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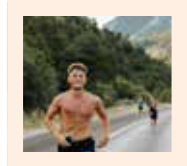
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EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF SOUTHERN UTAH AT THE CEDAR CITY HALF MARATHON & ADVENTURE 5K

September 12, 2026—Cedar City, UT

Runners are invited to lace up their running shoes and join Cedar City to experience one of Southern Utah's fastest, most scenic half marathon races. The annual Cedar City Half Marathon & Adventure 5K returns on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Participants of all abilities are invited to enjoy a memorable race down the scenic Cedar Canyon and into the heart of Cedar City.

The event begins bright and early. Buses will transport all race participants from the Heritage Center Theater in downtown Cedar City to the start line location up Cedar Canyon. Half marathon runners will begin at Wood Ranch at 7 AM, while Adventure 5K participants will start just up the canyon near Rusty's Ranch House at 7:30 AM.



One of the defining features of the Cedar City Half Marathon is its unique course. Entirely downhill, runners will descend through Cedar Canyon while surrounded by breathtaking rock formations and the sounds of Coal Creek flowing alongside the roadway. The route winds through dramatic geological formations before transitioning from State Route 14 onto Cedar City's extensive Coal Creek Trail System for the final miles of the race. The finish line at the Bicentennial Soccer Complex provides a grand finale, where participants can celebrate their accomplishment with family, friends, and fellow runners.

Unlike many road races, the Cedar City Half Marathon offers a rare opportunity to run through a canyon without vehicle traffic. On race morning, Cedar Canyon is temporarily closed to public traffic, allowing participants to focus on the course, the scenery, and the experience rather than nearby vehicles.

It's a feature that has helped make the race a favorite among returning participants year after year.

The event is carefully organized to support runners from start to finish. Aid stations are positioned approximately every two miles throughout the course and are stocked with everything needed to get to the finish line. Medical support is available along the route, and volunteers stationed throughout the course help keep runners safe, informed, and encouraged as they make their way toward the finish line. Entertainment is stationed intermittently along the course provided by local groups and artists—including but not limited to a bagpiper and a 90's cover band, Empire Records.

Whether competing for a podium finish or crossing the finish line for the first time, the Cedar City Half Marathon welcomes participants of all ages. Participants are encouraged to pick up their race packet on Friday, September

11, at the Heritage Center Theater Lobby, where they'll receive their race bib, runner bag, and official event shirt. While race-day packet pickup is available, it is recommended to arrive on Friday to avoid the busy race morning schedule. Early packet pickup also gives participants time to familiarize themselves with the event logistics before race day.

The Cedar City Half Marathon & Adventure 5K has grown into more than a competitive running event—it's a celebration of health, outdoor recreation, and community. Volunteers, participants, community, and local artists all contribute to creating an energetic and encouraging atmosphere.



Whether the goal is to set a new personal record, complete a first 5K, or simply enjoy an unforgettable morning surrounded by some of Utah's most beautiful scenery, the Cedar City Half Marathon & Adventure 5K offers an experience that combines challenge, community, and adventure. Registration is now open, and runners are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot in one of Cedar City's premier annual events.

Please visit www.cedarcityut.gov/half for more info or to register.



This is more than just a race. The Cedar City Half Marathon has become a signature annual event that brings athletic achievement to the natural beauty of Iron County. Whether participants are experienced distance runners chasing a personal best or looking to complete their very first race, they can expect to experience a race unlike any other.

FINDING THE NEXT 50

By Josh Warburton

Turning 50 has a way of making you stop and think.

To celebrate the milestone, I took a solo trip to Oregon. I expected beautiful scenery, some much-needed relaxation, and a chance to unplug for a while. What I didn't expect was how much clarity I would come home with.



Somewhere between the hot springs, quiet forests, great music, old friends and family, and long hours on the road, I started thinking less about the last 50 years and more about the next 50. I kept coming back to one simple thought: **I want to spend the rest of my life trying to leave the world just a little better than I found it.**

That's a lofty goal I know, and it's much easier to write than to live. But I believe that's the direction I want to head.

I've been incredibly fortunate. My family, friends, readers, advertisers, and this amazing community have given me far more than I could ever repay. Maybe the

best way to honor that is to simply try to be a more positive person in someone else's day. Sometimes that's helping when I can. Sometimes it's really listening. Sometimes it's just offering a smile.

Another lesson followed close behind: **if you want community, you have to build community.**

The friendships and connections we all hope for don't usually appear out of nowhere. They happen because someone extends an invitation, hosts a gathering, shows up at an event, or simply takes the time to connect.

Since returning home, I've been trying to do more of that myself. I've been hosting more get-togethers, making a point to attend more community events, and saying "yes" a little more often. Some days that's not easy. Between work, summer heat, and plain old exhaustion, staying home can sound pretty appealing. But I've found that I almost never regret getting out and spending time with people.

The last lesson may be the most important.

Take care of yourself.

Being human feels more challenging than ever. Life is busy, the news can be overwhelming, and it often feels like we're expected to keep going no matter how drained we are. But we can't give our best to the people around us if we're running on empty.

That doesn't have to mean a weeklong vacation. It might be a hot bath, a few minutes with a foot massager, turning on some sound bowl music and simply sitting still, taking a walk, or spending an evening under the stars. Whatever helps you recharge isn't wasted time—it's an investment in yourself.

As you flip through this month's issue, I hope you'll find some events that inspire you to get out, meet people, support local artists and organizations, and become part of this incredible community we all share.

The world doesn't become the place we wish it could be by accident. It happens because each of us chooses, every day, to create it together. Happy reading!

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STUNT SHOWS AND SILVER SCREEN LEGENDS: POSSE UP FOR THE WILD WEST FEST IN KANAB

September 10–12, 2026—Kanab, UT
Families and friends can mark their calendars and gather up a posse for this one-of-a-kind Wild West event that includes a variety of things to see and do for all ages. During the two days and three nights of the fest, all who attend will enjoy various shows and activities. At the Little Hollywood Museum, attendees will meet movie and TV stars including Rudy Ramos (Yellowstone), Peter Sherayko (Tombstone), Mitch Vogel (Bonanza), Darby Hinton (Daniel Boone), Diamond Farnsworth (Young Guns), and many more.



Everyone can get into the action with Hollywood stuntman Dr. Buck, as his Wild Bunch perform their Wild West Stunt Shows. There is live music at the Gunsmoke Stage, and all the lil' cowboys and cowgirls will enjoy a wagon load of activities in the Giddy Up Round Up Kids Korral. Participants can dress their Wild West Best for the Saturday Old and New West Costume Contest or show off their facial hair in the Beard and Moustache Fiasco.

Rare finds await all at Merchant Row with artisans and crafters. A search party can be gathered for a scavenger hunt to

win prizes, and guests might even run into Hopalong Cassidy tribute artist, Joe “Hoppy” Sullivan. Attendees can mosey on over to the Parry Lodge Barn for cowboy poetry and storytelling with trail boss poet Andy Nelson. At the Kanab Center’s Grand Staircase Gym, visitors can see an amazing quilt show and pick up a new addition to their reading collection at the library book sale.

Two big and unique evening events take place at the downtown Historic Redstone Theater. These include a Thursday night screening of the classic western movie, Tombstone, with special guest actor Peter Sherayko, who played Texas Jack Vermillion. Friday night features a Wild West Fest Star Q&A panel discussion, followed by a live, on-stage, old-time radio show, Little Hollywood Rides Again!, featuring the award-winning Ricochet Radio Ranglers.

The finale features a Saturday night chuck wagon dinner with the stars at Giff’s BBQ. Visit littlehollywoodwildwestfest.com for tickets, vendor info, and Facebook updates. This event is a Dr. Buck Entertainment & Riding For The Brand Production.



UNCORK THE MAGIC AT THE UTAH WINE FESTIVAL IN CEDAR CITY

September 4–6, 2026—Cedar City, UT
Wine enthusiasts can raise a glass to Southern Utah’s burgeoning viticulture and culinary scene as the Utah Wine Festival returns for its eighth year from September 4–6, 2026. The festival celebrates the state’s finest winemakers and culinary talents through a variety of experiences, including hands-on educational workshops, cozy speakeasies, and multi-course gourmet dinners. These events showcase unique flavor profiles that cannot be found anywhere else.



Because festival events are intentionally kept small to ensure an intimate atmosphere, ticket quantities are strictly limited. The best way to build a dream weekend is to browse the diverse offerings at utahwinefest.com, select the gatherings that inspire most, and secure tickets early.

A variety of events await across this delicious three-day celebration. During the Kickoff Celebrations & Speakeasy Vibes on Friday, September 4, guests can toast to local pioneers at the Utah Winery Founders’ Dinner hosted at Water Canyon Winery or unwind at the Secret Sip Society speakeasy in the I/G Winery Backyard with delightful wines by the glass.



On Saturday, September 5, the festival features interactive tastings and masterclasses. Attendees can deepen their wine knowledge in an educational class led by European Master of Wine Sheral Schowe, enjoy a playful Popcorn & Wine Pairing, or step into the critic’s shoes at “You Be The Judge,” sitting alongside professional judges to critique Utah vintages.

Farm-fresh feasts and nightlife also take place on Saturday, September 5. Participants can indulge in hyper-local cuisine paired with native wines at the Terroir to Table Dinner at Red Acre Farm, experience traditional Greek hospitality at the Odyssey Dinner, or relax at the late-night Whiskey & Cigar Social.

The weekend concludes on Sunday, September 6. Attendees can recharge with a delicious chef-driven Sunday Brunch before attending the weekend’s crowning achievement: The Grand Dinner. This theatrical, multi-course spectacle crafted by Chef Kevin Jerrold-Jones pairs avant-garde dishes with outstanding local wines.

No matter the personal taste, there is a ticket option crafted for everyone. The full schedule and reservations are available at utahwinefest.com while supplies last.

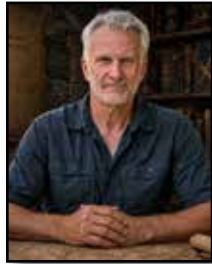


GOLD, GHOSTS, AND GALACTIC GUESTS: THE MYSTERIOUS X CONFERENCE HITS KANAB

September 24–27, 2026—Kanab, UT
This September, the red rock country around Kanab becomes the crossroads of the unexplained. The Mysterious X Conference runs September 24–27 at the Historic Redstone Theater on Center Street. This four-day event features talks, panels, film screenings, and after-dark field expeditions built around lost treasure, UFO and UAP research, ancient mysteries, and the paranormal.



with a mixer, dinner, and live paranormal investigation inside Kanab’s Once Upon A Time In America Museum, led by Dillman and Marston. Friday and Saturday nights move out to Rising Moon Ranch in Mt. Carmel for catered dinners, campfires, and contact expeditions under some of the darkest skies in the lower 48. Sunday closes with an expedition into Three Lakes Canyon, where the generations-long search for Montezuma’s Aztec treasure continues.



The conference is the creation of Dan Dillman, a third-generation treasure hunter, author, and founder of Mysterious X Magazine. Viewers may recognize him from Lost Gold of the Aztecs, Ancient Aliens, and William Shatner’s The UnXplained. Dillman hosts all four days and shares the stage with fifteen other speakers.

The lineup includes forensic geologist Scott Wolter of History Channel’s America Unearthed; Josh and Ron Feldman of Discovery Channel’s Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch; Terry Carter of Beyond Oak Island; Daryl Marston of Ghost Hunters; Hopi messenger Bertram Tsavada of Old Oraibi; and Ancient American publisher Wayne May. Filmmaker Ron James will screen his 2026 documentary Accidental Truth Next: Beyond UFO Disclosure, featuring Matthew Modine and Thomas Jane, followed by a Q&A session on a disclosure panel.

The excitement does not stay confined to the theater. Opening night kicks off

That search is personal for Dillman. On Saturday afternoon, he presents “Montezuma II Decoded: Aztlan/Atlantis Global Civilization,” drawing on six decades of family research into the treasure the Spanish never found.

“Southern Utah has always been one of the most mysterious landscapes on Earth,” Dillman said. “The sky, the desert, the history buried right under our feet. We wanted a place where the people who spend their lives chasing these questions can share a stage, and where anyone curious about the unknown can pull up a seat.”

Kanab sits within easy reach of Zion, Bryce Canyon, Lake Powell, and the Grand Canyon. The Historic Parry Lodge is offering attendees 15 percent off with the code MYSTERIOUSX. Early-bird passes start at \$49.99 through August 1. Tickets and the full program can be found at dandillman.com/mysterious-x or by visiting MysteriousX.com.

LOCAL STARS READY FOR THE SPOTLIGHT AT DIXIE’S GOT TALENT FINALE

September 12, 2026—St. George, UT
Southern Utah’s premier search for local stars is nearing its peak as the finalists for the 2026 Dixie’s Got Talent prepare to take the stage. Presented by the Utah Tech University Entertainment Alliance, the annual competition has moved past its initial audition phase and is now readying 24 of the region’s most talented performers for a grand finale that combines high-energy entertainment with a mission to support student education.



The road to the finale began with a call for local performers to share their craft through virtual video auditions, a window that closed in late July. Following a rigorous screening process by a panel of judges, the top contenders were invited to in-person callback auditions on August 1. From that highly competitive round, eight finalists were selected in each of the three categories: youth, adult, and group. These 24 acts now represent the best of the best, each vying for cash prizes and the chance to gain significant community exposure.

Scheduled for 7:30 PM on September 12 at the America First Performing Arts Center on the Utah Tech University campus, the finale serves as a highlight of the City of St. George’s annual Dixie Days. The

event has grown into a cherished tradition, offering a professional-grade platform for singers, dancers, and variety acts to step into the spotlight. On the night of the show, a panel of judges and audience voting will work together to determine the winner and runner-up in each category.

Beyond the excitement of the competition, Dixie’s Got Talent serves a vital role in the university community. The event acts as a fundraiser for Utah Tech University student scholarships, a cause that has been at its core since its inception. Del Beatty, Utah Tech’s vice president of student affairs, noted that seeing performers find the courage to share their abilities while simultaneously helping students pursue their academic goals is one of the most rewarding aspects of the tradition.

For those looking to cheer on the finalists and support local education, tickets will be available for purchase beginning at 9 AM on August 12. Ranging from \$20 to \$50, tickets can be secured through the Utah Tech ticket office at utahtech.edu/ticket-office. As an event that often sells out, interested community members are encouraged to act quickly. Additional details regarding the competition and the performers can be found at utahtech.edu/dgt.



CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF THE ESCALANTE CANYONS ART FESTIVAL

September 18–27, 2026—Escalante, UT
 Art lovers often know that feeling when a scene is so inspiring they feel energized to capture it. Participants can prepare to experience that, perhaps repeatedly, at the Escalante Canyons Art Festival from September 18–27, 2026. Located near the Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument, the festival offers opportunities for visual artists, writers, and musicians to hone their skills and seize the day.



Visual categories this year include Plein Air, Studio Work, Junior Studio Work, Miniatures, and Nocturne. Of special interest for 2026 is the Escalante 150th Anniversary Paint-Out. Details regarding stamp-in times, dates, and fees are available at escalantecanyonsartfestival.org. A total of \$10,000 in cash prizes will be awarded at the Competition Awards Ceremony to the winners in these categories, and many will plan to take some of those winnings home.

Several events take place before the festival officially begins, including a three-day Slow Plein Air Painting workshop taught by Scott Geary and Wayne Geary on September 14. Terry Chacon, Susan De'Armond, and Nita Harper will each teach two-day workshops starting on September 17. The festival also features free Roving Talks, including presentations by topic experts in flora, fauna, and historical homes, as well as the festival's first-ever ghost tour.

This year's Featured Artist is Kathleen Price. Her fascination with recurring shapes in the living world inspires her to bring the complexity of experience to the viewers' attention through experimentation and childlike joy. In addition to the visual arts, writing and music classes will cover poetry, landscape writing, acoustics, harmony, and musicianship. Musicians will also perform on stage in the park throughout the festival.

Local playwright and musician Raymond Shurtz will perform a one-person show entitled "The Art of Fire" about his colorful family from Boulder, Utah. A community mural will be a work in progress for everyone to contribute to, and the Arts and Crafts Fair will attract vendors from across the country. The Art Exhibit and Sale remains the highlight of the festival, showcasing artwork submitted



for all competition categories.

Whether participants are visual artists, writers, musicians, or art collectors, there will be an opportunity to showcase skills or add to a collection. Attendees can capture the essence of the festival in Escalante and leave with treasures. For more information on the festival and its many offerings, visit escalantecanyonsartfestival.org.

INAUGURAL ZION CANYON ART FESTIVAL DEBUTS IN SPRINGDALE

October 10, 2026—Springdale, UT
 A new annual tradition is coming to the gateway of Zion National Park as the inaugural Zion Canyon Art Festival makes its debut this October, inviting visitors to experience Springdale through art, music, local businesses, and community partnerships.



Designed as a self-guided experience, the Autumn Art Walk on October 10 encourages guests to explore galleries, restaurants, lodging properties, public art, and participating businesses while discovering the creative spirit of Zion Canyon. The festival's theme—Create. Explore. Connect.—reflects its mission of bringing people together through art, community, education, and a shared appreciation for the natural beauty of the region.

One of the festival's featured highlights is acclaimed artist and adventurer Jeremy Collins, who has been commissioned to create the official poster for the inaugural Zion Canyon Art Festival. Visitors can enjoy featured artists, gallery exhibitions, live music, chalk art, interactive art experiences, local dining, and the opportunity to discover the small-town charm of Springdale throughout the day. Participating restaurants will also highlight plant-based menu selections as part of the festival experience.

The Zion Canyon Art Festival recently received support through the

Town of Springdale's RAP Tax program and continues to welcome local businesses, artists, nonprofit organizations, volunteers, and community partners as founding participants.

"Our vision is to celebrate the creativity, culture, and welcoming spirit that make Springdale and Zion Canyon so special," said founder Adrienne Gates. She hopes visitors will slow down, explore Springdale, meet local artists and business owners, and experience the community in a new and memorable way.

Additional featured artists, participating businesses, music, and festival experiences will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information or to learn how to participate, visit zioncanyonartfestival.com.



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FINAL FRIDAYS & STUDIO TOURS: A SUMMER OF ART AT KOLOB GALLERY

August 28, 2026—Cedar City, UT

The summer season continues with an exciting lineup of art events at Kolob Gallery in Cedar City. Following a wonderful series of community gatherings and exhibitions, Kolob Gallery is continuing its commitment to supporting artists and celebrating the creative spirit of Southern Utah with upcoming opportunities to experience art, meet artists, and explore the local arts community.



The next Final Friday Art Walk will take place on August 28, inviting visitors to enjoy an evening of art, community, and connection throughout downtown Cedar City. On Saturday, August 29, from 10 AM to 2 PM, Kolob Gallery sponsors the Iron County Artist Studio Tour. This self-guided tour offers a unique opportunity to visit a variety of artist studios throughout the area and discover where artists create their work. The tour will feature Arlene Braithwaite, Mary Jabens, Brad Holt, and several other talented local artists. Maps will be available at Kolob Gallery, and artists will also be painting in the gallery

during the event. Visitors are encouraged to stop by, meet artists, and experience the creative process firsthand.

Kolob Gallery's September Guest Artist will be Julie Rogers, with an opening reception on September 11 from 4 to 6 PM. Celebrated for her pastel, watercolor, and oil works, the exhibition for Rogers will remain on display through the end of October. Guests are invited to attend an evening of art and meet the artist.

Located inside The Art Center in Cedar City, Kolob Gallery is dedicated to promoting local artists through exhibitions and special events. Throughout the year, the gallery provides a welcoming space for visitors to discover original artwork, meet local artists, and celebrate Southern Utah's vibrant arts community.

Individuals can visit Kolob Gallery, located inside The Art Center in Cedar City at 111 S. Main Street, to learn more about upcoming events and explore the work of new gallery artists Susan Ruzzamenti and Kasie Langford. For more information about these events and upcoming exhibitions, visit cedarartcenter.com, follow Kolob Gallery on Instagram @kolobgallery and Facebook at The Kolob Gallery, or call 435-586-1414.



THE DISH: RED FORT REMAINS ONE OF ST. GEORGE'S MOST FLAVORFUL STAPLES

I'm honestly surprised it's taken me a year to write about Red Fort.

For as often as I find myself recommending it to friends, it should have made this list months ago. Indian food has become part of my regular dining rotation, and about once a month I inevitably find myself craving the warm spices, fragrant basmati rice, fresh naan, and rich sauces that have made Red Fort one of St. George's longtime favorites.

inevitably convinces me to try a dish I haven't had before.

If you're new to Indian cuisine, don't let the extensive menu intimidate you. Every entrée can be prepared mild, medium, hot, or very hot, making it easy to ease into the flavors at your own pace. The staff is always happy to answer questions, and sharing several dishes is the best way to experience the variety the menu has to offer.

Whether it's a casual lunch, dinner



Like any good neighborhood restaurant, everyone seems to have "their order." Mine almost always starts with the Lamb Biryani. Layers of aromatic basmati rice, tender lamb, raisins, cashews, and spices come together in a dish that's hearty enough to stand on its own, served with a cooling side of cucumber raita.

Another staple at our table is the Saag Paneer, a creamy spinach dish filled with cubes of fresh homemade cheese. Even friends who claim they aren't spinach fans usually end up stealing a few bites. And while Butter Chicken—listed on the menu as Chicken Makhani—is often the gateway dish for first-time visitors, there's a reason it's so popular. The rich tomato, butter, and cream sauce is comforting without overpowering the spices that make Indian cuisine so distinctive.

One of my favorite things about dining at Red Fort is going with a group. Everyone orders something different, and suddenly the table becomes a family-style feast where every meal is a chance to discover a new favorite. No matter how many times I visit, someone

with friends, or a celebration, Red Fort continues to deliver the kind of meal that keeps you planning your next visit before you've even finished the last bite.

Red Fort Cuisine of India is located at 148 S. 1470 E. in St. George. The restaurant serves lunch and dinner, offers dine-in, takeout, delivery, catering, reservations, and online ordering. Learn more or view the menu on the official website.



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Every Saturday, 2026—Duck Creek, UT
The Duck Creek Outdoor Market is in full swing for the 2026 season, welcoming residents and visitors to enjoy a vibrant shopping experience in the heart of the village. After a phenomenal opening weekend in late May that hosted more than 30 vendors and hundreds of shoppers, the market has established itself as a premier Saturday tradition for the high-country community.

jewelry, custom hats, flannels, and patriotic wares. The selection even extends to wellness products like tallow balms and pet supplies, ensuring there is something for every member of the family.
Organizer Katy Farney noted that the market was created to provide a welcoming space that supports local small business entrepreneurs, artisans, and makers. She expressed gratitude for the overwhelming community support, highlighting the



Every Saturday through mid-September, the market grounds at 865 E. Movie Ranch Road transform into a bustling hub of local commerce and connection. Visitors can find an array of farm-fresh products, including eggs, local honey, homemade jams, and artisanal sourdough bread. For those looking for unique treasures, vendors offer handcrafted

inspiration found in seeing friends and families gather to support local makers. Beyond the shopping, the market offers a lively atmosphere with food trucks and games, making it more than just a place to run errands—it is a destination for the whole community.
The Duck Creek Outdoor Market runs from 10 AM to 2 PM every Saturday. It provides a perfect opportunity for visitors to breathe in the fresh mountain air while discovering unique handmade products and connecting with the creators behind local businesses. For more information or to inquire about becoming a vendor, interested parties can reach out via email at duckcreekfarmersmarket@gmail.com.



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SAVOR THE HARVEST AND AWARD-WINNING BLENDS AT ZION VINEYARDS

August 9, 23, September 17, 2026—Leeds, UT
In July, Zion Vineyards was busy bottling wines, creating blends, and irrigating the vineyard. The team is looking at some high-quality fruit in 2026, and the clusters of grapes seen on the vine are an indication of a good harvest. Netting was put on to protect the fruit from birds and hail.

and silky tannins. It is a perfect food wine pairing with flat-iron steaks, classic tomato-based sauces, BBQ, grilled meats, tapas, tacos, burritos, and chile relleno. For dessert, it can be tried with cherry cordials over amaretto ice cream or pecan pie.
The 2023 Primitivo is all Estate Grown in Leeds. Bold, rich, and fruit-forward, it bursts with notes of dark berries such



Zion Vineyards is coming up on two years working closely with Wood Ash Rye in St. George, hosting wine pairing dinners once a month. The events are dark in August, but on September 17, Zion Vineyards will be working "Dining on Main," an annual event. This will be a five-course meal paired with five wines; interested guests can sign up online at OpenTable.com. Stay tuned, as Zion Vineyards will be Dining on Main in September with Wood Ash Rye as well.

as blackberry, blueberry, black cherry, and plum. These are paired with notes of anise, cinnamon, clove, and dark chocolate, with a hint of earthy pepper and tobacco. Known as "Italy's Zinfandel," it has earthy undertones and a velvety, lush mouthfeel. It pairs well with classic red pasta dishes, sweet and spicy BBQ, short ribs, grilled steaks, and roasted meats or lamb.

Guests can join Zion Vineyards for Paint and Sip on Sunday, August 9, from 2:30–4:30 PM, or try August 23. Sign-ups are available online at eventbrite.com by scrolling to events in Hurricane. Participants can work their creative juices while tasting fantastic wines. With Ash as the instructor, guests can choose to follow along with the subject of the day or go off on their own creative tangent to bring friends and meet new ones.

Everyone is invited to come on out for a fun time and taste some of these award-winning wines. Zion Vineyards is located at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds, just 12 miles north of St. George and just off I-15. Reservations are not needed, and the winery is open seven days a week from noon until 6 PM. More information is available online at zionvines.com or by calling 435-216-1340.

The tasting menu welcomes two wines back. The Tempranillo is a full-bodied, smooth-drinking wine, like a Cabernet met a Pinot Noir and had a baby. It features bold notes of cherry and cedar, with intense dark fruit notes including blueberry, currants, and cassis. Savory aromas of butterscotch with a hint of smoke and lightly turned earth provide a beautiful balance of earth and fruit, with a smooth rounded mouthfeel



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SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER RETURNS

September 18, 2026—Kanab, UT
Great music, good food, and a little friendly silent auction competition will come together when Symphony of the Canyons hosts its annual fundraising dinner Friday, September 18, at 6 PM in the Kanab Center Ballroom.



The evening will pair a culinary experience from Chef Dawn and Party in a Box Catering with live entertainment from the regional orchestra. Guests may choose between a vegan meal or prime rib with a baked potato. Reservations made before September 1 are \$45 per person, with the price increasing to \$50 after that date.

"We are excited to bring a marvelous culinary experience in partnership with Chef Dawn to complement an evening of exceptional entertainment by the symphony," said Diane Cruz, Symphony of the Canyons events coordinator.

The musical program will feature selections from popular musicals, giving guests a chance to enjoy familiar theatrical favorites while supporting one of the region's longest-running cultural organizations. A silent auction featuring items donated by local vendors will add another way to help sustain the symphony and its work.

Symphony of the Canyons traces its beginnings back more than four

decades, when 17 musicians led by Kanab pharmacist Kortney Stirland came together to perform "The Music Man". The ensemble later became the Kanab Civic Orchestra and was formally organized as a nonprofit in 1990. It adopted the Symphony of the Canyons name in 1999 to better reflect

its wide-ranging membership, which has included musicians from Kanab, Page, St. George, and surrounding communities.

Since that first musical, the volunteer-driven orchestra has presented more than 300 concerts, with performances ranging from "The Nutcracker" and community theater productions to concerts at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The organization also offers scholarships for young musicians in grades seven through 12.

Whether coming for the music, the meal, or the chance to take home something special from the silent auction, this annual dinner offers an opportunity to support live performing arts in southern Utah and northern Arizona. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Diane Cruz at 801-319-9533 or portugirl89@yahoo.com. Learn more about the orchestra at symphonyofthecanyons.org or follow Symphony of the Canyons on Facebook. The Kanab Center is located at 20 N. 100 East in Kanab.

ORDINARY OBJECTS REIMAGINED: DANIEL RAY AT SEARS ART MUSEUM

September 4–October 30, 2026—St. George, UT
The Sears Art Museum at Utah Tech University presents Daniel Ray: Found/Framed, a major exhibition of new works exploring the extraordinary potential of ordinary objects. On view September 4 through October 30, 2026, the exhibition features photographs, ceramics, prints, sculptural assemblages, video, and original music in an immersive installation that invites viewers to reconsider the familiar through fresh eyes.



Ray transforms overlooked everyday materials into layered compositions that blur the boundaries between photography, painting, sculpture, and design. At the heart of the exhibition are sculptural assemblages and their photographic counterparts, demonstrating how commonplace objects can be reframed into works of unexpected beauty and meaning.

Growing up in San Diego, Ray discovered his fascination with photography while wandering a local junkyard, captivated by the interplay of light, composition, and discarded materials. That early experience

shaped an artistic philosophy centered on revealing beauty in the overlooked. After studying painting, sculpture, and design at the San Francisco Art Institute and ArtCenter College of Design, Ray built an international career as an advertising and editorial photographer for clients including Pepsi, MTV, Toyota, and Vogue.

While commercial success defined much of his professional life, his personal work remains rooted in experimentation.

By combining photography with paint, ceramics, silk-screening, and sculptural processes, he reconstructs familiar imagery into layered compositions. Rather than prescribing meaning, the works encourage viewers to discover beauty, humor, or significance in unexpected places.

"Found/Framed is about looking again," Ray said. "Objects we pass every day carry histories, textures, and personalities that often go unnoticed. By changing their context, I hope viewers pause long enough to see them—and perhaps the world around them—with renewed curiosity".

An opening reception with the artist takes place Friday, September 4, from 6:30–8 PM.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, visit searsart.com.



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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS FLOURISH ACROSS ST. GEORGE WITH THE SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD

August 2026—St. George, UT
The Southern Utah Art Guild continues to foster a vibrant creative community this summer and fall with a packed schedule of exhibitions, spotlight features, and professional development opportunities. All guild events are free and open to the public, providing residents and visitors multiple venues to engage with the region’s diverse artistic talent.



At the Red Cliff Gallery, the joint exhibition “Force of Nature” remains on display through September 3. This unique show brings together a wide array of perspectives, featuring artists from various guild clubs—including those focused on photography, watercolor, collage, drawing, urban sketching, and digital art through Procreate. The exhibition also showcases works from the Women Out West (WOW) collective and TURN artists, creating a rich tapestry of nature-inspired imagery. Following this show, the gallery will transition to the “Expressions of the Soul” exhibition, which runs from September 11 through October 29. An opening reception for this massive showcase, featuring over 150 works of art from more than 70 local artists, will take place on Friday, September 11, from 5–7 PM.

In the heart of downtown St. George, the Arrowhead Gallery is highlighting the work of watercolorist Deena Millecam as

the Spotlight Artist for August. Millecam’s professional journey as an educator and administrator in the Uintah School District informs her disciplined yet vibrant approach to painting. Her work is characterized by its vivid colors and a palpable love for capturing natural surroundings, an affinity that has earned her local awards and recognition. Beyond Arrowhead, her pieces can also be found at Gallery 35.

For artists looking to refine their craft, the guild continues to host “Connect,” an initiative sponsored by the Utah Arts Alliance. These sessions offer both emerging and established Utah artists a valuable platform to have their work critiqued by professional host Colleen Gianatiempo. The next meeting is scheduled for September 10 from 6–8 PM at the Social Hall, located at 212 Main Street. It is an ideal environment for creators to gain fresh perspectives and engage in meaningful artistic dialogue.

The Red Cliff Gallery is located at 220 N. 200 East and is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday from noon to 4 PM. The Arrowhead Gallery, situated at 68 E. Tabernacle, welcomes visitors Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM to 6 PM and Friday through Saturday from 10 AM to 8 PM. For more information about the guild, its galleries, or upcoming events, visit southernutahartguild.com.

ZION CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS FOR 16TH YEAR OF MUSIC BENEATH THE RED ROCKS

September 25–26, 2026—Springdale, UT
Few festivals can match the setting of the Zion Canyon Music Festival. Nestled at the gateway to Zion National Park, the annual celebration returns to the Bit & Spur backyard in Springdale on September 25–26, inviting music lovers to experience two days of live performances surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the American Southwest.



Now celebrating its 16th year, the Zion Canyon Music Festival has earned a reputation for bringing nationally touring artists and outstanding regional talent to an intimate outdoor venue. The relaxed atmosphere, stunning red rock backdrop, and welcoming community have made the festival a favorite destination for both locals and visitors looking for an experience beyond the typical concert.

Leading the lineup this year is Scott Pemberton O Theory, whose electrifying guitar work and fearless improvisation have earned the band a devoted following throughout the country. Blending funk, rock, blues, and jazz into an explosive live performance, Scott Pemberton O Theory delivers a dynamic show filled with masterful musicianship and inventive jams. Their Saturday night performance is expected to be one of the festival’s biggest highlights.

Friday night features Sgt. Splendor, an acclaimed collaboration between singer-songwriters Kate Vargas and Eric McFadden. Their powerful songwriting, rich harmonies, and genre-crossing blend of Americana, rock, soul, and blues create a performance that is both deeply personal and undeniably engaging.

Saturday’s schedule also includes

Blu Egyptian, a Northern California favorite known for infectious grooves and an adventurous musical style. Combining elements of funk, jam, rock, Latin, and world music, the band’s energetic performances invite the audience to dance while showcasing spontaneous improvisation.

Opening the weekend is Planck, an innovative group whose music explores the space where jazz, progressive rock, funk,

and electronic influences intersect. Their cinematic soundscapes and adventurous compositions offer a captivating start to the festival while showcasing the musical diversity that has become a hallmark of the event.

Beyond the music, attendees can enjoy local food vendors, craft beer, and artisan booths. Whether discovering a new favorite artist or reconnecting with friends beneath Zion’s towering sandstone cliffs, the experience remains unlike any other. From its intimate setting at the Bit & Spur to its thoughtfully curated lineup of nationally recognized and emerging artists, the festival offers a one-of-a-kind experience where unforgettable performances meet one of America’s most iconic landscapes.



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THINGS ARE HEATING UP AT OTC COMEDY IN CEDAR CITY

August 2026—Cedar City, UT

August in Southern Utah brings a predictable mix of blazing sunshine and hot sidewalks, leaving residents and visitors alike searching for creative ways to beat the relentless heat. This month, OTC Comedy in Cedar City offers a remedy: a room full of laughter, a cool environment, and a series of exciting changes on the horizon.

It has become a favorite local way to cool off, laugh with friends, and enjoy a truly unique entertainment experience in the heart of the city.

However, this August is more than just another month of shows; it marks a significant transition for the theater. Starting on Friday, August 21, OTC's Friday night performances will debut a



Every Friday night, the OTC Comedy Theater at 913 S. Main Street becomes a hub for live, unscripted improv comedy. Unlike traditional scripted theater, every performance is constructed entirely from audience suggestions provided by those in attendance. The unscripted nature of the shows means the performers must rely on quick thinking and comedic timing to turn a single word or phrase from the audience into a full-blown scene. This collaborative process creates a unique show that has never been seen before and will never be seen again, ensuring that every visit offers something fresh and unexpected.

fresh new look. As the theater continues to grow and improve its live comedy offerings, audiences can expect a new start time, a revised show length, and updated ticket pricing as part of the theater's evolution. These changes represent the beginning of a new chapter for the improv troupe as they seek to enhance the experience for their dedicated fans and newcomers alike.

For those who have been longtime fans or individuals who have been meaning to check out a show, August is considered the perfect time to jump in. The theater invites guests to catch one of the classic Friday performances before the changes arrive, then return after August 21 to experience the next chapter of OTC Comedy firsthand.

When the summer heat is at its peak, the theater promises that the only thing warmer than the weather will be the smiles on the faces of those in the audience. The invitation is open to everyone looking for a fun night out in a cooler setting somewhere away from the sun. For complete information regarding the upcoming schedule changes and to purchase tickets, interested parties can visit otccomedy.com.



STARS, STRIPES, AND STONE FRUIT: HURRICANE PREPARES FOR PATRIOTIC PEACH DAYS

September 3-5, 2026—Hurricane, UT

Preparations for the 28th annual Peach Days: A Celebration of Our Heritage are underway, promising a fun-filled week for the community to bid summer goodbye. Always held the weekend before Labor Day, this year's festival falls on September 3-5. Because 2026 marks the 250th birthday of the United States, the committee has themed this year's event as a Patriotic Peach Days, with decorations, displays, and parade floats boasting red, white, and blue.

rodeo, while Friday and Saturday offer traditional rodeo events with rough stock and timed competitions. Friday evening also includes a foam dance and a screening of "Moana II" as a movie in the park.

Saturday's schedule is packed with traditional favorites, including a fun run, two Hurricane Canal Treks, and the famous Peach Days Parade. Attendees can also visit the Pioneer Corner and farm display, join the HHS All-Class Reunion, or enter the competitive peach cook-off.



The festivities begin early in the week with a Tuesday golf tournament and a pickleball tournament running Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday evening, the SUP Wagon Train will travel down Hurricane Hill from the old sheep-shearing corrals, gathering at the community center at 6:30 PM for a community root beer float social. The evening also features a free opening concert by local favorite John Houston and friends.

The official opening of the festival takes place Thursday, September 3, at 5 PM at the old town square. Visitors can explore a wide array of displays, a quilt show, food vendors, commercial booths, and a carnival, with continuous entertainment across three stages. A special Patriotic Opening Program is scheduled for 6 PM on Thursday, and theater enthusiasts can enjoy performances of the musical "Frozen" running through Saturday.

Rodeo fans can head to the grounds near the airport for three nights of action starting at 7 PM. Thursday features a youth

The celebration culminates in a fireworks display Saturday evening before the event officially closes at 10 PM. For those seeking one last adventure, an advanced canal hike is offered as a "tag-on" event on Monday, September 7.

As a staple of the Hurricane Valley, Peach Days aims to cultivate a small-town feeling and a sense of pride in the local heritage. Whether traveling from near or far, everyone is invited to join friends and family for this patriotic farewell to the summer season.



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November 5–8, 2026—Page, AZ

Downtown Page will be looking up and coming alive at street level when the Page-Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Street Fair Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, in conjunction with the colorful Page Balloon Regatta. Elm Street will fill with live entertainment, food, shopping, a beer garden, and family-friendly activities during one of northern Arizona's biggest community weekends of the year.

of Southern rock. Performances will take place in the Balloons n' Brews Beer Garden with festival-style seating.

Beyond the music, visitors can browse a wide variety of food, craft, and retail vendors while younger fairgoers enjoy the Kid Zone and other family activities. For vendors, the weekend offers an opportunity to put products, food, or services in front of the large local, regional, and international crowd that travels to Page for the annual celebration. Vendor applications are



The Street Fair runs from 3–10 PM Friday and 11 AM–10 PM Saturday. This year's free entertainment lineup features eight scheduled acts across the two days, offering everything from classic rock, country, and funk to blues, yacht pop, and Southern rock. Friday's lineup includes Mobile Music with DJ Chuck Serventi, the Chris Paul Band, Southern Utah dance-rock outfit Groovonix, and Big Daddy D & The Dynamites. Saturday keeps the music rolling with Tuesday's Black, Pocket Change, singer-songwriter Tyller Gummingsall, and Sweet Home Alabama, a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd and the best



available now, with an application deadline of October 15.

Overhead, the accompanying Page Balloon Regatta will run Thursday through Sunday, November 5–8, with balloon launches scheduled for 7:15 AM each morning at Lake Powell National Golf Course and John C. Page Memorial Park. The weekend's signature Balloon Glow will take place from 6:30–8 PM Saturday, November 7, when more than 20 pilots will illuminate their balloons along Lake Powell Boulevard, weather permitting. If bad weather prevents the Balloon Glow, pilots may present a candlestick show instead.

With brilliant balloons filling the desert sky and Elm Street buzzing with music, food, and community fun, the Page Chamber Street Fair offers plenty of reasons to spend a full fall weekend in Page. Admission to all performances is free. The complete schedule and vendor applications can be found at pagechamberstreetfair.com. For more information, email office@pagechamber.com or call the Page-Lake Powell Chamber of Commerce at 928-645-2741.

COMEDY AND HEARTFELT DRAMA TAKE THE STAGE AT THE ELECTRIC THEATER

August 2026—St. George, UT

The Stage Door is bringing a dynamic blend of laughter and poignant storytelling to downtown St. George this season with two major productions at The Electric Theater. Audiences can look forward to an upcoming slate that ranges from a fast-paced period comedy to a contemporary, award-winning musical exploring the complexities of modern connection.

Following the comedy, the theater transitions to a deeply moving contemporary production with the Tony Award-winning musical Dear Evan Hansen, running from September 24 through October 10. With a book by Steven Levenson and a renowned score by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, the production explores critical themes of connection, belonging, and youth mental health. Directed by Jalee Scott with music



The season begins with Sandy Rustin's hilarious romantic farce, The Cottage, which runs from July 30 through August 15. Directed by Josh Scott and stage managed by Cairo Haynes, this Noël Coward-inspired comedy of manners is set in the countryside of 1923 England. The plot centers on Sylvia Van Kipness, who sets off a domino effect of scandalous revelations after sending a telegram that exposes her year-long affair with a man named Beau. The ensuing chaos involves uninvited spouses and tangled lovers in a witty exploration of marriage and fate. The talented cast features Ginger Nelson as Sylvia, Michael Lee as Beau, and Anna Beck as Marjorie, with Gwen Scott serving as the understudy. Timothy Merkley, Sloane Saunders, and Chad Calmelat round out the ensemble as Clarke, Diedre, and Richard.

direction by Celeste Dixon, the story follows Evan Hansen, an isolated high school student who finds himself at the center of a rapidly evolving fabrication following a local tragedy. As the lie grows, Evan is forced to confront the true cost of his desire to belong.

Director Jalee Scott noted that at its heart, the play is a story about the universal human need for connection, and expressed that the company is honored to bring such a powerful story to the St. George community. All performances for both productions are held on Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM. Matinee performances are also available, with The Cottage offering a show on August 1 at 2 PM and Dear Evan Hansen featuring a matinee on October 3 at 2 PM.

The Electric Theater is located at 68 E. Tabernacle St. in St. George. Tickets and additional information for both upcoming productions can be found at stagedoorutah.com.

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COLORADO CITY AIRSHOW RETURNS WITH THRILLING PERFORMANCES

September 12, 2026—Colorado City, AZ
The skies above Colorado City will once again come alive with the sights and sounds of aviation as the annual Colorado City Airshow returns on Saturday, September 12. The event runs from 10 AM to 2 PM (Utah Mountain Time) at the Colorado City Municipal Airport, located at 1599 W. Airport Ave..



Now in another exciting year, the Colorado City Airshow continues to grow into one of the premier family-friendly aviation events in Northern Arizona and Southern Utah. Admission is free, making it a perfect opportunity for families, aviation enthusiasts, and visitors from across the region to experience an unforgettable day at the airport.

The airshow begins with an inspiring opening ceremony featuring Skydive Mesquite. Experienced parachutists will descend into the airport carrying a giant American flag, a patriotic patriotic jump that has become a crowd favorite to kick off the day of entertainment.

This year's lineup features a mix of

returning favorites and exciting first-time performers. Allen Cook of Denver, Colorado, returns to fly his restored North American T-28 Trojan. Cook's warbird demonstration showcases the powerful radial engine and unmistakable roar of one of the most iconic military trainer aircraft ever built. Also returning is Brad Wursten from Logan, Utah. Known for an aggressive, high-energy flying style, Wursten pushes his aircraft to the limits with speed, precision, and G-forces.

Making a Colorado City debut is Yuichi Takagi, representing REDFOX Airshows from Apple Valley, California. Spectators will have the opportunity to watch Takagi perform in the Pitts S-2S, one of the world's most respected aerobatic aircraft. Another first for the event is the Vanguard Squadron, which flies a dazzling three-ship formation aerobatic performance powered by ethanol.

Their unique performance features breathtaking precision, teamwork, and smoke-filled maneuvers.

The Colorado City Airshow is made possible through the support of sponsors, including Pride Homes – The Heights at South Zion Estates, G-10 Construction, and Cyprus Property Management. In addition to the aerial performances, attendees can enjoy a variety of food vendors serving breakfast and lunch. Whether someone is an aviation enthusiast or simply looking for a fun family outing, the airshow offers an incredible day of excitement and community. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and join the festivities for an unforgettable day in the skies.

LEGENDS UNDER THE STARS: FOUR FRIDAY TRIBUTES AT THE ROCK BOWL

September 4–25, 2026—Hurricane, UT
Sand Hollow Resort will host four Sunset Concert Series performances this September in its outdoor Rock Bowl. The series features four tribute concerts honoring Chicago, George Strait, AC/DC, and Tim McGraw against the resort's stunning red rock backdrop.



Each show runs from 6:30–8 PM, with gates opening one hour early at 5:30 PM. The fall lineup begins on September 4 with 25 or 6 to Faux: A Tribute to Chicago. Musicians who have shared stages with Foreigner, Asia, KISS, and Barry Manilow perform Chicago hits including "Saturday in the Park" and "25 or 6 to 4".

On September 11, the series continues with Amarillo by Morning: A Tribute to George Strait. Grammy-nominated vocalist Rowdy McCarran fronts what is considered America's premier tribute to the Hall of Fame country legend. On September 18, Noise Pollution: The AC/DC Experience takes the stage. This San Diego tribute band delivers hits spanning the Bon Scott and Brian Johnson eras.

The series concludes on September

25 with Vegas McGraw: A Tribute to Tim McGraw. A veteran tribute artist who has opened for Taylor Swift and Jason Aldean performs favorites like "Don't Take the Girl" and "Live Like You Were Dying".

"Our Sunset Concert Series has become one of the most anticipated traditions at Sand Hollow Resort," said Elizabeth

Totman, Marketing Manager. "There's nothing like watching a world-class tribute show unfold as the sun sets behind the red rock".

Outside food and beverages are not permitted at the venue; however, an on-site concession stand offers food and drinks for purchase. Located in Hurricane, Utah, Sand Hollow Resort offers Championship Golf, vacation rentals, dining, and year-round events set against the Southern Utah red rock landscape, five minutes from Sand Hollow State Park and the Sand Mountain dunes.

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WOODSHED MUSIC FESTIVAL MAKES ITS RETURN TO WILLOW GLEN RESORT

September 18–19, 2026—*Enoch, UT*
The Woodshed Music Festival returns to Willow Glen Resort in Enoch for its second year on September 18–19, bringing two days of live music, food, drinks, and local vendors to three separate stages. Gates open at 11 AM each day, inviting the community to experience a diverse array of musical talent in a lush, ten-acre wooded setting located just two miles off the interstate near Cedar City.



Leading this year’s lineup is acclaimed country musician Ben Haggard, the son of legendary singer-songwriter Merle Haggard. While the headliner brings a storied country pedigree to the event, the festival is intentionally designed to showcase a wide variety of genres beyond traditional country. Attendees can expect a mix of jazz, folk, blues, rock, and acoustic performances throughout the weekend. The full roster of nearly two dozen acts features Dillon Jones, Muddy Boots, Seizer, Fenwick Way, David Williams, Peter Buis, Cody Eldredge, Ember Moat, and Abe Peyton. Also scheduled to take the stage

are Country Muse, Ben and Abe, Kalei Chase, Most Wanted, Wranglers, Mesa, Total Reset, Badwater, Luna Worldcast, Lonely Cactus Band, and Sirri Kandiyei.
Festival owner Brad Lark brings over two decades of experience managing music festivals in Johnson Valley, California. Though he originally envisioned launching the Utah event in 2026, the timeline was accelerated for a successful debut in 2025. The inaugural Woodshed Music Festival took place in October 2025, featuring 16 bands across two stages. Building on that momentum, the 2026 edition has expanded to three stages and added a half-dozen more bands to the schedule. Lark noted that the expansion allows for a more robust lineup and a richer experience for the audience.
In addition to the music, the festival offers a variety of artisan vendors and food trucks, creating a festive, family-friendly environment. A particularly exciting feature this year is a guitar giveaway. Troy Hill, known as The Country Muse, has donated a custom-built electric guitar that will be given to one lucky individual holding a two-day festival ticket.
The Willow Glen Resort is located at 3308 N. Bulldog Road in Enoch. Tickets and additional information regarding the full performance schedule and vendor participation are available at woodshedfest.com. For general or media inquiries, the resort can be reached at 435-586-3275 or goodtimes@willowglenresort.com.



AMERICAN DESERT MUSIC: 3HATTRIO REUNITE IN SPRINGDALE

September 2026—*Springdale, UT*
In the fall of 2013, a 15-year-old violinist named Eli Wrangle gave a small recital at his family home in Toquerville, Utah. It was just a fundraiser for his high school orchestra, but veteran musicians and neighbors Greg Istock and Hal Cannon stayed after and asked if he wanted to jam. Wrangle had never played music that way before, but he agreed. When the night ended, his only words were: “I want more of that.”
That was the night 3hattrio was born. From the beginning, the group agreed to set aside their generational and stylistic differences to create something entirely new. Inspired by the power of the Zion country surrounding them, they coined the term “American Desert Music” for their unique sound.
Over the next decade, the trio built a remarkable body of work including seven albums of original music, four European tours, and performances at major festivals across the globe. Their travels took them to the Gothenburg Culture Festival in Sweden, Celtic Connections in Glasgow, and the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nevada. They also composed the full score for the feature documentary The Tomb of Joseph and collaborated with the Repertory Dance Theatre.
When the pandemic scattered the

members to Las Vegas, Portland, and rural Utah, the trio paused, though they never stopped making music individually. In 2025, they released Come Morning, their seventh and most intimate album, which was entirely instrumental and inspired by early mornings on the mesas high above Zion.
Now, after years apart, Eli Wrangle, Greg Istock, and Hal Cannon are reuniting in September 2026 for a series of retrospective concerts. These performances serve as a celebration of everything this unlikely trio has made together and offer a hint of what may still be ahead. After the performance, the musicians will hold a Q&A for audience members to learn more about them and their music.
The concerts are sponsored by Z-Arts, the Zion Canyon Arts and Humanities Council. The mission of Z-Arts is to support and promote access to the arts and humanities while cultivating a climate of creativity, dialogue, and the exchange of ideas for the communities of Zion Canyon and beyond.
Tickets are available for \$15 per person at zarts.org. Performances will be held at the Bumbleberry Theatre, located at 897 Zion Park Blvd. in Springdale. For more information, contact Z-Arts at 435-319-0744 or email zarts@springdaletown.com.



2026 HORRORFEST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PREVIEW!

If you’re a fan of horror films then brace yourself as The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU) celebrates the upcoming Halloween season early this year by way of the return of The HorrorFest International Film Festival. This 4-day celebration of independent horror films (shorts and features) from all over the world will take place at The Electric Theater from Wednesday, September 16th thru Saturday, September 19th with a special Preview Night slated for Tuesday, September 15th.



Each year, HorrorFest prides itself on its stellar curation and the 2026 edition promises to be no different. At the time of this writing, festival programmers were still knee deep in putting the final touches on what they promise to be (no pun intended) a killer lineup for fans of the horror genre. In addition to showcasing a mix of several current independent horror titles that are either making the rounds on the film festival circuit or are completely new to the scene, attendees can also expect a few noteworthy horror films of the past (including “Poltergeist” and “What Lies Beneath”), as this festival always sets out to pay tribute to recent voices in horror as well as the old guards that inspired them.
Beyond several unforgettable films, HorrorFest will feature special guests

(including returning fan favorite Frank Dietz, a veteran screenwriter, director, animator, and writer), industry panels (including one presented by the creative team behind Universal Horror Unleashed), filmmaker Q&As, networking opportunities, after parties, horror trivia, an awards ceremony, and more.
You can purchase HorrorFest All-Access Fright Badges at a steal of an early bird price right now at fmasu.com/horrorfest. These passes grant you admittance into everything and also come with an exclusive swag bag. Day passes and individual film block tickets are expected to go on sale in mid-August. HorrorFest 2026 official selections will be announced soon with the full festival schedule set to drop shortly thereafter.
Finally, it should be noted that HorrorFest is but one component of the DNA that makes up The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah. This 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization hosts a handful of wildly different film-centric events and programs throughout the year including a free-for-the-community monthly movie showcase called The Electric Film Series, a hands on quick turnaround storytelling platform for all ages and all skill sets called The Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge, and the Desertscape International Film Festival which serves as a sort of miniature version of Sundance right here in our own backyard. This is to say that there’s a little something for everyone. Ultimately, the goal of this nonprofit is to champion, inspire, and educate filmmaking talent, to preserve film history, and to celebrate the theatrical experience. Most importantly, though, FMASU was designed to bring folks together through the culturally expansive nature of the transformative artform that is cinema. For more, log onto FMASU.com.

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MULTI-DAY EVENTS

A JOINT EXHIBITION: FORCE OF NATURE July 31–Sept. 3, 9 AM. A joint exhibition featuring over 150 works of art by more than 70 artists from local guilds and collectives. Gallery hours are Mon.–Fri. 9 AM–5 PM and Sat. 12 PM–4 PM. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

DISNEY’S FROZEN THE MUSICAL July 31–Sept. 12, 7 PM. A live theatrical presentation of the popular Broadway musical following the unbreakable bond between sisters Anna and Elsa. Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

MEREDITH WILLSON’S THE MUSIC MAN Aug. 7–Sept. 5. Meredith Willson’s beloved musical follows fast-talking salesman Harold Hill as his plans are turned upside down in the charming town of River City. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: AM I A GOOD DOG? Aug. 7–8, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. A staged reading of a new dramedy by Rook Reiley exploring identity, family, and life in rural Utah followed by a guided talkback. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

USA WEST - SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION Aug. 7–8. A large-scale convention celebrating square dancing traditions. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: A MATTER OF PERSPECTIVE Aug. 8–9, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. A historical drama examining the creation of Florence’s Duomo and the forgotten woman whose genius made it possible. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

ART FROM ABSTRACT TO ZION: CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SUMA Aug. 10–Sept. 18, 10 AM. Debut solo exhibition by Megan Knobloch Geilman featuring digital compositions weaving visual traditions with historical references. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 47 N. 200 E., St. George.

BEST WESTERN PLUS LIVE MUSIC Aug. 10–Sept. 18, 7 PM. Daily free outdoor summer concerts supporting local artists at the “Stone Circle” amphitheater. Best Western Plus, 50 W. 200 N., Cedar City.

CAN YOU HEAR THE MUSIC Aug. 10–Sept. 12. A heartfelt musical tribute to the Osmond family’s rise, purpose, and legacy. St. George Musical Theater, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

CARRYING THE FLAME FORWARD Aug. 10–Sept. 18, 10 AM. An exhibition honoring 40 years of milestones and the legacy of the Larry H. Miller Utah Summer Games. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

GREASE Aug. 10–Sept. 17, 8:30 PM. Live production of the classic rock ‘n’ roll musical at the outdoor amphitheater. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

HEART OF AMERICA Aug. 10–Sept. 6. A national plein air exhibition featuring over 40 top artists painting American landscapes on-site. Maynard Dixon Summer Home & Studio, 2200 S. State St., Mount Carmel.

MARY SHELLEY’S FRANKENSTEIN Aug. 10–Sept. 18, 2 PM. A bold retelling of the Gothic masterpiece through the lens of the author’s own tragic story. Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101–199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

SEE HOW THEY RUN Aug. 10–17, 2 PM. A classic British farce packed with mistaken identities set in a quiet English vicarage during WWII. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

SOMETHING ROTTEN! Aug. 10–17, 8 PM. A hilarious musical comedy about Renaissance playwrights attempting to outshine Shakespeare. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

TROILUS AND CRESSIDA Aug. 10–Sept. 3, 8 PM. Shakespeare’s daring tale of love and betrayal set against the chaos of the Trojan War. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

BETWEEN SYMBOLS AND STORIES Aug. 11–22, 10 AM. Exhibition by Megan Knobloch Geilman exploring historical symbols and cultural traditions in new contexts. St. George City Art Museum, 47 N. 200 E., St. George.

THE BOOK CLUB PLAY Aug. 11–Sept. 18, 2 PM. A witty satire about literature and group dynamics following a book club that becomes the subject of a documentary. Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101–199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

HAMLET Aug. 11–Sept. 4, 8 PM. Shakespeare’s most haunting tragedy following Prince Hamlet’s quest for truth and vengeance. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

INSIDE: CONDITIONS OF CARE BY SAMANTHA KILLINEN Aug. 11–22, 10 AM. Solo exhibition humanizing the experience of the prison system through soft materials and personal narratives. St. George City Art Museum, 47 N. 200 E., St. George.

LES MISÉRABLES Aug. 11–Sept. 18, 8 AM. Epic musical production of love, courage, and redemption. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

MICHAEL HEIZER’S CITY Aug. 11–Sept. 17, 4 AM. All-day excursion to view the massive land-art sculpture; reservations are required. 414 Broadway St., Alamo.

SHE LOVES ME Aug. 11–18, 2 PM. Heartwarming musical about feuding perfume shop co-workers who are unknowingly pen pals. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

AMERICA 250 - USF: AMERICANA GREENSHOW Aug. 12–Sept. 5, 7:10 PM. Family-friendly singing, dancing, and storytelling on the green. Ashton Family Greenshow Commons, 195 W. Center St., Cedar City.

DISNEY’S FINDING NEMO Aug. 12–Sept. 16, 8:30 PM. A vibrant musical adaptation of the beloved underwater adventure. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

TWELFTH NIGHT Aug. 12–Sept. 5, 8 PM. Shakespeare’s classic comedy of mistaken identities and unrequited affections. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

THE COTTAGE Aug. 13–15, 7:30 PM. A hilarious romantic farce set in 1923 England centered on entangled extramarital affairs. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: THE FRANKLIN EVENT Aug. 14–15, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. A thought-provoking conversation featuring a materialized Benjamin Franklin in the modern day. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: IF THE CREEK DON’T RISE Aug. 15–16, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. Science fiction drama following two women in their fight for survival in a dystopic America. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

BEAVER COUNTY FAIR 2026 Aug. 20–22, 9 AM. Family fun featuring a carnival, livestock shows, rodeos, and demolition derbies. Beaver County Fairgrounds, 1400 E. Hwy. 21, Minersville.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: WOUND CARE Aug. 21–22, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. Drama exploring one woman’s quest for reparations for victims of forced sterilization programs. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS TBD Aug. 21–22. Auditions for the seasonal production of the holiday classic. Westside Studio of Performing Arts, 170 N. 400 E., St. George.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: UNTITLED PLANTATION WEDDING PLAY Aug. 22–23, 7:30 PM & 3 PM. A destination wedding forces lifelong friends to confront history and identity. Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

2026 IRON COUNTY FAIR & PRCA RODEO Aug. 29–Sept. 7, 4 PM. Traditional Labor Day weekend event featuring a car show, carnival, and pro rodeo. Iron County Fairgrounds, 550 E. Clinic Way, Parowan.

KANAB’S LITTLE HOLLYWOOD WILD WEST FEST Sept. 10–12, 9 AM. A multi-day festival featuring Western movie stars, stunt shows, cowboy poetry, and a Saturday night chuck wagon dinner. Little Hollywood Museum, 297 W. Center St., Kanab.

ANNIE AT THE MESQUITE COMMUNITY THEATRE Sept. 18–26, 7 PM. A live production of the classic musical Annie. Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Mesquite.

EVENTS BY DAY
SUNDAY

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WEEKLY MEETING 10:30 AM. Weekly community support meetings are back for those affected by someone else’s drinking. 150 N. Yucca St., Suite 35A, Mesquite.

BRUNCH 10 AM. Every Sunday weekly brunch featuring biscuits and gravy, hash browns, eggs, Bloody Marys, and mimosas. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

YOGA WITH WIL DUCREST AT STATION 2 12 PM. First Sunday of each month join in for a donation-based yoga session for all skill levels. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WEEKLY MEETING 3 PM. Weekly community support meetings are back for those affected by someone else’s drinking. Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Rd. A, Mesquite.

POKER AT ZION BREWERY STATION II 5 PM. Weekly night of poker in a lively atmosphere. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

REGIONAL SINGLE ADULT 36+ POTLUCK AND FIRESIDE 6 PM. Every first Sunday of the month for single adults featuring a potluck followed by a fireside program at 7 PM. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1178 S. 700 W., Hurricane.

MONDAY

STORY TIME WITH GRANDPA STEVE 10 AM. Weekly children’s storytime session. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

ORDERVILLE FARMER’S MARKET 2026 5:30 PM. Weekly outdoor market featuring seasonal fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. Orderville Town Park, 55 E. State St., Orderville.

ST. GEORGE CONCERT IN THE PARK SERIES 2026 7 PM. Second Monday of each month enjoy a free open-air concert featuring live music for the whole family. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

TUESDAY

MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Weekly creative art activities for children. St. George Children’s Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

STORY TIME @ WASHINGTON BRANCH 11 AM. Weekly children’s storytime session. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

WEDNESDAY

CEDAR CITY FOOD TRUCK COURT 11 AM. Weekly downtown destination featuring a rotating lineup of local food trucks, vendors, and music. Market Square, 108 S. Main St., Cedar City.

STORY TIME @ HURRICANE 11 AM. Weekly children’s storytime session. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

STORY HOUR 2 PM. Weekly children’s storytime session. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

GAMER CLUB 3 PM. Weekly book discussions and games for teens and ‘twins who love Anime and gaming. Santa Clara Library, 1099 N. Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

STORY TIME WITH MRS. MANN @ ST. GEORGE LIBRARY 5 PM. Weekly children’s storytime session. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

MS SENIOR MESQUITE - WORKSHOPS 5:30 PM. Weekly community workshops for seniors. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

MUSIC BINGO AT STATION 2 6 PM. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month test your music knowledge for prizes; must be 21+. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

ADULT BINGO NIGHT AT STATION 2 6:30 PM. Every other Wednesday join in for a night of laughs, drinks, and prizes; must be 21+. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

LINE DANCING CLASS 6:30 PM. Second and Fourth Wednesday learn new steps during this free line dancing class led by Donna. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

BIG IRON COUNTRY SWING DANCE 8 PM. Weekly partner and line dancing instruction followed by open dancing until midnight. The Venue, 33 N. Main St., Cedar City.

THURSDAY

TOASTMASTER MEETING 12 PM. Weekly meetings to improve public speaking and leadership skills. First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Ln., Mesquite.

MELISSA WINN 4:30 PM. First and third Thursday of each month enjoy fun activities and service projects. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 290 W. 1045 N., Cedar City.

HURRICANE CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2026 8 PM. Second Thursday of each month enjoy free live music on the park stage. Pioneer Park, 200 N. Main St., Hurricane.

FRIDAY

CEDAR CITY FOOD TRUCK COURT 11 AM. Weekly downtown destination featuring local food trucks, vendors, and music. Market Square, 108 S. Main St., Cedar City.

SUMA: FIRST FRIDAY 6 PM. First Friday of each month enjoy a free after-hours event featuring exhibitions and activities. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

BOWMAN’S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - COUNTRY STYLE 6 PM. Weekly live country music and dinner. Bowman’s Cowboy Kitchen, 3052 N. Iron Springs Rd., Cedar City.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE MUSIC 7 PM. Weekly live performances from local bands in a relaxed atmosphere. Home on the Range, 97 W. Center St., Cedar City.

OTC COMEDY IMPROV 8 PM. Weekly unique comedy shows completely made up on the spot from audience suggestions. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

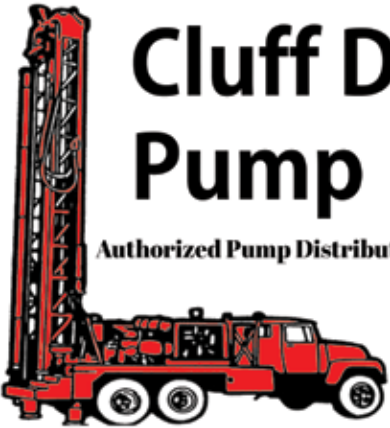
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DJ AT ZION BREWERY STATION II 9 PM. Weekly DJ sets; must be 21+ with ID. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

DJ FUEGO LATIN NIGHT 9 PM. Weekly Latin music and entertainment; must be 21+. Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 8 AM. Weekly market featuring local produce, pasture-raised meats, and live music. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.



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FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 2026 9 AM. Weekly market bringing together high-quality foods and artisan goods. Bristlecone Parking Lot, 100 W. Center St., Cedar City.

HURRICANE FARMERS MARKET 2026 9 AM. Weekly gathering of the best local producers and artisans. Hurricane Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

DUCK CREEK FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday through Sept. 5 shop fresh produce, baked goods, artisan crafts, and locally made products. Duck Creek Village Town Park, Duck Creek Village.

DUCK CREEK OUTDOOR MARKET 10 AM. Weekly Saturday market featuring local foods, artisans, and food trucks. 865 E. Movie Ranch Rd., Duck Creek Village.

KANAB DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 2026 10 AM. Weekly market featuring over 40 local makers and growers. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

TAI CHI @ SANTA CLARA LIBRARY 10:30 AM. Weekly low-impact exercise class. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE @ ST. GEORGE LIBRARY 2 PM. Weekly family movie screenings. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

COMEDY NIGHT 7 PM. Weekly stand-up comedy entertainment; must be 21+. Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

LIVE MUSIC AT WILLOW GLEN RESORT - OPEN MIC 7 PM. Weekly entertainment from the Roadhouse Wranglers followed by a live band open mic. Willow Glen Resort, 3308 N. Bulldog Rd., Washington.

DJ AT ZION BREWERY STATION II 9 PM. Weekly DJ sets; must be 21+ with ID. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

EVENTS BY DATE

Monday, Aug. 3

MUSIC BINGO & \$1 WINGS 6:30 PM. Enjoy themed music bingo while taking advantage of special pricing on wings. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY YOGA 6 PM. Relax with a gentle 45-minute yoga class followed by discounts on select drinks. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

Friday, Aug. 7

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP 3:30 PM. Support for those grieving the loss of a loved one, held in partnership with local hospices. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

BLUE AND GOLD SCRIMMAGE 6 PM. High school football pre-season scrimmage. Enterprise High School, 565 S. 200 E., Enterprise.

CASAPOOLOOZA - CLOSURE 6:30 PM. Local's Night poolside concert featuring live music and drink specials. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

COME FROM AWAY 7 PM. The true story of 7,000 stranded passengers and the small town that welcomed them after September 11. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Saturday, Aug. 8

PARKRUN 8 AM. A weekly community 5K run held in local parks for all fitness levels. St. George.

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR Family fun featuring a junior rodeo, motorized rodeo, and livestock show. Garfield County Fair Grounds, Panguitch.

RED ACRE FARMS BURGERS BANDS & BIKES: HOUSE OF CARDS 6:30 PM. Live music by House of Cards paired with farm-fresh burgers. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER - ANDY BENINGO 7 PM. Live comedy performance featuring Andy Beningo. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

ILLICIT 13 7 PM. Live musical performance with no cover charge. The Icebox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

ROCK'N THE ZONE: DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND LIVE! 7 PM. Classic rock, blues, and country favorites on the city's best dance floor. The ZONE Nightclub and Lounge, 792 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite.

MR. WORLDWIDE (CASAPOOLOOZA) 8 PM. A Pitbull tribute turning up the heat with dance hits and party-ready energy. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT IN THE LANAI 8 PM. Weekly summer entertainment testing your music knowledge; must be 21+. Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

THE LAST LIGHT 8 PM. Live music from this seven-piece reggae-centric groove collective. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

MEN'S SOCCER VS SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (EXHIBITION) 8 PM. Live exhibition soccer match. Greater Zion Stadium, 700 E. & 500 S., St. George.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT 1:30 PM. Live music in the cool mountain air featuring Dylan Gavin followed by Mesozoic at 3 PM. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

Sunday, Aug. 9

MOVIE MATINEE FOR ADULTS 1 PM. Screenings of new releases or classics on a large drop-down screen. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

Monday, Aug. 10

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY 10:30 AM. Learn the ins and outs of taking professional-level photos with your iPhone camera. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

COLORING FOR ADULTS 1 PM. A relaxing session featuring intricate and meditative designs with supplies provided. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE 2 PM. Community blood donation event; appointments required. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

CONCERT IN THE PARK: DICK EARL'S ELECTRIC WITNESS 7 PM. Live blues performance for the family as part of the monthly concert series. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

Tuesday, Aug. 11

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

Wednesday, Aug. 12

BIRDS & BITES: LIBERTY CAFE 9:20 AM. A no-host social gathering following the Tonaquint Nature Center Bird Walk. Liberty Cafe, 1664 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME & FREE PLAY 11 AM. Stories, songs, and activities designed to build early literacy skills. Moapa Town Library, 1340 E. Hwy. 168, Moapa.

BILLS RIGHTS & BITES POLICY LUNCH 11:30 AM. A monthly briefing for business leaders on policy, governance, and civic issues. Intermountain Cancer Center, 600 S. Medical Center Dr., St. George.

BOOK BINGO 1 PM. A lively round of book-themed bingo where participants can win great reads. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

DIXIE HIGH: NEW STUDENT ICE CREAM SOCIAL 6 PM. A welcoming event for new students held in the school commons. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

Thursday, Aug. 13

MESQUITE MYSTERY BOOK CLUB 11 AM. Community discussion group focused on suspenseful and "cozy" mystery novels. Mesquite Library, 121 W. First North St., Mesquite.

'ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY' FEATURING CASEY STICKLEY 7:30 PM. Live performance of original alternative music. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, Aug. 14

CREATE PLAYDATE 10 AM. Storytime and a hands-on activity geared towards Pre-K children featuring "Izzy Paints". Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

JAC: SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6 PM. Free live performance on the outdoor stage. Johnson Center, 59 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

FOOTBALL VS NORTH SUMMIT 7 PM. High school football game. Enterprise High School, 565 S. 200 E., Enterprise.

KUNG FU PANDA @ ROYAL OAKS PARK 7 PM. Free outdoor movie night about a clumsy panda who must save his valley. Royal Oaks Park, 1250 N. 1400 W., St. George.

IVINS FAMILY MOVIES IN THE PARK Dusk. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for a free family movie under the stars. Unity Park, 200 W. 400 S., Ivins.

Saturday, Aug. 15

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET - YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR DAYS 9 AM. Youth ages 17 or younger sell handmade items or baked goods. Cedar City Design and Flooring, 2232 N. Main St., Cedar City.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT 1:30 PM. Live music in the cool mountain air. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

THE COTTAGE MATINEE 2 PM. Matinee performance of the 1920s-style farce. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS UNLV (EXHIBITION) 6 PM. Live exhibition volleyball match. Burns Arena, 700 E. 400 S., St. George.

GT & KIRA 7 PM. Live musical performance. The Icebox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

TOPPER JONES LIVE BOOK LAUNCH PARTY 7 PM. Celebrating the release of the new mystery "Pismo Beach Sniper". The Book Bungalow, 94 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

MEN'S SOCCER VS MOHAVE CC (EXHIBITION) 8 PM. Live exhibition soccer match. Greater Zion Stadium, 700 E. & 500 S., St. George.

NASHVILLE UNDERGROUND SERIES: JENNA DAVIS 8 PM. Rising country artist with powerful vocals and relatable storytelling. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE REFLEX 80'S BAND 8 PM. Live 80s tribute music in the ballroom. Eureka Casino Resort Ballroom, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

CHRIS PAUL BAND 8 PM. Dance the night away with classic rock, pop, funk, disco, and country hits. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

Sunday, Aug. 16

THE VIBE SETTERS, LIVE AT THE ICEBOX GRILL 7:30 PM. Live touring band from California. The Icebox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

Monday, Aug. 17

DESERT HILLS HIGH: THUNDER NOTES FAMILY NIGHT 6 PM. High school family event. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George.

MUSIC BINGO & \$1 WINGS 6:30 PM. Enjoy themed music bingo while taking advantage of special pricing on wings. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

Tuesday, Aug. 18

2026 ELECTRIC FILM SERIES 6 PM. Free monthly screening and discussion of cinema history. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Wednesday, Aug. 19

USF: WORDS CUBED - A PLAY 9:30 AM. Staged readings and interactive discussions of new, developing plays. Anes Studio Theatre, 152 W. Center St., Cedar City.

POWER LUNCH: ST. GEORGE MARATHON PREVIEW 11:30 AM. Official pre-race briefing covering logistics, safety, and economic impact. SGACC, 136 N. 100 E., St. George.

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY YOGA 6 PM. Relax with a gentle 45-minute yoga class followed by discounts on select drinks. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.



COWBOY POETRY OPEN MIC 6:30 PM. Open microphone for local poets and storytellers. Mountain View Ranch Museum, 10 S. 600 W., Parowan.

Thursday, Aug. 20

TEEN BOOK CLUB 3:30 PM. Community book discussion group for teenagers. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB 4:30 PM. Community book discussion group. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

TRIVIA NIGHT 6 PM. Gather your team and test your knowledge during the tavern's monthly competition. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

'ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY' FEATURING LAKEN LAMBSON 7:30 PM. Live performance of original alternative pop. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, Aug. 21

NEXT STOP COMEDY 8 PM. Featuring top comedians seen on TV and heard on podcasts. DC Pub & Grill, 650 S. Main St., Cedar City.

TWISTED CHERRY (CASAPOOLOOZA) 8 PM. Rock-driven summer vibes poolside. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

DESERT HILLS HIGH: WELCOME BACK STOMP 9 PM. School dance held on the tennis courts after the football game. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George.

Saturday, Aug. 22

SATURDAY FIELD TRIP: LAVA POINT IN ZION NATIONAL PARK 6:30 AM. Guided birding field trip to the highest point in Zion. Meet at Maverik, 460 N. State St., LaVerkin.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT 1:30 PM. Live music in the cool mountain air. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

BEAVER BASH COUNTY FAIR DEMOLITION DERBY 6 PM. High-impact hits and roaring engines across multiple vehicle classes. 1400 UT-21, Minersville.

IDENTITY CRISIS 7 PM. Live musical performance. The Icebox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

UPTOWN FUNK (CASAPOOLOOZA) 8 PM. Bruno Mars tribute packed with funk, pop, and nonstop dance hits. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE ST. GEORGE ARTS SUMMIT 9 AM-4 PM. Artists, arts organizations, educators, and community members gather for workshops, networking, and discussions celebrating the arts in Southern Utah. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Sunday, Aug. 23

GREGORY CANNON / WOMEN'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION 10:05 AM. Community gospel study group meeting in the Relief Society Room. Central Chapel, 850 E. Pine Valley Hwy., Central.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT 1:30 PM. Live music in the cool mountain air. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

Tuesday, Aug. 25

OPEN MIC NIGHT FOR POETS & WRITERS 7 PM. Intimate and welcoming space for writers and poets to share works in progress. The Book Bungalow, 94 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

DIXIE HIGH: CROSS COUNTRY-HURRICANE ALL-COMERS 5:45 PM. High school cross country meet. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

CHAMBER EATS 11:30 AM. Monthly networking lunch spotlighting a different local restaurant. Cafe Sabor, 290 E. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, Aug. 28

FOURTH FRIDAY NETWORKING 8:30 AM. Business networking event featuring food, drinks, and prizes. Canyon View Credit Union, 383 N. Bluff St., St. George.

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

DIXIE HIGH: MADRIGALS RETREAT 5 PM. School choir event held in the choir room. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

POOL TOURNAMENT 6 PM. Bracket-style tournament with a cash prize; open to all skill levels. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

ZOOTOPIA 2 @ TOWN SQUARE PARK 7 PM. Free outdoor movie night about a bunny cop and fox detective. Town Square Park, 50 S. Main St., St. George.

KARAOKE 8 PM. Grab the mic and sing your favorite songs during an evening of community karaoke. The Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, Ariz.

Saturday, Aug. 29

RA: BREAKFAST ON THE FARM 8:30 AM. Fresh farm breakfast served hot off the grill until the food is gone. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

GUNSLINGERS-R-US 12 PM. Western-themed historical performances at 12 PM and 2 PM. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

DIXIE HIGH: GOLF BOYS @ CORAL CANYON 1:30 PM. Red Rock Cup non-region tournament. Coral Canyon Golf Course, 1925 N. Cyn. Grns. Dr., Washington.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT 1:30 PM. Live music in the cool mountain air. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

DEMOLITION DERBY - PAROWAN, UT 6 PM. Action-packed night of roaring engines and small-town derby excitement. Iron County Fairgrounds, Parowan.

ENTERPRISE CORN FEST Annual festival featuring fresh corn, vintage cars, and live entertainment. Enterprise City Park, Enterprise.

KARAOKE NIGHT! 7 PM. Community karaoke in the ballroom. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

MESQUITE CAFE BLUES 7 PM. Live musical performance. The Icebox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

Tuesday, Sept. 1

BROWN BAG LECTURE 12 PM. Artists of all media are invited to give a 45-minute presentation; sack lunches welcome. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 2

FOREIGN FILM CLUB 6 PM. Screening and discussion of international cinema. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

MOST WANTED BAND Live musical performance. Cedar City.

Thursday, Sept. 3

PEACH DAYS OFFICIAL OPENING 5 PM. Grand opening of displays, quilts, food, and carnival activities. Old Town Square, Hurricane.

PATRIOTIC OPENING PROGRAM 6 PM. Special program honoring the country's 250th birthday theme. Old Town Square, Hurricane.

RICHARD NIHIL 7:30 PM. Live musical performance. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, Sept. 4

25 OR 6 TO FAUX: A TRIBUTE TO CHICAGO 6:30 PM. Multimedia production with a full horn section performing the hits of Chicago. Sand Hollow Resort Rock Bowl, 5665 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

CASAPOOLOOZA - IDENTITY CRISIS 6:30 PM. Hometown sounds rock performance poolside; must be 21+. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

PEACH DAYS TRADITIONAL RODEO 7 PM. Nightly rodeo action featuring rough stock and timed events. Rodeo grounds near the airport, Hurricane.

PEACH DAYS FOAM DANCE & MOVIE IN THE PARK Evening. Family fun featuring a foam dance followed by a movie screening. Hurricane.

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Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies

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

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

It is easy to get dehydrated while hiking and walking in the desert, so pack along extra water, and be sure to take rest and water breaks on long hikes. There are a number of places to refill your water bottles in Zion National Park including the visitors' center and Zion Lodge as well as a new hydration station at the Springdale bus stop in front of The Bumbleberry Inn and Zion Canyon Brew Pub.

Be cautious near steep cliffs

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

Watch for flash floods

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



Tips To Minimize Your Impact

Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

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

Please stay on the marked trails

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

Go before you go

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

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

Please leave it how you found it

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



Top Things To Do In Zion

Get some great hiking in

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

Spend a day in Springdale

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

Catch an event

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

Try a guided tour

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

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

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

Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints

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

Tips To Maximize Enjoyment

Go on a less crowded hike

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

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

Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in. Especially during the Summer months, it's highly recommended to go early!

Consider coming back again in the low season

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

Check out Kolob Canyons & Kolob Terrace Road

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



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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

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

road and unparalleled views. Think mesas, cliffs, and the perfect backdrop for golden hour photos. It's a local secret—and one of the best-kept ones at that.

Best Day Trips and Nearby Parks Bryce Canyon National Park

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

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

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

Snow Canyon State Park

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

Grand Staircase-Escalante

National Monument
Vast, rugged, and full of secrets, Grand Staircase offers endless day trip options. Popular stops include the Toadstools, Willis Creek Slot Canyon, and Cottonwood Canyon Road. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended for some routes.

Whether you're a hiker, a cruiser, or just here for the views, Southern Utah has more to offer than one trip can hold. Flip the page for more top parks in the region— and happy exploring!



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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.

and the Virgin River Valley.

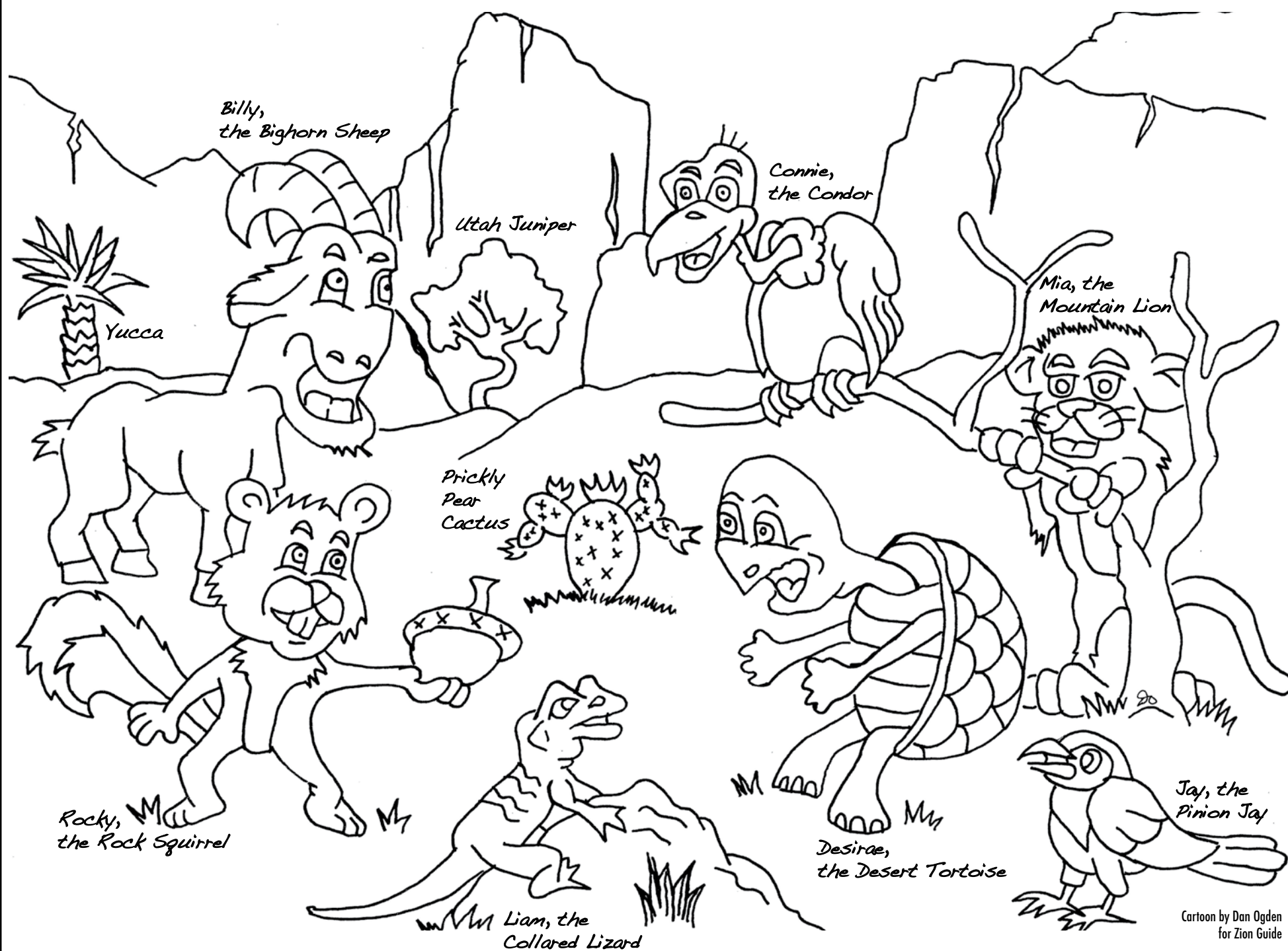
Smithsonian Butte Backway

This off-the-beaten-path route connects Rockville to Apple Valley with unpaved

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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

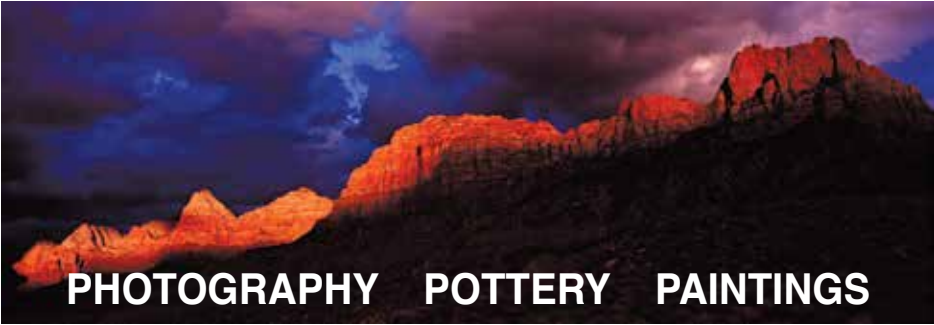
of our national parks, you don’t want your coordination, balance, or judgment to be impaired to any extent. Zion Canyon, Springdale, and Kanab are home to several fine restaurants and bars — but visit them for a cocktail after your hike, not before.

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

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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



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this 9 1/2-mile hike. You'll start this hike at Temple of Sinawava.

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

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

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

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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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

ESCAPE THE HEAT: SOUTHERN UTAH'S BEST HIGH-ELEVATION HIKES ARE 20–30 DEGREES COOLER

There comes a point every Southern Utah summer when even the most dedicated hikers glance at the forecast, see triple digits, and decide the couch sounds like a better option.

But while St. George is sweltering under a blazing desert sun, a completely different season is waiting just up the mountain. Less than two hours away, towering pines replace red rock, afternoon temperatures often drop 20 to 30 degrees, and cool mountain breezes make it easy to spend an entire day outside.

Southern Utah's incredible diversity means you don't have to travel far to trade cactus for aspens or sandstone cliffs for alpine lakes. Whether you're looking for an easy family stroll, a scenic picnic, or a challenging hike with panoramic views, these high-elevation escapes offer the perfect excuse to lace up your hiking boots all summer long.



Cedar Breaks National Monument

Perched above Cedar City at more than 10,000 feet, Cedar Breaks National Monument feels worlds away from the desert below. Crisp mountain air, evergreen forests, and one of Utah's most spectacular natural amphitheaters combine to create one of Southern Utah's premier summer destinations.

The monument is perhaps best known for its colorful limestone cliffs, where layers of orange, pink, and white rock form an amphitheater stretching nearly three miles across. Scenic overlooks line the rim, making breathtaking views accessible even for visitors who don't plan to hike.

For those wanting to explore on foot, the Alpine Pond Trail offers an easy walk through spruce and fir forest before arriving at a peaceful mountain pond. It's a favorite for families, birdwatchers, and anyone looking for a leisurely morning surrounded by cool alpine scenery.

More adventurous hikers can continue onto the Spectra Point & Ramparts Trail, where the route follows the edge of the monument with expansive views into the colorful canyon below. During July and early August, the surrounding meadows burst into bloom as wildflowers blanket the landscape in vibrant shades of purple, yellow, red, and blue.

Even on the hottest days in St. George, a light jacket isn't uncommon during the morning hours at Cedar Breaks.

Brian Head

Just a few miles away, Brian Head transforms from a winter ski destination into a mountain playground each summer. Sitting at nearly 10,000 feet, the area offers miles of hiking trails winding through aspens, evergreens, volcanic



rock formations, and wide-open mountain meadows.

The Bunker Creek Trail is one of the area's most popular hikes, leading visitors through lush forest and seasonal wildflowers before reaching a quiet mountain stream. The trail offers plenty of shade, making it especially enjoyable during the warmest months.

Those interested in geology and ancient history will appreciate the Twisted Forest Trail, home to remarkable bristlecone pines. These slow-growing trees have survived harsh mountain conditions for centuries, their twisted trunks shaped by wind, snow, and time.

For hikers looking to earn panoramic views, the Sydney Peaks Trail climbs to sweeping vistas overlooking Southern Utah's mountain ranges and neighboring Nevada. It's the kind of place where visitors often find themselves lingering just a little longer, taking in cool breezes that feel almost impossible after leaving the desert behind.

After a morning on the trails, Brian Head's cooler temperatures also make it a comfortable place to enjoy lunch, browse local shops, or simply relax before heading home.



Navajo Lake

If your perfect summer day involves slowing down rather than climbing uphill, Navajo Lake may be exactly what you're looking for.

Located within Dixie National Forest, the mountain lake is surrounded by dense pine forest and offers one of the region's most peaceful outdoor settings. The trail circling the shoreline is relatively easy, making it ideal for families with young children, casual hikers, photographers, and anyone hoping to spend time outdoors without tackling steep elevation gains.

The calm waters reflect towering trees and passing

clouds while birds, squirrels, and other wildlife are common sights throughout the day. Benches and picnic areas nearby invite visitors to extend their stay, while anglers and paddlers often spend entire afternoons enjoying the cool mountain environment.

It's the kind of destination where there's no pressure to rush. Sometimes the best hike is simply the one that gives you permission to slow down.



Cascade Falls

Just beyond Navajo Lake lies one of Southern Utah's hidden gems.

The hike to Cascade Falls covers only about a mile round trip, but the payoff rivals much longer adventures. The trail begins beneath towering pines before opening onto an overlook where water spills dramatically from the edge of the Markagunt Plateau into the valley below.

Standing near the falls, visitors are treated to expansive views stretching across Southern Utah's colorful landscape while cool mountain air drifts through the surrounding forest.

Because of its relatively short distance, Cascade Falls makes an excellent addition to a day spent exploring Cedar Breaks, Brian Head, or Navajo Lake. Many visitors combine two or three destinations into one memorable mountain getaway.

A Different Side of Southern Utah

When people think about hiking in Southern Utah, images of towering red cliffs, narrow slot canyons, and sun-drenched desert trails often come to mind. While those iconic landscapes deserve every bit of their reputation, they represent only one side of the region.

The mountains above Cedar City reveal a completely different experience—cool forests, alpine meadows, sparkling lakes, and fresh mountain air that feel more like Colorado than the Mojave Desert. It's a reminder that one of Southern Utah's greatest strengths is its incredible diversity.

Before heading out, remember that mountain weather can change quickly, especially during monsoon season. Start hikes early, carry plenty of water, dress in layers, and check current weather and trail conditions before leaving home.

When the desert heat becomes too much, don't put your hiking boots away for the season. Simply head uphill. Southern Utah's coolest adventures are waiting just around the next mountain bend.



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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.



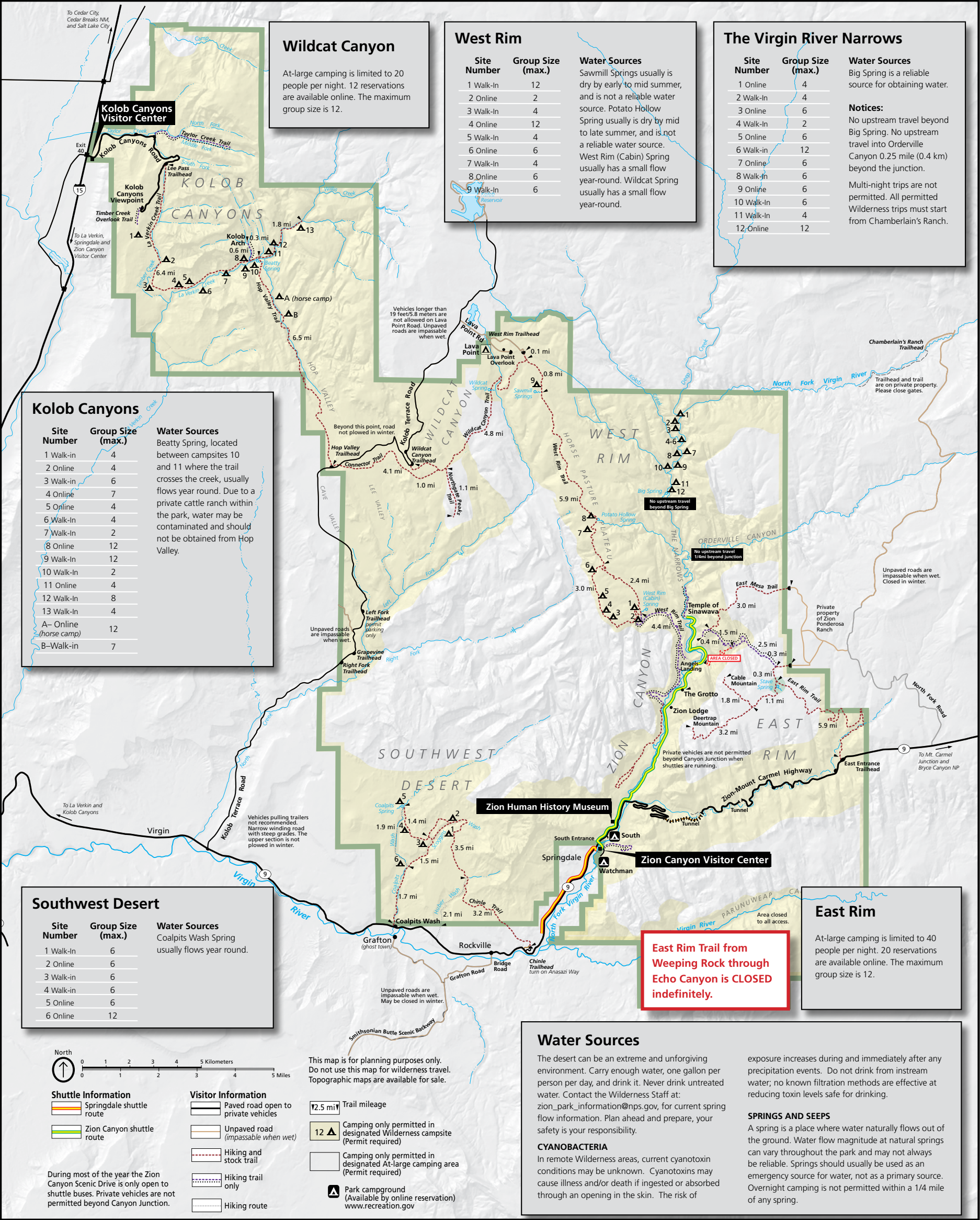
HUMAN WASTE

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.



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).
- The shuttle system typically pauses briefly between Thanksgiving and late December.

Shuttles take about 45 minutes to travel between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Temple of Sinawava, meaning 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. If the last shuttle is full, or if you miss it, 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 16, then 7 AM through September 12.
- Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 6 PM through May 16, then 7 PM from May 17 through September 12.
- Last bus departs Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 7:15 PM through May 16, then 8:15 PM from May 17 through September 12.

Springdale Line

- First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM through May 16, then 8 AM through September 12.
- Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 7 PM through May 16, then 8 PM from May 17 through September 12.

Camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance at recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777. Plan ahead and make arrangements for where you will stay before you arrive in the park.

South Campground remains closed for a

long-term rehabilitation project.

Lava Point Campground is about a one-hour drive from Zion Canyon and requires reservations.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk Hours

Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

- Information desks are typically open 8 AM-5 PM daily.

Wilderness Permit Desks

- Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open daily from 8 AM-5 PM.
- Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Limited seasonal hours.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger-Led Patio Talk

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

- 11 AM
- 1:30 PM
- 3 PM

No Matter When You Visit, Be Prepared for Crowds

- Parking fills early year-round. You may have to wait to enter Zion Canyon Scenic Drive if parking is full.

- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists if you are driving.
- Stay on trails and avoid walking in the road.
- Keep your park pass with you.
- Ride your bike on the road or the Pa'Rus Trail. Bicycling is not allowed on other trails. If riding on the road, you must stop to let buses pass.
- The NPS may temporarily close roads if traffic is congested or parking is full.
- Fewer people visit Zion on weekdays than weekends. Consider arriving early or after 3 PM to avoid the busiest times.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

If you cannot park in Zion or if campsites are full, research nearby communities and public lands for additional recreation and lodging options.

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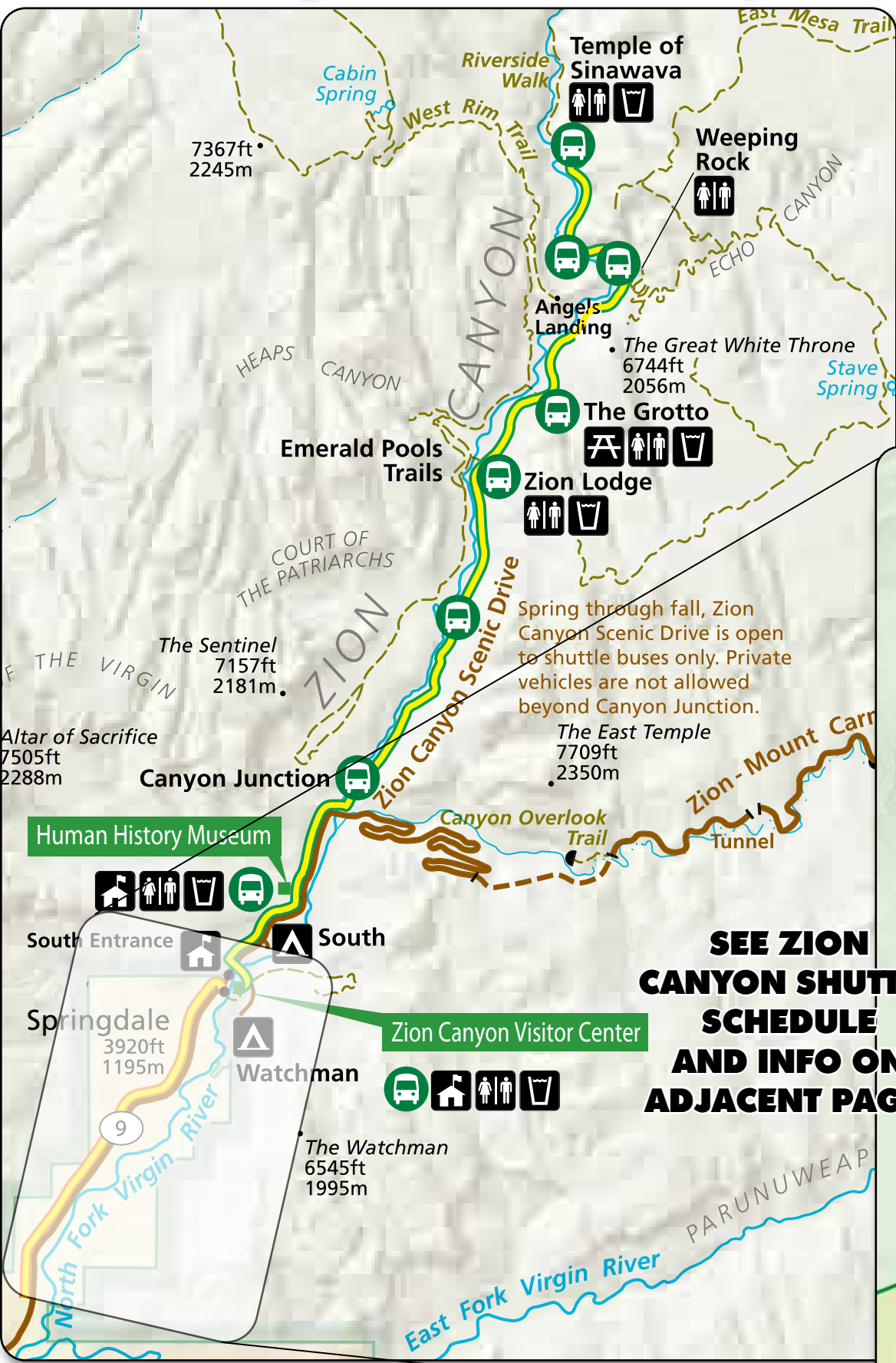
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Springdale Shuttle Map



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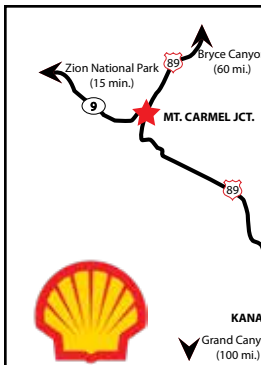


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BAKER - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and to fish. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and contains brown trout, green sunfish, crayfish, redbreasted 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.

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ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Valley Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground is situated between both lakes and has 21 campsites and flush toilets. There is a boat ramp on Upper Enterprise Reservoir and several fishing areas around both reservoirs. Fishermen will find rainbow trout and smallmouth bass here. Fees are charged.



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

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

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

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

LAKE MEAD - Lake Mead National Recreation Area offers a wealth of things to do and places to go year-round. Its huge lakes cater to boaters, swimmers, sunbathers and fishermen,

while its desert rewards hikers, wildlife photographers, and roadside sightseers. It is also home to thousands of desert plants and animals adapted to survive in an extreme place where rain is scarce and temperatures soar. (702) 293-8990.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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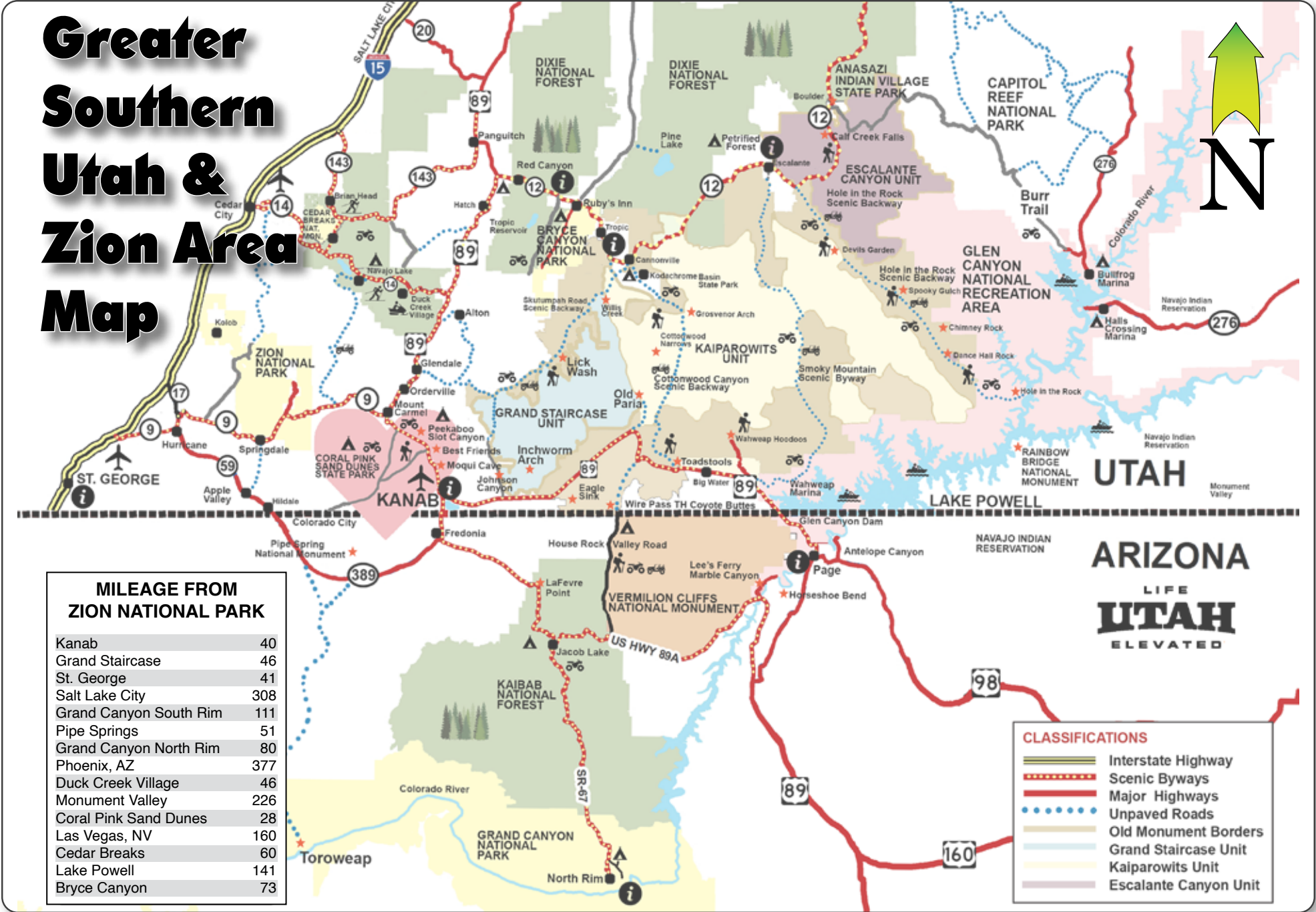
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Zion Area Annual Events



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.





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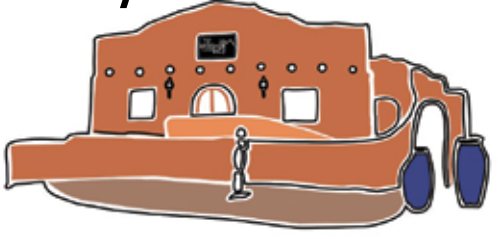
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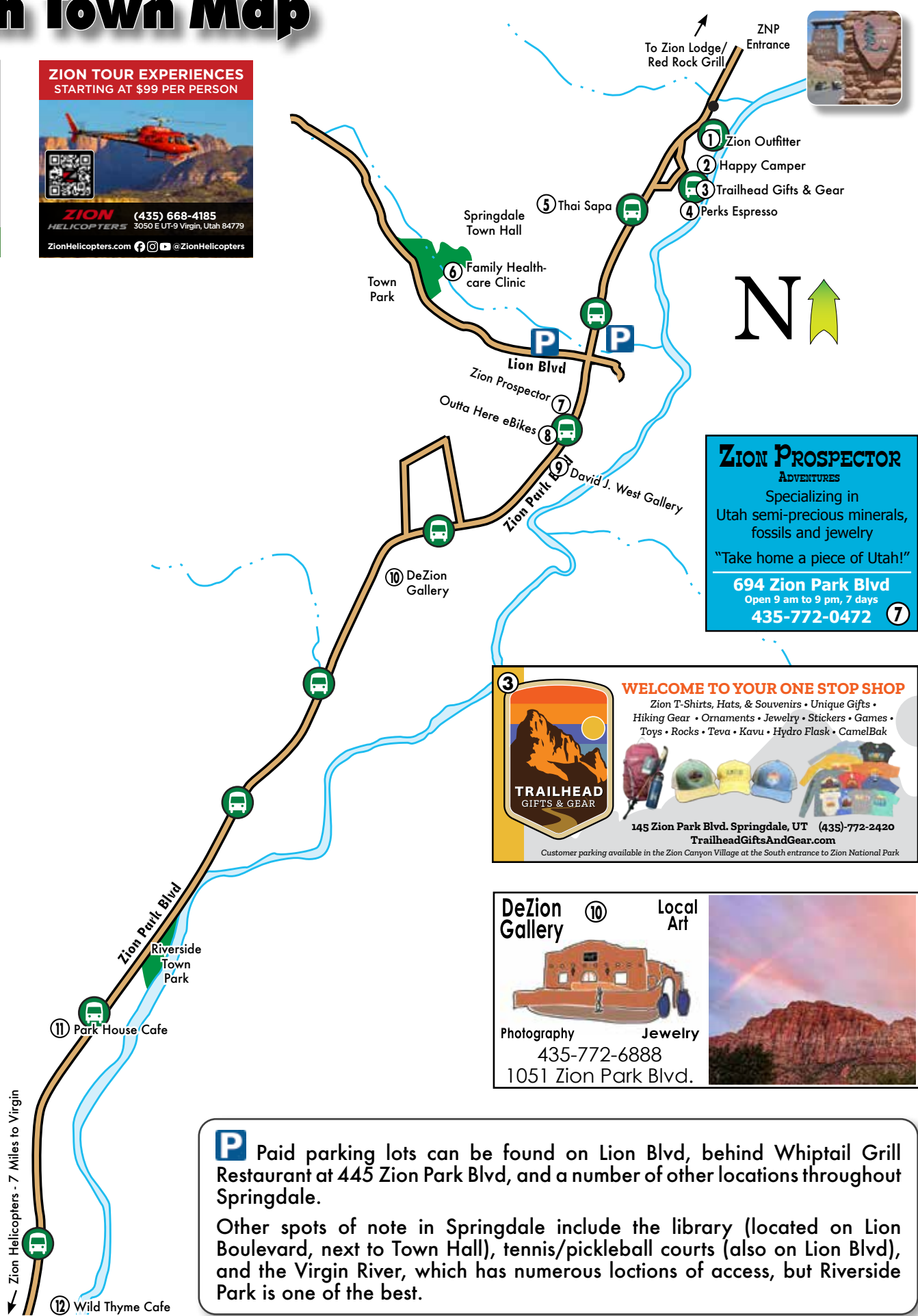




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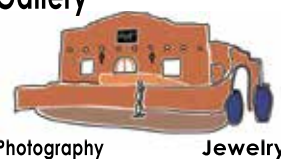
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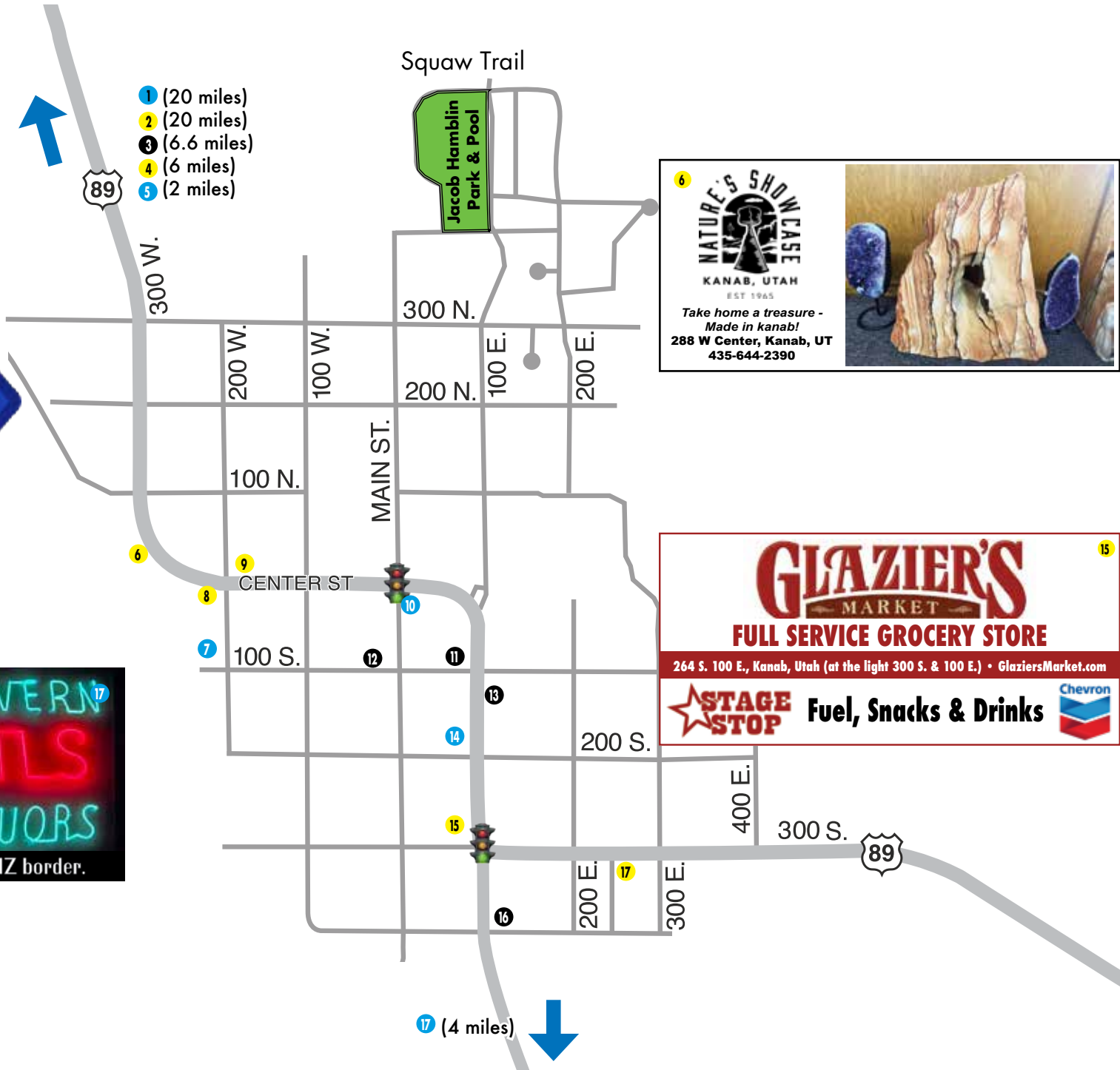


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