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EDITORIAL

PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE: CALL ME AN OPTIMIST

By Josh Warburton

Sitting down to write my piece for this month, the things on my mind are mostly around appreciation and gratitude. Having just received an email with a new poll of Americans on a myriad of issues, it made me feel very grateful and happy with what I have in my life and my attitude towards it.

According to this Morning Consult/Politico poll with a margin of error of just 2%, the vast majority of Americans are not

happy with the direction the country is headed. That particular stat saddens me. I say that because while we have a significant portion of our population that lives in poverty, especially for the richest nation in the world, the overall quality of living in America is quite high. No, we don't have great healthcare, and I think addressing that would really improve people's outlooks on life.

And we do have a fair amount of violence in this country, and as of late. That said, statistically, violent crime has been going down for around 25 years with little bumps in the road and a bit of an increase in the last couple of years. I think much of that can be attributed to improvements in access to opportunity and programs that help support those at the lowest end of the economic scale. And violence is in our faces, in the news a lot lately. The war, mass shootings, violent protests, and political uprisings are all covered in an outsized fashion in our news.

When I look around my small community, I see so much good going on. People helping each other, holding the door open, offering to do things for each other, and frankly, not a lot of crime. And yes, I'm very aware that I am fortunate to live in

an area without masses in poverty and all that comes with that. And I do realize my perspective is certainly my own.

Maybe I'm just an optimist, but I see a positive prospect for the future in our country. Much more attention is being brought to inequality and issues that are frankly solvable, mainly with public policy and persuasion. And I see a new generation moving into their power with modern sensibilities and perspectives. We will undoubtedly see a great reckoning with many of these issues in the decades to come.

So I will admit to being in the minority on this one. I think life is great. I think our country is great. I think we have many problems, but we also continue to work on solutions. That's what I see in our future. So yeah... call me an optimist. I'm ok with that.

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By David Cordero - City of St. George

A day packed with activities and entertainment — including a 4-kilometer race, a patriotic parade, carnival rides and games and listening to live music — are on the docket to help celebrate the 4th of July holiday in St. George.

“Each year, we try to bring new excitement, activities and attractions to celebrate Independence Day,” said Aaron Metler, the City of St. George’s Recreation Manager for Races and Special Events. “There is something for everyone, so bring the whole family.”

The holiday festivities begin at Historic Town Square with the four-day Independence Carnival (July 1-4) that includes a variety of carnival-style rides and games.

“If you plan on going to the Independence Carnival on the 4th, I recommend purchasing a Mega Pass. Ahead of the event it only costs \$30 and it offers so



much value,” Metler said. “It gets you on every ride, inflatable and climbing wall, and includes free access to other off-site activities such as both city pools, the St. George Carousel and the train at Thunder Junction All Abilities Park.

“For July 1, 2 and 3, we also have a ‘Pay One Price’ wristband option that provides big savings for those who love rides.”

The carnival is just one part of the Independence Day celebration.

On July 4 at 6:30 a.m., the Uncle Sam 4K begins as runners hit the streets of Downtown St. George, starting and ending in the Town Square parking lot. Each participant in the fun run will receive an Uncle Sam hat, beard, race T-Shirt and finisher medal.

Following the race, the Independence Day Parade starts at 7:45 a.m. and moves along Tabernacle Street, from 200 West to 400 East, then south to Vernon Worthen Park. The parade involves a wide variety of community participants, including members of the St. George City Council and Mayor Michele Randall.

“We expect the parade to be bigger and better than ever with many more floats,” Metler said.

In addition to the carnival, on July 4 at Historic Town Square there will be a variety of events that include food-eating contests, rubber duck races, karaoke and a talent show.

To close out the 4th of July, 99.9 KONY Country will bring in headliner Dustin

Lynch to perform at Greater Zion Stadium at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at 999konymcountry.com or by calling the Dixie State University box office at 435-652-7800.

“We look forward to the Fourth of July celebration every year, and this year is no different,” Canyon Media general manager Ben Lindquist told St. George News. “Not only will Southern Utah be able to enjoy a patriotic tribute to America, they will also see a bona fide country music star in Dustin Lynch.”

Following the concert there will be a large-scale fireworks show provided by the City of St. George. Most places in downtown St. George are ideally situated to watch the fireworks.



“There are so many neat ways to celebrate the 4th of July — all of them right in our vibrant downtown,” Metler said. “Begin the day at Historic Town Square for the Uncle Sam 4K, and end the day entertained by the sounds of a country music and a spectacular fireworks display.”

More information
www.sgcity.org/4th

KANAB WRITERS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCES 2022 CONFERENCE

Each year, writers and wordsmiths descend upon the picturesque town of Kanab, UT, for the Kanab Writers Conference. This robust group has been meeting together annually for thirteen years. The conference began as a focused seminar known as the Writers of the Purple Sage, based on novels by Zane Grey. Over the years, it has morphed into a full-service writing conference, with offerings for the community and burgeoning authors.

The conference begins with a plein air hike on Thursday, July 28. Those who love the outdoors may find this kind of hiking to be right up their alley. Experienced leaders will take participants out on the fabulous trails around Kanab. Dinosaur tracks, ancient granaries, waterfalls, and other sites will inspire writers. Each person who participates in the hike will have the opportunity to write in nature and share their works with others. Families are welcome to

attend this event.

Thursday evening, the conference invites community members to join them for their first summer read-a-long event. Chad Morris and Shelly Brown will be discussing their heartwarming book, *Mustaches for Maddie*, at the Jacob Hamblin Park. This event will feature readings from the book and a Q&A style discussion about the book, what inspired it, and the process of writing. You can also meet Maddie, the real-life girl the story was based on.

Friday morning, July 29, the conference will host a Marketing Strategies Seminar at the Kanab Center. James A. Owen, a respected traditional and Indie author, will discuss using Kickstarter for marketing purposes. Other classes during this seminar include using TikTok and Instagram, as well as how to get the most out of your marketing budget. Betsy Love, Annette Lyon, and Melissa Dalton Martinez

will teach. This seminar, full of awesome information for those who want to take their careers to the next level, is only \$40 and includes a light lunch. The doors open thirty minutes before the seminar, which begins at 8:00 am.

The actual writers’ conference begins Friday afternoon with its opening session at 12:30 pm. Four breakout sessions of classes will take place over the course of the afternoon, followed by a dinner and publishers panel. Special guests, including Stefanie Molina, an agent with Ladderbird Literary Agency, and several small presses like Pink Umbrella Books and Immortal Works and professional editors.

The conference will continue on Saturday with five more sessions of breakout classes and a keynote address by James A. Owen during our Saturday lunch. James is the founder and executive director of the art and design studio Coppervale

International. He has written and illustrated two dozen StarChild comics, the award-winning *MythWorld* series of novels, the bestselling series *The Chronicles of the Imaginarium Geographica*, the inspirational nonfiction trilogy *The Meditations*, and more. More than a million copies of his publications are in print and sold worldwide. He brings a wealth of information and insight to the conference.

In addition to all of these things, the conference will host a bookstore that is open to the public, pitch sessions and manuscript consultations, a writing contest, and more. Access to the regular conference sessions is only \$100.

To find out more information about the conference, check out the affordable fees, and register for the conference, go to the website at www.kanabwritersconference.com. Registration is open now.

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**AN
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An Advanced Desert Adventurer's Top 10 Bucket List: The Kanab Edition

So you've done Zion and Bryce, and maybe even the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. You've driven through Kanab, maybe spent a night, or sampled one of the town's excellent restaurants. Think that means that you know the east side of Zion? Think again — because here is the local's bucket list for an advanced desert adventure in and around Kanab.

1. Peekaboo Slot Canyon

Antelope Canyon's little brother is located just north of Kanab. Caution: extremely deep sand! Do not attempt this drive on your own unless you are a pro at airing down your 4WD rig; hire a guide.

2. The Great Chamber

Going from obscurity to a sought-after destination in just a few short years, the Great Chamber may be the Kanab area's most unique 'Wow' location. 4WD needed.

3. White Pocket

Boring name, mind-blowing landscape. You

haven't seen Kanab until you've seen White Pocket; many think it's better than the Wave. No permits required, but it's remote and requires full-on sand driving skills or a guide.

4. South Coyote Buttes

If you like hiking, spectacular geology, photography, and solitude — South Coyote Buttes is a well-kept secret. Permits ARE required and tightly limited; Dreamland Safari Tours can help apply for last-minute permits & with 4WD access.

5. Buckskin Gulch via Wire Pass

The granddaddy of all slot canyons; called one of America's most dangerous hikes due to flash flood danger. The access road is usually good enough for 2WD cars when it's not raining. Day-use permits are available on recreation.gov.

6. The Toadstools & Paria Townsite

45 minutes east of Kanab on Highway 89. While the Toadstools have gained popularity, Paria Townsite's incredible scenery is still often overlooked. Pro tip: combine the Toadstools hike and sunset (best light!) at Paria Townsite for a great half-day adventure; no guide or permits required.

7. The Mansard Trail

Under-appreciated cliffside trail with amazing views and more than 1,000ft climb for 5 miles, topped by an extensive and unusual rock art panel - all just a few minutes outside of Kanab proper. A favorite hike for many locals.

8. Huntress Slot Canyon

This slot canyon will have you suited up with a harness and ropes! Beginner- and family-friendly, this red rock slot is a great spot to learn canyoneering — if you're not an experienced canyoneer, hire a guide.

9. Toroweap

Want to peer over the edge of the Grand Canyon's most photogenic 3,000ft cliff, away from the crowds of the North Rim? 62 miles of dirt road or a guide will get you there. Warning - there are no railings; this viewpoint is Horseshoe Bend on steroids. Pro tip: to get the famous Toroweap sunrise shot, you have to camp there (advance permits required).

10. The Wave

We'd be amiss not to mention it. Try the last-minute geo-fenced lottery on recreation.gov, and hope you are luckier than the hundreds of other applicants!

Not to say "we told you so,"... but yes: Zion, Bryce, and the Grand Canyon are just the beginning. How many gems from this Advanced desert adventurer's bucket list do you yet have to visit?



SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR PRESENTS PATRIOTIC CONCERTS JUNE 10 AND 11

The Southern Utah Heritage Choir (SUHC) will perform two patriotic concerts in honor of Flag Day at the St. George Tabernacle on Friday, June 10, at 7 PM, and Saturday, June 11, at Noon. Admission is free to the public with open seating.

"Unsung Heroes pays tribute to the greatness of our homeland, the United States, as we salute all branches of the U.S. military, military veterans, and those who gave their lives in service to this country," said Geri Rhodes, president of the Southern Utah Heritage Choir. Both concerts have the same song list that includes an English version of The Ukrainian National Anthem to offer homage to the many lives recently lost in the war on Ukraine.

Rhodes added, "The Heritage Choir is especially moved to be performing a song with words written by the late Utah Senator Orrin G. Hatch called 'Morning Breaks on Arlington.'" Hatch wrote the lyrics, while Janice Kapp Perry wrote the music, arranged by Richard W. Smith. Hatch had a passion for music and played piano, organ, and violin. On April 23, 2022, he passed away at the age of 88 as the longest serving Republican senator in U.S. history.

Other songs featured in the concerts include "America the Beautiful," "Salute to the Armed Forces," "A Song for the Unsung

Heroes," and "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

The concert's guest artists are all talented vocalists from Washington County. They are singer/songwriter Lyndsi Houskeeper and her son Luke Houskeeper, a student and member of the Chamber Singers group at Crimson Cliffs High School. The third vocalist, Brock Jongeward, is a business student at Dixie State University and has a Concert Choir background from his high school in Spokane, WA. The Disney organization once selected him to sing a solo on their Circle of Life recordings. The narrator for the concerts will be choir member John Mizukawa.

According to Rhodes, "These patriotic performances wrap up our concert season for 2021-22. We'll return on September 23 with the start of our 2022-23 concert season."

Each year, the Heritage Choir presents Fall, Christmas, Spring, Easter, and Flag Day concerts throughout southern Utah, as well as its free Fireside concerts at the Tabernacle. The Choir is under the direction of Principal Conductor Dr. Ken Peterson, and Associate Conductor Kathy Brown, The Choir's Artistic Director and accompanist is Tami Creamer, with Karen Kennedy at the organ.

Visit HeritageChoir.org, Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for more information.



Principal Conductor Dr. Ken Peterson

FORT DESOLATION PRESENTS FORT DESOLATION FEST

A Magical Utah Music Festival Is Back for Year Two

April 8, 2022, Salt Lake City, UT— Tickets are on sale now for the second annual Fort Desolation Fest at the beautiful Cougar Ridge Resort in Torrey, UT, at the gateway to Utah's Capitol Reef National Park. Created for both music lovers and adventure travelers, this boutique festival offers three nights of live music and three days to explore some of the most awe-inspiring landscapes on earth this August 12-14, 2022.



Artists will include:

- Amos Lee
- Elle King
- The Band of Heathens
- Molly Tuttle & Golden Highway
- Rayland Baxter
- Heartless Bastards
- Elizabeth Cook
- Danielle Ponder
- Marty O'Reilly & the Old Soul Orchestra

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"Something magical happens when you experience live music in a breathtaking environment like the red-rock country of Torrey, Utah. It unlocks a deeper connection with the music," said Jeremy Rawle, founder, and CEO of Fort Desolation.

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Fort Desolation Fest keeps things small to ensure a high-quality experience for all. So attendees can relax, get close to the music—and enjoy delicious food and beverages without waiting all day. There will be an array of creative food trucks, plus bar areas with craft cocktails and beer for those over age 21.

Explore all the extras.

This year, the fest offers a limited number of VIP passes, plus unique add-ons like a guided star party, a guest chef dinner, and secret campfire jams. Attendees can also interact with overland/outdoor brands in the adventure expo area.

Camp on-site. Or find lodging nearby.

Fort Desolation Fest offers limited-availability camping in a beautiful alfalfa field just a short walk from the stage. There are also plenty of other lodgings in the area, but they're likely to book up fast. So, reserve a spot as soon as possible!

Learn more about Fort Desolation Fest at <https://fortdesolation.com/fest/> and email any questions to info@fortdesolation.com.

RENT COMES TO THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS AT KAYENTA

June 11-25, 2022

CFAC is proud to be presenting *RENT*, the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award Winning musical, this June 11-15, 2022, directed by Josh France. This award-winning production is an experience that fans of musical theatre should not miss! *RENT* gained critical acclaim on Broadway and won several awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Musical. The show's success led to several national tours and numerous foreign productions.

American musical theatre.

RENT was met with great acclaim from critics and casual theatre viewers alike. It received the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The New York Theatre Workshop run was extended, and immediately traveled to Broadway after closing night. Jonathan left an undying legacy as one of the greatest artists of the 20th-century.

The *RENT* cast at Center for the Arts at Kayenta is full of local professional talent. It includes Aaron Meadows as Mark, Aaron



Based loosely on Puccini's *La Boheme*, Jonathan Larson's musical follows a year in the life of a group of impoverished young artists and musicians struggling to survive in the East Village of New York City under the shadow of AIDS. It was indeed a reflection of his own experiences. He created this show in honor of friends that tested positive for HIV and later died from the onset of AIDS. Their names are forever immortalized within the script of *Rent*.

Jonathan worked diligently on this production for nearly a decade. He wrote over a hundred songs in his countless drafts of the script. His work eventually culminated in a fully funded Off-Broadway debut of *RENT* at the New York Theatre Workshop in 1996. Its public dress rehearsal was a major success that heralded an eagerly anticipated opening night the following evening. Jonathan Larson didn't get to see it.

After the dress rehearsal, Jonathan headed home to his apartment immediately following an exciting interview with the New York Times. At around 12:30 AM, he put a kettle on to make some tea. Jonathan died shortly afterward from a dissecting aortic aneurysm, completely alone. He never knew how much *RENT* would change

Naylor as Roger, Brooklyne Peterson as Mimi, Michael Iorg as Benny, Eliza Hall as Maureen, Angie Naylor as Joanne, Ronny Williams as Tom, Christian Roa as Angel, Christine France, Courtnee Ramos, Coy Shinn, Eric Liebhardt, Lauren Sweat, and Samuel France.

Tickets for the performances will sell out fast! Don't miss out; purchase your tickets online today!

RENT will run from June 16-25, 2022, with the curtain going up at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children and students.

Visit www.KayentaArts.com to purchase tickets, and for more information, call (435) 674-2787. KFAC is located at 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins, Utah 84738.



EVENTS

GIRL NAMED TOM TO PERFORM LIVE AT LEGACY PARK

July 8, 2022 - Featuring special guests Caydin & Summer Bell

Small-town sibling trio, Girl Named Tom, seeks to create harmony in a world divided. With their distinctive harmonies and heartfelt performances, Bekah, Joshua, and Caleb Liechty won the hearts of America while becoming the only group ever to win NBC's "The Voice." In addition to their chart-topping covers ("River," "The Chain," & "Dust in the Wind," among others), GNT writes original music that will almost certainly project them to becoming the best-known harmony trio of their generation.



With their debut EP, "Another World," Girl Named Tom sweeps the listener into reflective space, exploring fond memories, global issues, and intimate conversations. Audiences have been "...blown away by the musicality and harmonies, creativity, honesty, beauty. This sibling trio is stardust." Crazy World exhibits "crystal clear lead vocals, driving (and unique) percussion, and after 3 minutes build up an amazing section of their 3 voices intermeshing together."

Based in the Midwest, Girl Named Tom performed all over the country during the band's first year before the pandemic struck. After winning Season 21 of The Voice with coach Kelly Clarkson, they cannot wait to hit the road and visit new fans!

We are excited to welcome Caydin & Summer Bell as the support act for Girl Named Tom. Local Utah favorites with insane musical talent and harmonies, Caydin & Summer compliment the sibling trio beautifully. Caydin received his first drum set at three years old and has successfully played every instrument he has touched since. Summer graduated from Snow College with a degree in music and teaches violin in the Ogden area. Summer also performed with Vegas McGraw in 2021 as a Faith Hill tribute and stole the show! The married musical duo met in Nauvoo, Illinois, where they served as performing missionaries for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They write original music and perform popular covers together for events big and small.

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SEUSSICAL FINDS ITS WAY TO THE ELECTRIC THEATER

For the first time in over 16 years, Seussical (the full-length production) will be taking over the stage at The Electric Theater!

Produced by The Stage Door, Seussical is a musical comedy based on the works of Dr. Seuss. This whacky production weaves together the most famous tales and characters from at least fifteen Dr. Seuss books. The show follows the adventures of Horton, an elephant who one day hears voices coming from a speck of dust. He soon discovers that the smallest planet in the universe exists within this tiny speck! Everywhere, from the of Nool to McEligott's Pool, some characters fall in love, some have desperate adventures, and some even save the world. When it comes to Seussical, "Anything's possible!"

This production has a unique twist that has never been done in the Southern Utah community. The main cast will feature age-appropriate/adult lead roles, while their understudies are juniors under 18. The juniors work with the adults on this unique experience and are learning from their character "mentor." Together they have worked on performance elements, like character development, actor choices, etc. Our junior leads will perform on July 2nd at 2 PM, July 6th at 7:30 PM, July 9th at 2:00 PM, and July 13th at 7:30 PM. Otherwise, you can see these understudies in the main cast throughout the ensemble.

This experience was created to offer the chance for families to perform together, often a rare experience. Leads include up and coming actor, Davin Smith, who will melt your heart as the young boy, JoJo. Audiences will

be thrilled to see local theater veteran Joel Thomas, who, after 16 years, will reprise his role as Horton the Elephant, except this time, his wife and three children (one who is just six months old!) will be joining him on-stage. Well-known and beloved husband and wife duo Brad and Barb Christensen will play the roles of the feared General Genghis Khan Schmitz and the sassy Mayzie La Bird. Their daughter Emeline Christensen will play the part of the love-stricken Gertrude McFuzz. Leading the story as the Cat in the Hat, Geoffrey Reynolds (UTU's Raging Red Director) will "pop up here and there (and you'll never know where!)" throughout the show with his wife and their six-year-old daughter. Jamie Cook will ignite the stage as the Sour Kangaroo, and by her side, you'll see her husband and all four

of their children. Many other families will take the stage together, some for the first time!

This show is directed by Brianna Rosia, who, after directing several children's musical theater productions locally, is finally fulfilling her 15 years long dream of directing Seussical. This is a musical production, and the very talented Amy Gleave has taken on the large role of music director. Woven throughout the show, you will see the works of guest choreographers Mic Thompson, Venny Carranza, Ami Gent, and Maria Vaccaro.

Seussical will run June 29th - July 16th, 2022. Shows will run Wednesday - Saturday at 7:30 PM, and July 2-9 2 PM.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for children and can be purchased online at thestagedoortheater.com or by calling the box office at 435-656-4407.



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EVENTS

THE DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrating Four Years At The Electric Theater In June!

The nonprofit Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU) and Realty ONE Goldmark proudly present The 2022 Desertscape International Film Festival. DIFF 2022 will take place in beautiful St. George, UT from Wednesday, June 22nd thru Saturday, June 25th at the historic Electric Theater. This celebration of independent cinema will feature over 50 titles--shorts and features of multiple genres--from all around the world. Over 10 countries will be represented throughout the 4-day fest. What movies can attendees expect?



Max Walker-Silverman's "A Love Song" will serve as Desertscape's opening night feature on Wednesday, June 22nd. This gentle, quiet, tender-hearted romance features fantastic performances by Dale Dickey ("Winter's Bone") and Wes Studi ("The Last of the Mohicans") as a pair of high school sweethearts who are reunited after over 40 years apart. This Sundance Film Festival hit will be preceded by "Colorado City Music Festival," and electric mini-doc from director Dan Fowlks and Tom Bennett. Bennett will follow "A Love Song" with a live music set.

Desertscape will close out on Saturday, June 25th with the world premiere of "Gladiators of Steel." This high-energy, high-octane documentary features a father/daughter story set to the backdrop of demo-

lition derbies. This infectiously likable ode to the ultimate sporting event was directed by the gifted Rocco DeVilliers, maker of the beloved (and adventurous) indie gem, "The Flyboys. DeVilliers and members of his team will be on hand for what is sure to be an insightful Q&A.

Other notable highlights from this year's festival will include Barrett Burgin's provocative and claustrophobic sci-fi/drama "Cryo," Nick Ninton's hard-hitting sex-trafficking doc "It's Happening Right Here," Stepan Burnashev's harsh, cold, and naturalistic survival chamber piece "Black Snow," Matt Fackrell's terrifying home invasion thriller "Who Goes There," Matt Heder's quirky coming-of-age story "Cub Scout," Hisonni Mustafa's edgy sisterhood tale "Hermanita," James Gannon's darkly humorous "Deerwoods Deathtrap," the Kloster Brothers' immensely creative puppet opus "Stranger Than Rotterdam With Sara Driver," Samuel Gonzalez Jr.'s gritty, PTSD-laden haunter "That Night," Anne St.-Pierre's 80s set Christmas-themed drama "Like the Ones I Used to Know," and Zou Jing's gut-wrenching "Lili Alone." These titles will only scratch the surface.

While Desertscape International Film

Festival: Year Four will pride itself on a wonderfully diverse slate of films, programmers also promise a variety of several other noteworthy film-centric activities and events as well. Included; Filmmaker Q&A's, industry panels, special guests, a live script read, comedy improv, an art exhibit, live music, food, an opening night party, a closing night Awards Gala, and more!

For full lineup details and info on All-Access badges (which come with swag bags and a handful of catered meals), 4-day Screening passes, Day passes, and individual film block tickets, head over to fmasu.com.

Find more events daily at SUindependent.com

THE GUERRILLA SHORTS SHOWCASE BRINGS UP-AND-COMING UTAH-BASED FILMMAKERS TOGETHER!

The Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge has been a Southern Utah staple since 2005. Presented by the nonprofit, Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah, this variation of a quick turnaround filmmaking competition was designed for filmmakers of all ages and all skill sets as a means to develop storytelling skills, to learn the art of collaboration, and to be quick on your feet when it comes to problem-solving. The Challenge is hosted 3 times per year and the recent Summer Edition, which was launched back in April, saw a record-breaking 30 filmmaking team signups.

During the late-April registration period, filmmakers were given a handful of topics to choose from. Topics included "Make a film with no dialogue," "Make a sequel to a film you love," "Make a film in a foreign language," "Make a one-shot film," "Make a film in one contained location," "Make a musical," "Make a music video," "Make a documentary/mockumentary," or "Make a film with an all kid cast." After picking their desired topic, participants were then given 4 weeks to put together a 5 to 6-minute short film using any resources available to them.

On Friday, June 10th, attendees are encouraged to come out to the Electric Theater where they'll have the rare opportunity to experience all of the completed Guerilla shorts on the big screen surrounded by the dedicated filmmakers that put them together. What's more, attendees will be part of the action as they'll be able to vote for their favorite and have a hand in picking an Audience Choice Award. What's more, there will be third, second, and first place Jury-selected winners crowned, with cash prizes

going to the best of the best. Cooler still, the first-place winner will screen at the upcoming Desertscape International Film Festival.

Collectively speaking, the group of storytellers who took part in the 2022 Summer Edition of the Guerilla Filmmaking Challenge couldn't be any more diverse, and at this very special showcase event, audiences can expect to see that diversity in the best possible way; On the big screen! Participating filmmakers ranged from ages 12 to 88 and the showcase will see projects from newbies, hobbyists, students, and professionals, alike.

At press time, there was still no telling how many of these creative filmmaking teams were able to follow through and complete their mini-cinematic creations but, programmers did tease that the handful of submissions they've received thus far are wildly entertaining.

The 2022 Summer Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase promises to be a unique and magical time at the movies. Come on out and cheer these storytellers on because you never can tell...There might just be a Spielberg or a Scorsese in the mix.

In the end, your input and encouragement is integral to their growth as artists. This is to say nothing of the fact that when one of these filmmakers does eventually hit the big time, you can tell everyone you were there when they first started out.

The 2022 Summer Edition of the Guerilla Shorts Showcase will take place on Friday, June 10th at The Electric Theater. Doors at 5:30 PM with the show starting at 6 PM. Tickets are only \$10 (\$5 for children 10 and under) and they're on sale now at fmasu.com.



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- I believe in Careful Spending – responsible budgets, transparency, and saving for the future.*
- I believe in Standing for what's right – property rights, honesty, fairness, and vision.*
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Vote Gil Almquist, Washington County Commissioner. (Seat A)

I ask for your vote in the June 28 Primary Election.

EDITORIAL

LOCAL CANDIDATE BIOS

For The Independent

Gil Almquist – Washington County Commission Seat A



My wife and I have lived in Washington County since 1982. We have 3 children and 7 grandchildren who love coming home to enjoy our beautiful cities and the outdoors. I am a graduate of Dixie College and BYU.

I apply my education to everything I do in the community. I served as St. George Planning Commissioner for 16 years, St. George City Council for 8, and one term as County Commissioner.

Currently, I am Board Chair at Dixie Technical College, Board member at Tuachan, Board member at St. George Musical Theatre, and I cover a wide variety of County assignments. A small business owner for 40 years, I know budgets, finance, and hard work.

A life-long conservative Republican, I support the national and state party platforms. I know what's Constitutional. My focus is on water, transportation, election integrity, careful spending, limited government, and accountability to the voting citizens. Washington County has the lowest general fund tax in the State. Washington County is recognized by the Utah Taxpayer's Association as the best government value for taxpayers. My accomplishments since elected are:

- Wrote the Resolution to support per-

forming and visual arts

- Started County Trash Pick Up Crew
- Wrote the Resolution to keep the Dixie name
- Created the Medical Response Team
- Resolution and Policy changes for Short Term Rental Requirements in the zoning code
- Resolution renaming Old Highway 91 to the "Old Dixie Highway"
- Contributed to the Constitutional Sanctuary Resolution
- Wrote the Resolution against mask and vaccine mandates
- Wrote the Law Enforcement and first Responder Resolution
- Voted for the Stay Greater campaign and funds from county to help businesses stay open
- Voted to Lower assessing and collecting taxes over two years
- Called for Water Conservation meeting with cities and towns to discuss water issues

Patty Alcorn Kubeja – Kane County Commission



I have called Kanab home for the past 6 years. I love the small hometown atmosphere found in Kanab and Kane County. Yet, we are blessed with an international flair due to the abundance of tourists from across the globe

and those who have relocated and now call Kane County home. There is no greater place on earth to enjoy the outdoors and specifically the off-road vehicle trails that are first class. I left the big city rat race and love the slower paced life that Kane County provides. I am concerned how quickly the small towns in Kane County are changing. It will require collaboration and sacrifice to keep Kane County "magically unspoiled" and "grow with grace" but must be a priority. Frivolous spending of sacred tax dollars by elected officials has in-

creased and must stop.

I spent 26 years as a commissioned officer in the United States Army fulfilling an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic. If elected, I would continue to defend the constitutional rights of all Kane County residents.

I am fiscally conservative and believe in smaller government not bigger. There is no such thing as "free" money and the sacred tax funds paid by the residents of Kane County need to be spent with careful consideration.

Why do I believe I can make a difference if I am elected to serve as your county commissioner?

I have lived a life of honor, integrity and selfless service for my county and will give the same dedication to the citizens of Kane County.

- 26 years leadership experience United States Army – Logistics Officer LTC (Retired)
- Paratrooper 82nd Airborne Division- Operation Desert Storm
- Operation Iraqi Freedom- Tallil 2008-2009
- Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan-Kandahar 2012-2013
- Secretary UT/AZ ATV Club 2019-present
- American Legion Honor Guard 2019-present

Patrick Horning - Kane County Commission Seat B



I have lived in Kane County for over 20 years and grew up at the Grand Canyon working and living on both sides North and South. I recently retired from 43 years of Federal Service with the Department of Interior in the National

Park Service. I served at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area since 1988. I spent 20 years as a Firefighter, Medic and Fire Chief

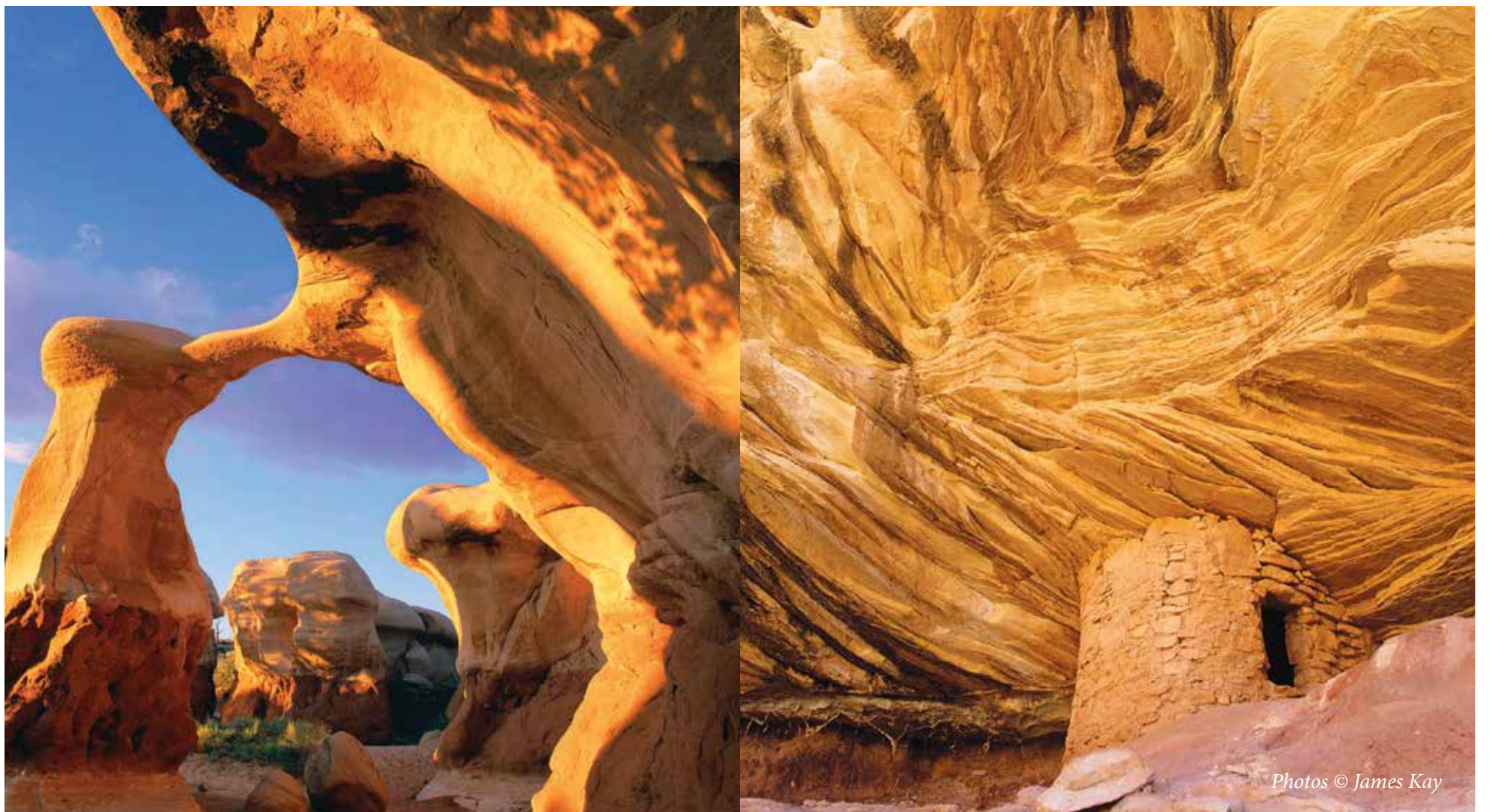
in Big Water Utah. During my time as Fire Chief I presided over the changes in that department that brought it from a shed with a fire truck that might run, to a professionally staffed modern department.

I want to put the same amount of effort and commitment into this position that I have in my previous positions. As Facility Manager for the Recreation Area I sought and received funding for million-dollar projects and oversaw them to completion.

I care deeply for Kane County and its residents. I have raised two daughters who were both valedictorians at Page High School and received the highest honors when graduating college and Law School. I met my wife Lisa while working on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in 1984. After her accident in 1985 which left her paralyzed, we were married and still are today. We operate a small hotel in Page Arizona and before COVID-19 we ran a vacation rental business in our home.

I am running on the issues I have described below, but most importantly; I want to hear from you what is most important to you, what you need from the county government, and what the county government can do that can make your Kane County dreams come true. I will listen and I will act. At my retirement celebration from the National Park Service one person said. "Pat is the person that will ask the question everyone wants to ask but is afraid to" I will ask those questions, and I will make sure that all residents have a voice and that their interests are protected.

- WATER is the most important issue in our county
- Equitable use of County taxes to outlying areas of the County
- Bring Emergency Services up to National Standards
- Accept that growth will happen but that it can be managed and planned.
- Improve relationship with SITLA.
- Make current residents the priority before catering to outside investors.
- Protect our Tourist Trade and our environment.



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OPINION

TIME TO GIVE UP YOUR GUNS

By Ed Kociela

Once you get the taste of blood in your mouth it is impossible to turn back.

The taste of blood has been so common now that the United States has become a very dangerous place where we eye each other warily and circle like hungry wolves stalking prey.

Between the time I write this and you get to read it, God knows how many wolves would have thinned the innocent herd.

They will continue to fall.

They will continue to fall as long as we have fear, the kind of fear that results when people stop seeking truth and fall in lockstep with the barrage of lies we have been fed for decades now. No, this did not start with Donald Trump, but he surely had an impact as we have seen his minions go as far as to break into the halls of Congress in an attempt to overturn the Constitution and try to kill those who respect and hold it dear, as we saw that cold, gray January day when a group of misfits attacked the Capitol.

They will continue to fall as long as there is hate. We have done this to ourselves, you know, hating people of different color, cultures, beliefs. This translates into a loss of respect for life in general, the understanding that we are all here on borrowed time doing the best we can to survive. Things go wrong, so we end up looking for a scapegoat. Must be "those" folks because they have dark skin, follow Allah, or, perhaps, identify as somebody who seeks sexual comfort in somebody of the same sex. Maybe, just maybe, we are responsible for many of our own failings, our own shortcomings, you know? Maybe we have been horribly, tragically, criminally mistreated and are working through issues not of our own creation. These explosions of rage and anger, however, are almost never directed at those who have caused such pain and emotional suffering.

They will continue to fall as long as the politicians place their own interests and desire for more and more and more power ahead of the good of the nation. To do so, they go down to the crossroads and carve their own deal with the devil, sacrificing all that is good in their heart for a reelection bid, selling their souls to blocs like the National Rifle Association, Big Pharma, Big Oil, the corporate farmers, and the others who pervert the system and culture for their own gain. It is ruining our spirit, our collective conscience, our once-gentle souls, and, in the end, a nation that once was a refuge for the downtrodden, the weak, the hopeful.

They will continue to fall as long as we have guns. Nowhere else on the planet do we see such a scale of random murder.

We are chastised for talking about the gun issues because it is "too soon" after one of these horrible events, or, if we wait to engage in working towards a solution, the impact and raw emotion of the event has passed, leaving almost a sense of ambivalence. Except, of course for the families and friends of the victims. Their pain is never eased.

And, each time we experience one of these murderous events, we hope it touches people enough to demand change.

The killing in that Texas elementary school is a prime example, bringing raw, bare-bones emotions to the surface.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., pleaded with the chamber to pass meaningful legislation to combat the gun violence that continues unabated in the U.S. "What are we doing here?" Murphy said from the Senate floor upon hearing of the Texas massacre. "This isn't inevitable. These kids weren't unlucky. This only happens in this country and nowhere else," he continued. "It is a choice. It is our choice to let it continue."

Murphy destroyed the predictable Republican response that it can all be chalked up to mental health issues before they could slop the spin from their porcine mouths.

"Spare me the bullshit about mental illness," Murphy said. "We don't have any more mental illness than any other country in the world. You cannot explain this through a prism of mental illness because we're not an outlier on mental illness ... We're an outlier when it comes to access to firearms and the ability of criminals and very sick people to get their arms on firearms. That's what makes America different."

Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., called out Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, with a pair of posts on his personal Twitter account.

"Fuck you @tedcruz you care about a fetus but you will let our children get slaughtered. Just get your ass to Cancun (alluding to his 2021 trip to Mexico when Texas suffered power blackouts after a winter storm). You are useless."

He followed it up 21 minutes later posting: "Just to be clear fuck you @tedcruz you fucking baby killer."

Of course the response from the other side was predictable as both Florida Republican Sens. Marco Rubio and Rick Scott insisted there is a need for the public to have access to AR-15 assault weapons and that there is no need for expanded background checks. Rubio did promise, however, to force a vote to tighten school safety "in other ways" without elaborating.

President Joe Biden did his best at consoling a weeping nation, saying "... we have to ask when in God's name we're going to stand up to the gun lobby. We have to act and don't tell me we can't have an impact on this carnage."

But, so far, that is it.

What we need is for Biden to start issu-

ing Executive Orders banning assault rifles, demanding deep background checks, placing tighter restrictions on gun show sales, placing liability on not only criminals who use a gun during the commission of a crime but the seller as well if there was no background check.

Actually, no.

What we need is to collect all of the guns and impose mandatory life sentences on anybody who uses a gun in the commission of a crime and a ban on selling ammunition and the brass, lead, and gunpowder used to make it.

Yeah, it is time to take all of your guns.

The 2nd Amendment, ratified Dec. 15, 1791, was never intended to allow the sale of assault rifles. In fact, when it was written, it was against the law for the public to own cannons or other weapons that could take out a large number of people.

The founders did not intend the Constitution or amendments to be set in stone. Instead, they created a living, breathing document written to take into consideration the needs and changes of a growing nation and its culture.

But, somewhere along the way, the U.S. lost its spine, lost its common sense, lost its raison d'etre.

We can fix this you know.

All it takes is courage.

You can help by phoning or writing messages to your representatives — local and federal. Let them know you are sick of this senseless killing and that they must do everything possible to stop the carnage.

Most importantly, live a life of being an example.

Don't let hate or racism or jealousy take over your emotional well-being. Don't give in to that because all it does is create more rage and anger, which we already have plenty of in our world.

If that does not work for you, think of all the innocent men, women, and children who will sit down tonight for the last time with their families.

They are worth the effort.

Oh, and by the way?

Save your thoughts and prayers.

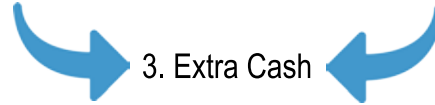
Unless they are followed up with effective implementation of stringent laws, they are as useless as Ted Cruz.

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OPINION

UTAH ON TOP AGAIN

By Howard Sierer

The beat goes on. Utah and a number of its leading cities, including two here in Southern Utah, have been rated best in the nation in economic performance. Adding to that, the state's response to the COVID pandemic is also rated as best in the nation.

Start with our economic performance. Utah was ranked as having the best state economic outlook for the 15th constitutive year by the ALEC-Laffer State Economic Competitiveness Index. The index is based on 15 state policy variables established or influenced by state lawmakers. Utah is a well-governed state.

Our best-in-the-nation economic environment results in a number of our cities being ranked at or near the top in the country.

number of small businesses to labor costs to investor access.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Salt Lake City had the hottest job market in the country in 2021. The Journal ranks Salt Lake City No. 4 this year, no mean feat when job growth has accelerated across nation.

Utah's economic recognition is due in no small part to our state government's measured and effective response to the COVID pandemic. We were ranked first in the nation with an A+ grade by National Bureau of Economic Research.

The NBER compared COVID outcomes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia based on three variables: the economy, education, and mortality. Utah ranked first, well ahead of runners up Nebraska and Vermont, scoring well across all three of the study's categories: fourth on the economy, fifth in education (as measured by lost days in school), and eighth in Covid mortality adjusted for a state population's age and the prevalence of obesity and diabetes.

The report shows that the severe lockdowns imposed in some states were maintained far too long and needlessly punished their citizens: state economic output shrank significantly and unemployment spiked yet



Provo-Orem, for the second consecutive year, has demonstrated the best economic performance among larger cities, according to the 2022 Milken Institute Best-Performing Cities Index. Having become an established hub for technology start-ups, Provo-Orem maintained its top ranking with the highest levels of employment growth and wage growth over the last five years. The 2022 rankings also include housing affordability and broadband access metrics that were introduced the previous year.

Logan moved from No. 2 in 2021 into the top spot in the Milken index among small cities in 2022. Logan is home to several high-tech medical manufacturing industries including pharmaceuticals and medical equipment. St. George is No. 2 in Milken's 2022 rankings, moving up from No. 4 last year. Milken notes that these top-tier rankings mark the State of Utah's continued success at creating jobs and raising wages.

Washington City, immediately east of St. George, was first nationwide in WalletHub's ranking of best small cities to start a business. St. George was second and Cedar City was fourth. WalletHub compared the business-friendliness of more than 1,300 small-sized cities. Its set of 18 key metrics ranges from average growth in

their health outcomes were no better than states which minimized lockdowns and reopened schools.

The report's bottom six states and all but two of the bottom 15 states plus D.C. were governed by Democrats who imposed the most stringent lockdowns and were among the last to reopen schools.

These 13 bottom dwellers have something else in common: Democratic office holders in these states are beholden to teachers' unions which are major donors to their election campaigns. Bowing to union demands and ignoring medical science, eight of these 13 states ranked from 41st to 51st for in-person school attendance and only one ranked higher than 32nd.

Our federal form of government proved itself yet again, allowing the nation to compare different approaches to a common challenge. Utah's low taxes and restrained regulatory regime paid off for its citizens, allowing them plentiful, good jobs to go along with our outdoor wonderland. Our state government respects personal freedom and most of us respond with responsible choices that fit our circumstances.

The first two lines of our state song say it all: "Utah! People working together. Utah! What a great place to be."

ABORTION RIGHTS AND CONSUMERISM

By Lisa Rutherford

I know that at first glance this might be a strange mix of issues: abortion and consumerism. Please let me explain. As Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's draft opinion on the *Roe vs Wade* issue was lighting fires around the country and, in fact, around the world, I was reading a book by Thomas Friedman titled "Hot, Flat, and Crowded." The issue and the book got me thinking about the connection between women being able to decide their and their fetuses' fates and the future we face as citizens of this planet that by 2050 will have nine to ten billion people—two to three billion more than now.

Unfortunately, it also places greater burden on the resources which are already being stressed by the current seven billion people on the planet not to mention the future billions.

Again, let me state that whether those who oppose abortion admit that they are working to grow the ranks of consumers or not does not matter. Because, in the final analysis, that is exactly what they are doing.

Those babies who end up living in poverty will put stress on social services, while those who do not live in poverty will become new mega-American consumers and put



Friedman's book highlights many challenges we humans will face as this world tries to accommodate all these people. It would perhaps be an easier situation if the United States had not taught others around the developing world how to be consumers—and big consumers. This is where abortion and consumerism tie together.

Most who oppose abortion say they do so on ethical grounds. But let's ponder what other considerations may come into play. Those who oppose abortion are generally Christian and many are Evangelical Christian; we know that. But we also need to consider that those same individuals are also generally conservative Republicans, and Republicans are big on business. Consumers are business' bottom line: fewer consumers, less income. Now, granted, it may be a stretch to say that a reason pro-lifers oppose abortion is because that will result in less consumers, but whether it's acknowledged consciously by them or not, doesn't matter, because it is the end result. Perhaps most conservative Republicans don't think about it this way, but some at the higher levels of control politically and economically probably do. Let's face it. Americans have been manipulated for decades by businesses that work to convince us to buy their goods and make billions at our expense.

So, you may yet be questioning my assertion on this, but just recently a Republican member of Congress stated that by allowing abortions there will less workers to fund Social Security and Medicare. And, he's not the only one that has made an economic connection, and it should not rest on women to support the social safety net in this country or our economy. It cuts both ways. Those who support abortion rights assert that given the economic problems we are facing, more than ever women should be able to determine for themselves if they want to or can support a child. In fact, even if they can, they deserve to make that choice.

When women are forced to have unwanted babies that means that all those unwanted humans will require "stuff" and that means more money for businesses.

even more stress on this world's resources leading us down a path to destruction of this planet—our only home in this universe. Americans have set a "consumerism" standard that many in the world aspire to. If they consume as much as we do—more by far than any other people on the planet—and the rising middle classes around the world are moving that way, we will be in a world of hurt. It also takes energy to produce all these products adding to climate change.

With about half the states poised to make abortion illegal if *Roe v Wade* is overturned, the poorer women will be hurt the most since better-off women more likely can take time off to travel for an abortion but with the understanding that some places will prosecute them for that, too.

If some are going to deny women the right to choose whether to have a child or not thereby bringing more consumers into this world of consumers who are eating away at Earth's resources, then the least pro-lifers can do is consume less themselves so that we all have a chance at enjoying a reasonable standard of living. This Earth can only stand so many American—or "American-like" consumers!

So, perhaps those who are in the pro-life ranks will start leading the way by reducing their own consumption to help balance the consumption of those yet-to-be-born individuals they fight so desperately to save. In fact, even without the abortion issue being front and center, we would all do well to reduce our consumption and help preserve this planet we call home. Americans have set a standard for the world when it comes to consumption, and many of the remaining seven billion people on this planet are working to emulate that standard. We need to set a new standard for them and ourselves to follow.

Other developed nations have been able to compromise on the abortion issue with laws that allow it early in pregnancy and under certain conditions, but many Americans seem to be some of the most hard-headed and hard-hearted people on the planet.

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OUTDOORS

HIKING CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK

By Tom Garrison

Location: Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, Utah

Difficulty: Two short (about ½ mile each) hikes. Both are easy, except for the hiking in the deep sand part.

Average Hiking Time: Less than two hours combined for both hikes.

Elevation: The Sand Dune Arch elevation is 5,584 feet with very little elevation change. The Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park Nature Trail elevation is 5,877 feet with less than 100 feet elevation change. Climbing to the top of some of the sand dunes is more challenging with a couple of hundred feet elevation change in a short distance through deep sand.

Family Friendly: Yes, for both hikes. The only drawback is hiking through loose deep sand.

Getting There: From St. George, drive to Hurricane on Highway 9 and then on to Fredonia, Arizona, via Highway 59 (Highway 389 in Arizona). In Fredonia, turn left (north) onto Highway 89A, and a few miles later, entered Kanab—which means “place of willows” in Paiute. This leg of the trip is approximately 75 miles, depending upon your starting point in St. George. In Kanab, at the intersection of Highway 89A and Highway 89, set your trip odometer to zero and continue north on Highway 89. Approximately 7.8 miles from the intersection, turn left (west) onto Hancock Road (the signed south entrance to Coral Pink Sand Dunes Park), about .5 miles past mile marker 71. After approximately nine miles, Hancock Road intersects Coral Pink Sand Dunes Road (aka Highway 43). Turn left (south) onto Coral Pink Sand Dunes Road, and the main park entrance is three miles ahead on the left.

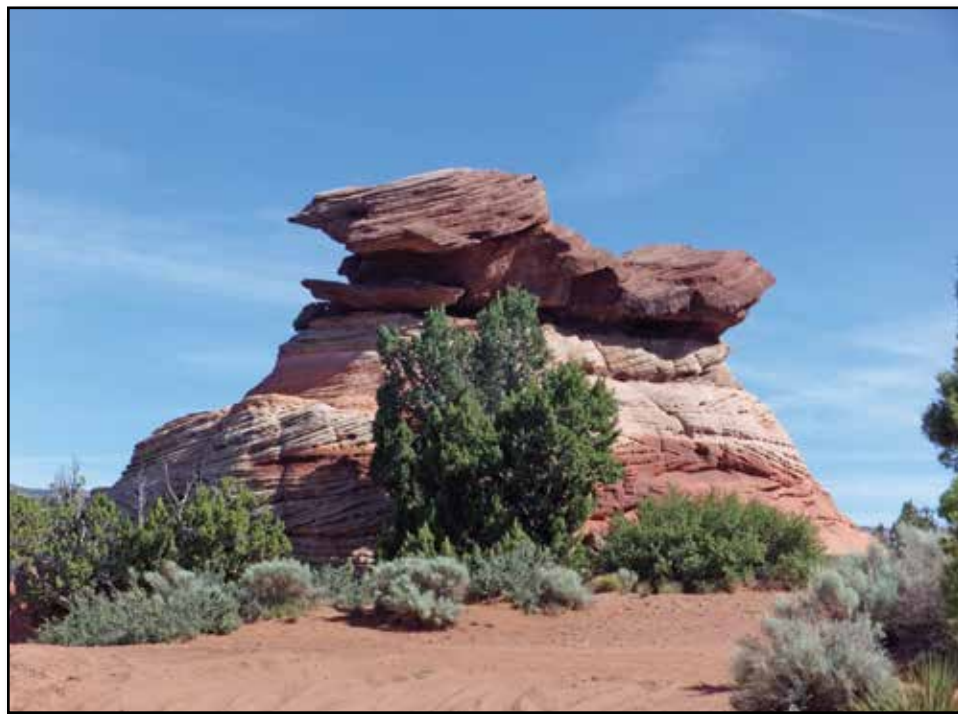
Sand dunes are a part of desert hiking my wife, Deb, and I generally avoid. Of course, we have explored major dunes such as Mesquite Flats Dunes in Death Valley National Park and others. Dunes have an allure, ripples, and graceful sweeping curves. If you forget that you are slogging through loose sand, dunes have appeal.

It's time to reconsider dunes. Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park is not far from St. George, established in 1963. The park includes 3,370 acres of dunes beside red sandstone cliffs—the dunes formed from the

erosion of pink-colored Navajo Sandstone surrounding the park. Winds pick up velocity passing through a notch between the Moquith and Moccasin Mountains. This, along with water erosion, wears away the sandstone, and loose sand particles are swept up. The winds lose speed as they pass beyond the notch and into the open valley, and grains of sand fall to the ground creating sand dunes. This is called the Venturi effect.

Contrary to what I imagined, Coral Pink Sand Dunes support a diverse population of insects, including the coral pink tiger beetle, which is found nowhere else on the planet. The area surrounding the dunes is home to several types of trees, including juniper, pinion, and ponderosa pines. In the spring, wildflowers are abundant.

We, and so should you, stopped for a short easy hike to a wonderful arch on our way to the park. (In different pub-



The dunes in the park are estimated to be between 10,000 and 15,000 years old. It is the only major dune field on the Colorado Plateau.

lished stories, the arch is called Coral Pink Sand Dunes Arch or Sand Dune Arch.) Here's what we did coming from Kanab. After turning west onto Hancock Road



from Highway 89, we traveled .8 mile and turned right (north) on a dirt road signed as 64B heading toward a huge red and white sandstone monolith. The road is deep loose sand. We parked alongside the road and walked to the 60-foot-tall monolith, about 150 yards. You can drive to the monolith and the arch if you have high clearance and four-wheel drive.

The trailhead elevation is 5,584 feet, and there is little elevation change on the hike to the arch. This short hike is less than ½ mile round trip, including wandering around at the arch and took ½ hour at a leisurely pace. There were wispy clouds above in the blue southern Utah sky, and the temperature was in the low 80s.

We located a road near the monolith heading northwest, walked about 100 yards on the trail, and found a spur ATV track on the right. Following this spur another 100 yards, we arrived at two outcroppings on our left. The second outcropping is the arch—about 30 feet wide, 15 feet tall, with an opening we could walk through. The arch is layered sandstone nestled among pinions and junipers. Not a huge, amazing arch, but certainly worth the minimal effort if you are going to Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park anyway. The area also has great views of surrounding red mountains and cliffs.

After our short detour to the arch, we continued to the state park and paid the \$10 per vehicle entrance fee at the park office/visitor center. The center is a must-stop for their displays about the dunes, surrounding area, and the local flora and fauna (and to pay the fee).

The park offers some excellent eye candy—the colorful dunes contrast with the deep blue Utah sky, steep red cliffs, outcroppings, and the varied greens of junipers and pinion pine trees offer a visual delight.

About 90% of the dunes are open to ATVs, and all the dunes are open to hiking and playing in the sand. There is only one developed hiking trail in the park—our destination, the Nature Trail.

Driving out the back end of the visitor center parking area, we turned right onto a paved park road and drove about 200 yards to the day use parking area on our left. Above the day use parking area is a large observation platform—the Nature Trail trailhead.

The trail begins to the left of the observation deck and loops around to the end on the right side. The way is marked with posts located around the edge of a large no motor vehicles allowed fenced area. The trailhead elevation was 5,877 feet with less than 100 feet elevation change along the up and down trail. It was good hiking weather—deep blue sky, a few wispy clouds, and the temperature in the low to mid-80s.

The hike is a loop trail about ½ mile long and took us about 45 minutes at a very

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OUTDOORS

leisurely pace with many stops for shooting pictures of the massive dunes. It seemed longer since all of it was deep sand. Not being crazy, we did not climb any of the nearby large dunes.

Try what we did if you want even more adventure after exploring the arch and dunes. Instead of retracing our route going home, we took Highway 43 (aka Coral Pink Sand Dunes Road) southwest to return

home. Once across the Utah-Arizona state line (7.7 miles from the park's visitor center), the paved road becomes Arizona State Highway 237 (aka Rosy Canyon Road). It

is considerably shorter, and we traveled through the backcountry most folks avoid.

Rosy Canyon is worth the trip, a wide canyon with multicolored canyon walls. We

stopped a couple of times to explore interesting-looking areas. After four miles on Rosy Canyon Road, we then turned right (west) onto Cane Beds Road and, within 4.2 miles, turned right onto Arizona Highway 389 and headed west toward home.

This is a unique day trip journey—an easy-to-reach arch and hiking/playing in some giant sand dunes. We spent less than two hours on the trail for the two hikes and traveled about one mile with a lot of wandering around. The views were great. The only downside is trudging through a mile of deep sand.

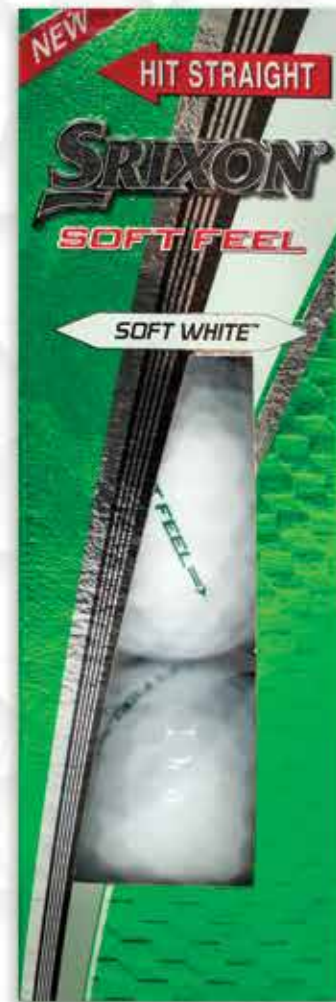


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MOVIES

- ★★★★★ - Amazing!
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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Mast

TOP GUN: MAVERICK (PG-13)
★★★★½

Megastar Tom Cruise is still up there with the best of the best in a sequel that is substantially stronger than the beloved 80s gem that inspired it. In fact, one might question whether or not there will be a more thrilling, more purely enjoyable blockbuster for the remainder of the year! High praise, indeed, but trust me when I tell you, the praise is warranted. And this endorsement is coming from someone who--Gasp!-- isn't even a huge fan of the original. That said, I'd be shocked if anyone with a grand fondness for 1986's "Top Gun" doesn't fall completely in love with this larger-scale follow-up. Simply put, "Top Gun: Maverick" will--wait for it--Take your breath away!

This decades-in-the-making sequel catches up with Pete "Maverick" Mitchell some 35 years after he took Top Gun by storm and aided his fellow hotshots in defeating high-flying enemies in U.S. airspace. While this older, wiser, and considerably more vulnerable Maverick still takes crazy risks, they are--for the most part-- more calculated risks. Sure, he still loves to buzz the tower and infuriate the occasional higher-ranking officer, but he's much more of a team player this time around and it's clear that he always has the best interests of those around him at heart.

After a stunt for the greater good



lands Maverick in some hot water, he finds himself tasked with training a group of Top Gun recruits, in an effort to complete a covert operation that could potentially see them behind enemy lines. Among this team of skilled and appropriately overconfident hotshots is Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw, son of Maverick's fallen partner, Goose (wonderfully played by Anthony Edwards in the original.) Suffice it to say, things aren't all sunshine and rainbows, as Maverick butts head with Rooster even when he's simply trying to make amends with him. Meanwhile, Maverick rekindles a romance with lovely bartender, Penny (Jennifer Connelly), an on-again, off-again flame from his past. And in fact, die-hard "Top Gun" fans will probably remember a moment from the original film in which

Goose actually name drops Penny, so let it be known that she was in the picture even before Kelly McGillis' Charlie who, subsequently, is nowhere to be found in this film aside from her image in a photograph.

After the passing of original "Top Gun" director, Tony Scott, fans questioned whether or not this sequel would ever actually happen but after many years in development hell, producer Jerry Bruckheimer got together with Tom Cruise and "Tron: Legacy" director Joseph Kosinski to make this thing a reality. And the end result is a movie that tops the original in almost every conceivable way. The ariel sequences are truly spectacular, and the entire movie is not only a love letter to "Top Gun," but also to the likes of "Star Wars" and the very best of 80s and 90s action cinema.

Holding it all together is the incomparable Cruise, a movie star who will do just about anything in the name of our entertainment. Not only is that him up in those jets, but he also insisted that his younger co-stars take flight as well. Those younger co-stars include "Whiplash" headliner Teller whose Rooster bears quite a resemblance to his dear old dad. Also along for the ride are terrific supporting players played by the likes of Ed Harris, Jon Hamm, Glen Powell, Monica Barbaro,

Jay Ellis, Lewis Pullman, Bashir Salahuddin, and a wonderful Connelly whose scenes with Cruise are actually pretty darn adorable. Nowhere to be found, however, are the aforementioned McGillis and Meg Ryan's Carole Bradshaw, who is only referenced in a pivotal bit of dialogue. That said, Val Kilmer's Ice Man is back, and while I'll refrain from spoilers here, I will say that he's tremendous despite a very small amount of screen time. As they say, though, there are no small parts, only small actors, and Kilmer makes the most of the time he's given. In one scene with Maverick, in particular, he's so moving, that I could audibly hear grown men weeping at the screening I attended. Not me, of course.

As expected, "Top Gun: Maverick" isn't without the obligatory callbacks, but... There's actually more to this movie than nostalgia and quite honestly, the 35-year gap between installments is to this film's great benefit. Again, there's a kind of maturity to Maverick, a maturity that is certainly informed by his brash (and somewhat tragic) past. What's more, the bond between Maverick and Rooster is incredibly engaging, particularly in the second half of the picture.

Kosinski is to be commended for bringing a ton of energy to the proceedings and even though he peppers the film with the familiar, he also manages to subvert our expectations. Look no further than a callback to the infamous scene in the original in which a bunch of good-looking dudes engage in a sweaty game of shirtless volleyball. As played in this movie, the game actually means something. Beyond that, Kosinski manages to mount a handful of truly dynamic set-pieces. So dynamic, in fact, that I didn't even mind that this movie appears to have 3 endings. Not only did I not mind it, but I actually embraced it with open arms because I was having so much damn fun.

This movie pretty much has it all; action, drama, humor, romance, and a surprising amount of heart. It's a pulse-pounding crowd-pleaser of the highest caliber and when you go to see it, do yourself a favor; See it on the biggest screen with the loudest sound possible because that's the way movies like "Top Gun: Maverick" are meant to be experienced.

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COVID-19 MOBILE TESTING SITE 8 AM. Jimmie Hughes Campus, 150 N. Yucca, Mesquite.

HISTORIC ST. GEORGE LIVE! June-August, 10 AM. Meet Dixie's famous pioneers as they come alive and describe living here at the turn of the century; entertaining, and educational for everyone. Adults \$5, Kids 5-11 \$3, 4 & under free. St. George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL 2 PM. Utah Shakespeare Festival 61st Annual Utah Shakespeare Festival is held in Cedar City and offers matinee performances at 2 PM, and evening performances at 8 PM, in three grand theaters. The Festival also offers a FREE nightly Greenshow (summer) at 7:10 PM., backstage tours, seminars, and play orientations. Plays featured this season in repertory are: 'All's Well That Ends Well' (Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre), 'King Lear' (Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre), 'Sweeney Todd' (Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre), 'The Sound of Music' (Randall L Jones Theatre), 'Trouble in Mind' (Randall L Jones Theatre), 'Clue' (Randall L Jones Theatre), 'The Tempest' (Eileen & Allen Anes Studio Theatre), 'Thurgood' (July 29 - Oct 9) & 'Words Cubed' (August 13 - 28). For tickets and information call 1-800-PLAYTIX (752-9849) or visit www.bard.org. The Beverley Center for the Arts, Cedar City.

UTAH SUMMER GAMES June 2-28, 8 AM. Larry H Miller: Utah Summer Games Larry H Miller: Utah Summer Games held in Cedar City, UT. An Olympic-style festival for athletes of all ages and abilities. Teams and individuals can join in friendly competition in events such as Soccer, Basketball, Karate, Mountain Biking, Shooting, Golf, Cycling, Swimming, and so much more. Don't miss the Opening Ceremonies festivities or the Athlete Block Party. If you are not competing, pick a sport and a team, make a banner or bring some pompoms and cheer the athletes on. For up-to-date information and a list of events visit www.utahsummergames.org or call (435) 865-8421. Click for the 2022 Schedule, Summer Games, Cedar City.

SHELLRAISER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2022 June 2-5, 9 AM. Thirty-one bands. Four days, One great cause! Shellraise 2022 Brings musical acts from as far away as Nashville Dallas Minneapolis Los Angeles New Orleans and beyond to eastern Nevada's spectacular Steptoe Valley to raise decibel levels and money for the nonprofit Nevada Northern Railway McGill depot and McGill railroad track restoration projects. Featuring Old 97's, Houndmouth, Nikki Lane, Shannon Shaw, BRONCHO, The Dirty River Boys, The Cactus Blossoms, Starcrawler, The Last Bandoleros, Vandoliers, Ratboys, and more! Visit shellraiser.com for info and to buy tickets. McGill Pool Park, U.S. 93, McGill, Nevada.

FREE SAND HOLLOW TREASURE HUNT FOR PRIZES June 3-July 4. Free hunt to families and friends who want to join an exciting, self-guided, adventure that qualifies them for cool prizes. Treasure hunters can upgrade for only \$25 to enter the MEGA hunt and win even BIGGER prizes. Want to increase your chances of winning, BOOST your MEGA hunt to make your check-ins count for more entries into the bigger drawing! SandHollowHunt.com @SandHollowHunt Sand Hollow State Park, 3351 S. Sand Hollow Rd., Hurricane.

CEDAR VALLEY COMMUNITY THEATRE: CHILDREN OF EDEN June 4, 6, 9, 10, and 11, 7 PM. A musical by Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Prince of Egypt). Through song and dance, Children of Eden portrays stories from Genesis like the Creation, Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, and Noah and the ark. The families portrayed in this show beautifully remind us of the joys and heartbreaks we experience in our own families. Please join us in the celebration of love and forgiveness with the Children of Eden. For information and tickets visit cvct.online. Festival Hall/Heritage Center Conference Center, 96 N. Main St., Cedar City.

CEDAR HILLS FAMILY FESTIVAL June 6-11. All the events you know and love, including the beloved 5k Run, and Pickleball Tournament are back! Cedar Hills, 8881 Pine Hollow Dr., Cedar City.

STEM IN THE PARK June 7, 14, 21, and 28, 11 AM. Fun STEM activities will include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math held during the free lunch program for ICSD grades K-8th. STEM in the Park activities will be held each Tuesday in June from 11 AM-1 PM. Cedar City Main Street Park, 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

PANGUITCH QUILT WALK FESTIVAL June 8-11, 9 AM. Quilt Classes, a Quilt Show, Charity Garage Sale, Quilt Trunk Shows, Quilt Walk Dinner Theater, Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, Tractor Parade and Tractor Pull, Quilt Walk Races, Vintage Car Show, Heritage Fair/Pioneer Village, Historical Main Street Walk and a Pioneer Home Tour. Various Venues, Panguitch.

PHINS TO THE WEST CONCERT SERIES AT CASABLANCA June 9-11, 7 PM. "Phins to the West" concert series celebrating everything "TropRock" music and the "Jimmy Buffet" lifestyle! 3 amazing bands that will keep you dancing all night! Join the "Phins to the West" as they also donate to charity as part of their celebrations. (Keep Memory Alive). Feel free to join the themed dress for each evening, or just come dressed to have fun! Thursday - purple, Friday - Summer of Peace, Love & Harmonies, Saturday - "Stranded at the Tiki Bar"! 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

"UNSONG HEROES," SOUTHERN UTAH HERITAGE CHOIR PATRIOTIC CONCERT June 10, and 11. The SU Heritage Choir will perform two patriotic concerts, "Unsung Heroes," in honor of Flag Day at the St. George Tabernacle on Friday, June 10 at 7 PM., and Saturday, June 11 at Noon. Admission is free with open seating. (Flag Day is Tuesday, June 14.) St. George Tabernacle, 18 S. Main St., St. George.

SUAG "ESCAPE FROM REALITY" ART SHOW June 10-July 28, 9 AM. The Southern Utah Art Guild invites the public to its upcoming "Escape from Reality" art show held at Red Cliff Gallery. Artists' reception and awards ceremony is June 10, 6-8 PM. Works from over 50 local artists. Reception and remaining dates of the show are free and open to the public. The artwork is available for purchase. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

JACOB HAMBLIN DAYS FESTIVAL June 16-18, 10 AM. Jacob Hamblin Days Festival, named after an early settler, is a special fest reining in the western heritage of Kanab and Southern Utah including an authentic rodeo. This is a genuine taste of real western culture. Kane Plex Arena, 865 E. Kaneplex Dr., Kanab.

RENT June 16-27, 7:30 PM. RENT is an energetic rock musical, featuring one big number after another. RENT follows a group of artists and friends in New York City as they navigate struggles with drug addiction, sexuality, HIV/AIDS and, as the title implies, paying their rent. Way ahead of its time, the musical has always insisted on a diverse cast, and this production is no exception. One of the strengths of RENT is the refreshing diversity and the representation of different races, body types, sexualities, and genders. The show proves that no matter the era, there will always be time for a season of love. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Wins.

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DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL June 20-25. Showtimes vary. If you're a film-goer, mark your calendar because this is an event you won't want to miss! Conversations with storytellers, panels, special industry guests, live music, and of course, a wide variety of films for your viewing pleasure! St. George as well as a handful of its beautiful surrounding areas represents the grand desert country at its most breathtaking. This, among other things, makes it a perfect spot for a film festival. Attend the fest and then stick around and check out all the incredible sights and sounds southern Utah has to offer. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St. George.

PANGUITCH CHICKEN LIGHTS AND CHROME TRUCK SHOW July 1-2. Come see beautiful new, working, and antique trucks and find out what chicken lights are! See beautiful new, working, and antique trucks. Friday night Light show at 9 PM on Main Street. Saturday, the truck show will be at the city park with vendors and the opportunity to visit with the truck owners, and lots more. Panguitch.

GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA June 8-12, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE RIDE AT CASABLANCA June 15-21, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Singing a great variety of classic rock. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA June 22-26, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. R&B, funk, dance, oldies, and classic rock. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 West Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

THE RUMRUNNERS AT CASABLANCA June 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. The RumRunners deliver a tight, high-energy Rocking Blues Show, with songs from Beatles, Stones, Santana, Skynard, Eagles, and Hendrix just to name a few. RumRunners are four wise guys who have collected an aggregate of over 100 years of musical experience to deliver the best of blues, r&b, and rock classics. Skydome Lounge, 950 West Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

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Events by Date

TUESDAYS

STORY TIME AT WASHINGTON BRANCH 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

TRIBUTE TO THE KING AT CASABLANCA 6-10 PM. Starring John Brooks. Must be 21 or older. Free. "Voted Best of Las Vegas 2013 "Best Elvis Tribute Show" and "Best Lounge Performer." CasaBlanca Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

WEDNESDAYS

WONDER WEDNESDAY-LIBRARY 4 PM. Free for all students K-5. Children, accompanied by an adult, can join for adventure and fun make-and-take activities. This week children are invited to come and explore color with art projects and fun experiments! Wonder Wednesdays take place at five locations throughout the month. 1st Wed.-635 N Main St, 2nd Wed.-Cedar City Library, 303 N. 100 E., 3rd Wed.-artsFUSION at Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., 4th Wed.-SUU S.T.E.M. Center, Geoscience Bldg. 351 W. University Blvd., Room #323, 5th Wed.-Frehner Museum of Natural History 351 W. University Blvd., Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

STORY TIME WITH MRS. MANN 10 AM Washington County Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

STORY TIME AT HURRICANE LIBRARY 11 AM. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

GAMER CLUB 3 PM. Teens and 'tweens who love anime, gaming, or both meet for book discussions, games, and great times. Santa Clara Library, 1099 Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

KANAB OUTDOOR MARKET 5-8 PM. Enjoy live music, locally grown produce and flowers, locally produced foods, crafts, wellness products, jewelry, and more every Wednesday evening this summer! Come hang out and build community. Kanab Center Terrace 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

BINGO WEDNESDAY AT THE GRILLE 6-8 PM. Free. There will be prizes given to all the winners. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

SINGER'S CLUB LIVE 6 PM. Open mic, sing, guitar, or grand piano. Facebook "Singer's Club" like our Facebook and watch the livestream every Wednesday night. Contact us if you want to perform. Gentry Music & Arts, 771 S. Bluff St., St. George.

THURSDAYS

TOPS (TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) 4 PM. Support group helping you focus on making small, steady lifestyle changes with "Real People-Real Weightloss. Call (435) 669-7172 or visit www.tops.org Pioneer Museum, 145 N. 100 E., St. George.

DESERT COMMUNITY STRINGS AND NEW HORIZONS STRINGS 5:30-7:30 PM. Open to all ages and abilities. If you used to play a stringed instrument and would like to get back to the joy of music, this group is definitely for you. desertstrings.org Basement of St. George Medical Building, 736 S. 900 E., St. George.

JOYFUL YOGA 6:30 PM. An all Levels, all Ages class for anyone and everyone! Get your Joy on with Kundalini Yoga and Meditation as taught by Yogi Bhajan. Mantra, Mudra, Breathing, Movement all with a specific intention to elevate and synchronize your energy, physical and mental bodies to Meditate. Yogi tea and fresh fruit served after each class. By donation. \$5 to \$11. Sage Hills Healing Center, 6232 W. Sage Hills Dr., Cedar City.

KARAOKE NIGHT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 7:30 PM. Every Thursday night. Located in the Grille. Prizes available. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

KARAOKE WITH DJ LANCE AT MIKES TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

FRIDAYS

DJ EZ LIVE AT MIKES TAVERN 9 PM., 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

SATURDAYS

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 9 AM-Noon. The Downtown Farmers Market at Ancestor Square is a free event, held every Saturday in the parking lot at Ancestor Square. 20 N. Main St., St. George.

CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET 9 AM.-1 PM. Come for the farmers, food, and artisans as well as drawings, bingo, and more! For information visit them on Facebook, Cedar Saturday Market, or call Nancy (435) 463-3735. IFA, 905 S. Main St., Cedar City.

TUACAHN SATURDAY MARKET 9 AM. A fun craft festival set in a beautiful and scenic canyon. Every Saturday morning we have live entertainment, crafters, vendors, food and fun. In the event of rain, we cozy up under the cover of the Tuacahn Amphitheater plaza. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday behind I/G Winery. Free admission. The Festival City Farmers Market offers the bounty of local farmers and backyard gardeners who grow organically year-round. Come and support local farmers by buying fresh and local year-round. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, and more. 45 W. University Blvd/Center St., Cedar City.

MONTHLY LAWNMOWER RACES 10 AM. The first Saturday of each month starting at 10 AM Arizona time, and joining in for karaoke four nights a week, Wednesday through Saturday, beginning at 5 PM at the Beaver Dam Bar. 411 N. Old Highway 91, Littlefield.

TUACAHN SATURDAY MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday local artists, crafters, and vendors to come and show off their work. 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

TAI CHI DRAGON QIGONG AT SANTA CLARA LIBRARY 10:30-11:30 AM. Full-body energetic healing. Admission is free. No experience needed. Tai Chi Dragon Qigong is good for all ages and all levels of health and mobility. Santa Clara Library, 1099 N. Lava Flow Dr., Santa Clara.

TINKER LAB 11 AM. Tinkerlab is the museum's newest weekly class offered to museum guests. In this class kids will get the chance to experiment, and learn new skills. Tinkerlab activities will normally be crafted for groups ages 5+, but all are welcome to come "tinker" with us! Tinkerlab will be held on each Saturday of the month. Participation is included with your admission price. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE AT ST. GEORGE LIBRARY 2 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

KANAB LINE DANCE 7 PM. Weekly Line Dance Class. Kanab Center Gym. Located at 180 E. 100 N. along the back, east side of the building. Please park in the rear parking lot by the gym. New location TBD after Feb 5th. Drop-in: \$10, 4 class pass: \$30. Wear boots or comfortable shoes. Theme nights will be announced on FB & theme dressing is optional. More Info: Search Kanab Line Dance on Facebook or Call 808-634-8731. Kanab Center Gym, 180 E. 100 N., Kanab.

Events by Date

Fri, June 3

HYPNO HICK 7 PM. Comedy Hypnotism by Shaun Dee the Hypno Hick. You can enjoy the show or be part of the show, the choice is yours! This event is a family-friendly show in a professional, safe environment. Dixie Center Ballroom, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr, St. George.

MATT FLINNER TRIO 7 PM. Mandolinist Matt Flinner, guitarist Ross Martin, and bassist Eric Thorin cover a wide variety of musical styles-all with the common ground of American. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

Sat, June 4

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY A day for celebrating our local trails. Learn about local trails www.visitsouthernutah.com/trail-maps, and check out the Kanab Trails App on your phone. A fun day learning about our great network of trails in the Kanab area and enjoy nature. Kanab.

MUSIC IN THE PARK Noon. Get the summer off to a good start with an all-day concert of acoustic music in Cedar City's Main Street Park. Six bands including the Matt Flinner Trio-new acoustic music, Quicksand Soup-from Moab, and Tara Rose and the Real Deal will have you dancing on the grass! Bring a chair or blanket. Bring a friend. Food trucks. Free Admission, Donations accepted. Main Street Park, 200 N., Cedar City.

QUAIL CREEK LUAU 5:30 PM. You're invited to experience the drumbeats of Tahiti, the energetic Siva of Samoa, the graceful Hula of Hawaii, the infamous Haka of New Zealand, and much more. Dig Paddlesports and Siva Pasefika offer a unique outdoor experience on the water's edge. 6:30-8:30 PM dinner and entertainment just \$55 with 8-9:30 PM night paddle. Reduced park entrance fees with proof of event registration. \$15 extra for night paddle gear rental. Bring beach chairs and blankets. Quail Creek State Park, 472 5300 W., Hurricane.

VETS HELPING VETS BENEFIT AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 AM. The 7th Annual Vets Helping Vets Poker Run. 7th Annual Vets Helping Vets Poker Run! A great event for a great cause! YOU CAN DO THIS POKER RUN IN ANY VEHICLE. Registration from 10 AM. til noon. Lunch at Mikes from 1 PM. til 4 PM. There will be an after-party and announcement of winners at Mike's Tavern at 9 PM with The Beez Band! See event schedule at mikesaverncedarcity.com. 21 and older. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: RAINWATER HARVESTING 10 AM. Learn water-wise landscape practices and tips for harvesting rainwater. This workshop will be offered in-person and virtually. To participate virtually, please click: <https://bit.ly/3wVbb2a> Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr, St. George.

SO UT COMEDY THEATER 7 PM. The 1st Saturday of each month will be the funniest improv comedy show in Southern Utah. Suggestions from the audience create hilarity on the spot. PG & R-rated shows. 7 PM-PG Show. 9 PM-R Show. \$15 advance/\$20 door. \$10 Students with ID. Group Tickets-6 for \$60. Doors open 1/2 hour prior to showtimes. Masks are mandatory. Dixie Center. (435) 922-HAHA haha@soucomedy.com. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

RECIPROCITY FEATURING LUKE RANDALL AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8 PM. Doors open at 7 PM. Concert starts at 8 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15 - \$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr.. Hurricane.

Sun, June 5

NICK ADAMS AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Nick Adams is a singer/songwriter based out of St. George. Music from the Mothership. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Mon, June 6

PAWS FOR TALES-READ TO A DOG 4 PM. Children can read to registered therapy dogs. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

Tues, June 7

CHAPTER 1 BOOK CLUB 5:30 PM. Chapter 2 Book Club Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

Wed, June 8

DESERT REIGN AT MIKE'S TAVERN 90 W. Hoover Ave, Cedar City.

Thurs, June 9

GARY HUFF AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Guitar artistry. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

CHOCOLATE FEST/SILENT AUCTION 6 PM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

Fri, June 10

2022 SUMMER GUERILLA SHORTS SHOWCASE/MOVIE SCREENINGS 6 PM. Filmmakers of all ages and all skill sets were given a topic and a limited amount of time to put together short films using any resources available to them. Now, these filmmakers, and filmgoers in general, will have the unique opportunity to see these cinematic creations on the big screen. Attendees are also asked to get in on the action by voting for their favorite short. There will be cash prizes awarded to the best films of the bunch with the 1st place winner receiving a premiere at the upcoming Desertscape International Film Festival. Tickets for the Guerilla Shorts Showcase are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

THE RELICS AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8 PM. Doors open at 7 PM. Concert starts at 8 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15 - \$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

MOVIE IN THE PARK-SECRET GARDEN 8:54 PM. St. George Town Square becomes an outdoor movie theatre for the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Classic movies for adults and children will be shown on the big screen under the stars. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and goodies to enjoy the evening and movies as it begins at dusk. Town Square, 50 S. Main, St. George.

MOONLIGHT FIREHOSE FRENZY 5K 9 PM. St. George Races and the St. George Firefighter's Association are joining forces to make one of the coolest 5k's in town-the Moonlight Firehose Frenzy. This year's Moonlight 5k will take place at Desert Color development off of the Southern Parkway. You'll get to see what is happening there and following the race, we'll have a very cool pool party at the Desert Color pool. Throughout the course, the St. George Firefighters will have their Fire Trucks out spraying runners with water as they pass by. A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit the Utah Burn Center and the St. George Fire Fighters Association. Desert Color, 820 W. Akoya Pearl St., St. George.

Sat, June 11

LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST-QUILT WALK 7:30 AM. Zions Bank, Panguitch.

SECOND SATURDAYS AT SUMA 2 PM. Formerly known as Family Day, this series of events is for families and friends in the community of all ages. The planned activities are geared toward people of all ages and backgrounds, and this event is free and open to the public. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

BURGERS, BANDS, & BIKES-FEATUREING W DUO 5:30 PM. Join for music, burgers, lemonade, made from scratch pies, and good company. This event is family-friendly. If you ride your bike out, (pedal or motor) you get premium parking on the farm not the street, and 10% off. For info. call (435) 865-6792, or Facebook:/RedAcreFarmCSA . There is no fee to come listen to the band and you do not have to purchase food. No off-site food and tipping the band is encouraged. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and BYOB. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City, Cedar City.

ALBUMPALOOZA: JOURNEY UNLIMITED-JOURNEY TRIBUTE AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8 PM. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Concert starts at 8 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15-\$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

2ND SATURDAYS AT BLUES KATZ FEATURING LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 8 PM. An event that you will be able to count on every Second Saturday of every month at Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

GROOVONIX AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. Premiere Southern Utah Band performing various cover songs. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, June 12

CASEY STICKLEY OF SECOND ECHO AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Free. Heavily influenced by bands such as Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, and Alice in Chains. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Mon, June 13

VIRGIN VALLEY AMATURE RADIO CLUB 6 PM. The Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club holds meetings on the second Monday of each month. For more information please go to our website at: www.vvarc.net. Airport Fire Station #3, Mesquite.

CONCERT IN THE PARK FEATURES HaleAman0 7:30 PM. Free. HaleAman0 will be playing Island Reggae. Park seating is available, bring blankets, lawn chairs, food, and the family. Vernon Worthen Park, St. George.

Tues, June 14

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB 2:30 PM. Washington County Library System. 88 W. 100 S., St. Georae.

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Wed, June 15

FACING FIRE: ART, WILDFIRE, AND THE END OF NATURE IN THE NEW WEST 6 PM. Facing Fire brings us incendiary work from active fire lines and burn zones, giving us a harrowing look at the omens, elemental force, and metaphor of this searing personal experience. These artists are like poets who enter a burning building and bring back reports of majesty, fear, and flame. Throughout is the uneasy sense that wildfire is a stand-in, a site of displacement for more immaterial fears, for the amorphous anxieties of the age. Please join us for an Opening Reception celebrating this exhibition, which will be an event that is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Be among the first to see this showcase and experience its story. St George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N. Saint George.

SOUTHERN UTAH LADIES SOCIETY MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING 6 PM. Southern Utah Ladies Society is a non-profit group of volunteers dedicated to making a difference in our community. We host fundraising events to raise money for under-served organizations providing much-needed services. We also plan monthly service projects where we volunteer as a group. St. George Area Chamber of Commerce, 136 N. 100 E., St. George.

Thurs, June 16

BLOOD DRIVE - RED CROSS 10 AM. To schedule your appointment or for more information, please log on to redcrossblood.org and enter the Sponsor Code: CITYOFMESQUITE or call 1-800-RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767).

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

PAWS FOR TALES-READ TO A DOG 4 PM. Children can read to registered therapy dogs. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB 4:30 PM. Meet's on the third Thursday of every month. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

BURGERS, BANDS, & BIKES-FEATUREING THE BEEZ 5:30 PM. Join for music, burgers, lemonade, made from scratch pies, and good company. This event is family-friendly. If you ride your bike out, (pedal or motor) you get premium parking on the farm not the street, and 10% off. For info. call (435) 865-6792, or Facebook/RedAcreFarmCSA. There is no fee to come listen to the band and you do not have to purchase food. No off-site food and tipping the band is encouraged. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, umbrellas, and BYOB. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City, Cedar City.

SKY ALLEN MUSIC AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Free. Folk/Soul. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

SOUL WHAT?! AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8 PM. Doors open at 7 PM. Starts at 8 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15-\$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

Sat, June 18

BACA BENEFIT WITH INSANITY STEW Mike's Tavern, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

NOISE POLLUTION: AC/DC TRIBUTE BAND AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8 PM. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Concert 8-10 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15-\$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

Sun, June 19

POLICY KINGS BREWERY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION 2-6 PM. Black-owned Policy Kings Brewery invites you to come to celebrate Juneteenth with live music, food, beer, and more. Open to all ages. Policy Kings Brewery, 223 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

GARY HUFF AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Free. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

MASTER SINGERS: FATHER'S DAY CONCERT 7 PM. Admission is FREE. Bring your fathers, friends, and family, and enjoy the Master Singers in concert again. Masks are optional. Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Tues, June 21

LOSS-LOVED ONES SUICIDE SURVIVORS LOSS 7 PM. The support group meets continuously throughout the year on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We are an open, free, peer-led Support Group for adults 18 years and older. No Registration. We encourage people from neighboring towns and all of Washington County to attend. St. George, 162 N. 400 E., Suite B200, St. George.

Wed, June 22

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 7 PM. Washington County Library System, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

Thurs, June 23

MARK BOGGS AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. An eclectic mix of different songs from Elton John, Chuck Berry, Aretha Franklin, and more. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, June 24

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

JR & THE MULBERRIES AT SAND HOLLOW ROCK BOWL 8:30 PM. Doors open at 7:30 PM. Concert starts at 8:30 PM. Please bring your own seating or rent from us at the door. No ticket sales at the door. Tickets \$15-\$25 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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FOR THE RECORD AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. Ska-Punk from Central California. Signed to Manic Kat Records. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, June 25

FIRST RESPONDERS CHARITY GOLF TOURN-2ND ANNUAL 6 AM. Eagles Landing presents the 2nd Annual First Responders Charity Golf Tournament - Saturday, June 25th Conestoga Golf Club, 1499 Falcon Ridge Pkwy., Mesquite.

LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST-BALLOON FESTIVAL 7:30 AM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

RED ACRE: BREAKFAST ON THE FARM Breakfast on the Farm is held from 8:30-11 ish or until the food's all gone. Come enjoy the farm, hear the roosters crow, feed the animals, and eat a real farm breakfast! Fresh and hot off the grill! Farm Girl Flapjacks made from scratch, French toast from our bread, farm hash with veggies grown on the farm, fresh eggs from the girls cooked to order, bacon, and sausage from our free-range pork! For information call (435) 865-6792 or visit them on Facebook at RedAcreFarmCSA/. Red Acre Farms, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

2022 WATER FESTIVAL 10 AM. Southwest Plumbing Supply & The Central Iron County Water Conservancy District are hosting the seventh annual Water Festival to help educate the community and showcase the latest technology in water conservation. Kids can enjoy yummy food, foam fun, inflatables, and other outdoor activities from 10 AM-2 PM. Free hotdogs start at 11 AM. Main Street Park, Cedar City.

KABIR "KABEEZY" SINGH COMEDY JAM 7 PM. Kabir "Kabeezy" Singh is fresh off his standing ovation and four "yeses" on NBC's America's Got Talent in June of 2021, but he has been a touring headliner for almost a decade now. Kabir has been featured on Amazon Prime and The Family Guy on Fox. His YouTube Dry Bar Special, Stay Single, has been one of the best-reviewed comedy specials of all time. Kabir was on Gabriel Iglesias' Stand Up Revolution on Comedy Central as the leadoff comedian on episode 1 of season 3 and was the winner of the San Francisco International Comedy Competition, Big Sky Festival, and a finalist in the nationwide NBC Stand Up for Diversity showcase. The Historic RedStone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab. **MOST WANTED BAND** 7 PM. Panguitch Balloon Festival - Panguitch

Sun, June 26

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: DESERT SUCCULENTS 110 AM. Discuss how to plant and care for these resilient icons of the desert. This workshop is offered in person and virtually. To participate virtually, visit <https://bit.ly/3kNGcix> Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George.

FAST EDDIE AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Live. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Thurs, June 30

MOUNTAIN MEADOW AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Acoustic Rock from the 60's-80's. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

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Sun, July 3

RED, WHITE & BLUE GOLF CLASSIC 7 AM. 4 Shotgun Start-Person Scramble. \$45 Per Player /\$180 Per Team, Entry Fee Includes Tournament Fee, Food, and Prizes. Palms Golf Club, 550 Peppermill Palms Blvd., Littlefield.

DJ JANELLE AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Mon, July 4

ST. GEORGE 4TH OF JULY PARADE 7:45 AM. Although it's early, you and your family do not want to miss this great event! The Parade will be on Tabernacle Street starting at 200 West and head toward and around Vernon Worthen Park ending on 200 S. St. George.

CITY OF ST. GEORGE FOR THE 2022 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION Bring the whole family for this fun-filled extravaganza! This year, the entire Celebration will take place at Town Square meaning the whole party is in one place! There will be music, food booths, a carnival, contests, Slip-n-Slides, a parade, 4k race, tons of games, and countless memories! Be sure to come out to Town Square and join this Independence Day for a celebration like no other! Events will be going on all day long, so there will be something for everyone in the whole family to enjoy! Visit <https://www.sgcity.org/4th/> for a full list and times of events. Historic Town Square, 50 S. Main St., St. George. **KANAB'S SMALL TOWN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** All-day event. Listen bright and early at 6:00 AM for the cannons as they Blast Off!, awakening the whole town for the day's festivities. Color Fun Run 5K at 7 AM. Parade at 10 AM. then head to Jacob Hamblin Park for vendors, entertainment, and many more festivities throughout the day and into the evening. Fireworks shoot off overhead at Jacob Hamblin Park, illuminating the red cliffs while sending echoes all throughout the town. Downtown Kanab, Kanab.

SPRINGDALE 4TH OF JULY PARADE 9 AM. Fourth of July festivities are 'on' this year! Come join us Monday, July 4th for a delicious pancake breakfast, a parade, and good community fun! What a great way to celebrate Independence Day! Locals and visitors will all love this Independence Day celebration. Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

4TH OF JULY BRIAN HEAD RESORT 9:30 AM. Fireworks, LIVE MUSIC, additional hours of operations until 6 PM. Food and Beverage services until 9 PM. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Highway 143, Brian Head.

PAWS FOR TALES-READ TO A DOG 4 PM. Children can read to registered therapy dogs. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

KONY COUNTRY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION WITH DUSTIN LYNCH 7 PM. Greater Zion Stadium. Fireworks after the concert! Greater Zion Stadium, 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

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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)spresso, (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	7-11am, 5pm-9pm daily	Yes
Whiptail Grill	445 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-0283	W, B, V	Noon-9:30pm daily	Yes
Zion Pizza & Noodle	868 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3815	W, B, V	4pm-10pm 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

See detailed restaurant listings for Springdale and the greater Zion National Park area at ZionGuide.com.

Welcome To Zion from Zion Guide!

Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies

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

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

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

Be cautious near steep cliffs

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

Watch for flash floods

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



Tips To Minimize Your Impact

Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

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



Please stay on the marked trails

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

Go before you go

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

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

Please leave it how you found it

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

Tips To Maximize Enjoyment

Go on a less crowded hike

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

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

Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in.

Consider coming back again in the low season

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

Check out Kolob Canyons and Kolob Terrace Road

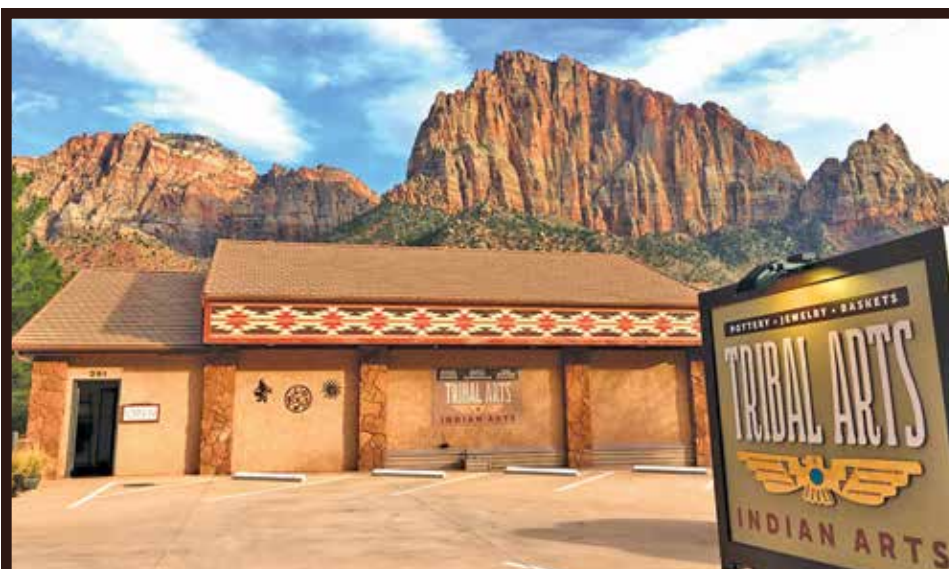
With gorgeous open spaces and plenty of dirt roads to explore, Kolob Terrace Road is one of Zion's best kept secrets. You'll notice the air getting cooler as you gain elevation, and you'll find plenty of beautiful views worth stopping at for a quick photo op. The Kolob Terrace Road turnoff is in Virgin,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

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Top Things To Do In Zion

Get some great hiking in

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

Spend a day in Springdale

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

Catch an event

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

Try a guided tour

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

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

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

Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints

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



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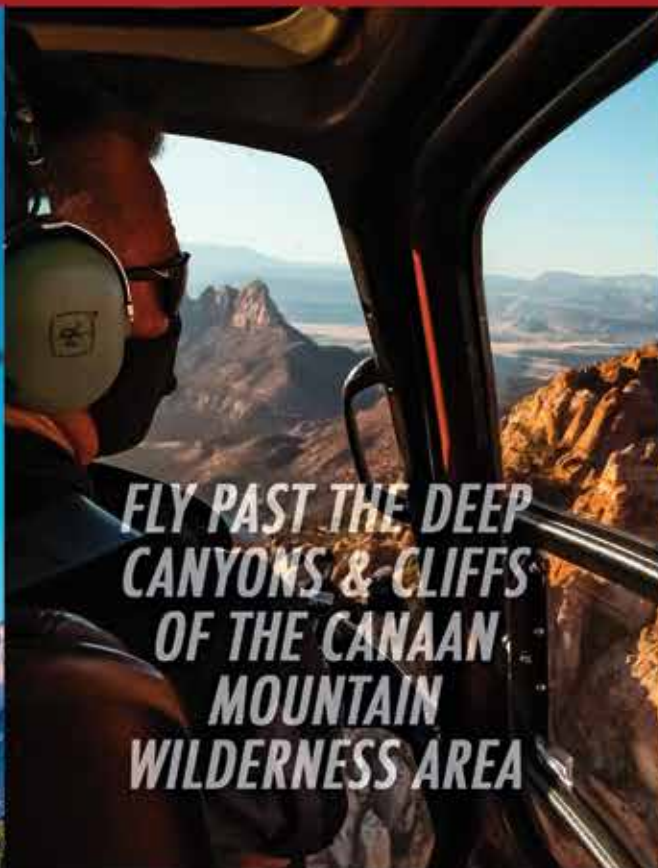


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Zion National Park Shuttle Info

SPRING OPERATIONS UPDATES FOR ZION NATIONAL PARK

Important Shuttle Bus Information

The Zion Canyon Line, or park shuttle, runs from the visitor center up the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to destinations like the Zion Lodge and trailheads, including Emerald Pools, West Rim Trail, and Temple of Sinawava where hikers depart for the Narrows. There are two shuttle routes, and both are free. See our Park Information Guide for a map of the park shuttle.

The Springdale Shuttle, or town shuttle, is located in the Town of Springdale. It stops at 9 locations in town and picks up and drops off visitors at the park's pedestrian/bike entrance.

Background

The shuttle system was established in 2000 to eliminate traffic and parking problems, protect vegetation, and restore tranquility to Zion Canyon. In 2017, park shuttles estimated more than 6.3 million riders. In 1997, visitation was 2.4 million and increasing.

When The Shuttle Is In Operation

The park is a big place, and you can drive yourself on all open park roads except the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive during the shuttle season when Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. Shuttle season is almost all year. Typically, shuttles run March through November, weekends in February and March, and the last week in December. See the current and upcoming schedule below. Explore the map of the park to see other roads you can drive. If you would like to visit the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive before or after the shuttles run each day, you may use a bicycle.

Shuttle Schedule

Weekend-only shuttle service will resume on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive from February 19 through March 18, 2022. Monday through Friday, private vehicles are allowed on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive until all parking lots are full.

During shuttle operations, the last shuttle will arrive back at the Visitor Center around 45 minutes after it leaves the Temple of Sinawava. Do not wait until the last shuttle to leave Zion Canyon for the day. Due to limited capacity, the shuttle may be full by the time it reaches your stop, and you will be out of luck.

Shuttle Service will start in Springdale on March 19, 2022.

How To Use The Shuttle System

The Zion Canyon Shuttle connects the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to stops at various locations on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Shuttles leave every few minutes and are all the same, going to all shuttle stops on the route in both directions. You may get on and off at any shuttle stop in either direction. The shuttle is free, but masks are required. Most visitors should start

at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. If you are staying at the Zion Lodge, please begin by using the shuttle there. More details about the park shuttle, including open and closed shuttle stops, are featured on our Park Information Guide.

The Springdale shuttle operates similarly on the town route but is slightly less frequent. Shuttle Stop Map in the town of Springdale.

Parking is limited inside Zion, and all parking lots fill early in the day. Paid Parking is available in the town of Springdale.

Our website contains additional Traffic and Travel Tips, and you can tune your radio to 1610 AM for additional information when you arrive.



Please, no eating or smoking on the bus, beverages other than water are not allowed, and pets are not permitted on the shuttle buses.

Masks continue to be required when on the shuttle.

Zion Shuttle Schedule	Starting Mar. 19	Springdale Shuttle Schedule	Starting Mar. 19
First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center	7:00 a.m.	First shuttle leaves the Majestic View Lodge (Stop 9)	8:00 a.m.
Last shuttle leaves the Visitor Center	5:00 p.m.	Last shuttle leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop 1)	8:00 p.m.
Last bus out of the canyon from the Temple of Sinawava	7:15 p.m.		

Find more info on the shuttle system at [nps.gov](https://www.nps.gov).



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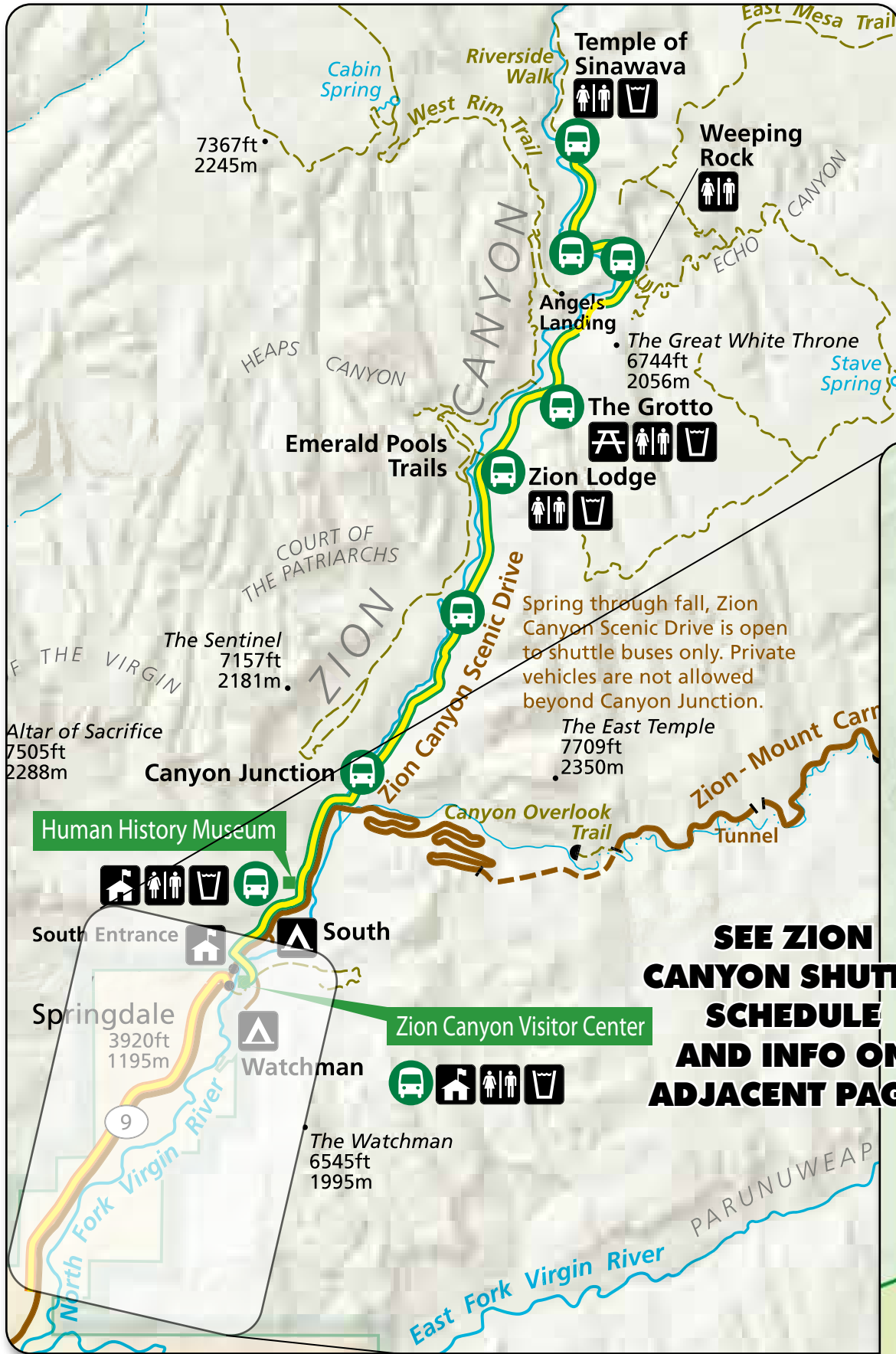
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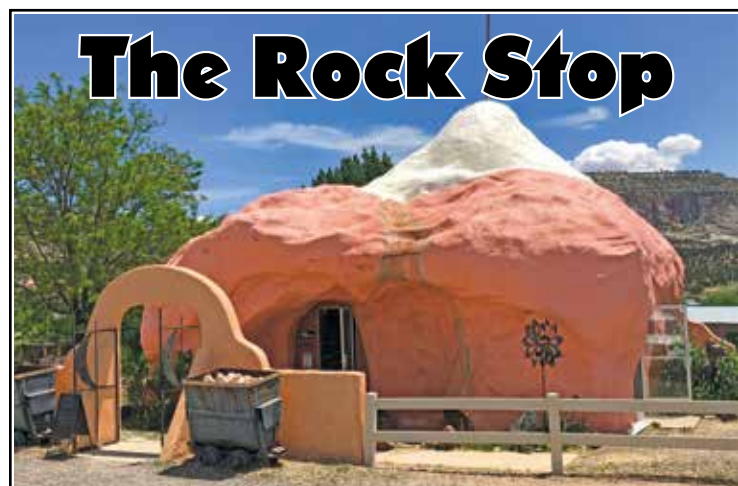
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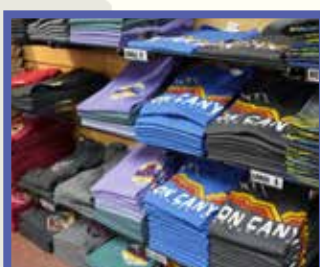
Please visit the Kane County Info Center located at 78 S. 100 E. for more info on:

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THE LOCALS' GUIDE TO HIKING PREPAREDNESS

National parks are seeing an uptick in helicopters carrying unfortunate hikers out of precarious situations.

In 2017, the National Park Service reported 324 search-and-rescue operations, which means 324 extremely unpleasant vacation experiences — nearly one a day. In 2014, the reported number was almost half that. The majority of those rescues occurred in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and most hikers who end up getting into trouble are either in their 20s or are older than 60.

Despite our highly skilled and dedicated rescue teams' valiant efforts, not everyone made it out of their predicaments safely. Twelve people lost their lives in Utah's national parks in 2017 alone.

It's hard to imagine one wanting a vacation amid the splendor of our national parks to involve search and rescue teams or a close encounter with death.

Zion National Park is often referred to as an outdoor Disneyland. But this is the

wilderness, and it's far less forgiving than any theme park. Here are some tips for how to safely enjoy your time in Zion Canyon.

Bring water

You lose more water through perspiration than you realize, and if you are used to a more moist climate — and nearly any climate is less arid than southern Utah — you can become dehydrated quickly without realizing it.

The National Park Service recommends that hikers bring one gallon of water per hiker per day. There are fill stations throughout Springdale and the park that provided filtered water at no charge.

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are not reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

Wear appropriate clothing

While most paths and trails are well maintained, this is the great outdoors, and a little loose gravel or slickrock can lead to injury — or worse. Think of appropriate footwear as an insurance policy — and if you are a little nervous, a hiking stick never hurts. Also, dress lightly if it's going to be hot, but be sure to use appropriate sun protection like sunscreen and large-brimmed hats, because suffering from sunstroke or severe sunburn during an already taxing hike can be brutal.

Hike at your skill level, and don't take risks

Trails in Zion range from short and easy to long and challenging. Don't overestimate your ability and endurance level. And don't engage in horseplay or other activity that might endanger yourself or others. Some of Zion's hikes are steep, and you wouldn't be the first person to tumble down a hill — or worse, fall off a cliff. Zion is beautiful, but it's also dangerous, so respect yourself and

others by respecting the terrain.

Leave wildlife alone

Animals instinctively avoid humans, but the area is home to everything from poisonous snakes to mountain lions. Never approach local wildlife — and never try to feed them. This can result in injury to visitors, and numerous visitors have required stitches after attempting to hand-feed animals. But when humans feed wildlife, it's also not good for the animals, who are already best suited to feed themselves.

Hike sober

Sometimes relatively stationary outdoor activities like boating or camping involve enjoying an adult beverage or two. But when you're hiking the varied terrain of our national parks, you don't want your coordination, balance, or judgment to be impaired to any extent. Zion Canyon, Springdale, and Kanab are home to several fine restaurants and bars — but visit them for a cocktail after your hike, not before.



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Zion Area Annual Events Calendar

May-Oct. Kanab Outdoor Market
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.

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
Held at historic Pipe Springs National Monument, the Castle by Night is an opportunity to enjoy a historic recreation of an 1860's early settlement by candlelight and music.

December Z-Arts Gala
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Zion National Park Latest Info

PERMIT PROCESS FOR HIKING ANGELS LANDING IN ZION

Apply to hike Angels Landing in September to November

SPRINGDALE, Utah – Planning a visit to Zion National Park this summer? Are you hoping to hike Angels Landing? Starting this year, you must apply for a permit to hike at Angels Landing and you can now apply at www.go.nps.gov/AngelsLanding.

“We expect many visitors will want to apply for a permit, so we took care to make our process accessible, flexible, and fair.” Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh said. “Lotteries were the right fit for Angels Landing because they give certainty about application periods and flexibility so that people can fill out the application when it’s convenient for them.”

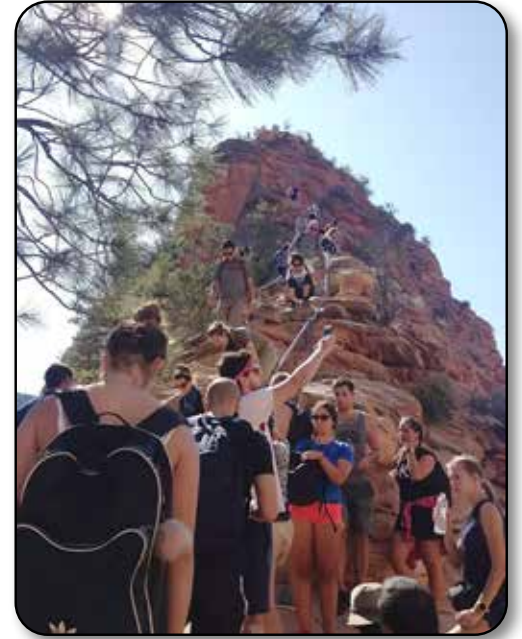
Need to know

- All advanced ‘Spring Seasonal Permits’ for April 1st until May 31st have been awarded except for Day-Before permits.
- Starting April 1st, 2022, you can apply for ‘Day-Before’ lotteries. (Apply one day in advance of your desired hiking date) through December 31st, 2022.
- ‘Fall Seasonal Applications’ will be available July 1st through July 20th for September 1st through November 30th permits.
- For Day-before Lottery applications, visit www.go.nps.gov/AngelsLanding.

You can also apply by calling recreation.gov at (877) 444-6777 from 10 AM - 12 PM EST, every day except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day.

On July 25th, recreation.gov will email the results for the Fall Seasonal applications to every applicant. This means hikers with permits can start planning hikes to Angels Landing ahead of time. For example, hikers with permits to hike in June will have up to four months to plan trips.

The lottery schedule is posted at www.go.nps.gov/AngelsLanding, and we will share news releases and social media updates when we open those permit lotteries.



About Zion’s Angels Landing Pilot Permit Program

On and after April 1, everyone hiking past Scout Lookout to Angels Landing needs to have a permit. This means you need a permit to hike on the half-mile section of the trail with chains. Hikers do not need a permit to go to Scout Lookout.

This is a pilot program, and the National Park Service will monitor and adjust it as needed. The pilot permit program reflects comments from nearly 1,000 members of the public, park neighbors, and other stakeholders. It also reflects lessons learned by metering the number of hikers on the trail to Angel Landing in 2019 and 2021 and from

distributing tickets to use the park shuttle system in response to COVID-19 in 2020.

Angels Landing is one of many places people enjoy hiking in Zion National Park. The park recorded about 2.8 million total visits in 2011 and nearly 4.5 million visits in 2019. As the number of people who visit Zion continues to rise, the NPS is preparing a plan designed to provide high-quality visitor experiences and sustainably manage park resources. The Angels Landing Pilot Permit Program will inform that planning process. We plan to share an update on the plan and ask for your feedback about it in 2022.

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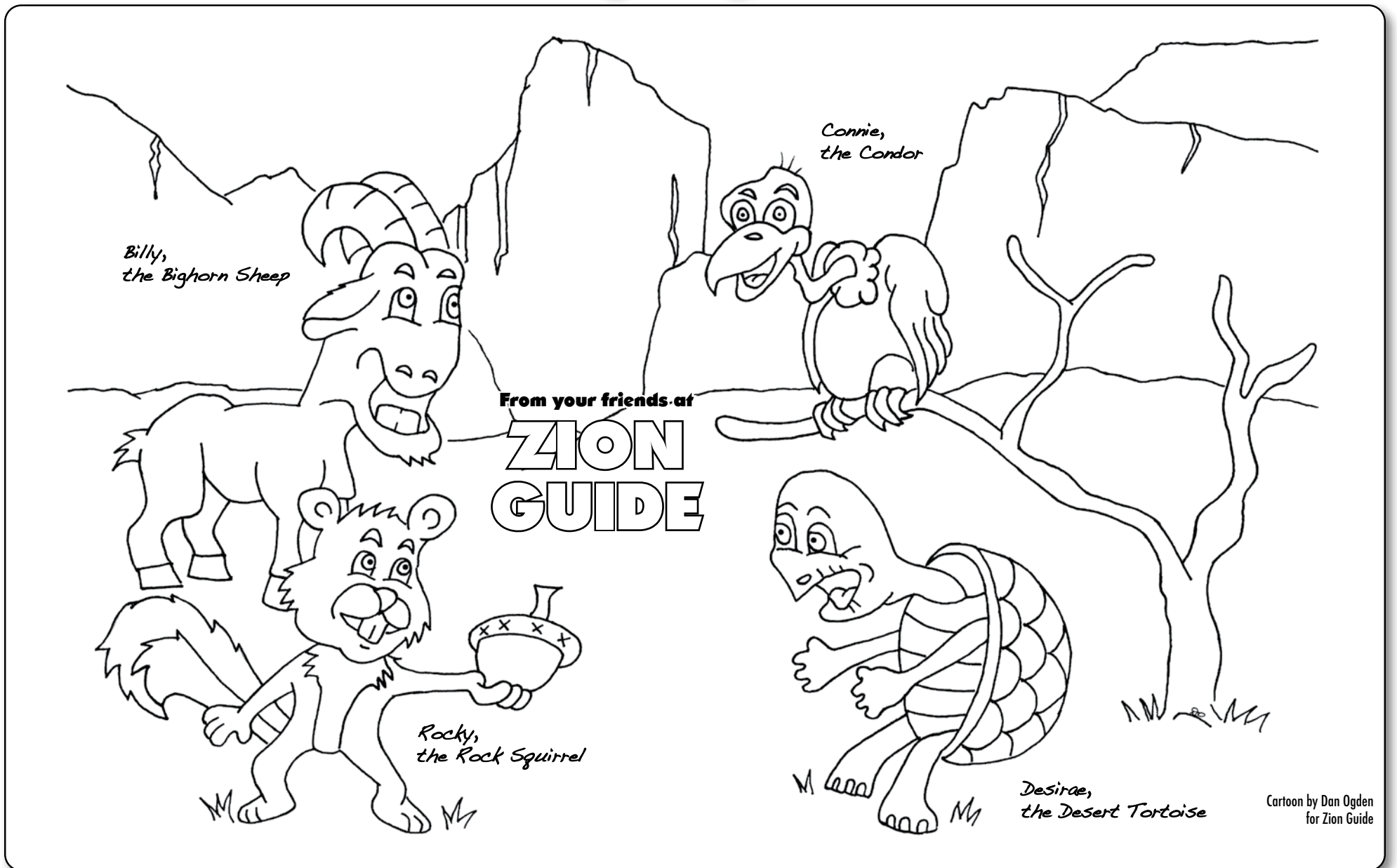
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QUAIL LAKE - Quail Creek State Park provides excellent year-round camping, picnicking, boating, and trout and bass fishing in sunny southwest Utah. The park is three miles east of the Interstate 15 Hurricane exit on Utah State Route 9. Facilities include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

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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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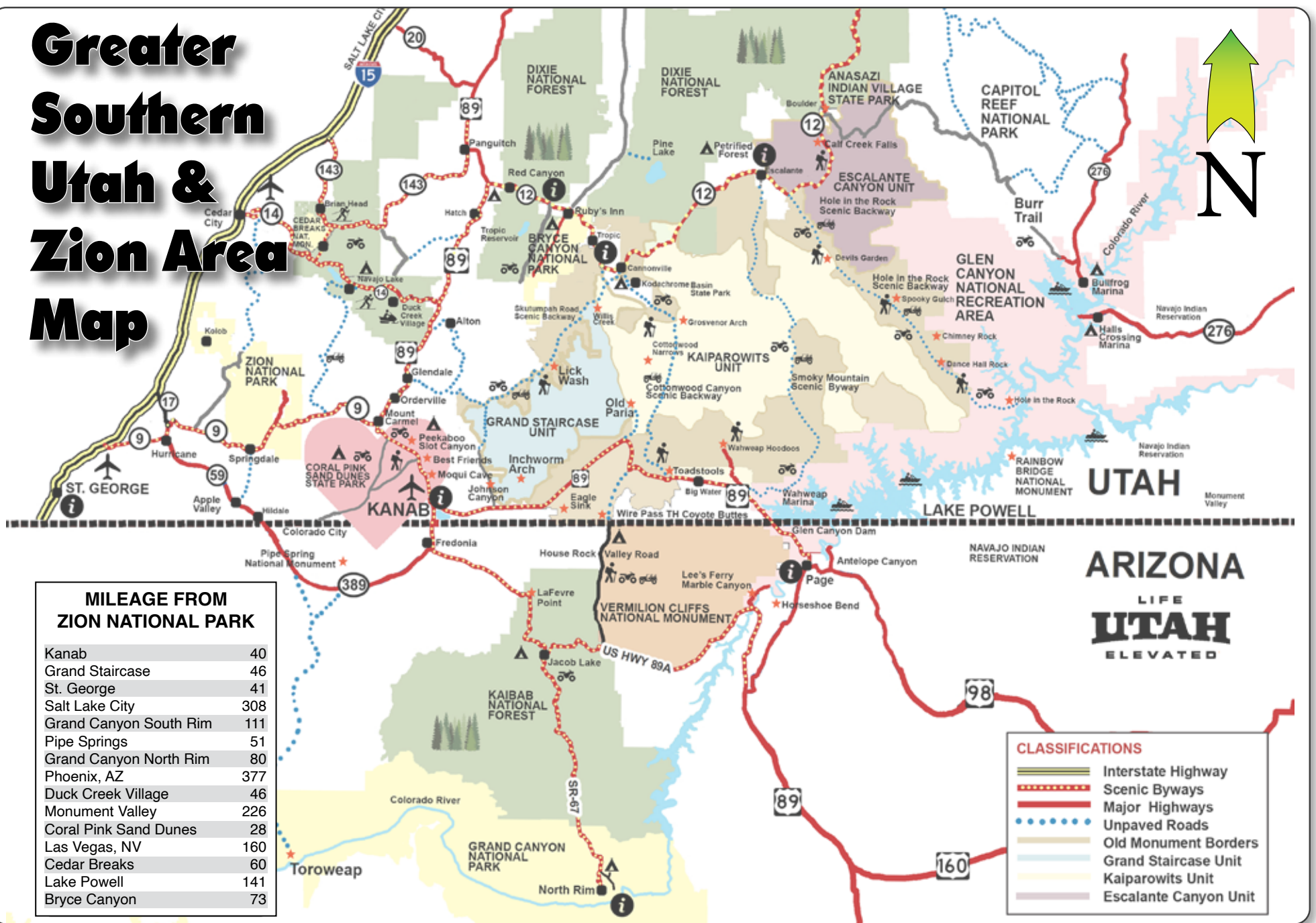


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The Weeping Rock Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail (East Rim from Weeping Rock) are closed due to rockfall damage. These closures are indefinite at this time. Lower Emerald Pools Trail is closed for trail repairs until Spring 2020.

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 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 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

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

Many Pools

By Candice Reed



Many Pools

the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone.

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.

Shortly after you get through the

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. 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 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 Emett

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 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 Trial

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this hike takes about two hours and covers just under 3 miles. The 368-



"Observation Point Revisited" photo by David J West.

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

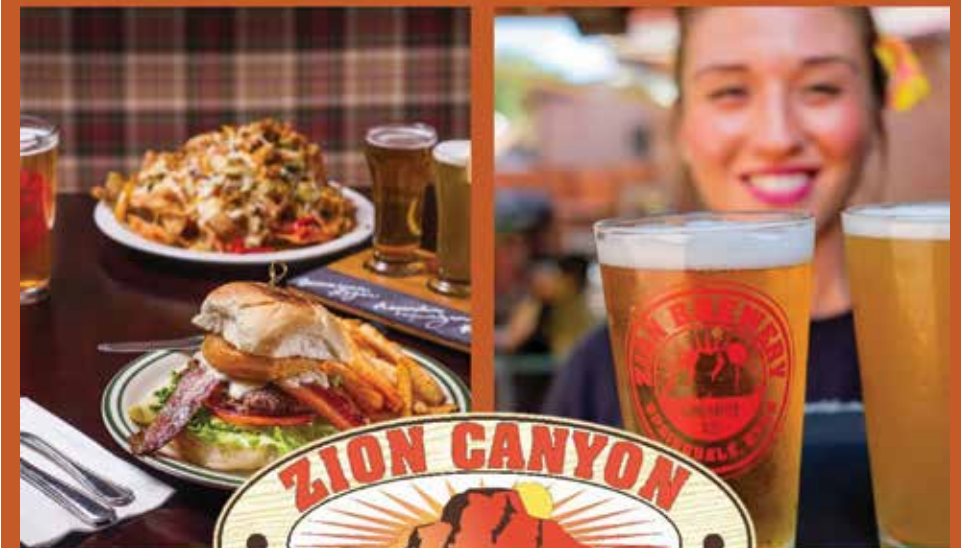
This paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. It also connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. It should take about an hour and covers just over one mile with 69 feet in elevation gain.

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.

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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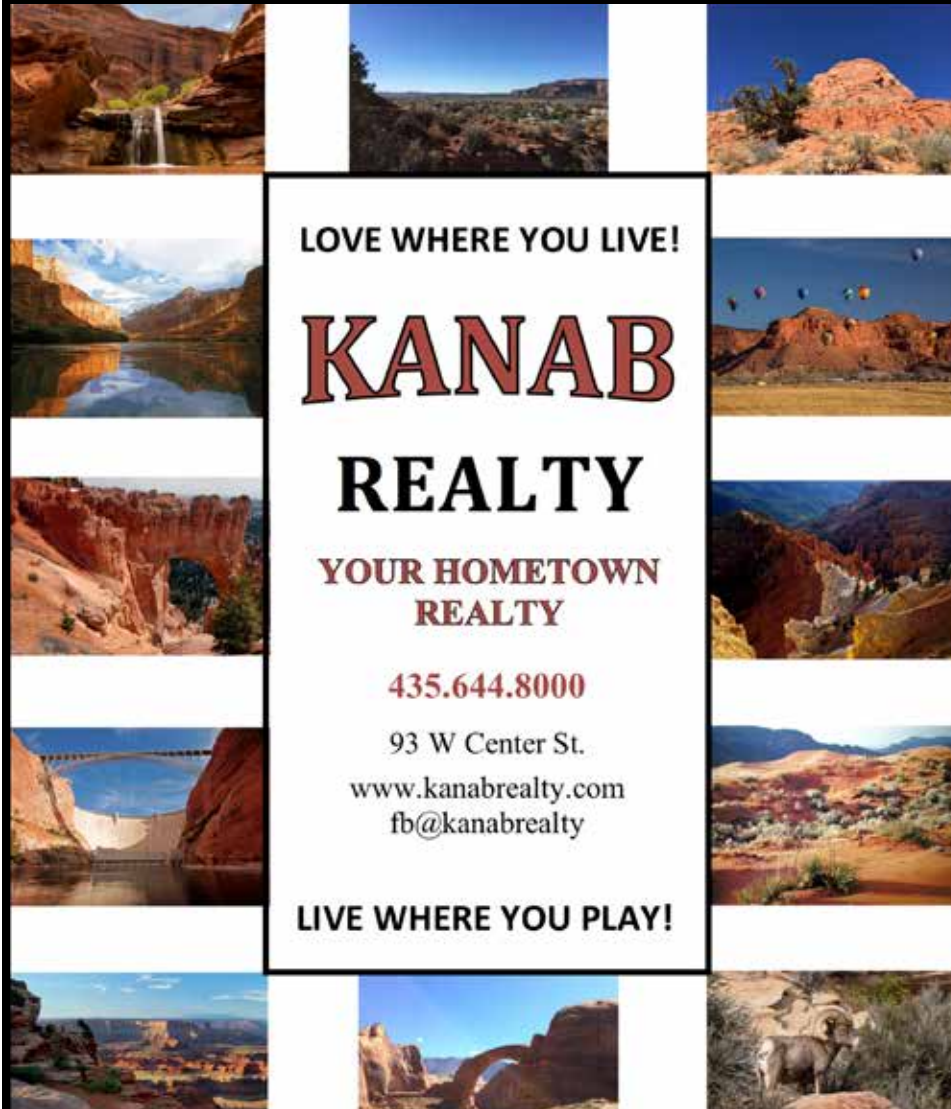
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