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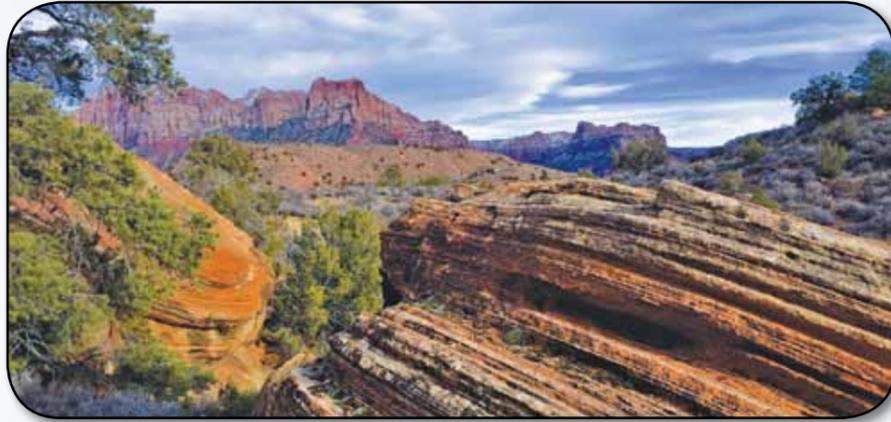
It can't be stressed enough that Zion National Park is high desert. So yes, that means humidity is very low and temperatures are high most of the year, which dehydrates the body. It is easy to get dehydrated while hiking and walking in the desert, so pack along extra water, and be sure to take rest and 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, installed on Earth Day, April 22, by the Rotary Club of Zion Canyon.

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

Often during peak times the park runs at capacity and has more people than the shuttle system and trails can comfortably accommodate. Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in. You'll still want to ride the shuttle.

Park in Springdale and ride the shuttle

It's highly recommended that you park near one of the furthest shuttle stops from Zion Canyon's South entrance in Springdale to help minimize traffic congestion coming through Springdale, backing up from the south Entrance. The shuttle stops are now



numbered 1 through 9, with 9 being the final stop at Majestic View Lodge. You can almost certainly avoid traffic and assure your seat on a shuttle if you park near any of the 9 bus stops in Springdale, where there's free parking on the sides of State Route 9, in a handful of designated areas, and at your hotel if you're staying overnight. See our map in the center spread for full shuttle schedule, list of stops, and both free and paid parking areas.

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. Check out our list of shops and galleries on page 5 as well as our complete listing of restaurants in the canyon, all listed in order from the park's south entrance through Springdale on the bottom of page 8.

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.

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. Check out the Events Calendar on page 11 for both annual and monthly events calendars.

Go on a less crowded hike

The most visited 10 to 12 hikes in Zion National Park 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 newest features, "Less traveled hikes in southern Utah" on page 6 and "Less traveled Zion hikes" on page 7.

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. You'll find some of these services listed in the Service Guide on page 4. Also, check out ZionGuide.com for listings and ads.

Pack it in, pack it out

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. "Go before you go" is always a good idea since restroom facilities are limited to select locations. If you do need to take care of your business, please pack it back out!

Come back in the low season when it's cooler

Starting in the 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 your car to the Temple of Sinawava parking lot. The shuttles stop running by November and don't start back until March.

Check out Kolob Canyons and Kolob Terrace Road

With gorgeous open spaces and plenty of dirt roads to explore, Kolob Terrace Road is one of Zion's better kept secrets that you won't want to miss. As you travel along the road, 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. Additionally, the Kolob Canyons area offers unique views in Zion and is located in the northwest corner of Zion National Park. The Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park is located at Exit 40 on Interstate 15, 40 miles north of Zion Canyon and 17 miles south of Cedar City.

Enjoy your time in Zion and southern Utah and we hope you'll come back soon. Thanks for visiting!

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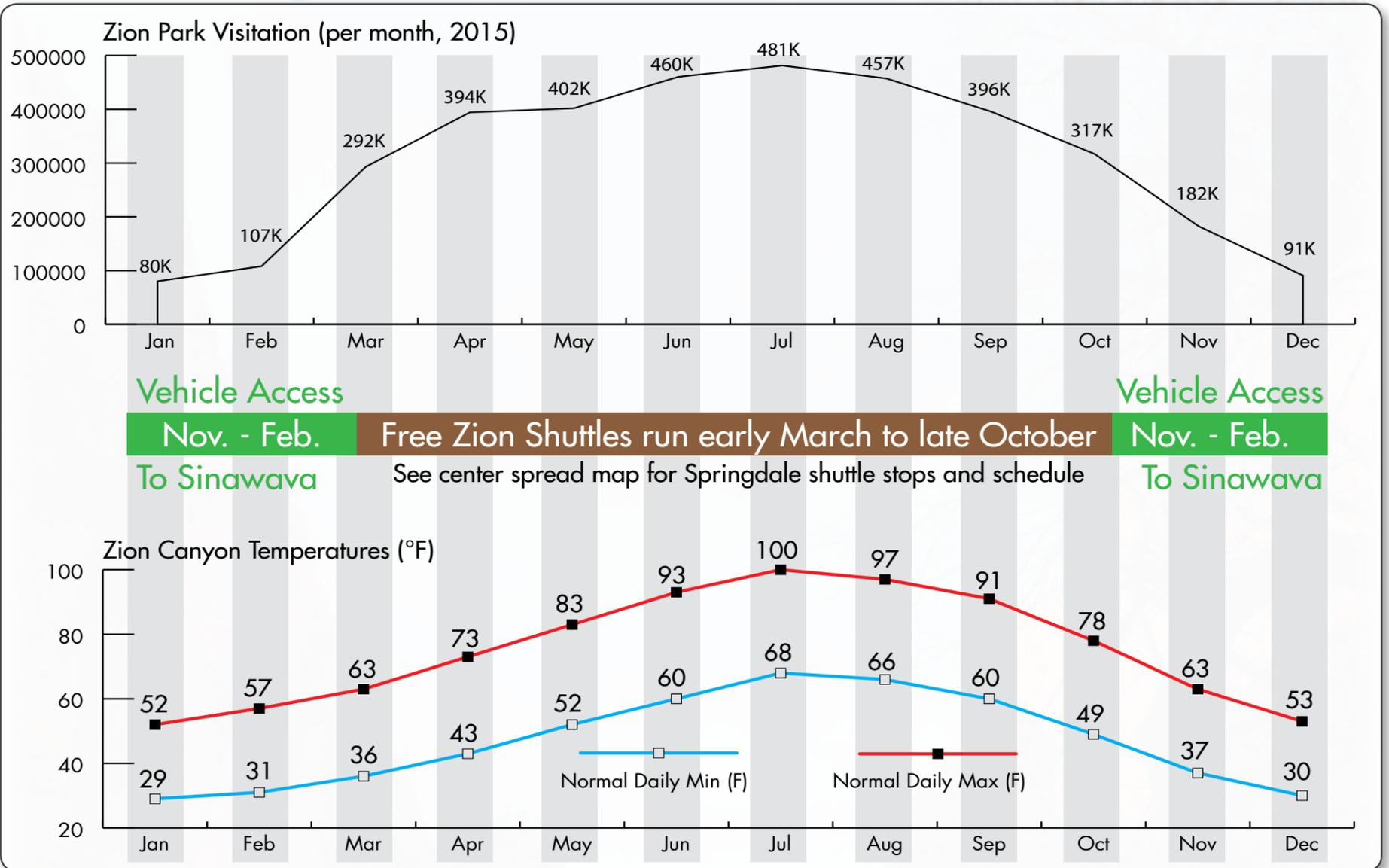
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from Zion Lodge9:05 pm

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First Bus from Majestic View Lodge.....7:10 am
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Last Bus to Zion Canyon Shuttle
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Last Bus from Zion Canyon Theatre9:30 pm
from Majestic View Lodge9:45 pm

NOTES ON PARKING AND THE FREE SHUTTLE SYSTEM

There is ample parking in Springdale, as the town is four miles long, and much of the roadside is available for parking. It is highly recommended you park on the south end of Springdale, near one of the first shuttle stops (the first is in front of the Majestic View Lodge) and ride through town to the dropoff at the park entrance. By doing so you will avoid the bumper-to-bumper lines that often happen during peak days and times, and that can extend well into town. There is also a paid parking lot on Lion Blvd, with a shuttle stop located less than half a block away. Other public and paid parking is available and coming online ongoing, watch for signs.

The average wait for a shuttle bus in Springdale is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is longer in the morning and evening, but shorter during peak hours. Shuttles will also operate on weekends in November, with additional service on Thanksgiving Day and Friday. The Shuttle Schedule is subject to change. Please check your Map and Guide for current information.

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Southern Utah Hiking Guide

10 LESS TRAVELED HIKES IN SOUTHERN UTAH

Red Mountain Traverse

Red Mountain Traverse is located primarily in the Red Mountain Wilderness area, along the edge of Snow Canyon State Park. It extends from the Ivins trailhead. This is a strenuous hike that consists of a steep climb, backcountry area with no trail, almost no shade, and a very long distance of about 10 miles. Hikers should remember to arrange transportation to shuttle them back to the starting trailhead after finishing. As it is easy to get lost, hikers should also be sure to study maps and bring a GPS or an experienced guide. Overall, the hike is a lot of fun but very exhausting. It's the type of hike that every hiker in St. George should try to do at least once. The views of Snow Canyon and the surrounding area are spectacular and worth the long trek.

Chinle Trail

The Chinle Trail, located outside of the main tourist areas of Zion National Park, is an off-the-beaten-path trail located in the lower-elevation west-desert wilderness area. Though it's a long, 15.4 mile roundtrip trail, it's a mellow hike. Plus, it's great for kids because it's not treacherous, slippery, or steep. The Chinle trailhead is outside of Zion, south of Springdale. Hikers will be graced with views of the West Temple, Mt. Kinesava, Towers of the Virgin, and Sundial. The greatest part about this trail is that it offers quiet solitude, peace, exercise, and mental rejuvenation. Anyone who intends to do this hike in one day should be mindful of running out of daylight. It's wise to bring a headlamp just in case.

Big Hollow

Three Peaks is an obscure mountain located near Stoddard Mountain

between Enterprise and Cedar City. While not quite as high as neighboring Stoddard, it is a much more rugged, rocky mountain by comparison and provides interesting climbing. The traverse from south to north takes the sojourner over numerous rock crags and the three highest horns of the mountain. The hike begins on an increasingly narrow road until you come to the sign for the Big Hollow Trail. It's helpful to use the smaller peaks lower on the mountain as route-finding guides. A GPS is also useful.

Mill Canyon Trail

The Mill Canyon Trail is a spectacular hike in the Pine Valley Mountain Wilderness that leads through a narrow canyon lined with towering crags, a rich forest of fir and aspen, and a seasonal stream. It's a strenuous, 10-mile roundtrip hike that leads to the isolated corner of the Pine Valley Mountains. The trail is easy to follow and maintains a fairly even pace of ascent. Hiking in the Pine Valley Mountains is a completely different experience than the nearby desert. Mill Flats featured a grassy meadow with a small stream running through its center. The aspens are a brilliant splash of color in the fall, and the craggy splendor of the surrounding peaks makes this a spot at which one wants to linger for a long time. Several trails branch out from here, allowing for a multi-day exploration of the vast Pine Valley Mountains.



South Boundary Trail

Pine Park is a long-forgotten wonderland of white volcanic pinnacles and cones located in a veritable wilderness west of Enterprise. South Boundary Trail is a long but easy hike away from civilization. It's recommended to just explore the lower reaches of the trail around the park itself. Even though Pine Park is only 20 or so miles from Enterprise, it is a remote place. This particular spot is an awe-inspiring and spectacular place to explore and contemplate the forces of nature and the wild beauty of Utah. Hikers should be sure to let someone know where they are going and should ensure that vehicles are in good operating condition with at least one functioning spare tire.

The Maze

The Maze is a scenic, intriguing, entertaining, and easily accessible off-the-radar hiking spot. While the overall hike itself is fairly easy, route-finding can be challenging. The path starts out with a steep pitch of switchbacks and bare stone, drops into a magical slot canyon, and optionally ascends onto the southern end of the tall plateau with stately views towards the northern side of the Red Mountain Wilderness. This hike gives lovely views of Signal Peak and the Pine Valley Mountains. Caution should be exercised in certain sections, as social trails sometimes cut right through large patches of cryptobiotic soil.

Kayenta Hellhole

Hellhole Canyon, located at the edge of the Kayenta subdivision west of Ivins, is a superb, easy-to-reach canyon of towering rock walls well worth a few hours of hiking. While the route can be sandy and a bit laborious, it gains very little elevation and presents few obstacles for families with children. It is advisable to start as early as possible to end the hike before the heat of the day becomes too withering. This trail has very little shade. Despite being so close to civilization, this is a quiet, peaceful place to wander. With the limitations on parking, there are rarely more than a few groups in the canyon at any time. Hikers will enjoy the quiet majesty of the canyon, hearing more canyon wrens than human voices. Experienced scramblers will delight in exploring the upper stretches of the ravine.

Third Ravine

Third Ravine is an underappreciated gem. Located on the plateau bordering western St. George, the trail is a wonderful example of the diverse terrain of Washington County. A narrow, rocky gorge choked with boulders and featuring unique stone features leads to a cliff-lined terrace with two cave systems. This is followed by a brief climb to the top-of-the-world views of the mesa summit. On the return hike, a smaller and narrower but equally beautiful canyon — Second Ravine — descends back to the trailhead. Portions of the trail join with the Zen Trail.

Shivwits Arch

The Virgin River Gorge has beautiful views that most people just observe as they drive through it on their way to somewhere else. Not many people think of it as a place to stop and hike. While technically not in southern Utah, the hike up to Shivwits Arch is reached by a short drive partway down the gorge. There are several paths to choose from to reach the Arch. The hike is not long, but it's difficult due to the elevation gain and trail conditions. It involves some route-finding and quite a bit of boulder-hopping. There are a few places near the opening of the Arch where stemming is required. This is a canyoneering technique that involves placing one's back against one side of a canyon wall, putting one's feet across to the other side, and working one's way up. The trail gains about 900 feet in elevation in the 0.6 miles up to the Arch, and it takes about an hour. The view from the top is spectacular. A camera is essential as hikers can even walk out onto the top of the Arch for some great photos.

Spectra Point Trail

Cedar Breaks National Monument, which lies east of Cedar City, is a welcome refuge of cooler summer temperatures for heat-weary residents of the desert lowland. With a fraction of the visitors who swarm Zion in summer, Cedar Breaks is a quieter destination that has a grandeur similar to the national parks the region is famous for. The Spectra Point Trail is an ideal hike for families and those wanting to quickly take in the awesome splendor of this unique place. The trail along the rim is well-graded and fairly wide, and the uphill sections are minimal. Since the rim of Cedar Breaks is well above 10,000 feet, altitude sickness is a very real possibility here. Hikers should pay attention to each member of the hiking party and not press on if anyone begins to feel ill.

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LESS TRAVELED HIKES IN ZION NATIONAL PARK

Information and images courtesy of Bo Beck

Zion National Park has seen record visitation in the last few years, and so have its most popular hikes. These hikes are popular for good reason, but they often get crowded, especially at peak days and times (see "Tips for your Best Zion Experience" on page 2). If you desire a slightly less congested trek, consider this month's less-traveled hikes.

Gifford Canyon



Photo by Aaron Zhu

The hike through Gifford Canyon is a nice stroll through a sandy wash. If there is water running, it is especially charming. The hike is about three miles long and usually takes about two hours to complete. Rather than being an official trail, it is a hike through Gifford Canyon mostly comprising rock and sand. However, with minimal elevation gain, it still makes for a moderate hike.

Park in the lot located immediately east of the Zion/Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Locate the restroom that is sitting at the back of the parking lot, and look for the trail of use, seen to the backside of the restrooms. Climb down the steep, sandy path, and enter the Pine Creek slot. Do not get too mesmerized by the slot canyon going to the right (Pine Creek) and to the left (Clear Creek) since these are separate hikes. Hike upstream for about 75 feet. This is not a trail, and it is not an obvious direction to travel. Look for a 15' 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 an area where the path widens. To the right is a dead end with a beautiful view of the mountain where the

Canyon Overlook Trail is located. The other direction is Gifford Canyon.

Soon the path will lead past a broken stone bridge and then to another minor slickrock climb. The next mile is a sandy path with a few stones here and there and vegetation along the sides. Evidence of flash flooding is found in many places along the path. At the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone. To the left is an uneven blind arch, and to the right is a water-polished slab of rock.

Red Canyon

Red Canyon — or as locals call it, Peek-a-boo Canyon — does not require any hiking to get to but instead is an adventure that has the thrill of 4-wheeling on deep sand through a desert

landscape. The trip is less than a mile long and makes for an easy stroll through a slender passage that will tantalize photographers and hikers alike. This is not the Peek-a-Boo slot canyon found in the Escalante area.

Be sure to have an air compressor so that if the need arises you can refill your 4-wheeler tires after releasing air pressure in order to "float" over the deep sandy road. Bring a trash bag to haul out any trash you might have accumulated.

There are now two trailheads. If you are looking on a map, you will see the slot canyon marked as Red Canyon, but the locals have chose to call it Peek-a-Boo Slot Canyon, perhaps because of the nearby section of Dixie National Forest known as Red Canyon.

From the Chevron in Mount Carmel Junction, drive 9.2 miles south on US-89 toward Kanab. Look on the left side of the road for mile post 72. The turn-off to the Coral Pink Sand Dunes on the right side. Just past these landmarks, make a left turn onto the next road, which will be a primary paved road heading east off of US-89. This is an unmarked entrance into the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and

Angel Canyon.

If driving from Kanab, drive 6.6 miles north on US-89, and turn right onto the primary paved road heading east. After only 0.25 miles on this primary road, you will be turning left off of the paved road. There will be a dirt/sand 4WD road on the left just prior to a group of buildings (Best Friends Animal Sanctuary), and this is the deep sandy path you will navigate for the next three miles. Be sure to put the vehicle into 4WD and set your trip meter. Bypassing the buildings on your right and after driving for a mile on 102M, there will be a cattle guard. Then the road will fork. Stay to the right on the main road, now 102. At 1.8 miles, another fork is encountered. Turn right at this fork to remain on 102 and avoid a steep hill and even deeper sand encountered on 102L.

Nearing the three-mile mark, the road passes through an open fence. Keep right, and 30 yards farther the road intersects with a wide wash. Turn left and follow the dry creek bed for a mile to arrive at the mouth of Peek-a-boo Canyon.

From where you parked, you can see the slot canyon to the west. The canyon is usually dry and is only about 0.35 miles long. The enclosed setting of a weathered canyon with towering walls, abstract designs, and dramatic lighting combine to provide painters and photographers with the ideal setting to create a perfect image. Most sections in this slot are well lit, but a few places can only be captured with a steady hand or the use of a tripod. All too soon, a large chockstone, wedged between the walls 15 feet up, ends exploration.

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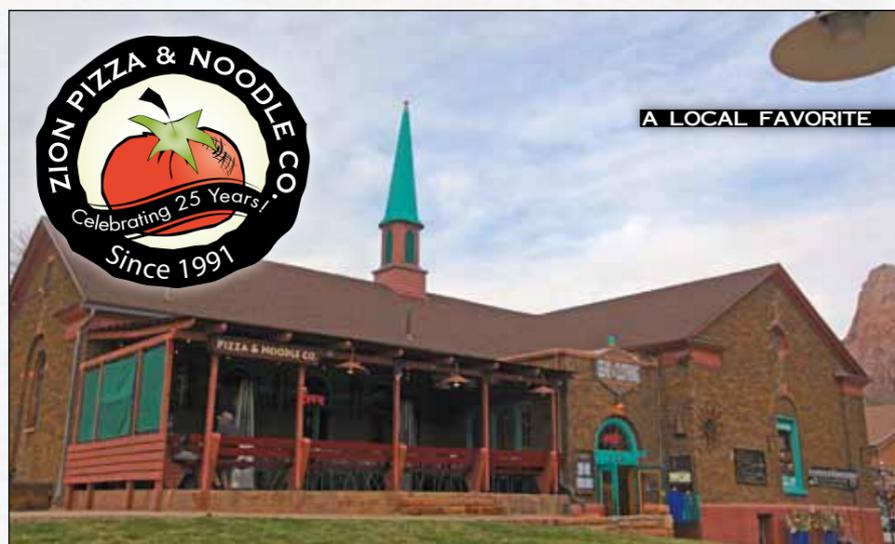
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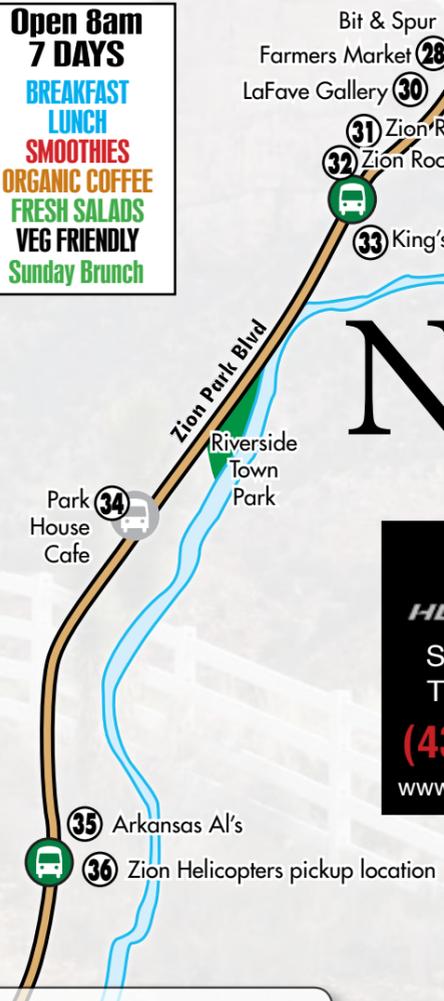
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Café Soleil	205 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0505	W, B, M, E	7am-8pm daily	Yes	No
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Spotted Dog Cafe Restaurant	428 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0700	W, B, M, E	7-11am, 5pm-9pm daily	Yes	Yes
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Pioneer Restaurant	838 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3009	None	8am-3pm		Yes
Zion Park Gift & Deli	866 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3843	E	10am-5:30pm Mon-Sat		Yes
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King's Landing Bistro	1515 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-7422	None	3-5pm (Appetizers/Drinks), 5-11pm (Full Menu) daily		Yes
Park House Cafe	1880 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0100	W, B	8am-2pm daily	Yes	Yes
Arkansas Al's Restaurant	2400 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0665	W, B	Noon-8pm Mon-Fri, 8am-8pm Sat-Sun		Yes

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Zion Area Hike of the Month

OVERLOOK HIKE, ON EAST SIDE OF ZION NATIONAL PARK

By Charlott Emmett, Photo By Travis Higley

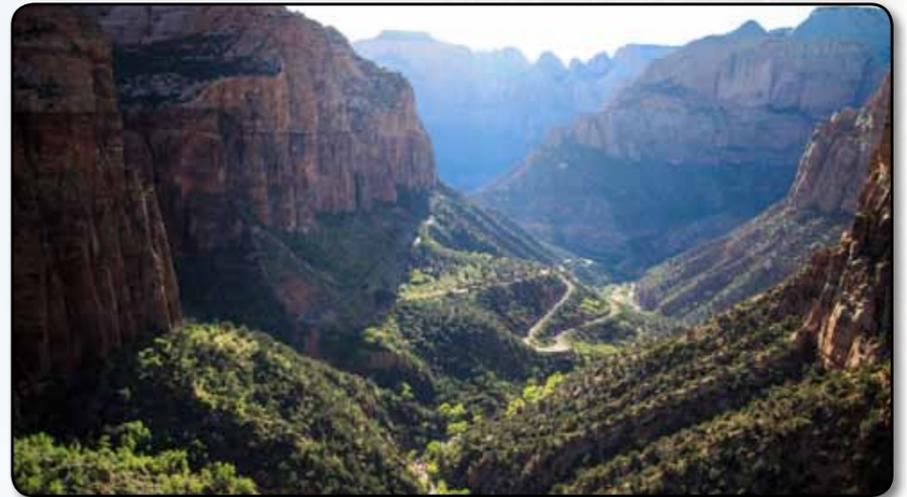
The Overlook Trail in Zion is a short beautiful hike located on the east side of Zion National Park just outside the Mt. Carmel tunnel. The hike is about one mile round trip and it usually takes people about an hour. It is definitely one of the easier hikes in Zion, but it's still considered a moderate level hike due to a few exposed areas and sandstone pathways which can be slippery. That being said, it is still a great hike for families and people of all ages, especially if you want to be able to view Zion Canyon from above without having to hike the more strenuous hikes like Angel's Landing or Observation Point. Just remember to keep your children close. There are no

special permits required for the hike, but don't forget there is a \$30 fee to enter into Zion.

Zion National Park is a gorgeous landscape of red sandstone and green plant life. Even after countless visits, I'm still awed by the towering canyon walls that were carved out by the Virgin River. To really appreciate Zion though, a person must climb to the top of those walls and view the canyon from above. Very few views are as spectacular as Zion Canyon. Oddly enough, most tourists never make it to the East side of Zion, which to me is the prettiest part and also the favorite of most experienced hikers who visit Zion. True, you don't have the towering canyon

walls on either side of you, but you still see the large rolling mountains covered in trees and stone outcroppings. It is drastically less crowded, another bonus, and I rarely drive through the east side without seeing wild mountain sheep, something that still excites me.

wraps around a corner and leads to an area of recessed rock wet with the moisture that caused it to erode and be filled with ferns growing out of the sandstone. It's a great place to rest and enjoy the shade from the overhang as you look out over the canyon. You may even see some



The Overlook trailhead lies right outside of the Mt. Carmel tunnel by the ranger booth. Exit the tunnel too fast and you'll miss it. It begins with a staircase carved out of the sandstone that leads up and away from the road. Soon you'll be walking along the side of the mountain and looking down into a thin crevice known as Pine Creek Canyon. At about half way, you'll walk across a bridge that

lizards or other creatures cooling off alongside you. At the end of the hike is a spectacular view of Zion Canyon. From the lookout point you can see the tall mountains on either side of you and then thick forest tapering down into the river that carved it all. Every time I see it I can't help but hum the theme to Jurassic Park. If you look closely at the canyon walls you can see the windows from the Mt. Carmel tunnel. A plaque is placed near the railing to point out some of the other landmarks that can be seen. Most hikers choose to sit and enjoy the view before heading back. Twice while sitting there, at different times of the year, I've heard what sounded like someone playing a Native American flute.

This hike is, so far, one of my favorite hikes I've done and definitely my favorite within Zion. It can be hiked at all times of the year; although, I'd use extra caution during winter as ice can form. It is mostly in direct sunlight, so be prepared to get a little hot in the summer. Most people choose to hike in early morning or in the evening in order to catch the sunset, but I almost prefer the afternoon when it is least crowded. Whether you have a lot of time or just a little to spend in Zion, I highly recommend this hike.

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Zion Area News

PUBLIC VOTING OPEN FOR ZION TUNNEL PRESERVATION PROJECT

By Lyman Hafen

The historic and iconic Zion Tunnel is dear to the hearts of people across the country and around the world. During the month of June, everyone can vote online to support a substantial grant that, if won, will provide funding to preserve and maintain the Zion Tunnel into the future.

The grant is funded by American Express through the National Trust for Historic Preservation as part of their Partners in Preservation initiative. Twenty projects, including the Zion Tunnel Preservation Project, have been named finalists for a total of \$2 million in funding. National Geographic is hosting the online voting, which began May 25 and continues through July 5. You can vote once a day. The winning projects will be announced soon after July 5. To vote, go to VoteYourPark.org.

It has always been easier to travel north and south than east and west in this region. It has to do with geological forces deep in the earth. And the result is that most of the mountains, faults, fissures, and fractures in red rock country run north and south, leaving openings for north-south travel through the valleys while rugged ridges, canyons, and plateaus hamper movement east and west.



In the early 1920s, as the nation started to realize the amazing beauty of this area, voices began to be heard in Washington demanding better access. It took a lot of time, money, and ingenuity, but when the task was accomplished, three magnificent national parks — Zion, Bryce, and Grand Canyon — were created.

Centuries ago, Native Americans built the first trail out the east side of Zion Canyon, some 20 steps chiseled into the sheer rock near today's Weeping Rock parking.

In the late 1800s, a local stockman named John Winder built the first pioneer livestock trail up and over the same rock face. In the years following the designation of Zion Canyon as a national monument in 1909, local park employees did extensive work in remodeling Winder's trail and building others. But the idea of an actual road out the canyon's east walls seemed beyond the reach of everyone.

Then, in 1923 Howard Means, chief engineer of the State of Utah, and B.J. Finch, a district engineer for the federal government, were sent to Zion Canyon to determine once and for all if a road could be built out the east side.

Their initial determination was that it was impossible.

Then someone introduced them to John Winder who showed them where the road should go up Pine Creek Canyon. They surveyed the route and determined it would be feasible. Their biggest hurdles would be engineering a mile-long tunnel through the stone towers and convincing Congress to appropriate money for such a project.

By the summer of 1927, the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and Tunnel had been approved and funded. Area promoters and politicians — along with the National Park Service under its first director, Stephen Mather — had convinced a reluctant Congress that the project would work.

On September 27, 1927, the first six men hired by the Nevada Contracting Company started clearing a right-of-way up Pine Creek Canyon. Over the next two years, the number of workers would reach more than 200, and what they accomplished in those two years with limited technology and primitive equipment is still hailed as a wonder today.

It took just 11 months and 12 days to blast the tunnel through the mountain. By the end of 1929, the road was complete enough that a car could be driven over the entire route. But it wasn't until July 4, 1930, that all the work was finished, and that's the day dignitaries from across the country gathered near the tunnel entrance to dedicate the engineering marvel and open it to the public.

Now we all have the opportunity to play a part in the tunnel's future by voting for a grant that will help preserve it for decades to come. Between May 25 and July 5, you can vote once a day for this important grant by going to VoteYourPark.org. For detailed information on the "Zion Tunnel Preservation Project" and how you can support it, go to the Zion National Park Foundation website at zionpark.org.

CONDOR PAIR MAY BE INCUBATING AN EGG IN ZION NATIONAL PARK

A pair of California condors appear to be nesting again in Zion National Park. Park staff first observed the pair entering a cavity in Zion Canyon on February 26. Since then, the pair has been regularly observed in the cavity and the surrounding area. Biologists from The Peregrine Fund, a nonprofit organization that releases and monitors condors, has confirmed that GPS locations and daily behavior of both parents indicate regular incubation.

Condor courtship and nest site selection usually occur during the winter months, culminating with the production of a single egg between late January and early April. Both condor parents incubate the egg with exchanges occurring every three to four days on average. If all goes well, a chick will hatch after approximately 56 days of incubation, and both parents will feed and care for the young condor. The chick will remain in the nest for up to seven months before fledging. Even after the chick fledges, it will depend on its parents until the following year.

This condor pair have attempted to nest each of the last two years in remote areas of Zion. The pair produced a chick in 2014, but it failed to successfully fledge. Last year, GPS locations indicated the pair was nesting again, but this was never confirmed due to the remote location of the nest site. It is not unusual for a pair to fail in the first few attempts.

The southwest experimental population of condors was initiated in 1996 with releases occurring on an annual basis in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument. Condors have successfully nested in northern Arizona with the first wild-hatched young fledging from a nest in the Grand Canyon in 2003. Over 20 young have been produced since, and wild-hatched condors have produced young — a major milestone on the way to recovery.

Lead poisoning is currently the greatest obstacle to recovery of this endangered bird, with 53 percent of diagnosed deaths attributed to lead poisoning. Condors are scavengers that feed primarily on the carcasses of mammals. They unintentionally consume lead when feeding on carcasses of animals shot with lead ammunition or lead-contaminated gut piles left in the field. Both Utah and Arizona currently have voluntary non-lead ammunition programs within the condor's range to reduce the amount of lead in the environment.

Zion National Park will soon launch a nest watch program at the Zion Human History Museum wherein park rangers and volunteers will use spotting scopes to monitor the nest cavity. Visitors are welcome to join them and learn more about California condors. Those interested should inquire at the visitor center for specific dates and times.





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Fridays

PAINT YOUR PET PARTY 5 p.m. For just \$20 per person, you're provided with an 11x14 canvas, paints, brushes, and artist instruction. No prior painting experience is needed! Email jennifernagle@hotmail.com to sign up. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab.

Saturdays

ZION CANYON FARMERS MARKET 9 a.m. Enjoy fresh produce, crafts, beautiful scenery and great company. The market happens every Saturday morning until noon on the Bit and Spur lawn. Visit zionharvest.com for updates on the market. Bit and Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

KANAB FARMERS MARKET 9 a.m. Join your fellow community members every Saturday morning on the Visitor's Center lawn for fresh produce, baked goods and more. The market runs every Saturday until noon. Visitors Center, 78 S. 100 E., Kanab.

THE LEGEND OF TUMBLEWEED GULCH 8 p.m. The Las Vegas Family Puppet Theater Company created a show just for Springdale, Utah. See "The Legend of Tumbleweed Gulch" every Saturday. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Multi-Day Events

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH Come research your family history with the aid of friendly helpers. The center is open Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 9 p.m., Thursday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 4-7 p.m. Family History Research Center, 20 W. Main St., Kanab.

COWBOY DINNER AND SKIT 9 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome to join the Chuckwagon Cookout buffet when they have tours scheduled. Dining is available everyday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most seatings include an episode of "How the West Was Lost," cowboy skit. Pricing is \$16 for lunch and \$20 for dinner. Little Hollywood Museum, 297 W. Center St., Kanab.

COWBOY ACTIVITIES AND CHUCKWAGON BUFFET 5 p.m. Come by Jake's Chaparral on night's with scheduled tours. Chuckwagon buffet every

Monday-Saturday. Reservations available online. Jake's Chaparral, 86 S. 200 W., Kanab.

Saturday, June 4

3 HAT TRIO 4 p.m. "American Desert Music". Zion Canyon Brew Pub, 95 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Friday, June 10

LIVE ART AUCTION 7 p.m. Be a part of the live art auction of original art by Kate Starling, Royden Card, Lisa Huber, David Pettit and Lyman Whitaker to benefit the Historic Rockville Bridge. Tickets for this fundraiser are limited and require a minimum \$35 contribution to the Bridge Restoration Fund. Former Rockville School House, 38 E. Main St., Rockville.

Saturday, June 11

SCOT IBEX BAND 4 p.m. Live music. Zion Canyon Brew Pub, 95 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

COUNTRY JAM 2016 7:30 p.m. Be a part of the kick off concert for The Trailblazers O.C. Tanner Summer Concert Series. Country Jam 2016 features Eric Dodge and the Randy Anderson Band. Enjoy line dancing, food, great music and more! O.C. Tanner Amphitheater, 300 W. Lion Blvd., Springdale.

Saturday, June 18

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER FATHER'S DAY FUN RUN 7 a.m. 5K, 10K and Kid's Fun Run. There will be categories for individual runners, families, and runners with pets. The cost is \$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. Dress up as your favorite Super Hero to add to the fun. Kane County Children's Justice Center, 76 N. Main St., Kanab.

BROOKE MACKINTOSH 4 p.m. Acoustic Mountain Soul. Zion Canyon Brew Pub, 95 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Saturday, June 25

WHISKEY TOOTH REVIVAL 4 p.m. Folk. Zion Canyon Brew Pub, 95 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

OLD CALIFORNIO AT THE BIT AND SPUR 10 p.m. Zion Canyon favorites return for another night of psychedelic, dance crazed live music. The bandmates, formerly from the popular Southern California band Old Californio, have maintained a friendship for over 20 years. The Bit and Spur Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Z-ARTS! GALLERY SHOW 10 a.m. Mary Jabens gallery show "Landscape Painting" is featured in Springdale Thursday-Sunday until June 25. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

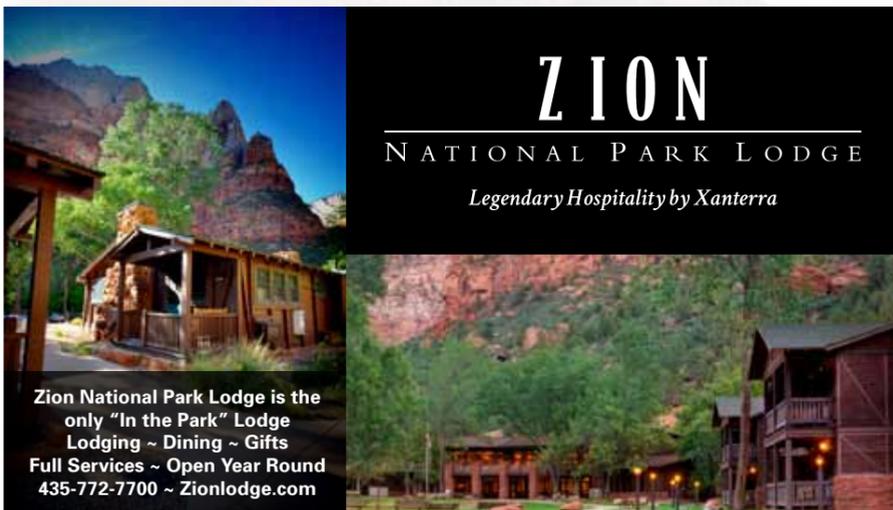
ANNUAL EVENT CALENDAR

2016

- Monday, July 4, 2016**..... **4th of July Celebration**
Celebrate Independence Day with the Springdale community. Kick off with a parade followed by a barbecue, live music and activities for the whole family to enjoy.
- Sunday, July 24, 2016**..... **24th of July Celebration**
Celebrate the state of Utah with a Pioneer dinner. Get ready for the fourth annual Kabob-a-Que.
- Thursday, August 25, 2016**..... **National Park Service Birthday**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- May-September, 2016** **DSU Summer Concert Series**
Enjoy a variety of live performances by bands, orchestras and solo artists. Located at the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater, just outside of Zion National Park.
- September 6-10, 2016**..... **DOCUtah**
This International Documentary Film Festival brings independent documentary filmmakers together for film sharing and group discussion. Be a part of a global inspiration.
- Tentatively last Fri-Sat of Sept. 2016**..... **Zion Canyon Music Festival**
Enjoy the beautiful, fall season in Zion while filled with music. The sixth annual Zion Canyon Music Festival features music, art and an exquisite backdrop.
- Saturday, September 24, 2016** **National Public Lands Day**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- April-October 2016**..... **Zion Canyon Farmer's Market**
Start your Saturday mornings with a trip to the weekly farmers market. Celebrating ten years of local farmers and growers produce, baked goods and art.
- Saturday, October 12, 2016**..... **Zion Oktoberfest**
Celebrate the start of fall in Zion mixed with traditional Oktoberfest aspects. The event will feature live rock and folk music and many other activities.
- October 31-November 6, 2016**..... **Plein Air Art Invitational**
Be a part of a week of lectures and demonstrations from some of the finest plein air artists in the country. Enjoy painting sales, exhibits and workshops.
- Friday, November 11, 2016**..... **Veterans Day**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- Saturday, November 12, 2016**..... **Butch Cassidy 10K Run**
This 10K/5K scenic race brings together community with not just running. Stay after for some Grafton fun with what is promised to be a party.
- November 25-26, 2016** **Zion Canyon Arts and Crafts Fair**
Visit Zion for the 26th annual arts and crafts fair put on by Z-Arts. Spend the weekend touring the different vendors and craft booths.
- Friday, December 9, 2016**..... **Z-Arts Gala**
Dress up for a night of food, dancing, mingling and an art auction. This annual gala is hosted by Z-Arts and is open to the public.
- November 25-December 31, 2016**..... **Zion Joy to the World**
Enjoy a wonderland of events in a weekend celebrating winter. Be a part of a community tree lighting, craft fairs, musical events and the fourth annual Light Parade.

2017

- January 15-18, 2017**..... **Arts to Zion**
Go on an art adventure through the beautiful, mountainous areas of Zion. Find your creative spark on your own Art and Studio Tour.
- Monday, January 16, 2017** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- February 18-20, 2017** **President's Day Weekend**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- Tentatively mid-March 2017**..... **Zion Half Marathon**
The first race in a list of races close to US National Parks, this half marathon runs a course from Virgin through Rockville and Springdale and finishes at the Zion entrance.
- Saturday, March 18, 2017** **St. Patrick's Day Parade**
Enjoy a green-themed day starting with the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Followed by food, games and fun at the Bit and Spur.
- Tentatively mid-April, 2017**..... **National Park Week Opening**
Free entrance days to National Parks.
- Tentatively mid-April, 2017**..... **13th Annual Earth Day Celebration**
Join the Springdale community in a day of education about our environment. Enjoy food, art, solar powered music and important environmental demonstrations.
- Friday, April 28, 2017**..... **Arbor Day**
Join the students of Springdale Elementary in a celebration of being a Tree City USA. Help to celebrate trees by planting your very own.



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Zion Canyon Events

"SANCTUARY: THE STORY OF ZION" BY STEVE LEMMON

This summer, Dixie State University brings to the OC Tanner stage at the gates of Zion National Park a musical celebration of the people, projects, and passions that made Zion National Park the sanctuary that it is today. As the producer, I have assembled an extraordinarily creative group to present the journey of Zion through theatrical storytelling, original music and song, archival photos from the National Park collection, and multimedia video elements. "Sanctuary: The Story of Zion" is a neo-variety show written by award-winning storyteller and songwriter Sam Payne.

single stage in Southern Utah.

The production is aptly named "Sanctuary" as it captures the unique meaning that the beloved national park has held for its visitors and residents throughout history. "It's our sanctuary," the chorus of the title song proclaims, "The canyon is our shelter from the storm / And it holds the memories / Of the people who knew Zion was their home." The show features cameo appearances from world-renowned rock climbers, search and rescue personnel, park rangers, and more — all of whom explain their love affair with Zion National Park and what the unique canyon environment means to them. "Sanctuary" is a great family show and appeals to outdoor enthusiasts, students of local history, descendants of first peoples and pioneers, and anyone who loves to hear a compelling story told with humor and music.

The O.C. Tanner Amphitheater, which will host the production, is owned and operated by Dixie State University. Built in 1978, the venue itself is worth the price of admission. The amphitheater sits in a quiet side canyon off the main road running through Springdale. Directly behind the stage, the audience gazes at the towering red cliffs of Zion National Park, which serve as the perfect backdrop against which to unfold the story of Zion National Park.

"Sanctuary: The Story of Zion" opens at the OC Tanner Amphitheater in Springdale on July 1 and 2 with subsequent shows on July 22 and 23, August 19 and 20, and September 3 and 5. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for youth, and the entire family can attend the show for \$38. Purchase tickets at dsutix.com or thestoryofzion.com or at the door on the day of performance.



Musical director Ryan Tilby not only uses original compositions to help Payne tell the story of Zion but also incorporates old standards reflective of the eras through which the musical journey travels. Payne and Suzanne Christensen, both well-traveled professional storytellers, narrate "Sanctuary" as musical prodigy Tilby leads the musical accompaniment. They are joined onstage by acclaimed Nashville musicians Drew and Lacey Williams and high-energy vocalist and multi-instrumentalist Nic Chamberlain. This all-star cast may be the most talented group of musicians ever assembled on a

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Zion Area Events

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Springdale will host a full day of activities including kids' activities, live music, and fireworks for Independence Day.

The Lions Club's pancake breakfast will begin at Springdale Elementary School from 7-9 a.m. After getting your fill of pancakes, you can grab a spot on Lion Boulevard starting at 9 a.m. to catch Springdale's Fourth of July parade at 9:30 a.m. The parade stretches from Lion Boulevard down to Canyon Springs Drive.

In the afternoon, Zion Canyon Brew Pub's Fourth of July BBQ Bash will run from 2-7 p.m. and

will feature live music from The Pine Mountain Bluegrass Band and Chikano, a beer garden, barbecue, a watermelon-eating contest, dancing, and a bounce house for the kids.



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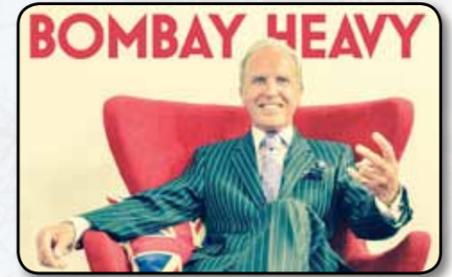
THE BIT AND SPUR TO HOST TWO GREAT LIVE BANDS

If you're looking for live music in Springdale, The Bit & Spur has you covered with two great live upcoming performances.



In June, the members of Old Californio will once again play their annual reunion show at The Bit & Spur. The show will take place on Saturday, June 25.

On Friday, July 1, you can catch the first live show by international rock 'n' roll band, Bombay Heavy.



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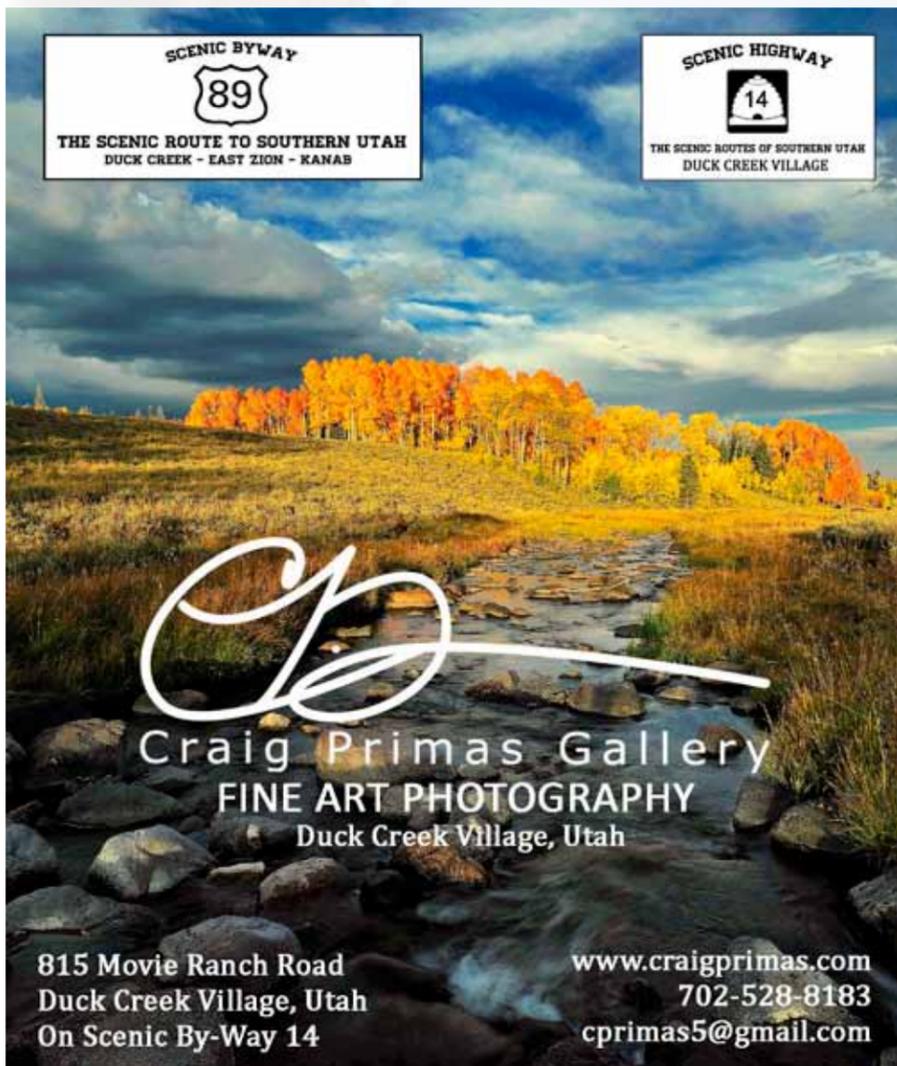
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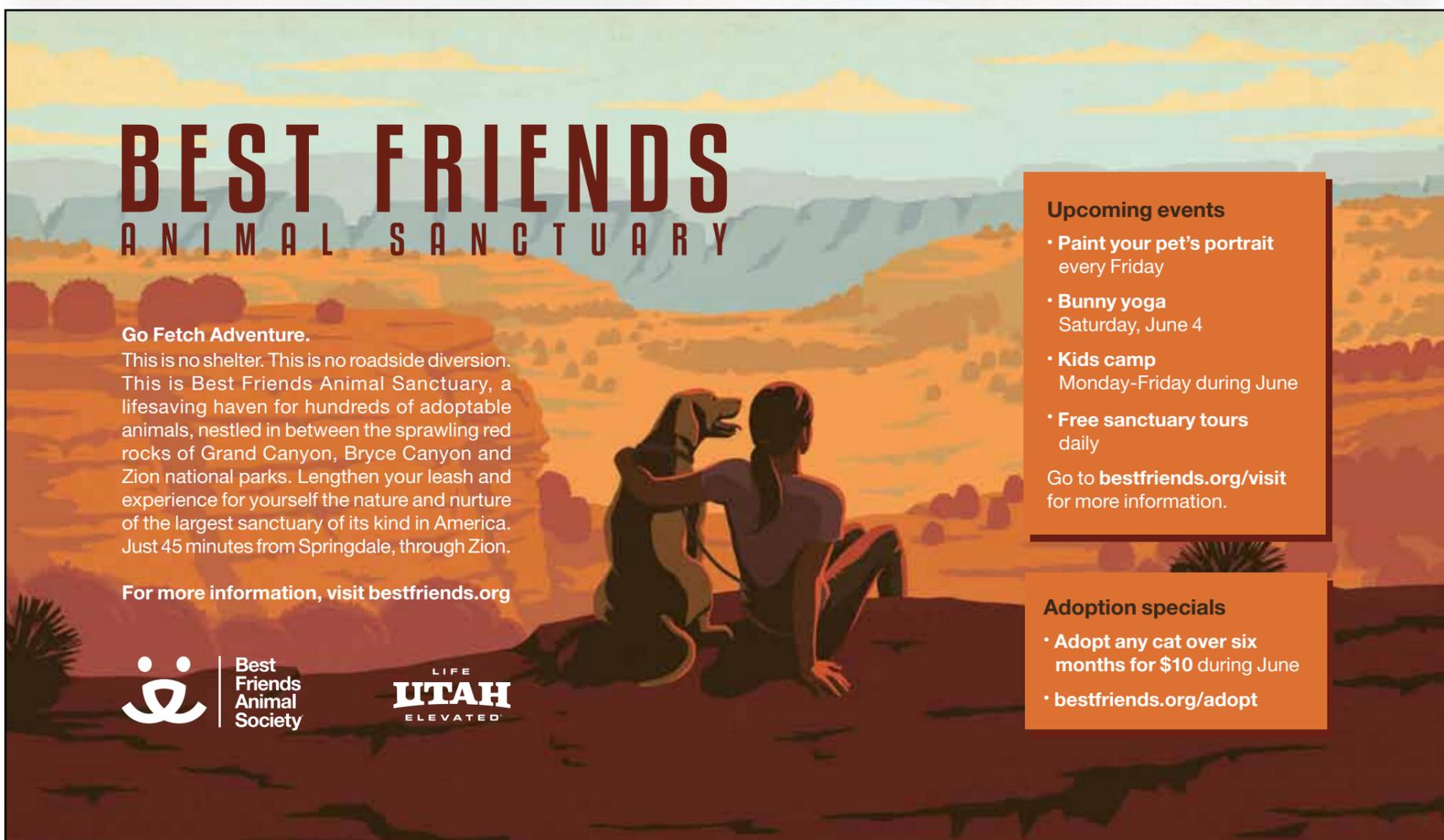
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