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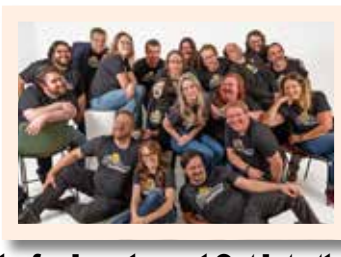
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GIVE THANKS FOR LAUGHS AND GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH SO U COMEDY THEATER!



November 7 & 21, 2026—St. George

November offers a time to reflect on gratitude, and for So U Comedy Theater, the local community and audience rank at the top of the list. Whether attendees have been coming for years or are planning a first visit, the theater expresses appreciation for the continued community support of local live comedy. Improv is a team effort, where audience suggestions and reactions inspire each scene, making every performance a unique experience.

Performances take place this month on Saturdays, Nov. 7 and 21, featuring live unscripted improv at the Electric Theater Center in Upper Room 2. The Family Friendly Show at 7 PM offers entertainment for all ages, while the Uncensored Show at 9 PM features comedy for adults seeking an edge. Every performance is completely unscripted, with games, characters, and scenarios created live on stage.

Designed for group outings, date nights, or a break from Black Friday shopping, So U Comedy shows deliver laughter and punchlines for audiences of all ages. Attendees are encouraged to bring holiday cheer and suggestions for the improvisers.

So U Comedy will welcome audiences back in December for shows on Dec. 5 and 19. Continuing tradition, a special guest host will join the cast when Santa trades his sleigh for the stage during the annual Holly Jolly Improv show on Dec. 19. The holiday-themed show will feature seasonal improv, audience participation, and a Hallmark movie parody montage, followed by the late-night uncensored show.

As part of its mission, So U Comedy Theater focuses on building community through creativity, laughter, and connection. Beyond mainstage performances, community members can participate in weekly Community Practice Nights held every Monday at 7 PM at the Electric Theater Center. These open sessions allow anyone interested in improv to learn the basics, meet performers, and try something new. No prior experience is necessary.

So U Comedy Theater is also available for private events, including corporate holiday parties and family gatherings, offering tailored live improv performances. Information on booking private holiday shows is available at soucomedy.com.

Tickets for all upcoming performances are available online at soucomedy.com or at the door. Discounts are available for seniors, veterans, students, and children.







ST. GEORGE OPERA PRESENTS CHRISTMAS ORATORIO: A LIVING MUSICAL PAGEANT

December 17–19, 2026—St. George

St. George Opera invites Southern Utah audiences to experience Christmas Oratorio: A Living Musical Pageant, Dec. 17–19, 2026, at Utah Tech University's Eccles Fine Arts Center.



Directed by Celeste Teal Larkin, with musical direction and arrangements by Dr. Rhea Miller and pianist Taylor Williams, the unique production brings the story of Christ's birth to life through classical music and theatrical storytelling.

The performers begin as members of a community gathering to put on a Christmas pageant. As the story unfolds, they transform into multiple characters, including Mary, Joseph, shepherds, Wise Men, and nuns. Each performer takes on several roles, celebrating the spirit of community and the shared tradition of telling the Christmas story.

The musical selections include Ralph Vaughan Williams's On Christmas Night and Fantasia on Christmas Carols, J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, Camille Saint-Saëns's Oratorio de Noël, and Scene Six of Hector Berlioz's L'enfance du Christ. These works offer a rich musical tapestry of reverence, wonder, and celebration.

Rather than presenting these oratorio and choral works in a traditional concert format, the production incorporates theatrical staging, movement, and character-driven storytelling. Performers move between roles as the Nativity unfolds, adding visual depth and dramatic expression to the music while offering audiences a fresh way to experience these classical compositions.

The cast features Mary Nicholls, Candace Washburn, Shannon Rae, Brooke Alldredge-Smith, Jared Washburn, Olatz Unamuno, Jenna Waite, Gail Jardine, Raina Thorne, and Ivan Odom, accompanied by pianist Taylor Williams.

St. George Opera is a Southern Utah nonprofit dedicated to sharing the joy of opera through high-quality performances, educational programs, and community outreach. The organization nurtures local talent while making vocal music accessible and inspiring throughout the region.

Performances take place Thursday and Friday, Dec. 17 and 18, at 7:30 PM, with a Saturday matinee on Dec. 19 at 2 PM at Utah Tech University's Eccles Fine Arts Center. Tickets and performance information are available online at stgeorgeopera.com.



BEYOND THE ORDINARY: DISCOVER HANDMADE TREASURES AT THE 2ND ANNUAL ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET

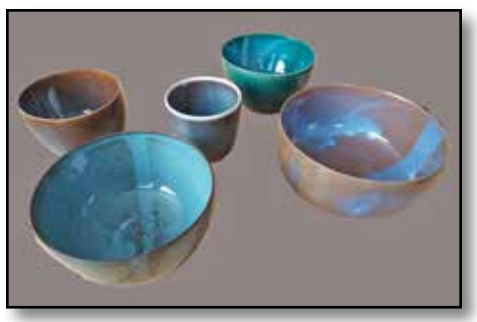
November 27–28, 2026—Washington

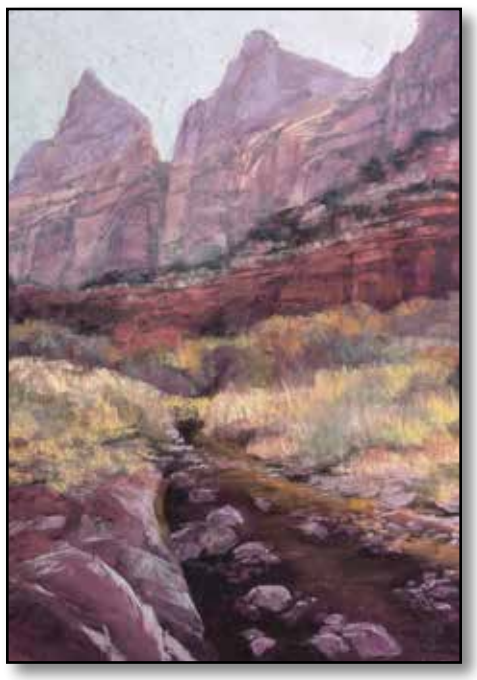
From beautifully crafted woodworking and sparkling handmade jewelry to colorful paintings, intricate weaving, and whimsical wool sculptures, the 2nd Annual Artisan Holiday Market promises an exciting showcase of artistic talent and handcrafted treasures this Thanksgiving weekend.



Presented by the Washington City Arts Council, the market will transform Washington Heritage Hall into a festive gathering place for local artists and artisans on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27–28, 2026, offering shoppers an opportunity to discover the remarkable creativity found throughout Washington County.

The Artisan Holiday Market brings together an eclectic collection of original artwork, traditional crafts, and imaginative handmade creations, each reflecting the individual style and craftsmanship of its maker. Visitors will discover original paintings, fine art photography, expertly fashioned woodworking, handwoven





textiles, distinctive ceramics, delicate glass creations, wool sculptures, and handcrafted jewelry ranging from elegant to playful. Culinary creativity will also be represented, with homemade jalapeño jelly adding a delicious touch to the festivities.

Scheduled over Thanksgiving weekend, the market provides a refreshing alternative to crowded shopping centers and conventional Black Friday sales. Visitors can meet participating artists, learn about their creative processes, and discover the inspiration behind their work.

The market takes place Friday, Nov. 27, from Noon to 5 PM, and Saturday, Nov. 28, from 10 AM to 3 PM, at Washington Heritage Hall, located at 50 N. Main Street in Washington, Utah.

The Washington City Arts Council enriches the community through arts programs, exhibitions, workshops, and special events that support local artists. For more information, contact Events Chair Linda Stout or visit the Washington City Arts Council website.

SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS SPONSORS INAUGURAL KANE COUNTY HOME SHOW

November 28, 2026—Kanab

The Symphony of the Canyons, a regional non-profit orchestra featuring instrumentalists from Southern Utah and Northern Arizona, is sponsoring Kane County's inaugural home show on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026, from 10 AM to 5 PM.



Community members interested in touring historic and unique residences throughout Kane County can purchase tickets at the Kanab Center, located at 20 North 100 East in Kanab, between 9:30 AM and 4 PM on the day of the tour. Upon purchasing tickets, attendees will receive a guide with addresses for all participating residences, highlighting stunning architecture, inventive design features, and seasonal holiday decorations.

Ticket proceeds directly support 2027 Symphony of the Canyons programming and fund annual college scholarships provided to local high school seniors through the orchestra's educational initiatives.

Most Symphony of the Canyons concerts are presented to the public free of charge. Fundraising events like the home show help cover essential operating costs, including concert advertising, program printing, and professional audio services provided by New Moon Productions, allowing the maximum number of residents to enjoy live classical music.

All instrumentalists in Symphony of the Canyons perform on a volunteer basis at their own expense, representing a major community contribution that keeps high-quality orchestral music accessible throughout the region. Up next, the orchestra will present a free holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 7 PM at Kanab High School in collaboration with the Canyon Singers, featuring traditional Christmas music.

The community is invited to support the inaugural home show on Nov. 28 and attend the free holiday concert on Dec. 20. Further details are available through Symphony of the Canyons organizers.



WESTSIDE STUDIO OF PERFORMING ARTS BRINGS CLASSIC BALLET 'THE NUTCRACKER' TO SOUTHERN UTAH

December 11–12, 2026—St. George

Westside Studio of Performing Arts continues a time-honored holiday tradition in Southern Utah with four performances of the classic ballet "The Nutcracker."



The studio will perform "The Nutcracker" at the Desert Hills High School auditorium Dec. 11–12, with performances at 2:30 PM and 7:30 PM. Tickets range from $20 to $40 and may be purchased online at westsidestudio.org/tickets.

Westside Studio has performed an adaptation of "The Nutcracker" every holiday season for the past 35 years. It grew to a full-scale production in 2000. For the young talent being nurtured by the studio's faculty, it's a thrilling opportunity to dance alongside seasoned professionals. Although the story has been adapted countless times for film, television, and live shows, it remains a beloved Christmas favorite with audiences worldwide, and Westside Studio of Performing Arts is proud to bring its version to Southern Utah.

Grown-ups and children alike will delight in seeing the mice and soldiers battle before Clara continues into the Snow Kingdom and the Land of the Sweets to visit the Sugar Plum Fairy. There, dancers from around the world entertain the Nutcracker Prince and Clara, bringing smiles to the faces of all involved. Westside Studio will present a full production of the classic ballet featuring beautifully decorated sets and exquisite costumes that accent Tchaikovsky's magical score, accomplished professional dancers, as well as local dance students.

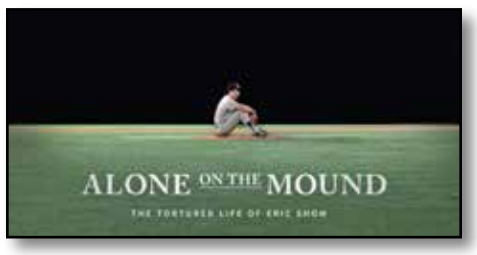


RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL'S SECOND SECTION COMES TO CEDAR CITY FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY

November 18–21, 2026—Cedar City

The 20th Annual Red Rock Film Festival continues southern Utah film premieres Nov. 18–21, bringing independent, international cinema to Festival City. The public events, featuring selections from the Utah Film Market, present a distinct lineup of films each day at the Cedar Fun Center.

The curated festival lineup explores themes of family, freedom, human resilience, and society's relationship with the surrounding world—offering what organizers describe as a thoughtful contrast to mainstream media trends.



At the Cedar City section, two narrative dramas examine personal struggles and perseverance. Marko Naberšnik's "Whites Wash at Ninety" follows protagonist Bronja as she faces cancer after losing her mother to the disease. In Sonnie Lee's "The Distance We Drift," a Hong Kong immigrant reunites with a former lover in London, confronting memories, emotional distance, and questions of belonging.

Comedy takes center stage in Dmitry Nikolenko's Pygmalion fantasy "My Boyfriend, a Mannequin," centered on a woman who discovers an enchanted young man invisible to everyone else and attempts to break his spell.

Documentary selections investigate institutions, accountability, and constitutional protections. Sharon Liese's "Seized" examines a controversial police raid on a Kansas newspaper, raising questions about press freedom. Abraham Joffe's "Trade Secret," filmed over six years across 13 countries, follows three investigators looking into the commercial trade in polar bears and examining whether conservation entities





may be contributing to wildlife exploitation. Joffe previously won multiple Red Rock Film Festival awards.

Musical expression and social themes merge in "Ishues," directed by Scott Montgomery, Kevin Neynaber, and Philip Romero. The film follows musician PM Romero and singer Ishmael Herring, who is experiencing homelessness in Los Angeles, on a musical journey featuring DMC of Run-DMC, the Blind Boys of Alabama, and Brenton Wood. Fiona Young's "UFM: Unbroken: The Untold Story of Shen Yun" examines alleged intimidation surrounding the internationally touring dance company and the intersection of artistic expression,



faith, and political power.

Baseball history transitions into character study in "Alone on the Mound," directed by John Jeffrey Condit and Tom Friend. The documentary explores pitcher Eric Show's life and features Pete Rose's final studio interview before his passing in 2024.

The Cedar City screenings follow earlier presentations in St. George, where Taylor Olson's "What We Dreamed of Then" and Utah filmmaker Jill Orschel's "Snowland" drew enthusiastic responses and prompted audience requests for encore screenings.

The festival runs Nov. 18–21 from 1 to 11 PM daily at the Cedar Fun Center, located at 170 E. Fiddlers Canyon Rd. in Cedar City. Advance pass pricing is available online at redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org/passes/buy. Attendees using the website can scroll down to the Locals Pass section and enter the Cedar Fun Center zip code as a discount code.

LOCAL ROCK BAND SPOTLIGHT: RUNAWAY FIRE RELEASES THIRD ALBUM 'HUMAN AND LOVING IT'

December 4, 2026—St. George

Utah's up-and-coming original rock band, Runaway Fire, continues to expand its footprint across the local music scene, capturing the attention of listeners throughout Northern and Southern Utah. The group spent the summer touring across the American West, sharing original music and energetic live performances.

The band's third studio album, "Human and Loving It," will be officially released on CD on Dec. 4, 2026. To celebrate the debut, Runaway Fire will host an album release concert on Dec. 4 at Saints and Sinners in St. George, where physical CD copies will be available for purchase.











About the Band

Frontman and songwriter Mike Wilson crafted the melodies for the new release, bringing impassioned vocal performances and dynamic stage presence to the group's live shows. His songwriting connects emotionally with audiences, aiming to leave listeners feeling uplifted and energized.

Keyboardist and synthesizer player Marci Allen brings distinct soundscapes and high-energy performance to the ensemble. Allen meticulously designs and performs synth arrangements live during every concert, adhering strictly to authentic live instrumentation without backing tracks.

Acoustic drummer Ian Shaw provides precision, dynamic range, and technical skill behind the kit. Shaw's custom drum arrangements complement the melodic structure of the band's compositions, earning praise from concertgoers across the region.

Bassist Chase Sylvester rounds out the rhythm section with intricate fretwork and rich backing vocals. Having played multiple instruments from an early age, Sylvester contributes extensive compositional knowledge and rhythmic stability to the band's signature sound.

Supporting Local Music

The members of Runaway Fire are dedicating their efforts toward building a career in music. When asked about their philosophy, the band members state that their core mission is spreading love. Music fans in Utah can support the local group by following their social media channels, streaming their releases, and attending live performances.

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THE DISH: SANTO FORNO BRINGS FRESH ITALIAN FLAVOR TO ST. GEORGE

There's something exciting about discovering a new restaurant before it has even put up its sign. That was the case during a recent visit to Santo Forno, one of St. George's newest dining destinations. The restaurant was still in its soft opening, but with a full menu, a beautiful atmosphere and a kitchen already turning out impressive dishes, it certainly didn't feel like a work in progress.



Santo Forno brings together fresh Italian inspired food, brick oven pizza and a thoughtful cocktail program in a setting that feels both stylish and inviting. The décor has that quintessential Italian charm, with an attention to detail that makes the entire experience feel considered, without being overly formal.

For this visit, the menu exploration included a steak salad, Margherita pizza and an Aperol Spritz. It was a combination that offered a nice introduction to what Santo Forno is bringing to the St. George dining scene.

The steak salad was a standout, showcasing the freshness of the ingredients and the kitchen's attention to quality. Sometimes a salad is simply something to accompany the main event, but this one held its own.

Of course, it's hard to visit a restaurant with a brick oven and not order pizza. The Margherita is a classic for a reason, allowing the crust, sauce, cheese and basil to do the talking. It's also a good test of a pizza kitchen, where simplicity leaves little room to hide. Santo Forno's version delivered the kind of fresh, satisfying flavors that make a traditional pizza worth revisiting.

And then there was the Aperol Spritz.

The cocktails at Santo Forno deserve their own mention. There's a level of thoughtfulness behind the bar that mirrors what's happening in the kitchen. Rather than treating cocktails as an afterthought, the mixology feels like part of the overall dining experience. An Aperol Spritz, with its bittersweet citrus character and refreshing bubbles, felt right at home alongside the Italian inspired menu.

What's especially interesting is that Santo Forno is just getting started. Although the restaurant was already serving its full opening menu during the soft launch, additional items are planned as the concept continues to develop. That makes it an especially fun time to discover the restaurant, knowing there may be something new to try on the next visit.

And there will definitely be a next visit. As impressive as the pizza and salad were, the true test of an Italian restaurant, at least in this book, is the meatballs and pasta. Those are still on the list, along with a stop next door at Santo Forno's sister gelato shop. Because really, what better way to finish an Italian dinner than with gelato?

For anyone who appreciates fresh food, a well prepared pizza and cocktails made with care, Santo Forno is worth adding to the dining rotation. Considering how much was already in place before the sign even went up, there's plenty of reason to look forward to what's next.

Santo Forno is located at 1255 W. Sunset Blvd., Unit 1, in St. George. Its online ordering menu confirms the Margherita pizza features house made mozzarella, basil and olive oil.

Visit its online menu or follow @ welcometosanto on Instagram for updates.



SEARS ART MUSEUM PRESENTS FRACTURED LANDS / FRACTURED NARRATIVES

November 13, 2026—St. George

The Sears Art Museum at Utah Tech University announces Fractured Lands / Fractured Narratives, a group exhibition featuring eight artists from Utah and Idaho whose work challenges traditional approaches to landscape painting. The exhibition opens Friday, Nov. 13, 2026, with a public reception from 6:30 to 8 PM and remains on view through Jan. 8, 2027.

Featuring artists Shelly Coleman, Micah Henrie, Tyler Tåne Huntzinger, Aaron Cordell Johnson, David Mensing, Matt Pectol, Barry Scharf, and Steve Sheffield, the exhibition explores the intersection of abstraction, landscape, and the stories we attach to the natural world.

At the heart of Fractured Lands / Fractured Narratives is a deceptively simple question posed to each participating artist: Are your abstract landscape paintings driven by formal choices or metaphor?

The question invites artists to consider whether their work emerges primarily from the formal elements of painting—color, composition, texture, and gesture—or from the ideas, experiences, and associations that landscapes can evoke. Rather than requiring a choice between these approaches, the exhibition encourages artists to embrace, resist, or complicate the distinction.

The exhibition brings together artists whose diverse approaches reflect what Sears Art Museum Director and Curator James Peck describes as "contemporary realism." While their works retain connections to recognizable landscapes, these artists move beyond straightforward representation, making inventive formal choices that may—or may not—suggest deeper layers of meaning. Their paintings challenge the notion that landscape art must faithfully reproduce the visible world, instead exploring the possibilities of interpretation, abstraction, and personal expression.









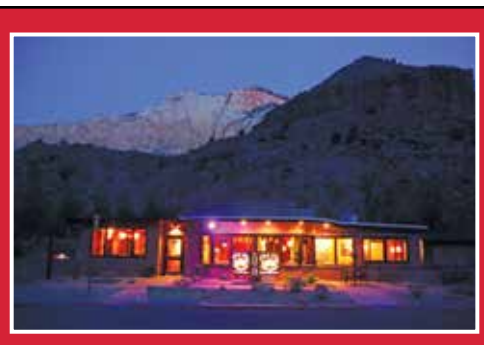


"Landscape painting has traditionally been associated with the depiction of place, but abstraction allows artists to explore something less tangible: the memories, experiences, and ideas we project onto the land. This exhibition asks whether those meanings are deliberately constructed or emerge through the act of painting itself," said Peck.

All eight artists are based in Utah or Idaho, a region defined by dramatic geology and a complex cultural landscape. From fractured rock formations and expansive deserts to mountain ranges and shifting environments, the American West provides a rich visual and conceptual foundation for contemporary landscape painting. Yet the exhibition is less concerned with documenting specific places than with exploring how artists transform their experiences of landscape into compelling visual statements.

Together, the works in Fractured Lands / Fractured Narratives offer a fresh perspective on a longstanding artistic tradition. By questioning the boundaries between realism and abstraction, formal experimentation and metaphor, the exhibition invites viewers to reconsider not only how landscapes are represented, but how meaning is created through the act of looking.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Sears Art Museum is located in the Dolores Doré Eccles Fine Arts Center at Utah Tech University in St. George. Museum hours are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM (closed weekends and university holidays). Exhibition details and museum information are available at the Sears Art Museum website.



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Z-ARTS PRESENTS THE ZION CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

November 27–28, 2026—Springdale

Holiday shopping gets a creative touch when the Zion Canyon Arts & Crafts Fair returns to Springdale Nov. 27–28. Presented by Z-Arts, the Zion Canyon Arts & Humanities Council, the two-day event brings local artisans and their unique creations to the Canyon Community Center from 10 AM to 4 PM both days.

For anyone hoping to find a gift with personality, the fair offers plenty of possibilities. Along with a bake sale, this year's offerings include crochet, glass, jewelry, knitting, mixed media, textiles, painting, pottery, weaving, and woodwork, along with gifts and handmade goods. Whether shoppers are looking for wearable art, a distinctive piece for the home, or something handmade and unexpected, a wide range of creative work will be available to explore.

The fair's promotional artwork offers a glimpse of that variety, showcasing a colorful glass desert scene by Laura Brooks and an elegantly textured pottery vessel by Cailin Campbell. From decorative pieces to gifts with everyday uses, the event invites visitors to discover the imagination and craftsmanship of local makers.



Desert Moonrise
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Cailin Campbell

The Zion Canyon Arts & Crafts Fair has become a holiday tradition for residents and visitors alike. Previous coverage highlighted its mix of handcrafted work and community spirit, with opportunities to support regional artists while finding something special for the season. This year's Friday-and-Saturday schedule offers two days to continue that tradition over Thanksgiving weekend.

Beyond checking names off a shopping list, the fair provides an opportunity to spend time enjoying the creativity of the canyon community. Visitors can browse art and home décor, explore different materials and techniques, and sample delicious treats among this year's offerings.

The Zion Canyon Arts & Crafts Fair takes place at the Canyon Community Center in Springdale. Admission is open to the public. For more information, visit zarts.org.

M&S TURQUOISE SEEKS TOYS AND SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT THROUGH SHIVWITS TOY DRIVE

By Josh Warburton

Holiday Season 2026 – St. George

A holiday gift can brighten a child's day. Help with an education can open doors for years to come. This holiday season, M&S Turquoise is inviting Southern Utah residents to support both through the annual Shivwits Toy Drive, with an added emphasis on monetary donations to help more students pursue their education.



According to Jim Sevy, the effort provides small scholarships to 30 students, but requests from the tribal council show that the need reaches further.

"We're hoping to increase monetary donations so we can help more students with their education," Sevy said. "We offer small scholarships to 30 students, but the tribal council has asked whether we can help more."

The educational assistance builds on a community tradition supporting Southern Paiute children and families. This year's donation appeal reports that the previous drive helped more than 300 children, funded student scholarships, and provided additional assistance to individuals in the community.

"The students we work with are good students who are hoping to complete their programs," Sevy said. "But there are more students with needs. The tribal council refers as many students as we have the funds to help."

Over the years, the drive has brought together the Sevy family, M&S Turquoise staff, tribal leaders, and community donors. Contributions have helped provide children's gifts, gift cards for older youth, hams for elders, and support for tribal Christmas celebrations. Staff members have also volunteered their time to shop, sort, and wrap gifts.

For donors, that means several ways to make a difference: contribute toward holiday gifts, help support a student's education, or contact organizers to learn where assistance is most needed.

Help spread some holiday cheer by dropping off a donation at M&S Turquoise, 53 E. St. George Blvd., in St. George. Monetary contributions can be made through Venmo at @msturquoise. For donation questions or information about supporting scholarships, call 435-632-8407 or email msturq@msn.com. Visit mandsturquoise.com for showroom information.







A NEW TIME, A TIGHTER SHOW, AND PLENTY TO BE THANKFUL FOR AT OTC COMEDY

November 6–20, 2026—Cedar City

November is a great time to get out of the house, share a few laughs, and make room for something unexpected. OTC Comedy is bringing all that to Cedar City this month with its new Friday show format, plus a chance for community members to get in on the improv fun.





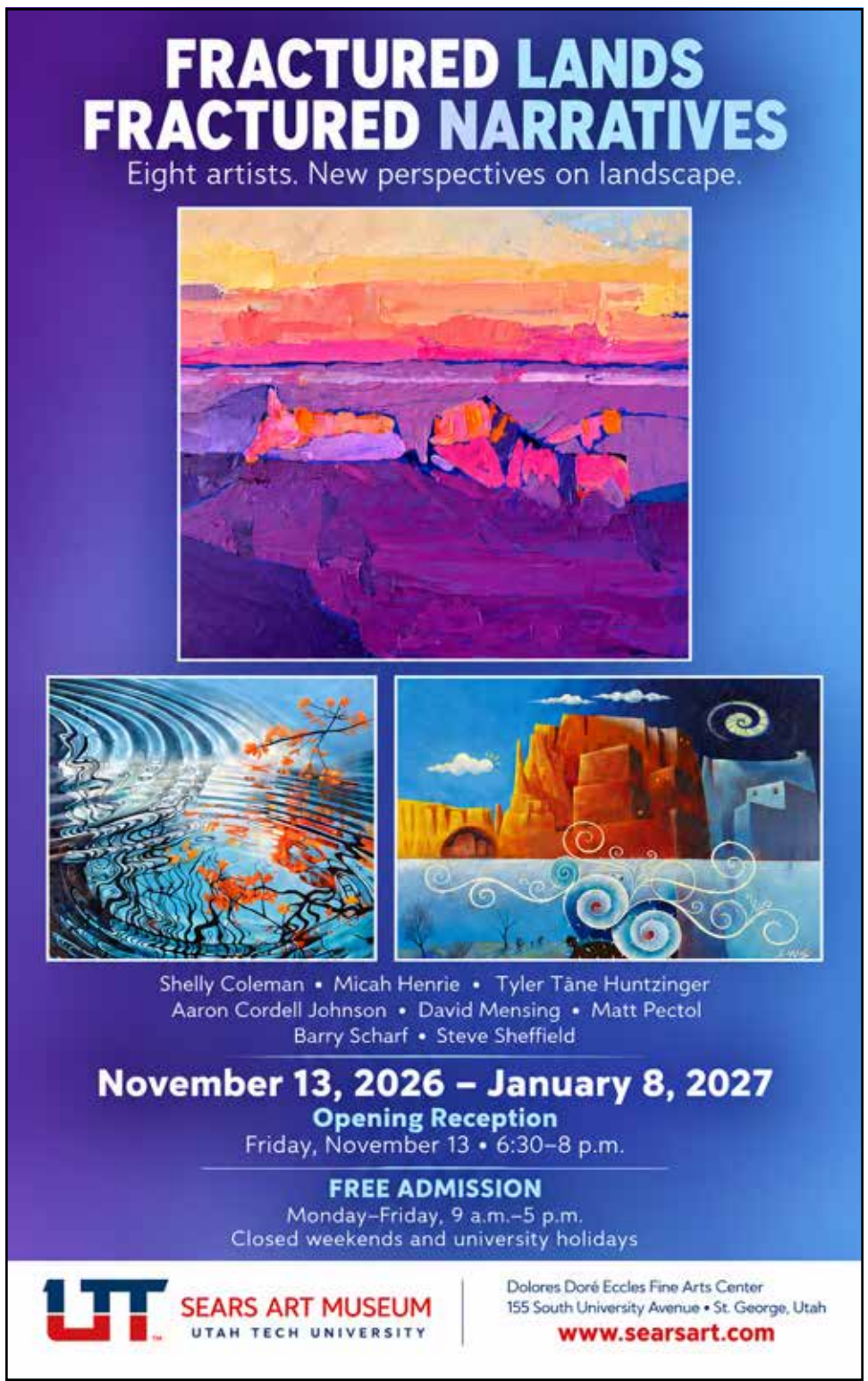
Every Friday in November except the Friday after Thanksgiving, OTC Comedy takes the stage at 7:30 PM at 913 S. Main Street. The new format delivers a tighter, no-intermission show, keeping the laughs moving from beginning to end. Whether attendees are longtime fans or seeing improv for the first time, each performance offers unscripted surprises.

For those interested in trying improv firsthand, OTC offers a Pay What You Can drop-in class at 6 PM on Thursday, Nov. 12, the second Thursday of the month. All experience levels are welcome, including absolute beginners. Participants can play games with OTC members, try something new, and discover the fun of creating scenes on the spot without prior experience.

OTC Comedy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing live improvisational comedy to the community. In keeping with that mission, Friday show admission carries a suggested $10 donation. Contributions help maintain the theater and support local live performance, while those facing financial challenges remain welcome to attend. Everyone deserves a night of laughter.

Please note that there will be no show on Friday, Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving. The theater wishes the community a wonderful holiday and looks forward to welcoming audiences on the remaining Fridays throughout the month.

Instead of another night of scrolling, community members are invited to experience live entertainment that changes with every performance. Attendees can watch a show, participate in games, or do both at the OTC Comedy Theater, located at 913 S. Main Street. Suggested donation is $10. Tickets and class sign-ups are available online at otccomedy.com.



"HEAVEN AND NATURE SING" IS THE HERITAGE CHOIR'S GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

December 18, 2026—St. George

Holiday music is as central to Christmas as beautifully wrapped gifts under the tree, a festive dinner with turkey, dressing, cranberries, and pumpkin pie, and holiday parties with friends or visits from family. Favorite holiday melodies, often memorized as children, can be heard in shopping centers beginning as early as mid-October. While shoppers might find themselves whistling or singing whimsical tunes like "Jingle Bells" or "Rudolph," music associated with Christmas can also feature a song of joy relating to the birth of Jesus Christ or other seasonal themes.

Under the direction of Dr. Ken Peterson and accompanied by pianist Jennifer Redfearn and organist Karen Kennedy, the choir will perform holiday favorites such as "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "Angels We Have Heard on High," alongside several new arrangements.

The dynamic program also features guest artists from the 32-member Desert Hills High School Chamber Singers, who will blend their voices with the choir for special arrangements of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" and concluding with "O Holy Night."

Under the direction of DHHS Choir Director Joe Woolf, the auditioned student ensemble is known for its distinctive sound, energy, and musical excellence. For this concert, the Chamber Singers will perform "Spirit of the Season" arranged by Jamey Ray, "Lux Aurumque" arranged by Eric Whitacre, and "Love's Pure Light" arranged by Elaine Hagenberg.



Whatever sings Christmas to an audience, the Southern Utah Heritage Choir's upcoming Christmas concert titled "Heaven and Nature Sing" is certain to enhance the holiday spirit. The ensemble—often described as the "musical jewel of Southern Utah"—takes the stage at the America First Performing Arts Center for one performance only on Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 PM.

According to Choir President Geri Rhodes, the concert aims to uplift and inspire listeners, filling hearts and souls with love and joy as the beauty of the music reminds attendees of the reason for the season, offering an unforgettable holiday experience for music lovers throughout the community.

Over Thanksgiving weekend, music fans can visit HeritageChoir.org for special one-time Black Friday and Cyber Monday ticket offers on the choir's 33rd season. Nearly 200 voices will perform in their new home at the America First Performing Arts Center, where every seat offers comfort, accessibility, and acoustics. Tickets and additional concert details are available online at HeritageChoir.org.



CEDAR MUSIC STORE AND STUDIO PREPARES FOR ANNUAL BLACK FRIDAY SALE NOV. 27

November 27, 2026—Cedar City

Cedar Music Store and Studio will hold its biggest sale of the year on Black Friday, Nov. 27, 2026. Almost everything in the store, including instruments, accessories, and sound equipment, will be marked down by at least 20 percent.



Cedar Music Store is fully stocked for its annual Black Friday event and the surrounding holiday season. The shop currently features over 100 acoustic and electric guitars, spanning a wide range of styles and price points to fit varied musical needs.

"My family bought me a travel-sized guitar for Christmas and the owner told them I could trade it for a full-sized if I liked," customer Mary Peterson shared in a review. "I found this new guitar and fell in love with the look and sound, and he got me a bag for it as well. Very, very, very happy with everything about this!"

Other instruments in stock include new and used drumkits and keyboards suitable for beginner or advanced players. The store also features a dedicated string room stocked with violins, violas, and cellos of every size, alongside banjos and mandolins.

"The owner knew just from a picture exactly what I needed for my drumset, and it was even after hours and they were more than happy to get me the parts I needed to be playing that day," customer Dillon Fahey noted. "You can clearly tell they have a passion for what they sell and it shows."



For those seeking stocking stuffers or gifts for musicians, Cedar Music offers a wide selection of strings, picks, stands, and cases.

Cedar Music Store and Studio has served Southern Utah since 2019. Owners Derrek and Leslie Adams aim to support and grow the local music scene by providing knowledgeable service and accessible equipment.

"These guys are awesome," said Paul Pulsipher, a local musician and songwriter. "The owner knows his stuff about music tech, has clearly done a lot of performing in the music business, and has been quite helpful with equipment for my own music business. I found a really good price on my piano amp here—it has proven quite helpful on many occasions. I highly recommend them."

More information on the store and the upcoming Black Friday sale is available online at cedarmusicstore.com. The sale excludes lessons, rentals, and sheet music.

BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY RESPONDS TO SOUTHWEST FLOODING, SHARES ESSENTIAL PET SAFETY TIPS

Kanab

As severe flooding impacts communities across the Navajo Nation and western New Mexico, national nonprofit Best Friends Animal Society is on the ground in Grants, New Mexico, delivering pet supplies, assessing animal welfare needs, and coordinating support for affected local pets and their families. The organization continues to support local animal welfare partners through ongoing relief and recovery efforts.

Additional shelters and communities being assisted include Bernalillo County, Laguna Pueblo, and Acoma Pueblo. Best Friends Animal Society has also offered assistance at the state level and will continue to assess community needs and resources in this evolving emergency. Those looking to help make a difference in the lives of dogs and cats impacted by this disaster are encouraged to donate to Best Friends Animal Society to support ongoing emergency response efforts.

Flooding can happen quickly, making advanced preparation vital. Best Friends Animal Society offers five essential safety tips to ensure pet owners and their animals are flood-ready:

1. Prepare Your Pet: Safeguard your pet's health and chance for a swift return by microchipping pets with updated contact information and keeping vaccinations current so animals can be accepted into evacuation shelters or boarding facilities.

2. Pack a Pet "Go Bag": Evacuations can happen on short notice. Prepare an emergency bag containing printed



vaccination records, medication lists, a 3-to-5-day supply of food and water, collapsible bowls, a leash, collar with ID tags, a labeled crate, waste bags, and familiar toys or items to reduce stress.

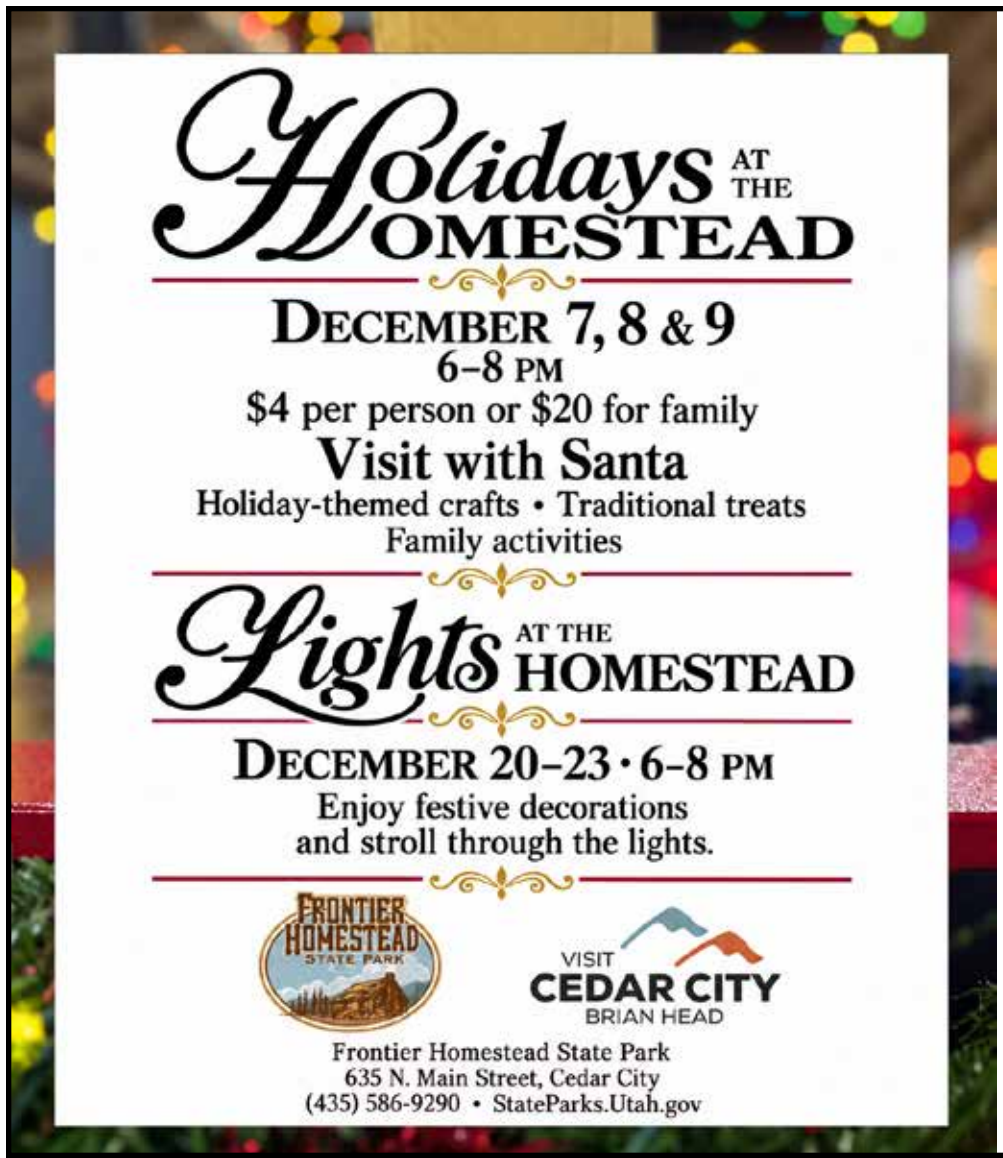
3. Create a Pet First Aid Kit: Because veterinary access may be limited during a disaster, prepare a kit with a first-aid guidebook, emergency contacts, antiseptic wipes, gauze, antibacterial ointment, tweezers, scissors, cold packs, hydrogen peroxide, a muzzle, and a flashlight.

4. Designate Pet Caregivers and Boarding Options: Never leave pets behind or tied outside during a storm. Identify trusted caregivers in advance and research pet-friendly evacuation shelters, boarding facilities, and lodging within 5–50-miles.

5. Take and Store Photos of Pets: Keep clear, current photos of each pet alone and with their owner on mobile devices and printed in go-bags to assist reunification if separation occurs.

Best Friends Animal Society operates lifesaving programs across the country, including the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary in Kanab, Utah. Learn more or support emergency response efforts at bestfriends.org.







HOLIDAYS AT THE BUMBLEBERRY FEATURES MOVIES, KARAOKE, AND A JOSHUA CREEK CHRISTMAS

November 27–December 19, 2026—Springdale

Holiday fun doesn't have to put a dent in the gift budget. Bumbleberry Theater in Springdale is celebrating the season with free Christmas movies and karaoke, plus the return of "A Joshua Creek Christmas." Whether the evening calls for singing along, settling in with a seasonal favorite, or enjoying live music, there is a reason to get out and gather.



"A Joshua Creek Christmas" takes the stage Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7 PM. Tickets are $20. The group has become a familiar part of Bumbleberry's holiday celebrations, pairing traditional and original Christmas music with stories, memories, and a little holiday humor.



Joshua Creek brings together lead vocalist and guitarist Jeff Hinton, guitarist and musical director Ron Saltmarsh, and drummer James Hollister. Their sound blends country and Americana with rich harmonies and storytelling centered on faith and family. Hinton, a Hurricane native, gives the group a hometown connection for Southern Utah audiences. It is a fitting combination for an evening built around Christmas memories and making new ones.

The free Christmas movie lineup begins Thanksgiving weekend, with every screening starting at 6 PM at the Bumbleberry Theater:



Nov. 27: "Arthur Christmas." When Santa's elaborate delivery system misses a child, his son Arthur launches an unlikely rescue mission to deliver the forgotten present before Christmas morning.

Dec. 4: "The Star." A donkey named Bo and an assortment of animal companions find themselves caught up in the first Christmas in this animated Nativity adventure.

Dec. 11: "The Year Without a Santa Claus" and "Frosty's Winter Wonderland." Santa considers skipping his Christmas rounds in the first feature, while Frosty finds companionship with Crystal—and trouble from a jealous Jack Frost—in the second.

Dec. 19: "Christmas with the Kranks." A couple's plan to skip Christmas unravels when their daughter announces a surprise visit, triggering a scramble to put the holiday back together.

For those ready to supply the soundtrack, free Christmas Karaoke takes place Thursday, Dec. 3, from 6 to 9 PM. Community members are invited to round up friends and bring their favorite tunes, holiday-related or not.

Bumbleberry Theater is located at 897 Zion Park Blvd. in Springdale. Concert tickets and additional information are available online at bumbleberry.com/springdale-utah-theater.

RAVEN'S HEART GALLERY PRESENTS THE HOLIDAY PARTY FEATURING HANDMADE ARTISTS' ORNAMENTS

November 28, 2026—Kanab

Holiday shoppers can complete their gift lists early and support regional creators during Raven's Heart Gallery's Holiday Party on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 4 to 7 PM in Kanab. The festive gathering puts artists' handmade ornaments in the spotlight, offering unique selections for collectors and gift givers alike.



A handmade artist ornament makes a thoughtful gift for friends, family, and anyone who appreciates creativity on their tree. Visitors can select a favorite piece for someone special or choose an addition for their own holiday collection.

The gallery will temporarily close Wednesday, Nov. 25, through Friday, Nov. 27, while "gallery elves" decorate festive trees with handmade ornaments created by gallery artists. Doors open at 4 PM on Saturday to reveal twinkling trees and a winter wonderland where guests can browse miniature artworks and holiday decorations.

Featured ornament artists include Angie Embree, Bonnie Dunn, Cindy Harris, Colleen Tomlin, Ellie Mae Clough, Gary Kalpakoff, Marjorie Eno, Karin Madsen, Ken Ragsdale, James Mosdell, Melissa Bowersock, Rebekka Anderson, Roger Dale, and Cindell Dale.





Alongside the ornaments, shoppers will find jewelry, pottery, and mini artworks—offering ample opportunities to check names off holiday lists while supporting local artisans.

The celebration continues the gallery's tradition of bringing artists and art lovers together through seasonal shows, artist receptions, and workshops. Co-owned by photographer and sculptor Gary Kalpakoff and artist Cyrus Mejía, Raven's Heart embraces "art with heart," emphasizing kindness, compassion, and respect for all life. Its exhibitions connect emerging and established artists with collectors and community members.



Guests can enjoy holiday cookies, festive beverages, and time with friends and loved ones throughout the evening. All community members are welcome.

Raven's Heart Gallery is located at 57 West Center Street in Kanab. Additional information is available on Facebook at Raven's Heart Gallery, on Instagram @ ravensheartgallery, or by calling (435) 644-5644.

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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

WILDWOOD (PG-13)
Grade: A-

Like a lot of monster kids out there, my introduction to stop motion animation probably started with the great effectsman, Ray Harryhausen. The 7th Voyage of Sinbad, Jason and the Argonauts, Mysterious Island, and Mighty Joe Young were staples of my youth and Harryhausen's brilliance would only be further cemented by 1981's Clash of the Titans, a movie that I probably saw 10 times in theaters during its initial run. Of course as an impressionable youngster, my other grand stop motion animation love affair was with the works of Rankin/Bass, more specifically, the beloved holiday classic "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and the underappreciated 60s gem, Mad Monster Party.

Through the years, stop motion animation has certainly evolved from those early days by way of many unforgettable efforts including but not limited to mainstays like The Nightmare Before Christmas, The Corpse Bride, James and the Giant Peach, Mad God, Guillermo del Toro's Pinocchio, and The Fantastic Mr. Fox. This is to say nothing of a handful of Aardman Animation masterworks like Chicken Run, the Shaun the Sheep films, and the Wallace and Gromit series.

This brings us to the engrossing modern fantasy, Wildwood, a spectacular new stop motion epic from the magicians at Laika (the studio behind Coraline, ParaNorman, The Boxtrolls, Kubo and the Two Strings, and Missing Link.) Based on a book (co-written by Colin Meloy whose band The Decemberists provides music for the Wildwood soundtrack) and reportedly 16 years in the making, this breathtaking achievement finds director Travis Knight (maker of the aforementioned Kubo and Two Strings, Bumblebee, and last summer's live action take on Masters of the Universe) and a very dedicated team wearing their many influences (Star Wars, The Birds, The Goonies, Alice in Wonderland, How to Train Your Dragon, and Willow, among them) on their creative sleeves, but with its impressive (and decidedly epic) clashes on the battlefield and its central story about a teenager scouring a vast fantasy realm looking for her kidnapped infant brother, the two films Wildwood most evokes are The Lord of the Rings and Labyrinth. This isn't to suggest that this richly detailed movie doesn't have an identity of its own. It certainly does. This is to say, you'll see that 16 years of extraordinary work right up there on the screen!

The adventure at the heart of Wildwood is set into motion when young Prue–a fiercely independent teen who disobeys her parents by way of taking her little brother into the big city while they're away– must venture into the mysterious (and vast) forest outside of Portland, Oregon after her infant sibling is plucked and whisked away from a playground by a flock of aggressive crows. What follows is a fantastical journey that finds Prue and her shy friend, Cursis, thrown into a world they never even knew existed where they come face to face with a large assortment of engaging characters… Some good, some not-so-good, and some even misunderstood. Along the way, Prue learns quite a bit about those around her and perhaps more importantly, she learns a great deal about herself and the true definition of heroism.

Firstly, let it be stated that Wildwood earns that PG-13 rating. It may be animated but make no mistakes; This is intense and sometimes scary stuff and it isn't without its fair share of violence, particularly in those battle scenes. That said, all of these things are in service of the story. Additionally, it should be noted that Wildwood is also magical and whimsical in equal measure and despite the heady and often dark themes (grief being a primary one), this is a film that also knows how to have fun.

Ultimately, Wildwood greatly benefits from taking a very character driven approach (there's real depth here) and not going overly cutesy, and as is the case with some of the strongest fantasies filmdom has to offer (think Pan's Labyrinth), the fantasy in this movie often mirrors real life issues. There's no doubt that there are moments here that are politically-charged and depending on what you personally believe, some moments could even be construed as a little heavy-handed, but it would be near impossible to deny the absolute beauty, awe-inspiring grandeur, and pure craftsmanship on display in the towering achievement that is Wildwood. This is high among the year's best films and it's the kind of movie that demands to be seen in theaters.

CLAYFACE (R)
Grade: B-

DC Studios has rolled the dice with Clayface, an R-rated villain origin story that opts to go more of the standalone route. No famed superhero appearances or references and barely a crossover moment in sight although the name Gotham is made mention of a handful of times but given that that's where this story takes place, how could it not be?

In Clayface, we're introduced to Matt Hagen (played by a solid Tom Rhys Harries), a recently Oscar-nominated actor with a shady and mysterious past who looks to better his life. Of course, a chance encounter with a mob boss's attractive muse at a raging party puts a damper on his future plans. In fact, said mob boss takes a knife to Hagen's face all but rendering this attractive actor's moneymaker virtually useless and sending his life into a tailspin.

Eventually, however, Hagen gets a new lease on life when he meets eager but disgraced Dr. Caitlyn Corr (played by Naomi Ackie), a scientist with an untested deformative care regiment who agrees to use this now-hiding-in-the-shadows actor as a guinea pig in an aggressive clinical trial.



As fate would have it, the experiment ultimately works…Sort of. While Hagen's deformed face is reconstructed and seemingly back to normal, this miracle cure comes with the kind of nasty side effects that would be perfectly at home in a David Cronenberg film.

With a disfigured anti-hero at its center and a huge dose of body horror thrown in for good measure, Clayface immediately brings to mind both Sam Raimi's underappreciated 1990 gem Darkman and Cronenberg's masterful 80s updating of The Fly. While this offering from DC isn't in the same league as either of those movies, it's still a fun time.

Clayface is a bit hampered by a smaller budget and an inconsistent and rushed first half (even the sparks between Hagen and Corr aren't given sufficient time to develop) but Harries is solid in the lead bringing vulnerability, mystery, charisma, and a menacing quality that makes for a very engaging character. Likewise, the makeup effects are extremely creative (and icky) offering a nice blend of practical and digital components. Solid production design, too.

In terms of story (the gifted Mike Flanagan is credited as one of the writers), once Hagen is overtaken by his anger-driven impulses and his bloodthirsty quest for revenge, Clayface really lets loose and allows its R-rated freak flag to fly. The end result is an imperfect slice of comic book-inspired viciousness that, again, still manages to be a fun time and for DC, it's a much-needed swing. At the very least, this movie is entertaining enough that I'd like to see more of Hagen/Clayface, be it in a follow-up or as a foe in a certain upcoming superhero property.

OTHER TITLES:
IN THEATERS--
YOU CAN SEE EVERYTHING (R)-- GRADE: A-
DIGGER (R)-- GRADE: B+
RESIDENT EVIL (R)-- GRADE: B
FORGOTTEN ISLAND (PG)-- GRADE: B+
WHALEFALL (PG-13)-- GRADE: B-
HEART OF THE BEAST (PG-13)-- GRADE: B-
STREAMING--
CRYSTAL LAKE (TV-MA) (PEACOCK)-- GRADE: B-
CARRIE (TV-MA) (PRIME)-- GRADE: C
BELOW (TV-MA) (NETFLIX)-- GRADE: C+
ANIMALS (R)-- GRADE: C
HOKUM (R)-- GRADE: B+

MULTI-DAY EVENTS

NOVEMBER DINING & DRINK SPECIALS AT VIRGIN RIVER CASINO & LODGE Nov. 6–10, 11 AM–10 PM. Enjoy daily dining and drink specials including the Steak Frites special at Virgin River Café, Tex-Mex dinner specials, and oxtail stew. playmesquite.com. Virgin River Casino & Lodge, 100 E. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite, NV.

PAGE CHAMBER STREET FAIR Nov. 6–7, All Day. Hot air balloon launches, 90+ vendors, beverage garden, and 8 live bands. pagechamberstreetfair.com. Page, AZ.

MOAB FOLK FESTIVAL Nov. 6–9, Various Times. 24th annual desert music gathering featuring Leftover Salmon, John Craigie, Steve Poltz, and Rising Appalachia. moabfolkfestival.com. Star Hall & Moab City Ballpark, Moab.

SEARS ART MUSEUM LANDSCAPE EXHIBITION Nov. 13, 2026–Jan. 8, 2027, Mon.–Fri. 9 AM–5 PM. Group art exhibition featuring eight regional landscape artists challenging traditional landscape painting through abstraction, realism, and metaphor. Free admission. Opening reception Nov. 13 from 6:30 PM–8 PM. searsart.com. Sears Art Museum, Eccles Fine Arts Center, 155 S. University Ave., St. George.

SAINT GEORGE CRAZY DAISY CHRISTMAS MARKET Nov. 13–14, 10 AM–6 PM. Holiday market featuring 90+ local vendors with home decor, apparel, handcrafted jewelry, gourmet treats, and giveaways. Free admission. crazydaisymarkets.com. Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 W. 700 S., Hurricane.

BYU BALLROOM DANCE COMPANY Nov. 15–16, 7 PM. Nationally acclaimed university ballroom dance ensemble delivering a world-class theatrical dance production. byuonstage.com. America First Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

LIGHT THE WORLD GIVING MACHINE 2026 Nov. 16–Dec. 4, Mall Hours. Customized giving vending machines allowing visitors to donate food, hygiene supplies, clothing, and educational items directly to local non-profit charities. givingmachine.org. Red Cliffs Mall, 1770 E. Red Cliffs Dr., St. George.

20TH ANNUAL RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL Nov. 18–21, 1 PM–11 PM. Independent international cinema premiere festival featuring feature dramas, comedies, documentaries, and shorts from the Utah Film Market. redrockfilmfestival.com. Cedar Fun Center, 170 E. Fiddlers Canyon Rd., Cedar City.

CANYON VIEW HIGH: CVHS TALON CRAFT FAIR Nov. 20–21, Fri. 5 PM, Sat. 9 AM. Annual holiday craft fair featuring local artisan gifts, student creations, baked goods, and community vendors. cvhs.irondistrict.org. Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

HOLIDAY MARKET Nov. 27–28, 10 AM–5 PM. Indoor holiday artisan market with 100+ local vendors spanning two buildings, live entertainment, and local food trucks. Free admission. southernutahmarket.com. Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 W. 700 S., Hurricane.

WASHINGTON CITY 2ND ANNUAL ARTISAN HOLIDAY MARKET Nov. 27–28, Fri. Noon–5 PM, Sat. 10 AM–3 PM. Holiday market presented by Washington City Arts Council featuring original paintings, photography, woodworking, handwoven textiles, ceramics, jewelry, and culinary treats. washingtoncityartscouncil.com. Heritage Hall, 50 N. Main St., Washington.

Z-ARTS ZION CANYON ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR Nov. 27–28, 10 AM–4 PM. Annual holiday craft fair showcasing local artisans, handcrafted pottery, glass art, jewelry, textiles, woodwork, gifts, and a community bake sale. zarts.org. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

PAROWAN CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY Nov. 27–28, Fri. 10 AM–5 PM, Sat. 10 AM–7 PM. Two-day holiday celebration featuring a Holiday Bazaar, Santa's Parade, Candlelight Walking Parade, Town Lighting Ceremony, and Christmas Variety Show. parowan.org. Main Street & Aladdin Theater, Parowan.

ENCORE! PRESENTS: A CHRISTMAS CAROL A NEW MUSICAL Nov. 30–Dec. 4, 7 PM. A musical adaptation of Dickens' classic story starring Corbin Allred. stageart.org. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

TOAST - THE BEST OF BREAD Dec. 3–5, 7:30 PM. Acclaimed tribute concert faithfully recreating the signature harmonies and hits of '70s soft-rock legends Bread. stgeorgemusic.com. Dimon Legacy Theatre, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

EVENTS BY DAY

DAILY

ZION VINEYARDS TASTING ROOM Noon–6 PM. Daily wine tastings featuring fine wines crafted in Southern Utah, including signature Sangiovese, charcuterie, and scenic desert views. zionvineyards.com. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

HORIZON KITCHEN + SPIRITS 7 AM–9 PM. Elevated casual dining with red rock views, open to the public. sandhollowresort.com. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

MONDAY

SO U COMEDY COMMUNITY PRACTICE NIGHTS Mondays, 7 PM. Weekly open practice sessions where anyone can learn the basics of improv comedy, meet performers, and play games in a welcoming environment. electrictheater.org. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.



ADVANCED BALLET Mondays, 6:30 PM. Weekly advanced technique class focusing on artistry and maintaining advanced skills. Performing Arts Campus, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

STORY TIME WITH GRANDPA STEVE Mondays, 10 AM. Weekly children's storytime hour. St. George Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

TUESDAY

LINE DANCING CLASS Tuesdays, 6:30 PM. Weekly free line dancing class with Donna and Dave Bronson of Bronco Entertainment. All skill levels welcome. thebuckskintavern.com. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ.

TUESDAY TRIVIA NIGHT Tuesdays, 7 PM. Weekly team trivia competition with gift card prizes and food specials. Station II, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

WEDNESDAY

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY YOGA 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 6 PM. Gentle 45-minute yoga class followed by drink discounts ($10 class fee). Mats provided if needed. thebuckskintavern.com. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ.

CEDAR CITY FOOD TRUCK COURT Wednesdays & Fridays, 11 AM–8 PM. Weekly downtown food truck gathering featuring rotating food trucks, concession vendors, and live music. cedarcity.org. Market Square, 108 S. Main St., Cedar City.

BIG IRON COUNTRY SWING DANCE Wednesdays, 7 PM. Weekly country swing dance instruction and open social dancing. The Venue, 34 N. Main St., Cedar City.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY TRIVIA AT BUCKSKIN TAVERN 3rd Thursday Monthly, 6 PM. Monthly team trivia contest featuring themed trivia rounds, drink specials, and prizes ($50 gift card for winning team). thebuckskintavern.com. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ.

KARAOKE AT ZION BREWERY STATION II Thursdays, 8 PM. Weekly karaoke night with live DJ setup and drink specials. 21+. zionbrewery.com. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

FRIDAY

OTC COMEDY FRIDAY IMPROV SHOWS Fridays, 7:30 PM. Intermission-free unscripted improv comedy created on the spot from audience suggestions. $10 suggested donation. otccomedy.com. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

DJ AT ZION BREWERY STATION II Fridays & Saturdays, 9 PM. Live DJ sets and dancing on Friday and Saturday nights. 21+. zionbrewery.com. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

SATURDAY

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 2026 Saturdays, 10 AM–2 PM. Weekly market featuring local growers, fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan crafts. southernutahmarket.com. Bristlecone Parking Lot, 100 W. Center St., Cedar City.

KANAB DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 2026 Saturdays, 10 AM–2 PM. Weekly outdoor farmers market featuring local growers and handcrafted artisan goods. kanab.utah.gov. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

LIVE MUSIC AT WILLOW GLEN RESORT Saturdays, 7 PM. Weekly live country music followed by an open mic and campfire gathering. willowglenresort.com. Willow Glen Resort, 3308 N. Bulldog Rd., Enoch.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE Saturdays, 2 PM. Weekly family movie screenings. St. George Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

TAI CHI AT SANTA CLARA LIBRARY Saturdays, 10:30 AM. Weekly gentle tai chi class. Santa Clara Library, 88 W. 100 S., Santa Clara.

SUNDAY

POKER AT ZION BREWERY STATION II Sundays, 5 PM. Weekly Sunday poker nights in the brewery loft. 21+. zionbrewery.com. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

EVENTS BY DATE

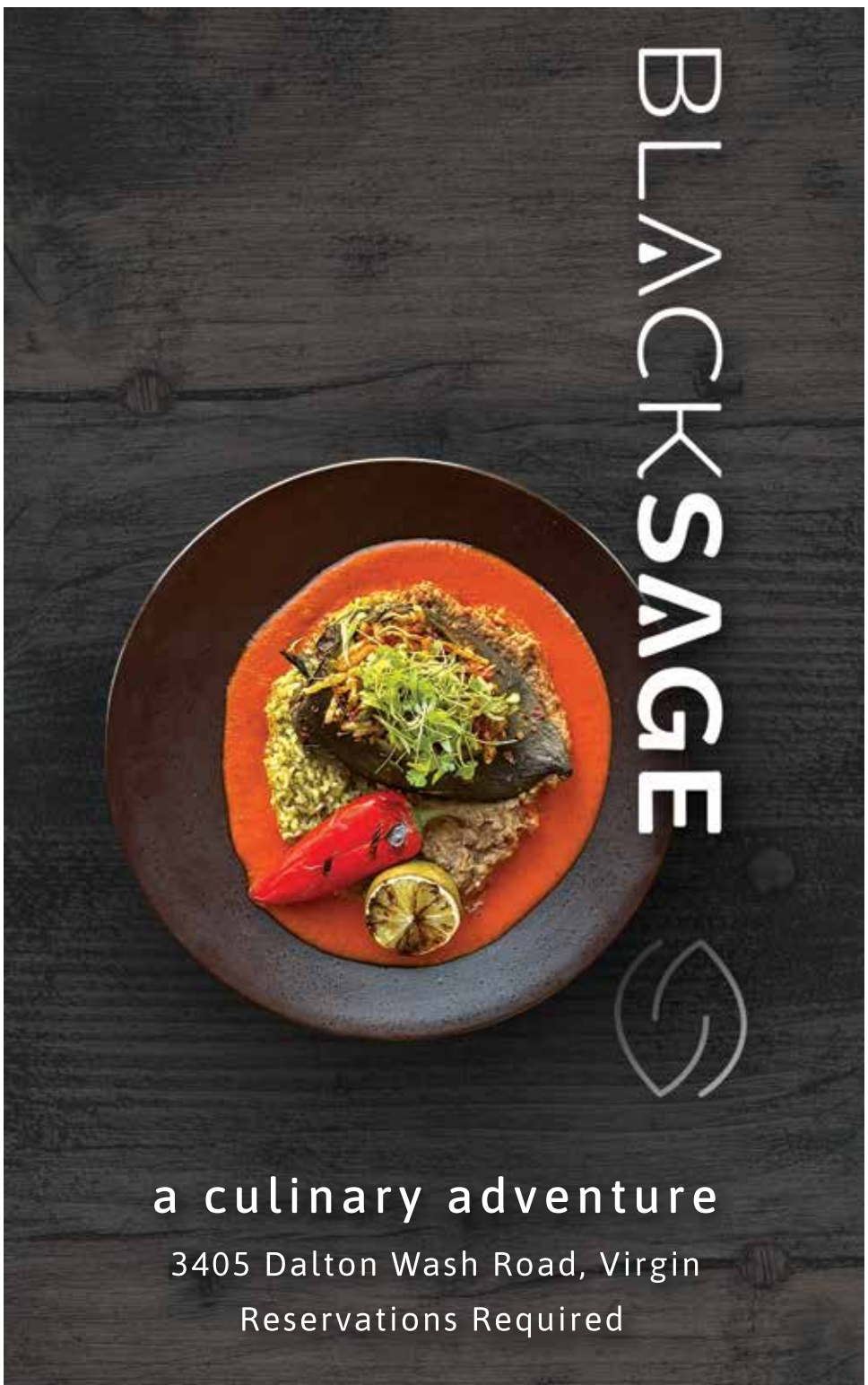
FRIDAY, NOV. 6

THE MUSIC OF BILLY JOEL & ELTON JOHN STARRING MICHAEL CAVANAUGH 7 PM. Broadway star Michael Cavanaugh performs the greatest hits of Billy Joel and Elton John with full band. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

OSU ROCK GOLD: VOLUME FOUR - VOICES AMPLIFIED! 7:30 PM. Orchestra of Southern Utah presents an electrifying symphonic rock concert featuring hits from Santana, Coldplay, Queen, and Van Halen. cedarcityut.gov. Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

VERTICAL HORIZON 7 PM. Multi-platinum alt-rock band performs their chart-topping hits including Everything You Want. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

CREATE PLAYDATE: DAY OF THE DEAD 10 AM. Preschool art activity and storytime celebrating Day of the Dead traditions. suu.edu/suma. Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.



SUMA: FIRST FRIDAY 6 PM–8 PM. Free after-hours art gathering featuring gallery tours, hands-on activities, and live music. suu.edu/suma. Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

CHRIS YOUNG 7 PM. Grammy-nominated country star Chris Young performs hits like Gettin You Home and Aw Naw live in concert. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

DIRT ROAD - THE JASON ALDEAN EXPERIENCE 8 PM. High-octane country rock tribute concert celebrating the music of Jason Aldean. playmesquite.com. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOWS 7 PM & 9 PM. Live unscripted improv comedy created on the spot from audience suggestions (7 PM PG, 9 PM Uncensored). electrictheater.org. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

DAY OF THE DEAD: FESTIVAL OF ALTARS Noon. Community celebration featuring Mariachi Fuego de Utah, Ballet Folklórico, food trucks, and art altars. suu.edu/suma. Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA), 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND 7 PM. Live classic rock, blues, and country music alongside a special seafood buffet night. eurekacasino.com. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite, NV.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

ONE NIGHT OF THE BEE GEES - STAYIN' ALIVE 7 PM. The world's premier Bee Gees tribute production featuring full video screens and classic disco hits. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: RAVEN CAIN & KIRA SHANELL 6:30 PM. Veterans Day tribute concert and community gathering on the patio stage. Free admission. sumacutah.org. The IceBox Grill, 27 N. 200 E., Ivins.

BILLS RIGHTS & BITES POLICY LUNCH 11:30 AM. Monthly civic briefing providing non-partisan policy insights and discussion for local business leaders. stgeorgchamber.org. Intermountain Health Center, 600 S. Medical Center Dr., St. George.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

STRAIGHT NO CHASER 7 PM. World-renowned 9-member a cappella sensation brings their acclaimed holiday concert tour to the canyon. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

I HEART ART: A COMMUNITY ART CELEBRATION 6 PM–8:30 PM. One-night celebration featuring local art sales, live music by Shawn Owen's Project, and town square tours. artaroundthecorner.org. St. George City Hall, 61 S. Main St., St. George.

OTC COMEDY PAY WHAT YOU CAN DROP-IN CLASS 6 PM. Interactive drop-in improv workshop open to all skill levels. Learn comedy basics and play games with OTC members. otccomedy.com. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

RODNEY ATKINS 7 PM. Country music star Rodney Atkins performs six #1 hits including Watching You and If You're Going Through Hell. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

KASAUN WILSON: STAND-UP COMEDY 7:30 PM. Nationally touring comedian Kasaun Wilson performs live stand-up comedy. electrictheater.org. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

MOON SHADOWS: TRIBUTE TO PINK FLOYD 8 PM. Live laser and rock concert tribute to Pink Floyd. eurekacasino.com. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite, NV.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

THE FAB FOUR - THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE 7 PM. Emmy Award-winning Beatles tribute band delivering precise musical renditions of classic Beatles hits. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

43RD ANNUAL BUTCH CASSIDY 10K & 5K 9 AM. Historic road race along the Virgin River from Springdale to Zion National Park. springdaleut.gov. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

MIXTAPE REWIND: '80S TRIBUTE FEATURING THE 8EEZ 8 PM. High-energy '80s pop and rock dance party. playmesquite.com. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, NV.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

SNOW CANYON HALF MARATHON, 10K & 5K 8:30 AM. Scenic downhill road race running through the red rock scenery of Snow Canyon State Park. sgcity.org. Snow Canyon State Park, 1002 Snow Canyon Dr., Ivins.

THE GREAT WIDE OPEN MIC 7 PM. Solar-powered travelling songwriter showcase featuring local regional artists. kayentaarts.com. Center for the Arts at Kayenta, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

ST. GEORGE TURKEY TROT 5K 8 AM. Annual Thanksgiving morning family fun run supporting local food banks. sgcity.org. J.C. Snow Park, 275 E. 900 S., St. George.

BRIAN HEAD TURKEY TROT 5K 9 AM. High-altitude Thanksgiving morning trail run with hot cocoa and prizes. brianhead.com. Giant Steps Lodge, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

GENTRI: CHRISTMAS TOUR 2026 7 PM. The Gentlemen Trio delivers majestic three-part tenor vocal harmonies and cinematic Christmas arrangements. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

BLACK FRIDAY COMEDY SPECIAL 8 PM. Special holiday stand-up comedy show featuring guest headliners. kayentaarts.com. Center for the Arts at Kayenta, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER FREE MOVIE: ARTHUR CHRISTMAS 6 PM. Free holiday screening of the animated Christmas comedy adventure film Arthur Christmas. bumbleberry.com. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

KANE COUNTY HOME SHOW & SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS 10 AM–5 PM. Inaugural holiday home tour and symphony benefit concert supporting music scholarships. symphonyofthecanyons.org. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

RAVEN'S HEART GALLERY HOLIDAY PARTY & ARTISTS' ORNAMENTS 4 PM–7 PM. Festive holiday party featuring handmade artists' ornaments, fine craft gifts, pottery, jewelry, cookies, and beverages. ravensheartgallery.com. Raven's Heart Gallery, 57 W. Center St., Kanab.

THURSDAY, DEC. 3

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER FREE CHRISTMAS KARAOKE 6 PM–9 PM. Free holiday karaoke night for friends and family to sing their favorite festive tunes. bumbleberry.com. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

GENTRI: CHRISTMAS TOUR 2026 (ENCORE) 7 PM. Second night of cinematic three-tenor holiday classics under the desert stars. tuacahn.org. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

FIRST FRIDAY AT KAYENTA: HOLIDAY KICKOFF 5 PM–8 PM. Free community holiday pop-up market featuring local artisans, luminarias, hot cider, and live music. kayentaarts.com. Kayenta Art Village, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER FREE MOVIE: THE STAR 6 PM. Free screening of the animated Nativity feature film The Star. bumbleberry.com. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

MESQUITE TOES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2026 1 PM. The Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe presents their 2026 Christmas Spectacular featuring tap, jazz, clogging, guest singers, and cowboy poetry. mesquitenv.gov. Mesquite Community Theater, 150 N. Yucca St., Mesquite, NV.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER: A JOSHUA CREEK CHRISTMAS 7 PM. Live holiday concert blending Americana storytelling, faith, and traditional Christmas music. Tickets $20. bumbleberry.com. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

MESQUITE TOES CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2026 (MATINEE) 1 PM. Second afternoon performance of the Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe holiday showcase. mesquitenv.gov. Mesquite Community Theater, 150 N. Yucca St., Mesquite, NV.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

YOGA WITH WIL DUCREST AT STATION 2 Noon. Donation-based monthly Sunday yoga session open to all skill levels. zionbrewery.com. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.



WELCOME TO ZION NATIONAL PARK FROM ZION GUIDE


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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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Popular Zion Hikes

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Photo by David J. West

Angels Landing via West Rim Trail

Possibly the most popular hike in Zion, Angels Landing takes around four hours to complete, covers just under 5 1/2 miles, and requires a permit to hike. As you work your way up the 1,488-foot change in elevation, you'll want to look out for long drop-offs. This hike is not for young children or people with a fear of heights. Be sure to enjoy, but be careful along the last section of the hike, which is a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. The hike starts at The Grotto.

The Narrows via Riverside Walk

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

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

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

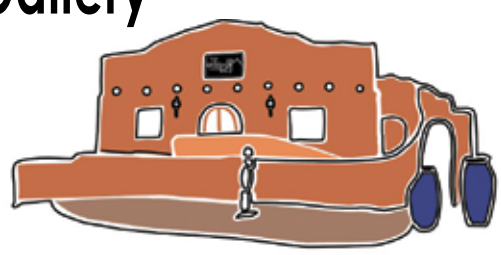
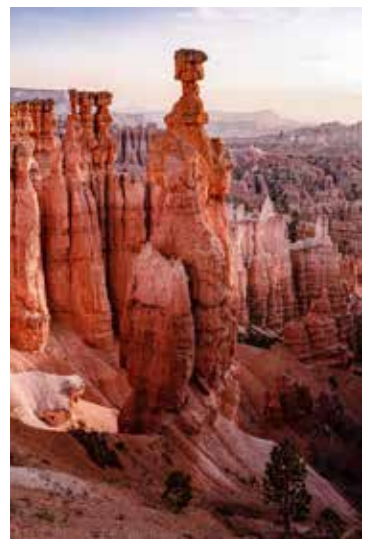
Also starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this short half-hour hike covers just under half a mile and rises 80 feet in elevation, making it a short but steep trail. This trail offers trailside exhibits and views of several prehistoric buildings.

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.





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 10–15 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 operates through November 28, pauses November 29–December 25, and resumes for holiday service December 26–January 2.

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 November 28, then 8 AM from December 26 through January 2.

• Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 5 PM through November 28, then 4:30 PM from December 26 through January 2.

• Last bus departs Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 6:15 PM through November 28, then 5:45 PM from December 26 through January 2.

Springdale Line

• First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM throughout shuttle service.

• Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 6 PM through November 28 and during holiday shuttle service December 26–January 2.

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 reopened in 2026 following a long-term rehabilitation project. Reservations are required and are available up to 14 days before arrival.

Lava Point Campground is about a one-hour drive from Zion Canyon and requires reservations. Reservations are available up to 14 days before arrival.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk Hours

Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

• Zion Canyon Visitor Center is generally open 8 AM–5 PM during the fall and winter.



• Kolob Canyons Visitor Center is open 8 AM–noon and 1–5 PM.

Wilderness Permit Desks

• Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open daily from 8 AM–5 PM.

• Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Currently closed until further notice.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger-Led Patio Talk

Free ranger-led programs are offered throughout the year, with schedules changing seasonally. Check the current National Park Service ranger program calendar for available programs and times during your visit.

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.

Follow Leave No Trace practices everywhere in the park and beyond, and always pack out your trash.



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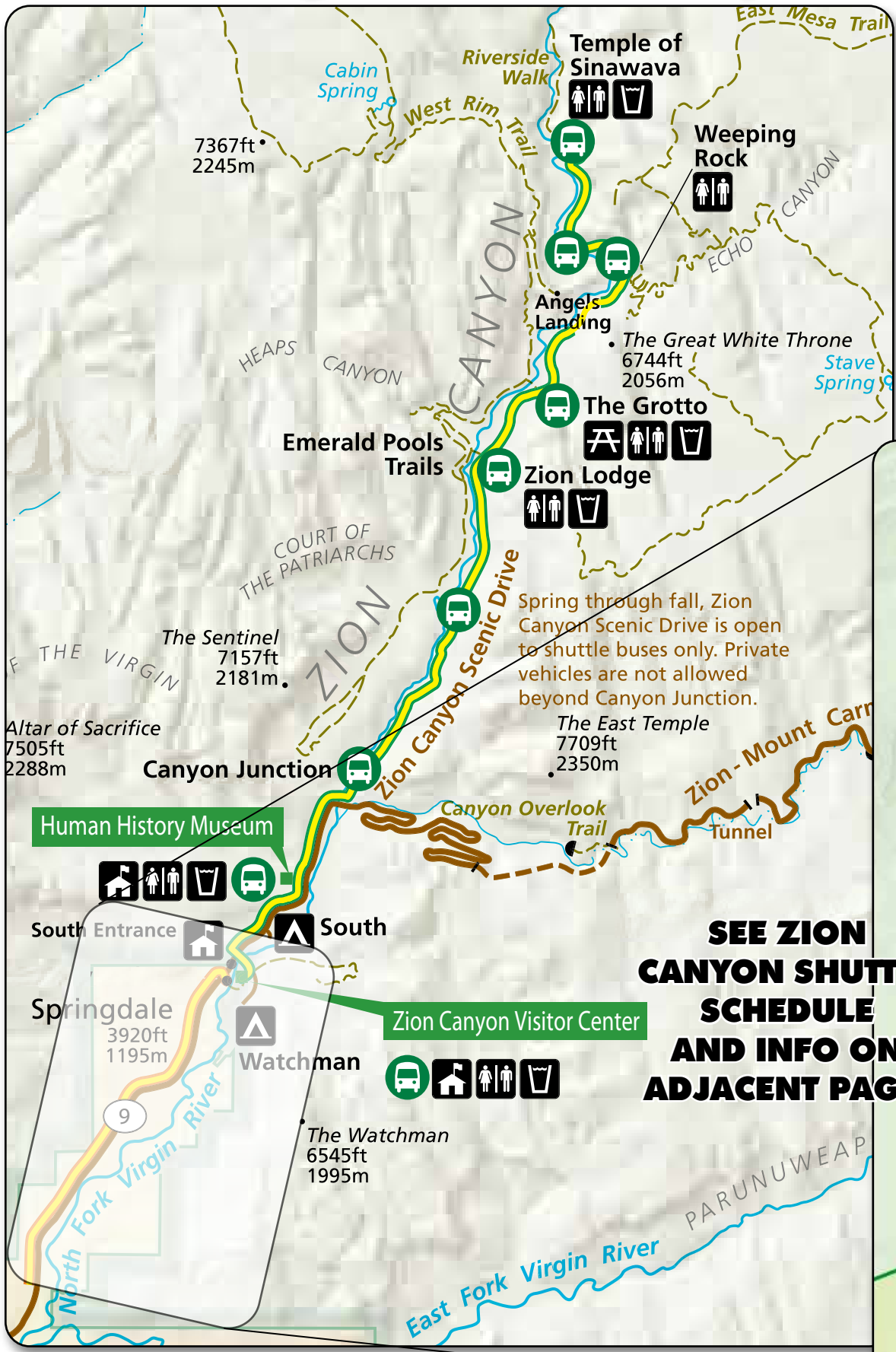
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Zion Canyon Shuttle Map





Springdale Shuttle Map



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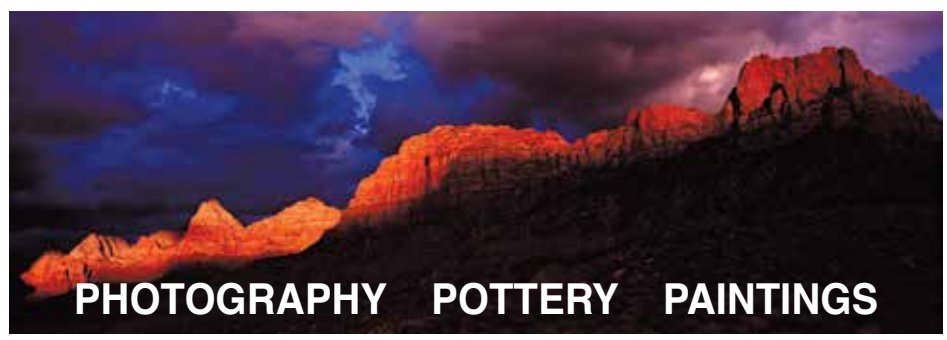


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BAKER - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and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

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

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

DEAD HORSE POINT - Dead Horse Point State Park is perhaps Utah's most spectacular state park. Dead Horse Point is a promontory of stone surrounded by steep cliffs near Moab. The overlook at Dead Horse Point is 6,000 feet above sea level. Two-thousand feet below, the Colorado River winds its way from the continental divide in Colorado to the Gulf of California, a distance of 1,400 miles. (435) 259-2614.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



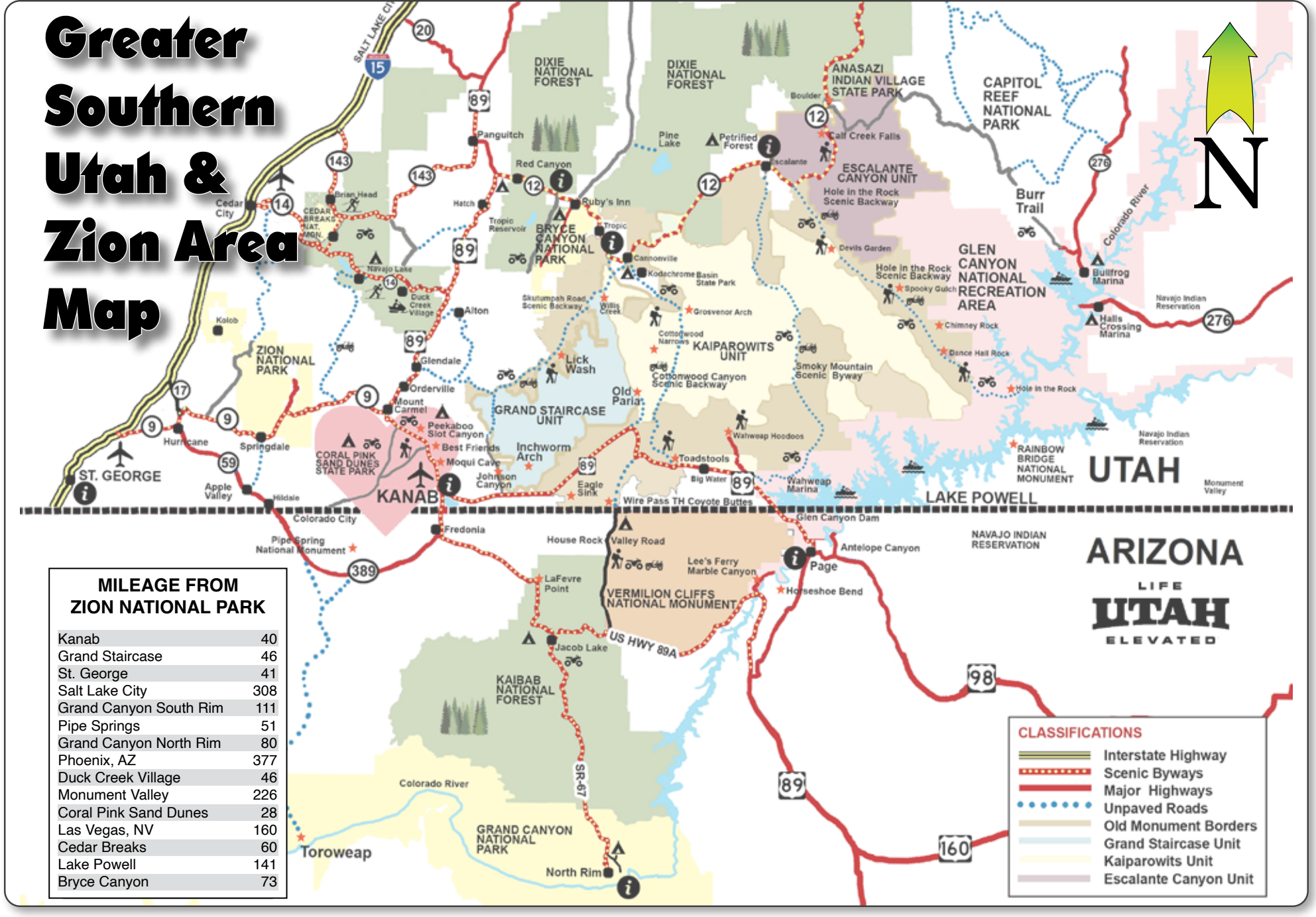
SNOW CANYON - Named after early Utah leaders Lorenzo and Erastus Snow, Snow Canyon State Park begins just outside of Ivins and stretches northward. Spectacular scenery includes towering red and white sandstone cliffs, black lava formations, and even a waterfall that appears during heavy rain. Snow Canyon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

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



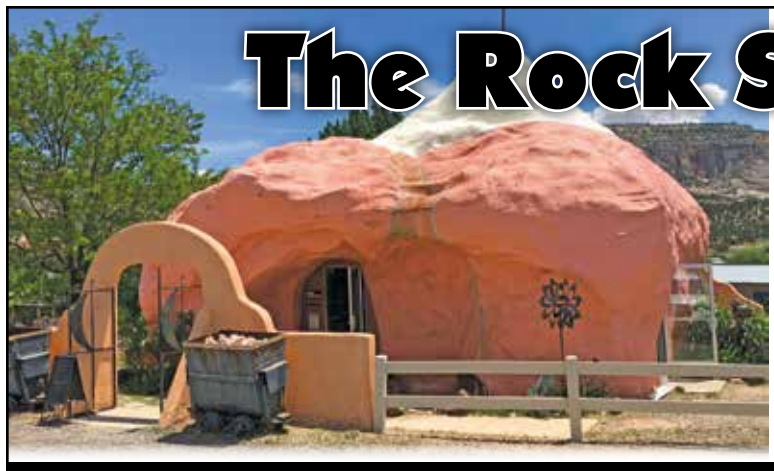


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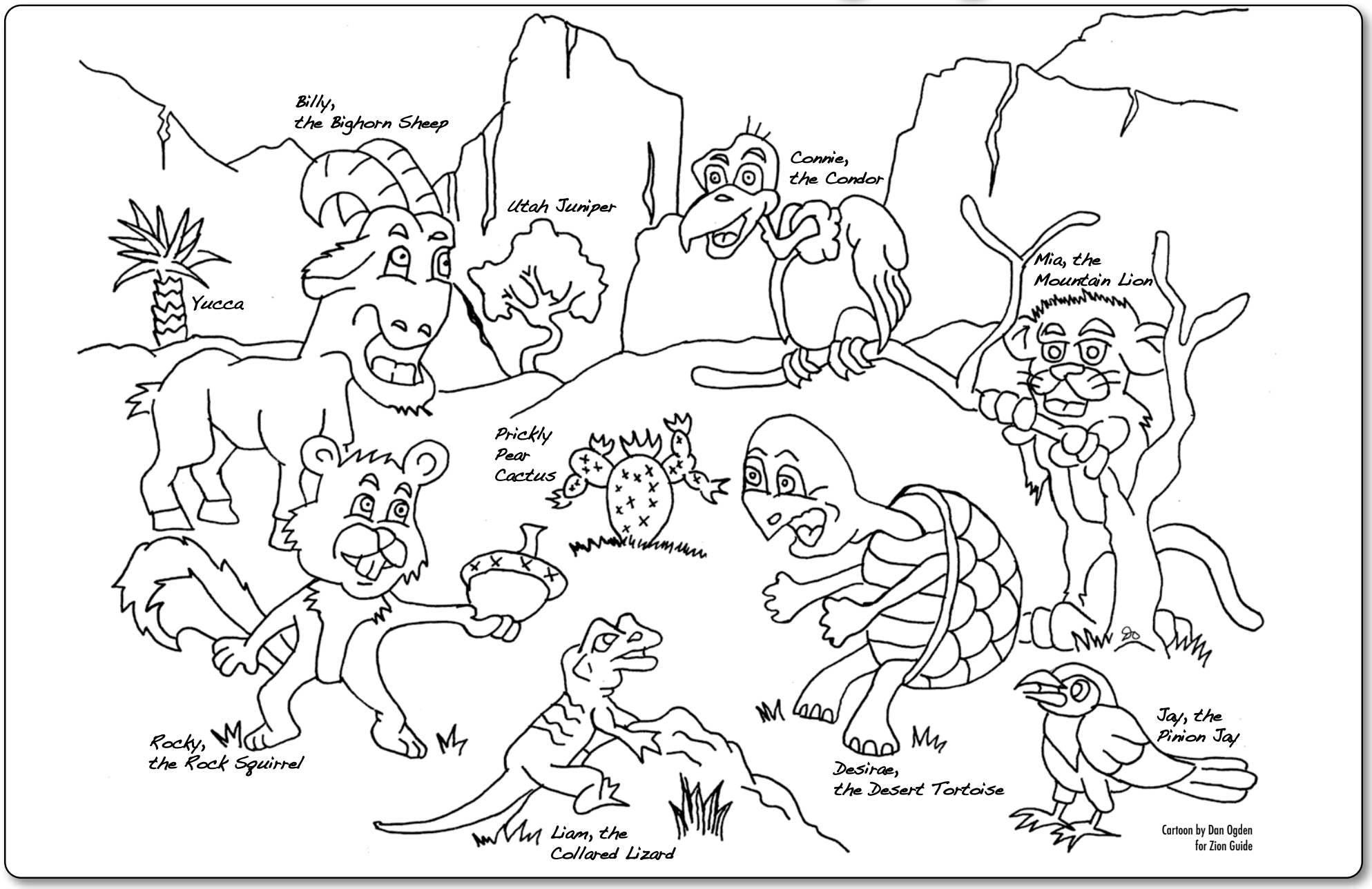
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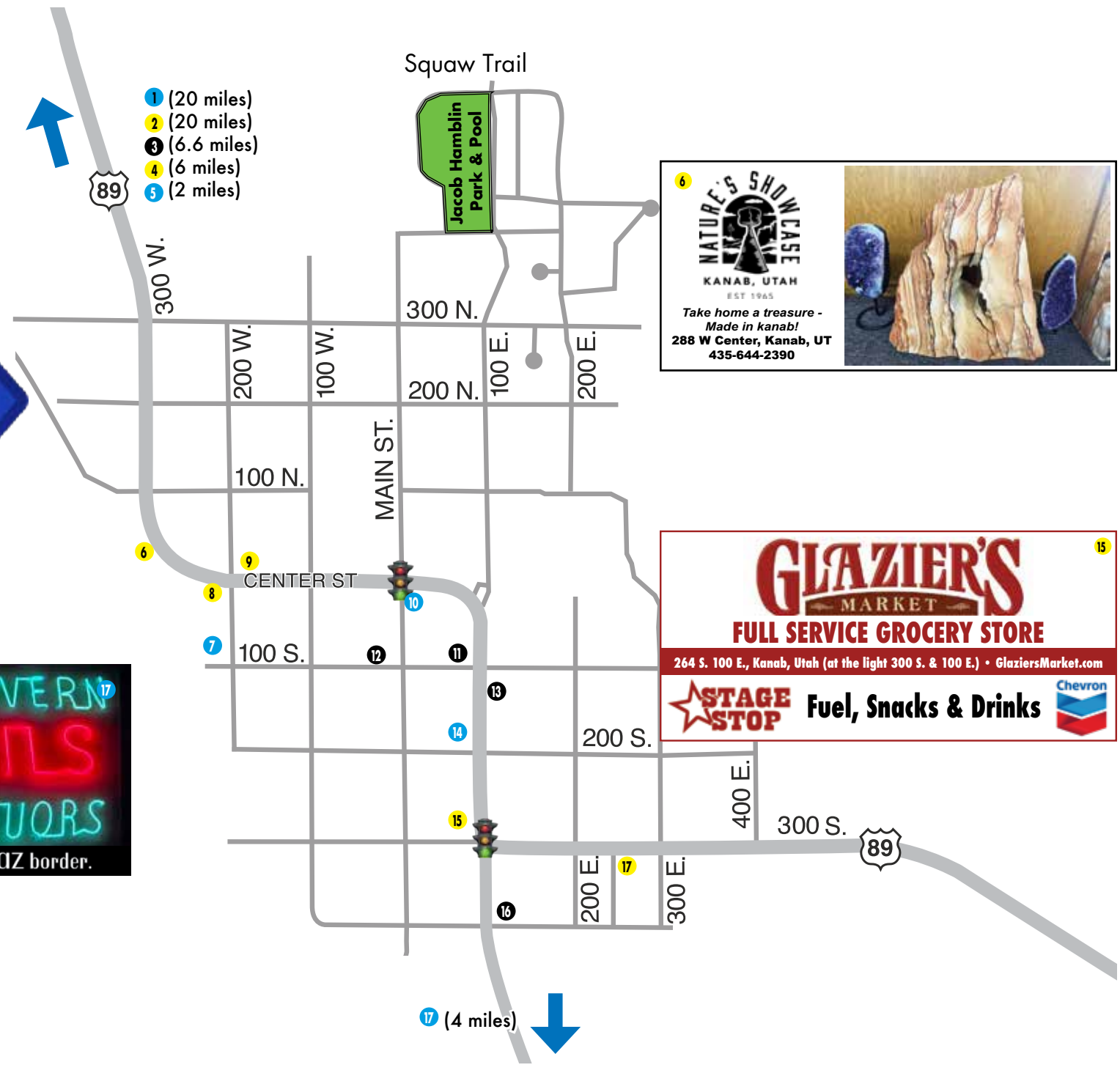
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7 Adria's Restaurant	86 S 200 W, Kanab	(435) 644-7800	W, B, M	8:30 AM - 2 PM Tues - Sun	Yes
17 Buckskin Tavern	2321 N Main, Fredonia, AZ	(928) 643-7094	W, B, M, V	Noon - Close	Yes
10 Jakey Leigh's	4 E Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-8191	E, V	7 Am - 2 PM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

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