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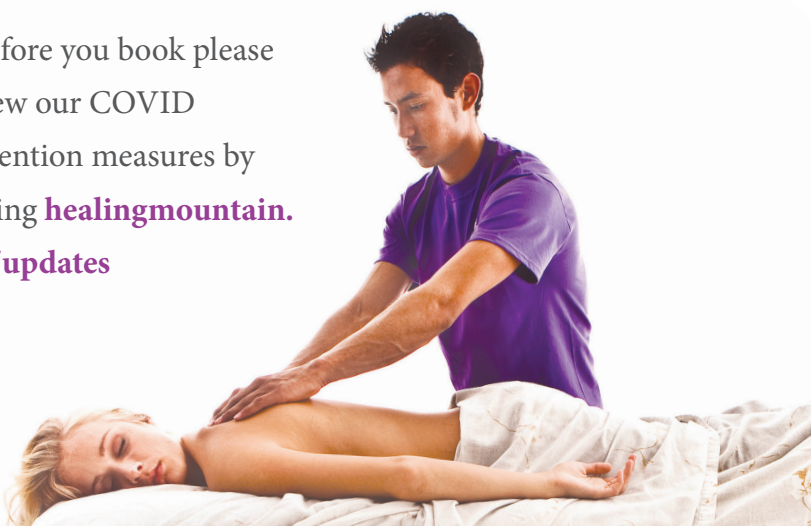
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RECREATION

GLEN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA'S NOW OPEN



Greenehaven, Arizona, and Big Water, Utah.

While these areas, and many more are accessible for visitors to enjoy, a return to full operations will continue to be phased in and services may be limited. When recreating, always follow local area health orders, practice Leave No Trace principles, avoid crowding, and avoid high-risk outdoor activities.

The health and safety of our visitors, employees, volunteers, and partners continue to be paramount. At Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, our operational approach will be to examine each facility function and service provided to ensure those operations comply with current public health guidance and will be regularly monitored. We continue to work closely with the NPS Office of Public Health using CDC guidance to ensure public and workspaces are safe and clean for visitors, employees, partners, and volunteers.

The CDC has offered guidance to help people recreating in parks and open spaces to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. We will continue to monitor all park functions to ensure that visitors adhere to CDC guidance for mitigating risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19 and take any additional steps necessary to protect public health.

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Beyond the borders of Utah's national parks lie desolate mesas, secret slot canyons, and incredible landscapes. Just in Kane County, Utah, there are 3,718 square miles of public BLM land and only 218 square miles of privately owned parcels. It is still possible to leave the crowds behind, capture the photo not yet taken, and experience true desert solitude.

Not far outside of Zion National Park exists an easy-to-hike red rock slot canyon that parallels Antelope Canyon in its photographic potential. Others long to visit Tuweep, which is perhaps the most stunning of all Grand Canyon viewpoints that are found 61 miles from pavement. Then there's White Pocket, an up-and-coming destination sought by accomplished photographers. Tucked deep in Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, the bizarre but beautiful formation of white brain rock and colorful swirls is still unheard of to many locals. The trip requires miles of driving in deep sand, which limits visitation.

The land stretching from the Grand Canyon up to the top of the Grand Staircase was the last to be mapped in the continental U.S., and it remains remote and practically untouched to this day. Most don't have the right vehicle, tools, and skills to travel to such secluded spots. That's why many Utahns and visitors to the Southwest rely on professional guide services.

Based in Kanab, Dreamland Safari Tours has been sharing these less explored places with photographers and curious hikers since 2001. The company guides small groups to the best spots in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, the safariAri-

zona Strip, and on BLM land surrounding Kanab. With over 15 tour options on the menu and varying degrees of physical difficulty, such as a leisurely stroll in a cool slot canyon, a drive through the Grand Staircase, or an 11-mile trek across windblown dunes to visit the amazing sandstone teepees right in the backyard of the famous Wave. No permit required. Descriptions of their trips are found on their website, www.dreamlandtours.net.

"We get a lot of calls from folks who wouldn't normally sign up for a paid tour," said Dreamland co-owner Paul Gagner. "They are seeking an authentic experience but don't have the time to plan it, or the right vehicle to get there. At the end of the day, they tell us it didn't feel like a tour at all, and that experiencing the area with a guide helped them get the most out of their SW Utah vacation."

Gagner and his wife, Sunny Stroer, are experienced outdoor adventurers who recently purchased Dreamland Safari Tours just as the Covid-19 pandemic was unfolding. They made the tough decision to temporarily suspend operations ten days after the purchase to keep the guides and guests safe.

"Buying the company was a dream for us," Stroer said. "We decided to go ahead with the purchase and do whatever we had to succeed."

Visitors are already returning, and tours are back on with intensified health protocols in place and private tour options available. All groups are small, usually an average of just four or five people riding in a Chevy Suburban.

Paul and Sunny even go out of their way to try to obtain North Coyote Buttes



permits for their guests so they can see the famous Wave or the adjacent wilderness area, South Coyote Buttes. If the lottery is unsuccessful, they visit other nearby options that rival the Wave in beauty and may even require less hiking. Overnight campouts allow serious photographers to capture the golden hour at places like White Pocket and custom trips, which include canyoneering if desired.

Paul Gagner is an accomplished climber with hundreds of first ascents to his name.

He worked as a climbing ranger at Grand Teton National Park, and he has years of experience in executive management in the outdoor industry. Sunny Stroer is a professional photographer (Her images have been published in National Geographic and Outside Magazine) and lifelong back-

country adventurer who holds many ultra run speed records. She has two degrees from Harvard but chose outdoor pursuits over a corporate career. Yes, she has solo hiked the 812-mile Hayduke Trail, but her tours are designed for the rest of us who simply want to walk around and take pictures. Paul and Sunny's desire to share their love of nature is evident, and Dreamland's eight naturalist guides echo their enthusiasm to get people outdoors.

"I love hosting kids on my trips," said Guide Andrea Jasper. "Sometimes they're not used to playing outside, and they're hesitant, or they don't want to get dirty. If I can get them to do somersaults down the sand-dunes with me by the end of the day, then I've done my job."



EVENTS

KANAB KICKS OFF SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WITH HARDY 10K

Kickoff Kanab's weeklong Sesquicentennial Celebration at the Kanab 10K on Saturday, June 13th 2020!

The 6.2 mile scenic course begins at 7 am on Highway 89 at the historic Moqui Cave, meanders alongside Kanab Creek and the vermilion cliffs, and finishes at the Jacob Hamblin Park. Walkers and runners must complete the first five miles of the course in two hours or less. Strollers are allowed on the course.

Registration is open and only \$25. Children 17 and under are only \$15. Entry fee includes a t-shirt, race swag and custom race bib! Register at kanab10k.com or runnercard.com. Custom trophies by Western Hills will be awarded to the overall male and female

winner as well as the top finisher in each age division. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal! Mayor Houston will be serving up pancakes for participants to enjoy after crossing the finish line. Spectators can purchase the pancake breakfast for \$2.

Packet pickup will be in Kanab on Friday June 12th from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Kanab City Office located at 26 North 100 East. Packets can also be picked up the morning of the race at the Kanab City Park beginning at 6:00am. Racers must be at Jacob Hamblin Park (100 E. 500 N.) by 6:30 to take a shuttle bus to the starting line

After the race be sure to head to the Kanab Center (20 N 100 E) for the Time Capsule Ceremony beginning at 10:00am. There are fun activities to follow throughout the day. Go to visitsouthernutah.com/kanab-150/ for a full schedule of events.

Please note, the highway will only be open to one-way traffic from 300 N. to Moqui Cave on June 13th between 6:30 and 9:00 am. Consequently, delays should be expected on Highway 89, and the south entrance to Best Friends will be closed between 7 and 8 am, so please plan accordingly. Runners will also be on 300 N., 200 N., 200 W., and 100 E. Thanks for your cooperation! This is one of Kanab City's premier events as many businesses and individuals converge to create a sense of community. We want everyone to experience it! So run, walk, volunteer, or cheer. We will see you there!

CASABLANCA RESORT AND VIRGIN RIVER HOTEL ARE NOW OPEN!

Mesquite Gaming goes ALL IN to ensure the safety of team members, guests, and community

Mesquite, Nev. – The Casablanca Resort and Virgin River Hotel re-opened to all guests on Thursday, June 4th, 2020. A spokesperson for Mesquite Gaming, the owners of both properties, said, "Our top priority is to preserve the health and safety of our team members, guests, as well as our surrounding community members and friends."

Mesquite Gaming has implemented numerous operational policies and procedures to mitigate and reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Team members have developed enhanced safety and sanitation protocols that strengthen the hospitality gaming industry, leading standards for cleanliness.

Upon re-opening, approximately half of the slot machines between the two properties will be operational and table game seating will be limited to encourage physical distancing among guests and players. Team members will frequently sanitize all surfaces across the two properties and hand sanitizer dispensers will be placed in key areas such as reception desks, hotel lobbies, restaurant entrances, cages, kiosks, restrooms, and more. Signage

throughout the premises will prompt visitors to be responsible and follow preventive actions to stop the spread.

All dining establishments including Katherine's Steakhouse, Casa Café, and River Café will be open. The buffet at the Virgin River will transform into, "Sierra's Cafeteria" where the Mesquite Gaming team will serve all patrons, and customers will need to practice six feet physical distancing at all times.

Mesquite Gaming is also proud to announce that the Virgin River Hotel casino floor has been expanded to accommodate more than 200 new slot machines. In the coming months, the expansion will also include new casino bar machines and a new restaurant.

Mesquite Gaming Rewards Club members will remain at their current card level and slot point balances will remain in effect. All March 2020 – May 2020 birthday dinners for Gold, Platinum and Diamond members will also be made available upon re-opening.

For additional information on Mesquite Gaming visit mesquitegaming.com or follow Mesquite Gaming on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

HURRICANE THEATRICALS PRESENTS: HAIRSPRAY

By Beatrice Stockwell

Hurricane Theatricals presents the musical-comedy "Hairspray," music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman, book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan, and directed by Kyle Myrik. The show runs at the Hurricane Fine Arts Center 500+ seat theater from June 5 – 27.

Hairspray is based on the 1988 John Waters very "campy" film designed for the performer, "Devine." It takes place in 1962, Baltimore – the innocent 1950s are out, and music (along with social change) is in the air. Our heroine, Baltimore's very own Tracy Turnblad (Grace Wells), is a plus size girl with plus-size hair, and a blast of teen-aged-dancing-joy. Tracy wins a spot on the local TV dance show (remember Soul Train and American Bandstand?) "The Corny Collins Show" and transforms from nerdy wallflower to local teen celebrity. She then takes on the task of trying to win the affection of the show's hunk Link Larkin (Dallin Suman) while banishing the nasty

reigning dancing queen Amber Von Tussle (McKenzie Morgan). Tracy is awarded detention, for "inappropriate hair height," where she meets African American student Seaweed (Kile Allen). Seaweed shares Tracy's

passion for dance but is discouraged that the black kids can only dance on "Corny Collins" one day a month. The perceptive Tracy recognizes the injustice of this and is for immediate integration. In a heartbeat, the bubble-gum, bouncing, bop of a musical becomes both social and political. Don't worry – there is nothing heavy-handed about race, inclusion, cliques, or physical appearance in this energetic, hilarious, outrageous show.

Hairspray plays Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays at 7:00 pm and Saturday Matinees at 2:00 pm from June 5 – 27. Tickets are \$15 for evening shows and \$5 for matinees. Purchase tickets at www.HurricaneTheatrical.com or call 435-668-9753.



CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND SUNSET ON THE SQUARE MOVIE NIGHTS RETURN!

Who's ready to get out and enjoy the company of others?! What better way than to join us for a movie or two at one of this year's series of Sunset on the Square movies?! It really doesn't get much better than some warm popcorn; blankets, pillows, and big-screen fun on a warm summer evening! We're excited to get things rebooted with the following flicks for you and your friends to enjoy!

And here's what we have for you to look forward too!

June 12 - As Pumbaa would say, "Hakuna Matata. It's times like this, my buddy... you got to put your behind in your past." Lion King - PG

June 26 - 'You don't change the world simply by looking at it. You change it through the way you choose to live in it.' - Amelia Wren in The Aeronauts – PG 13

July 10th - "Gentlemen, we are smoke-jumpers, the most elite team of firefighters in the world. We must be at our very best." Playing With Fire – PG 13 (with special guests, the St. George Fire Department!)

July 24th - "I'm missing pudding!" - Zak in The Peanut Butter Falcon – PG 13

August 14th - "I got a front row seat to crazy town!" – the Squirrel in Dolittle - PG

August 28th - "Angry magical spirits aren't for the weak of heart." - Pabbie in Frozen II - PG

With social distancing in mind, the City of St. George welcomes you to the free Sunset on the Square Summer Movie Series at Historic Town Square (50 S. Main Street),

taking place the 2nd and 4th Fridays at dusk (approximately 9 pm).

The City of St. George would also like to welcome you to enjoy our free Concerts in the Park series at Vernon Worthen Park (300 S. 400 E.), held on the 2nd Monday of each month during the summer. Each Concert begins at 7:30 pm and runs for one hour.

Here's that schedule!

June 8 - IDOL 80's (Billy Idol Tribute)

July 13 - Tom Bennet Country/Blues)

August 10 - Red Dirt Girls (Country & Folk)

September 14 - Ted Vigil (John Denver Tribute)

"We're just asking everyone to be careful and considerate of others regarding concerns some may still have about COVID-19. We're pleased to see things are slowly getting better and that we have this opportunity as a community to spend time together," Michelle Graves, Deputy Director of Arts and Events commented. "Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and goodies to enjoy these free movie and concert events. Be sure to come early to get the best seat and enjoy a family-friendly night out on us!"

Remember to social distance, consider wearing masks, and leave room between your group and others (six feet between groups is recommended). There will be plenty of room to spread out and enjoy the shows!

** Oh, and while you're at it, mark your calendars for our Uncle Sam 4k and our 4th of July Parade and Fireworks Display! Go to www.sgcity.org/4th/ for more information!



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- ★★★★ - Good
- ★★★ - Decent
- ★★ - Poor
- ★ - Terrible

THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

BLOODSHOT (R)

★★

At its best, this adaptation of the Valiant Comics source material manages to steer clear of sinking to the depths of the very worst of comic book adaptations. Still, at its weakest, "Bloodshot" is likely to remind you of much better movies. That's certainly what it did for me. Movies like "Robocop," "Total Recall," "The Matrix," "The Bourne Identity," and "Edge of Tomorrow" immediately spring to mind. Not that "Bloodshot" is guilty of being the first film to take a cue from stronger films (nor will it be the last), but sadly, there isn't anything particularly striking about the execution, performance, or visual effects here, either.

enough pace, there isn't anything particularly dynamic in terms of the action set pieces. What's more, I didn't really find myself rooting for Garrison in any sort of meaningful way--Even though something bad happens to him early on--And that's a big-time problem given that he's the film's protagonist.

Speaking of the protagonist. Diesel leads the charge here and while he can be an effective actor and action star (see his outstanding work in "Saving Private Ryan," "Boiler Room," the "Riddick" series and yes...even the "Fast" saga), he emerges as a bit of a blank here. He isn't particularly heroic, and he comes across more one-note and silly than charismatic and intimidating. For whatever reason, he actually generated more personality in "The Iron Giant" and "Guardians of the Galaxy" than he does as Garrison. If you've seen those particular films, you know he doesn't have a lot of lines to speak of.

Hard to say what went wrong here, because again, it's not like the guy is a bad actor. Perhaps it's all about the material.

Elsewhere, Pearce (so good in early career efforts like "Priscilla Queen of the Desert" and "L.A. Confidential") virtually sleepwalks through this thing as a man who may or may not have the answers to Garrison's questions. Of the cast, it's Eiza Gonzalez (bringing energy to the role of KT, a woman who helps Garrison



"Bloodshot" features Vin Diesel as Ray Garrison, a tough-as-nails soldier who, following a botched mission, finds himself back from the dead. Further still, he's been blessed with superhuman strength and the power of accelerated self-healing. In short, he's virtually unstoppable. But why and how? The answers he seeks may lie within Dr. Emil Harting (Guy Pearce) and a team of mysterious underground mercenaries he's been stationed with. As Garrison (aka, Bloodshot) attempts to piece together what the hell is going on with his new life, increasingly strange thoughts, which could best be described as *deja vu* in nature, only further complicate an already ultra peculiar set of circumstances. Eventually, this enhanced badass sets out on an entirely new mission; One that opens his eyes to the bizarre truth behind his existence.

A lot is going on in this would-be superhero opus, but for all its uptempo action and visual effects, this movie as a whole is the last thing I wanted it to be. Boring!... convoluted, too. Director Dave Wilson, who also put together a short for the Netflix series "Love and Robots," makes his feature directorial debut here. While he keeps things moving at a brisk

transition into a new way of life) and Toby Kebbell (as Martin Axe, one of a handful of thorns in Garrison's quick-healing side) who leave the best impression.

On a technical level, even the effects work comes up short in "Bloodshot." It's cartoony to the point of distracting. Look no further than a climactic (and undeniably bombastic) set-piece involving a tall building and plummeting elevators. It's just not very entertaining. With all its flaws, even Ruben Fleischer's relentlessly silly (and messy) "Venom" was more impressive mostly because at the very least, that movie was fueled by a committed, bonkers, go-for-broke performance by Tom Hardy. No such luck for "Bloodshot." It isn't "Batman and Robin" or "Cat Woman" bad, but it would be best displayed in a double bill with the likes of last year's misguided "Hellboy" redo.

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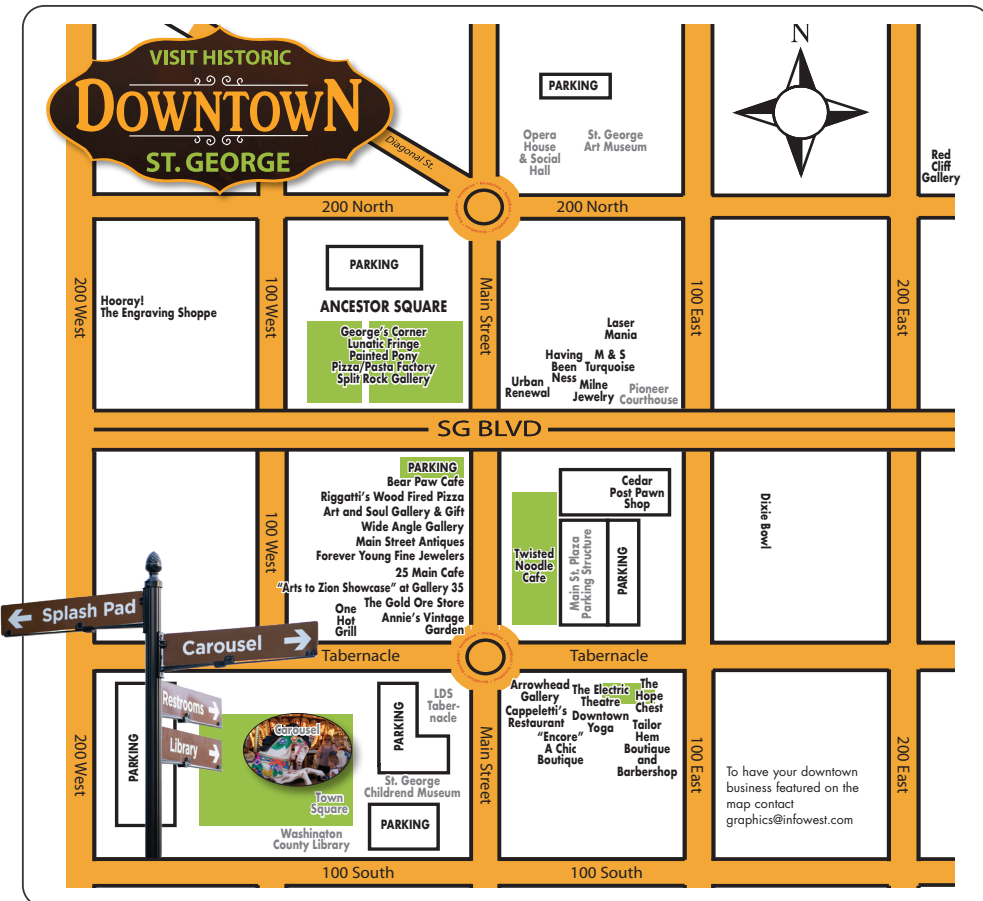
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OPINION

WHAT WILL, OUR NEW NORMAL, LOOK LIKE?

By Ed Kociela

The new parameters of normality will be anything but normal, at least when compared with what we were used to no less than six months ago.

We are seeing a nasty increase in instances of coronavirus in Utah as we drop our guard. How many lives will be sacrificed, before some sensibility is inserted into the equation?

Look, I get it.

I understand the frustration.

I am, by no means, a social butterfly who flitters from gathering to gathering, event to event.

I'm not antisocial, just at a place where I no longer feel the need to be in the midst of everything.

Having been on virtual lockdown for a few months now, I'm getting a little restless.

It's not that I am itching to get out and about and cruise St. George Boulevard. But, the rebellious side of me resents being told I cannot get out and about, that I can't just go out, wander the shops, sit down to a meal in a restaurant and enjoy the companionship of friends.

However, I also understand the other side of that, knowing that it is better to take precautions and be safe than to risk it all just for a good time.

It leaves me, of course, wondering how it will feel the first time I leave my house without a facemask, how it will feel to be rubbing shoulders in close proximity with the public. Will I greet old friends with a hug? A handshake? A fist bump?

Will I settle in next to them in a chair? How long will we keep this social distancing stuff going? When will I stop washing my hands 147 times a day?

How soon is too soon?

How long can this go on?

When will we get the green light? How will they – the experts with science behind them, rather than the idiot boy who failed biology three times in high school – know when it is safe?

If you have made this whole thing into some kind of political statement, you are denser than the idiot boy who failed biology three times in high school. Politics, believe it or not, has nothing to do with wearing a mask. Science and commonsense, however, do.

The nation is wounded right now.

There is, of course, the pandemic, the continued killing of innocent African-Americans, the raging unemployment, the calls for more and more violence, the avalanche of lies that promises to drown us

all.

Now that I think of it, I'm not sure I want to go out into that world.

But, it is the only world we know, the only existence we have, so we had better make the best of it.

I'm not exactly sure how Utah officials decided to lighten the precautions, but I have serious questions.

I mean, weren't we supposed to go through at least two weeks of significant drops in the number of cases before easing up the restrictions?

A friend of mine is going to be a grandmother in a couple of weeks.

I wonder what kind of world that child will grow up in.

I fear not much will have changed by the time that child comes of age.

I would like to think that, perhaps, our racial prejudices would be put to the side by then, but they probably won't.

I would like to think that, perhaps, we will embrace science rather than political ideology in that future, that we will make decisions based on fact rather than misguided emotion, but they probably won't.

I would like to think we will apply some economic principles that encourage and support the entire population rather than cater to the fat cats with deep pockets, but they probably won't.

I would like to think that in that future, we learn to respect and love each other better.

We are not doing a perfect job of that right now. If you loved and respected your neighbor, your friend, your family, you wouldn't be so thick-headed as not to wear facemasks to protect them from anything you might be carrying. It also speaks volumes to a lack of intellect that reasons that if the president doesn't wear a facemask, why should I?

You should wear one because you matter, I matter, we all matter, and we should look after each other, protect each other.

It's an affirmation of the link we all share despite our political, cultural, religious differences.

It would qualify as a "new normal," as they are calling it, but that probably won't happen.

We always seem more enamored with the "good ole' days," even if they weren't, because of that weird nostalgia lure rather than looking forward to a more promising tomorrow.

But, to be honest, when we get back to "normal," I would rather it be full of promise and hope rather than tired, black, and white "Leave It To Beaver" flashbacks.

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UTAH IS CONSERVATIVE AND NOT LIKELY TO CHANGE

By Howard Sierer

Utah is one of the nation's more conservative states, and it's not likely to change.

A 2018 Gallup tracking poll reports that "conservatives greatly outnumber liberals in 19 U.S. states." The survey shows Utah as the country's ninth most conservative state with 41 percent self-described conservatives, 40 percent moderates, and only 15 percent who view themselves as liberals.

Utah trails only Wyoming as the state with the highest percentage of Republicans. But the state's moderation on some issues might surprise you. For example, Utahns as a whole, support increased legal immigration and find themselves at odds with the Trump administration.

According to the World Population Review, "Conservative politics aims for a smaller, deregulated government and desires to preserve the political philosophy and regulations articulated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

"There is an aversion to rapid change and a strong belief that traditional morality, such as that articulated in the Bible, needs to preserve. Additionally, conservatives also emphasize the importance of free-market capitalism and free trade."

Conservative readers might want to add to or modify some of that, but it does a pretty good job of summarizing my political perspective. Here's how that plays out for many conservative Utahns as well as for me.

Start with the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Freedom of religion is the first freedom in the First Amendment. Just as many of North America's early European settlers came seeking religious freedom, Utah's first settlers of European ancestry were likewise refugees from religious persecution.

Even 170 years later, members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are acutely sensitive to perceived infringements on anyone's right to practice their religion.

The 2nd Amendment – the right to bear arms – has not been the flashpoint of controversy in Utah that it has in some other states. Nevertheless, reflecting its frontier heritage, Utah is one of 24 States permitting the right to 'open-carry' firearms. Of those, Utah is one of the 13 where gun owners are subject to licensing.

Socially conservative Utah acquiesced to the Supreme Court's same-sex marriage ruling. Still, there's little doubt that it would be repealed in a heartbeat if left to the state legislature or likely even to a popular vote.

You can only expect a begrudging change in areas where politics and "traditional morality" butt heads. An example: the state's rancorous process of approving medical marijuana demonstrated the belief of many Utahns that "the road to hell is paved with good intentions."

The federal government owns a whopping 64.9 percent of Utah, an even

more significant percentage than Alaska and second only to Nevada's 84.9 percent. Unsurprisingly Utah's relationship with national land-use authorities is subject to occasional friction.

When President Clinton designated the 1.9 million-acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, he met with a lot of state pushback. President Obama's similar designation of the Bears Ears National Monument met more of the same.

Southern Utah's Washington County is 75 percent owned by the federal government. As one of the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the country, government bodies within the county find themselves inextricably involved with the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies at almost every turn.

Asking "big brother" for permission to take almost any land-use action doesn't sit well with many Utahns, even when federal agencies do their best to cooperate.

One of my favorite columnists, Megan McArdle, described at some length "How Utah Keeps the American Dream Alive." A Bloomberg op-ed writer at the time, she made her first-ever visit to Salt Lake City to see how a deep red state provides so much upward mobility for its poorest citizens, precisely opposite the stereotypical view of conservatives.

She found that Utahns demonstrate great compassion for the welfare of others, especially the poor and those in difficult circumstances.

An example she noted: Utah's Republican-dominated legislature passed a significant initiative on intergenerational poverty unanimously. Unlike all-too-many government programs, the program is succeeding with most of the state's homeless resettled in permanent housing through a focus on "Housing First."

While Utah is very welfare-minded, the one-size-fits-all kind dictated from Washington D.C. is not what we have in mind. Instead, we have the highest number of volunteer service hours per capita in the country. Southern Utah's Switchpoint Community Resource Center, whose motto is "Changing the Face of Poverty," is a local example.

Conservative Utah appreciates the good intentions of its liberal citizens and has embraced some of their ideals. But expect us to go about them in a less regulated way, often led by volunteers rather than the government.

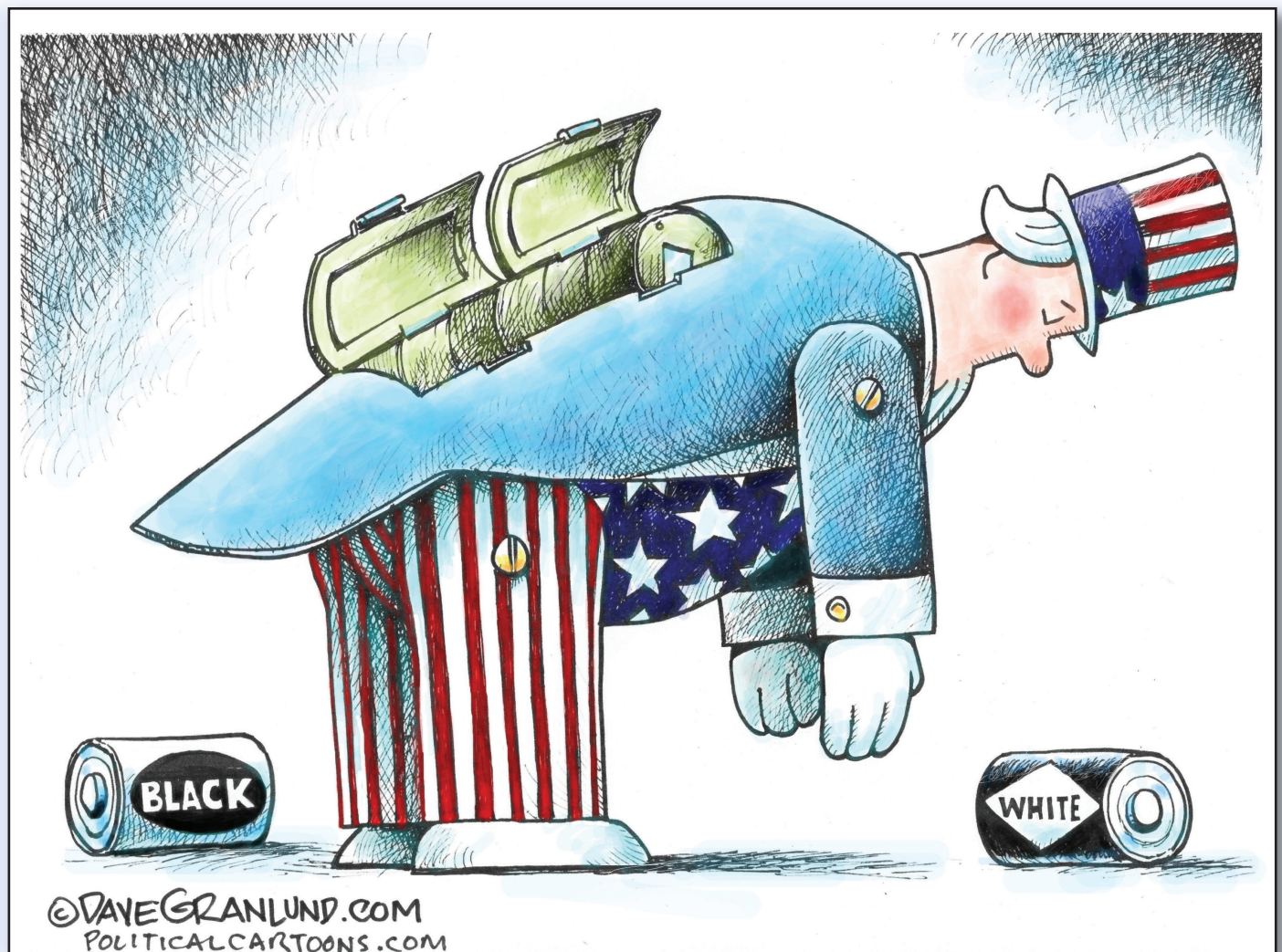
Utah leads the nation in a wide variety of metrics; let's keep it that way.

Howard Sierer moved to St. George in 2000 after living on both coasts and places in between. He worked as a satellite systems engineer and program manager, finishing his career managing fiber optic communications systems development.

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HAIRSPRAY 7 PM Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company's Hairspray opens June 5th! Don't miss this incredible cast of friends in this ever-relevant societal story. They will inform you, entertain you, and make your toe tap in their socially distanced auditorium. Hairspray plays June 5-27 at the Hurricane Fine Arts Center. Shows Monday, Friday, and Saturday nights at 7 PM and a Saturday matinee at 2 PM Tickets are available online at www.hurricanetheatrical.com or by phone 435-668-9753. Hurricane Fine Arts Building, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

IDOL 80'S AT ST. GEORGE CONCERT IN THE PARK June 8, 7:30 PM Free. Idol 80's—Billy Idol Tribute. Park seating. (435) 627-4525. Vernon Worthen Park, St. George.

ROCK N' HORSE BAND AT HURRICANE CONCERT IN THE PARK June 18, 8 PM Free. Rock N' Horse Band. Park seating. Hurricane Pioneer Park, 200 N. Main Street, Hurricane.

THE FULL MONTY June 18–21, and 25–28, 7:30 PM In this Americanized musical stage version adapted from the 1997 British film of the same name, six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers, low on both cash and prospects, decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring company of Chippendales. One of them, Jerry, declares that their show will be better than the Chippendales dancers because they'll go "the full monty"—strip all the way. As they prepare for the show, working through their fears, self-consciousness, and anxieties, they overcome their inner demons and find strength in their camaraderie. Tickets are \$35, and \$10 for students. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct, Ivins.

"LION KING" SUNSET ON THE SQUARE June 12, 9 PM - Looking for something exciting to do on a Friday night? Come join us for singing, dancing, crafts and an outdoor movie. The festivities begin at 6 PM with the movie beginning at dusk. Bring your blanket or chair and enjoy a relaxing evening at Town Square! 50 S. Main St., St. George.

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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.

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.

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.

General Tips For Zion

To avoid the crowds, go early or later in the day
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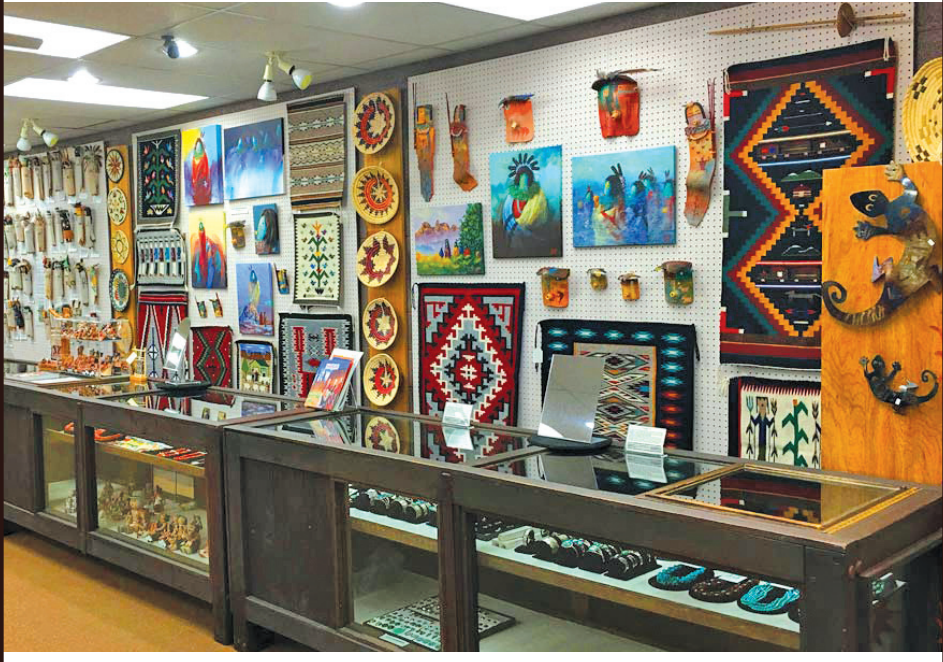
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Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

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 Maximize Enjoyment

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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

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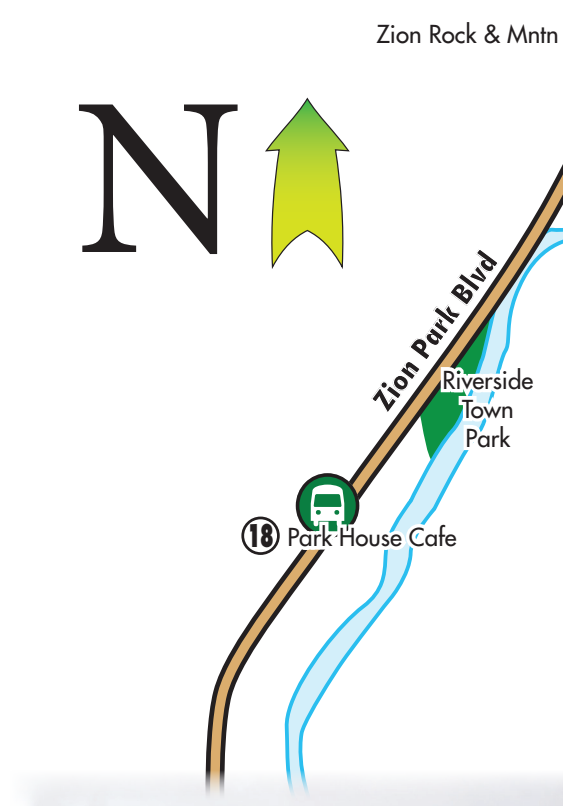


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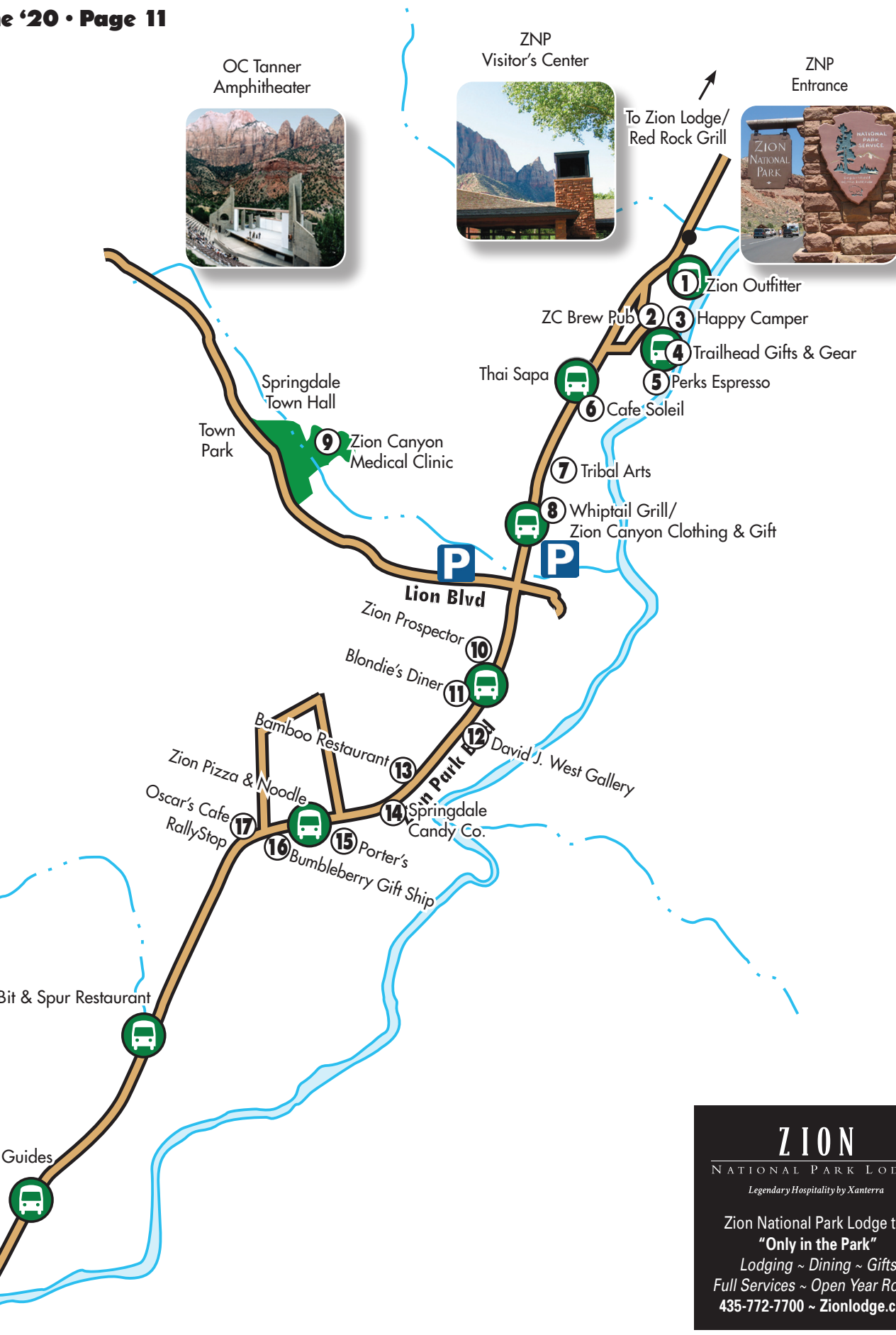


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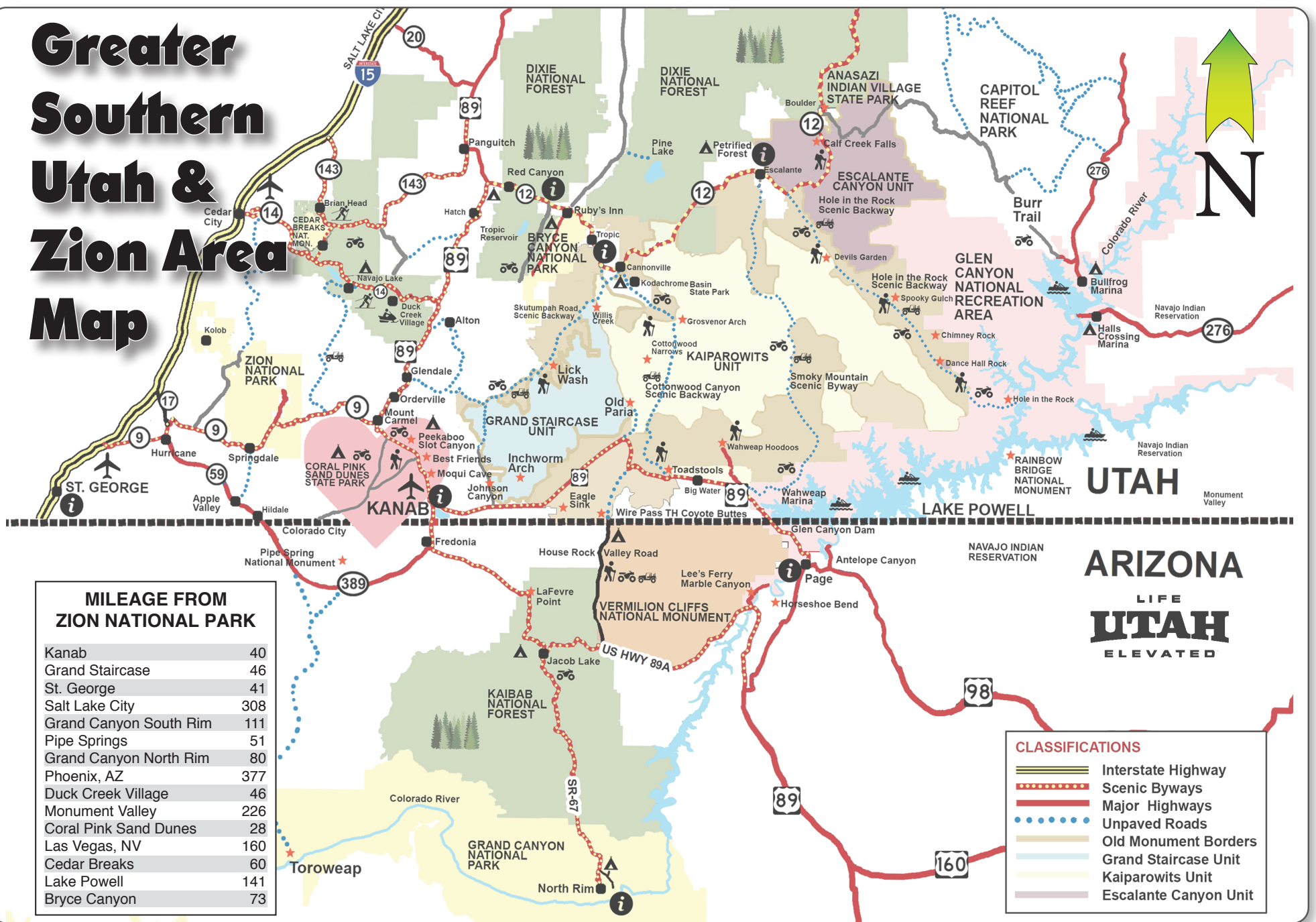
If you order an alcoholic drink at the restaurant bar, don't be surprised when the bartender asks you to order some food with your drink. In Utah, restaurants may only serve alcoholic beverages with food. Customers don't have to order food each time they buy another drink. The beer sold in grocery stores and gas stations, and tap beer is a bit weaker in Utah, limited to 3.2% alcohol content by weight (4.0% by volume), about 0.5% less than a typical American domestic beer. You can buy full-strength beer, along with liquor and wine, in a state-operated liquor store. Please remember to tip your servers and drink responsibly! The Utah State Liquor Store in Springdale is located inside the Switchback.

SPRINGDALE'S FEATURED RESTAURANTS FROM ZION GUIDE

Restaurant <i>(Listed by address from ZNP Entrance)</i>	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan <i>(W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks (E)sspresso, (V)egan items on menu</i>	Hours	WI-FI
Red Rock Grill	1 Zion Lodge	435-772-7760	W, B, M, E, V	6:30-10:30am, 11:30am-3pm, 5-10pm daily	Yes
Zion Canyon Brew Pub	95 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0336	W, B, V	Noon-10pm daily	Yes
Happy Camper Market	95 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-7805	B, V	8am-8pm daily	Yes
Thai Sapa	145 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0510	W, B, E, V	11:30am-9:30pm daily	No
Perks Coffee Shop	147 Zion Park Blvd	435-668-0446	E	7am-4pm daily	No
Café Soleil	205 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0505	W, B, M, E, V	7am-9pm daily	No
Spotted Dog Cafe	428 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0700	W, B, M, E, V	7-11 am, 5pm-9pm daily	Yes
Whiptail Grill	445 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0283	W, B, V	Noon-9:30pm daily	Yes
Moki	709 Zion Park Blvd	435-215-0520	W, B, M, E	7am-10am daily, 5:30pm-10pm Thurs-Mon	Yes
Blondie's Diner	736 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0595	B, V	11am-8:30pm Mon-Sat	Yes
Bamboo Chinese Restaurant	828 Zion Park Blvd	435-703-2882	V	11:30am-10pm daily	Yes
Zion Pizza & Noodle	868 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3815	W, B, V	4pm-10pm daily	No
Porter's Smokehouse and Grill	897 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0115	W, B, M, E, V	6am-9pm daily	No
Oscar's Cafe	948 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3232	W, B, E, V	7am-9pm daily	No
Switchback Grille Restaurant	1149 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3700	W, B, M, E, V	5-8pm daily	No
Jack's Sports Grill Restaurant	1149 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3700	W, B, M, V	Noon-9pm daily	No
Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon	1212 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3498	W, B, M, E, V	5pm-11pm daily	Yes
Park House Café	1880 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0100	W, B, V	8am-2pm daily	Yes

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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, redbreast shiner, and mountain sucker. It has picnic areas and vault toilets. There is a fee for visiting the reservoir and no boat ramp.

BRYCE CANYON - Bryce Canyon National Park is a scientist's laboratory and a child's playground. Because Bryce transcends 2,000 feet of elevation, the park exists in three distinct climatic zones: spruce/fir forest, ponderosa pine forest and pinon 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.

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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.

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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 pinon 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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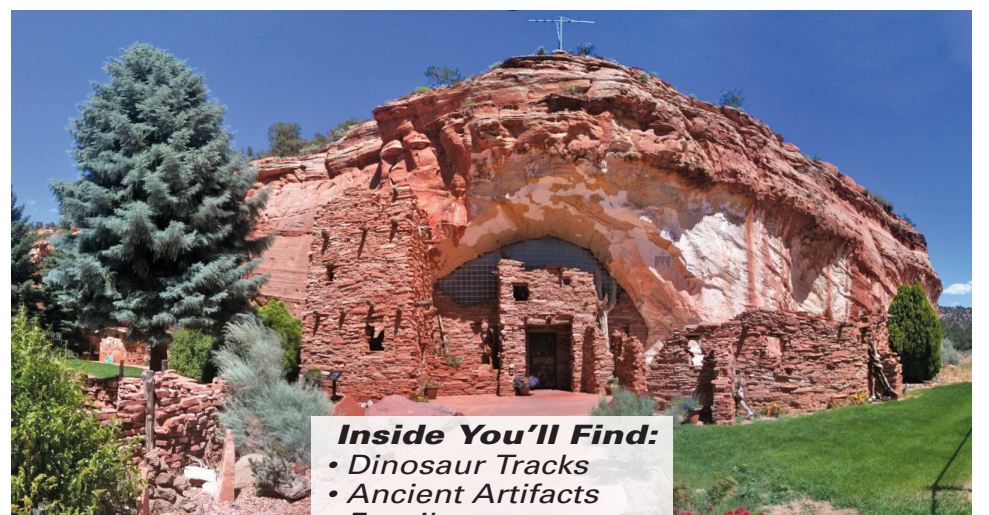
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Hiking is popular in Zion National Park, and popular hikes are seeing record visitation at peak days and times. For a less congested trek, consider these less-traveled hikes.

Northgate Peaks

By Don Gilman

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

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.

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.

Watch for a sign that indicates the direction to Hidden Canyon.

A well-traveled path takes trekkers between sheer sandstone walls rising up hundreds of feet, made up by some of Zion's most famous landmarks: Cable Mountain and the Great White Throne. Once beyond the end



Chinle Trail, photo by Doug Dolde

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

By Bo Beck

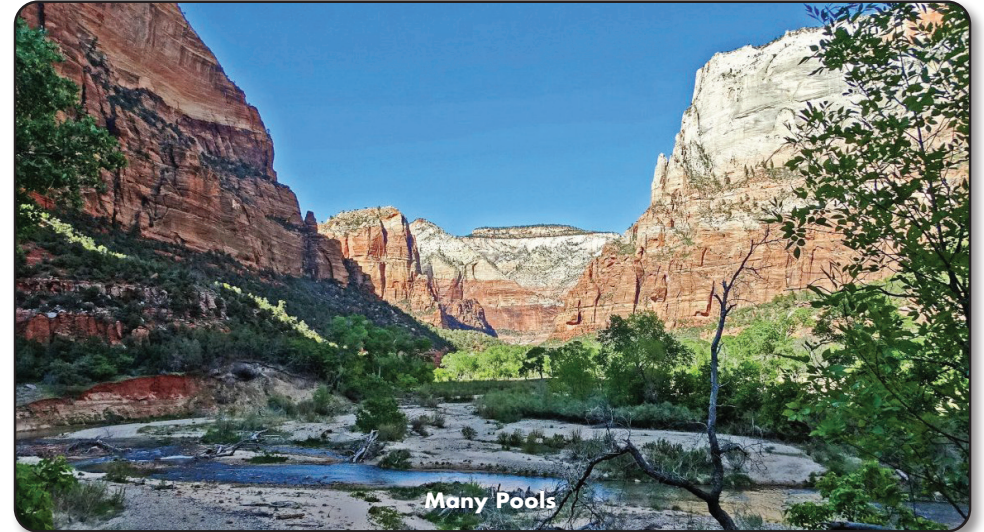
Gifford Canyon offers a nice stroll through a sandy wash and is very charming when water is running. This hike is nearly

Chinle Trail

By Greta Hyland

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.



Many Pools

Many Pools

By Candice Reed

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.

Hidden Canyon

By Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan

Hidden Canyon features steep ascents, narrow foot paths, and switchbacks on a narrow cliffside with exposure at high elevations. Some parts have chains to use for assistance. Be cautious near slippery sandstone areas with steep dropoffs. Expect full sun in most places after the early morning. Once you are into the canyon, it is shady and surprisingly cool.

This impressive 2.2-mile roundtrip hike begins at the same busy trailhead as Weeping Rock, Observation Point, and the East Rim. Begin at the Weeping Rock Trailhead, which quickly splits to the left. The trail you want to follow bears right toward the East Rim, Observation Point, and Hidden Canyon.

of the actual trail and into the slot canyon, look for small sandstone caves and a 20-foot long arch. Be careful to only explore as far as you know is safe for you! Few should ever venture past the freestanding arch.

Sandstone pools at the end of this hike are a favorite spot of the delightful and boisterous canyon tree frogs. Look for the tiny gray creatures near the water, and listen for their loud trilling. Past the pools is the end of the Hidden Canyon Trail.

Overlook Trail

By Charlotte Emmett

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

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

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

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Warning: These hikes are very popular and often overcrowded. While they are well worth doing, expect them to be a little congested.

If you are feeling up to some of the more difficult hikes, try some of these popular hikes.

Angels Landing via West Rim Trail

Possibly the most popular hike in Zion, Angels Landing takes around four hours to complete and covers just under 5 1/2 miles. 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.



"Observation Point Revisited" photo by David J. West.

Observation Point via East Rim Trail

This hike climbs through Echo Canyon to a viewpoint of Zion Canyon and offers access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap, and East Mesa trails. Plan for at least half of a day as this hike takes around five hours to complete and stretches over 8 miles. The 2,148-foot change in elevation from start to finish has long drop-offs, so be careful. Like Hidden Canyon Trail, this hike starts at Weeping Rock.

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.

Watchman Trail

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this hike takes about two hours and covers just under 3 miles. The 368-foot elevation has some minor drop-offs and ends at a view point for Tower of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.

Middle Emerald Pools Trail

A two-hour hike, Middle Emerald Pools has long drop-offs. The unpaved trail to the Middle Emerald Pools has loose sand and slippery rocks. You'll cover two miles in 2 hours over the course of a 150-foot elevation gain. The hike starts at Zion Lodge.

Upper Emerald Pool Trail

Starting at Zion Lodge, this is a shorter trail covering one mile in about an hour. You will rise 200-feet in elevation, and there are minor drop-offs.

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.

Lower Emerald Pool Trail

This paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. It also connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. It should take about an hour and covers just over one mile with 69 feet in elevation gain.

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.

Weeping Rock Trail

A short but steep hike, the Weeping Rock Trail offers trailside exhibits. This paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. It rises 98 feet over just under a half mile. It can be completed in about 30 minutes.

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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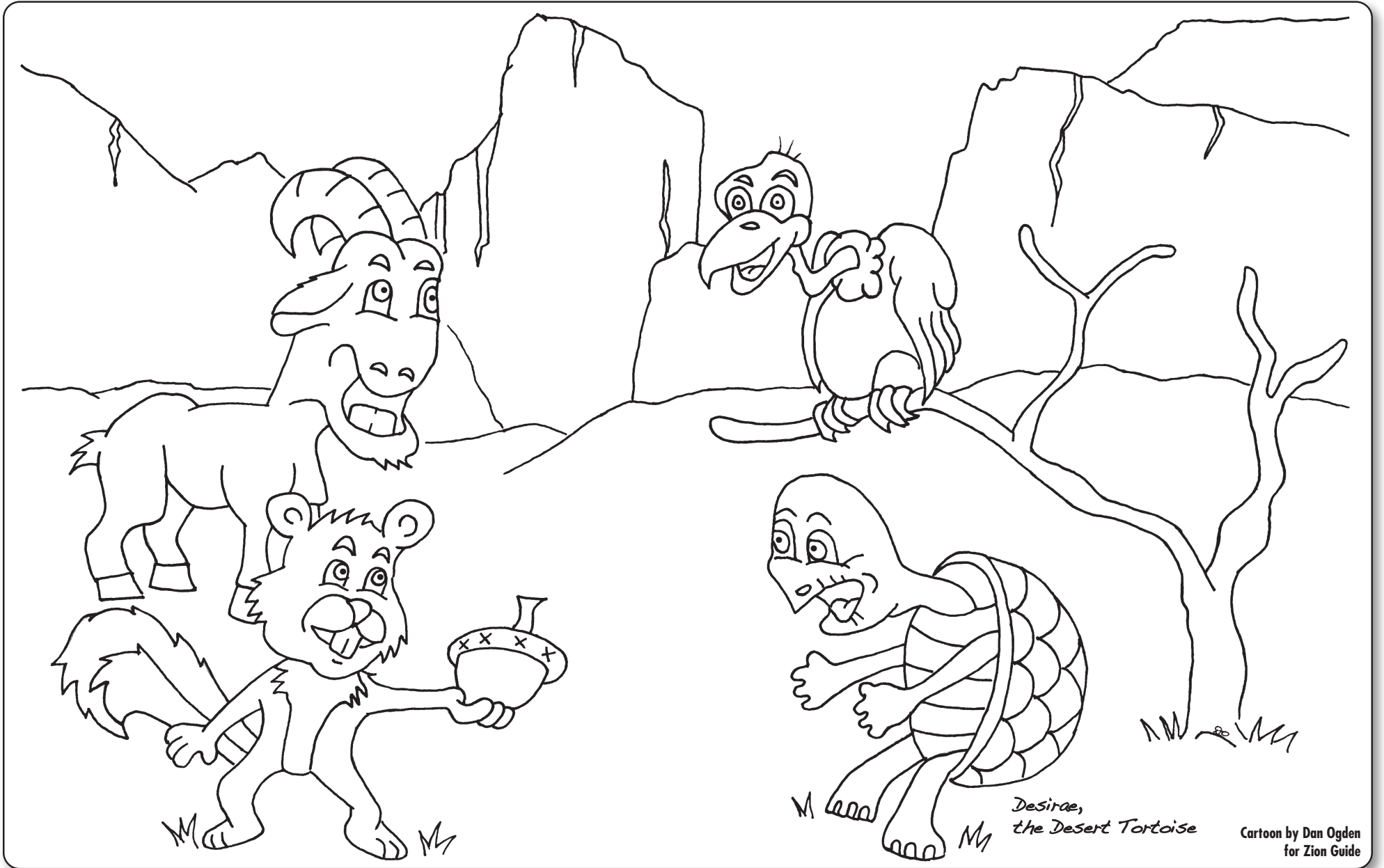
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Nursery stock, baked goods, local artistry, jewelry, crafts and goods, free bounce house and balloons for the kids.

May Kanab 10K
A beautiful course sanctioned by USA Track and Field along Hwy 89 from Moqui Cave to the Kanab City Park.

May Amazing Earthfest
Southern Utah's festival of learning, arts, and outdoor adventure.

June Jacob Hamblin Days Festival
A fun festival to celebrate the pioneer and Western heritage of Kanab and Kane County.

June-Aug. 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.

June Maynard Dixon Country Campout
A 5-day gathering of artists and art lovers interested in the history of Western art and current Western painting.

July Kanab 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate the nation's Independence Day small-town style in charming Kanab, Utah! Parade, vendors, entertainment and festivities throughout the day into the evening.

July Springdale 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.

July 24th of July Celebration
Celebrate the state of Utah with a pioneer dinner. Get ready for the fourth annual Kabob-a-Que.

July Pioneer Day Celebration
Games, Dutch oven dinner at the park and a great costume parade celebrating pioneer heritage.

August Symphony at the Grand Canyon
Symphony of the Canyons performs on the patio at the North Rim Lodge. Bring a picnic dinner and listen as the sun sets over the Grand Canyon.

August Kane County Fair
Offering many wonderful events for the whole family. Most of the events are free so don't miss out.

August Western Legends Round-up
Kanab's celebration of film, music, poetry, and Western heritage.

September Big Water Dinosaur Festival
Celebrating past and present dinosaur discoveries in the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.

September Demolition Derby
Cars, trucks and "figure 8s" with up to 18 cars demolition derby with events for the entire family, including the Power Wheels Derby for kids and the wife-carrying contest!

September Carmel Mtn. Music and Art Festival and Car Show
Check out fancy cars and enjoy live entertainment, vendors, food and kid-friendly activities.

September Glendale Heritage Apple Festival
The Glendale Heritage Apple Festival was started to celebrate Pioneer Heritage and the many talents that are in this small town.

September Duck Creek End of Summer Bash
6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Duck on In Saloon in Duck Creek Village. Come spend your Labor Day Weekend in Duck Creek enjoying live music.

September Zion Canyon Music Festival
Enjoy the beautiful fall season in Zion as the canyon is filled with music. The Zion Canyon Music Festival features music, art and an exquisite backdrop.

October Red Rocktoberfest
Art, food, live music and poetry, dancing, wagon rides, photography, games and activities for the kids, all on the main drag in Kanab. German food and activities.

October Zion Rocktoberfest
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.

Nov.-Dec. 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.

November Butch Cassidy 10K Run
This 10K/5K scenic race brings together community, and not just with running. Stay after for some Grafton fun with what is promised to be a party.

November K-town Turkey Trot 5K
Taking place in Kanab on Thanksgiving morning, bring the whole family for this early morning fun run/walk to make room for that delicious dinner later in the day!

November 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.

November Christmas Light Parade and Festival
An annual light parade on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Gourmet s'mores school held on Main Street followed by music, caroling, hot cocoa and a wishing lantern launch.

November 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.

December Windsor Castle by Night
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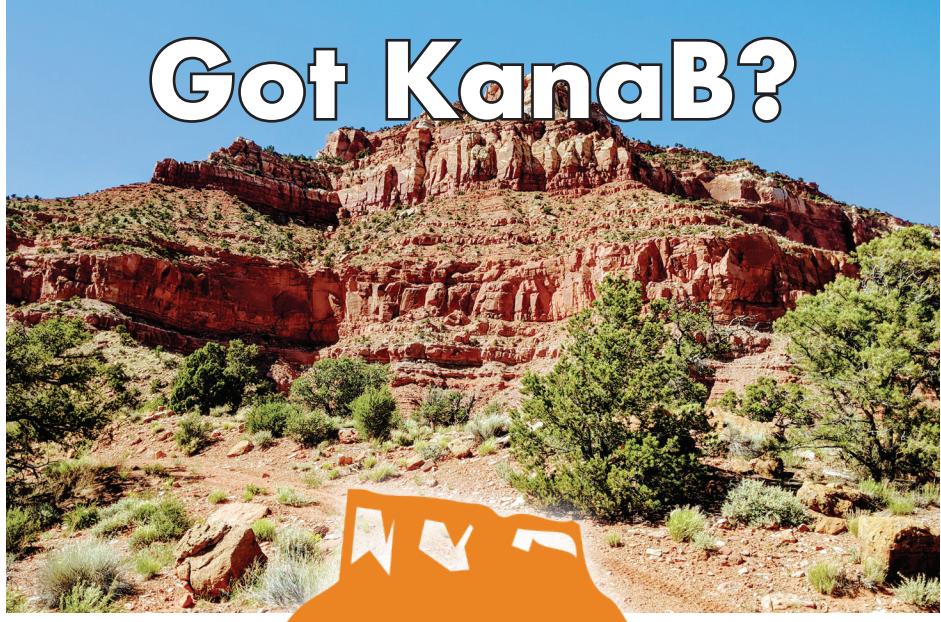

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EAST ZION & KANAB'S FEATURED RESTAURANTS FROM ZION GUIDE

Restaurant (Listed Alphabetically)	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan (W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks, (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu	Hours	WI-FI
12 Jakey Leigh's	4 E Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-8191	E, V	7am-2pm Mon-Fri, Sat & Sun 8am-Noon	Yes
28 Juniper Ridge Restaurant	2631 Hwy 89A, Fredonia	(928) 643-6094	W, B, M, E, V	5-11pm Tues-Sat	Yes
20 Nedra's Too	310 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-2030	W, B, V	8am-10pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 7am-10pm Sat, 7am-9pm Sun	Yes
7 Peekaboo Restaurant	233 W Center St, Kanab	(435) 689-1959	W, B, M, E, V	11:30am-2:30pm & 5-9pm daily	Yes
6 Sego Restaurant	190 N 300 W, Kanab	(435) 644-5680	W, B, M, E, V	6-10pm Tues-Sat	Yes
16 Wild Thyme	198 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-2848	W, B, M, V	5pm-9pm Tues-Sun	Yes

EAST ZION & KANAB'S FEATURED SERVICES, SHOPS & GALLERIES FROM ZION GUIDE FOR EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Services (Listed Alphabetically)

3 Best Friends Animal Sanctuary	5001 Angel Canyon Rd, Kanab	(435) 644-2001
27 Blacksmith Adventures	2450 South Hwy 89, Kanab	(575) 313-4650
5 The Canyons Collection	190 N 300 W, Kanab	(435) 644-8660
24 Dreamland Safari Tours	Serving the greater Kanab area	(435-644-5506
11 ERA Utah Properties	7 West Center, Kanab	(435-644-2606
25 GarKane Energy	1802 S Hwy 89A, Kanab	(435) 644-5026
13 Kanab City	37 North 100 East, Kanab	(435) 644-2534
17 Kanab Massage	67 West 200 South, Kanab	(435) 644-8492
9 Kanab Realty	93 West Center, Kanab	(435) 229-6911
14 Kane County Visitors Bureau	78 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5033
9 Karen Heet	93 West Center, Kanab	(435) 644-2232
1 Maynard Dixon Museum	2200 State St, Mt Carmel	(435) 648-2652
25 Red Rock Homes	1875 South Hwy 89, Kanab	(435) 644-3225

Shops (Listed Alphabetically)

18 Glazier's Market	264 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5029
22 Honey's Marketplace	260 E 300 S, Kanab	(435) 644-5877
8 Kanab Drug	176 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-3401
11 Kanab Natural Market	11 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-5575
4 Moqui Cave	4581 US-89	(435) 644-8525
29 Pioneer Creations	55 North Main, Fredonia	(928) 643-7020
10 Terry's Photo Shop	19 W Center St, Kanab	(435) 689-0443
1 The Rock Stop	385 W State St, Orderville	(435) 648-2747
2 White Mountain Trading Post	10 W Hwy 9, Mt Carmel	(435) 648-2030
Entertainment		
Redstone Theater	29 W Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-2334

To get your business on this map and directory please call Josh at 435-632-1555 for details.

107 Chuckwalla Lane
Springdale, UT 84767

\$499,000

Bamboo wood floors, custom paved patio.
Brand new construction with gourmet kitchen.

109 Chuckwalla Lane
Springdale, UT 84767

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Lot 15 Hopi Circle
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Anasazi Plateau is a 77 lot subdivision of 300 acres protected on all sides by
Zion National park, Federal lands and designated open space.

Lot 16 Hopi Circle
Springdale, UT 84767

\$180,000

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City of Kanab

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Balloons & Tunes - February
Kanab Film Festival - April
Kanab 10K - May
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Sighthound Shivoo - May
Kanab Outdoor Market - May-October
Summer Concerts - 2nd Sat., Jun-Aug
Jacob Hamblin Days - June
July 4th Celebration
Canyons Folk Festival - August
Western Legends - August
Red Rocktoberfest Art Walk - October



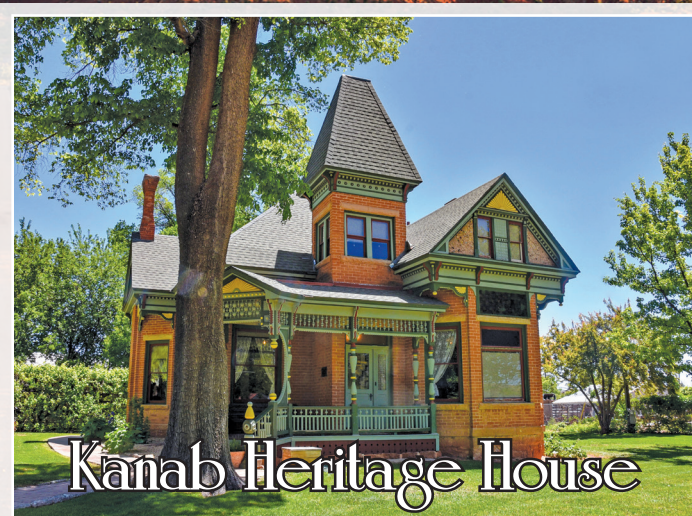
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- Hiking Trails
- Biking Trails
- OHV Trails
- Skate Park/Pump Track
- Jackson Flat Reservoir
- Jacob Hamblin Park



Seasonal Attractions

- The Splash Pad @ Hamblin Park
- Cowboy Watering Hole Pool
- Heritage Museum
- Heritage House Museum (See Below)



Kanab Heritage House

The Kanab Heritage House is a glimpse into the history of Kanab and it's people. Free guided tours Monday-Saturday.

Historic demonstrations and events are scheduled throughout the year.

Please visit kanabheritagehouse.com for a complete list of hours and events.

115 S Main St., Kanab, UT

ABRA KANABRA

Nestled amidst an array of state parks, national parks, and monuments, Kanab and surrounding Kane County is a magical land filled with an innumerable combination of world-famous landmarks and stunning spaces that are still largely unexplored. And the best part? It's spectacular any time of the year.

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40 MILES (64 KM)

SALT LAKE CITY AIRPORT

317 MILES (510 KM)

BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

77 MILES (124 KM)

LAS VEGAS AIRPORT

209 MILES (336 KM)

GRAND CANYON NORTH RIM

78 MILES (126 KM)

PHOENIX AIRPORT

350 MILES (563 KM)

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES

23 MILES (37 KM)

ST. GEORGE AIRPORT

84 MILES (135 KM)

**GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE
NATIONAL MONUMENT**

15 MILES (24 KM)

**LAKE POWELL/GLEN CANYON
REC AREA**

73 MILES (117 KM)