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EDITORIAL

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By James McFadden



With all the turmoil cropping up on an almost daily basis. It's often hard to not see the forest for the trees. Today it almost seems like the opposite is happening. Today, we are so overwhelmed by the big picture and the

global nature of it, that we forget to focus on the small things in our daily lives that matter most. Family, friends, and lasagna. I

really do love lasagna!

While it is important to see and understand the bigger things going on around us, it is just as important, if not more so, to see and understand the more critical things happening around us, things we have a more poignant influence over. I mean what good does it do us, if all we're worried about is world issues when those we love may be struggling to find peace or see joy in life. Myself included sometimes...

From where I'm sitting, this is the greatest global threat we're facing right now. We're so distracted and caught up in the big ugly that we're neglecting to see the world that exists right in front of us, and I fear there are many out there who are really feeling lonely, isolated, afraid, and on the edge of giving up. Not myself at the moment but I think you understand what I'm trying to say here.

So, consider this a call to arms, your own arms, the arms that can reach out, touch, and embrace someone who may be having a difficult time feeling hope or joy. It's not just in their heads; it's real and it

can often be life threatening.

Love and compassion are fickle little beasts that are often forgotten when we're only focused on our own problems and especially when we're angry at the world's injustices. And there are so many injustices to choose from right now that it's easy to see just how easily we can be distracted. Now there's a paragraph you might want to read again...



Now, this isn't an article with any answers, just suggestions that you the reader must interpret for yourselves. We all need to take some time to consider just how much control and power we have and where that power and control is greatest. Do we want to get angry and protest the latest outrage or do we want to quiet our minds and embrace someone close to us who might just need our embrace?

Balance is paramount in this endeavor, I'm not suggesting you forget about the bigger problems we're facing, I'm simply suggesting that you also make time, maybe even more so, to focus on those things closest to you that need your time and energy just as much as the world needs your voice added to its collective.

I mean, what good is it if we save the world but the world around us falls apart in the process...

So, while you're going through your days this month, make sure you take a moment to share your time with someone around you. You might just be saving more than simply the world...

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WESTERN LEGENDS RETURNS WITH ART, STYLE, & A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

Photos By Barry Glazier

Mark your calendar for the 23rd annual Western Legends Heritage and Music Festival on August 18-20th, 2022 in Kanab, Utah!

Enjoy legendary western movie stars, heroic bull riders, toe-tapping country music, and one-of-a-kind western



art and craft vendors assembled in one epic location-- Kanab, Utah. Round up the family for this red-rock adventure and attend the ultimate cowboy experience.

For the fans of the classic western movies, tickets are available for dinner and breakfast with the stars, plus autograph signings, panel discussions, and much more in the beautiful Kanab Center.

Tickets are available for the action-packed Western Legends rodeo Friday night, beginning at 6:30 PM. World famous bull and bronc riders compete for the cash and buckle that comes with winning the title of Champion. Watch the speed and agility of the ropers and barrel racers with their athlete horse companions. Early arrivals will get the treat of a teaser song from each of the bands competing in the country battle of the bands.

Speaking of the battle of the bands, you will enjoy some of the best up-and-coming country bands in the country competing for \$10,000 in prize money- winner takes

all! Each band will perform once on Friday and again on Saturday. The winner will then perform Saturday evening at the crowd-favorite street dance on North Main Street.

While listening to those sweet country tunes, enjoy shopping for that one-of-a-kind gift at the street fair with western arts and craft vendors, and enjoy a tasty meal from one of our many food vendors.

This year, for our "Legends Remembered" feature, we will be hosting Leon Brinkerhoff Memorial Team Roping, Saturday, August 20, 2022 with more information on their website if you'd like to participate.

Suppose you reminisce of the classic country songs of Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Patsy Cline and all the past greats in country music. In that case, you can purchase tickets to the Country Legends Tribute concert on Saturday evening between the final act of the country battle of the bands and the street dance.

With the increased number of visitors to Kanab, tickets are expected to sell out. Get your room booked and tickets purchased early. For updates, tickets, and more information, check out the website: www.WesternLegendsRoundup.com



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN SEARCH OF NEXT HOMEOWNER

"Homeownership opportunities are out of reach for the majority of hard-working income earners in Washington County. Soaring home, construction, and land costs have created a lack of access to housing, and middle to low-income earners are left wondering how they will live and work in Southern Utah. This is a critical time in our community, and Habitat has consistently demonstrated that building affordably is possible--when we build as a community", Habitats executive director, Kayo Skandunas said.

The homeownership application window is from August 1st- August 31st, 2022 and building begins once a future homeowner is selected. The organization creates homeownership opportunities for community members who demonstrate a need, an ability to repay a zero-percent interest mortgage, and have a willingness to partner with the organization, its community partners, and the force of volunteers that come together to make the home build possible.



"Our community members deserve access to safe, decent, affordable housing. We are excited to enter into our 25th year of creating affordable homeownership opportunities, and are thrilled to be building in Hurricane." Skandunas said.

You can download the application and instructions at www.habitatswu.org/homeownership

Applications are due by August 31st. About Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah

Habitat for Humanity of Southwest Utah is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization. We have a shared vision

of a world where everyone has a decent place to live; through shelter we change lives. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all deserve to have a decent life, and every single one of us deserves the opportunity for a better future. Habitat for Humanity is an equal opportunity housing organization.

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EVENTS

TAKE ANOTHER DIVE 'UNDER THE SEA' WITH HURRICANE THEATRICAL
By Aleina Lister



the youngest daughter of King Triton (Bart Pace), and is played by the incredibly talented Samantha Myrick (who also acts as the show's costumer), is enchanted by "The World Above" and quickly falls in love with Prince Eric (Jayden Wright), who she saves from drowning in a storm. But with her father's hatred of humans, Ariel is forced to go to her aunt Ursula (alternatively played by Karley Garrett and Grace Wells). Ursula, with the help of her morally askew moray eels Flotsam and Jetsam (Ashley Stackhouse and Makayla Klumpp), gives Ariel human legs in exchange for her angelic voice. Without her voice, Ariel is caught in the troubles of the sea and the land. Chief amongst these troubles is the looming possibility that Ariel will be enslaved by Ursula, and the fact that Eric is searching for the woman who saved him from the storm, and he can only remember "Her Voice". It is through the help of her friends, Flounder the fish (Isa Johnson), Scuttle the seagull (Austin Jackson), and Sebastian the crab (James David) that this sea tale finds its happy conclusion rather than the tragic original ending by creator, Christian Anderson.



Fresh from their unconventional yet nostalgically and musically rewarding Southern Utah premiere of "The SpongeBob Musical", director Kyle Myrick brings audiences "Under the Sea" once more with Disney's "The Little Mermaid".

Curious as to the reason of his oceanic theme of the 2022 season, Myrick explains how Hurricane Theatrical intended on bringing the ocean to Southern Utah through these high energy and family friendly shows to encourage community involvement, especially in children. Children involvement in the arts can also be encouraged in Broadway or Bust, Hurricane Theatrical's summer program. In addition, "The Little Mermaid" extends a typical Hurricane Theatrical run by a week to accommodate a show as big and popular as this. Aided by choreographer Sarah Rammaker and music director Nicole Kimzey, Kyle Myrick has created a show that can be summed up in one word: **MAGICAL.**

Following the story that is well known to those who grew up with the Disney movie, "The Little Mermaid" is a tale in which love, in all senses of the word, conquers all. Ariel,

Make this show "Part of Your World" this summer and set sail to Hurricane Fine Arts Center. This enchanting show opens July 29th and closes September 3rd, with shows on Monday, Friday, and Saturdays which also include Saturday Matinees. For more information, go to www.hurricanetheatrical.com, or call 435-668-9753.

ZION CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS WITH TWO DAYS OF FANTASTIC MUSIC

Friday, Sept. 23 – Saturday Sept. 24th @ the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater

The Southern Utah Independent will be co-presenting the Zion Canyon Music Festival after its two-year hiatus due to Covid. This two-day music festival will be held on the last weekend of September and is packed full of amazing sights, sounds and smells. This is one event you will certainly want to attend during both days of music, food, arts, crafts... and fun!

a variety of original art, fine craft vendors as well as several local restaurant booths so be sure to plan ahead so you can experience everything the festival has to offer; including handcrafted beer from Wasatch/Squatters Brewers for those over 21.

With fun, food, and music for the whole family including a Fun Zone for the kids filled with kid friendly activities, bounce house/slide, games and more. Alcohol is not allowed in the Kid Zone, and it closes at dark.



Headlining this event will be Dustbowl Revival and Southern Avenue.

Dustbowl Revival has always been about pushing the boundaries of what American roots music can be. After celebrating over a decade of sonic adventuring and playing thousands of shows together in ten countries and counting, the group collected a devoted fanbase coast-to-coast. www.dustbowlrevival.com

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ZCMF will be held at the O.C. Tanner Amphitheater in Springdale, Utah, those who attend the event may easily browse through

The festival grounds will be filled with a wide variety of art & craft vendors, food trucks and booths, as well as educational opportunities for you to learn and grow.

Gates will open at 4 PM on Friday and 3 PM on Saturday, with the last performances ending at approximately 11 PM.

Parking:
There is no parking past the amphitheater gates. Paid parking spaces may be limited along Lion Blvd. We recommend taking a town shuttle to Lion Blvd. We will provide a free shuttle service (tips for the drivers appreciated) provided by St. George Shuttle which will be making stops at the beginning of Lion Blvd at Hoodoos General Store, and the middle of Lion Blvd near the Canyon Community Center.

For tickets and additional information about all the performers, visit ZionCanyonMusicFestival.com

IT'S K.A.R.M.A FEST AT KAYENTA

It's that time again for **Kayenta Acoustic Roots Music Art - or K.A.R.M.A Fest** as we like to call it! It's three days of outdoor concerts; a time for refueling, releasing, renewing and relaxing. Enjoy live outdoor music, fantastic weather and fabulous scenery in Ivins, Utah while listening to fantastic live outdoor music. **K.A.R.M.A. Fest** happens September 15, 16, 17, 2022 on the outside Waltons Common Plaza in the beautiful Kayenta Art Village, and features three uniquely, refreshing concerts. Come for one or all three concerts. Special discount packages are available for multiple nights.



piano stylings take the listener to a softer, quieter place. Elise's music has a purpose and an identity that continues to inspire all who listen to her music. Her experiences with the loss of family has given her the opportunity to learn from life's tough lessons and heartaches and has been her main inspiration and passion behind her unique musical style. Elise's music has a purpose and an identity that continues to inspire all who listen to her music. Her experiences with the loss of family (her younger brother Scott, who took his life at the young age of 28, her older brother, Bryan, who died at age 39 from AIDS and her best friend and mother passed away suddenly in Feb. 2002) has given her the opportunity to learn from life's tough lessons and heartaches and has been her main inspiration and passion behind her unique musical style

Kristen J Lloyd - Found My Brave. September 17, 2022, at 7:30 PM

Not only Kristen a talented blues and folk singer and musician, she is also a very skilled artist, cartoonist, motivational speaker, business consultant and life coach.

Kristen came from a broken family. She was pulled from school after 5th grade and struggled with fear and anxiety for most of her life as a result. However, Kristen was able to use her talents, her love for animals, and her faith in God to rise above the odds and Find Her Brave. She now has a bachelor's degree in Commercial Music with a minor in Business from Brigham Young University. She has also learned how to overcome her fears to achieve her personal and professional goals.



Aiden Barrick and Elise West - Celebrate Love for All. Friday, September 16th at 7:30 PM. Aiden and Elise are Southern Utah favorites. Their music is intimate and refreshing.

Aiden Barrick an indie-folk rock musician, songwriter, and spoken word artist. Aiden's live performances are emotive, intimate and powerful with a voice that expresses truths in an evocative story-telling style with significant depth, smooth edges and gutsy honesty.

Elise West is a very sensitive and innovative composer performer. Her fresh

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CEDAR CITY HALF MARATHON - SEPTEMBER 10TH

Looking for a stunningly scenic race, the perfect high-altitude tune-up, or the ideal Utah half marathon for your bucket list? Discover a small-town hidden gem in a breathtaking destination on September 10th, 2022 at the Cedar City Half Marathon!

Now in its 13th year, the Cedar City Half Marathon is known to be fast, safe, energetic, and scenic beyond words. Whether you've called southern Utah home for most of your life, or you're just passing through, this is a great way to experience the beauty of sandstone formations, quaking aspens, and ponderosa pines as you wind your way through spectacular Cedar Canyon. Runners stay motivated with enthusiastic volunteers and on-course music featuring Cedar City's signature bagpipe players.

Starting at 8,400 feet, the paved route smoothly descends 2,800 feet over 13.1 miles to a triumphant finish. The entire course is closed to traffic, with the final 1.5 miles alongside Coal Creek on the beautiful Cedar City trail system.

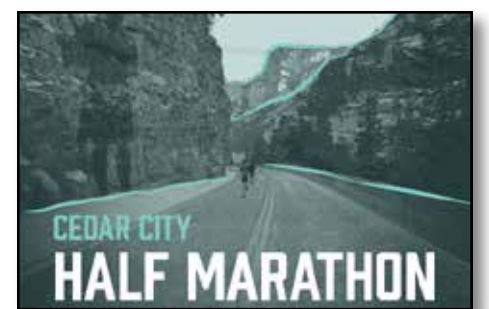
Runners experience a first-class race down Cedar Canyon with a finish line in the heart of Cedar City. And don't let the fun stop there! After running the Canyon, explore southern Utah and Cedar City, also known as Festival City USA! Cedar City is the gateway to Zion National

Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, and the magnificent Cedar Breaks National Monument. Boasting these, and many more national treasures within a two-hour drive, you couldn't ask for a better end-of-summer adventure.

Catch a show at the Tony Award-winning Shakespeare Festival at Southern Utah University, take a stroll to dine or shop in downtown, and visit the Southern Utah Museum of Art.

The Cedar City Half Marathon is an opportunity for new and seasoned runners to experience something unlike anything else. Grab a friend and take the leap, you won't regret it! Register now and #RuntheCanyon on September 10th!

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EVENTS

A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS AT THE ELECTRIC THEATER

For the second summer in a row, The Stage Door is pleased to be presenting a full-length comedy play. A Bedfull of Foreigners will be taking over the stage at The Electric Theater.

Produced by The Stage Door, Bedfull is a comedy written by Dave Freeman. This hilarious production follows the story of two couples taking holiday in France near the Germany border. The two couples are in advertently booked into the same hotel room. The show is filled with mistaken identity, secret keeping, and the surprise arrival of monks and nuns.



Our production has a special twist. In the cast there is a husband-and-wife duo. The catch is they are not playing each other's husband or wife. J. Bryan Dial it's

playing the role of Claude. Bryan's wife, Danalee Dial is playing the wife in the opposite couple, Brenda.

Rounding out the rest of the cast, we have Ginger Nelson playing Claude's wife, Helga. Brenda's husband Stanley is played by Michael Lee. You may have recently seen them in Shakespeare in the Park in Santa Clara City, along with Trey Paterson who plays Heinz, the hotel manager, and Ally Koller who plays Simone. The hotel handyman, Karak, is played by Coy Andrew Shinn, Jr. This is a very talented group of actors, and they bring so much physical humor to the stage.

This show is directed by Josh Scott, who is so thrilled to be bringing com-



edy plays to Southern Utah after years of directing summer comedy theater productions locally at the former DSU. Josh hopes to make a tradition out of holding comedy plays in the summer here in St. George. Non-musical plays give an added dimension to the theater scene in St. George and provide an acting outlet for many.

A Bedfull of Foreigners will run July 28-August 13, 2022. Shows will run Thursday - Saturday at 7:30pm, and August 6 at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$21 for adults, and \$19 for seniors and can be purchased online at thestagedoortheater.com or by calling the box office at 435-656-4407. All performances will be held at the Electric Theater at 68 E Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770.

THE MOAB MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

By The Independent

Buckle up for the Moab Music Festival's spectacular 30th anniversary season, which runs from August 22 to September 16, and pays tribute to three decades of its unique artists and audience "once-in-a-lifetime" experiences, and all the performers and collaborators who have helped shape and propel it through the years.

On September 3 Sunrise on Turtle Island: Contemporary Native American Voices puts this season's theme on full display at beautiful Red Cliffs Lodge. The performance showcases the work of the new generation of Native American composers with three world premieres of new works. Taking the stage with MMF artists are composers Dawn Avery, who the Washington Post says, brings "an evocative tapestry of history and sound" to her work, soloist and award-winning composer Laura Ortman, and vocalist and songwriter, Martha Redbone, whose music The Huffington Post called "an organic, gorgeous feast for ears and minds."

With this program the Festival hopes to honor the land it occupies every day. Also on that program is the groundbreaking ensemble The New York Times calls "reliably surprising, and reliably impressive," the JACK Quartet, which is also featured on the first of the Music Hikes on September 3. This hike also features



Bang on a Can All-Stars bassist Robert Black, who curates a program of living composers inspired by nature, with a world premiere by John Luther Adams, expressly written for the outdoor space where it will be performed.

These Festival-favorite events bring adventurers to a "secret" wilderness location where trekkers are the audience for unparalleled music in majestic spots with red rock walls and sandstone floors. Other

events include raft trips, ranch concerts and events in charming and historic Star Hall in town. September 5 at 2pm, Labor Day, brings another Moab Music Festival tradition – the free Rocky Mountain Power Community Concert, this year, it's a 30th Birthday Celebration!



The Festival welcomes the entire community to pull up a blanket, soak up the sunshine, and join in on the fun. The program offers its signature musical thrills, nature's brilliance, and cake, and features an all-star program with performances by baritone Justin Austin, fresh from a run at New York City's Lincoln Center, Native American World Hoop Dancing champ Joseph Secody, and the wind virtuosity of New York Philharmonic clarinetist Anthony McGill and Seattle Symphony flutist Demarre McGill.

New this year is the "Floating Concert," on Saturday, August 27 at 5:30pm. Patrons will board an open air river boat and travel several miles upriver to a breathtaking performance spot surrounded by towering red rock canyon walls.

Boaters will hear a program of the music of Schubert, who wrote dozens of songs about rivers and the promise of fresh fish, life-giving water, recreation, and beautiful respite from everyday drudgery. The concert also includes his beloved "Trout" Quintet, and puts audiences on the Colorado River, the perfect setting to reflect on the promise of survival and romance that harkens back to the 19th-century admiration of the life-giving waterways. It's a reverence Festival shares in the drought-stricken Southwest. Another new spot for audiences is a secluded streamside meadow, which will host the next unforgettable evening of music in concert with the landscape® on Sunday, August 28 at 5:30 pm. Patrons will enjoy the music of Mozart and Dvořák, and will enjoy refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres.

TICKETS are available through the Moab Music Festival office or website at moabmusicfest.org.



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EVENTS

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO IN ST. GEORGE

By James McFadden

I have four kids and sometimes it feels like all I hear from them is "I'm Bored Dad!" Funny thing is, I was just feeling this way myself the other day and I had to remind myself, there's always something to do in St. George!

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probably already familiar with, there are a few things happening you might not have heard about yet.

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The Summit is open to all interested participants and attendance is required for organizations who have received RAP Tax grants from the St. George Arts Commission.

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The Celebration will then take place on Wednesday, October 19th @ 6-8pm at the Art Museum located at 47 E 200 N in St. George, Utah. For more information visit www.sgcity.org/artmuseum/dayofthedead

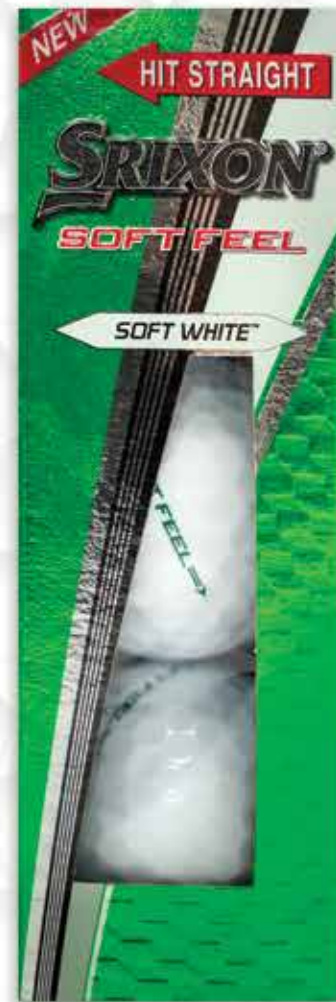
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OPINION

TIME FOR UTAH STATEWIDE K-12 SCHOLARSHIPS

By Howard Sierer

To paraphrase a line from the musical “Annie Get Your Gun,” anything Arizona can do, Utah can do better...or at least do as well. Arizona’s new state-funded scholarships for all K-12 students should be a model for school choice in Utah.

The key feature of Arizona’s new law is that it funds students, not schools. Families are empowered to choose the best options for their children using “educational savings accounts” funded by the state.

Arizona first created “Empowerment Scholarship Accounts” in 2011 for certain qualified students, including those with disabilities, wards of the court, residents on Indian reservations, and, importantly, those attending failing public schools. About 23% of the state’s students qualified for these scholarships that were pegged at 90% of statewide per student base spending.

The resulting \$6,400 per child could be used for any educational expense, such as tuition at a private school, learning therapies, or tutoring.

A Goldwater Institute report explained that the 2011 ESA law put “private education within financial reach of even the most economically disadvantaged. The 10 districts where ESAs are most popular in Arizona are overwhelmingly socioeconomically disadvantaged. The three districts with the highest concentrations of ESA students have child poverty rates more than double the state average.”

This year’s new law expands the program to every state resident eligible to enroll in K-12 public schools and is sufficient to cover 100% of the statewide average private elementary school tuition. With

the Supreme Court’s recent ruling requiring Maine to allow its scholarships to be used at schools sponsored by religious institutions, Arizona parents and students will be able to select from the state’s full range of public and private, secular, or religious K-12 schools.

I have been a consistent advocate for charter schools and publicly-funded independent schools established by teachers, parents, or community groups under the terms of a charter with a local or national authority. I’ve advocated voting for candidates who support school choice and for giving parents the freedom to choose charter schools for their children.

My rationale: During the pandemic, parents discovered that public school district officials and teachers’ unions often weren’t responsive to their concerns on school closures, mask mandates, and the curriculum.

Two recent polls demonstrate that Democratic governors, mayors, and school boards, egged on by teachers’ unions, mishandled their responses to the pandemic and suffered a dramatic drop in public confidence as a result.

An American Federation of Teachers survey of likely voters in battleground states found that 39% of respondents had more confidence in Republicans to deal with education issues vs. 38% for Democrats. A Democrats for Education Reform poll in battleground House districts found that Republicans were ahead on education by 3 points overall, by 9 points with parents, and by 10 points with minority voters.

These results are a shocking turnaround. A 2017 Gallup poll showed Democrats favored were by 17 points on education issues; Republicans are now favored.

Utah avoided the excessive school lockdowns experienced in many other states but nonetheless had its share of controversy, spurring sentiment for giving parents more educational options for their children. This seems like the right time for Utah’s Republican-dominated legislature to explore expanding parental discretion by allocating funding to students, not to schools. Arizona’s program is a useful model, one we can both learn from and expand on.



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WHAT IS ESG AND IS IT NEEDED?

By Lisa Rutherford

Environmental, social, and governance—ESG—is a term that’s been in the news for several years but is getting more attention. In April of this year, the State of Utah griped to the S&P Global Ratings about an ESG rating given to Utah. S&P Global Ratings had published ESG credit indicators as part of their credit ratings for states and state subdivisions, and Utah demanded that be stopped. Utah asserted that the “newfound focus on ESG” was politicizing the rating process, a process on which the state and others rely heavily for obtaining funding. A credit rating is similar to a credit score for individuals.

been accused of “greenwashing” by deceiving clients who believe that ESG concerns are being addressed when, in fact, they are not. Some feel that ESG has been a cash cow for those who are pushing a confusing system. The gridlock we see in our political system is forcing people to look elsewhere to solve some of our thorniest problems, but ESG seems to be fostering some delusion that business can profit and exhibit good behavior, too, without some pulling shenanigans to hide behind ESG.

Perhaps the real problem is that ESG has spread itself too thinly. Expecting entities to factor in environmental, social



Why was Utah given a 3 on a scale of 1 to 5? S&P cited water challenges as Utah grows stating “environmental factors are a moderately negative consideration in our credit rating analysis for Utah.” Population growth and droughts caused by climate change were cited specifically. But is this really political, as Utah asserted, or is it being realistic? For those of us who have lived in Utah and witnessed the growth and water issues, it seems a breath of fresh air to have someone other than us concerned about it.

We first need to understand what ESG is. Basically, it’s a way for investors to evaluate an investment in terms of how that entity performs based on environmental, social, and governance factors. States are not the only entities ranked on ESG criteria. Corporations, funds, banks, insurance companies, to name a few, are also ranked. It allows—or ‘should’ allow—investors to evaluate the extent to which a corporation or other entity works on behalf of environmental, social and governance goals. ESG goes beyond the role of a corporation to maximize profits on behalf of shareholders.

The term was first used in 2004 by the United Nations as a global movement, and in less than twenty years the movement has grown. Capital totaling \$17.67 billion (U.S.) flowed into ESG-linked products in 2019 according to Morningstar, an influential financial research organization. ESG products, although focused on lofty goals, are not without their critics. But a March 2019 Economist article reveals that “Asset managers think that investing with an eye on environmental, social and governance issues is no longer just a fad.”

Blackrock, an asset manager, supported Morningstar’s assessment by revealing that companies “with a greater ESG emphasis have high-quality and low-volatility characteristics.” Blackrock’s boss, Larry Fink, has asserted that corporation should “pursue a purpose as well as, or beyond, simple profits.”

Milton Friedman, an economist and considered by some as the paragon of “free market” economics, wrote in 1962 that the social responsibility of business is “to use its resources and engage in activities designed to increase its profits” but he did call on companies not just to stay within the law but to honor society’s more general ethical standards, too, meaning that short-term profitability should not be their only focus. So, this is not, as Utah asserts, just a “politically driven” issue.

What’s behind this movement? It’s not just shareholders, who generally focus on profits, who are now concerned with problems that our nation and world face and which are not being solved by governments due to political gridlock. As an investor myself, I also feel there should be more value from my investments than just dollars. Young workers that businesses want to employ want to work in places that reflect their values much more than their parents’ generation did. They’ve seen too much corporate money flowing into entities they believe will not make this world a better place to live.

The problem is that ESG has not panned out to be what was originally envisioned. Some firms and corporations have

and governance criteria—all very complex issues—into a convenient package seems to ask too much.

Perhaps a more focused approach as advised by the Economist in their July 2022 article would be the better approach: ESG should be “unbundled.” It should be boiled down to just measuring carbon emissions since even “environment” is an all-encompassing term. Social and governance are important, too, but with the headaches being created trying to consider all aspects of ESG, we have to go after what’s most important at this point: CO2 emissions creating climate change that is wreaking havoc around us. Making businesses and other entities, including states like Utah, account for their carbon emissions should make this easier and clearer.

With the majority of us dealing with the effects of climate change in one way or another, a growing number of altruistic consumers and investor may be willing to have it cost them financially to favor clean firms if it means it may help control the carbon problem. Government action, too, is required to deal with this, but given the gridlock we have politically at least this would put pressure on an otherwise intractable system.

For too long we have been feeding the fossil fuel monster that has basically locked us into a system that has created a plethora of problems for us. We are witnessing the effects of climate change directly related to fossil fuel use, and it’s costing all of us dearly one way or another. If we are not in the midst of fires, storms, and rising sea levels ourselves, we are paying for them through increased insurance premiums and government costs to deal with them. For too long corporations and others, including states that seek funding for potentially carbon-producing projects, have managed to get away with doing business that passes along these costs to citizens. And for too long we have played into the hands of “petrodictators” who control fossil fuels on which we rely too much. The call for more domestic fossil fuel development is not the answer. It’s just part of the same old game. As a retired oil/gas employee I’ve seen this for too long.

So, back to Utah and their complaint about their S&P ESG rating. Would it help Utah if S&P rated Utah only on environmental criteria specific to “carbon emissions”? Perhaps. But with Utah’s love of coal, oil and natural gas—all which result in significant emissions—probably not. Utah has counted on S&P for stellar ratings for a long time. Utah’s April letter questioned S&P’s ESG ratings done on others, too, and noted S&P’s at-times-poor rating history. But demeaning the agency upon which Utah depends is probably not the smartest move. I believe ESG—or perhaps just “E”—is here to stay and Utah must adapt. This is not a political move by S&P and others; it’s been building momentum for nearly twenty years, through both Republican and Democratic administrations. A move to be more honest about what entities such as corporations and states do that are contributing to our world’s problems is long overdue. These problems have been growing for decades.

OUTDOORS

EAST REEF TRAIL IN RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE

Trail: East Reef
Location: Red Cliffs Desert Reserve near Leeds
Difficulty: Easy with some up and down sections

Average Hiking Time: Less than two hours at a leisurely pace for the 2.5 mile loop hike.

Family Friendly: Yes

Getting There: Heading north on Interstate 15 take Exit 22 near Leeds onto Old Highway 91. Turn left and continue north approximately 2.2 miles through the town of Leeds. (In Leeds, the highway is renamed Main Street.) Next turn right (south) onto signed 900 North/Babylon Road just past the sign for the Red Cliffs National Conservation Area. Babylon Road (the primary access to seven trailheads and 13 designated trails) begins as asphalt and becomes a dirt road at .6 miles in. Stay on the main road and at four miles from the turnoff you reach the unsigned East Reef Trail trailhead and small parking area, good for three vehicles on the right (west) side of the road. A few feet beyond the trailhead is a large red sign reading, "All motorized vehicles must stay on designated roads." The trailhead is also .3 miles past

the well-marked Historic Babylon trailhead. I strongly recommend a high clearance vehicle.

All hikes are good. Some have one or two attractions, others more. This hike, East Reef Trail in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, is one of the multi-attraction hikes. First, although only a few miles from civilization, it feels like, and is, wilderness. A place of solitude, we encountered no other people on our trek. Upon hiking to the top of East Reef/ridge are great views of the Virgin River. Past inhabitants of the area also left their mark—petroglyphs on the western side of East Reef. We, my wife Deb and I, began our adventure on a Thursday morning in late February.



The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve was established in 1996 to protect a large and diverse habitat capable of sustaining wildlife populations threatened by development and habitat loss. It comprises 62,000 acres and has more than 130 miles of shared use trails for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. Three ecosystems—the Mojave Desert, the Great Basin Desert, and the Colorado Plateau—merge in southwestern Utah and the Reserve reflects the biological diversity of this unique



region. The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve Habitat Conservation Plan is administered by Washington County in coordination with the Bureau of Land Management, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration. Remember, the reserve is a sensitive area, stay on the trails and minimize your impact—walk as if you are kissing the earth with your feet.

Marked by a short wooden fence and stepover, the trailhead elevation is 2,810 feet with a 120 feet elevation change from the trailhead to the highest point. There are some not-too-steep up and down sections.

The temperature was in the low 40s at about 9 am as we began our hike under an awesome blue Utah sky. Unfortunately for us, a cold gale force wind accompanied us for the entire hike—brrrrrrr. It never got warmer.

Be advised that the trail is marked by four widely spaced, almost unreadable trail signs. And there are several user trails that while not the official trail, do eventually get

back to the main trail.

We began heading southwest on the eastern side of the reef (ridge) along the left side (south) of a gully. Within ¼ mile the trail became steep for a while and then down a bit to the southwestern tip of the reef. This vantage point afforded great views of the Virgin River.

At about ¾ miles along we descended the western side into a valley formed by two ridges and followed a dry streambed for about ¼ mile. The trail then jogs slightly to



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the right (east) and is closer to the bottom of East Reef. Less than 1 ½ miles along the trail, we came across two very large free standing boulders, one of which has some nice petroglyphs.

This section of trail also features a large mound, or small hill, with wide grey and reddish bands. Fairly odd in this area of mostly brownish and reddish ridges.

Then it was up an incline where we took some photos back toward the valley we traversed and soon our trail merged with Historic Babylon Trail. It quickly turned south to confront East Reef. On Historic Babylon Trail we crossed the ridge by walking through a large gap filled with boulders and almost vertical walls.

Through the ridge we were now at the Historic Babylon trailhead and headed

southwest down Babylon Road .3 mile to complete the loop hike back at the East Reef trailhead.

This is an easy hike with some not too steep up and down sections. The views are good as were the petroglyphs. As with most of our hikes, we did not encounter other people. The entire hike was about 2 ½ miles



and took less than two hours.

Tom Garrison has been an avid hiker for more than 30 years. He is the author of seven books, the most recent hiking book being "Hiking Southwest Utah and Adjacent Areas, Volume Three."

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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Mast

NOPE (R)
★★★★

"Nope" Has More On Its Mind Than Just A Summer Movie Spectacle

Jordan Peele has come a long since his days as half of the righteously hilarious comedy duo that is Keegan and Peele. In 2017 he would light the horror world on fire with "Get Out," a massive success that would go on to earn a Best Original Screenplay Oscar. He would follow that film up a couple of years later with the social commentary-laced doppelganger thriller "Us." Now, with his recent sci-fi horror epic, "Nope," the question is, has lightning struck three times for the gifted Peele? In short, the answer is; Yep!

Set in the valleys of California's Agua Dulce, "Nope" follows rancher siblings OJ (Daniel Kaluuya) and Emerald Hayward (Keke Palmer) as they make a startling discovery after the untimely (and bizarre) passing of their father, Otis (Keith David.) Through the aid of eager Frys Electronics employee, Angel Torres (Brandon Perea), this trio set out to capture proof of this extraordinary discovery. Of course, this is a Jordan Peele movie so rest assured that while there is plenty of big summer movie spectacle on display in "Nope," there's a whole lot more to chew on in this ambitious slice of sci-fi/horror. One that culminates in a final act that will, no doubt, divide viewers. "Nope" is bursting at the seams with

of Peele's directorial efforts. Look no further than a scene in which Steven Yeun's Ricky Park tells a tale of SNL parodying an episode of his now-defunct 90s television series, "Gordy." It's positively hilarious! Beyond that, there is plenty of social commentary bubbling underneath the surface as "Nope" takes aim at race, Hollywood, the American Dream, survival, the circle of life, territoriality, power struggles, miracles, our relationship with nature, and those things which simply can't be explained.

The performances here are terrific right across the board. Coming off of his charismatic and bigger-than-life Oscar-winning turn in "Judas and the Black Messiah," Kaluuya completely switches gears in a performance that is far more lowkey, but that's to the film's great benefit. His OJ may appear a bit aloof in the early goings of the film but truth be told, he's a very smart individual with amazing survival instincts.

A high-energy, offbeat, and undeniably likable Palmer chews the scenery as a lovable Emerald, a woman who is not only looking for proof of quite the discovery but who also seeks validation for that proof. The supporting cast includes an affectionately grizzled Michael Wincott ("The Crow") as a masterclass film director who becomes intrigued by the aforementioned discovery, Yeun ("Minari") as a one-time child actor who's looking to stay relevant in his adulthood life any way he can, a lively Perea as a salesman looking to break out of his seemingly mundane life, and an outstanding if all-too-brief David (a wonderful character actor you'll probably remember from the likes of "John Carpenter's The Thing," "They Live," and "Requiem For a Dream"), as a veteran Hollywood horse wrangler.

On a technical level, "Nope" is expertly shot by Hoyte Van Hoytema (who also aided in bringing Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" to the screen.) The proceedings are beautiful enough that when I go to see this movie a second time, I'll do my best to make sure it's in an Imax theater. Beyond the stellar cinematography, "Nope" should also be singled out for its expert use of sound and for a perfectly fitting Michael Abels score (this composer also collaborated with Peele on both "Us" and "Get Out.") And,



wonderful winks at the likes of all the films that Peele has enjoyed through the years (most notably, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Jaws," "Tremors," "Independence Day," "War of the Worlds," and "Signs," just to name a precious few), but it's a testament to this man's gifted nature as a storyteller that this movie still feels very much its own thing. Not one to deliver something obvious, Peele twists and subverts our expectations making for a UFO-centric movie that won't necessarily be what you might be anticipating. Through the juggling of multiple themes, "Nope" is as provocative, strange, and thoughtful as it is mysterious, thrilling, and hilarious. All of that said, the sprawling and unpredictable nature of this film often reminded me of something you might expect from an auteur of Paul Thomas Anderson's ilk (specifically, think "Magnolia" with a sci-fi/horror bent.)

Again, while "Nope" certainly has horror and sci-fi elements, it's also pretty damn funny. In fact, it's easily the most humorous

of course, we can't talk about "Nope" without offering big-time props to the visual effects department for a most unique and unexpected approach to some of the bigger, more hotly discussed elements of this picture. Yes, I'm treading lightly so as to not spoil the surprises; Surprises that even the marketing campaign has wisely steered away from.

There's certainly enough strangeness going on in "Nope" that might keep it from being embraced by the masses but that strangeness is precisely why this movie is likely to be cherished in many circles. Mine included! Hats off to Peele for stretching himself as a filmmaker. Not one to rest on his laurels, this storyteller has given us something substantially different from his previous two offerings, and what's more, this is easily his biggest and most ambitious film yet. It's a movie with real scope, but it's also challenging in ways I wasn't expecting. At the very least, "Nope" further cements Peele's position as one of the strongest voices in contemporary horror.

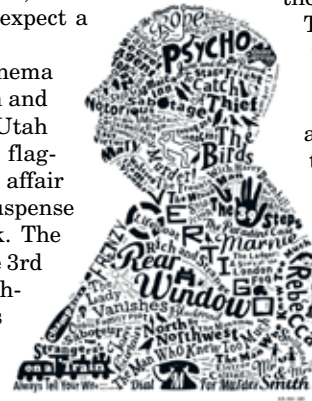
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HITCH FEST AT THE ELECTRIC THEATER

THE 3RD CUT - SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH!

The passionate folks at Red Carpet Cinema love film in general but they have a special fondness for the classics and anyone whose been to one of their events has felt that love firsthand. Over the course of the last few years, the team behind this source of big screen get-togethers has hosted events like Cardinal Cinema: A Festival of Uncommon Classics, and in the coming months, you can expect a whole lot more.

First up; Red Carpet Cinema will be teaming with The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU) to present their flagship event; An epic day-long affair dedicated to the master of suspense himself, Mr. Alfred Hitchcock. The event is called Hitch Fest: The 3rd Cut and as you probably gathered from the subtitle, this isn't the first time they've hosted a tribute to the leg-



endary Hitch.

Hitch Fest: The 3rd Cut will take place at The Electric Theater on Saturday, August 20th. The proceedings will begin at 11 AM. In addition to 4 passionately curated Hitchcock gems presented on the big screen, programmers promise surprises and even a couple of very special guests including Nathan Snow. Snow is an accomplished film and media professor at UTU. Additionally, he's been in animation and video production for the better part of a decade. What's more, he's a film historian and cinema enthusiast with a grand passion for Hitchcock making him a perfect speaker for this event.

If you're a big-time movie buff, then Hitch Fest is definitely for you but it should also be noted that even if you're just a casual movie-goer, this promises to be a special event. It's not every day that you get to experience the works of one of the greats in a theatrical setting.

This will be a rare opportunity to do just that.

Which Hitchcock films can attendees expect to see at this not-to-be-missed get-together and where can one purchase affordable tickets?

The answers to both of these questions can be found by visiting Red Carpet Cinema at Facebook or by visiting the "Hitch Fest: The 3rd Cut" Facebook event page.

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CEDAR BREAKS HISTORY FESTIVAL Aug. 20-22, 9 AM. Held daily at Cedar Breaks National Monument (Hwy 148). Visitors of all ages are invited to come and celebrate the history of Cedar Breaks National Monument. Enjoy interpretive displays illustrating the unique history of the Southern Paiute, Mormon Pioneers, Utah Park's Company, and Civilian Conservation Corp. For details on the festival call (435) 586-0787 or visit www.nps.gov/cebr. Cedar Breaks National Monument, Hwy 148, Cedar City.

BRIAN HEAD RESORT: BME MTB RACE Aug. 25-28, 9:30 AM. Big Mountain E-showcases some of the best riding in Utah and this venue will challenge racers with ample amounts of rocky chunder and technical riding. Bike Park and mountain activities will open as usual Friday and Sunday 9:30 AM.-5 PM. & Saturday 9:30 AM.-6 PM. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy 143, Brian Head.

IRON COUNTY FAIR Sept 1-4, 10 AM. A tradition that continues to bring together families, neighbors, and friends making new memories every year! Events include PRCA Pro Rodeo, Mud Bog (Aug 13), Demolition Derby (Aug 20), Carnival, Car Show, Entertainment Tent, Exhibits, Carnival, Labor Day Parade, and more. Admission is free; events held in the Grand Stands have an admission cost. For information, schedule of events, and tickets, visit ironcountyfair.net. Iron County Fair Grounds, Cedar City.

A BRONX TALE 2 PM. July 28-Aug. 8, Based on the critically acclaimed play that inspired the now-classic film, set in the Bronx in the 1960s-where a young man is caught between the father he loves and the mob boss he'd love to be. A great show for families, kids ages 12 & over. Broadway Bound: Washington City Center for Music and Theater, 25 N. 300 W Bldg. C, Washington.

A BEDFULL OF FOREIGNERS July 28-Aug. 15. Stanley and Brenda Parker are driving about France on their vacation. When they find themselves in a village near the German border on the eve of a local festival, they consider themselves lucky to find a hotel room. But this kind of luck, no one would want to endure for long. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle, St. George.

3 VIEWS ART SHOW Aug. 1-31, 9 AM. Featuring Sculptor/Deborah Laux; Textile artist/Teri McHale; and Painter/Linda Toombs. Deborah, Teri & Linda will discuss many interesting topics with those who attend. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

FACING FIRE: ART, WILDFIRE, AND THE END OF NATURE IN THE NEW WEST EXHIBIT June-Aug. 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. St George Art Museum, 47 E. 200 N. Saint George.

HISTORIC ST. GEORGE LIVE! June-Aug., 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.

ROUGE: UTAH WOMEN'S VOICES June 11-Sept. 17, 9 AM. The exhibit features the work of 30 female artists portraying their roles as women in Utah today. Each artist will provide a piece that discusses her view of her role as a woman. DSU Sears Art Museum, 155 S. 700 E., St. George.

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CALENDAR

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD WEEKEND – ART IN THE PARK FRONTIER HOMESTEAD WEEKEND – ART IN THE PARK 9 AM. Three artists and one musician will perform/demonstrate inside the park each weekend from Memorial Day Weekend (May 27th to Labor Day Weekend (Sept 3rd). Artists will demonstrate and sell their art at tables while musicians perform during the day, Thursday thru Saturday. Admission is \$4 per person. To participate call Jana (435) 865-1441 and for information call the Frontier Homestead (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead, 635 N. Main St., Cedar City.

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.

SPIRIT OF POLYNESIA–PASEFIKA July 1–August 27, 7 PM. Take a trip with us through the beautiful islands of Polynesia! Happening at the majestic O.C Tanner Amphitheater. Located at the foot of Zion national park. Witness the Hula of Hawaii, the Fire Knife of Samoa, the Kailau of Tonga, the Meke of Fiji, the Otea of Tahiti, and the infamous Haka of New Zealand! Sit back relax and feel the SPIRIT OF POLYNESIA! O.C Tanner Amphitheater, 144 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIR DE LUNE BY TERRENCE MCNALLY Sept. 1–11, 7:30 PM. Nominated for a Tony Award, this play explores the fun of a blossoming new relationship in NYC, as they try to determine if they are soul mates or just mates for the night. This play contains mature subject matter, brief nudity, and adult language. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

PSRA RODEO (OLD TIMERS) Sept. 2–4, 7 PM. Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

FREE SAND HOLLOW TREASURE HUNT FOR PRIZES 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.

GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA Aug. 10–14, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

KID & NICK SHOW AT CASABLANCA Aug. 17–21, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. A fun, high-energy, interactive variety musical group. Free admission. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Aug. 24–28, 7 PM. showtimes may vary. R&B, funk, dance, oldies, and classic rock. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE RIDE AT CASABLANCA Aug. 31–Sept. 4, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Singing a great variety of classic rock. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

“YOU'RE THE STAR!” KARAOKE AT BEAVER DAM STATION 5 PM. Every Wednesday and Saturday with Gayle Louise (725) 225-1613. 560–522 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

THE RIDE AT CASABLANCA May 18–21, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Singing a great variety of classic rock. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

“YOU'RE THE STAR!” KARAOKE AT MAD MIKES PUB 6 PM. Every Tuesday and Saturday. Food & Beverages 6-10 PM, with Gayle Louise (725) 225-1613. 560–522 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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.

THE GRACEFUL WOMAN 6:30 PM. Tuesday nights are now open to Women of all ages for a wonderful night of specialized teachings to empower, uplift, heal, strengthen and teach. Kundalini Yoga offers unique, transformative guidance for women to stay healthy both in body, mind and heart. Pregnant mommas are welcome, teenagers welcome, young and old are welcome! Fruit and Yogi Tea will be served after class. Bring your girlfriends, your daughters, your aunts, your mother and grandmother. By Donation \$5–\$11. Sage Hills Healing Center, 6232 W. Sage Hills Dr., Cedar City.

WEDNESDAYS

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.

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

SWEET PEA FARM & ORCHARD FARM BREAKFAST 8 AM Every Saturday from 8 AM.–12 PM. all summer long. Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard, 136 S. 600 W., Parowan.

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.

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.

Events by Date

Fri, Aug 5

MR. OK (CHARLIE KESSNER) AND THE LAST LIGHT AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. Love Music. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

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

Sat, Aug 6

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: FALL INTO VEGGIE GARDENING 10 AM. Learn about making Southern Utah's long growing season work to your advantage when planting and harvesting vegetables. This class is held outside. We recommend bringing a chair or blanket for seating. The Garden at Tonaquint Park, 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

MOVIE NIGHT IN VEYO POOL 8:15 PM. Bring the family to the canyon to watch a movie in the pool on a 20-foot wide by 12-foot tall movie screen! Enjoy float seating on large inner tubes., Veyo Pool, 287 E. Veyo Resort Rd., Veyo.

BRIAN HEAD RESORT: FESTIVAL OF FLAVORS 11 AM. Enjoy a day of live music, artisan and food vendors, beer, wine, and spirit tastings on the Giant Steps patio. Enjoy live music 11 AM–8 PM. and food and beverage services until 9 PM. Bike Park and mountain activities will open as usual from 9:30 AM–6 PM. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

MOST WANTED BAND 6 PM. Garfield County Fair, Panguitch.

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.

DJ BUELLER DECADES DANCE PARTY 70'S–00'S AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

APOLLO'S ARMY AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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

Sun, Aug 7

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.

Mon, Aug 8

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.

SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS–HELLO! MY BABY 7 PM. Kanab Area Community Theater's 38th year of bi-annual summer musical production. This show is a special tribute to our Director Kortney Stirlend and will feature his amazing skills on the piano! A hilarious and timely “new-fashioned” musical that follows the origins of the first all-American art form: popular music. Kanab High School Auditorium, 59 E. Cowboy Dr., Kanab.

CONCERT IN THE PARK FEATURES THE BILLY AND ELTON SHOW–TRIBUTE BAND 7:30 PM. Free. Jazz music. Park seating is available, bring blankets, lawn chairs, food, and the family. Vernon Worthen Park, St. George. our website at: www.vvarc.net. Airport Fire Station #3, Mesquite.

CARS & CUSTARD 6 PM. Enjoy a night with classics (1981 or older), customs, hot rods, and exotics. Followed by a cruise down Main St at 8 PM. Admission is Free. For information or to enter a car call, Mike, at (909) 717-1232 or email him atekimjacobs@gmail.com. *weather permitting. Classic Cars & Trucks (1982 or older), Customs, Muscle Cars, and Supercars. Culver's, 1065 S. Main St., Cedar City.

Tues, Aug 9

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

Thurs, Aug 11

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

Fri, Aug 12

CEDAR CITY ARTISANS FAIRE 12 PM. Enjoy a day of locally crafted, one-of-a-kind, never-before-seen jewelry, wall art, sculpture, home decor, ceramics, and more. Admission is free. Ramada by Wyndham, Cedar City, 1575 W. 200 N., Cedar City.

PRENDELO LATIN NIGHT 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n' Roll Bar. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

MOST WANTED BAND AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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

CALENDAR

MOVIE IN THE PARK – ENCANTO 8:30 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.

Sat, Aug 13

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY 9 AM. Enjoy a self-guided scavenger hunt around the museum inside and out! FREE admission for all current and past military members; regular admission is \$4 per person. For information call (435) 586-9290 or visit frontierhomestead.org. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main St., Cedar City.

COLOR COUNTRY ROCK SHOW 10 AM. Come for Rocks, Minerals, Crystals, Beads, Metaphysical, Jewelry, and more. Drawings for prizes during the event must be present to win. Admission is free and open to everyone. Vendors and Customers wanted! For information call (435) 275-4445 or visit colorcountryrocks.com. Cedar Rock & Bead Shop, 718 W. 400 N. #1, Cedar City.

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—FEATURING HOUSE OF CARDS 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.

BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY—CLOSING NIGHT 7:30 PM. Starting at \$29. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

MARJI MOZART BAND AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

MUDDY BOOT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

YESOUI BAND AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. YESOUI, pronounced "yes-we-see" is an expressive multi-genre-infused rock band from the desert. Kate Godfrey & Musical Mystic Durrantula, unite their unique individual songwriting styles to forge the rock music that is known as YESOUI. Paired with the tasty rhythms of Shanley Clark on drums. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, Aug 14

JACK DUNN AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Contemporary rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Tues, Aug 16

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, Aug 17

SUMA: CREATE PLAYDATE 10 AM. Visit your friends at SUMA for a special storytime and hands-on, creative activity in performing and visual arts. Each Create Playdate is about 45-minutes long and is geared toward preschool children (ages 3 to 5) and their parents or guardians. Every book read at Create Playdate is followed by engaging and hands-on arts activities that can be enjoyed by the whole family. Admission is Free. SUMA – Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

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, Aug 18

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.

CEDAR SKIES AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Americana. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

SUU 25TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—GUIDED TOURS 7 PM. In celebration of Southern Utah University's 125th Birthday, guided tours will showcase the University as never before. Come explore the past, present, and future of SUU. Admission is free and open to everyone. Southern Utah University, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

TEDX STGEORGE 7:30 PM. Do you love TED talks? Come join TEDxStGeorge for a fun-filled night! There will be 9 speakers and several performances. If you liked the TEDxStGeorge Main Stage Event at Tuacahn this past April then you will LOVE this event. Topics include Health, Art, Community, Lifelong Learning, Humanities, Social Justice, Love and so much more. Tickets are limited so get them today! Additional info at: TEDxStGeorge.com Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Fri, Aug 19

COMEDY NIGHT AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

WESTERN LEGENDS RODEO 7 PM. See tough and true cowboys continue in their western heritage with Bull Riding, Bare Back Broncs, Saddle Bronc, Barrel Racing, Jr Bulls, Peewee Steers, Mutton Busting, and Team Roping at the end of the night. Overlooking Jackson Flat Reservoir and the glowing red cliffs of Kanab. Kanab. Kanab, 865 E. Kanab Dr., Kanab.

CARPENTERS PLATINUM: A TRIBUTE CONCERT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$20-\$30 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

Sat, Aug 20

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: LAWN ALTERNATIVES 10 AM. Explore a variety of turf alternatives that are engaging, kid-friendly and water efficient. This workshop is offered in-person and virtually. To participate virtually, please click: <https://bit.ly/3Dvctw1> Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George.

REALITY CHECK AT MIKE'S TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave, Cedar City.

HITCH FEST: THE THIRD CUT 11 AM.–9:30 PM. An all-day Celebration of the Master of Suspense on August 20th at the historic Electric Theater, featuring the following titles: 11 AM. - Blackmail (1929) 1:30 PM. - The Lady Vanishes (1938) 4 PM. - Rope (1948) 6:30 PM. - Strangers on a Train (1951). \$7 per screening. \$20 Day Pass. For more information see our article in The Independent. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

RED ACRE FARM—FARMER TO FORK 6 PM. Inspired over a decade ago by OITF to set one long table, we set it again for the 13th year here on the farm. This "Farmer" to Fork" is different because the chef is also the farmer. Small bites will be passed, and of course, a farm tour will be given. Several courses are served throughout the evening farm style (or family-style.) Offerings will include a vegetarian option and grass-fed meat dishes. Discussion and questions from the guests will be encouraged. Tickets are \$105 and are available at redacrefarmcsa.org. Red Acre Farm CSA, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

Sun, Aug 21

JACK DUNN AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Contemporary rock. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Wed, Aug 24

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

Thurs, Aug 25

MIKE AND ELAINE AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. This multi-instrumentalist couple are also in local band Soul What!? and cover a range of musical styles in many genres. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Aug 26

READER'S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 3 PM. Reader's Circle Book Club Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

FINAL FRIDAY ART WALK 5 PM. and is held the last Friday of the month, June–September, from 5–8 PM. at various locations along Main Street and University Blvd (about 25 N. Main St to University Blvd then west to 300 W. University Blvd). Visit with artists, see beautiful art pieces made using a variety of mediums, and maybe purchase a new piece to add to your collection. The art walk is free and open to everyone. Downtown Main Street & Center Street, Cedar City.

JORDAN MATTHEW YOUNG AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

MOVIE IN THE PARK – THE MIGHTY DUCKS 8:11 PM. St. George Town Square becomes an outdoor movie theatre for the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month during the summer. This will be the last movie of the 2022 summer. 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.

8EEZ NIGHT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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

Sat, Aug 27

VENDOR EXTRAVAGANZA Noon. Enjoy this family-friendly event with live entertainment from 12–7 PM. Prize drawings and plenty of vendors. Main St. Park, 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

SUNBURNT SKY AT BLUES KATZ ROCK N' ROLL BAR 8 PM. 307 N. Bluff, St. George.

THE 8EEZ BAND AT MIKES TAVERN 9 PM. 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

ABBACADABRA: A TRIBUTE TO ABBA CONCERT AT SAND HOLLOW RESORT 8:30 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 \$35-\$40 per person. Purchase your tickets today! Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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.

Sun, Aug 28

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Fri, Sept 2

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

Sat, Sept 3

FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: FALL INTO VEGGIE GARDENING 10 AM. Learn about making Southern Utah's long growing season work to your advantage when planting and harvesting vegetables. This class is held outside. We recommend bringing a chair or blanket for seating. Tonaquint Nature Center, Tonaquint Nature Center, 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

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Other spots of note in Springdale include the library (located on Lion Boulevard, next to Town Hall), tennis/pickleball courts (also on Lion Blvd), and the Virgin River, which has numerous locations of access, but Riverside Park is one of the best.

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GUIDE TO UTAH'S LIQUOR LAWS

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
Bamboo Chinese Restaurant	828 Zion Park Blvd	435-703-2882	V	11:30am-10pm daily	Yes
Zion Pizza & Noodle	868 Zion Park Blvd	435-772-3815	W, B, V	4pm-10pm daily	No
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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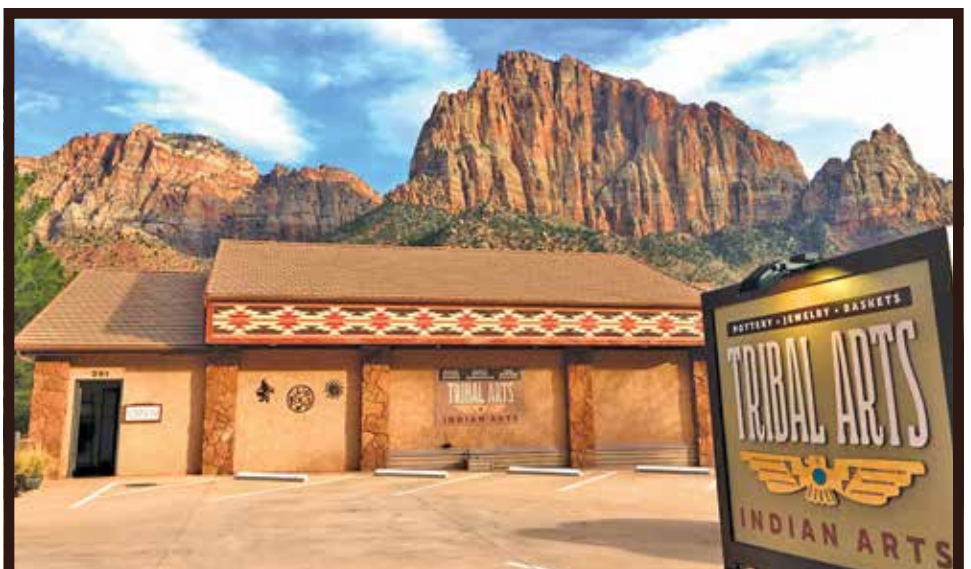
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Top Things To Do In Zion

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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LIVE Music: The Chris Paul Band - Aug. 6, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: AV Mermaid - Aug. 13, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: AZ Cowboy Balladeer - Aug. 20, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Stone Company - Aug. 27, 7-9 p.m.

Best Friends Roadhouse stage

Coyote Sky Tacos will be present on August 27



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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

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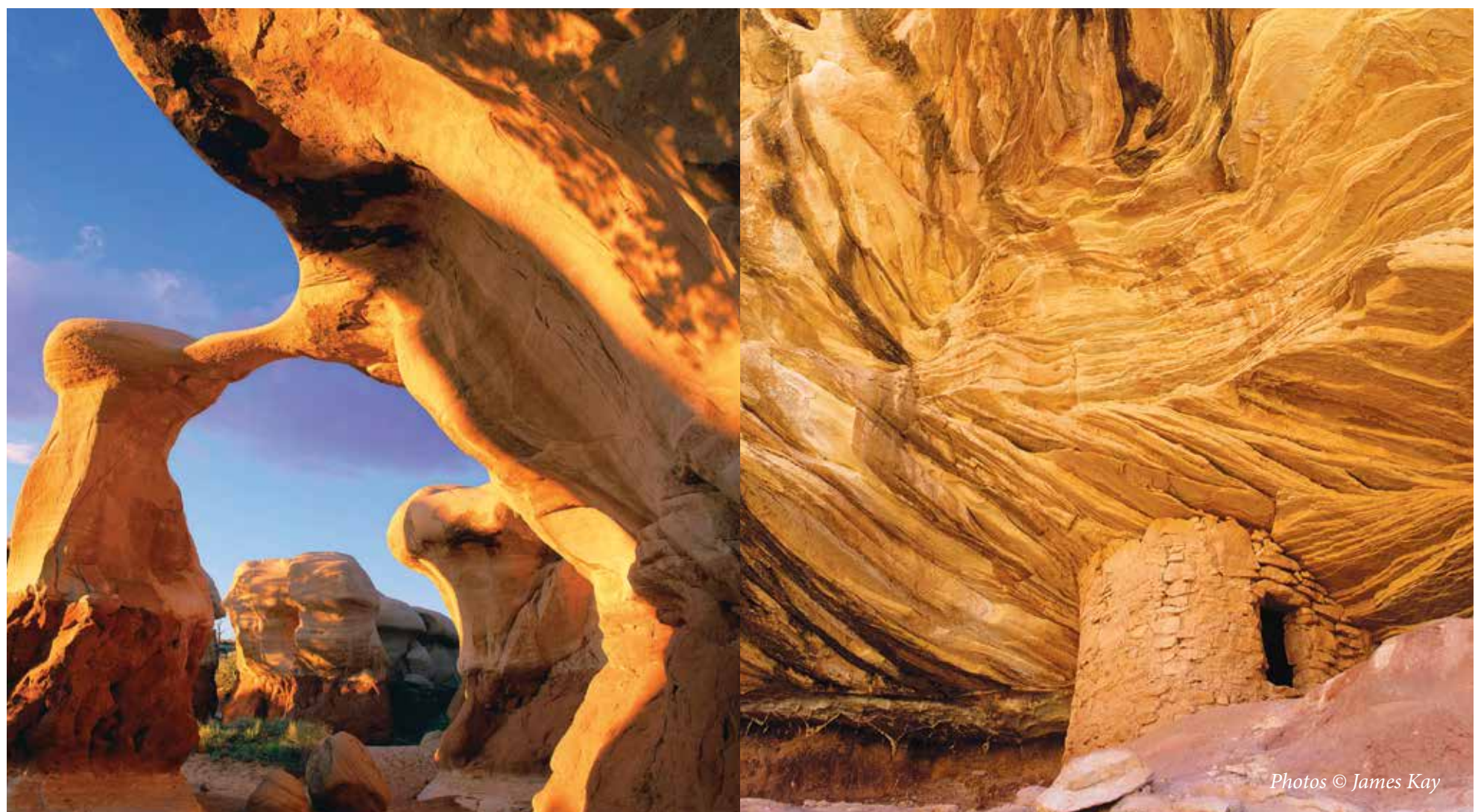
First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center
7:00 a.m.
Last shuttle leaves the Visitor Center
5:00 p.m.
Last bus out of the canyon from the Temple of Sinawava
7:15 p.m.

Springdale Shuttle Schedule

Starting Mar. 19

First shuttle leaves the Majestic View Lodge (Stop 9)
8:00 a.m.
Last shuttle leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop 1)
8:00 p.m.

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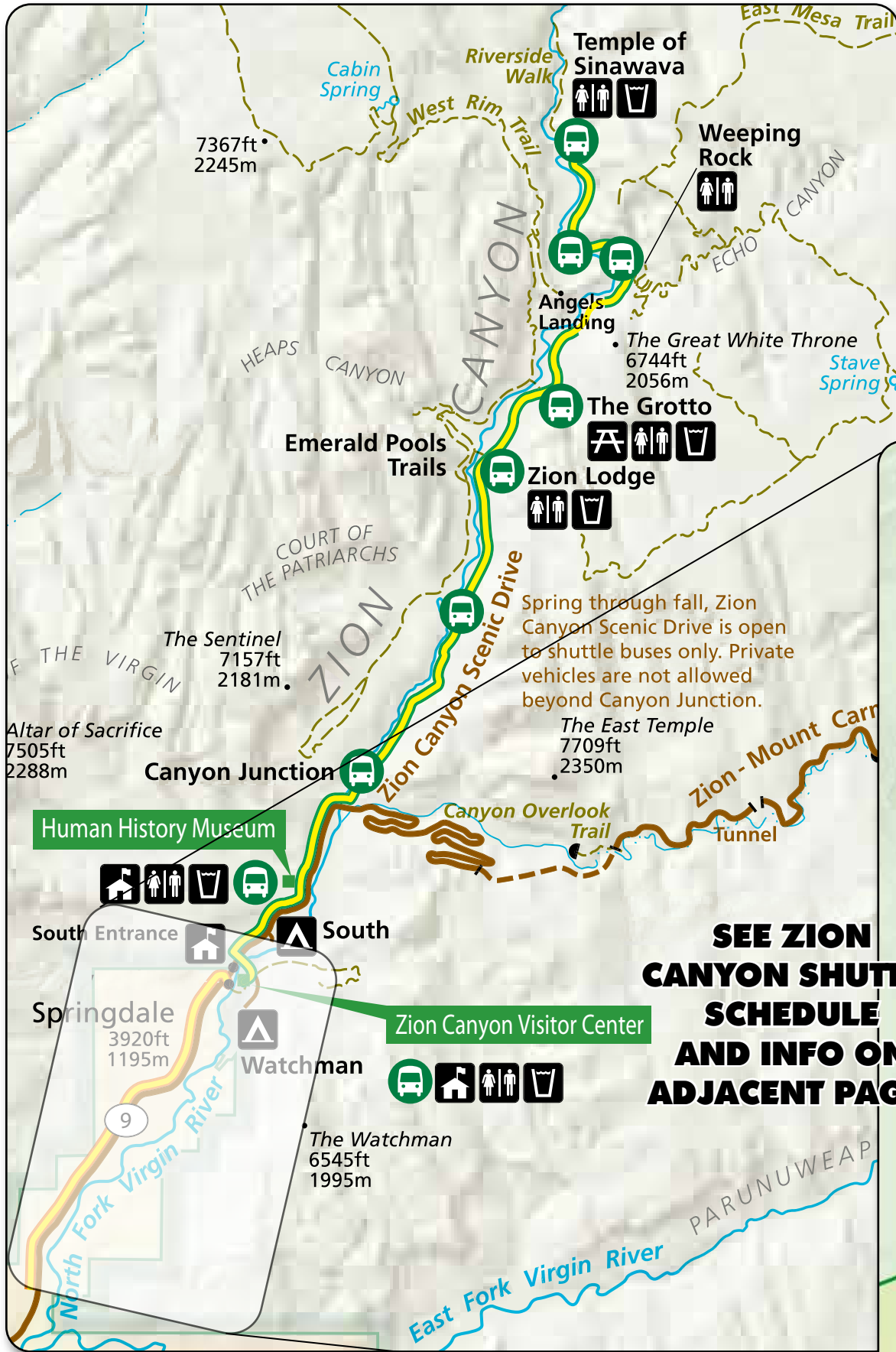


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May Amazing Earthfest
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June Jacob Hamblin Days Festival
A fun festival to celebrate the pioneer and Western heritage of Kanab and Kane County.

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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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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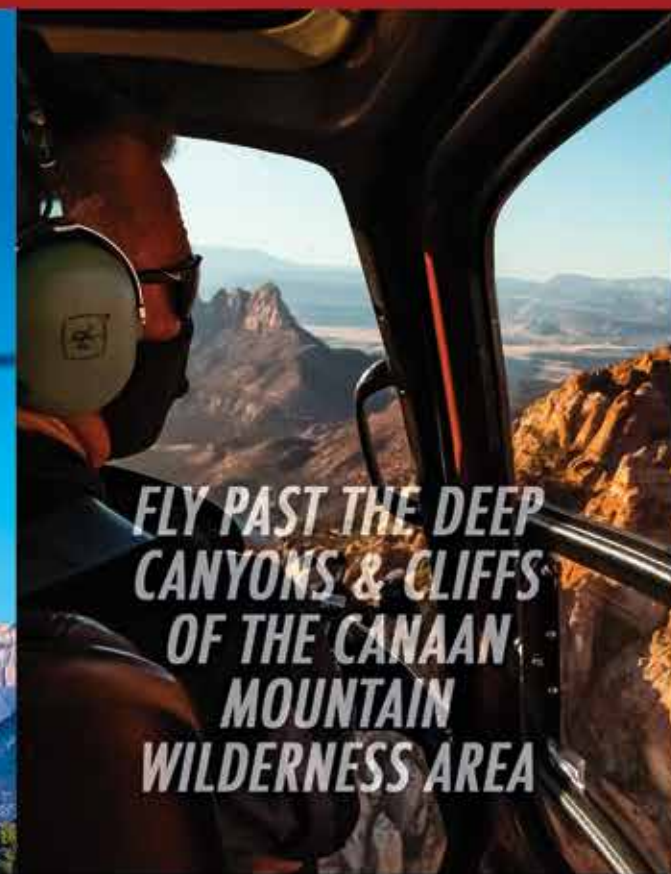


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ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM - This ancient Indian village in the heart of Utah's canyon country was one of the largest Anasazi communities west of the Colorado River. The site is believed to have been occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display in the newly remodeled museum. Anasazi State Park is in the picturesque town of Boulder on State Route 12. Group and individual picnic areas are available. There is no camping. (435) 335-7308.

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

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

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

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

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ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Valley Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground



is situated between both lakes and has 21 campsites and flush toilets. There is a boat ramp on Upper Enterprise Reservoir and several fishing areas around both reservoirs. Fishermen will find rainbow trout and smallmouth bass here. Fees are charged.

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

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

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



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

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



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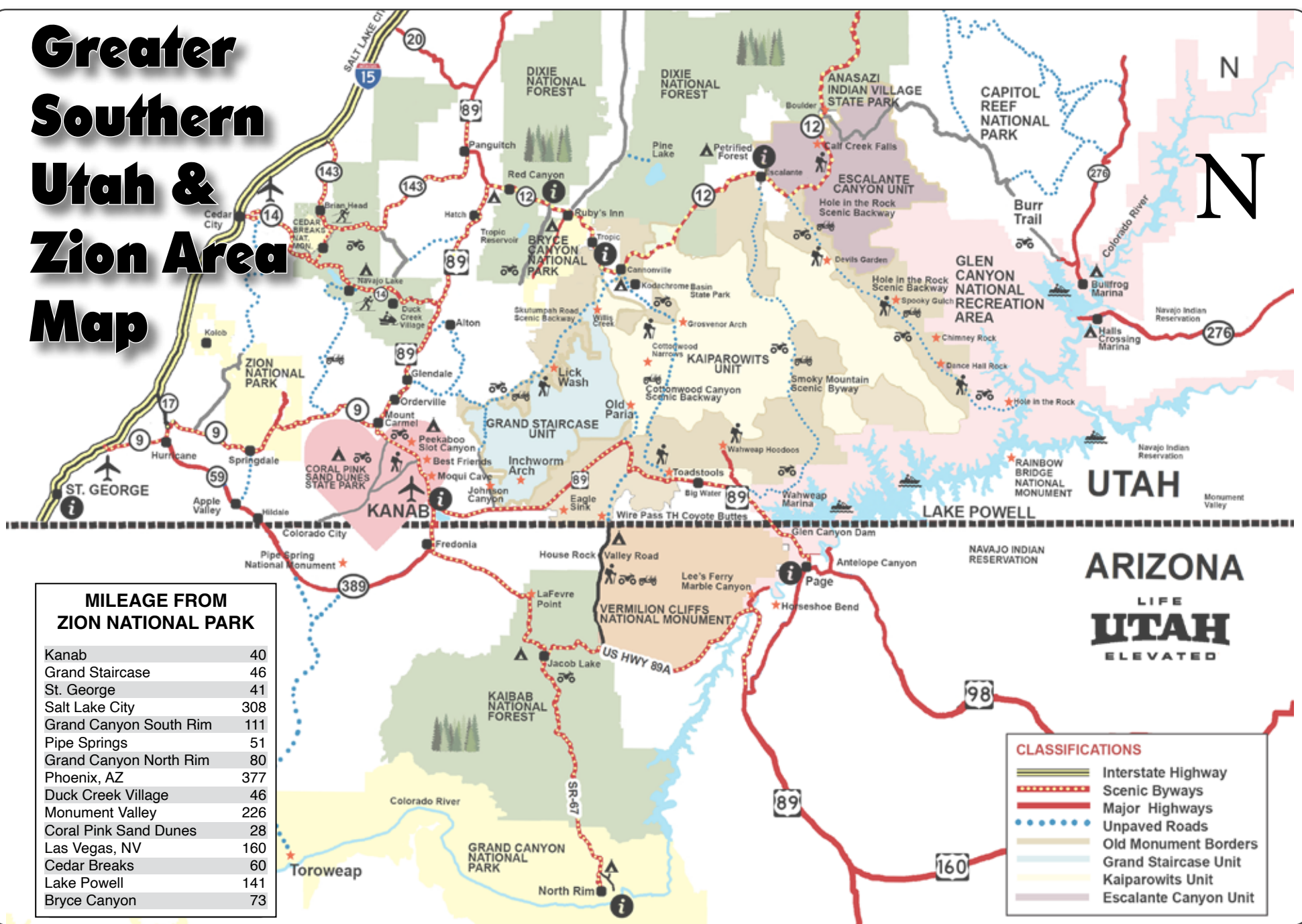
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Hiking is popular in Zion National Park, and popular hikes are seeing record visitation at peak days and times. For a less congested trek, consider these less-traveled hikes.

Northgate Peaks

By Don Gilman

The Northgate Peaks trail in the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park is an amazing trail with spectacular views. The trail itself is nearly flat, making it a perfect hike for families.

To reach the Northgate Peaks trailhead, take State Route 9 to the town of Virgin. Turn left onto Kolob Terrace Road. Drive for 15.7 miles through increasingly spectacular country until the short spur road (on the 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



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

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

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 Trail

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

Middle Emerald Pools Trail

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

Upper Emerald Pool Trail

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

Kayenta Trail

This two-hour hike starts at the Grotto and goes for two miles. You'll gain 150 feet in elevation, and the trail does



"Observation Point Revisited" photo by David J West.

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.

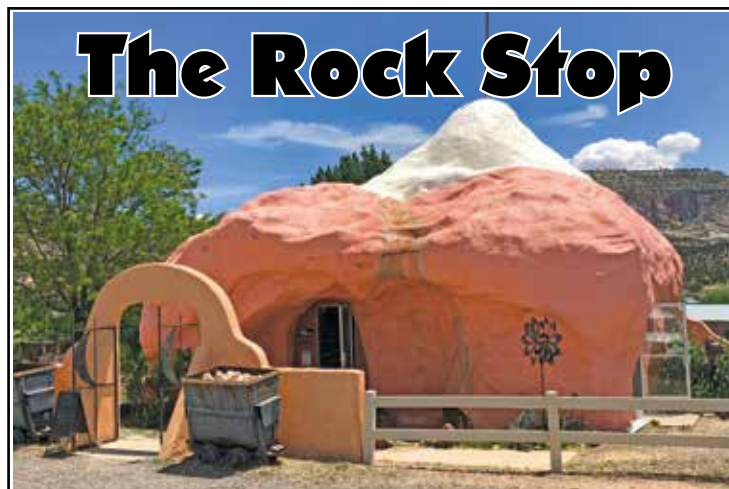
Riverside Walk

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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