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December – Kanab, UT

Kanab in winter has its own kind of magic. The crowds thin, the sunsets deepen, and the red rocks glow even brighter against the crisp desert air. It's the perfect time to slow down, explore, and make memories that warm the heart long after the holidays. And there's no better place to do that than at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary—and its sister property, the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile.

"Winter is a great time to visit Kanab," said Julie Barger, Director of Hospitality for Best Friends. "The weather is gorgeous, the red rocks are stunning, the air is crisp, and we've got beautiful sunsets. Stay at the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile and you're within walking distance of fantastic restaurants."

**Where Compassion Meets Canyon Country**

Just five miles north of downtown Kanab, the 6,000-acre Best Friends Animal Sanctuary rests in the heart of Angel Canyon. It's the largest no-kill sanctuary in the nation and home to about 1,600 animals on any given day. Dogs, cats, horses, pigs, goats, birds, and bunnies all find safety, healing, and love here—often on their way to forever homes.

Visitors can take free guided tours through Dogtown, Cat World, Horse Haven, and Piggy Paradise to see first-hand how compassion becomes action. Volunteering is encouraged for those who want to dive deeper—walking dogs, brush-

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ing horses, socializing cats, or even helping feed the pigs.

"After a day of volunteering, you can even bring a Sanctuary dog or cat back to your room for snuggle sessions," Barger added. "It's such a fun, cozy experience, plus you help provide information on how that pet does in a home-like environment, which helps Best Friends find them a great home."

**Eat, Stay, and Relax in Style**

Every visit to the Sanctuary pairs perfectly with a stop at Angel Village Café, famous for its \$5 vegan buffet. Served

daily from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, the lunch spread features fresh salads, hot entrées, desserts, and drinks—all served with an unforgettable canyon view.

After your visit, settle into the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile in downtown Kanab. Designed with both people and pets in mind, the Roadhouse features modern, pet-friendly rooms, a vegan continental breakfast, Saturday yoga, and live music. Each stay includes special touches like cozy pet beds, treats, and even a fenced-in dog park for off-leash fun.

**Start the New Year with Your Best Friend**

Looking for a great way to ring in the new year? From January 1 through February 19, 2026, guests who stay three or more consecutive nights at the Roadhouse can enjoy a one-of-a-kind "Besties Getaway" package. The deal includes a professional portrait of you and your pet, a latte topped with your pet's face in the foam (yes, really!), a Best Friends mug and hot cocoa mix, plus a treat for your pup.

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**Make This Winter Unforgettable**

Whether you're a first-time visitor or a longtime supporter, a winter trip to Best Friends offers a chance to connect—with animals, nature, and maybe even yourself. Spend a few peaceful days exploring Angel Canyon, volunteering at the Sanctuary, and cozying up with your favorite furry friend under the Kanab stars.

For more information, visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org) or call 435-688-2327. For Roadhouse reservations, visit [bestfriendsroadhouse.org](http://bestfriendsroadhouse.org) or call 435-644-3400.



## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR — DECEMBER ISSUE

By Elizabeth Gunter



Every December brings its own mix of sparkle and pressure. This season is full of generosity, celebration, tradition... and also, quietly, the weight that many people carry. Some are grieving, some are stretched thin by end-of-year budgets, some are simply trying to make the holidays feel "perfect" when life is anything but.

If that resonates with you, you're not alone.

Over the past several weeks, my own world has been deeply focused on family. I know some of you may have noticed slower responses or a slightly lighter editorial presence than usual. Thank you for your patience and grace. It meant more than you know.

Being in that space reminded me how many people in our community may also be moving through loss, transition, or just the quiet ache of feeling disconnected during a season that's supposed to be joyful. If you're one of them, please accept this as a gentle invitation: reach out. Let someone know. Let your circle carry you a little. And if you have the ability to extend a hand to someone else who might be struggling, I promise it makes

the world feel bigger and softer for everyone.

Giving doesn't always look like gifts or grand gestures. It looks like checking in on a friend who's been quiet. Leaving an extra tip for someone working long shifts. Donating where you can. Sharing time, compassion, or a warm meal. Giving thanks for the people who show up in your life in big and small ways. Giving yourself grace for the things you couldn't get to this year.

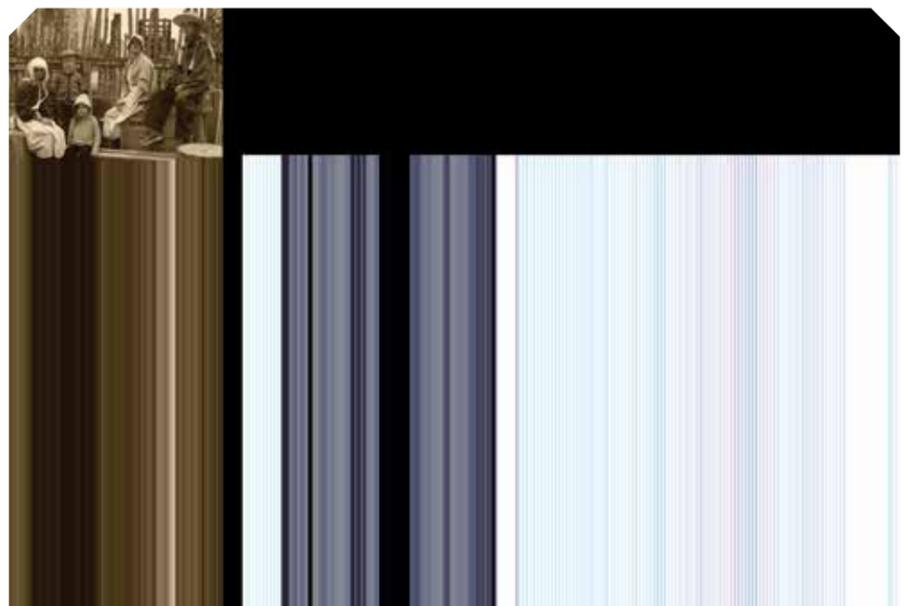
This is also the season when the pressure ramps up—closing out projects, wrapping loose ends before the calendar flips, trying to make everything look effortless. But humans weren't meant to sprint through December. Nature slows down right now, and honestly,

we should too. It's okay to rest. It's okay to step back. It's okay to hibernate, recharge, and give yourself permission to breathe.

And most importantly, it's okay to ask for help. In fact, I think it's one of the bravest forms of giving—because it gives others the chance to show up.

Thank you for being part of this community, for supporting local arts and culture, and for your continued kindness during a season that asks so much of all of us. May your holidays be gentle, meaningful, and full of grace.

With gratitude,  
Elizabeth Gunter  
Editor, *The Independent*



# A JOURNEY THROUGH SOUTHERN UTAH'S CREATIVE AND PIONEER SPIRIT

January 16–17, 2026 – St. George, UT



Southern Utah's red rock country is more than a landscape—it's a stage where history, art, and community come alive. The Arts to Zion Cultural Tour in St. George invites you to step into a vibrant tapestry of creativity and heritage, where every street corner and gallery becomes part of the story.

This immersive tour opens doors to local home artist studios, galleries, and museums, where painters, sculptors, and artisans share their inspirations and techniques. You'll connect directly with the makers, discovering how the desert's light and color shape their work. Each stop reveals a new facet of Washington County's artistic soul, from contemporary expressions to traditional crafts rooted in pioneer resilience.

Adding to the magic are actors dressed in authentic pioneer clothing who greet visitors along the streets. Speaking in first person,



they embody the voices of St. George's early settlers, recounting tales of faith, endurance, and community. These livinghistory encounters transform the tour into a dialogue across time, allowing you to experience history not as a distant memory but as a vivid presence. Their stories, drawn from real accounts, bring depth and immediacy to the cultural journey.

Beyond the galleries and performances, the tour guides you through historic districts where architecture whispers of the past and murals infuse old walls with new life. Local guides weave narratives that connect heritage with modern creativity, ensuring every step deepens your understanding of St. George's unique identity. Live music and culinary delights punctuate the experience, offering flavors and sounds that celebrate the Southwest.

The Arts to Zion Cultural Tour is designed for all—collectors, travelers, families, and seekers of meaningful encounters. It's a chance to slow down, to see beyond the surface, and



to honor the creative spirit that binds people together. By joining, you also support the local arts economy, sustaining the artists and cultural institutions that make this region thrive.

Framed by towering cliffs and golden desert light, the tour reminds you that creativity is inseparable from this place. The Arts to Zion Cultural Tour is more than an itinerary—it's a ritual of connection, a celebration of heritage, and an invitation to carry the memory of Southern Utah's artistry and pioneer spirit with you long after you leave.

More information is available at [www.ArtstoZion.org](http://www.ArtstoZion.org).

# HANDEL'S MESSIAH IS A CEDAR CITY TRADITION

By Amy Gold

December 14–15, 2025 – Cedar City, UT

Cedar City: The Orchestra of Southern Utah and Chorale present Handel's Messiah on December 14 and 15 at the Heritage Center at 7:30 PM. Tickets are free thanks to sponsorships from The Dixie and Anne Leavitt Foundation, The Leavitt Group, and State Bank of Southern Utah. Tickets are available at [myosu.org](http://myosu.org).



Celebrate the spirit of the season with "Glory Revealed," the eighty-fifth annual performance of Handel's Messiah, a treasured Cedar City tradition. This beloved holiday event brings together orchestra, choir, and community in a powerful musical expression of hope, joy, and reverence. Generously supported, Handel's Messiah has become more than a concert, it is a generational celebration where friends, neighbors, and loved ones gather to experience this timeless message through music. Whether it is your first time or your eighty-fifth, this sacred performance is a heartwarming reminder of the true meaning of the season.

One of the current cellists remembers a particularly vivid performance. Leah Brown was expecting her fifth child in January and started having twinges during the December concert in 1998. She finished the concert and had a baby boy named Calvin about 1 AM. Friends teased her that his name should be Hal for the "Hallelujah" chorus. Traditionally, the audience stands for this rousing chorus.

Jackie Riddle-Jackson directs the orchestra and chorale with assistance from Alex Byers. The

Cedar City tradition is to give several vocalists the opportunity to be a soloist with the orchestra. Soloists are chosen by audition and include Matthew Clegg, Joseph Marrow, Ralayna Amy, Alana Schmidt, Krystal Wallis, Madelynn Zobel, Zachary Smith, Payson Davis, Jordan Sanders, Melissa Wright, Alex Byers, and Taliah Byers. Ruth Zeller performs trumpet for "The Trumpet Shall Sound."

Sheri Butler helps coordinate the Chorale, and they started their rehearsals in October with pianist Jessica Mathews. Many family groups are involved in the production. Last season, the Fife and Riddle family had eleven family members participating.

Putting the Chorale and Orchestra together happens after Thanksgiving and is a joyous musical reunion. In the 1960s Blaine Johnson prepared the Chorale and Roy L. Halversen prepared the orchestra. When it was time to combine the groups, Halversen would lead the second violins as Johnson conducted.

The Cedar City performances have been held in many schools and community venues over the years. Performances are now at the Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 East. Musicians volunteer their time to make these concerts available to the community.

Lobby music before the concert on Sunday will be performed by the Southern Utah Handbell Choir. On Monday, the Southern Utah String Quartet will play a collection of Christmas music, mostly arranged by Evelyn Jones.

Remember to get your free tickets early, as this is a popular holiday tradition. Tickets are available at [myosu.org](http://myosu.org). There will be a standby line when all tickets are distributed, and any empty seats will be released at 7:15 PM. Suitable for children six and above with adult supervision. No babies please because the concert is recorded.

"You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season through this wonderful music," said Harold Shirley, OSU President.

**Who:** Orchestra of Southern Utah and Chorale  
**What:** Eighty-fifth performance of Handel's Messiah

**When:** Sunday, Dec. 14 and Monday, Dec. 15  
**Where:** Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 East, Cedar City

**Why:** Celebrating the Christmas season through music with this timeless masterpiece  
**How:** Volunteer performance by community musicians

# NATHAN PACHECO BRINGS "EMMANUEL, CHRISTMAS 2025" TO ST. GEORGE

December 16, 2025, St. George, UT

Acclaimed tenor and classical crossover artist Nathan Pacheco returns to St. George this holiday season, bringing his "Emmanuel, Christmas 2025" tour to the Dixie High School Theater Auditorium on December 16. The St. George performance is one of the key stops on his highly anticipated holiday tour, which begins in November and features a blend of timeless Christmas favorites and new original work, including the debut of his stirring new single, "The King Emmanuel." Tickets for all dates, including the St. George performance and the tour's Idaho Falls stop, are available now at [nathanpacheco.com](http://nathanpacheco.com).

Pacheco's Christmas concerts have grown into an annual tradition for many families, offering an evening centered on reflection, peace, and the joy of the season. Known for his warm, expressive vocals and heartfelt delivery, Pacheco brings a sincerity to his performances that resonates deeply with audiences. His new single "Emmanuel," which he describes as emerging from a place of gratitude and contemplation, serves as an emotional centerpiece for this year's tour.

Audiences attending the St. George performance can expect a thoughtfully curated



program of sacred carols, beloved classics, and original compositions. The concert is designed to provide a sense of uplift and connection

during a time of year when many seek meaningful experiences. Pacheco's signature blend of classical technique and accessible modern style creates a welcoming atmosphere for longtime fans and newcomers alike.

While each stop on the tour offers its own unique setting, the St. George date provides Southern Utah audiences an opportunity to enjoy Pacheco's artistry close to home. His concerts are known not only for their musical excellence but also for their ability to create a space that feels personal and inviting, even inside a full theater.

As the holidays draw near, Pacheco's performance promises to be a memorable highlight of the season. With familiar melodies, expressive new work, and the emotional depth he's known for, the "Emmanuel, Christmas 2025" tour offers a chance to pause and take in the beauty of the music that has defined generations of holiday tradition.



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December 13, 2025 – Washington, UT



opportunity to choose presents that carry character and personality. The market emphasizes items that cannot be found in national chain stores, highlighting the skill and creativity of local talent.

The setting at Heritage Hall adds to the charm of the experience. Guests are invited to browse at their own pace, meeting artists and learning more about the materials and inspiration behind their work. Many of the handcrafted items reflect the colors, textures, and natural beauty of Southern Utah, making them especially meaningful for residents and visitors seeking gifts with a sense of place.

Beyond creating a festive shopping environment, the event also strengthens the local arts community. Purchasing handmade work supports artists directly

The Washington City Arts Council is launching a new seasonal tradition with its first annual Artisan Holiday Market, taking place Saturday, December 13 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the historic Heritage Hall, 25 E. Telegraph Street in Washington. This one-day boutique market brings together local artisans and the community for a festive celebration centered on handcrafted work, meaningful gifts, and the spirit of the holiday season.

Visitors can expect a curated selection of goods created by regional makers, including handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, textiles, art pieces, treats, and unique décor. Because each item is made individually, no two pieces are exactly alike, offering gift-givers an



and helps sustain traditional craftsmanship. These items often carry a story—about the maker, the process, or the inspiration—and that story becomes part of the experience of giving and receiving.

The Washington City Arts Council hopes this inaugural market will become a cherished annual event, offering the community a place to gather, explore, and discover special gifts during the holiday season. With a welcoming atmosphere and a focus on thoughtful, high-quality work, the Artisan Holiday Market invites guests to enjoy the holidays while supporting local creativity.



# KANAB TRAIN SHOW RETURNS WITH TINY TRAINS AND BIG FUN

January 16-17, 2025 - Kanab, UT

The annual Kanab Train Show is set to roll back into town January 16-17, bringing together kids, adults, fans, hobbyists, buyers, and sellers for its eleventh year. Held inside the Kanab Center convention hall, right across from the historic Perry Lodge, the show offers two days of model railroad displays and hands-on fun for all ages.

Visitors can wander between the large ballroom and adjacent expo hall to enjoy



at least a dozen operating model railroad layouts. "Each year, we have clubs and individuals showing virtually every size of model and toy train out there, from tiny N scale to the classic Lionel trains that many people grew up with under their Christmas trees. We'll also have the larger Garden scale trains that are popular for outdoor railways and even Lionel Standard Gauge

that was popular before World War II," says Robert Lacey, the show's organizer. "Kids love our scavenger hunt that helps them explore all of the different things there are to see on these operating displays."

Among the many displays, a highlight is the expansive layout hosted by the Utah Freemo-N Club. This collaborative railroad spans 3,600 square feet and features modelers from across the region, including participants from as far as southern California.

The show will also feature several model train vendors, local food vendors, and information booths from area tourist railroads. These railroads have donated tickets and other items for door prizes and auction

packages that will help support next year's event. With so much to explore, there is plenty to engage railroad fans of every age.

Admission is five dollars for adults, two dollars for youth, and free for kids. Additional donations are appreciated. The Kanab Train Show is open Friday, January 16 from 4 to 8 PM, and Saturday, January 17 from 9 AM to 4 PM. More information is available at [kanabtrainshow.com](http://kanabtrainshow.com).



SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR

# O HOLY NIGHT

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# CUT YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS TREE WITH A PERMIT FROM DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

November 17, 2025 – Cedar City, UT

The Dixie National Forest is once again offering Christmas tree permits online through Recreation.gov for the upcoming holiday season. Visitors can review designated cutting areas, dates, and approved tree species directly on the Recreation.gov listing.

Cutting a Christmas tree is more than a seasonal tradition — it also benefits forest health. The permit system helps thin dense stands of small-diameter trees. Forest health specialists identify areas where removing these trees improves growing conditions for remaining trees and opens space that can provide forage for wildlife.



To purchase a permit, visit Recreation.gov and search for “Dixie National Forest Christmas Tree Permits.” Users should read the overview and “need-to-know” sections carefully before completing the purchase. A Recreation.gov account is required to complete the transaction.

Fourth graders with a valid Every Kid Outdoors pass are eligible for one free Christmas tree permit. Families can redeem the offer by entering the pass or voucher number at checkout. A \$2.50 reservation fee still applies.

More information is available online through the following resources:

- Recreation.gov Christmas Tree Permit page with map interface
- Help Center article: “How Do I Purchase & Print a Christmas Tree Permit?”
- “Cut a Tree for the Holidays From Your National Forest” article
- Every Kid Outdoors Fourth Grade Pass program

For questions, contact Jennifer Plecki, Public Affairs Specialist, at 435-590-9879 or jennifer.plecki@usda.gov.

# THE DISH: RUSTED CACTUS BRINGS ELEVATED DINING TO KAYENTA

By Elizabeth Gunter

Ivins, UT

Some restaurants arrive already carrying a story, woven into the very place they open. Rusted Cactus is one of them. Set in the art-filled desert village of Kayenta, this new dining concept feels both fresh and familiar — a thoughtful expansion of a community that values creativity, connection, and food with a sense of place.

Cactus, expanding the dining landscape of Kayenta with intention and heart.

When I visited Rusted Cactus for dinner, I settled into a cozy corner table with two friends, the kind of spot that invites you to linger. The room carried a moody ambiance — warm lighting, soft conversation, the sense that the desert outside was leaning in just enough to be felt. It was instantly clear the restaurant was built for unhurried evenings.

When our dishes arrived — all at once, in a generous, colorful spread — it felt like the perfect invitation to share everything family style. The Burrata was creamy and cool against marinated tomatoes and white balsamic, anchored by Tuscan bread with just enough structure to hold the richness. The Korean Fried Cauliflower carried that glossy sweet-gochujang heat, brightened by pickled cucumber. The Nashville Hot Chicken landed as a crispy, golden stack layered with house-made heat, agave coleslaw, and pickles on brioche. And the salmon, seared beautifully and glazed with ginger-soy reduction, rested on snap peas, carrots, and cilantro-lime rice. Even presented together, each plate had its own personality — balanced, thoughtful, and prepared with that farm-to-table confidence you expect from a restaurant that knows exactly what it’s doing. Across the table, craft drinks glowed in candlelight, garnished with just enough flair to feel elevated but never fussy. The pacing was relaxed, the service warm, and the whole experience felt aligned with Kayenta’s ethos: artistry, mindfulness, and connection.



The story of Rusted Cactus actually intersects with a place that meant something to me long before I ever sat down at that cozy corner table. When I first moved to Southern Utah, I used to ride my motorcycle out to the Kayenta labyrinth just to walk it and breathe — those early days when I was learning how to let the desert air settle into my bones. It was one of the first places where I felt the stillness of this landscape, where the red rock silence seemed to say, you can exhale here.

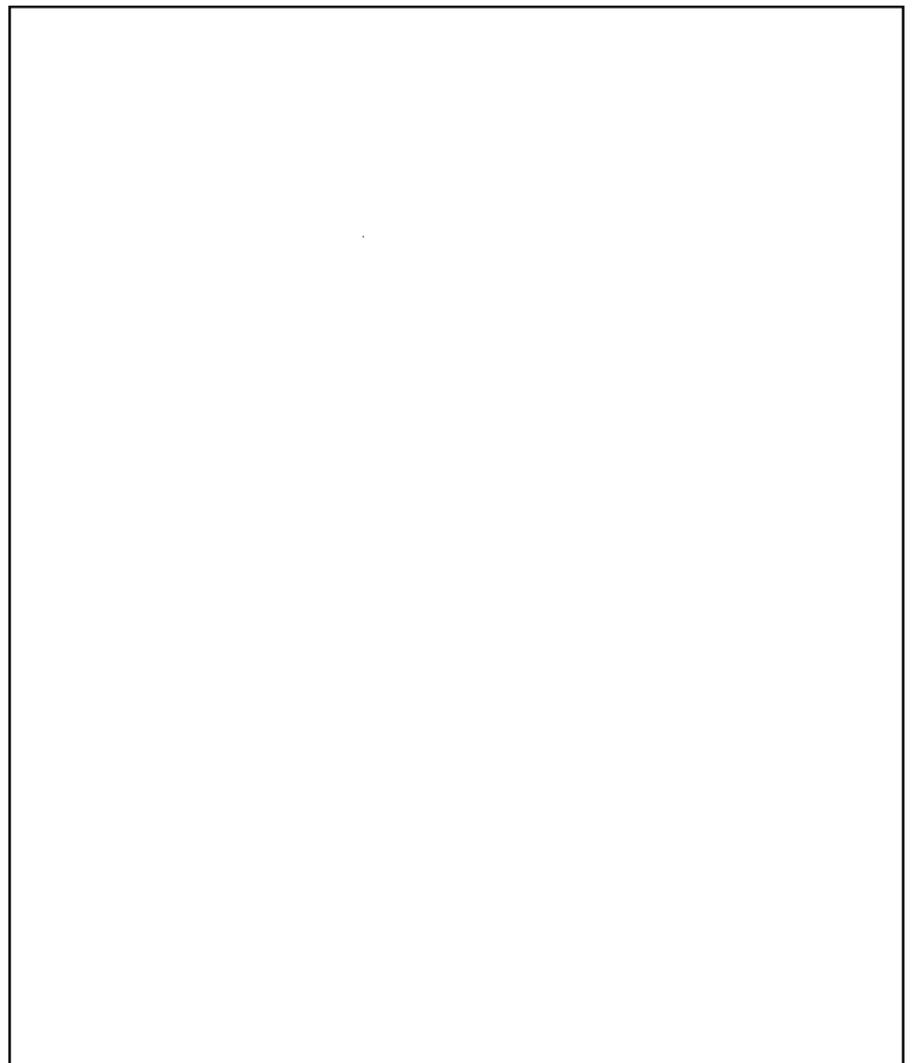
A decade ago, when a sudden mudslide buried that very labyrinth under earth and debris, the community rallied to dig it out. Friends, neighbors, and visitors worked side by side to restore the winding paths in time for a wedding planned later that day. Among them were Matt and Nikki MacKay, who helped carve the labyrinth back into the desert floor — an act of care and resilience that mirrors the spirit they now bring to Kayenta through both Rusted Cactus and Xetava.

That moment of shared purpose would eventually bring the MacKays back to Kayenta in an unexpected way. Now, ten years later, Matt and Nikki — along with their business partners Wendy and Jason Lewis — split their time between Draper and Ivins. Their group brings nearly a decade of combined restaurant experience from The Cliff Dining Pub and Cultivate Craft Kitchen in northern Utah. After a chance encounter with longtime Kayenta restaurateur Greg Federman, the pieces fell into place. Together, the MacKays and Lewises have stepped into ownership of both Xetava Café and Rusted



Rusted Cactus may be new, but it fits seamlessly into the fabric of Kayenta — a dining experience shaped by community history, seasoned with fine-dining expertise, and grounded in the quiet intensity of the desert.

For hours, reservations, or the full menu, visit rustedcactus.com or stop by the Kayenta Art Village in Ivins.



# WELCOME TO UTAH WINE COUNTRY AT ZION VINEYARDS

December 2025 – Leeds, UT

Zion Vineyards is ready for the holidays with curated gift baskets featuring a selection of locally crafted wines and artisanal treats. Each basket includes your choice of a Zion Vineyards wine, a set of two wine glasses, a wine key (corkscrew), dark chocolate, and a handcrafted wine-based soap made by Olio Skin Care Co. in Salt Lake City.

Zion Vineyards has been producing wine for more than eleven years, with its Tasting Room opening to the public in May 2023. Since then, visitors from across the

country and around the world have stopped in to sample the wines. Many leave with bottles to share with friends and family, helping spread the word that Utah can produce distinctive, high-quality varietals.

The 2025 harvest is now complete. Winemaker Robert Cec has processed the young wines and is preparing to transfer them into oak barrels for aging. Many Zion Vineyards wines are fruit-forward and full-bodied, with complex character and velvety tannins — the kind that pair beautifully with well-marbled steaks and rich, savory dishes.



One of the vineyard's most popular offerings, the Petit Sirah, is back on the tasting menu after a six-month absence. This deep, full-bodied wine delivers bold dark fruit notes of blackberry, plum, blueberry, and blackcurrant, with a lush mouthfeel and firm, velvety tannins. Its lingering finish reveals anise and dried tobacco, along with violet, cinnamon, clove, black pepper, vanilla, mocha, leather, and woody spice. The Petit Sirah pairs best with hearty entrees, slow-cooked stews, Osso Bucco, grilled or barbecued meats, and dishes with complex sauces. For dessert, the vineyard suggests a Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter Habanero Crème Brûlée.

Owner and vintner Michael Jackson considers Zion Vineyards his legacy — a lifelong love of wine brought to fruition. Winemaker Robert Cec, who is entirely self-taught, has created award-winning wines ranging from bold, character-driven reds to whites with bright acidity and well-balanced fruit and citrus notes.

Zion Vineyards is open seven days a

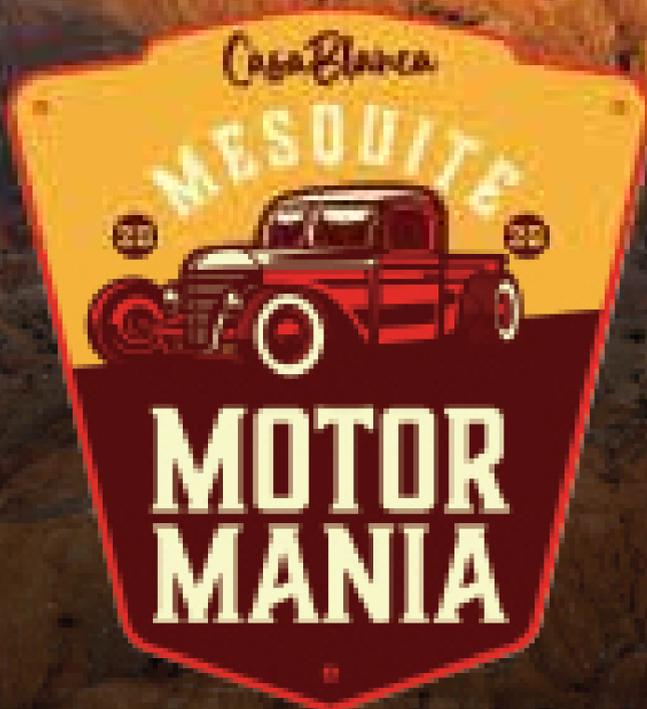
week at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds, just off I-15, twelve miles north of St. George. Simply enter "Zion Vineyards" into Google Maps to find your way.



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# A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SHINES AT THE REDSTONE THEATER

By Josh Warburton

December 20, 2025 – Kanab, UT



Kanab is set to ring in the holidays with a boot-stompin', heart-warming celebration as the Redstone Theater hosts A Country Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 20. The evening features hometown favorites Lyndsey and the Wulf opening the show, followed by a full-scale tribute to the King of Country himself, George Strait, performed by Amarillo by Morning: The George Strait Tribute Band. It is shaping up to be one of those special Kanab nights when the whole community shows up for great music, good cheer, and a big dose of holiday magic.

What makes this show truly sparkle is the blend of Country Christmas classics with Strait's iconic catalog. Fronted by Grammy-nominated powerhouse Rowdy McCarran, Amarillo by Morning delivers all the hits, including Amarillo by Morning, Check Yes or No, All My Ex's Live in Texas, and plenty more, with the kind of energy that transports you straight into a stadium show. As presenters Dan and Gina Dillman shared, "We're excited to

bring the Christmas spirit to life... blending traditional country heart with Christmas cheer."

Lyndsey and the Wulf, Kanab's own rising stars, will open the evening with their signature fusion of country, folk, and theatrical flair. Their band, featuring Lyndsey and Russell Wulfenstein, Jack Allen, John Crowley, and special guest Roger Archibald, promises a festive, interactive start. As Lyndsey shared, "We love playing local Christmas concerts as a way to give back to the community... to uplift and inspire."



Russell added, "We were completely thrilled and humbled to welcome a sold-out audience to our previous Christmas concerts. This year, we're honored to open the show, performing alongside Amarillo by Morning."

Expect favorites from Carrie Underwood, Reba McEntire, Faith Hill, George Strait, and more, perfectly suited for the season and destined to get everyone singing along.

There is nothing quite like Christmas in Kanab, and this show is shaping up to be one of the highlights of the season. A Country Christmas Celebration takes place at the Redstone Theater, with tickets available now at redstonetheater.com, where locals can use promo code kanablocal for 10 percent off. Tickets will also be sold at the door. For more about the openers, visit lyndseyandthewulf.com.

Do not miss this one. Grab your boots, your family, and your holiday spirit, and come celebrate Kanab-style.

# THE GARAGE BAR: A FIVE-STAR DIVE IN THE HEART OF SHORT CREEK

December 2025 – Colorado City, AZ

Colorado City's historic garage has found new life as the town's go-to nightlife spot, becoming a symbol of Short Creek's changing times. In the heart of the twin communities long known for their insularity, a 1930s garage once filled with the clang of tools and the hiss of air compressors has been reborn as The Garage Bar. In just a short time, it has become the heartbeat of local evenings.



For owner Dalton Barlow, the location is personal. "When I was a kid, my cousins and I helped change tires right here in this shop," he recalls. It is a memory that stands in sharp contrast to the town's past. For decades, Colorado City had no alcohol sales and no public spaces to socialize over a drink. Community life centered on family and church gatherings. But over the last decade, Short Creek has shifted—slowly opening to small businesses that bring people together.

Dalton's vision for the bar grew from years spent traveling and working around the country. "Every little town had that one dive bar," he says. "You'd walk in, and someone would slide a beer down the counter and talk to you like they'd known you forever. I wanted to bring that same

feeling home." With his partner Ashley, he committed to creating that laid-back, hometown space for Short Creek.

Inside The Garage Bar, the building's history remains part of the experience. High ceilings and original garage doors recall its former life. A large American flag anchors the space—Dalton says it represents the bar's spirit. "It reminds us of our freedoms," he explains. "The flag is a reminder of how far we've come, that people here now have the freedom to gather, connect, and just enjoy life."

The Garage Bar's crowd is a mix of locals stopping by after work and visitors who wander in and end up staying for hours. Pool, darts, pull tabs, cornhole, and Arizona Lottery games bring the feel of simple, old-fashioned fun. "Sometimes it's loud, sometimes it's laid back," Dalton says. "But it's always friendly."

That mix of friendliness and small-town grit inspired the bar's unofficial nickname: a "five-star dive bar." Dalton laughs when he describes it. "It's got that dive bar feel—simple, real, and a little rough around the edges—but we keep it clean, welcoming, and fun."

Today, The Garage Bar stands



as a symbol of Short Creek's ongoing transformation. As new businesses open and the town continues to diversify, places like this show how Colorado City is becoming a community that can honor its past while embracing progress. Laughter now echoes off block walls that once heard the whine of wrenches—a new space for connection built on deep local roots.

The Garage Bar is located at 15 N. Central Street, Colorado City, Arizona. Open daily from 4 PM.



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# KOLOB GALLERY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL MINIATURES SALE

December 4-31, 2025 – Cedar City, UT  
 Kolob Gallery is kicking off the holiday season with one of Cedar City's most charming annual traditions, the Miniatures Sale. The opening reception happens December 4, from 5 to 7 PM at Kolob Gallery inside The Art Center at 111 S. Main Street. With refreshments, good company, and walls lined with small but stunning works, it is a perfect way to ease into December's festive spirit.



This yearly event has become a favorite among local art lovers, not just because it is fun, but because it is one of the best opportunities to pick up original artwork at accessible prices. Miniature paintings fill the space, each crafted by regional artists who pour the same level of care into these small pieces as their large-format works. Whether you are hunting for a one-of-a-kind gift or looking to brighten up a cozy corner at home, the Miniatures Sale delivers eye-catching treasures without blowing your holiday budget.



Featured in this year's lineup are works from an impressive roster of local talent: Mary Jabens, Arlene Braithewaite, Tiffany Marchant, Jim Lee, Jana Lee Cherry, Brian Jorgensen, Brad Hold, Jared Barnes, Mona Woolsey, Megumi Dold, Brad Holt, Debbie Robb, and Herb White. Their collective styles range from classic landscapes to contemporary explorations, ensuring a diverse collection for shoppers and gallery wanderers alike.

### Kolob Gallery & The Art Center

Located inside The Art Center at 111 S. Main Street in Cedar City, Kolob Gallery has long been a hub for creativity, community connection, and regional artistic expression. The space is known for accessible exhibitions that bring people together, whether longtime collectors or those simply curious about local art.

In the spirit of the season, the artists and staff at Kolob Gallery and The Art Center are expressing gratitude for a meaningful and supportive year. They extend heartfelt thanks to their families, friends, patrons, and the broader community for helping keep Cedar City's arts scene vibrant.



The Miniatures Sale runs throughout December. Swing by, explore, mingle, and maybe even walk out with a small piece of art that will brighten your home for years to come. For more information, visit Kolob Gallery by stopping in at 111 S. Main Street in Cedar City.



# SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD: DECEMBER EXHIBITS AND EVENTS ACROSS ST. GEORGE

December 2025 – St. George, UT  
 The Southern Utah Art Guild is celebrating the season with a full lineup of exhibitions, open houses, and special events across its member galleries.

show will hold an Opening Reception on Friday, January 9 from 6 to 8 PM at Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E. in St. George. Arrowhead Gallery will host its Holiday Open House on December 4 from



At Red Cliff Gallery, the "Gift of Art" show continues through December 18, featuring more than 100 works by 55 local artists. The exhibit includes photographs by featured artist Terrance Walters, along with selected watercolors from the St. George Children's Museum and pieces from the Utah Tech University senior art shows of Mykenzy Ford, Ashlynn Vick, and Scout Cartmill. The "Gift of Art" show highlights small-sized, affordable works — perfect for holiday giving. Visitors can purchase one-of-a-kind pieces created by local artists for friends, family, or themselves.

3 to 6 PM. Guests can meet many of the gallery's artists, enjoy Christmas carols performed by Encore, and sample seasonal refreshments. All artwork will be 10% off during the event. The special Guest Artist is Del Parsons, a renowned local painter celebrated for his remarkable figure work. Arrowhead Gallery is located at 68 E .Tabernacle in St. George.



Red Cliff Gallery will also open its next exhibition, "America on the Road," from January 9 through February 5. Centered on travel, the American landscape, and the people and highways that connect it all, the

The Southern Utah Art Guild also has a full schedule of events and exhibitions throughout December. For details, visit their online newsletter and calendar at [southernutahartguild.com/calendar-events](http://southernutahartguild.com/calendar-events).

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# TWINKLING TINSEL TALENT SHOW BRINGS BIG HOLIDAY ENERGY TO KAYENTA

By The Independent Staff – Ivins, UT

Kayenta Center for the Arts is turning the holiday spirit up to full sparkle with the return of its annual Twinkling Tinsel Talent Show, a three-night showcase of singers, dancers, comedians, drag performers, and delightfully unpredictable local talent. Performances run Dec. 11–13, with a finale on December 17, all starting at 7:30 PM.



This festive variety show embraces everything playful and over-the-top about the season. Audiences can expect campy classics, hilarious mash-ups, heartfelt surprises, and at least one performance



that defies explanation—in the best way possible. The show encourages crowd interaction, photo ops, and a whole lot of holiday cheer.

Guests are invited to dress boldly and joyfully. Whether that means an ugly sweater masterpiece, elf glamour, or full snow-queen regalia, the more “extra,” the better.

**Location:** Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

**Tickets:** \$20 for preliminaries, \$25 for the finale, or a \$60 package.

**Details:** kayentaarts.com or 435-674-2787.

# WRAP UP THE YEAR WITH LAUGHTER AT OTC COMEDY!

December 2025 – Cedar City, UT

As the year winds down and the holidays draw near, there is no better way to celebrate the season than with a night

family, or a date, it is the perfect way to add some cheer to your December calendar.

After December 12, OTC Comedy will take a short winter break to rest, recharge,



of laughter at OTC Comedy. Join them for their final shows of the year on Friday, December 5 and Friday, December 12 at 8 PM at the OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main Street. Admission is ten dollars, and tickets are available now at otccomedy.com.

These final two shows of 2025 are packed with quick wit, festive fun, and the kind of spontaneous joy that makes OTC a Cedar City favorite. Audiences are guaranteed to be delightfully surprised as performers take your suggestions and turn them into hilarious, holiday-ready improv magic. Whether you are bringing friends,

and gear up for an exciting 2026. But there is already something big on the horizon. Mark your calendars for Friday, January 16, when they will celebrate OTC Comedy's 22nd Birthday Show. Expect surprises, special guests, and a night worthy of twenty-two years of laughter, creativity, and community.



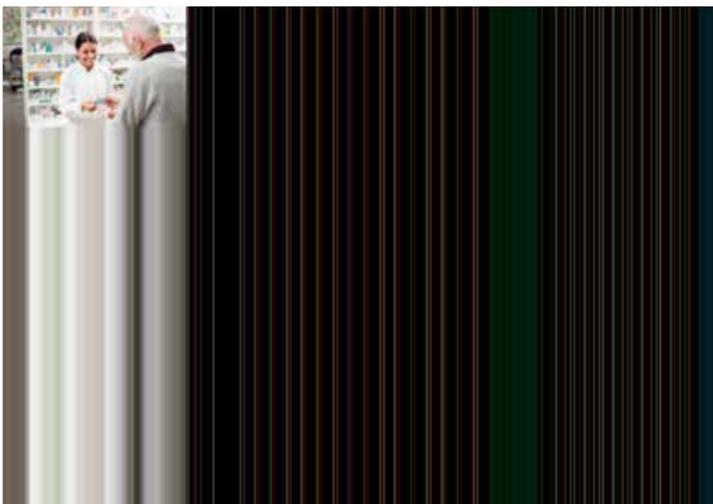
Join the fun at OTC Comedy Theater for their December shows and end your year with a smile. Tickets are ten dollars and available now at otccomedy.com. Laugh your way into the holidays and get ready for another incredible year with OTC Comedy.

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# SPRINGDALE HOSTS ANNUAL LIGHT PARADE & SWEETS SOCIAL

December 12, 2025 – Springdale, UT

Springdale is lighting up the season with its annual Light Parade & Sweets Social, happening Friday, December 12 at 7 PM. A beloved local tradition, the parade brings together families, neighbors, and visitors for a festive evening right at the entrance to Zion National Park.

the celebration continues indoors with the Sweets Social — a cozy gathering featuring treats, holiday cheer, and photo opportunities with Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats, and the event is open to anyone who wants to participate. Those interested in entering a float can register by scanning



The parade begins on Canyon Springs Drive before traveling along SR-9 toward the park, then turning onto Lion Boulevard and ending at the Canyon Community Center. Once the final float rolls through,

the QR code on the event flyer or by contacting the Town of Springdale.

The Light Parade & Sweets Social takes place at the Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

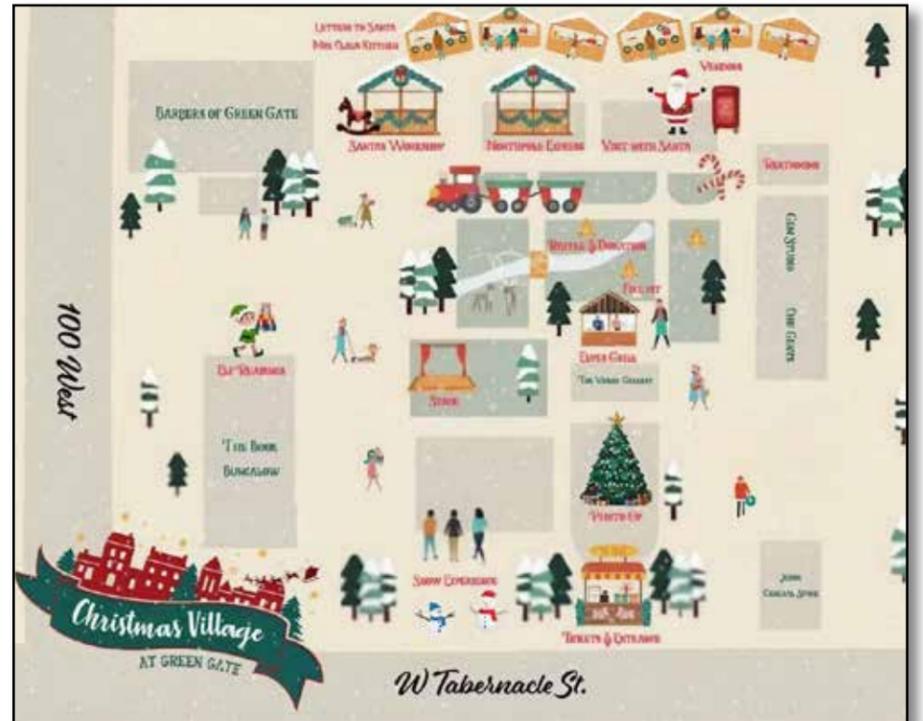
# ST. GEORGE CHRISTMAS VILLAGE BRINGS HOLIDAY MAGIC TO DOWNTOWN

St. George, UT

Downtown St. George will glow with festive cheer once again as the St. George Christmas Village returns to Green Gate Village from November 28 through December 20. Open Thursday through Saturday from 5 to 10 PM, the Christmas Village transforms the historic property into a family-friendly winter celebration filled with lights, music, character visits, and seasonal activities.

Local artisans and small businesses line the walkways offering handmade goods, décor, gifts, and seasonal specialties. Entertainment throughout the Village includes live performers, choirs, musicians, and rotating community talent. Families can make an evening of it with activities such as writing letters to Santa, cookie decorating, or stopping by Santa's Workshop.

Admission is \$7 per person ages



Guests can stroll through a variety of holiday scenes, explore local vendor booths, enjoy treats, and take part in classic Christmas traditions. Santa will be on-site every night, and select evenings feature appearances from popular holiday characters, adding extra charm for young visitors. The Village also offers photo opportunities, craft stations, storytelling, and the North Pole Express train ride.

three and up, with children two and under admitted free. Additional activity tickets, rides, and experiences may require small on-site purchases. Guests are encouraged to purchase admission online in advance.

The St. George Christmas Village is located at Green Gate Village, 76 W. Tabernacle Street in downtown St. George. More info, ticketing options, and the full schedule are available at [stgchristmasvillage.com](http://stgchristmasvillage.com).

# THE FORGE CENTER FOR THE ARTS DEBUTS WITH ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

December 5-22, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

A new creative spark is lighting up Cedar City. The Forge Center for the Arts, a nonprofit theatre organization led by three-time Emmy Award winner Ellen Wheeler, has officially launched—with an inspiring mission to uplift the community through joy, creativity, and connection.

modern twist on A Christmas Carol • The Star Still Shines, a heartwarming story of hope and light

Developed in record time, both shows highlight the dedication and talent of local performers, educators, volunteers, and creatives working together to bring high-quality, affordable theatre to Southern Utah families.

**Led by an Emmy Award-Winning Artistic Vision**

At the heart of The Forge is Ellen Wheeler, whose career spans television, film, and theatre. A hometown Southern Utah native, Wheeler brings decades of professional experience—and a deep desire to invest in her community.

“We are thrilled to have Ellen leading The Forge,” the founding members said. “Her artistic vision and love for Cedar City make her the perfect guide for this new chapter.”



Rooted in the belief that creativity is a powerful gift, The Forge aims to become a welcoming home for artists, audiences, and families across Southern Utah. The organization's long-term vision includes expanding arts education, developing multiple performance spaces, and building a reputation for excellence and innovation over the next three to five years.

“The Forge is all about bringing people together,” the founding team shared. “Through storytelling, artistry, and meaningful community engagement, we want to build something that strengthens Southern Utah and offers opportunities for everyone.”

**Christmas at The Forge: A Fast-Tracked First Season**

For its debut, The Forge is partnering with the Cedar Fun Center to launch Christmas at The Forge, a new holiday tradition featuring two original, family-friendly productions:

- Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, a

**Building a Regional Arts Hub**

The Forge's goals extend well beyond its inaugural season. Plans include year-round programming, a multi-stage venue, expanded classes in acting, movement, dance, and music, and a strong focus on community partnerships. The organization aims to bridge the gap between children's theatre and professional productions, offering artistic experiences that are both accessible and inspiring.

To learn more about The Forge's mission, vision, upcoming performances, and educational plans, visit [theforgearts.com](http://theforgearts.com) or contact 435-572-0565.

## ACT BRINGS CLASSIC THRILLER DIAL "M" FOR MURDER TO THE ST. GEORGE PAC

January 15–17, 2026, St. George, UT

American Crossroads Theatre is bringing high suspense to St. George this January as the company remounts its razor-sharp production of Dial "M" for Murder. Performances run January 15, 16, and 17 at 7:30 PM, with a special 2 PM matinee on Saturday, January 17 at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 905 S. Main St., St. George.

Davis as Max, her American love interest. Brodie Perry delivers sly charm as Captain Lesgate, alongside John Blasko as Inspector Hubbard and Stacey Johnson as Thompson. Together, they bring sharp timing, sophisticated tension, and compelling performances to the stage.

### ABOUT AMERICAN CROSSROADS THEATRE

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### A MASTERCLASS IN SUSPENSE

A signature thriller by playwright Frederick Knott, made world-famous through Alfred Hitchcock's iconic film, Dial "M" for Murder remains a masterwork of tension. The story follows Tony Wendice, a retired tennis player who discovers his wealthy wife, Margot, has fallen for another man. His cold-blooded solution is murder. But as any great thriller proves, even the most meticulous plan can unravel, and every phone call, key, and alibi could be the undoing of a perfect crime.

Long hailed as one of the finest stage mysteries ever written, this production promises suspense, elegance, and tightly wound intrigue right up to the final twist.

### CAST AND DIRECTION

American Crossroads Theatre founder and Artistic Director Richard Bugg once again directs the acclaimed cast. "It is always a delightful challenge to work with a talented cast in discovering the delicate arc and tempo of a great stage mystery," Bugg said.

Reprising their roles from the fall run, Tyson Chanticleer stars as Tony Wendice, with Rachel Cox as Margot and Jared

American Crossroads Theatre continues its mission to produce professional, high-quality performances rooted in classic storytelling and accessible entertainment. Under Bugg's leadership, the company has grown into a beloved Southern Utah institution, nurturing local talent and engaging audiences with compelling theatrical works.

### THE VENUE

St. George's Performing Arts Center (PAC) offers a polished, intimate setting that is perfect for a suspense-driven night at the theater. Located on South Main Street, the modern venue delivers excellent acoustics and clear sightlines, essential for a play where every whispered line and subtle glance carries weight.

### DON'T MISS THE THRILL

Dial "M" for Murder delivers wit, elegance, and edge-of-your-seat tension, an ideal winter night out in St. George. Tickets and details are available at ACTPlayers.com.

Performances: Jan. 15–17 at 7:30 PM, plus a 2 PM matinee on Jan. 17  
Location: Performing Arts Center (PAC), 905 S. Main St., St. George, UT 84770  
Tickets: ACTPlayers.com.

## SPRINGS PARK REOPENS WITH A FRESH NEW PLAYGROUND AND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

December 2025—St. George, UT

Families in St. George have a newly revived place to play. Springs Park officially reopened this month with an upgraded wooden playground, improved paths, refreshed landscaping, and a gentle stream that winds through the redesigned play area. The grand reopening drew families from the surrounding neighborhoods who gathered to explore the new space and enjoy refreshments during a short community program.



The eleven-acre park has long been a favorite for its walking paths, pond filled with ducks and geese, and its location along the Virgin River near Seegmiller Marsh. The new playground, built from wood to help it stay cooler during the summer months, features a tall tower with slides, a log scramble, and new swings that quickly became a hit with the younger visitors during opening week.

In addition to the playground improvements, Springs Park retains its well-loved amenities including the lighted

half basketball court, restroom facilities, picnic pavilion with barbecue, and surrounding bench swings. The upgraded pathways and landscaping make the park feel refreshed while keeping its familiar, neighborhood character.

The renovation was funded through the voter-approved Trails, Parks and Recreation General Obligation Bond, which continues to support park and trail enhancements throughout St. George. Springs Park is among the first of these projects to invite the community back in to enjoy new amenities designed for year-round recreation and connection.

Located at 2395 E. Springs Drive, Springs Park is open daily and ready for families looking to spend time outdoors this winter season.



## BRIAN HEAD RESORT OPENS THE WINTER SEASON WITH NEW TERRAIN AND OUTDOOR ICE SKATING

By The Independent Staff

Brian Head, UT

Brian Head Resort has officially launched the 2025–26 winter season, becoming the first ski area in Utah to open this year. Opening Day welcomed early-morning skiers and snowboarders with first chair at the Navajo Express Lift, along with hot chocolate, donuts, and giveaways as guests headed up the mountain for their first laps of the season.



Complementing the ski and snowboard offerings is the return of Brian Head's outdoor ice-skating rink, located among the mountain pines near the base area. As Southern Utah's closest full recreational ice rink, it provides a scenic winter activity for families, couples, and visitors looking for a classic alpine experience. The rink opens for the season on November 25, with select skating sessions continuing through early December, including November 28–30, and December 8 at 3 PM.

Skate rentals are available on-site, and tickets are \$19 per person. Guests can also warm up with hot chocolate or enjoy nearby dining options located in Brian Head Village.

With 650 acres of lift-served terrain, nearly 360 inches of average annual snowfall, and one of the region's most scenic alpine settings, Brian Head Resort continues to be a popular destination for winter recreation. Whether visitors come for early-season skiing, snowboarding, tubing, or a relaxed afternoon on the ice, the resort offers a variety of options as the winter season begins.



For updates on terrain openings, lift tickets, ice-skating hours, and weather conditions, visit [brianhead.com](http://brianhead.com) or call 866-930-1010.



The resort opened with five trails on Navajo Mountain, offering top-to-bottom skiing and snowboarding. Paradise Trail debuted with early-season terrain park features, while Easy Time, The Strip, Fremont, and Gold Gulch opened as ungroomed terrain. Strong snowmaking conditions and recent storms helped the resort deliver a mix of terrain suitable for beginners and returning winter enthusiasts alike.

Navajo Lodge is now open for rentals, lessons, and dining as Brian Head moves into daily operations through May 10, 2026. Weekday lift hours run from 10 AM to 4 PM, with weekend and peak-day hours from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Additional terrain, including Giant Steps Mountain, will open as conditions allow. Expanded snowmaking on Navajo Mountain this year is expected to keep more beginner and intermediate terrain available throughout the early season.

# SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR PRESENTS "O HOLY NIGHT" AT THE ST. GEORGE TABERNACLE

December 14 & 21, 2025 – St. George, UT  
The Southern Utah Heritage Choir invites the community to experience the music of Christmas at "O Holy Night," presented in the historic St. George Tabernacle on Sunday, December 14 and Sunday, December 21, 2025, at 7 PM. These charming, family-friendly evenings of Christmas music are free to all, offering gifts of harmony and hope during the holiday season.

The concerts feature beloved carols in stunning arrangements designed to comfort hearts and welcome the spirit of Christmas. Audiences will enjoy the jubilant "Joy to the World," a moving setting of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," and the radiant "Angels from the Realms of Glory." A highlight of the night will be "Silent Night," featuring guest artist Lucas Darger on solo violin, a moment sure to fill the historic hall with beauty. Other selections include "Still, Still, Still," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," and a powerful arrangement of the evening's signature piece, "O Holy Night." Closing

with the victorious "Angels We Have Heard on High," the program promises reverence, joy, and exhilarating musical exuberance.

The choir's featured guest violinist, Lucas Darger, is widely recognized for his musical leadership in Southern Utah. Now in his ninth season as conductor of the Southwest Symphony, Darger has guided the orchestra to seven consecutive "Best of State" awards and significant regional acclaim. His background includes performances with Orchestra Iowa, the

Quad City Symphony, the Dubuque Symphony, and the Valley Symphony Orchestra, as well as appearances with Wayne Newton and Mannheim Steamroller.

In addition to his conducting work, Darger is a dedicated educator with a thriving private violin studio and a deep commitment to local arts development. He is a founding board member of the Southern Utah Performing Arts Foundation, which oversees the renovation of the Cox Auditorium, scheduled for completion in

2026 and anticipated to be the premier home for both the Heritage Choir and the Southwest Symphony.

With the pioneer-era Tabernacle glowing in Christmas décor and music filling the air, the Heritage Choir's "O Holy Night" concerts offer an inspiring celebration for families, friends, and neighbors. Come enjoy the enchantment of the season and share in a memorable evening of spirit, love, and music.



## 12 FILMS OF CHRISTMAS: HOLIDAY-THEMED MOVIES TO ENJOY THIS YULETIDE SEASON

By Adam Mast

### 12 FILMS OF CHRISTMAS

The Yuletide Season is upon us and for the countless grand holiday traditions many of us hold dear, nothing says "Merry Christmas!" quite like the perfect Christmas movie. Of course, there are many Christmas films to choose from so for the sake of this article, let me be your guide and share a small but affectionate list of 12 of my very favorites with you, the wonderful reader.

Before getting to it, just to have a little fun with the proceedings, these titles have been broken up into two lists of 6. "Traditional" and "Not-So-Traditional".

#### TRADITIONAL LIST-

**"A CHRISTMAS STORY" (PG)** Perhaps the only film I've seen more times in my life than "A Christmas Story" is "Raiders of the Lost Ark." I can't make it through a holiday season without watching it at least once. This nostalgic tale of young Ralphie Parker and his crusade to obtain the ultimate Christmas gift is a wonderful celebration of the rambunctious spirit of youth. It's a warm, funny, and altogether Christmasy take on the beloved memoirs by the undeniably energetic (and descriptive) humorist, Jean Shepherd (who also narrates the film.) Shameless plug; This is a movie I love so much that I jumped at the chance of directing St. George Musical Theater's current stage production of the musical! It runs through Saturday, December 20th at The Opera House. It should also be noted that FMASU will be presenting a free screening of this film at The Electric Theater on Tuesday, December 16th.

**"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" (Not Rated)** Have you ever taken a moment to consider what the world might be like if you didn't exist? That's a dark thought to be sure and it's this hook that's at the very heart of this straight up classic from the legendary director, Frank Capra. Featuring an iconic performance by every man, James Stewart, this is a film that is synonymous with Christmas itself, and it boggles the mind to consider that "It's a Wonderful Life" wasn't a hit upon its initial release. Of course, now, it's recognized as the rightful classic it was destined to become.

**"NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION" (PG-13)** The third time was absolutely the charm in a film that would find the Griswald Family staying home for the holiday season where they would host the ultimate family gathering. Of course, no "Vacation" movie would be complete without a series of hilarious mishaps (i.e. a squirrel in the Christmas tree, a frustrated Clark locked in the attic, the world's largest string of Christmas lights, an unexpected visit from a forever eccentric cousin Eddie, etc.) and this laugh out loud romp certainly has no shortage of those. Written by the great John Hughes, "Christmas Vacation" might just be the strongest of the series.

**"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" (PG)** As is the case with "It's a Wonderful Life," this magical seasonal favorite is virtually synonymous with the holiday that inspired it. This classic from 1947 features a young girl (played by Natalie Wood) who bonds with the one and only Santa Claus (memorably played by Oscar nominee Edmund Gwenn) over the course of a fateful holiday season. It's

the courthouse movie to end all courthouse movies. An enduring holiday gem. And for the record, the 1994 remake starring Mara Wilson and a wonderful Richard Attenborough as Santa is every bit as magical!

**"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" (G)** Based on the famed tale by Charles Dickens, this might just be the most remade Christmas property of all time. While many amazing actors have taken on Scrooge (Alastair Sim, Patrick Stewart, George C. Scott, Albert Finney, Henry Winkler, Will Ferrell, Jim Carrey, and Bill Murray, just to name a precious few), my personal favorite adaptation of the source material is probably "The Muppet Christmas Carol" featuring a delightfully cantankerous Michael Caine as a selfish man who would be visited by 3 ghosts on Christmas Eve. Another shameless plug; Encore Performing Arts has a production of this show currently playing at The Electric Theater. It ends on December 20th and it's a must-see!

**"ELF" (PG)** It was really tough narrowing this list down to 6 titles. How else could I justifiably leave something like "Home Alone" off the list? Alas, with its charming and altogether Christmasy fish-out-of-water story, 2004's "Elf" was such a charming and unexpected surprise that it simply had to make the cut. Will Ferrell is at his affable best as Buddy the Elf and his rapport with "The Godfather" legend, James Caan, is off the charts hilarious. Directed by Jon Favreau, this is one of the few modern Christmas movies that lives up to its reputation.

#### NOT-SO-TRADITIONAL-LIST-

**"DIE HARD" (R)** The argument as to whether or not this is a Christmas movie (even Bruce Willis says it isn't) will rage on but for yours truly, this is an epic actioner that smacks of holiday cheer. "Die Hard" features a wisecracking Willis as John McClane, an off-duty police officer who wages a war with terrorists (led by an unforgettable Alan Rickman) who have seized an L.A. high-rise on Christmas Eve. True, the movie didn't even open during the holidays (it was released in the summer of 1988) but I'm sticking to my guns here; "Die Hard" IS a Christmas movie!

**"THE HOLDOVERS" (R)** This is the best Christmas movie of the last twenty years and what's more, it's even a movie that will most likely appeal to those who don't like Christmas movies. From Alexander Payne comes this bittersweet story of a grumpy New England boarding school history teacher who bonds with both a student (with a chip on his shoulder) and a campus cook (struggling with depression brought on by a devastating tragedy) over the course of a chilly Christmas break. "The Holdovers" is a beautifully executed character piece bolstered by outstanding performances by Paul Giamatti, Dominic Sessa, and Da'Vine Joy Randolph. It's moving in ways you may not expect it to be.

**"BLACK CHRISTMAS" (R)** Perhaps the most interesting bit of trivia surrounding this holiday-inspired slasher is that it was directed by Bob Clark, a filmmaker who—nine years later—would direct a little movie called "A Christmas Story." Of course, the similarities end there. Again, this is a slasher film and it is of the very R-rated variety

but it's incredibly effective and also has the distinction of being one of the first slasher films. It opened the same year as "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and predated John Carpenter's "Halloween" by four years. A must-see for horror fans and for those who like their Christmas movies with a little more bite.

**"THE REF" (R)** Released in March of 1994, this irreverent, righteously hilarious dark comedy weaves its story around a cat burglar (played by Denis Leary) who—during the holidays—breaks into a house owned by a bickering couple (Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis) who happen to be on the skids. It isn't long before this particular burglar wishes he broke into an entirely different house. Directed by Ted Demme (brother of "Silence of the Lambs" director Jonathan Demme), "The Ref" is an underappreciated gem that wears its R rating proudly on its sleeve.

**"GREMLINS" (PG)** "Cute, clever, mischievous, intelligent, dangerous" read the tagline for this comedy-laced creature feature from executive producer Steven Spielberg, director Joe Dante, and screenwriter Chris Columbus. "Gremlins" would go on to become one of the big box-office hits of 1984 and it would also go on to help usher in the PG-13 rating. Taking a cue from Looney Tunes

cartoons, Dante would ingest a heaping dose of fitting dark humor into this story of a town that is besieged by an army of creatures that multiply if you get them wet. And in case you're wondering, yes...The movie takes place during the Christmas season. Sidenote; Over 35 years after its underappreciated sequel, Columbus is gearing up to direct a third film. Here's hoping it incorporates practical effects rather than resorting to an overabundance of CGI.

**"WAR OF THE ROSES" (R)** It's "Die Hard" meets "Divorce Court" in this jet-black comedy from director Danny DeVito. "War of the Roses" follows a married couple as they navigate through a bitter divorce. The film stars Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, and DeVito. All are in top form in a movie that plays as a cautionary tale for those who refuse to end a relationship amicably. Sidenote; This film was recently remade by Jay Roach as "The Roses" starring Olivia Coleman and Benedict Cumberbatch. I have yet to see this retelling, but I doubt it reaches the fittingly over-the-top stylings of this underrated (albeit dark) 80s gem.

\*Again, I only had room for 12 titles in this article. The real list goes on and on and on!

Happy Holidays, everyone!

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CALENDAR

Tues, Dec 9

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

Thurs, Dec 11

**CASEY LOFTHOUSE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** 4 PM. Come kick off the holidays with Casey Lofthouse Christmas concert! Hurricane City Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

Fri, Dec 12

**THE GRINCH MEET AND GREET** 6 PM. Free book, story time, treats & photos with The Grinch! A festive family holiday event full of Whoville fun. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 North Main Street #STE 110, Cedar City.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE** 7 PM. Main Street, Panguitch.

**ZION JOY TO THE WORLD LIGHT PARADE & SWEETS SOCIAL** 7 PM. Springdale's annual holiday parade travels from Canyon Springs Drive to the Canyon Community Center, followed by the indoor Sweets Social with treats and photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Cash prizes for floats; all are welcome to participate. 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**TOM BENNETT ONE MAN BAND LIVE AT THE BLACKBIRD BAR** 9 PM. No Cover Charge. Playing songs from 1908's "Little Joe The Wrangler" Hank Williams, Lefty Frizzell, Johnny Horton, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash, George Strait, Keith Whitley, Randy Travis, Keith Urban, Jason Aldean, Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr, Turnpike Troubadours, and his own songs and stories from a life on the road. 21+ Only. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, Dec 13

**CRUISIN OLD 89 CHRISTMAS CAR SHOW** 9 AM. Triple C Arena, 800 N. Main St, Panguitch.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** 9 AM. Shop local art, crafts & holiday gift ideas. Juniper Outpost, 312 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** The mission is REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who have served, TEACH the children the value of freedom. Starting at Tonaquint Cemetery, a patriotic ceremony is followed by the laying of remembrance wreaths on the graves of veterans buried at this cemetery. After the wreath laying is completed at this location, volunteers can then travel, with a police escort, to do the same at St. George Cemetery. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to join us as we SAY THE NAME and THANK each veteran. Tonaquint Cemetery, 1777 S. Dixie Drive, St. George.

**WASHINGTON CITY ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET** 10 AM. Join the Washington City Arts Council for the first annual handcrafted holiday boutique featuring local artisans, holiday décor, gifts, treats, and textiles. Heritage Hall, 25 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

**SMART SATURDAY** SmART Saturday is a monthly art class geared towards children 6-12 years of age. Two separate sessions begin at 10-11:30 AM and 11:30 - 1 PM on the second Saturday of each month. For information or to make reservations, call the St. George Art Museum at (435) 627-4525. 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

**13TH ANNUAL RED ACRE CHRISTMAS** 11 AM. Come to the farm and celebrate the holidays with activities, food, and shopping. Sip complimentary hot cider while you walk a real working farm-warm your hands by the fire, and roast marshmallows. The Farm Stand will be busting out with all its goodness: baked goods, gorgeous pies, and good food for the holidays. Shop for thoughtful gifts, each hand-selected from an artisan we know. Hand-carved wooden spoons, unique ornaments, handmade natural body care products, Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

**YULETIDE CREATIONS** 4 PM. Get in the spirit by painting ornaments. Guided by Paisha Paints at Bookdom Apothecary. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St., #STE 110, Cedar City.

**CHRISTMAS HOME TOUR** 5 PM. 25 South 200 East, Panguitch.

**A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL BUBLÉ CHRISTMAS BY SCOTT KEO** 8 PM. Scott Keo is the premier Michael Bublé Tribute Artist, with his swinging band, Scott recreates the timeless 1963 Sinatra Big Band vibe, infused with a modern Bublé punch that captivates audiences of all ages. No gimmicks, no cheese—just pure, authentic entertainment. Doors open at 8 PM, 21+. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**BABES AGAINST THE MACHINE AT THE BLACKBIRD BAR** 9 PM. Get ready to rage! This all-female tribute to Rage Against the Machine brings the power, energy, and rebellion you know and love—live, loud, and unapologetic. Expect crushing riffs, fierce vocals, and all the anthems that defined a generation. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, Dec 14

**SOUTHERN UTAH SUNDAY FUNDAY MARKET** 10 AM. (2nd & 4th Sundays) Soaps, baked goods, and produce. Ace Hardware on North Bluff, 160 N. Bluff St., St. George.

**2025 WINTER SOLSTICE AT SUMA** 4 PM. Celebrate the holiday season and get ready for the winter solstice at SUMA! This free community event will feature live music, refreshments, family-friendly activities, and storytelling. We are especially excited to host Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown: The First Animated Special as a pop-up exhibition in the gallery. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

**CRECHE FESTIVAL** 4 PM. Please join us at the Creche Festival. Canyon View Stake Center, 1985 N. Main Street, Cedar City.

**"O HOLY NIGHT" – HERITAGE CHOIR** 7 PM. Christmas concert featuring carols, violin soloist Lucas Darger, and seasonal arrangements. Free. St. George Tabernacle, 18 S. Main St., St. George.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** 7:30 PM. Orchestra of Southern Utah and Chorale present the 85th annual performance of Handel's Messiah. Free tickets at myosu.org. Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 East, Cedar City.

Mon, Dec 15

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

**A KURT BESTOR CHRISTMAS** 2 PM. Come discover why A Kurt Bestor Christmas is Utah's longest-running and most beloved holiday tradition. Featuring his live band and string players, Bestor's unique arrangements of Christmas carols and holiday favorites, combined with his engaging humor, will bring the magic of the season to you and your family. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

Tues, Dec 16

**ELECTRIC FILM SERIES** 6 PM. Every third Tuesday. Free screening & discussion with a guest speaker. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

**HAM RADIO CLUB** 6 PM. Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club meeting is held on the third Tuesday of each month. Call Jonny Rauzi at 801-643-4952. Airport Fire Station #2, Mesquite.

**NATHAN PACHECO: EMMANUEL, CHRISTMAS** 7 PM. Beloved tenor Nathan Pacheco returns to Southern Utah for an evening of sacred carols, holiday classics, and new original music, including his debut single "The King Emmanuel." Held at Dixie High School Theater Auditorium, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

Thurs, Dec 18

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

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

**TEEN NIGHT** 4:30 PM. Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Join us for a fun activity. All teens in grades 6-12 are invited. Specific details are posted each month. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** 6 PM. We are having a Christmas Celebration that will include a festive dinner, community, and a nice short program reminding us of the meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to join us! The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 South 100 West, Panguitch.

**CASEY STICKLEY AT GEORGE'S CORNER** 7:30 PM. Enjoy Original Alternative Music from LV-based Casey Stickley. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Dec 19

**SANTA MEET & GREET** 6 PM. Free book, story time, cookies & photos with Santa! A cozy, magical holiday event for the whole family. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

**SAM RIDDLE AT CASABLANCA** 8 PM. Sam Riddle is an American Country Music artist. Headlining all over the entertainment capital of the world, Riddle has been seen opening for the likes of Luke Bryan, Hank Williams Jr., Justin Moore, Dwight Yoakam, Walker Hayes, and more. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sat, Dec 20

**PANGUITCH MAIN STREET MERCHANT DRAWING** 10 AM. 25 S. 200 E., Panguitch.

**ICED INKED IMPRESSIONS - WINTER SOLSTICE RELIEF PRINTMAKING** 6 PM. Winter Solstice relief print making with Blair! Cozy crafting, hot chocolate, and seasonal art. Tickets \$25. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

**A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** 7 PM. Lyndsey and the Wulf open the evening followed by the George Strait tribute band Amarillo by Morning. redstonetheater.com. Redstone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab.

**DUNCAN'S GALACTIC SOAPBOX AT THE BLACKBIRD BAR** 9 PM. Get ready for an unforgettable night of rock! Marc Duncan, lead guitarist and driving force behind Duncan's Galactic SoapBox, has spent the last 7 years crafting fresh musical integrity into everything he touches. Catch this brand-new band LIVE! Come support fresh talent, killer rock vibes, and a night you won't forget. See you there! The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave, Cedar City.

Sun, Dec 21

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE** Noon. Join us for our special worship service to celebrate the birth of our Savior. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 290 W. 1045 N., Cedar City.

**WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION** 4 PM. A gathering to celebrate the Winter Solstice tradition with a labyrinth walk and a drum circle at sunset in the scenic Kayenta desert setting. Everyone is welcome, free. Kayenta Labyrinth, 792 N Kayenta Drive, Ivins.

**WINTER SOLSTICE TAROT** 101 6 PM. Learn tarot, set Solstice intentions, enjoy treats, and craft a candle & Yule ornament. Tickets \$35. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 North Main Street #STE 110, Cedar City.

Mon, Dec 22

**THE FORGOTTEN CAROLS 2025 TOUR** 4 PM. The Forgotten Carols Musical features breathtaking performances of heartwarming melodies and laugh-out-loud entertainment within a timeless Christmas story. Hear your favorite songs, like "Homeless," from Michael McLean's original hit album, sung by incredible musical theater performers. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

**TRIVIA NIGHT AT FISH ROCK GRILLE** 6 PM. Join us at Fish Rock Grille at The Ledges of St. George for Trivia Night with Paul Smith! Email lmcaldonald@ledges.com to make reservations. Fish Rock Grille, 1585 Ledges Pkwy, St. George.

Fri, Dec 26

**BOB ZANY AT CASABLANCA** 8 PM. Join us for a concert in the CasaBlanca Showroom for Bob Zany, star of his own Dry Bar Comedy Special and Three-Time American Comedy Award Nominee. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sat, Dec 27

**HOLIDAY HOOPLA FESTIVAL** 11 AM. Holiday Hoopla Festival is a brand-new party for the community. Tickets are \$7 pre-sale online at funtimeinflatableinfo.net or \$10 at the door. And don't worry, it will be indoors, so everyone can stay warm. Children 2 years and under are FREE. Everyone is invited. Family Activity Day, Food Vendors available for Lunch or Dinner, Funtime Inflatables, and so much more! Cross Hollow Arenas, 11 S. Cross Hollow Drive, Cedar City.

**CREATIVE CHAOS CREATIONS - WORK IN PROGRESS OR FREESTYLE PAINT NIGHT** 2 PM. Work on a project or paint freely with Paisha! Cozy, creative space with hot chocolate. Kids \$5, Adults \$15-\$25. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

**FRONTIER HOMESTEAD OPEN MIC NIGHT** 7 PM. Free community talent showcase. Every 4th Saturday. Call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

**90'S STATION AT CASABLANCA** 8 PM. Break those CD collections out and get ready to dance the night away to this amazing band, Las Vegas' premier '90s Tribute. Performing upbeat '90s hits that keep the audience dancing, this band delivers the music and the look. CasaBlanca, 21 and older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Dec 28

**SOUTHERN UTAH SUNDAY FUNDAY MARKET** 10 AM. (2nd & 4th Sundays) Soaps, baked goods, and produce. Ace Hardware, 160 N. Bluff St., St. George.

Tues, Dec 30

**JAMIT (THE DUO!) AT CASABLANCA** 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. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Wed, Dec 31

**NYE PARTY** 8 PM. Join us as we bring in the new year! The Garage Bar, 15 N. Central St., Ste. C., Colorado City, AZ.

**8EEZ BAND NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY AT BLACKBIRD BAR** 9 PM. Dress up, grab your friends, and get ready to party like it's 1989 – and 2026! If you LOVE '80s music... You'll be dancing your way into 2026 in style! The 8EEZ brings all the best '80s hits – the perfect soundtrack to ring in the new year! Champagne toast at midnight, Good vibes & great music all night, Drink specials flowing till the countdown. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

**ZION JOY TO THE WORLD 2025: NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION** 6 PM. Enjoy Line Dancing, catered dinner & Live Entertainment. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**MEN WITHOUT HATS + '80s STATION** 9:30 PM. You can dance if you want to... and you should! Ring in 2026 at the CasaBlanca Showroom with an unforgettable '80s New Year's Eve party headlined by the iconic Men Without Hats! The party starts early with local '80s favorites, '80s Station, setting the perfect retro tone to welcome the new year. Doors open at 8 PM, show at 9:30 PM. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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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](http://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](http://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

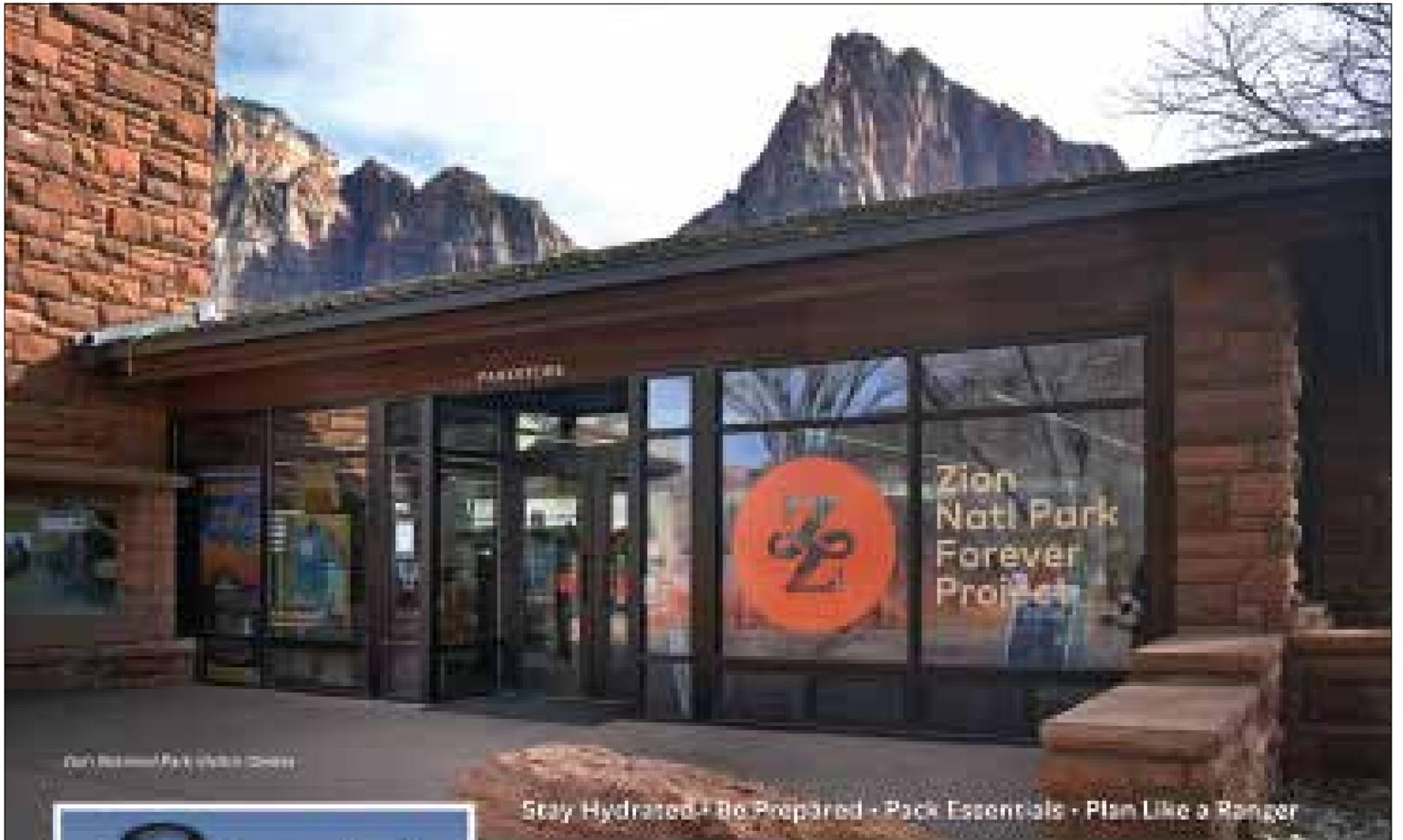
About 90 minutes from Zion, Bryce is known for its bizarre and beautiful hoodoos—towering spires of red and orange rock that glow at sunrise and sunset. You can easily drive the scenic loop and stop at multiple viewpoints or stretch your legs with a short hike into the amphitheater.

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# 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

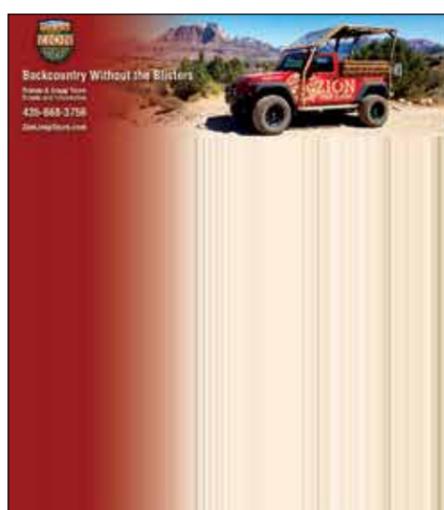
Also starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this short half-hour hike covers just under half a mile and rises 80 feet in elevation, making it a short but steep trail. This trail offers trailside exhibits and views of several prehistoric buildings.

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



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# Less-Traveled Zion Hikes

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### Northgate Peaks

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

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

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

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

### Gifford Canyon

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

To start this hike, park in the lot located immediately east of the Zion/Mt. Carmel Tunnel. The trail begins at the backside of the restrooms at the back of the parking lot. There will be a steep, sandy path to climb down before you enter Pine



Creek slot. Follow the path upstream for almost 75 feet, and look for a 15-foot wall of slickrock. You can scramble up the rock or look for the beaten path on the backside of the rock.

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

The path will lead past stone bridge and to another minor slickrock climb. At the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone.

### Chinle Trail

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

The Chinle Trailhead starts outside of Zion, south of Springdale. If you are coming from St. George, the turn is about a block

before you hit the apple orchard and stand as you leave Rockville off of State Route 9. There is a parking area off the right of Anasazi Way near the Anasazi Plateau housing development. If you hit houses, you missed it. And yes, the trail starts below the housing development and takes you right through it. Don't worry though, it doesn't last long.

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

### Many Pools

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

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

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

### Overlook Trail

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

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

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

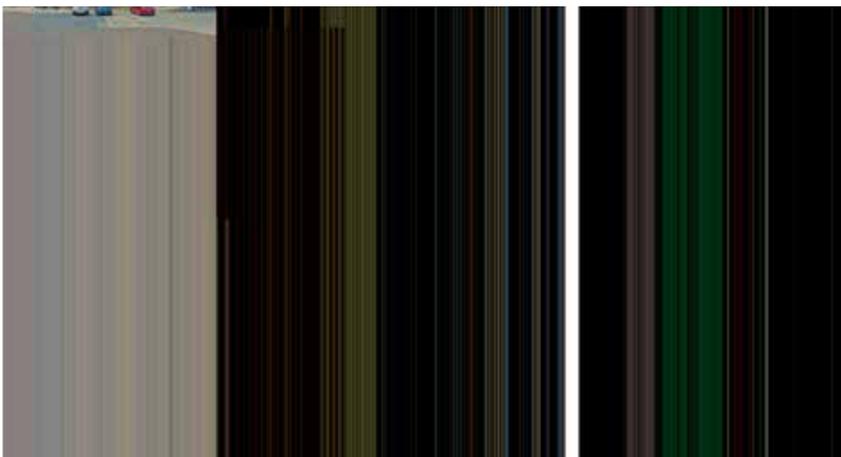
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# Featured Hike

## BECK HILL TRAIL VIA (BY WAY OF) CHUCKWALLA TRAIL

By Tom Garrison

**Location:** Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, Utah

**Difficulty:** Easy with some moderately strenuous inclines. The last half of Beck Hill Trail is almost all uphill, not too steep, on a rocky trail. The trail also has some sandy sections and lengthy rocky sections.

**Average Hiking Time:** About 2 ½ hours at a leisurely pace with many photo stops.

**Elevations:** 3,018 feet trailhead elevation. Chuckwalla Trail is fairly level. The last half of Beck Hill Trail is almost all uphill, not too steep. The elevation gain from the Chuckwalla trailhead to the highest point on Beck Hill Trail is approximately 345 feet.

**Family Friendly:** Sections of the trail are loose sand, much of it is rocky, and the last portion on Beck Hill Trail is almost all uphill (not too steep). Can your kids and dogs do it?

As a rule, my wife, Deb, and I do not revisit hikes. In the past 35 years or so, we have hiked more than 250 trails in the Southwestern desert (California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah). Almost 100 of these have been in Utah, the large majority in Southwest Utah. Even given those rather large numbers, there are simply too many trails we have not hiked, no need to revisit a hike. There are two exceptions to this rule.



This merged out and back trail includes beautiful red rock formations, some distant arches, great views, and wildlife sighting opportunities. The entrance fee for Utah residents with a Utah driver's license is \$10 per vehicle (up to eight people). For non-Utah residents the fee is \$15 per vehicle (up to eight people). No permit necessary.

The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve was established in 1996 to protect a large and diverse habitat capable of sustaining wildlife populations threatened by development and habitat loss. It comprises 62,000 acres and has more than 130 miles of shared use trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Three ecosystems—the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin Desert, and the Colorado Plateau—merge in Southwestern Utah and the Reserve reflects the biological diversity of this unique region.

We began our adventure on an early November morning under a deep blue Utah sky. From the intersection of St. George Boulevard and Bluff Street/Highway 18 in St. George, we went north on Bluff Street/Highway 18. After 1.7 miles we reached the intersection with Red Hills Parkway/Snow Canyon Parkway. We continued north through the intersection and turned left (west) at the first opportunity (there is a sign pointing to Chuckwalla Trail on the right side of the road), about .3 mile from the Red Hills Parkway/Snow Canyon Parkway intersection; 2.1 miles from the St. George Boulevard intersection. The first hundred yards of the road into the parking area is paved, after that it is a good dirt road. There is a large parking area with pit toilets.

We reached the trailhead at 9:30 am with the temperature in the high 60s. The trailhead elevation is 3,018 feet and the elevation gain from

the Chuckwalla Trailhead to the highest point on Beck Hill Trail is 345 feet. The hike is easy with some moderately strenuous inclines. The last half of Beck Hill Trail is almost all uphill, not too steep, on a rocky trail. The trail also has some sandy sections and lengthy rocky sections. We paid the \$10 day use fee and began our hike.

The first section of Chuckwalla Trail runs northwest along a series of sandstone cliffs popular with the rock climbing folks—not for us. The path then hooks left (Southwest) for a short distance and the remainder of the .9 mile long trail goes north following the east side of Halfway Wash. We soon reached a junction with Turtle Wall Trail going left (west) crossing Halfway Wash and Beck Hill Trail going north.

We proceeded north on Beck Hill Trail. After about .4 mile we crossed a shallow ravine, Twist Hollow. Except for crossing the hollow this first section is relatively flat. After crossing the hollow, the trail is mostly sandy or rocky. The views of red sandstone formations and distant canyons are awesome along the entire trail. At the highest point,

we could also see part of St. George and Santa Clara. The last half of the trail is a mostly rocky steady incline, although not too steep. After 1.4 miles on Beck Hill Trail (2.3 miles from the Chuckwalla Trailhead) we reached the end. We headed back, again admiring the views.

We also saw some wildlife on our hike—many birds and one very fast jack rabbit. I expected to encounter a lot of hikers on popular Chuckwalla Trail, and we did. I didn't expect to see so many fellow hikers, at least 15, on the more obscure Beck Hill Trail. We also met a horse, Ace, and his rider.

The round trip from the parking area is approximately 4.6 miles. While there is some elevation gain along Beck Hill Trail, overall it is an easy hike. The hike took us 2 ½ hours at a leisurely pace with many photo stops.

I highly recommend this hike. If you want a decent workout with fantastic views, massive red sandstone



First, we do take our hiking club, which we have led for eight years, on hikes we have done (we wouldn't take the club on a hike new to us).

Secondly, we will revisit a trail if it leads to a hike we have not done. That is the situation for our latest adventure. To reach our destination trail, Beck Hill Trail in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, we must first traverse Chuckwalla Trail that we have previously hiked.



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# Zion Wilderness Map



## NO CAMPFIRES

Campfires are prohibited in the Zion Wilderness. Fuel stoves and lanterns may be used for camping purposes, but should only be lit on bare ground away from all vegetation. In the interest of protection of environmental and scenic values, protection of natural resources, and public safety, these restrictions on fires are necessary. Please do all you can to protect the park from human caused wildfires.



## FOOD STORAGE

All food and trash must be stored inside a secure hard sided container or interlocking wire mesh bag. For the welfare of park wildlife, your safety, and the safekeeping of your equipment, you should make your food items as unobtainable as possible. Your actions can put other people at risk of food pilfering, since animals regularly revisit areas where they easily obtained food. At worst, your behavior may lead directly to the death of a wild animal. These guidelines are meant to protect park wildlife, people, and equipment.



## LEAVE NO TRACE

Protect the park from all graffiti and vandalism. All graffiti, including words, drawings, and arrows, no matter how small or superficially drawn, carved, scratched, or painted, is vandalism. Do not build rock cairns. If placed incorrectly, they can mislead visitors, cause unnecessary damage, and lead to potential injuries. Help protect Zion by not leaving your mark. Make memories, take photos, and leave no trace.



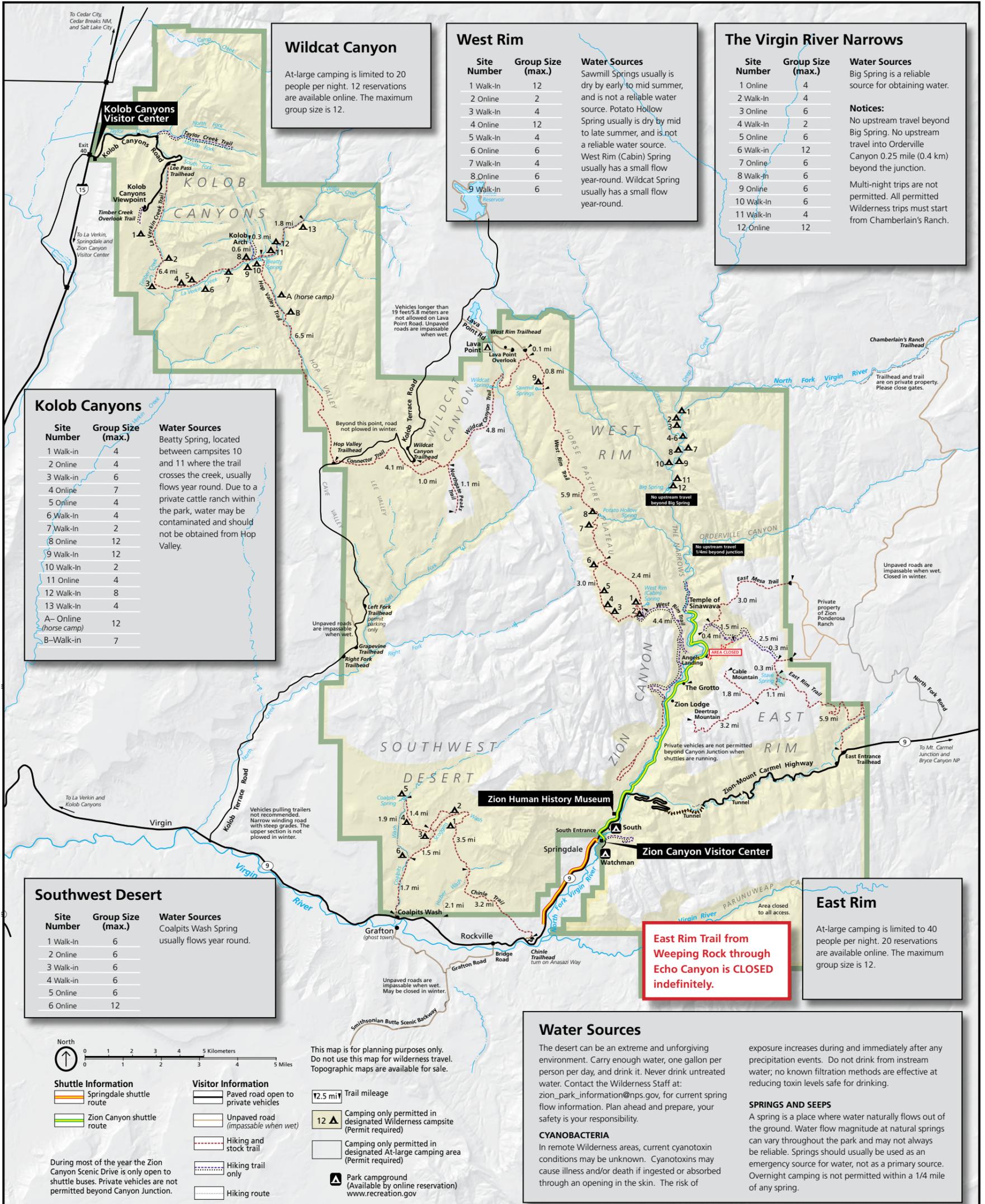
## HUMAN WASTE

Pack out all solid human waste, toilet paper, diapers, and personal hygiene products. An environmentally friendly human waste disposal bag, complete with use and disposal instructions, is available for sale in the Zion Forever Park Store and at local outfitters. The contents of the disposal bag may then be deposited in the trash. Use of this waste disposal system is required for all Wilderness permit holders.



## GROUP SIZE

Wilderness trails have a group size limit of 12. These limits apply to all trips into the park's wilderness, including trips that do not require a permit. Group size limits are strictly enforced. Groups that exceed these limits may not split up and visit the same route, or wilderness trail on the same day, but may split up and visit different areas.



### Wildcat Canyon

At-large camping is limited to 20 people per night. 12 reservations are available online. The maximum group size is 12.

### West Rim

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-In	12
2 Online	2
3 Walk-In	4
4 Online	12
5 Walk-In	4
6 Online	6
7 Walk-In	4
8 Online	6
9 Walk-In	6

**Water Sources**  
Sawmill Springs usually is dry by early to mid summer, and is not a reliable water source. Potato Hollow Spring usually is dry by mid to late summer, and is not a reliable water source. West Rim (Cabin) Spring usually has a small flow year-round. Wildcat Spring usually has a small flow year-round.

### The Virgin River Narrows

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Online	4
2 Walk-In	4
3 Online	6
4 Walk-In	2
5 Online	6
6 Walk-In	12
7 Online	6
8 Walk-In	6
9 Online	6
10 Walk-In	6
11 Walk-In	4
12 Online	12

**Water Sources**  
Big Spring is a reliable source for obtaining water.

**Notices:**  
No upstream travel beyond Big Spring. No upstream travel into Orderville Canyon 0.25 mile (0.4 km) beyond the junction. Multi-night trips are not permitted. All permitted Wilderness trips must start from Chamberlain's Ranch.

### Kolob Canyons

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-in	4
2 Online	4
3 Walk-in	6
4 Online	7
5 Online	4
6 Walk-In	4
7 Walk-In	2
8 Online	12
9 Walk-In	12
10 Walk-In	2
11 Online	4
12 Walk-In	8
13 Walk-In	4
A-Online (horse camp)	12
B-Walk-in	7

**Water Sources**  
Beatty Spring, located between campsites 10 and 11 where the trail crosses the creek, usually flows year round. Due to a private cattle ranch within the park, water may be contaminated and should not be obtained from Hop Valley.

### Southwest Desert

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-In	6
2 Online	6
3 Walk-in	6
4 Walk-in	6
5 Online	6
6 Online	12

**Water Sources**  
Coalpits Wash Spring usually flows year round.

**East Rim Trail from Weeping Rock through Echo Canyon is CLOSED indefinitely.**

### East Rim

At-large camping is limited to 40 people per night. 20 reservations are available online. The maximum group size is 12.

### Water Sources

The desert can be an extreme and unforgiving environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Never drink untreated water. Contact the Wilderness Staff at: [zion\\_park\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:zion_park_information@nps.gov), for current spring flow information. Plan ahead and prepare, your safety is your responsibility.

**SPRINGS AND SEEPS**  
A spring is a place where water naturally flows out of the ground. Water flow magnitude at natural springs can vary throughout the park and may not always be reliable. Springs should usually be used as an emergency source for water, not as a primary source. Overnight camping is not permitted within a 1/4 mile of any spring.

**CYANOBACTERIA**  
In remote Wilderness areas, current cyanotoxin conditions may be unknown. Cyanotoxins may cause illness and/or death if ingested or absorbed through an opening in the skin. The risk of exposure increases during and immediately after any precipitation events. Do not drink from instream water; no known filtration methods are effective at reducing toxin levels safe for drinking.

**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE**  
The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles during most of the year. The Zion Canyon shuttle provides access to the trailheads for the Emerald Pools, the West Rim, and the Narrows.

**PRIVATE VEHICLES**  
The Zion-Mount Carmel Highway, Kolob Terrace Road, and Kolob Canyons Scenic Drive are open to private vehicles. Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, and wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Park only in designated spaces to protect fragile vegetation.

**BICYCLES**  
Bicycles are not permitted in the Zion Wilderness. Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa'rus Trail. Bicyclists must ride single file and stop to let shuttle buses pass.

**HIKER SHUTTLE SERVICES**  
Commercial shuttle services can be hired to provide point-to-point pick-up and drop-off at designated parking areas within the park. All services must have a current Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) with Zion National Park. Search online for current authorized services.

**OTHER VEHICLES**  
Any use of any off-highway vehicle (OHV), all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility vehicles (UTV) or other motorized conveyance manufactured for recreational non-highway, off-road, or all-terrain travel is prohibited within Zion National Park.

# 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.

• Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 5 PM through May 17th, then at 7 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

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

## Springdale Line

• First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM through May 17th, then at 7 AM from May 18th to September 14th.

• Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 7 PM through May 17th, then at 8 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

## Camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round, and you can make a reservation up to six months before your visit at [www.recreation.gov](http://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.

Follow Leave No Trace practices everywhere in the park and beyond; be sure to pack out all your trash.

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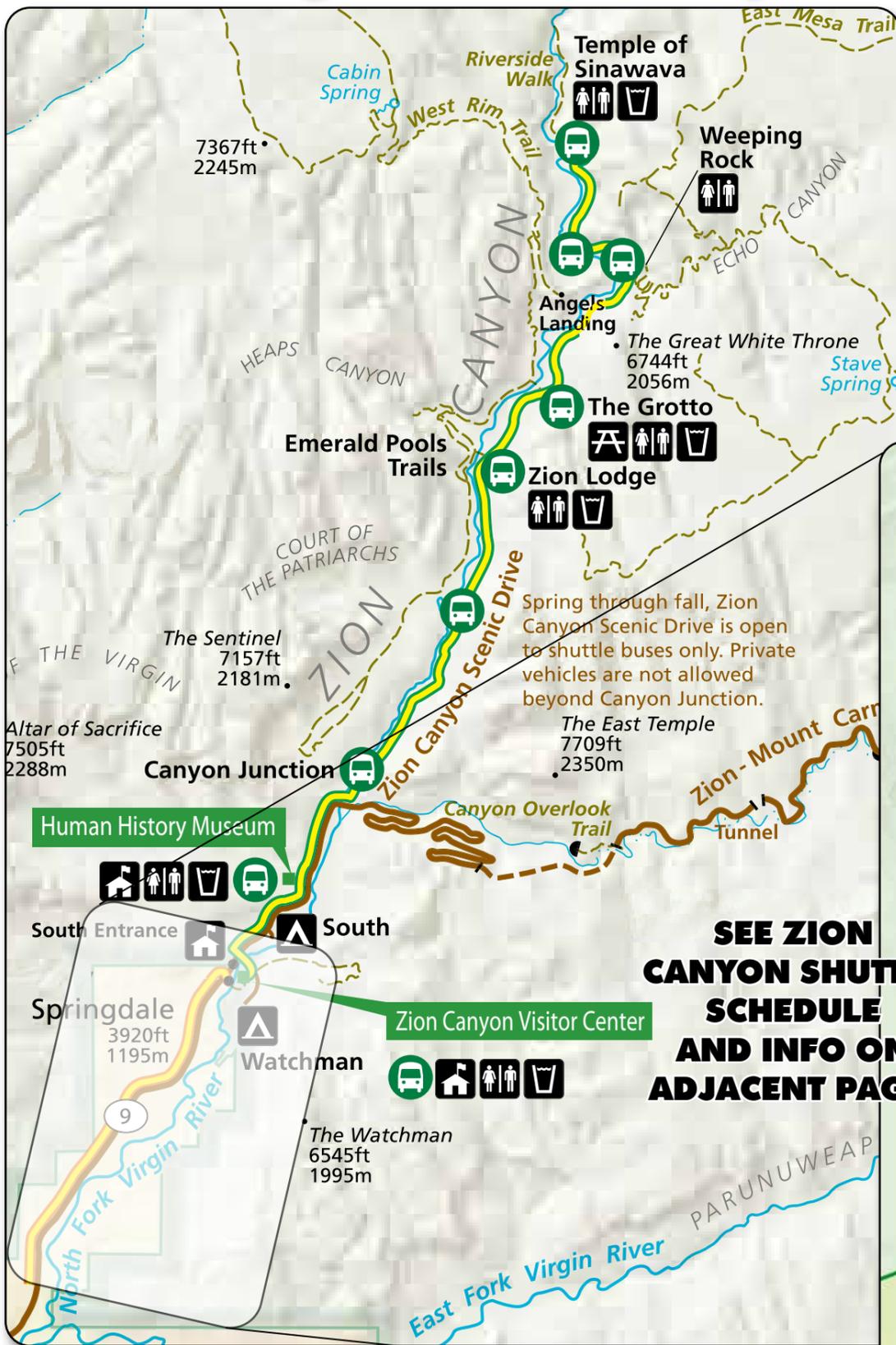
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# Springdale Shuttle Map



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# Southern Utah State & National Parks

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

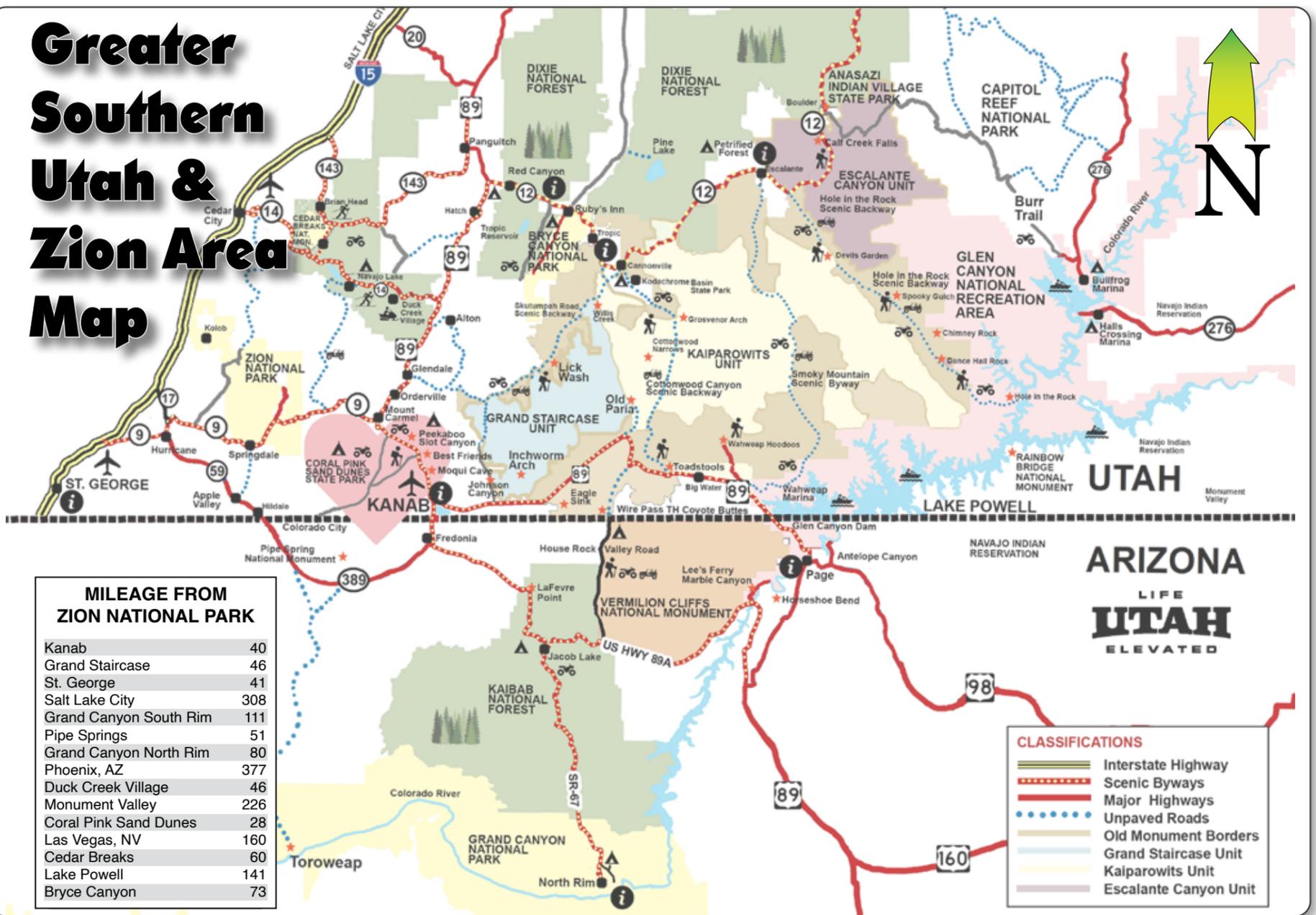
**ZION** - With breathtaking views, numerous hiking attractions of all difficulty levels and some of the most spectacular scenery on earth, Zion National Park and its surrounding areas attract thousands of visitors every year. This natural wonder is not only a mecca of recreational activity, but Zion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

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The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) is a nonprofit organization with members and supporters from across the country dedicated to protecting America's redrock wilderness—places like Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments, Labyrinth Canyon, the San Rafael Swell, and many others. Our team of professionals defends the redrock, organizes support for America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, and stewards a world-renowned landscape.

Learn more at [www.suwa.org](http://www.suwa.org).



# 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

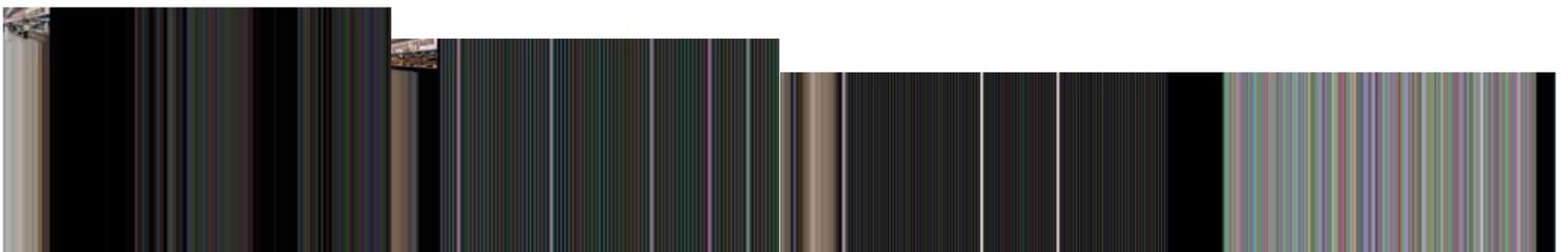
Kanab Arts Festival (Kanab) – Art, food, live music, poetry, wagon rides, and kids' activities line Kanab's main street in a festive fall atmosphere. Zion Rocktoberfest (Springdale) – A mix of live music, food, beer, and Oktoberfest-inspired celebration set against the red cliffs of Zion. Red Bull Rampage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

## November

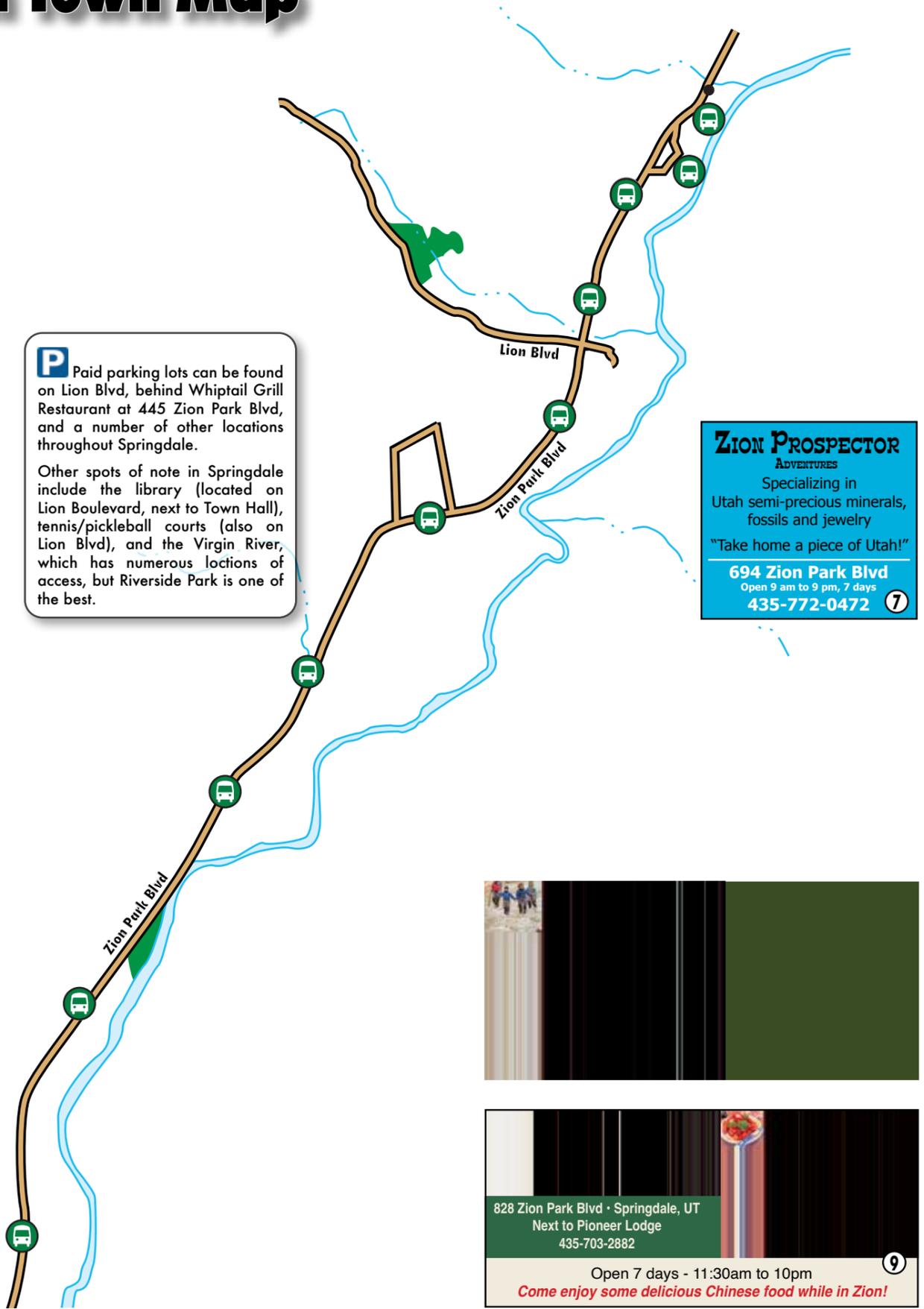
Butch Cassidy 10K Run (Springdale/Virgin/Grafton area) – A scenic road race through red rock country followed by a celebratory gathering in historic Grafton. K-town Turkey Trot 5K (Kanab) – A Thanksgiving morning fun run/walk for all ages in downtown Kanab. Zion Plein Air Invitational (Springdale) – 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.

## December

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



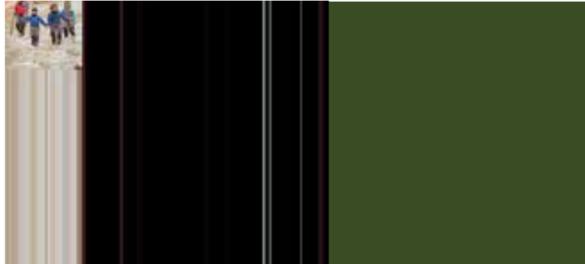
# Springdale Utah Town Map



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

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

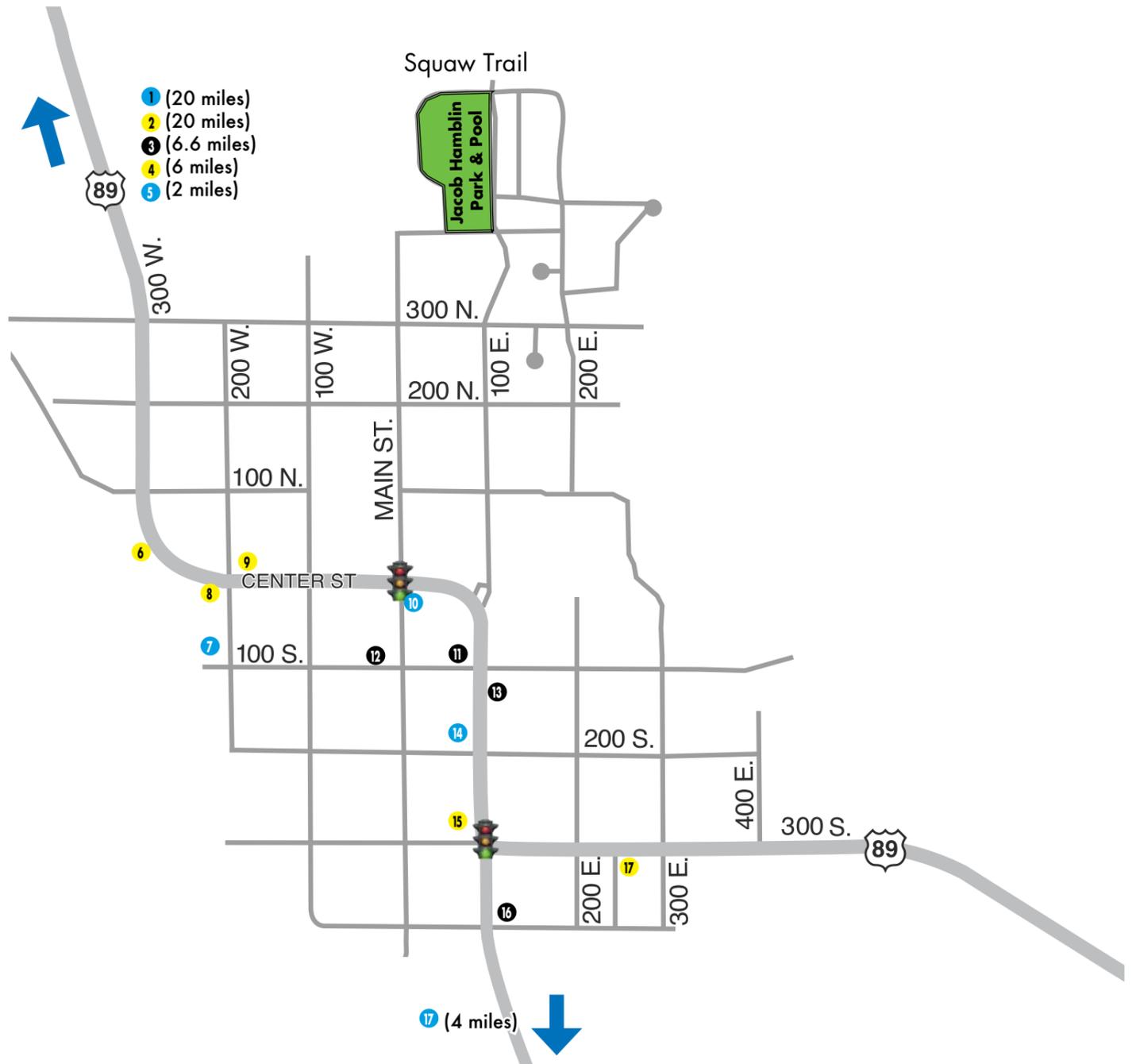
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# Kanab Utah City Map



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

Restaurants/Bars <small>(Listed Alphabetically)</small>	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan <small>(W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks, (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu</small>	Hours	WI-FI
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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8 Best Friends Animal Sanctuary	5001 Angel Canyon Rd, Kanab	(435) 644-2001
Grand Canyon Expeditions	Call for Info	(435) 644-2691
16 Hope Hyperbarics	395 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 689-1831
11 Kane County Visitors Bureau	78 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5033
12 Kanab Family Dental	76 E 100 S, Kanab	(435) 644-2719
Kayak The Colorado	Call for Info	(435) 275-2925
13 Ramsay Auto Service	115 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-8070

#### Shops (Listed Alphabetically)

15 Glazier's Market	264 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5029
17 Honey's Marketplace	260 E 300 S, Kanab	(435) 644-5877
9 Kanab Drug	176 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-3401
4 Moqui Cave	4581 US-89	(435) 644-8525
6 Nature's Showcase	288 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-2390
2 The Rock Stop	385 W State St, Orderville	(435) 648-2747

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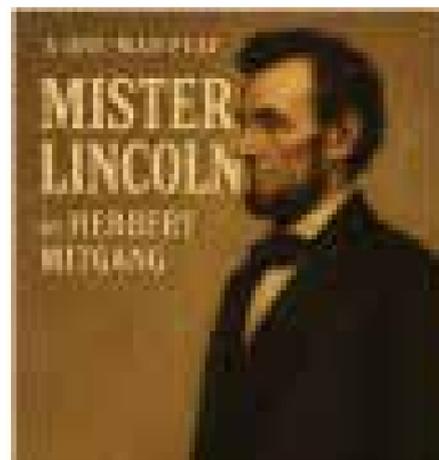


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