoke allows you to live out your Rock & Roll fantasies and sing your favorite hits with a real, live rock band! Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE TEMPTATIONS 8 PM. Tickets start at \$39. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Sat, Mar 15

THE CAIRN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 8:30 AM. The Cairn is all about women coming together to share their stories within their individual journeys, with the compassionate knowledge that we've all either been there or are going to go through it. Share, Learn, and Have Fun. Check out the great Early Bird registration discount! Festival Hall, 96 N. Main St., Cedar City.

SHEEP TO SHAWL 10 AM. Learn about the process of taking wool from the sheep's back to yours. Sheep shearing, knitting, crocheting, dying, weaving, and more. \$4/person, \$20/family. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

WCAC MARCH WORKSHOP 10 AM. Washington City Arts Council - Web designer Harrison Spriggs will lead the workshop. Learn everything you need to know about website creation and how to promote and sell your art. If you want to develop your website, non-artists will find the workshop valuable. Visit or email washingtoncityartscouncil@gmail.com. Workshop fee is \$40. Washington Community Center, 350 Community Center Dr., Washington.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 9 AM. Join us at the Springdale Town Park from 9 AM to 7 PM for a day filled with fun, festivities, and green Jell-O! Green Jello contest will start off the fun at 9 AM. The parade starts at 2 PM. New location!! Springdale ballfield behind the Canyon Community Center. Calling all food trucks, vendors, and parade participants! Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

HUNTER HAYES 8 PM. Multi-instrumentalist and platinum-selling artist Hunter Hayes is an embodiment of the type of musician who embraces change and strives to rewrite the rules. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

TRIBUTE TO COUNTRY MUSIC 7 PM. An unforgettable night of live country music! Dealt A Straight Band is bringing down the house at the Mesquite Community Theatre with special guests Lorraine Taylor on keyboard and Dave Hunt on violin! Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St., Ste 22, Mesquite.

CEDAR CITY STAR SEARCH 7 PM. A vibrant community event showcasing the best local talent from Cedar City and Iron County. Twelve finalists will perform live, competing in front of community celebrity judges for a chance to win a cash prize. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

THE PARTY AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. A high-energy cover band, The Party, is the trendiest and most fun band out there. Enjoy every single hit song from the 70s, 80s, & 90s, with many songs from today. 21 and older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Mar 16

YOGA AND WINE TASTING (WOGA) AT ZION VINEYARDS 10 AM. Come & Join us for Woga. That's Wine & Yoga. Held in our tasting room. Yoga is free. Wine Tasting at 11:30 \$25. 21+. 435-849-8813 ZionVines.com. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

Mon, Mar 17

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

ST. PATTY'S DAY PARTY Cornbeef and cabbage, potatoes and carrots, green beer and music! dria's Restaurant, 86 S. 200 W., Kanab.

Wed, Mar 19

19TH WARD RS WORLDWIDE DEVOTIONAL & DINNER 6:30 PM. The Hurricane 19th Ward Relief Society will watch the Worldwide Devotional while having dinner together. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1178 S. 700 W., Hurricane.

Thurs, Mar 20

A.P.E.X. EVENTS AT SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY 11:30 PM. 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

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

BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB 4:30 PM. Book Ends Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

DYLAN THOMAS GAVIN AT GEORGE'S PM. Dylan performs his Original Alternative Music. 'Original Music, Only' at George's Corner George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

THE MUSIC OF ABBA 8 PM. The 10-12 piece band ARRIVAL from Sweden performs original ABBA music. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Fri, Mar 21

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT 7:30 PM. The SUU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Xun Sun presents the fifth installment of the 2024-2025 Music Masterworks Series. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

BLUE STRING THEORY 8 PM. Blue String Theory is made up of 5 seasoned professional musicians who have dedicated their careers to performing live entertainment. Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

GRAND FUNK RAILROAD 8 PM. Originating from Flint, Michigan in 1969, this top-selling American rock group of the 70's is "Comin' To Your Town To Help You Party It Down". Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Sat, Mar 22

ALL THINGS TREES 10 AM. Free landscape workshop. 90 mins, including Q&A. Details at wccd.gov/events533. Waterworks Dr, St George, St. George.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Come cheer on community members or show off your talents. Share your music, poetry, comedy, magic, or soliloquy. Admission is free. Every 4th Saturday. Call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Since 1997, Yellow Brick Road has been reshaping the Las Vegas entertainment culture by bringing rock music to the forefront of what was once known as "the lounge scene". 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE REDEEMER 8 PM. Celebrate Easter by experiencing this profoundly spiritual and stirring music centered around the life and redemptive mission of The Redeemer Jesus Christ. Grammy Nominated violinist Jenny Oaks Baker and Conductor, Emmy Award-winning composer Kurt Bestor, with narrator and tenor Dallyn Vail Bayles and soprano Lisa Hopkins Seegmiller, will be joined by the outstanding St George Singers and Southwest Symphony Orchestra to present this inspiring performance. For more info and tickets, visit JennyOaksBaker.com Tuacahn Center for the Arts, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins..

Wed, Mar 26

FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA PRESENTS QUINTO ELEMENTO 7:30 PM. 255 S. 700 E., St. George.

Thurs, Mar 27

CASEY STICKLEY AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Casey performs his Original Alternative music. Original Music, Only' at George's Corner George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Mar 28

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

GLEN GALLARDE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 6 PM. 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.

PRCA EXTREME BULLS Mar. 28-29, 7:30 PM. Tickets start at \$39. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Sat, Mar 29

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: VEGGIE GARDENING 10 AM. Tips on planting and growing vegetables in our climate. Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George.

SPRING STAMPFEST 1 PM. Make pretty things with paper, ink, and rubber stamps! Hurricane Community Center, 63 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

LOCAL AUTHORS NIGHT 7 PM. Local Authors Night features Mykalee Mendenhall, author of Ice in the Heart and The Captor's Shadow. The Book Bungalow, 94 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Sun, Mar 30

RONA YELLOW ROBE FLUTE WORKSHOP 2 PM. Z-Arts presents Multi-award-winning flutist, singer, songwriter, and storyteller. Workshop from 2-4 PM cost \$60, Native American Flute concert 6 PM cost \$20 Canyon Community Center, 126 Lyon Blvd., Springdale.

ADAM ROSENBERG AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Adam performs his Original Music. 'Original Music, Only' at George's Corner George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Mon, Mar 31

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 is encouraged to attend. Contact: Gwen Olsen 702-346-2787 golsen47@yahoo.com, Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23, Mesquite.

Tues, Apr 1

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

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

Weds, Apr 2

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

THE NASHVILLE TRIBUTE BAND 7:30 PM. Tickets start at \$19. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Fri, Apr 4

DOCUTAH PRESENTS: THE LEGENDARY DEE PALMER AND HIS FANTASTIC BAND 7:30 PM. The legendary Dee Palmer & his Fantastic Band. An autobiographical documentary told through the eyes of a man born in 1915 who has spent his whole life trying to bring joy to other people through music. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

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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

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Get some great hiking in

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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.

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 & 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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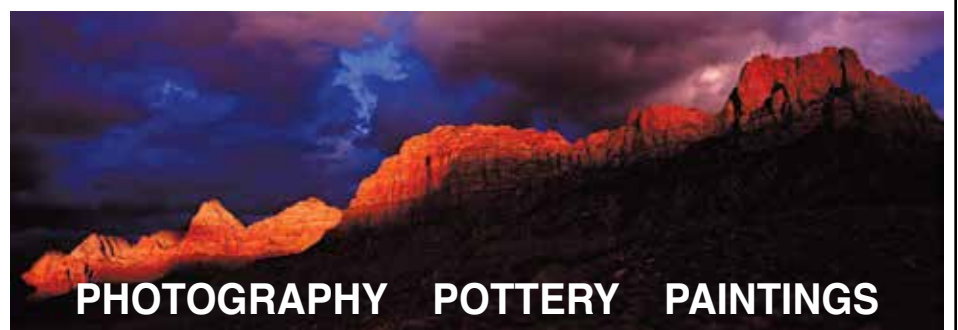


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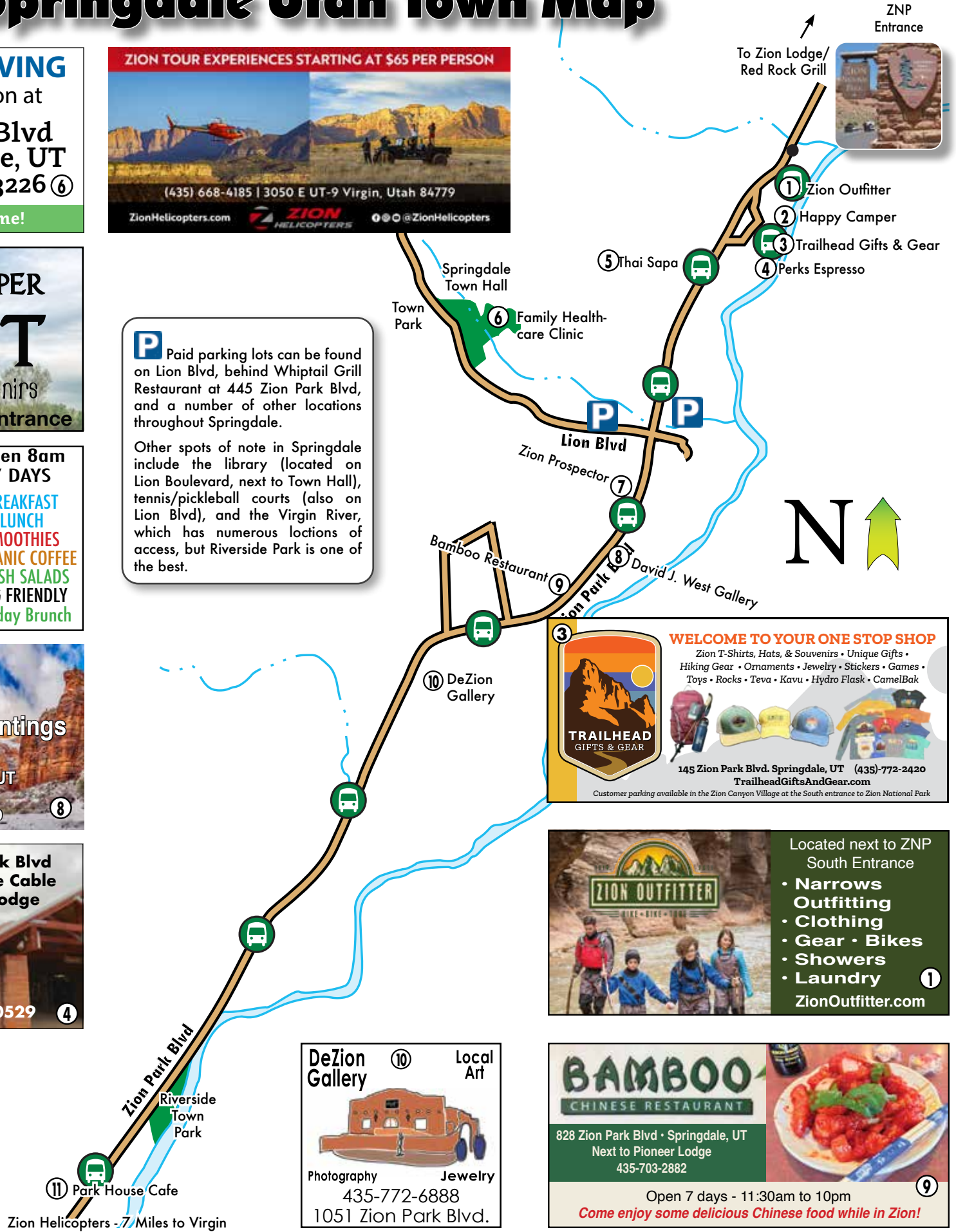
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Other spots of note in Springdale include the library (located on Lion Boulevard, next to Town Hall), tennis/pickleball courts (also on Lion Blvd), and the Virgin River, which has numerous locations of access, but Riverside Park is one of the best.



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ZION 2025 WINTER/SPRING SHUTTLE SCHEDULE INFO

Zion 2025 Winter/Spring Shuttle Info

The seasons are changing in Zion National Park! Every year, the National Park Service (NPS) adjusts shuttle schedules and campground availability throughout the year.

Here's What You Need To Know To Plan Your Visit

- You do not need a ticket or reservation to ride the park shuttle or enter the park.
- During the shuttle season, visitors cannot drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
- Shuttles arrive about every 15 minutes on the Springdale Line (outside the park) and about every 5-10 minutes on the Zion Canyon Line (inside the park).
- Shuttles will not run December 2-20.

Shuttles take about 45 minutes to drive between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Temple of Sinawava. This means a round trip takes about an hour and a half.

Be mindful of the time you board the shuttle back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center at the end of the day. You should not wait for the last shuttle of the day. If the last shuttle is full, or if you miss the last shuttle, you may have to walk

nine miles back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Zion Canyon Line

- First bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 7 AM through May 17th, then at 6 AM from May 18th to September 14th.
- Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 5 PM through May 17th, then at 7 PM from May 18th to September 14th.
- Last bus departs the Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 7:15 PM through May 17th, then at 8:15 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

Springdale Line

- First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM through May 17th, then at 7 AM from May 18th to September 14th.
- Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 7 PM through May 17th, then at 8 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

Winter/Spring Camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round, and you

can make a reservation up to six months before your visit at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Plan ahead and make arrangements for where you will stay before you get to the park.

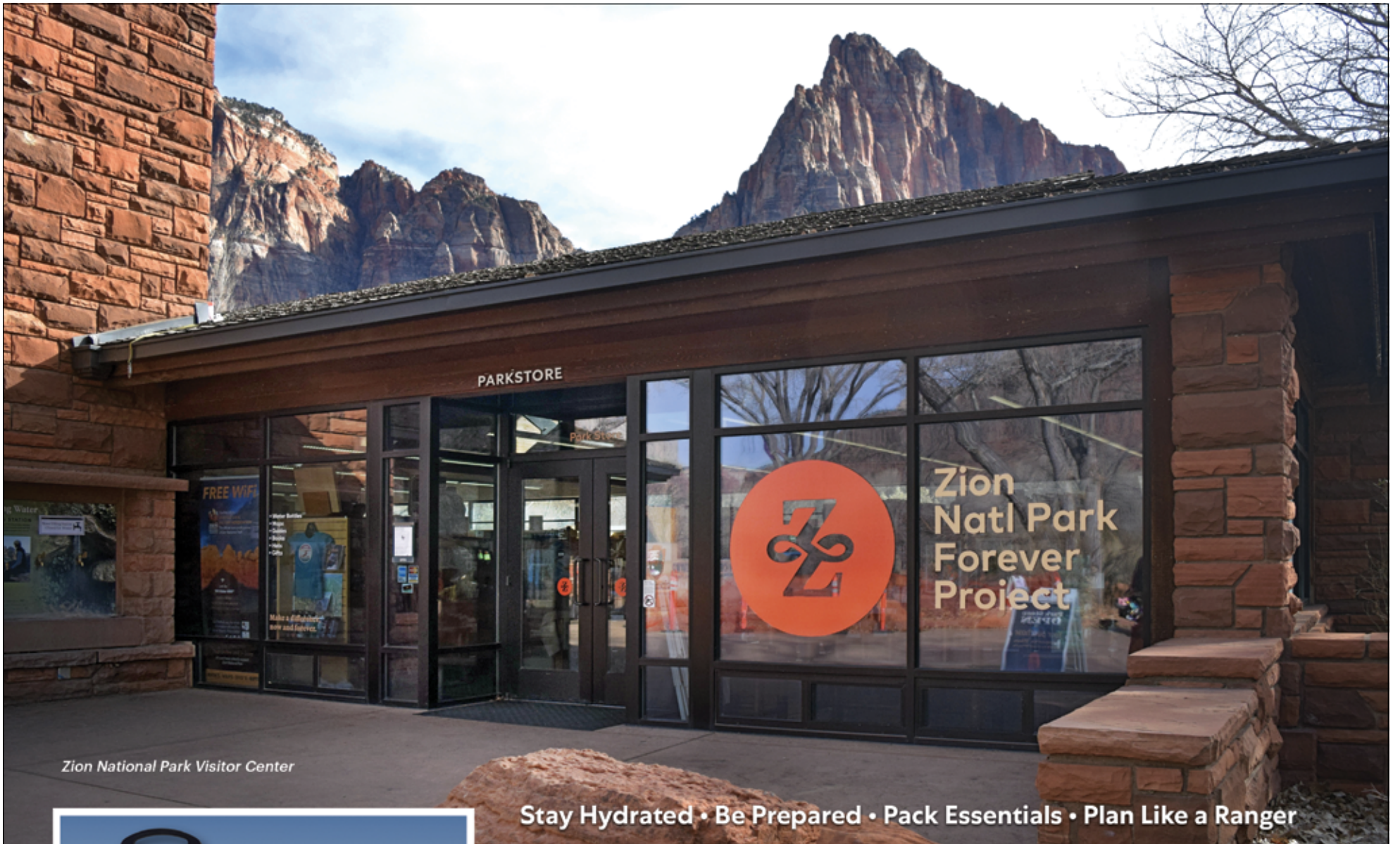
South Campground is closed for a long-term rehabilitation project.

Lava Point Campground is a 1-hour drive from Zion Canyon. Reservation only.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk hours

- Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers
- The Information Desk opens at 8 AM and closes at 5 PM every day.
- Wilderness Permit Desks
- Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM.
 - Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Closed until late 2024

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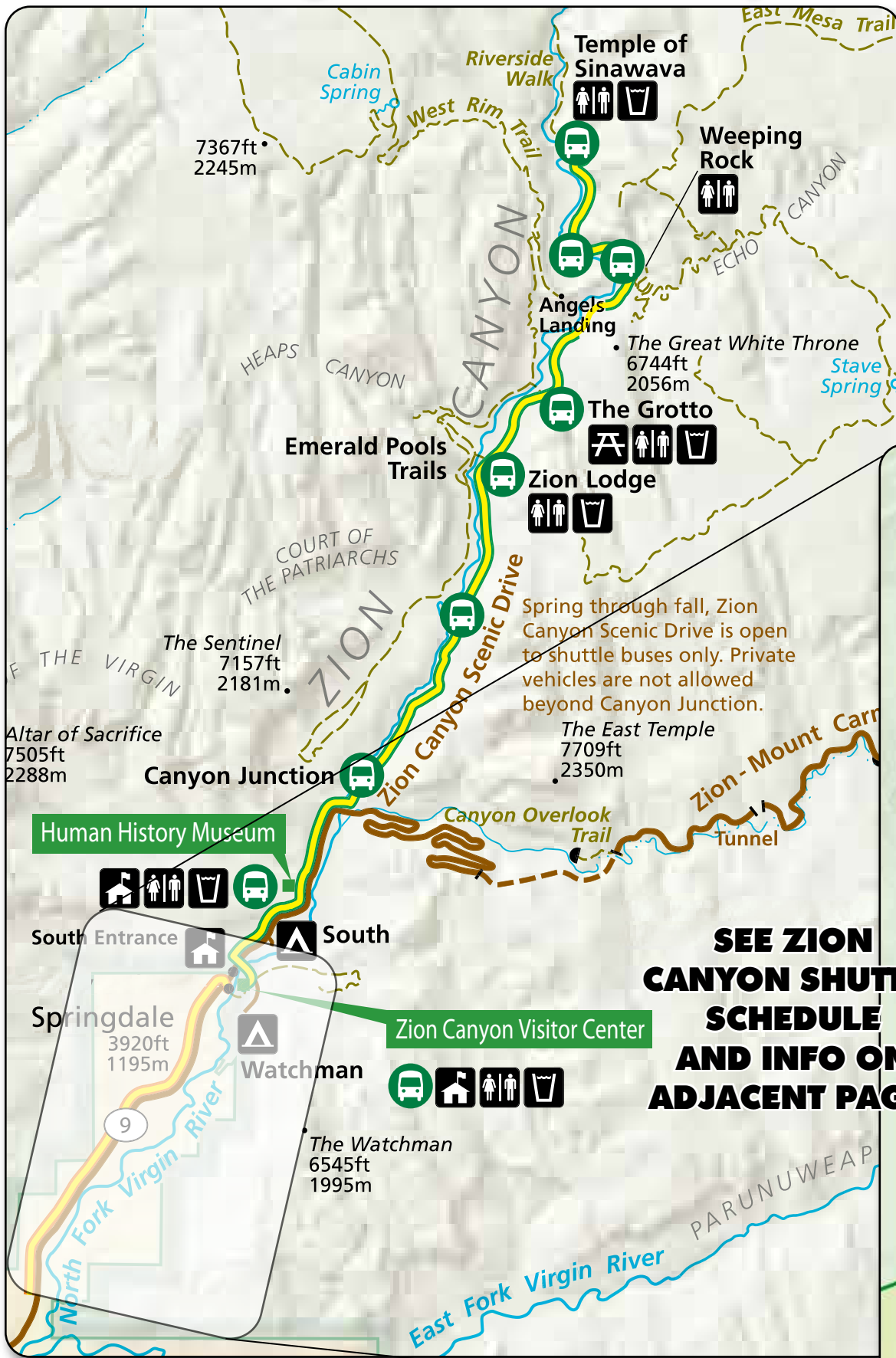
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Northgate Peaks

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 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

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

The route begins right off the highway. Drive to the pullout near the second drainage on the north side of the State Route 9, about 0.8 miles after the smaller tunnel. Walk carefully along the road about 150 yards and drop down into a sandy bowl on the north side of SR-9. There is a trail for a short distance, and then the sand turns into large flat stones that you can pick and

choose to walk on, depending on your sense of balance. A short distance off the road, filled pools carved into the rocks appear. Ponderosa Pines and Juniper trees twisted by the wind are a good backdrop to the reds and whites ribboned through the rocks.

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.

The East Rim Trail

By Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan

After positioning a vehicle or making shuttle arrangements at the Weeping Rock parking lot, watch for the small "trailhead" sign along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, immediately west of the east entrance booth.

This trail is said to be one of the most scenic in all of Zion National Park and is on many lists as one of the best hikes in Utah. This trek begins on the east side of the park and climbs over 1,400 feet to the rim. This hike begins with a backdoor view of Checkerboard Mesa as it skirts Clear Creek for a short time and steadily and gently climbs through a juniper and pine forest. On top of the mesa, scenery gets interesting as a spectacular view of Echo Canyon takes center stage.



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Warning: These hikes are very popular and often overcrowded. 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, covers just under 5 1/2 miles, and requires a permit to hike. 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.

The Narrows via Riverside Walk

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

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

Getting to Kolob Arch via the La Verkin Creek Trail follows Timber and La Verkin



"Autumn Breeze" - photo by David J West.

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.

Kayenta Trail

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

Canyon Overlook Trail

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

Taylor Creek Trail

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

Timber Creek Overlook Trail

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

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

Pa'rus Trail

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

Archeology Trail

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

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.

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

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

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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



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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.

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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.

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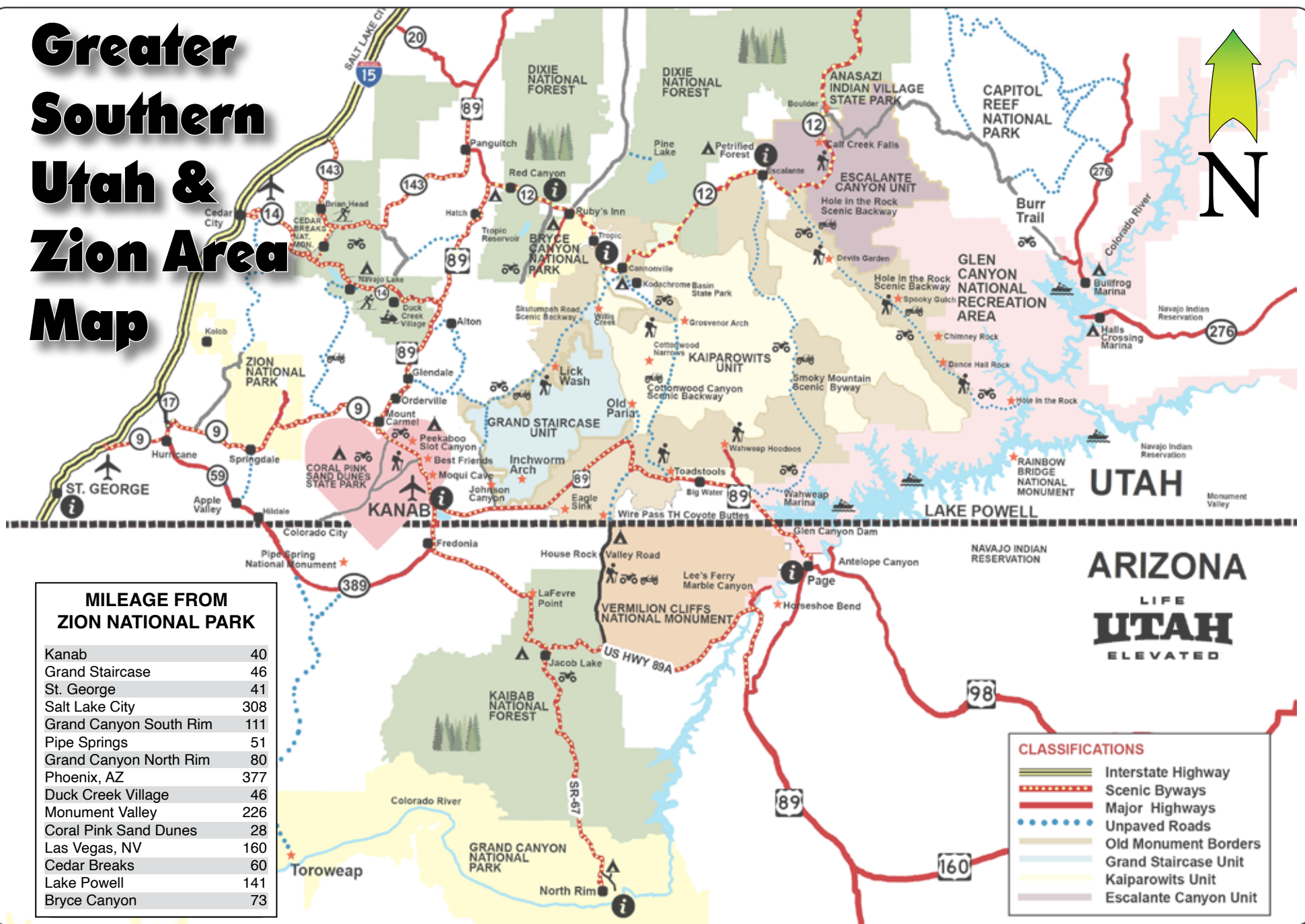
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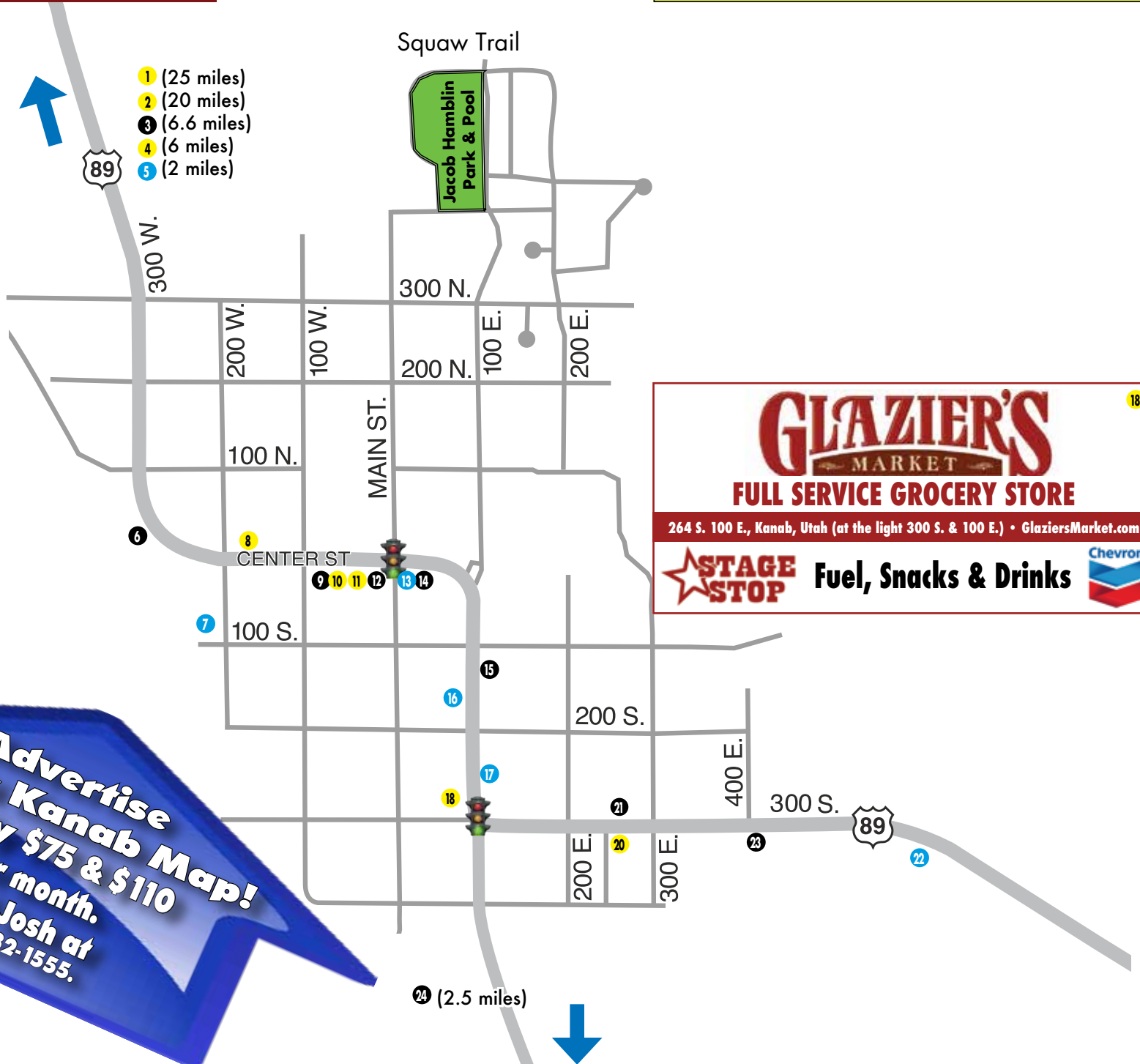
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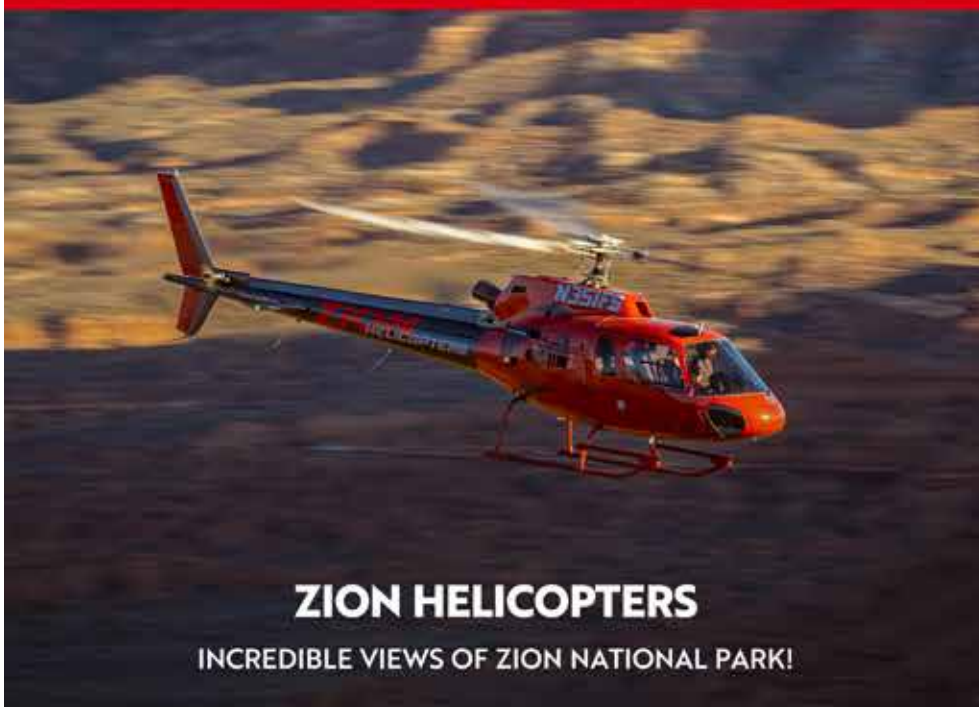
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