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GRATITUDE FOR LAUGHTER WITH SO U COMEDY THEATER

Nov. 15, 2025 — St. George, UT
If your costume candy stash is dwindling and the holiday to-do lists are already creeping in, take a break and laugh it off with So U Comedy Theater! November is all about gratitude, and we're thankful for YOU—our audiences who keep showing up, shouting suggestions, and keeping our cast on their toes!



Join us for live, unscripted improv at the Electric Theater Center (upper room 2) on Saturday, November 15. The Family Friendly Show at 7 PM guarantees giggles for all ages, and the Uncensored Show at 9 PM brings the spicy side of improv where anything can (and usually does) happen. Whether you're a returning fan or a first-timer, every show is a brand-new experience created right before your eyes.

But the fun doesn't stop at the shows—ever wondered if you could think on your feet like the pros? To get a feel for the stage, come to our Community Practice Nights every Monday at 7 PM at the St. George Rec Center. These open sessions are a great way to learn the basics of improv, meet the cast, and test out your funny bone in a sup-

portive, no-pressure environment. If you're looking for a deeper dive, keep an eye on our

social media for registration details for the next Improv 101 course, starting in early

2026. It's the perfect way to kick off the new year with something new and fun.

Education is at the heart of So U! Upon completing the Improv 101 class, Jami Leavit recalled her desire to join an improv group and her experience as an active participant rather than just a patron. "As I was running for office, I needed a creative outlet and one that could also help me overcome my fear of public speaking. It's been a fantastic experience—learning the skill and letting go while playing has been really great for my mental health. The best part has been connecting with other people in the improv community who share the same interest!"

Plan ahead! Our Christmas shows are just around the corner on December 6 and 20, featuring our favorite Special Guest Host and holiday hijinks you won't want to miss. Purchase your tickets online now at soucomedy.com or at the door. Discounts are available for seniors, veterans, students, and children.

PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE: A CHANGING TIME—FOR ALL OF US

By Josh Warburton

It's hard not to feel the turbulence of the times we're living in. Whether it's the economy, the high cost of living, or the general unpredictability of our national leadership, these days seem to test everyone's sense of stability. No matter where you stand politically, it's fair to say that we're all feeling the pinch in one way or another. And yet, as challenging as this moment is, it's also a time of

reflection and realignment—both personally and for this newspaper.

At the start of this year, I made the decision for The Independent to stop publishing opinion columns and letters to the editor. It wasn't made lightly. For nearly three decades, this paper has provided space for a variety of voices and viewpoints. But over time, we noticed a clear shift—fewer contributions, less engagement, and almost no letters coming in. The national conversation has largely migrated online, where people debate and express themselves in real time on social media. Newspapers once served as the central forum for public discourse; today, that's no longer

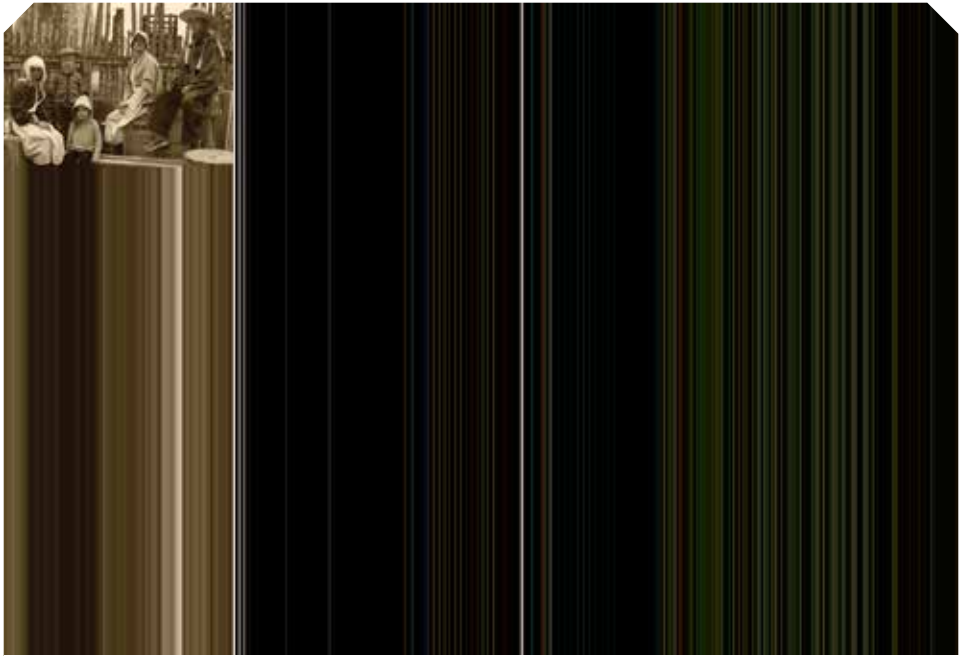
where most people are gathering to talk.

The second reason was practical: space. Every page of The Independent is valuable real estate we can devote to what we do best—celebrating the arts, events, and culture of southern Utah. That's our mission and our strength. By trimming the opinion section, we've made more room for stories that uplift and inform, that bring people together rather than divide them.

And third, I wanted to create a clearer line between this publication and my own civic work. Over the past year, I've become more active politically, now serving as Chair of the Candidate Recruitment Subcommittee

for the Utah Democratic Party. I'm still deeply committed to keeping The Independent non-partisan in its coverage, but I also believe in transparency. If you're curious about that side of my life—or maybe even interested in running for office yourself—you can always reach me at josh@utdems.org or find me on social media.

Ultimately, stepping away from opinion content has strengthened the paper. It's kept us focused on our core mission: arts, entertainment, and community connection. In uncertain times, it feels good to double down on what brings people together. Happy reading!



MAKE MEMORIES THAT LAST A LIFETIME AT BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

November 2025 — Kanab, UT



Few places make a deeper impression than Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab. Nestled among the glowing red cliffs of Angel Canyon, this one-of-a-kind destination is more than an animal rescue—it's a place where compassion and connection come naturally. November's mild sunshine and crisp evenings make it an ideal time to visit, explore, and maybe even meet your next furry family member.

Where Compassion Lives
Home to about 1,600 animals, Best Friends is the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary. Dogs, cats, horses, pigs, goats, bunnies, and birds each have a second chance here. Free daily tours take guests through Dogtown, Cat World, Horse Haven, Wild Friends, Parrot Garden, Bunny House, and Piggy Paradise, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the lifesaving work that happens every day.

But to truly experience the magic, roll up your sleeves and volunteer. Walk dogs, groom horses, help socialize cats, or lend a hand with pigs and bunnies. It's the kind of meaningful experience that stays with you long after your visit.

Adopt a Friend, Change Two Lives
Many of the animals you'll meet are ready to be adopted. Visitors can stop by the Welcome Center, Sinjin's in Cat World,

or the Adoption Hub on Rhonda Road to meet adoptable pets. Bringing one home not only changes that animal's life—it makes room for another to be rescued.

Eat, Stay, and Enjoy the View

After your morning adventures, stop by Angel Village Café for the \$5 vegan buffet served from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. The ever-changing menu includes fresh salads, hearty entrées, sides, desserts, and one unbeatable canyon view.

Stay overnight in one of the pet-friendly cottages, cabins, or RV sites right at the Sanctuary, where trails and stargazing await. Or head downtown to the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile for modern lodging, vegan breakfast, live music, and the chance to host an adoptable pet for a "sleepover."



A Visit You'll Never Forget
Best Friends has inspired a nationwide movement in animal rescue and continues to be a shining example of kindness in action. Whether you're passing through or planning a getaway, it's an experience that feeds the soul—and maybe fills your passenger seat on the way home.

Learn more or book a tour at bestfriends.org or call 435-688-2327. For Roadhouse lodging, visit bestfriendsroadhouse.org or call 435-644-3400.

ROCK GOLD: VOLUME THREE BRINGS ROCK CLASSICS TO THE SYMPHONY STAGE

By Amy Gold

November 20, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

It's time for Rock Gold: Volume Three with the Orchestra of Southern Utah! This audience favorite returns to the stage with powerhouse soloists and the full orchestra delivering an evening of unforgettable rock classics. The concert will be held on Thursday, November 20, at 7:30 PM in the Heritage Theater in Cedar City.



Iconic rock arrangements are back this season as the Orchestra of Southern Utah presents Rock Gold. OSU offers a full sensory experience, blending rock elements with the rich textures of a symphony orchestra. The concert features a dynamic mix of vocal and instrumental soloists. With music spanning multiple decades and genres, the performance promises to have the audience singing, rocking, and reminiscing alongside the orchestra. Based on its successful debut in 2023, this concert is expected to be a sellout event.

Soloists and musicians will take on hits from across the rock spectrum. Highlights include Nothing Else Matters by Metallica sung by Lynsey Swiderska, a Beach Boys medley performed by the orchestra, and Adele's Someone Like You with Kennedy McQuiston. Andrew Briggs

takes on Believer by Imagine Dragons, followed by Material Girl by Madonna sung by Tamera Merkley, and Barracuda by Heart featuring Tamara Reber.

Josh Larsen performs Back in Black by AC/DC, arranged by OSU's composer-in-residence Jacob Lee. Mikelle Dowse brings energy to Man! I Feel Like a Woman! by Shania Twain, and YMCA/Macho Man by The Village People adds a fun, nostalgic twist. Conner Thornton performs I'm Still Standing by Elton John, followed by Smells Like Teen Spirit by Nirvana, sung by Molly Shakespear. The concert closes with Lorah Bodie in Dream On by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler—a soaring finale to a night of high-voltage music.

Guest performers include Stan Szczesny on guitar, Jordan Sanders on bass, Catherine Gardner on keyboard, and Ian Shaw on drum kit. Pre-concert lobby music features the SideNote vocal quartet.

The Orchestra of Southern Utah gratefully acknowledges support from the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Foundation, Cedar City RAP Tax, the Utah Division of Arts and Museums, the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation, Visit Cedar City—Brian Head, and many generous individual donors.

Tickets are \$15 general admission at myosu.org.



CEDAR CITY LIGHTS UP THE HOLIDAYS WITH DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY AND TREE JUBILEE

November 29, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

The magic of the holiday season begins in Historic Downtown Cedar City on Saturday, November 29, 2025, with festivities starting at noon for the Downtown Lighting Ceremony and opening night of the Holiday Tree Jubilee fundraising event.



The event is a memorable night for the entire community, with lights illuminating downtown throughout the holidays. The all-new Cedar City Christmas Market will be held from 12 PM to 9 PM on Center Street.

Festive activities such as carriage rides, crafts, a reindeer pen, and bounce houses will take place from 3 PM to 4:30 PM and 6:30 PM to 9 PM. Main Stage performances, choreographed by world-renowned dancer Mic Thompson, begin at 5 PM, followed by Santa's helicopter arrival (in partnership with SUU Aviation), the lighting of the downtown holiday lights, and a spectacular fireworks show. A live nativity in front of the Old Rock Church will follow the fireworks.

The activity-packed evening will also feature the kickoff of the Holiday Tree Jubilee, beginning at 3 PM in the Heritage Center Theater. The Holiday Tree Jubilee has been helping those in need in Iron County for several years. The

fundraiser launches its multi-day event at the downtown lighting ceremony, where 100 percent of proceeds go toward supporting Iron County Care and Share, the Cedar City Police Department's Shop with a Cop program, and Iron County homeless and at-risk teens during the holiday season.

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

"Whether you're a first-timer or a regular attendee, the evening will be filled with something new for everyone," said Brandon Burk, Cedar City's Event Director. "The event truly feels like you've stepped into a classic Hallmark movie. You won't want to miss it."



For more information and to view the event itinerary, visit cedarcityut.gov/events and follow Cedar City Events and Holiday Tree Jubilee on Facebook and Instagram.

UTAH TECH THEATRE PRESENTS THE WORLD PREMIERE OF NEW MUSICAL GINGERBREAD

November 13-22, 2025 — St. George, UT

The Utah Tech University Theatre Program proudly announces the world premiere of Gingerbread, a stirring and original new musical inspired by the classic fairytale Hansel and Gretel. Reimagined for a modern audience, this powerful production explores loss, resilience, and the strength of community through a hauntingly beautiful story and an evocative score.



Performances will run November 13-15 and 18-22, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Eccles Black Box Theater on the Utah Tech University campus in St. George.

When yet another child goes missing from Village 3, Kandaja is forced to relive the moment her own daughter disappeared thirty years ago. Only days later, two more children vanish, compelling their mother, Eva, to enlist the help of Kandaja—the very person once blamed for the original crimes. Together, they confront the darkness that has haunted their community for generations. As Kandaja seeks her long-lost daughter, she and Eva discover the power of forgiveness and the importance of standing together, even when answers remain elusive.

Director and Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Spencer Hamilton shared his creative perspective: "In reading the show, my mind kept returning to The Hunger Games, The Handmaid's Tale, and The Grapes of Wrath. I thought of people surviving in societies that have cast them off, of how dignity persists amid scarcity, and how power manifests in ordinary lives. Visually, I imagine a world colored like a gingerbread house—sepia tones accented with jewel hues, the forests of my Oregon childhood, and the stained glass of sacred spaces."

Gingerbread is a full-length musical created by Dr. Melissa Walker Glenn (music and lyrics), Associate Professor of Music at Utah Tech, and Dr. John Bell (book), Emeritus Professor of Biophysics at Brigham Young University. Developed over eight years, the show was previously workshopped at Brigham Young University—Hawaii in 2019 and at the Harrington Center for the Arts in 2023.

Other members of the production team include choreographer Danika Martin (UT student), costume designer Abdiel Portalatin Perez, set designer Shelby Burgess, and lighting designer Henry Echeverria.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and free for students, faculty, and staff with a valid Utah Tech ID. Performances are rated PG-13 for mature themes, including child endangerment, trafficking references, depictions of fire, and a gun threat.

Experience the magic of a world premiere—only at Utah Tech Theatre.

Tickets are available at utahtech.venue.net/events/THEATRE. For more information, visit utahtech.edu/theatre.

SOUTHERN UTAH BLUES FESTIVAL RETURNS TO TUACAHN WITH STAR-PACKED LINEUP

By Elizabeth Gunter

November 8, 2025 — Ivins, UT

The blues are back and bolder than ever as the Southern Utah Blues Festival (SUBF) returns to the Tuacahn Amphitheatre on Saturday, November 8, at noon, promising a full day of powerhouse performances in one of the

most stunning outdoor venues in the country. Produced by the Red Rock Music Association in partnership with Tuacahn Center for the Arts, this year's festival is set against the 1,500-foot red rock cliffs of Padre Canyon, creating an unforgettable fusion of world-class music and breathtaking scenery.

The 2025 lineup reads like a who's who of contemporary blues, featuring some of the genre's most decorated artists and emerging stars:

- Mr. Sipp – Grammy winner, International Blues Challenge (IBC) champion, and multiple Blues Music Award (BMA) hon-



oree, currently nominated for both B.B. King Entertainer of the Year and Contemporary Blues Male Artist.

- Vanessa Collier – Saxophonist, vocalist, and songwriter, two-time BMA Horn Player of the Year, B.B. King Entertainer of the Year, and nominee for Contemporary Blues Female Artist.
- Tony Holiday – IBC semifinalist and 2024 Best Emerging Artist BMA nominee whose soulful harmonica and stage charisma have made him a festival favorite nationwide.
- Anthony Geraci – Grammy-nominated pianist and multiple BMA winner, celebrated for his deep Chicago and New Orleans blues roots.
- Shanda and the Howlers – International touring artists and Viva Las Vegas favorites, known for their high-energy blend of retro rhythm and modern blues swagger.

Festivalgoers can expect a day filled with incredible live sets, food and beverage vendors, and the kind of communal energy that only live blues can deliver. With Southern Utah's red cliffs as a backdrop, every note feels amplified by the canyon walls.

The Southern Utah Blues Festival con-

tinues to grow in reputation, positioning itself among the premier blues gatherings in the West. Both seasoned blues fans and newcomers will find themselves swept up in the rhythm, stories, and soul that define this timeless genre.

Tickets are on sale now through the Tuacahn Center for the Arts box office at 800-746-9882 or online at tuacahn.org. Season package holders can save up to 20% on tickets. Children under age 3 are not permitted in the amphitheatre; ShowCare is available for many performances.



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HOLIDAY

Lighting Ceremony

WHERE THE Magic BEGINS

- Christmas Market
- Carriage Rides
- Santa's Arrival
- Fireworks
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Live Nativity
- Live Reindeer

Schedule of Events

SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29 - 2025

Christmas Market opens at noon and activities begin at 2pm

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THE DISH: STREET EATS — REAL FOOD, REAL FLAVOR, NO SHORTCUTS

By Elizabeth Gunter

St. George, UT
There's something instantly magnetic about Street Eats. Maybe it's the bold graffiti walls, the neon buzz, or that unmistakable energy that says you're about to eat something real. My friend and I, both New York foodies with a shared obsession



for finding the good stuff, slid into a table at their St. George location on a Friday night, ready for an adventure. She had been to their previous spot and was excited to see how the new space and menu had evolved. I was there for the burger, and I'm glad I didn't skip it. We started with the Brussels sprouts, crisp and caramelized, the kind that convince you to eat your vegetables on purpose. Then came the main event, a juicy, perfectly cooked burger stacked high with fresh toppings and a bun that somehow held it all together without surrendering to the sauce. The caramelized onions added a rich, sweet note that pulled everything together. Across the table, the tacos landed with that same bold flavor and just a touch of onion generosity, so maybe skip both on date night. Each bite felt like a nod to the restaurant's roots, and



by the time we clinked our drinks, we both knew this was a place worth talking about. As my friend put it, "The flavor combinations of the Brussels sprout dish were phenomenal. The cocktails were delicious, and it felt like the place brought in a cool, interesting crowd. It felt more like Scottsdale for a moment." Of course, I couldn't resist trying their clam chowder, a Pacific Northwest classic and one of the dishes they're known for. It didn't disappoint. Creamy, balanced, and packed with tender clams, it tasted like the real deal, the kind of authentic chowder that could easily hold its own back on the coast. Street Eats started humbly as a Seattle food truck that quickly won over the city, snagging Best Food Truck of Seattle and earning founder Cory Lafranchi the title

Best New Chef of Seattle. In 2020, the Lafranchi family brought their scratch-made concept to St. George, transforming it into a fast-casual space where street culture meets community. They later invited a renowned chef friend to help elevate the menu even further, turning what began as a local favorite into a full-fledged foodie hangout. Everything here is made from scratch, every slaw, sauce, and salsa. It's not fast food, it's real food, and that difference shows up in every bite. Known for their

burgers and Pacific Northwest staples like clam chowder and cod fish & chips, Street Eats keeps its promise of "real food, real connections." The menu changes just enough to keep things interesting, but the heart of it remains steady, food that feeds both appetite and soul. Because everything is prepared fresh daily, a few menu items do occasionally sell out, but honestly, that's just another sign you're in the right place. They're cooking with care, not cutting corners, and it shows. If you're craving a spot that pairs casual comfort with elevated flavor, Street Eats is exactly that. Grab a friend, order something messy, and stay a while. You'll leave full, happy, and maybe already planning your next visit. Street Eats is located at 446 N. 1680 E., St. George, UT. Open Monday through Thursday, 11 AM to 8 PM; Friday and Saturday, 11 AM to 9 PM; Sunday brunch coming soon. Visit streeteatsrestaurant.com or call 435-703-6993 for more info.

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BUCKSKIN TAVERN SERVES UP FOOD, FUN, AND COMMUNITY FLAVOR

By Josh Warburton

Fredonia, AZ

Fredonia’s historic Buckskin Tavern isn’t just about cold drinks and good times anymore—it’s fast becoming one of the area’s top casual dining spots. With a newly finished commercial kitchen and a food menu that rivals many restaurants, Buckskin is serving up hearty pub fare, creative vegan options, and plenty of surprises to pair with your pint.



I recently stopped in to see for myself. I started with the vegan hummus and flatbread, house-made with roasted garlic and served with pita, celery, and carrots. While everything on the plate worked, that warm, crispy flatbread stole the show. The vegan sandwich was another standout—a toasted baguette with a smear of house hummus, fresh cucumber, roasted red bell pepper, and arugula, all drizzled with lemon and garlic oil. The crunch of the bread elevated the whole thing. My friend Eric Sims dove into the meatier side of the menu, starting with a warm pretzel and cheese before moving on to the Buckskin Burger and a pulled pork sandwich topped Carolina-style with tangy slaw. His verdict? Flavorful, filling, and not overly messy. He also tried the chili dog, which comes on a New England–style bun—sweet, peppery, and just enough heat to impress without overpowering.

Buckskin’s “Smoke Showing Chili” deserves its own spotlight. Developed by owner/operator Taylor Sandstrom from his winning firefighter chili cook-off recipe,

this all-beef, no-bean Texas-style chili gets its depth from a whopping ten pounds of roasted jalapeños, Anaheims, and poblanos. Topped with cheese, sour cream, and onions, it’s rich, hearty, and just a little addictive.

Taylor and his wife Stephanie officially purchased the Buckskin in May after managing it since March. With 25 years of hospitality experience behind him, Taylor has set his sights on making the Buckskin more than just a bar. Food is only part of the story. With the installation of the new commercial kitchen, food service has sped up noticeably, and the team is focused on improving that even further while continuously refining the menu and offerings. The couple has also reorganized pool tables to regulation specs, added arcade games, and even installed a community bookshelf (including a “banned books” section). They’re also leaning into Buckskin’s colorful history with vintage photos and community fundraisers benefiting the likes of local firefighters and the Kanab Animal Assistance Program.



Entertainment hasn’t been overlooked either. The new outdoor stage and seating area can host hundreds, and they’ve had live outdoor music every Saturday all summer. And although a planned Nazareth concert was postponed a couple months back due to health reasons, it looks like they’ll be back this spring. With a quick-pour outdoor bar to match, the space is primed for big nights under the Arizona sky.

And yes, there’s a drink menu to match the eats. Buckskin offers everything from cocktails like the Buckskin Bloody Mary and Wild Cat Annie Margarita to specialty shots like the Fredonia Firecracker. Mocktails, wine, and a wide selection of premium whiskeys, tequilas, and rums round out the list, making it easy to pair your plate with whatever you’re in the mood for.

The Buckskin Tavern is located at 2321 N Main St., Fredonia, AZ. Open seven days a week. For menus, events, and updates, visit facebook.com/BuckskinTavern or call 928-643-7082.



RAVEN’S HEART GALLERY PRESENTS HOLIDAY PARTY OF ART, ORNAMENTS & JEWELRY

November 29, 2025 — Kanab, UT

The canvas is set for a sparkling holiday kickoff on November 29 from 4 to 7 PM as Raven’s Heart Gallery in Kanab opens its doors for The Holiday Party—a free, open-to-all soirée where festive spirit meets creative flair. Food and beverages are complimentary, the mood is merry, and the shopping possibilities are bursting with one-of-a-kind gift options.

Step into the gallery and you’ll find a curated holiday pop-up featuring three vibrant categories: Artists’ Ornaments, Jewelry, and Mini Artworks. Ornament artists include Angie Embree, Bonnie Dunn, Connie Gates, Ellie Mae Clough, Deana Bada Maloney, Gary Kalpakoff and Colleen Tomlin (collaboration), Marjorie Eno, Natalie Gula, Rebekka Anderson, and Roger and Cindell Dale. Jewelry makers span Andrea Johnson, Bridget Lester, George Witzke, James Mosdell, Jennifer Glenn, Kerin Rose, Susan Calhoun, and Shelly Birch. Mini artworks come from Angela Woods, Cindy Harris, Cyrus Mejía, Dara Daniel, Gail Alger, Josh Baird, and Susie Protiva.



gallery regularly hosts rotating exhibits, workshops, and artist talks, bridging emerging talent and established voices alike.

Located at 57 W. Center Street in Kanab, the gallery is centrally placed in town and easily accessible. Past visitors note the warm welcome, the breadth of



It’s a treasure trove of gift-giving potential. Guests can browse original works, find something personal for the holidays, and enjoy complimentary cookies, beverages, and the company of friends and family while they pick. The event captures the warm, community-centered vibe that Kanab is known for and celebrates the creativity of

art offered—photography, jewelry, ceramics, and paintings—and the friendly interaction with the knowledgeable gallery staff. For more information, preview artists, and browse portfolios at ravensheartgallery.com or call 435-644-5644. The gallery’s Instagram and Facebook pages also post event updates.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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WELCOME TO UTAH WINE COUNTRY AT ZION VINEYARDS

Ready for Competitions—Leeds, UT
We are getting ready to submit wines into two major international wine competitions. Last year we received three silver medals for our wines. This year we are hoping for gold at Zion Vineyards. We have been making wines for more than 10 years, and the tasting room has been open for business since May of 2023. We have had guests from across the United States, Canada, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and Australia. Guests from around the world come to our tasting room and try our wines, and the response has been fantastic.
Harvest is now finished. It is the time

for our winemaker, Robert Cec, to process the wine. Since harvest and after the crush, he has been carefully monitoring the must (that's the juice, skins, and seeds), which impart color in wine, optimize flavor, and create tannic structure. This may include flavors of strawberry, blackberry, blueberry, raspberry, and cherry. Laying on its skins and seeds also provides the tannins in wine. Tannin adds both bitterness, astringency, and complexity. It is most often found in red wine, although some white wines have tannin too.
The longer a wine lays in contact with the skins and seeds, the deeper and darker



the color and the more complex the berry flavors. This is because the skins contain polyphenols, which create color and tannins in wine. Skin contact increases the wine's flavor and also increases its viscosity, or "body." This refers to its mouthfeel. Viscosity describes the thickness or texture of a liquid—for example, water is less viscous than syrup. Many of our wines are fruit-forward and full-bodied with complex character and velvety tannins. These tannins cut through the intense, meaty protein of a well-marbled steak, permitting subtler flavors of both wine and food to emerge.

The owner and vintner, Michael Jackson, considers this his legacy. He has had a love of wine most of his life, and Zion Vineyards is a dream fulfilled. Our winemaker, Robert Cec, is self-taught, and he has created some amazing and award-winning wines for you to enjoy—reds with depth of character and bold style, and whites with medium to high acidity and well-balanced fruit and citrus notes.
Come and visit us at 5 Hidden Valley Rd. in Leeds, Utah, just off I-15, 12 miles north of St. George. Input Zion Vineyards in Google Maps, and it will bring you right to us.



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INTERMOUNTAIN CUP: WHERE THE SPIRIT OF MOUNTAIN BIKING COMES ALIVE

November 15, 2025 — St. George, UT
For three decades, the Intermountain Cup Racing Series has been at the heart of Utah's mountain biking scene. What began in the mid-1990s as a small local race series has grown into one of the most respected and exhilarating competitions in the West, uniting riders of every level under one simple motto: where the spirit of mountain biking comes alive.



This season concludes in Southern Utah with the Red Rock Remix Season Finale, taking place Saturday, November 15, in St. George. The event offers a fresh take on a familiar favorite, featuring a redesigned course through Green Valley that promises both challenge and stunning scenery. Riders can expect sweeping views of Pine Valley as they navigate technical terrain, fast descents, and the kind of slickrock sections that make Utah a world-class mountain biking destination.

Earlier in November, endurance riders will take on the Gooseberry Epic on November 8, starting from the famous Gooseberry Mesa Trailhead. Known for its mix of stamina, skill, and jaw-dropping

views, the Epic embodies the grit and beauty of riding Southern Utah's most iconic terrain.

The Intermountain Cup, often affectionately called the I-Cup, welcomes both seasoned racers and first-time riders. Its mission goes beyond the competition—it's about building a community of cyclists who share a passion for the sport, the outdoors, and the camaraderie of the trail. With divisions for youth, amateurs, and pros, the series creates space for everyone to ride, grow, and celebrate together.

Partnered with USA Cycling, the series gives riders access to exclusive race benefits, training resources, and gear discounts. First-time adult participants can even use the code INTROMEMB25 for a \$50 annual USA Cycling license, which covers all ten I-Cup races throughout the season.

Behind the scenes, the event is powered by a dedicated team of organizers, volunteers, and sponsors. Owner Ryan Gurr, Event Director Margaret Gibson, and Business Development lead Curtis Spragg keep the wheels turning—literally and figuratively—ensuring every race delivers an unforgettable experience for participants and spectators alike.

For those who live for the rhythm of the trail, the Intermountain Cup represents more than a race series; it's a community built on endurance, connection, and the joy of the ride.

To register or learn more about the Red Rock Remix, Gooseberry Epic, and upcoming 2026 events, visit intermountaincup.com, email info@intermountaincup.com, or call/text 435-229-6251.



SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD SHOWCASES FALL AND HOLIDAY EXHIBITS ACROSS ST. GEORGE

November 2025 — St. George, UT
The Southern Utah Art Guild is wrapping up the year with an exciting lineup of exhibits and events that showcase the region's creativity and community spirit. From large-scale group shows to intimate gallery gatherings, art lovers will find plenty to explore throughout November and early December.



Red Cliff Gallery: "Light & Shadow" and "Gift of Art"

The "Light & Shadow" exhibit continues through November 6, featuring more than 175 works of art by 65 local artists. On November 14, the gallery will open its next show, "Gift of Art," which runs through December 18. This annual exhibit focuses on smaller pieces perfect for holiday giving, including oil paintings, ceramics, watercolors, fiber art, and more. Visitors are invited to attend the opening reception on Friday, November 14, from 6 to 8 PM at Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

Arrowhead Gallery: Holiday Open House and Featured Artists

Arrowhead Gallery will host a festive Open House on December 4 from 3 to 6 PM. Guests can meet many of the resident artists, enjoy live Christmas carols performed by Encore, and sample refreshments while browsing new works. All artwork in the gallery will be 10% off during the event.



The Guest Artist for the Open House is Del Parsons, a renowned local painter known for his expressive figure work. November's Featured Artist is photographer Van Strohm, whose award-winning images capture Southern Utah's natural landscapes and wildlife with a keen artistic eye. Arrowhead Gallery is located at 68 E. Tabernacle in St. George.

The Art Guild: Connect Event
The Art Guild's next "Connect" event will take place November 6 from 6 to 8 PM. Designed for new and emerging artists, "Connect" offers the opportunity to have artwork critiqued by host Colleen Gianatiempo and exhibited at Red Cliff Gallery.

For a full schedule of events and artist opportunities, visit southernutahartguild.com/calendar-events.



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ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY INVITED TO JOIN ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK

Nov. 8, 2025 — St. George, UT
Southern Utah residents are invited to lace up their walking shoes and join the 16th Annual St. George Area CROP Hunger Walk, set for Saturday, Nov. 8 at Larkspur Park in Bloomington Hills.

Registration begins at 9:30 AM, with opening remarks from the Interfaith Council, St. George Mayor Michelle Randall, and Washington City Mayor Kress Staheli starting at 9:45 AM. Walkers can choose their distance, with the full 6-mile route representing the average daily distance people in developing countries walk to access food, water, and work.

This year, the first 100 walkers will receive a CROP Walk wristband. Four comfort stations along the trail—each hosted by a local church—will provide snacks, water, and encouragement.

“We’re hoping to exceed last year’s record and build on our community’s tradition of generosity,” said Larry Shurtliff, Interfaith Council Secretary.

Sponsored by the St. George Interfaith Council, this annual community walk raises funds to combat hunger both locally and around the world through Church World Service. Since its first event in 2009, the St. George walk has raised nearly \$96,000, with 25 percent of proceeds staying local to support programs such as Solomon’s Porch’s Friday Pantry and Sunday Feast.

Last year’s walk broke all previous records, raising \$10,764—surpassing the 2011 record of \$8,109.

“Solomon’s Porch will serve nearly 20,000 meals this year, mostly to the elderly, poor, and homeless,” said Pastor Jimi Kestin of Solomon’s Porch. “We’re not a soup kitchen; we serve restaurant-quality meals and build relationships with the people we help. Our goal is to find out why they’re struggling and connect them with services that can change their lives.”

PAROWAN BIENNIAL ART TOUR RETURNS FOR A DAY OF CREATIVITY AND COMMUNITY

November 29, 2025 — Parowan, UT
The Parowan Biennial Art Tour returns Saturday, November 29, from 10 AM to 4 PM, celebrating local talent, creativity, and community. Happening during one of the most charming weekends in Parowan, this third biennial event is the perfect free outing to enjoy with friends and family.

hand at simple art projects, contribute to a community mural, or sign up for the Art Experience to paint their own masterpiece to take home.

Guests are invited to stroll through town, meet local artists, explore pop-up galleries, and see Parowan through a creative lens. Attendees can also try their

“My hope for the art tour is to show people the creativity and talent in our community,” says Art Tour Director Shay Bayles. “These artists have worked hard at their craft, enjoy what they do, and I would love for them to be recognized for that.”

The tour begins at Old Crow Basics, 56 E. Center Street, where visitors can pick up artist location maps and prize raffle punch cards. By visiting each location, attendees can enter to win gift baskets, art supplies, and other prizes generously donated by local businesses.

For artist highlights, art class info, and behind-the-scenes sneak peeks, follow the Parowan Art Tour on Facebook at facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552629929700. For questions or additional details, contact parowanarttour@gmail.com.

Come for the art—stay for the charm!

Z-ARTS HOSTS BELOVED ZION CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR IN SPRINGDALE

November 28, 2025 — Springdale, UT
The holiday season in Springdale kicks off with a beloved local tradition—the Zion Canyon Arts & Crafts Fair, presented by Z-Arts, the Zion Canyon Arts & Humanities Council. This year’s event will be held Friday, November 28, from 10 AM to 6:30 PM at the Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., and admission is free.

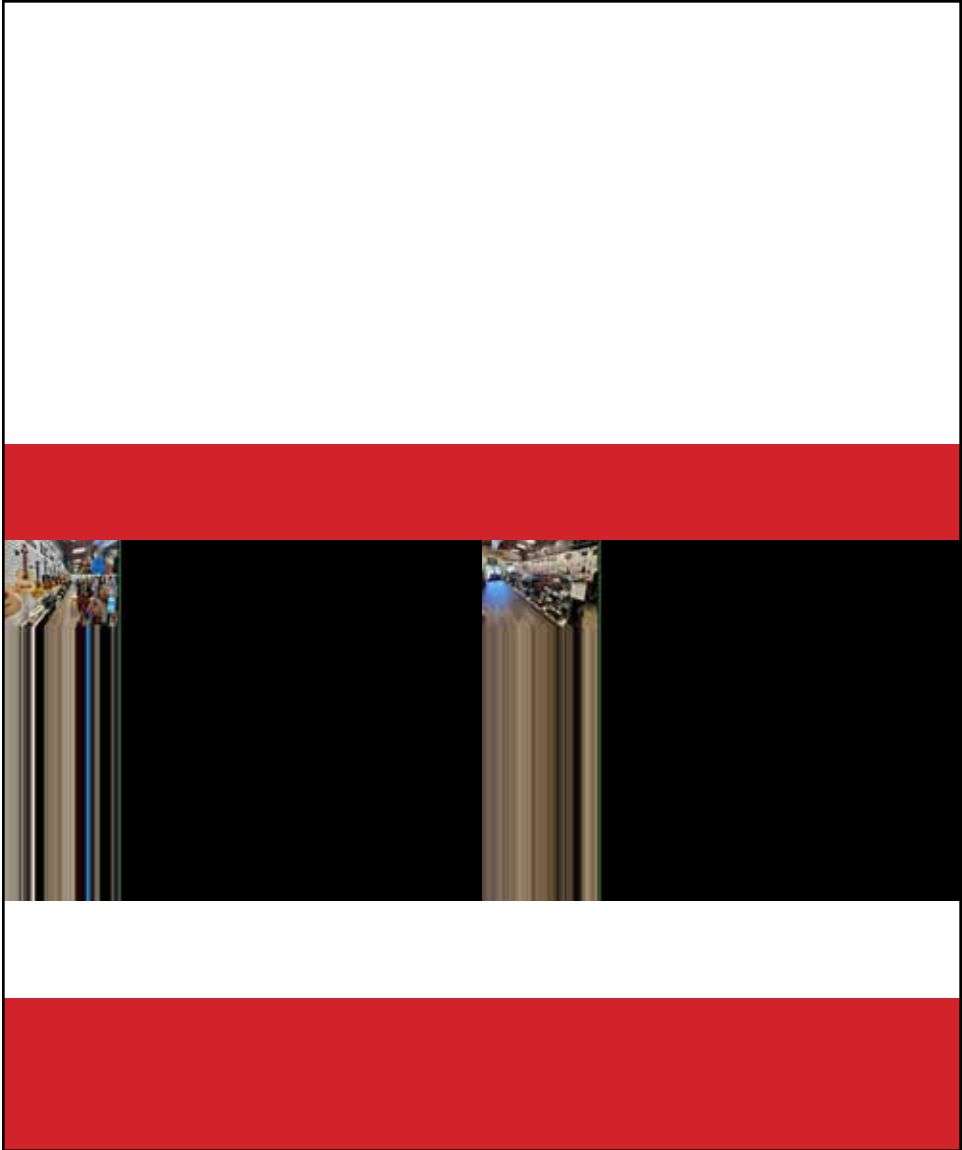
a variety of mediums. From colorful paintings and intricate jewelry to unique sculptures and handmade goods, the fair offers something for every art lover and gift seeker.

Visitors can also indulge in homemade treats at the Bake Sale and enjoy savory options from two local food trucks stationed on-site. The atmosphere promises to be lively and welcoming—an opportunity to mingle, shop local, and connect with the artistic spirit that makes Springdale such a creative hub.

Hosted annually by Z-Arts, the event has become a community favorite, drawing both locals and visitors who value supporting artists while discovering one-of-a-kind holiday treasures.

For more information, visit zarts.org or contact Z-Arts at 435-772-3434 ext. 313 or zarts@springdaletown.com.

This one-day-only celebration of creativity brings together a vibrant mix of seasoned artisans and emerging talents, each showcasing handcrafted works across



SUU WIND SYMPHONY HONORS AMERICA IN SOUND

November 8, 2025 — Cedar City, UT
The Southern Utah University Department of Music opens its concert season with America 25: America in Sound—250 Years of Freedom, an inspiring musical tribute celebrating the nation’s upcoming Semiquincentennial. The SUU Wind Symphony, under the direction of Dr. Adam Lambert, will perform on Friday, November 8, at 7:30 PM in the Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 E. in Cedar City.

- Dec. 5, 2025 – Holiday Concert
 - Feb. 20, 2026 – Spring Symphony Orchestra Concert
 - Mar. 25–28, 2026 – Hansel and Gretel Opera
 - Apr. 6–7, 2026 – Choirs & Orchestra Combined Concert
 - Apr. 10, 2026 – Spring Wind Symphony Concert
- Tickets are available at the Heritage Center Theater box office or online. Prices

Audiences can expect a dynamic evening of music that honors the spirit, resilience, and creativity of the American people. The program features works by some of the nation’s most influential composers, including George Gershwin, Leonard Bernstein, and Aaron Copland—each known for defining the sound of America through their distinctive voices and groundbreaking compositions.

From Gershwin’s rhythmic sophistication to Bernstein’s jazz-inspired brilliance and Copland’s sweeping Americana, the concert promises a rich and emotional journey through 250 years of musical expression.

America 25: America in Sound is part of the America 250 initiative, a nationwide celebration of the country’s 250th anniversary. Through this concert, SUU joins cultural institutions across the nation in commemorating the ideals of freedom, unity, and artistic innovation that continue to shape the American experience.

The performance is part of SUU’s Music Masterworks Series, which highlights the talent and dedication of more than 300 music students and esteemed faculty members throughout the academic year. The upcoming Masterworks season also includes:

- Nov. 14, 2025 – Fall Symphony Orchestra Concert

are \$10 for adults, \$8 for alumni, \$5 for youth and non-SUU students, and free for SUU students, faculty, and staff with valid ID.

Celebrate 250 years of American sound with the SUU Wind Symphony—a powerful evening that bridges history, artistry, and community through music.

For tickets and information, visit suu.edu/pva/music.

FALL INTO LAUGHTER THIS NOVEMBER WITH OTC COMEDY!

November 2025 — Cedar City, UT
As the leaves turn and the air gets crisp, it’s the perfect time to cozy up with a night of laughter at OTC Comedy. Every Friday at 8 PM, the OTC Comedy Theater (913 S. Main Street) transforms into a hub of quick wit, creativity, and spontaneous fun. Admission is just \$10, and tickets are available now at otccomedy.com.

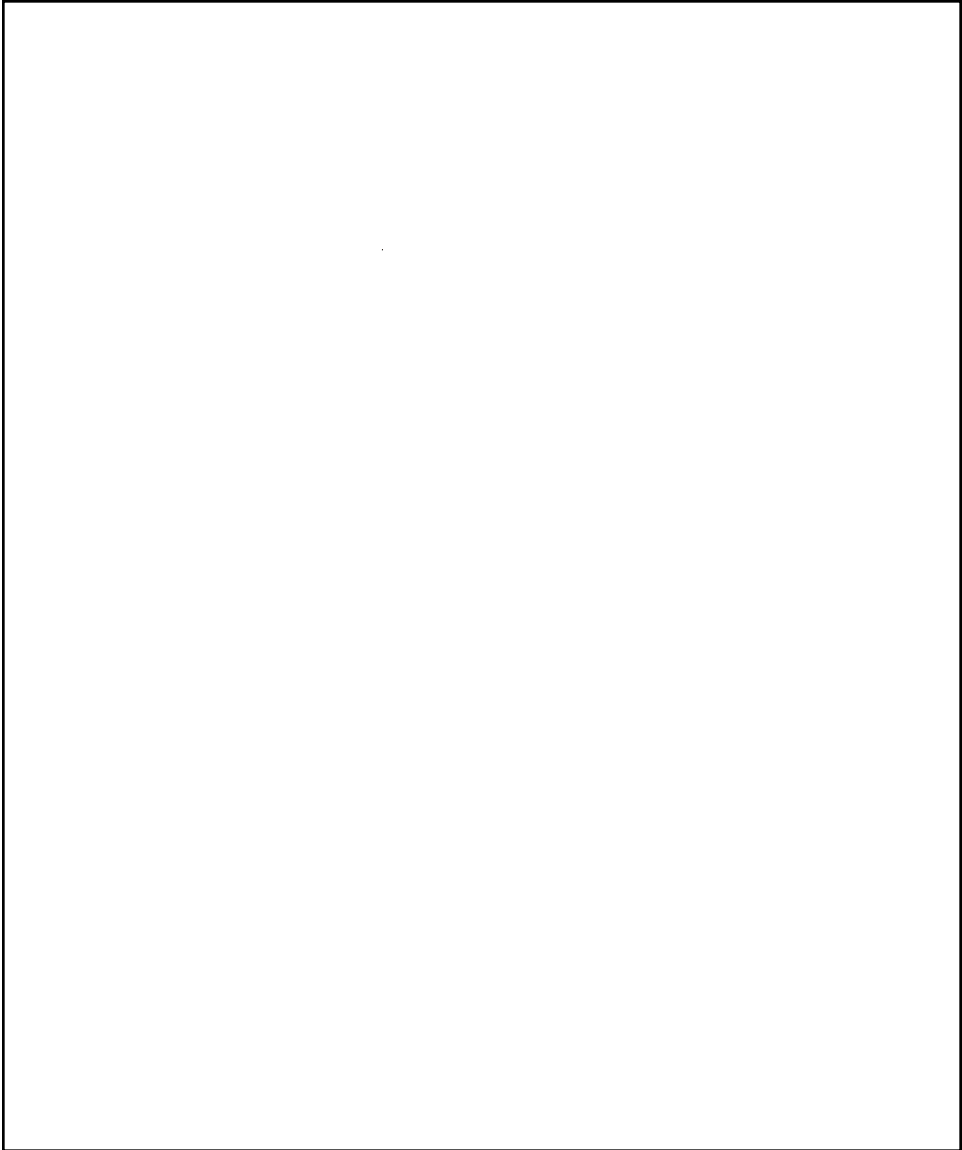
looking for a fun night out with friends, OTC Comedy delivers laughter that warms the soul.

Please note: there will be no show the week of Thanksgiving, as the troupe takes time to enjoy the holiday with family and friends. But don’t worry—OTC will be back the following week to keep the laughter rolling as the holiday season kicks off.

November is all about gratitude, and at OTC Comedy, the team is thankful for the incredible audiences who make every show special. So gather your favorite people, grab some tickets, and make room for joy this month—it’s the perfect recipe for a laughter-filled fall night.

Each week, OTC’s talented improvisers take audience suggestions and spin them into hilarious scenes, characters, and games that guarantee you’ll be delightfully surprised every time you attend. Whether you’re winding down after a long week or

Join OTC Comedy this November at the OTC Comedy Theater (913 S. Main Street), every Friday at 8 PM (except Thanksgiving week). Tickets are \$10 at otccomedy.com. Come celebrate the season with laughter, because nothing pairs better with fall than comedy at OTC.



THE ELECTRIC CONCERT SERIES RETURNS WITH THE TRUMAN BROTHERS AT THE ELECTRIC THEATER

Nov. 10, 2025 — St. George, UT
Music lovers have something new to look forward to this winter as the Electric Concert Series kicks off at the Electric Theater Center, 68 E. Tabernacle St., in downtown St. George. Formerly known

landed in the Top 10 of the iTunes Christian chart, and the brothers later made history as the first pop/rock Christian artists to perform at the Tabernacle at Temple Square. The title track’s lyrics—“Can you

as the “Winter Concert Series,” the newly rebranded Electric Concert Series brings the community together once a month from October through January for free, family-friendly evenings of live music and local connection.

The next performance features Nashville recording artists The Truman Brothers, taking the stage on Monday, Nov. 10, at 7 PM. The concert is free and open to the public, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Donations are appreciated.

The Truman Brothers—Ben and Chad Truman—are signed to Shadow Mountain Records and bring a unique mix of pop, soul, and inspirational storytelling to the stage. Sons of Dan Truman, keyboardist for the Grammy-winning country group Diamond Rio, the brothers grew up surrounded by music and faith, traveling with their father and performing in choirs, churches, and concert halls.

After officially forming their group in Provo, Utah, in 2005, the duo became one of the first acts to perform at the now-iconic Velour Live Music Gallery. They went on to share stages with Imagine Dragons, Kelly Clarkson, and other major artists, touring across the country with their signature blend of harmony and heartfelt lyricism.

Their debut album, Quiet Revolution,

really be heard if you don’t listen? Can you really be strong if you’re not lifting others?”—reflect the duo’s message of unity, compassion, and faith.

In 2021, the brothers won the Praiseworthy Award for Best Original Religious Song for “Before the Calm.” Their follow-up EP, Face the Fire (2022), features the lead single “Oh Child,” and continues their journey of exploring themes of resilience, love, and human connection through music that resonates with all ages.

With rich vocal harmonies, memorable hooks, and a grounded sense of purpose, the Truman Brothers continue to inspire audiences with songs that encourage hope and authenticity.

For more information about the Electric Concert Series and upcoming shows, visit sgcityutah.gov.

FAST COURSE, STUNNING VIEWS: RUNNERS GEAR UP FOR THE SNOW CANYON HALF MARATHON

Nov. 15, 2025 — St. George, UT
One of Southern Utah’s most scenic and popular races returns this fall as the Snow Canyon Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and Fun Run Walk n’ Roll take place Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025. The event welcomes runners, walkers, and adaptive athletes to experience the breathtaking red rock landscape of Snow Canyon State Park—a setting that makes this course a favorite among locals and visitors alike.

from Noon–8 PM at the Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George

• Buses: Athletes must ride buses from Snow Canyon High School to their respective start lines (loading 6:30–8 AM).

All participants receive a finisher medal, and top male and female finishers in each race will earn overall and age-category awards. The event also debuts

The Half Marathon features a USATF-certified route known for its fast, downhill sections and sweeping views through the canyon. The 10K begins inside Snow Canyon State Park before joining the Half Marathon course, while the 5K follows the Lava Flow Trail surrounding Snow Canyon High School, merging with the main course for the final mile.

“This race truly captures the beauty of Southern Utah,” said organizers. “It’s fast, it’s fun, and it’s one of the most breathtaking courses in the state.”

Registration is open now for all divisions, including the Fun Run Walk n’ Roll designed for kids ages 2–12 and adaptive athletes of any age.

Race Day Details

- Date: Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025
- Start Times: Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K at 9 AM; Fun Run at 11 AM
- Location: Snow Canyon State Park and Snow Canyon High School, St. George
- Packet Pickup: Friday, Nov. 14,

a new live athlete tracking system, allowing spectators to follow multiple runners in real time and estimate finish times through the Snow Canyon Half Marathon app.

Registration Deadlines & Pricing Highlights

- Half Marathon: \$90–\$115 depending on registration date
- 10K: \$50–\$70
- 5K: \$35–\$55
- Fun Run Walk n’ Roll: \$15–\$25

Early registration is encouraged to guarantee a race shirt and preferred size. Shirt quantities are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Volunteers, vendors, and local businesses are also invited to take part in this annual community event. For details on volunteering, expo booths, or training plans through the PR Performance Lab, visit the race website.

For registration and full event information, go to sgcityutah.gov.

2025 ZION CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Friday, November 28, 2025

Canyon Community Center / Springdale UT

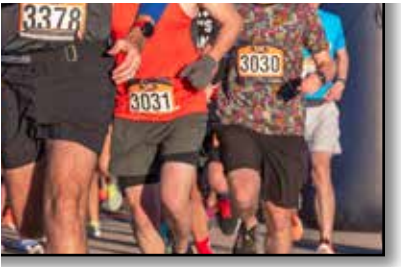
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Multi-Day Events

GINGERBREAD: A MUSICAL DRAMA (World Premiere) A hauntingly contemporary musical inspired by the Hansel and Gretel tale, Gingerbread transports us to a future where families in isolated villages live under the shadow of a Wall separating them from the City. Children vanish into the woods, whispered rumors of trafficking swirl, and a grieving mother clings to gingerbread as the last link to her lost daughter. With a sweeping score and powerful storytelling, Gingerbread explores resilience, justice, and the unbreakable bond between parent and child. Eccles Black Box Theater 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

CASECRACKER: SWAN LAKE Nov. 7–8, 7:30 PM. Casecracker: Swan Lake—an interactive dance-theater murder mystery. When a murder disrupts the final rehearsal, the stage becomes a crime scene and the audience the detectives. Follow the dancers, uncover the clues, and see if you can solve the case in this thrilling twist on the classic ballet. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.



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JUBILATE DEO: A FALL CHORAL CELEBRATION Nov. 7–8, 7:30 PM. Join the St. George Chamber Singers and the Crimson Cliffs High School Chamber Choir for an evening of moving choral music. Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 611 North 2450 East, St. George.

FOOTBALL AT BUCKSKIN TAVERN Monday night football. Open Sundays at 10:30 for football, \$5 cover charge. Must be 21 and older. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Kanab.

SUU BALLROOM DANCE COMPANY FALL 2025 SHOWCASE Nov. 7–8, 7 PM. The SUU Ballroom Dance Company presents its Fall Showcase! Southern Utah University, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

CRAFT FAIR Nov. 7–8, 25 S. 200 E., Panguitch.

FISHER FARM FALL FESTIVAL Nov 7–22. 9 AM. Celebrate fall traditions with Tractor Tire Town, Corn Pit, zip lines, slides, petting zoo, bounce houses, music, and photo ops. Extras for purchase: ax-throwing, Tractor Train Ride, pumpkins, and food (available Mon., Fri., Sat.). Note: Haunted House tickets sold separately. Fisher Family Farm, 1162 W. 3000 S., Hurricane.

IRON MISSION DAYS Nov. 7-8, 10 AM. Special community days of living history/pioneer craft demonstrations & hands-on activities. \$4/person, \$20.00/family. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

UTAH TECH FALL SPECTACULAR Nov 7–8, 7:30 PM. Utah Tech University’s Entertainment Alliance presents its annual variety show featuring FUSION, Blaze, the Ballroom Dance Company, and community performers. utea.utahtech.edu Eccles Fine Arts Center Mainstage Theatre, Utah Tech campus, 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL — DIXIE HIGH Nov. 6–9, 7:30 PM. Family-favorite musical. Tickets: dhsflyers.com. Dixie High School Auditorium, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

UTAH SLEEP OUT Nov. 14 and 15, 7 PM. The Utah SleepOut is more than a fundraiser. It’s a movement of compassion, solidarity, and action for Utah’s teens. By joining Youth Futures in spending one night outdoors, you’re helping ensure youth facing homelessness find their way to a safe bed, a warm meal, and a future filled with hope. Youth Futures, 340 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

ARTS TO ZION CANYON COMMUNITY ART & CULTURE TOUR Nov. 15–16, 11 AM–3 PM. Studio tours across Springdale, Rockville, and Virgin; opening program Saturday, 10 AM at Canyon Community Center. Registration required: artstozion.org., Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD AT CASABLANCA Nov. 8, and Dec. 5, 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”. YBR’s dedication to sonic detail and authenticity has kept them in a league of their own. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

A CHRISTMAS STORY Nov 13–Dec 6, 7 PM. Based on the beloved holiday film, A Christmas Story follows young Ralphie Parker’s quest to get a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. Set in the 1940s, the musical portrays Ralphie’s adventures and misadventures leading up to Christmas Day, capturing the nostalgic charm and humor of family life during the holiday season. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main Street, St. George.

HOW TO TRANSCEND A HAPPY MARRIAGE - SECOND STUDIO Nov. 13– 15, 7:30 PM., Nov. 15 at 2 PM. From Concord Theatricals: “This new play is a subversive enchantment. It is part absurd domestic serio-comedy, part erotic magic realism, unflinching about taboos and about questioning that, just maybe, monogamy isn’t enough.” -Newsday Southern Utah University, Auditorium Studio Theatre AUD 108, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

MICHAEL GRIMM AT CASABLANCA Nov. 18–19, 8 PM. Vegas headliner and winner of America’s Got Talent. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Nov. 11–12, 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.

JAMIT (THE DUO!) AT CASABLANCA Nov. 25–26, 6 PM. You remember one of the Skydome’s favorite bands “Jamit”? Well here are AJ and Tim bringing you all the fun and variety of Jamit as a duo! Classic Rock, R&B and Dance music keeping you on the dance floor all night long! Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

JUBILEE OF TREES Nov. 19-21. For over 40 years, Jubilee of Trees has united Southern Utah in the spirit of generosity, advancing world-class care at St. George Regional Hospital through community giving, creativity, and holiday cheer. This beloved multi-day event features beautifully designed trees and wreaths, festive experiences for all ages, and a signature Gala Dinner & Auction, all to support advancing life-saving treatment close to home. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S Convention Center Dr, St. George.

PIPPIN Nov. 20–24, 7:30 PM. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

HOLIDAY MARKET Nov 28–29, 10 AM. All your holiday shopping in one place! Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 W. 339 S., Hurricane.

PAROWAN: CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Nov. 28–29, 10 AM. FRIDAY– Holiday Bazaar 10 AM–5 PM. Iron County Fair Building, 50 S. 600 E Clinic Way, Parowan. SAT-URDAY – Santa’s Parade 10 AM. Parowan Main St. Santa will be at the Fairgrounds after the Parade. Holiday Bazaar 10 AM–4 PM. Iron County Fair Building, 50 S. 600 E. Clinic Way, Parowan. Candlelight Walking Parade 6 PM. Parowan Main St. (line up at 500 N. Main). The public is invited to bring their own light/candle and join the parade* Town Lighting Ceremony 6:15 PM. Parowan Town Square. Christmas Variety Show 7 PM. FREE - donations accepted Aladdin Theater, 27 N. Main St., Parowan.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL Dec. 1–6, 7 PM. A Christmas Carol returns again this year to St George! Come join us for Southern Utah’s newest holiday tradition at the Electric Theater, starring some of the best young performers in St George. Electric Theater Center, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

HIGH OCTANE AT CASABLANCA Dec. 2–3, 6 PM. This versatile band plays hits from the seventies to today including Dance, Rock, Funk, R&B, Country, and more! CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

NORTH POLE EXPRESS AT THUNDER JUNCTION Days vary December 5–22, 6 PM. Each ticket grants exclusive access to the park, where you can meet Santa Claus, decorate cookies, enjoy hot cocoa, create holiday crafts, and take a delightful ride aboard the North Pole Express. Thunder Junction All Abilities Park at Tonaquint Park, Tonaquint Park, 1851 S. Dixie Drive, St. George.

DICKENS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL Dec. 3–6, 10 AM. The Festival is created to bring you the best-selling experience of the year. Delighted guests will wind through narrow village streets as they shop for their gifts. They will be amazed to see our “Olde London” come to life. Be part of the success and experience The Festival first hand. So put on a top hat, or hoop skirt and join us! Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY’S HANDEL’S MESSIAH Dec. 5–6, 7:30 PM. features Lieto Voices, a premier regional choral ensemble known for their expressive artistry and dynamic sound. They will be joined by an extraordinary cast of soloists: Lisa Seegmiller is a Tony Award-winning and Grammy-nominated soprano who now resides in St. George. Aubrey Adams-McMillan is an award-winning mezzo-soprano and educator. Thomas Glenn is a Grammy Award-winning, internationally celebrated tenor. Seth Keeton is a distinguished bass-baritone performer and educator with performances spanning opera houses and concert halls across the country. Desert Hills High School, 828 Desert Hills Dr. E., St. George.

RED CLIFF GALLERY “GIFT OF ART” SHOW Nov. 14–Dec. 18, 10 AM. Smaller works are perfect for holiday gifts. Opening reception Nov. 14, 6–8 PM. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

GIVE MY SOUL SOME LIGHT Nov. 8–30. Our guest artist, Lori Ransom will exhibit her work through the month of November. Lori is an adjunct professor of art at SUU. Describing her creative process, she explains that it is deeply rooted in the earthy peace of botanical elements— leaves, branches, flowers, and organic textures often make their way into her imagery as metaphors for growth, renewal, and the rhythms of life. Kolob Gallery, 111 S. Main St., Cedar City.

ST. GEORGE ART MUSEUM 10 AM. The St. George Art Museum showcases more than 1,400 pieces in its permanent collection, along with rotating exhibitions highlighting regional and national artists. Donation-based entry, with contributions supporting education and operations at sgartmuseum.com. St. George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

SOUTHERN UTAH MUSEUM OF ART (SUMA) 10 AM. Located on SUU campus, free admission. Permanent collection includes Maynard Dixon, Jimmie F. Jones, Edith Hamlin, and Marc Chagall, and the building itself is a work of art. Visit www.suu.edu/suma. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

KANAB ARTS BOARD FOURTH QUARTER EXHIBITION Oct. 9–Dec. 17. The hospital lobby transforms into a gallery featuring works by Hospital Board members, staff, and their families, including artwork by Adreanna Pedersen and family and photography by Kim Nuttal. At the Kanab City Library, see paintings by Kyra Caddo, photography by Judy Kiel and William King, and macramé by Jenell Lukus. For artist inquiries, email KanaArts@gmail.com. Kanab City Library & Kane County Hospital, 374 N. Main St., Kanab.

ARROWHEAD GALLERY — FEATURED ARTIST: LAURA KELLER Oct. (ongoing) Tue–Thu 11 AM–6 PM, Fri–Sat 11 AM–8 PM. Mosaic glass artwork. 68 E. Tabernacle, St. George.

CEDAR CITY DAUGHTERS OF UTAH MUSEUM 10 AM. Artifacts, Photos, and Histories of our Iron County Pioneer settlers. Tools, Clothing, Hats, Dolls, Furniture, Books, A Spinning Wheel, and the Organ are on display. Cedar City Visitors Center, 581 N. Main St., Cedar City.

Events by Day
MONDAYS

FARMERS MARKET AT THE BIT & SPUR 5 PM. The Bit & Spur Farmers Market and local Bazaar feature everything from local jewelry, artwork, & amazing produce, clothing booths, & more. Listen to great bands & sample the fare from our awesome taco truck & cocktails from our cantina. Dogs & kids are welcome. Both on leashes, of course. Weather-permitting. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

MONDAY MASH UP 7 PM. Let the games begin Mash-up Monday Games include beer pong, giant tetris, giant uno, jenga, and more!! With music by dj gudnplenty. The one and only.No cover charge. 21 Event/must have valid id. One And Only, 64 N. 800 E., St. George.

TUESDAYS
MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Every day is better when you make art! Join us every Tuesday from 11–Noon. 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 WEDNESDAYS AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN Warehouse Bar + Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

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

MIDVALLEY: FARMERS MARKET 4 PM. Live music, jump house, face painting, & more. Beautiful, original, & unique items for your loved one, all the crafters & artisans are local, & everything is handmade. Text: 435 704-6916. 780 Midvalley Rd., Enoch.

WONDER WEDNESDAY 4 PM. Wonder Wednesdays are an after-school program for elementary-aged children. Activities are held each Wednesday during the school year. Southern Utah Museum of Art. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

ROWLEY’S RED BARN WEDNESDAY MARKET 5 PM. Come hang with us at Rowley’s Red Barn every Wednesday Night for some good times & great vibes. A Perfect destination for a Date night or Family outing. Live music, awesome vendors, & yummy food trucks. Rowley’s Red Barn, 471 W. Telegraph St., St. George.

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

KJS ICE BARN: COSMIC SKATING Everyone is invited to come get funky with Freddy with flashing lights, groovy music, cosmic fun, & more! KJs Ice Barn, 2550 E. Pinnacle Way, Enoch.

THURSDAYS
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.

BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT 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.

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

KARAOKE THURSDAYS 9 PM. Grab the mic and bring your A-game! Whether you’re a shower singer or a rockstar in disguise, Karaoke Night at The Blackbird Bar is your time to shine. No cover, just killer vocals. Drink specials all night. You sing it, we spin it. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave, Cedar City.

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

CEDAR STREET FEST 3 PM. Businesses, artisans, & performers come together for a weekly celebration of Cedar City’s unique culture. Enjoy music, food, & fun, including live music, theatrical performances, stand-up comedy, bouncy houses, art classes, games, Artisans Fair, Farmers Market, drive-in movies, & 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 ust 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. Shop, enjoy homemade ice cream, sip some craft soda, & relax to the music. Home on the Desert Range, 97 W. Center St., Cedar City.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT 7 PM. Bring a friend and your favorite board or card game to this weekly all-ages event. Santa Clara Meetinghouse, 3040 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara.

OTC COMEDY IMPROV 8 PM. Performing for over 20+ years, you can be sure that every show is unique & completely made up on the spot from suggestions that YOU (the audience!) give them! 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.

HURRICANE FARMERS MARKET 9 AM. Support local farmers, bakers, and artisans at this weekly Saturday market running May through October. Shop fresh produce, homemade goods, and more while connecting with your community. Free admission. All ages welcome Hurricane City Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

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. Every Saturday morning, live entertainment, crafters, vendors, food & 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. Over 50 vendors from all over Washington & Iron Counties bringing you the best in locally grown produce, pasture-raised meats, raw cheeses, & unique artisanal products. Enjoy local food, goods, and jamming out to local live music. 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.

five releases all went gold, a feat even Elvis couldn't achieve. His hits like "Young Girl" that hit number one in England six months after its initial release, his music continues to resonate around the world. 21 and older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE BARRETT ANDERSON BAND 7:30 PM. Barrett on vocals and guitar with award-winning Anthon Barrett on guitar and guitar with award-winning Anthon Barrett on guitar. The Boston Blues All-Stars at the Southern Utah Blues Festival. COPA Tuacahn, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Shivwits.

DOCUTAH PRESENTS: THE SNAKE AND THE WHALE 7:30 PM. "The Snake and the Whale" is a play about the corrupt deals behind four federal dams' construction and the subsequent campaigns to hide their role in an ongoing environmental disaster resulting in the demise of Idaho's anadromous fish. Southern Resident Orca. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 800 N. Gulch Ct., Ivins.

KARAOKE AT BUCKSKIN TAVERN 7:30 PM. Karaoke at Buckskin Tavern. Must be 21 and older. Buckskin Tavern, 2300 N. St., Kanab.

CROSSROADS BAND LIVE 9 PM. Get ready for a night of Rock, Pop, Blues & Classic Country – the perfect mix for you dancing all night long! 21 Only. The Blackbird Bar, 900 N. Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Nov 8

PAROWAN GAP ARCHEOASTROLOGICAL EVENT 7:30 AM. Enjoy the FREE Interpretative program while watching the Summer Sun being swallowed by the rock face at Parowan Gap. Begin at 7:30 am with the Interpretative program, followed by the observation from 8:15-8:30 am of the Summer Sun entering the Overseer's mouth. Dress warm. Parowan Historic Site, Gap road, 12 miles north of Cedar City off Highway 63.

BUTCH CASSIDY 10K/5K 9 AM. Annual point-to-point race from Springdale to historic Grafton; benefits the Luis Garcia Family Fund. Register: raceentry.com (see Cassidy 10K/5K"); info: springdaletown.com/396/ButchCassidy10K5K. Race. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

16TH ANNUAL CROP HUNGER WALK 9 AM. Southern Utah residents are invited to lace up their shoes and join the 16th Annual St. George Area CROP Hunger Walk sponsored by the St. George Interfaith Council. This annual walk raises funds to combat hunger both locally and internationally. St. George Interfaith Council, 100 N. Main St., St. George.

Wed, Nov 26

PAWS FOR TALES 4 PM. Children have the opportunity to read a book to a dog. St. George Children’s Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

Thurs, Nov 27

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER AT BUCKSKIN TAVERN Noon. We’re hosting a free community Thanksgiving dinner right here at The Buckskin on Thanksgiving Day at noon - open to all ages with legal guardians, no cost. We’ll be servin’ until the food runs out. If you’d like to donate to help feed our community, we’d sure appreciate it, but it’s never required. (Liquor and beer are not included). Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Kanab.

AMERICAN LEGION THANKSGIVING DINNER Noon. A Free Thanksgiving Dinner for Veterans, Family’s, and anyone in the community who wants a friendly meal. Sign up to help or donate. Contacts: Celeste 208-949-6670 or Sarah 435-559-4188. First Baptist Church of Cedar City, 324 W. 200 N., Cedar City.

THANKSGIVING DINNER 1 PM. 25 S. 200 E., Panguitch.

Fri, Nov 28

ZION CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR 10 AM. One-day fair featuring local artisans, food trucks, and bake sale. Free admission. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

ZOWIE BOWIE RETRO BOX 8 PM. Experience the hottest David Bowie cover band. Doors open at 7 PM, show starts at 8 PM. Ages 21 and older. Free Admission. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

PAROWAN CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY HOLIDAY BAZAAR 10 AM. Come join in the Christmas fun. Iron County Fair Building, 50 S 600 E Clinic Way, Parowan.

EMBERS RISE at Blackbird Bar 9 PM. Get ready for an unforgettable night of heavy riffs, emotional vocals, and pure metal energy as Embers Rise takes the stage at Blackbird Bar! Expect a perfect balance of raw energy and emotional depth, with lyrics that dive deep into personal struggles, resilience, and triumph. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Nov 29

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY 10 AM. Santa’s Parade 10 AM. Main Street. Santa will be at the Fairgrounds after the Parade. Holiday Bazaar 10 AM–4 PM. Iron County Fair Building 50 S. 600 E. Clinic Way, Parowan. Candlelight Walking Parade 6 PM. on Parowan Main Street (line up at 500 N. Main) *The public is invited to bring their own light/candle and join the parade* Town Lighting Ceremony 6:15 PM. Parowan Town Square. Christmas Variety Show 7 PM. Aladdin Theater ,27 N. Main St, Parowan. FREE - donations accepted. Parowan.

KANAB HOLIDAY PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING 6:30 PM.! Kanab Christmas light parade, Tree Lighting. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

CEDAR CITY DOWNTOWN LIGHTING CEREMONY & HOLIDAY TREE JUBILEE KICKOFF Noon. Holiday market, carriage rides, live performances, Santa’s helicopter arrival, and fireworks. Details at cedar-cityut.gov/events. Historic Downtown Cedar City.

PAROWAN BIENNIAL ART TOUR 10 AM. Stroll through town, visit artist studios and pop-up galleries, and join community art projects. Free event.. Old Crow Basics, 56 E. Center, Parowan.

RAVEN’S HEART GALLERY: HOLIDAY PARTY OF ART, ORNAMENTS & JEWELRY 4–7 PM. Free gallery event with holiday pop-up featuring ornaments, jewelry, and mini artworks. Complimentary refreshments. ravensheartgallery.com. Raven’s Heart Gallery, 57 W. Center St., Kanab.

RIVER HOUSE BAND AT THE GARAGE BAR 8 PM. 15 N. Central St. C., Colorado City, AZ.

RUNAWAY FIRE AT BUCKSKIN TAVERN 8 PM. \$5 cover charge. Must be 21 and older. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Kanab.

Wed, Dec 3

FOREIGN FILM CLUB 6 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 West 100 South, St. George.

Thurs, Dec 4

KOLOB GALLERY ANNUAL MINIATURES SHOW & OPEN HOUSE 3–6 PM. Featuring local artists, music, and refreshments. Kolob Gallery, 111 S. Main St., Cedar City.

ARROWHEAD GALLERY OPEN HOUSE 3 PM. Join us and meet many of the artists and see their new works. Guests will enjoy Encore performing Christmas Carols and refreshments. All artwork in the Gallery is 10% off during the Open House. The Guest Artist for the Open House is Del Parsons - a renowned local artist celebrated for his remarkable figure painting. Arrowhead Gallery, 68 E. Tabernacle, St George.

Sat, Dec 6

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

DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND AT MAD MIKES BAR AND GRILL 6 PM. Fans - Get Rady To Rock! DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND is Back In Town! Mad Mike’s Bar & Grill, 551 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SANTA VISIT 10 AM. 25 S. 200 E., Panguitch.

UNTIL THE ECLIPSE AT CASABLANCA 7 PM. Come rock out with “Until The Eclipse,” a rock band from Las Vegas, Nevada. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

CHRISTMAS A LA VIVALDI: LIVE MUSICAL CONCERT 7 PM. “Christmas A La Vivaldi”, a new classical music work, will make its Cedar City debut at The Heritage Center. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

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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

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



Top Things To Do In Zion

Get some great hiking in

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

Spend a day in Springdale

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

Catch an event

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

Try a guided tour

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

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

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

Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints

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

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. Especially during the Summer months, it's highly recommended to go early!

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.



Beyond Hiking

THE BEST DRIVES & DAY TRIPS AROUND ZION

We're glad you're here—and if you're reading this, chances are you came for the world-famous hikes, towering cliffs, and unforgettable canyons of Zion National Park. But maybe you've already hiked Angels Landing or tackled The Narrows. Or maybe you're looking for a different kind of adventure—something a little less strenuous, a little more scenic, or just a great way to spend a day in the car with some jaw-dropping views.

Well, you're in luck. Zion sits in the middle of a wonderland of scenic drives, hidden gems, and bucket-list day trips. So, whether you're taking it easy, chasing new sights, or looking for ways to escape the crowds, here are some top picks to round out your Southern Utah experience.

Scenic Drives and Viewpoints
Kolob Canyons (Zion National

Park – Northwest Entrance)

If you love Zion but want something quieter, head to the Kolob Canyons section of the park. Located off I-15 near Cedar City, this five-mile scenic drive offers massive red rock cliffs, sweeping vistas, and several short hikes. It's a perfect add-on for road trippers and a beautiful detour on your way north.

Kolob Terrace Road

A local favorite, this backroad winds its way from the town of Virgin up into the cooler high country above Zion. Along the way, you'll pass lava fields, meadows, forested plateaus, and killer canyon views. There's even a reservoir near the top if you want to dip your toes.

Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel

Even if you've already been through the tunnel, it's worth a second look. The

drive east from Springdale through Zion Canyon and out to the East Entrance is one of the most dramatic in the state. Stop at the many pullouts along the way to take in views of slickrock formations, bighorn sheep, and winding canyons.

Gooseberry Mesa

This spot is a mecca for mountain bikers, but the road out to Gooseberry is scenic. You'll need a high-clearance vehicle for the final stretch, but you'll be rewarded with stunning panoramic views over Zion and the Virgin River Valley.

Smithsonian Butte Backway

This off-the-beaten-path route connects Rockville to Apple Valley with unpaved road and unparalleled views. Think mesas, cliffs, and the perfect backdrop for golden hour photos. It's a local secret—and one of the best-kept ones at that.

Best Day Trips and Nearby Parks
Bryce Canyon National Park

About 90 minutes from Zion, Bryce is known for its bizarre and beautiful hoodoos—towering spires of red and orange rock that glow at sunrise and sunset. You can easily drive the scenic loop and stop at multiple viewpoints or stretch your legs with a short hike into the amphitheater.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

Located just outside Kanab, this state park features rolling hills of—you guessed it—deep coral-colored sand. Rent a sandboard, hop on an ATV, or just enjoy the surreal landscape.

Snow Canyon State Park

Tucked just north of St. George, this park is a mini-desert paradise filled with lava flows, red cliffs, and white sandstone. It's perfect for a short hike or scenic drive and less than an hour from Zion.



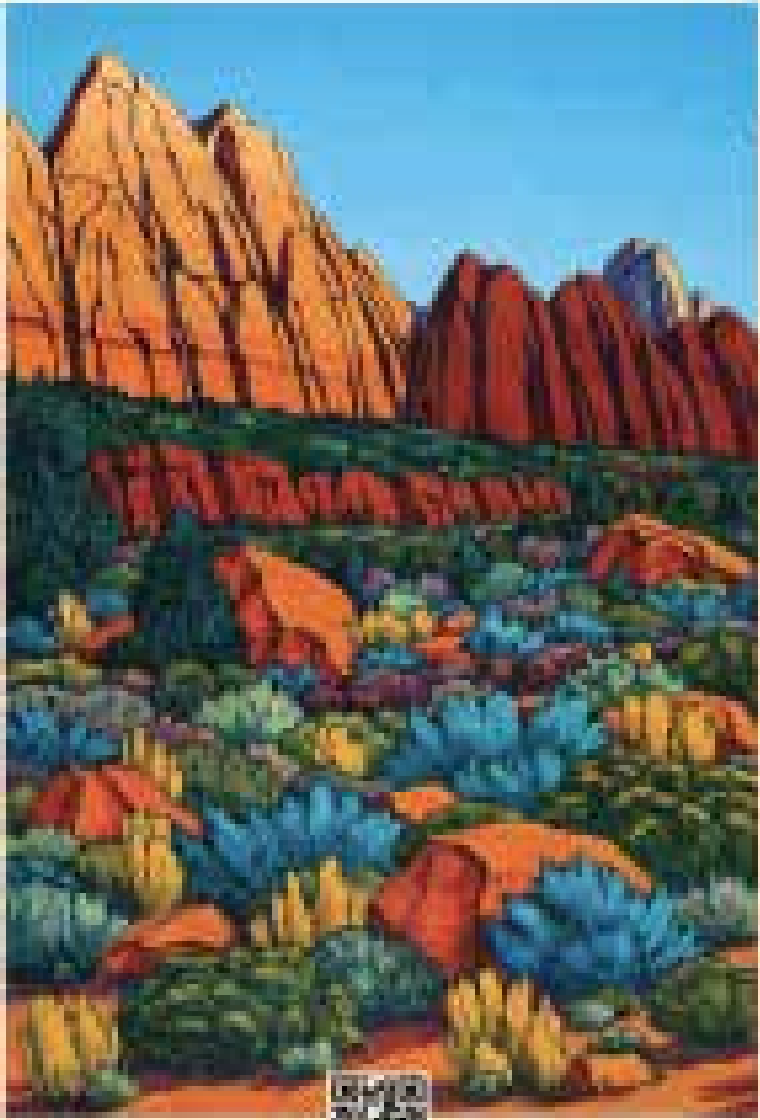
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Gallery Artwork Exhibit and Sale

Oct 1 - Nov 8

Worthington Gallery
Springdale, Utah

Participating artists will display multiple works available for purchase, with all proceeds benefitting Zion National Park.

Tuesday, Nov 4

Art Demonstrations 9am - 2pm
Cable Mountain Lodge

- Bill Cramer
- Jim Woodark
- Suzie Woolf
- John Cogan
- Roland Lee

Wednesday, Nov 5

Art Demonstrations 9am - 2pm
Cable Mountain Lodge

- Wade Woom
- Ellie Wilson
- Gregory Stocks
- Allen Brockbank
- Michelle Condrat

Thursday, Nov 6

Art Demonstrations 9am - 2pm
Cable Mountain Lodge

- Philip Carton
- Paula Swain
- James McGrew
- Steven Stauffer
- Royden Card

DON'T MISS THE BIG EVENT ON SATURDAY!

November 8

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Zion National Park Lodge

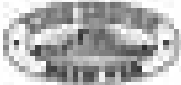
The Art Invitational culminates with a day of fun and celebration at the big lawn in front of Zion National Park Lodge. Interact with all 15 artists as they paint the park in one location. Activities include a silent auction (details below), interactive community mural, children's art table and more. This is a free event for all park visitors (entrance fee not included).

SILENT AUCTION

November 8

10am - noon
Zion National Park Lodge

Art from the week's painting demonstrations will be auctioned by silent bidding. Saturday's painted art will also be available for purchase.



Zion National Park Hiking Info

THE LOCALS' GUIDE TO HIKING PREPAREDNESS

National parks are seeing an uptick in helicopters carrying unfortunate hikers out of precarious situations.

In 2024, the National Park Service reported over 200 search-and-rescue operations, which means over 200 extremely unpleasant vacation experiences. Many more than just a decade ago. The majority of those rescues occurred in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and most hikers who end up getting into trouble are either in their 20s or are older than 60.

Despite our highly skilled and dedicated rescue teams' valiant efforts, not everyone made it out of their predicaments safely. An average of four people per year lose their lives in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

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

Zion National Park is often referred to as an outdoor Disneyland. But this is the wilderness, and it's far less forgiving than any theme park. Here are some tips for how to safely enjoy your time in Zion Canyon.

Bring Water

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

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

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are NOT reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need

water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

Wear Appropriate Clothing

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

brimmed hats and UV protective clothing, because suffering from sunstroke or severe sunburn during an already taxing hike can be brutal.

Leave Wildlife Alone

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

Leave No Trace

Zion's beauty is matched by its fragility. The red rock landscapes and delicate desert ecosystems are easily damaged, often taking years or decades to recover. That's why it's so important to leave no trace. Stay on designated trails to protect sensitive plant life, especially the black, crusty-looking soil known as biological soil crust — a vital part of the desert ecosystem. Pack out all trash, including food scraps, tissues, and biodegradable items. Use established restrooms when available, and if not, follow park guidelines for disposing of waste properly. Avoid carving into rocks or trees, and keep noise levels down so everyone can enjoy the peace of the canyon. When we leave no trace, we help ensure Zion remains as breathtaking for the next hiker as it was for us.

Hike Sober

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

Hike at Your Skill Level, and Don't Take Risks

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



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Popular Zion Hikes

Current Trail Closures & Popular Trail Considerations:

Hidden Canyon and Observation Point remain closed due to long-term rockfalls; Angels Landing requires a year-round lottery permit (apply via Recreation.gov); The Narrows closes when Virgin River flows exceed 150 cfs—always check current conditions; Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is shuttle-only March–November (including October); park entry requires the standard entrance fee but no reservation for shuttle or canyon access; October daytime highs average in the 70s–80s but mornings and evenings can be cool—layer clothing and still carry plenty of water (2–3 L per person); Weeping Rock shuttle stop and trail remain closed; most other side trails remain open—watch for debris after storms; any overnight backpacking or top-down Narrows trip requires a wilderness permit; and beginning in June 2026, oversized vehicles will be rerouted off the Zion–Mount Carmel Highway and tunnel under new restrictions.

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.



Photo by David J. West

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

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

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

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

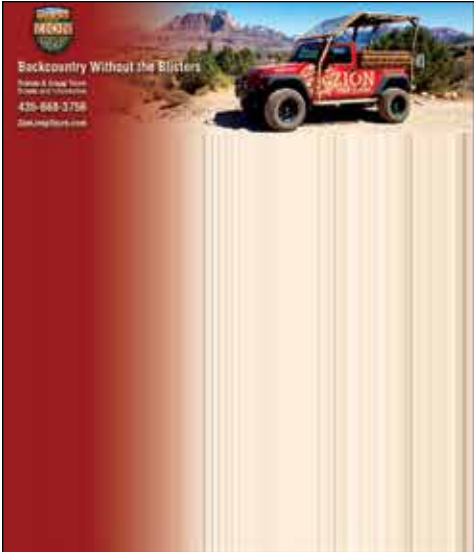
Also starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this short half-hour hike covers just under half a mile and rises 80 feet in elevation, making it a short but steep trail. This trail offers trailside exhibits and views of several prehistoric buildings.

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 accessable, there are minor drop-offs. The trail, which is paved, offers trailside exhibits as it follows the Virgin Rivet along the bottom of a narrow canyon.



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Featured Hike

CEDAR POCKET WASH OVERLOOK AND NARROWS TRAILS

By Tom Garrison

Location: This Arizona hike is located in the Beaver Dam Mountains Wilderness and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It is in the Virgin River Gorge and close to the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area.

Difficulty: A mostly easy hike except the steep strenuous descent and ascent climbs into and back out of the wash and narrows and some rock scrambling in the narrows.

Average Hiking Time: About two hours at a leisurely pace with many rest stops when exiting the wash.

Elevations: The trailhead is 2,730 feet elevation with about a 350 feet elevation change from the trailhead to the lowest point in Cedar Pocket Wash.

Family Friendly: It is family friendly if you do not go down into the wash. The trial into and out of the wash is steep and strenuous.

Finding the Trailhead: From St. George drive south on Interstate 15. At 10.5 miles from the signed Utah-Arizona border you reach Exit 18, the turnoff for Cedar Pocket and the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area. After exiting turn right (north) on the first road encountered, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Road 1005, paved for a very short



Then follow the directions above.

Need an off the beaten path outdoor adventure, where you will probably not see another person (we only met one other hiker on the trail), featuring a Joshua Tree forest, spectacular mountain views, and the impressive Cedar Pocket Wash narrows? If yes, then you are a prime candidate for Cedar Pocket Wash Overlook and Narrows Trails in the Virgin River Gorge. The trailhead is 1.5 miles from the Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area (aka Cedar Pocket) about mid-way between St. George and Mesquite.

This hike is somewhat unusual. Many hikes are top looking down or bottom looking up. Think of Bryce Canyon National Park for the former and Zion National Park for the latter. The Cedar Pocket Wash trails take you to an impressive overlook, top looking down, and along Cedar Pocket Wash for a bottom looking up experience.

The trail is in the Beaver Dam Mountains Wilderness, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The wilderness area became part of the National Wilderness Preservation System in 1984 and has approximately 2,600 acres in Utah and approximately 15,000 acres in Arizona.

My wife, Deb, and I left St. George on a sunny early October weekend morning. We arrived at the trailhead about 9:30 am with the temperature in the mid-60s under a blue Arizona sky. The parking area is surrounded by a small forest of Joshua trees. Near the large trailhead sign is a small trail marker

sign pointing to the trail. This hike has two potential destinations, Overlook Trail (about 1.1 miles round trip) and the Narrows Trail (about 2.2 miles round trip). We did both. Since the two share a common beginning, about .3 mile, the round trip was about three miles.

The trailhead elevation is 2,730 feet with about a 350 feet elevation change from the trailhead to the lowest point in Cedar Pocket Wash. Both trails are well defined and marked.

We hopped over the stepover onto the trail heading east. At .3 miles along the combined trail we came to a junction. The right (south) fork goes to the overlook in .2 mile. The left (north) fork goes to the narrows. We went right on the Overlook Trail, an easy hike with little elevation change. Befitting its name, the overlook had great views of cliffs to the east, mountains to the north, and the Virgin River to the south. After a few photos, we retraced our steps to the junction and headed northeast on the Narrows Trail.

The trail quickly and steeply descends to the bottom of Cedar Pocket Wash, not a fun part of the hike. Once in the wash we headed downstream to the

right (east) and then south and entered the narrows.

The narrows is aptly named. Mostly limestone rock, 50 or more feet tall defining the narrows. The narrows twists and around each bend was a new experience. We had to do some rock scrambling at a couple of dry falls. After a half mile or so in the wash (about 1.1 miles from the trailhead) we reached the end of the narrows where the wash widened and becomes open desert. We explored a bit and then headed back,

We arrived back at the trailhead after almost two hours on the three mile round trip hike. We were in no hurry and stopped often to admire the scenery and take photos.

I highly recommend this hike. The views are great and Cedar Pocket Wash Narrows is amazing.



distance and then a dirt road.

Road 1005 is decent, although washboard almost the entire way to the trailhead. Stay on the main road and after 1.5 miles you will see the large "Cedar Pocket Wash Trailhead" sign on the right (east). There is parking for seven or eight cars.

If you are driving north on Interstate 15, simply exit at Exit 18. Then, at the first turn, go left (north) to cross the freeway and continue straight (north) on BLM Road 1005.



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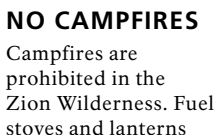
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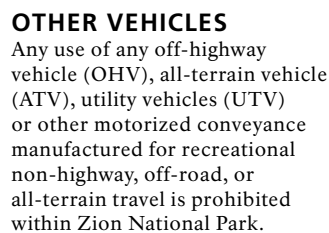
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GROUP SIZE

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Zion National Park 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.
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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.

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.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger-Led Patio Talk

Free ranger talks happen outside of the Zion Canyon Visitor Center every day at:

- 11 AM, 1:30 PM and 3 PM

No matter when you visit, be prepared for crowds and remember:

- Parking fills early year-round. You may have to wait to enter Zion Canyon Scenic Drive if parking is full there.
- Watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists if you are driving.

- Stay on trails and avoid walking in the road.
- Put your pass in your pocket. Don't leave your park pass or receipt in a hotel room or at home.
- Ride your bike on the road or the Pa'Rus Trail. Bicycling is not allowed on any other trails in the park. If you are riding in the road, you must stop to let buses pass you.
- The NPS may temporarily close roads if traffic is congested or there is nowhere for drivers to park.
- In general, fewer people visit Zion on weekdays than weekends. Consider arriving early or after 3 PM to avoid the busiest times of day.

Plan ahead and prepare

If you cannot park in Zion or if all of our campsites are full, research nearby communities and public lands to learn about other recreational activities and lodging. Always recreate responsibly and respect private owners' property and facilities.

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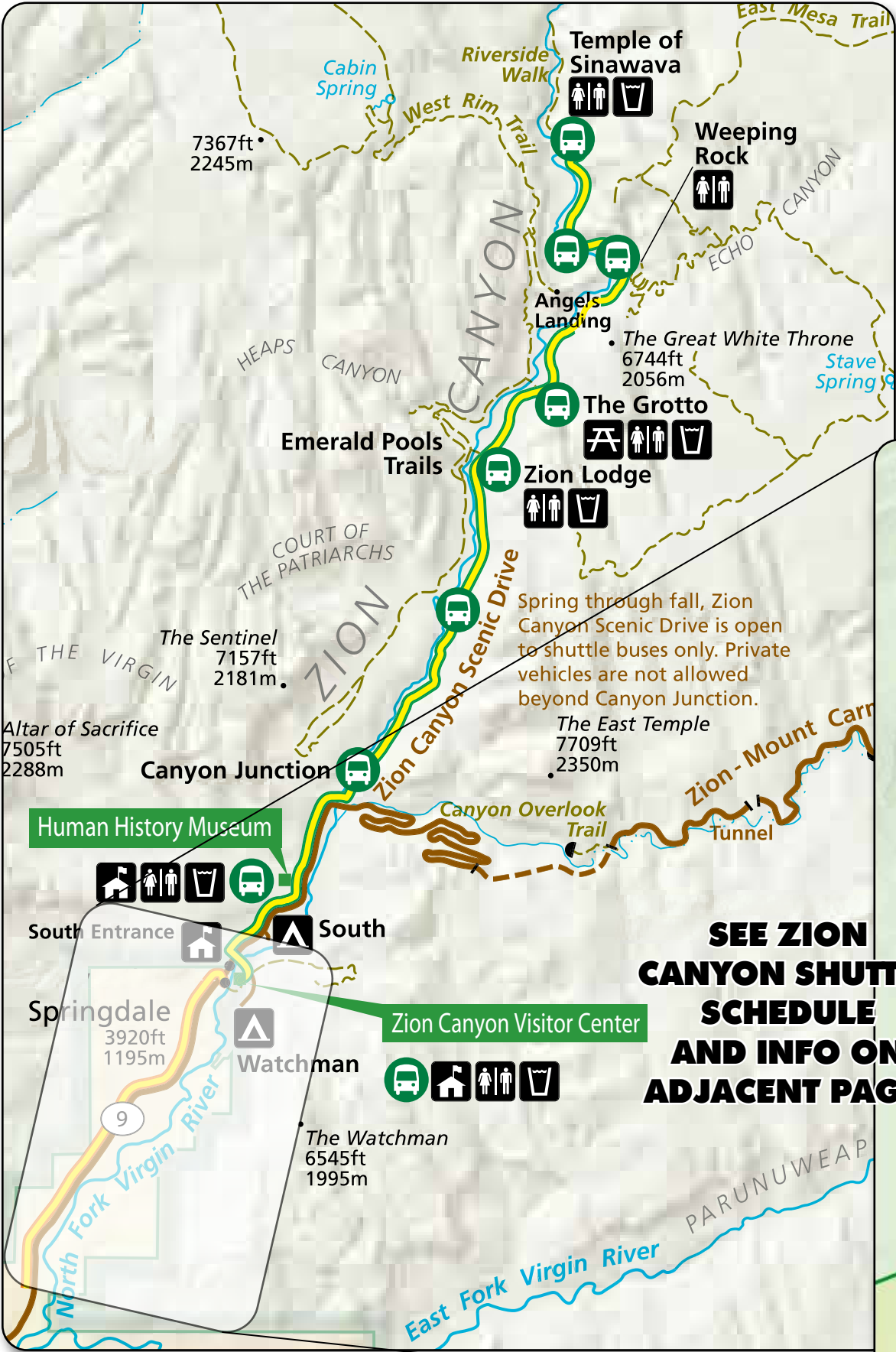
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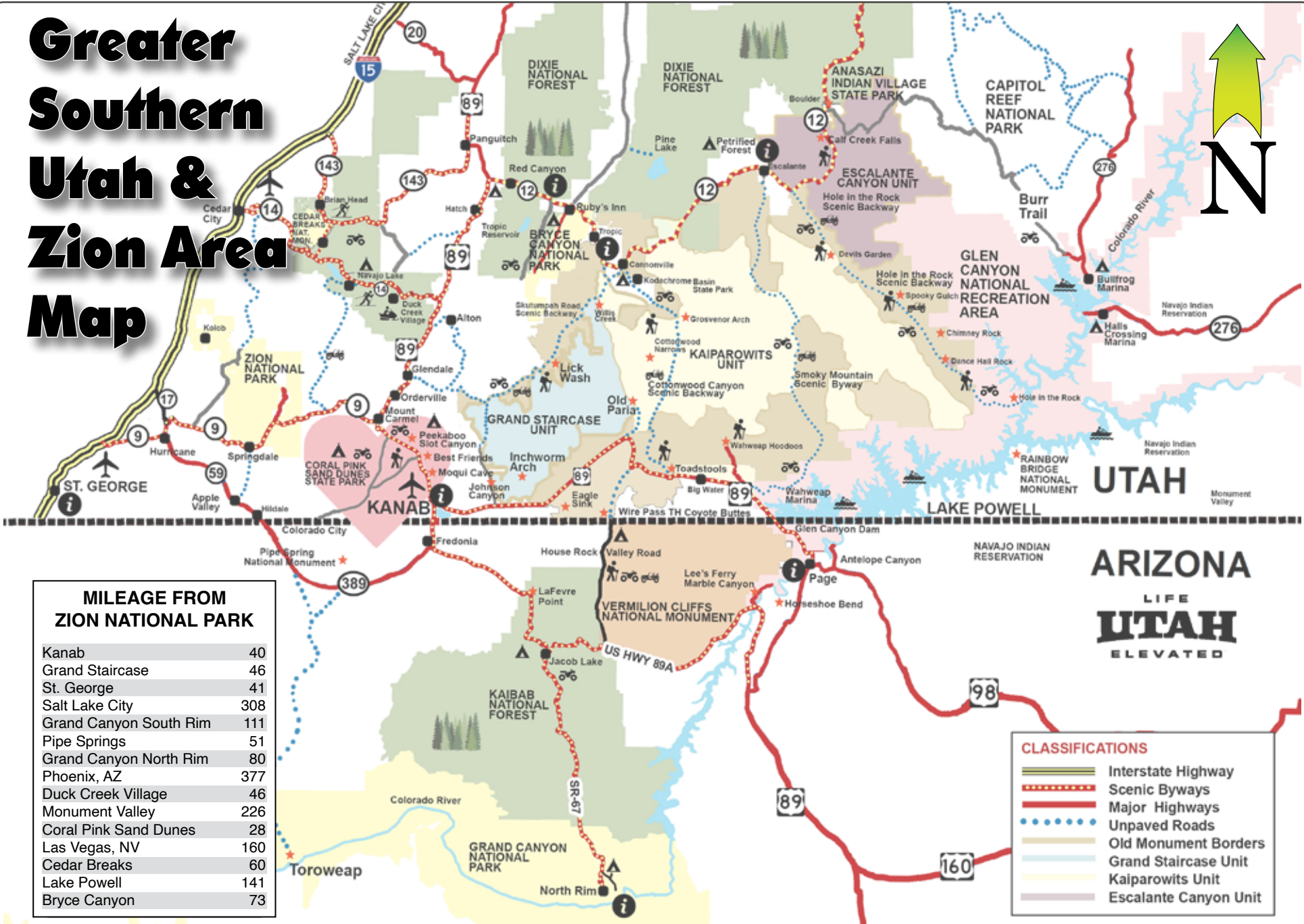


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Zion Area Annual Events



The Zion area is incredible for hiking—but did you know it also hosts hundreds of amazing events every year? From art festivals and outdoor concerts to rodeos, parades, and film screenings, there’s something happening in every season. Here are just a few highlights. Be sure to check out The Independent’s extensive Events Calendar and local event coverage in every issue!

January

Winter 4x4 Jamboree (Hurricane/Sand Hollow) – One of the biggest off-road events in Southern Utah during the winter season, attracting enthusiasts from across the West.

February

St. George Parade of Homes (Washington County) – Showcasing luxury and custom homes with a focus on design, architecture, and interior inspiration. Bryce Canyon Winter Festival (Bryce Canyon National Park) – Presidents’ Day weekend celebration featuring snowshoeing, archery, arts and crafts, and more. The Annual Sears Invitational (St. George) – Every year on President’s Day weekend, showcasing over 100 artists from all over the West and more than 200 traditional, contemporary, and sculptural pieces of artwork.

March

Southern Utah Early Music Festival (St. George) – Hosted by Utah Tech University, this concert explores early music traditions from Gregorian chant to the Baroque. Ivins Fitness Fest (Ivins) – A health-forward community event with fitness booths and the kickoff to the month-long “Sloth-A-Thlon.”

April

Kayenta Chalk Festival (Ivins) – A vibrant celebration of ephemeral art, where local and visiting artists transform the sidewalks

of the Kayenta Art Village with large-scale chalk creations. St. George Art Festival (St. George) – Held Easter weekend in historic downtown, this beloved festival features fine art, live music, and local food vendors. St. George Plein Air Festival (St. George) – Now in its fifth year, this outdoor painting festival draws artists of all levels to capture the beauty of Southern Utah landscapes on canvas. Includes workshops, exhibitions, and live painting events. Art Around the Corner Unveiling (St. George) – Each spring, the annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit kicks off with a celebratory unveiling of new public art installations throughout downtown. Zion Chalk & Earth Fest (Springdale) – This interactive art and nature festival combines chalk art, earth-based installations, and hands-on activities along the gateway to Zion National Park.

May

Spring Fiesta (Cedar City) – A lively cultural celebration featuring music, food, and family fun in historic downtown Cedar. Amazing Earthfest (Kanab) – Southern Utah’s signature festival of learning, arts, culture, and outdoor adventure. Kanab Outdoor Market (Kanab) – A weekly market running through October, offering nursery stock, baked goods, local art, jewelry, crafts, and a bounce house for kids.

June

Jacob Hamblin Days Festival (Kanab/Kane County) – Honoring the region’s pioneer and Western heritage with family-friendly festivities. Maynard Dixon Country Campout (Mt. Carmel, Kane County) – A multi-day gathering of artists and fans of Western art history and painting. Utah Shakespeare Festival (Cedar City) – Kicks off in late June and runs through October with a celebrated

lineup of Shakespearean and contemporary plays.

June–July

Firefly Powerbike Rally (Toquerville or Hurricane area) – Electric dirt-bike gathering with rides, demos, and social events for e-bike enthusiasts.

July

Independence Day Festivities (Various towns in Southern Utah) – Parades, fireworks, barbecues, and live music in communities like Kanab, Springdale, Duck Creek, and more. Pioneer Day Celebrations (Various towns in Southern Utah) – Celebrations on or around July 24th honoring Utah’s pioneer history with parades, games, dinners, and traditional festivities.

August

Kane County Fair (Orderville) – A family-friendly event offering games, contests, food, and community fun with mostly free admission. Legends Weekend (Kanab) – A celebration of Kanab’s Western and film heritage featuring parades, rodeos, film screenings, concerts, and more.

September

Red Rock Film Festival (Cedar City) – Independent film screenings, workshops, and panels celebrating artistic and innovative filmmaking. Carmel Mountain Music & Art Festival and Car Show (Mount Carmel, Kane County) – Classic cars, live music, food vendors, and kid-friendly activities. Duck Creek End of Summer Bash (Duck Creek Village, Kane County) – Labor Day Weekend music event at Duck on In Saloon. Zion Canyon Music Festival (Springdale) – A fall tradition in Zion Canyon with live music, artisan booths, food, and local flair. Swiss Days (Santa Clara) – A lively heritage celebration

with Swiss-inspired food, vendors, live music, and community activities. Hurricane Peach Days (Hurricane) – Parade, rodeo, carnival, and of course, peaches – held the weekend after Labor Day. Escalante Canyons Art Festival (Escalante) – Featuring plein air competitions, art exhibits, guided hikes, and workshops celebrating art and landscape.

October

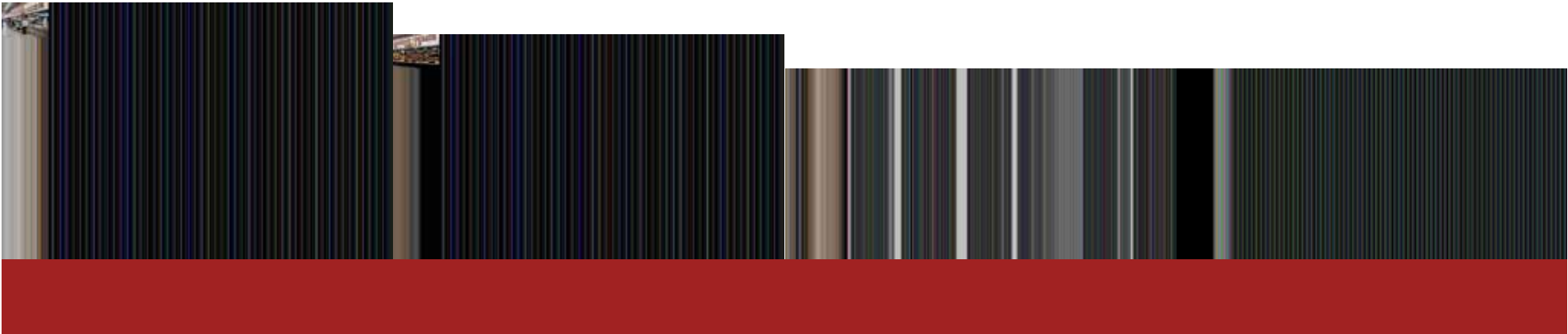
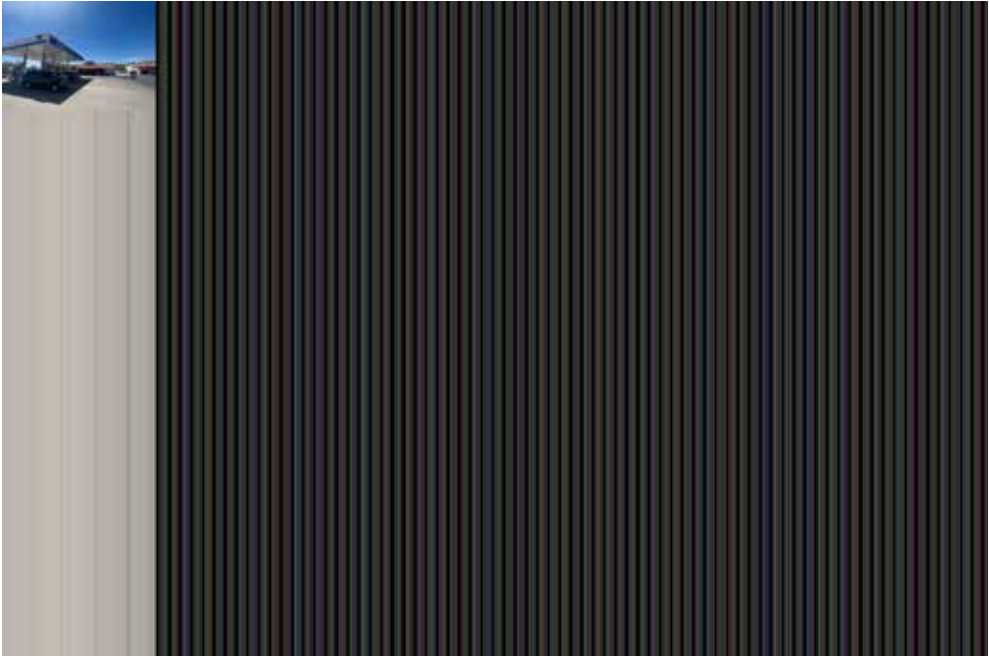
Kanab Arts Festival (Kanab) – Art, food, live music, poetry, wagon rides, and kids’ activities line Kanab’s main street in a festive fall atmosphere. Zion Rocktoberfest (Springdale) – A mix of live music, food, beer, and Oktoberfest-inspired celebration set against the red cliffs of Zion. Red Bull Rampage (Virgin) – The world’s premier freeride mountain biking event, drawing top athletes and huge crowds to Southern Utah.

November

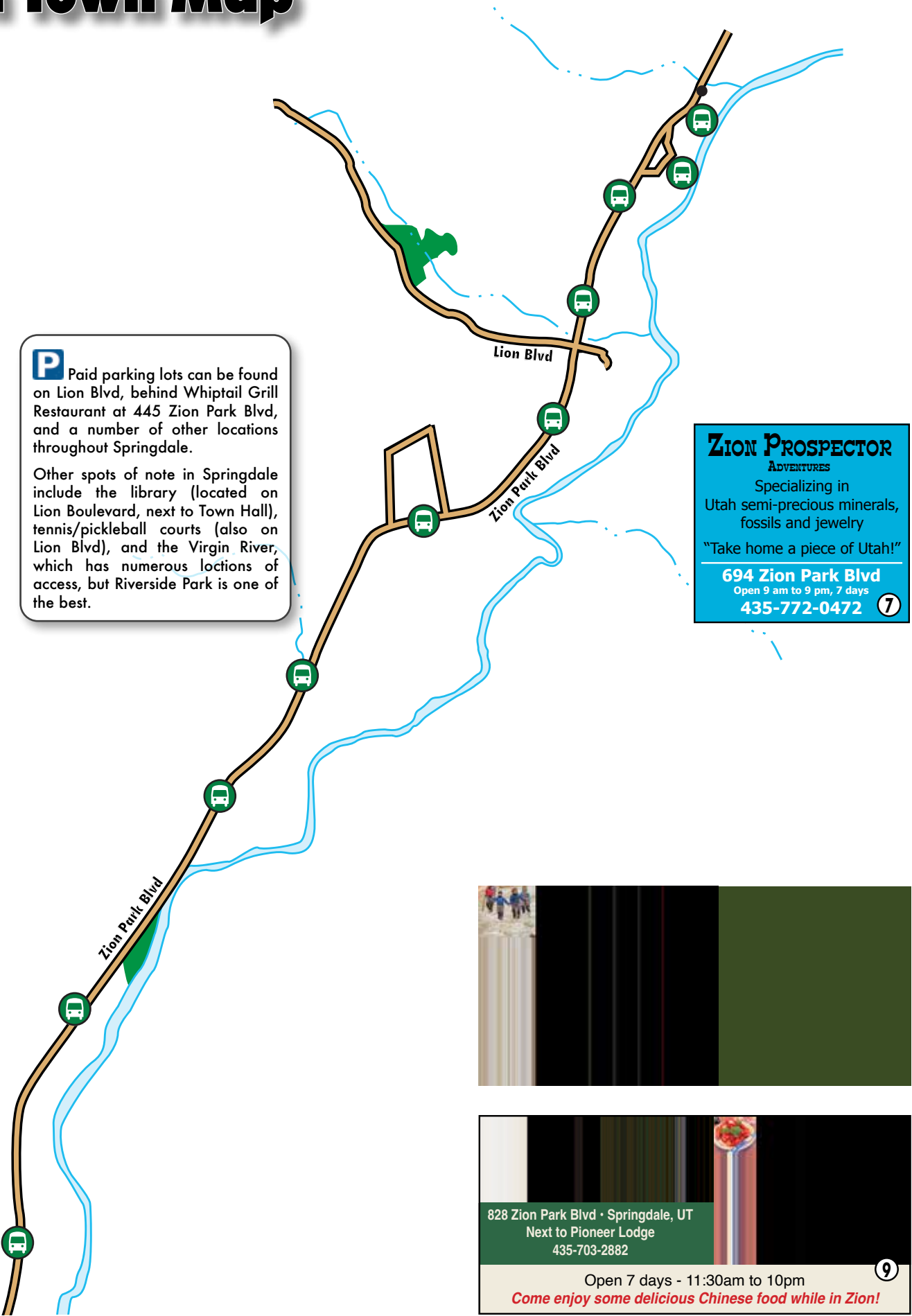
Butch Cassidy 10K Run (Springdale/Virgin/Grafton area) – A scenic road race through red rock country followed by a celebratory gathering in historic Grafton. K-town Turkey Trot 5K (Kanab) – A Thanksgiving morning fun run/walk for all ages in downtown Kanab. Zion Plein Air Invitational (Springdale) – A week of exhibits, workshops, and painting sales with some of the finest plein air artists in the nation. Christmas Light Parade and Festival (Kanab) – Parade, gourmet s’mores, hot cocoa, caroling, and a lantern launch held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Zion Canyon Arts & Crafts Fair (Springdale) – A beloved community tradition featuring local and regional artisan booths and handmade goods.

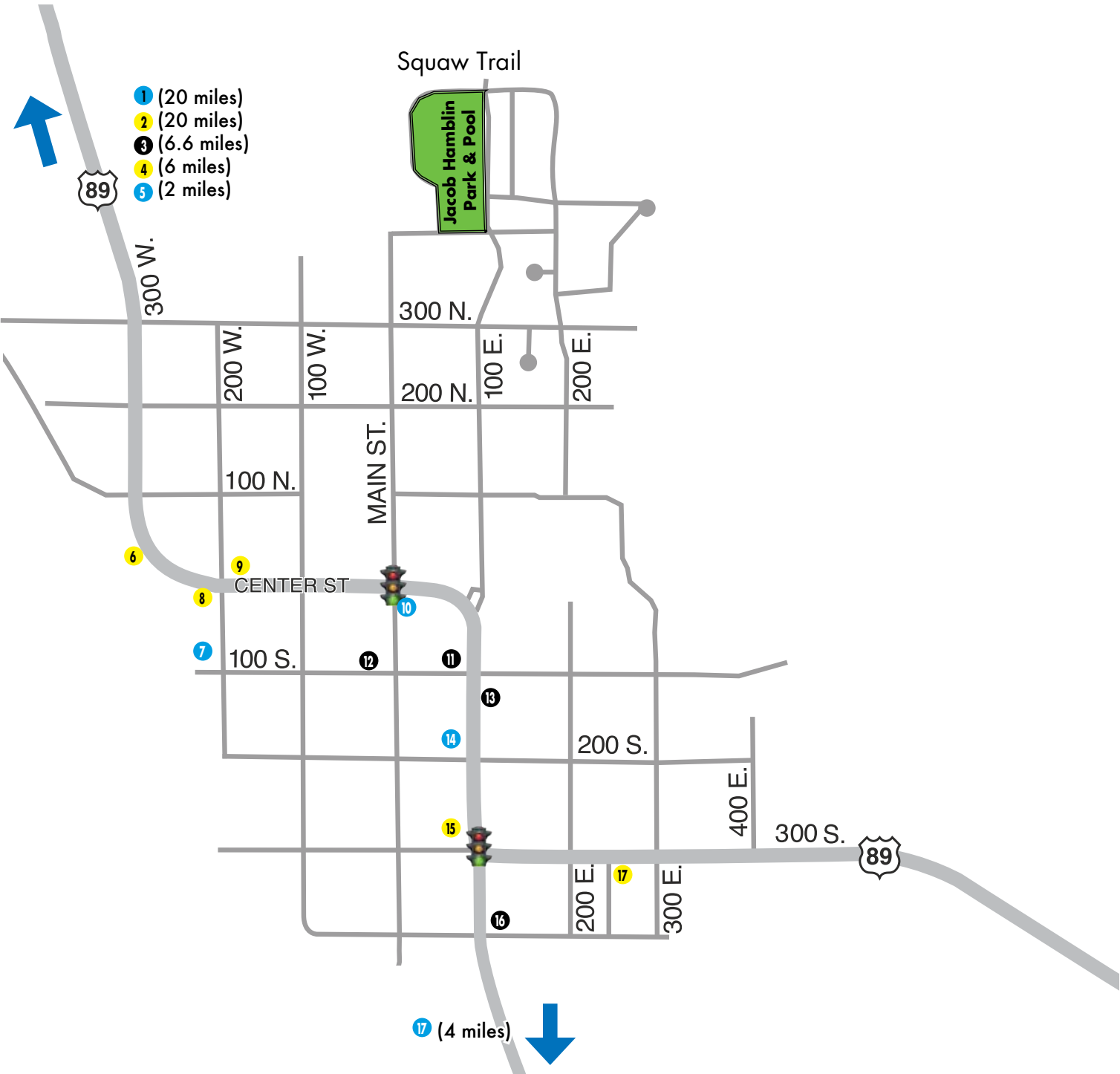
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Z-Arts Gala (Springdale) – A formal night of celebration with food, dancing, and an art auction hosted by Z-Arts.



Springdale Utah Town Map





EAST ZION & KANAB AREA FEATURED RESTAURANTS & BARS FROM ZION GUIDE

Restaurants/Bars	(Listed Alphabetically)	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan	Hours	WI-FI
				(W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks, (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu		
7	Adria's Restaurant	86 S 200 W, Kanab	(435) 644-7800	W, B, M	8:30 AM - 2 PM Tues - Sun	Yes
17	Buckskin Tavern	2321 N Main, Fredonia, AZ	(928) 643-7094	W, B, M, V	Noon - Close	Yes
10	Jakey Leigh's	4 E Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-8191	E, V	7 Am - 2 PM Daily	Yes
5	Nomad Cafe & RV Resort	2400 N Hwy 89, Kanab	(406) 594-0294	E, V	6:30 AM - 2:30 PM Thurs - Mon	Yes
1	Soup Town	30 E State, Orderville	(435) 648-2370	V	11 AM - 5 PM Tues - Fri	Yes
14	Wild Thyme Cafe	198 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-2848	W, B, M, E, V	11:30 AM - PM Daily	Yes

EAST ZION & KANAB AREA FEATURED SERVICES, SHOPS & GALLERIES FROM ZION GUIDE

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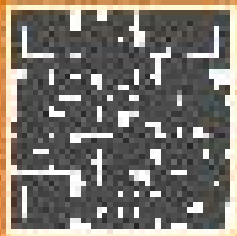
Services	(Listed Alphabetically)	Shops				(Listed Alphabetically)
Adventure Tours of Kanab	Serving Kanab	(435) 689-2029	15	Glazier's Market	264 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5029
3 Best Friends Animal Sanctuary	5001 Angel Canyon Rd, Kanab	(435) 644-2001	17	Honey's Marketplace	260 E 300 S, Kanab	(435) 644-5877
Grand Canyon Expeditions	Call for Info	(435) 644-2691	9	Kanab Drug	176 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-3401
16 Hope Hyperbarics	395 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 689-1831	4	Moqui Cave	4581 US-89	(435) 644-8525
11 Kane County Visitors Bureau	78 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5033	6	Nature's Showcase	288 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-2390
12 Kanab Family Dental	76 E 100 S, Kanab	(435) 644-2719	2	The Rock Stop	385 W State St, Orderville	(435) 648-2747
Kayak The Colorado	Call for Info	(435) 275-2925	To get your business on this map and directory please call Josh at 435-632-1555 for details.			
13 Ramsay Auto Service	115 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-8070				

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