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EVENTS

UNVEILING CREATIVITY: THE ST. GEORGE ART FESTIVAL RETURNS!

By Peyton Lee

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of creativity as the St. George Art Festival makes its much-awaited return to the heart of our beloved city on March 29th and 30th, 2024! This signature event, cherished by locals and visitors alike, promises two days of immersive experiences celebrating art, culture, and community spirit.

With over 160 fine artists from near and far, the festival transforms downtown St. George into a vibrant tapestry of colors and textures. Attendees will be treated to a diverse array of artistic expressions, ranging from captivating paintings to intricate sculptures that reflect the beauty and diversity of our region.

But the St. George Art Festival is not just about visual art - it's a feast for the senses in every sense of the word. With



more than 40 food vendors offering mouth-watering delights, attendees can indulge in a culinary journey spanning from local favorites to international cuisine.

As you explore the festival grounds, be sure to catch the electrifying performances taking place on three stages scattered throughout downtown. From live music to dance showcases, there's no shortage of entertainment to keep you captivated.

Don't miss the highlight of the festival and get ready to be swept away by an unforgettable musical journey with the highly

anticipated headlining concert featuring none other than the sensational band - The National Parks. Hailing from Provo, UT, this quartet brings its unique blend of cinematic indie folk-pop to the historic Town Square, promising a mesmerizing evening under the desert sky. With their soaring harmonies, organic orchestration, and luminous electronics, The National Parks are sure to captivate audiences and leave them spellbound. Catch them on March 29th at 7:00 PM.

Film enthusiasts will also have the opportunity to enjoy the Desertscape Film Festival, where a meticulously curated selection of domestic and international films awaits. Each movie is chosen to highlight emerging talents and honor established filmmakers, promising a captivating cinematic experience for all.

For the younger crowd, the festival offers a variety of children's activities and workshops designed to spark creativity and imagination at our Creation Station. From interactive art projects to face painting and even duck races, there's something to delight every young artist.



Participants of the St. George Art Festival in 2024 can take part in an exciting event called the Art Attack Race. This event is a unique combination of art and running and is open to people of all abilities. Participants can choose between a 1-mile or 5K race, which merges the excitement of competition with the joy of artistic discovery. In a special twist, lucky participants get the chance to win artworks generously provided by the Southern Utah Art Guild, which adds an extra layer of excitement and creativity to the race.

With so much to see and do, the St. George Art Festival is an event that truly embodies the spirit of our vibrant community. So, visit sgartfestival.com and mark your calendars, spread the word, and get ready to experience the magic of art in the heart of St. George, Utah! To register for the ArtAttack, visit sgcity.org/sgraces/artattack.

Join us as we celebrate creativity, culture, and community at the St. George Art Festival - where every brushstroke tells a story, and inspiration knows no bounds. See you there!

EDITORIAL

PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE: 28 Years Feels Like A Lifetime

By Josh Warburton



Ten years is a long time to do anything. Twenty is about five times the length of time that the average person in the U.S. stays at the same job. So, what the heck is 28 years? Answer: It's a long time for me to do basically the exact same job as I have since I was 19 years old.

Many of you know some version of this story. I started The Independent, originally

called The Revolution, way back in 1996 with a few friends in our off time. We were all young, and the other three parted ways with the paper in the first year, and the rest, as they say, is history. So, from that time on, and starting at just 20 years old, I've been driving this little publication basically by myself. But not without an incredible amount of help!

I figured out very early on that I could sell ads but that it was better if we had someone else overseeing all the editorial content, you know, an editor with editing skills. And we have had some fantastic editors over the years. For nearly a decade, and in our first period, it was Kevin Jones, aka The Boneman. That was a golden era for us in that we had many memorable late-night and through-the-night sessions, crafting each edition with the passion of young creatives. We had so many great contributors during that time as well, Kelly Patch and Rob Jones, and it's also when Adam

Mast first came aboard, who still writes our movie reviews to this day. We had several other very talented editors, including Cami Cox, Jen Jackson, and later, Darren Edwards and Jason Gottfried.

We also went through a short period where we attempted to compete at covering hard news, where we almost went under. Our current Editor, James McFadden, came aboard exactly four years ago...does anyone remember February 2020 and what happened shortly thereafter? What a time it's been since then! I want to publicly thank all of them for their assistance in helping us publish curated and well-edited content all these years, especially James, for these last four, which have been especially challenging. I could not have done it without them.

I also want to thank all of our past and current contributors for lending their talents to this paper, which is now reaching approximately 350 print editions published

(we published it twice a month in the first couple of years or so, and it almost killed us). And I especially want to thank the small group that makes up our current staff. That includes Josh Segovia, who has been with us as our graphic designer for at least a dozen years; we've lost count! Nikki Slade, our Office Manager, who worked with us in our first decade, then not for quite a few years, totaling over 11 years with us. Scott Dunford, who has been our Sales Director for 11 years, this May, and also our newest member, Tammie Thompson, who has been our Distribution Manager for the last two-plus years.

I would be remiss if I didn't also thank all of our advertisers who have believed in what we do enough to give us their limited advertising dollars, the dozens and dozens (maybe in the hundreds) of writers and contributors, and last but not least, you, our loyal readers.

So when I say I've been publishing The Independent by myself, what I really mean is that I have been the sole owner all this time...but really, it's been an amazing team effort, as without my incredible editors and staff, contributors, advertisers, and all our readers, this publication simply would not exist. Happy reading!



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April 12-20, 2024, in Hurricane, Utah. The long list of entertainment coming to this year's Washington County Fair is incredible and includes their annual Rodeo. Held in the large outdoor arena, this rodeo will feature cowboys and cowgirls as part of the Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association.

Then there's the annual Demolition Derby, considered by many to be the pinnacle of heart-pumping excitement each year. Tickets to the Derby can only be purchased online, so don't dilly dally; get online and



get your seats before they are all gone!

Other things to enjoy include: world-class vendors, food, boxing, community contests, an exciting carnival, and fireworks, with this year's events starting on Thursday, April 12, and continuing through Saturday, April 20; six full days of exciting entertainment and fun with grounds closed on Sunday, April 14 & Tuesday, April 16. Visit WashcoFair.net for a full list of events.

But I would say it's this year's music that I'm most excited about! Starting Wednesday, April 17, with Tracy Byrd. Tracy Byrd is a renowned American country music artist who first made waves in the early 1990s. He rose to fame with his 1993 hit single "Holdin' Heaven," which reached No. 1 on the Billboard Country charts.

And if that wasn't enough, you can enjoy Iam Tongi, 2023's American Idol winner, on Thursday, April 18. Iam Tongi had everyone tearing up from the moment he started singing 'Monsters' by James Blunt during the American Idol auditions, becoming an instant viral sensation.

Closing out three nights of amazing music will be the Grammy-nominated Eli Young Band, a country music group known for its heartfelt lyrics and harmonious melodies. Originating from Denton, Texas, the band's notable hits include "Even If It Breaks Your Heart" and "Crazy Girl," showcasing their blend of country and rock influences. Their music resonates with themes of love, loss, and hope, earning them widespread acclaim and a loyal fan base.

So, as you can see, this year's fair is sure to bring a smile to your face and a step to your feet, so be sure to secure your tickets today at WashcoFair.net.

KANAB'S TOP 5 NON-TECHNICAL SLOT CANYONS EVERYONE CAN ENJOY

Kanab's Top 5 Non-Technical Slot Canyons Everyone Can Enjoy

You are probably familiar with Antelope Canyon – the famous red rock slot canyon located near Page on the Navajo Nation, prized by photographers from all over the world. Access to Antelope Canyon is possible only with a Navajo guide and subject to strict rules: no lingering, no tripods, no video. This makes sense given that Antelope Canyon sees approximately 350 visitors each hour, which requires Antelope Canyon guides to prioritize efficiency above all else.

Looking for a slot canyon experience that combines breathtaking beauty, outstanding photography, and a more "off-the-beaten-path" experience than what Antelope Canyon can offer? Come to Kanab, Utah, a mere one hour and fifteen-minute drive from the city of Page.

Kanab and the public lands surrounding it are home to several wonderful non-technical slot canyons that are nowhere near as mainstream as Antelope Canyon; due to their location on public lands, these canyons are open to the public with or without a guide. Here are our top five:

Buckskin Gulch via Wire Pass.

This slot canyon is accessible with a 2-wheel-drive vehicle in good weather but brings with it extreme flash flood risk, which caused multiple fatalities in 2023 alone.

Peekaboo Slot Canyon.

An amazing red rock slot canyon, Peekaboo is located just north of Kanab and rivals Antelope Canyon in richness of color and photographic potential. It doesn't see anywhere near as many visitors as Antelope Canyon. If you are a serious pho-

tographer, you'll be delighted to know that tripods are welcome here. Those perks don't come without a trade-off, though: reaching Peekaboo entails an extremely deep sand road that can bog down even the most experienced off-road drivers. Make sure you have the requisite skills and experience, or hire a guide to be on the safe side – Kanab's Dreamland Safari Tours is a great option.



Willis Creek.

Accessed via Skutumpah Road this is a one-of-a-kind sculpted canyon with a small perennial creek. Explore on your own or hire a guide.

Bull Valley Gorge.

A few miles south on Skutumpah Road is Willis Creek's more adventurous cousin. Bull Valley is narrow, scrubby, and spectacular.

Sunshine Slot.

A hidden gem that even most locals don't know about. Located along the Paria Canyon drainage, this small but spectacular slot canyon combines striking red and orange colors with a beautiful arch; solitude guaranteed!

DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL BRINGS SHOWCASE TO THE ST. GEORGE ART FESTIVAL

By Adam Mast

The Desertscape International Film Festival will return to beautiful St. George, UT, from Wednesday, March 27th through Saturday, March 30th, with the majority of the screenings and events taking place at the historic Electric Theater. Presented by the 501(C)(3) nonprofit, The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah, this celebration of independent cinema will feature over 40 films--shorts and features--from all around the world.

Titles will include writer/director Josh Margolin's charming, funny, and fittingly thrilling "Thelma," which will serve as the opening night feature. Starring the forever likable June Squibb in the title role, this adorable gem of a movie—which made its debut this past January at the Sundance Film Festival—finds a lovable grandma taking matters into her own hands after she falls prey to a telephone scammer. DIFF 2024 will close out on Saturday, March 30th, with a screening of the funny and observant love letter to film collectors, "Film is Dead. Long Live Film!"

Other notable feature film highlights from this year's festival will include the World Premiere of H. Nelson Tracey's relationship dramedy, "Breakup Season," featuring Samantha Isler ("Molly's Game") and Chandler Riggs ("The Walking Dead") as a couple at a crossroads during the most wonderful time of year, James Morris's After Dark entry "He Never Left," which

puts a nifty little spin on the slasher genre, and Joseph DeGolyer's "Chicken Coop," an understated and nuanced Christmastime drama about a man looking to patch things up with his estranged father. Additionally, in honor of The Utah Film Commission's 100 Year Celebration of Utah Film and Television, Desertscape will present a special retrospective screening of the unsung 80s gem, "Three O'Clock High" which was shot at Ogden High School in Northern Utah nearly 4 decades ago.



It should also be noted that Desertscape: Year Six will showcase a plethora of outstanding short films, a live script read, filmmaker Q&As, industry panels, an awards ceremony, and more. It should also be noted that the second half of DIFF will coincide with the legendary St. George Art Festival for the very first time meaning there will never be a shortage of amazing things to see and do. Speaking of which, the Art Fest will even have a limited number of Desertscape single film block tickets to give away to patrons on March 29th and 30th so be sure to keep an eye out for those.

DIFF 2024 All-Access VIP Badges are only \$125 (includes a swag bag, food, and parties) with \$10 single film block tickets and special \$30 single-day passes also available. For all DIFF 2024 details, log on to fmasu.com/desertscape.



FIRST FRIDAYS AT KAYENTA ARTS VILLAGE

A Monthly Extravaganza of Art, Film, Music, and Community.

Get ready to kick off your weekends in style as The Center for the Arts at Kayenta announces its inaugural First Fridays event series, starting March 1, 2024, in partnership with galleries and businesses in the Kayenta Art Village. Every first Friday of the month, Kayenta will burst into life with a delightful array of activities, including art exhibitions, shopping, live music, giveaways, food vendors, art classes, social hours, and much more.

Adding an extra touch of cinematic flair to the evening, each First Friday will also feature a monthly film presentation by DOCUTAH. Mark your calendars for the March 1st event featuring the regional premiere of "Art for Everybody." Thomas Kinkadee's landscapes made him the most collected and despised painter ever. After his shocking death, his family discovers a vault of unseen paintings that reveal a complex artist whose life and work embody our divided America.

Tickets for the film screening are priced at \$10, with special student rates of just \$2.

March's First Friday lineup in Kayenta is packed with activities to ignite your creativity and soothe your soul. Art enthusiasts can delve into the world of pyrography with an introductory class and studio open house at MakeSpace Studio. Meanwhile, the enchanting melodies of jazz music by Tom Herb, Shawn Owens, and Christian Bohnenstengel will fill the courtyard, creating a lively ambiance for all to enjoy.

Looking to mingle and unwind? The Single Mingle and Social Hour kicks off at 5:30 PM and offers the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow community members while indulging in mocktails, wine, and refreshments. Additionally, Good Medicine Intuitive Skincare and Beauty Lab will be spreading joy by offering a free deluxe mini product to all visitors who stop by their shop.

First Fridays at Kayenta are open to

all and promise an unforgettable experience for locals and visitors alike. Join us at 881 Coyote Gulch Ct in Ivins, Utah, as we celebrate the vibrant tapestry of art, culture, and community spirit. We're excited to grow this event and offer a fun community experience each month!

But the excitement doesn't end there! Save the date for Kayenta's FREE Street Painting Festival: Colors of the Desert on Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, 2024. Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of chalk art at the annual Street Painting Festival presented by the Center for the Arts at Kayenta. The 2024 theme, Colors of the Desert, will showcase the incredible talents of professional street painting artists from the region and students throughout Washington County and surrounding counties. Witness the magic unfold as these artists bring the desert hues to life right before your eyes!

Join us and take in the views (on the



sidewalk and beyond), enjoy food trucks, live music, and family fun.

The Center will be taking "Colors of the Desert" to the next level by kicking off the Street Painting Festival with the first-ever Kayenta Color Run 5K.

Participants of all ages can run-walk-stroll through 3.1 miles of our beautiful Kayenta landscape. Each color stop during the race will feature powdered paint stations to allow each participant to end the race as a colorful masterpiece!

Registration is now open at kayentaarts.org.

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demonstrations will be given once per hour starting at 10:30 AM, with the final shearing at 3:45 PM.



Demonstrations will include shearing, washing, carding, spinning, dyeing, and weaving. Come enjoy the demonstrations and visit with our talented craftspeople. Cost is \$4 per person or \$20 per family. Friend's Group members are free with a membership card.

This living history experience is sponsored by Visit Cedar City Brian Head and hosted at Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, located at 635 North Main Street in Cedar City. Call 435-586-9290 for more information.

Frontier Homestead State Park - Where history becomes YOUR story.

CITY ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE EVENTS FOR 2024

The City of St George is set to host three Neighborhood Open Houses in 2024, beginning March 28 at SunRiver St. George.

The City of St. George will host three Neighborhood Open Houses this year at various locations throughout the City, as announced by Mayor Michele Randall during the State of the City address on Feb. 13. These open houses go from 5 PM to 7 PM and give community members an opportunity to interact with the City's elected officials and staff. The dates and sites are as follows:

where you can learn about things that interest you in St. George."

There is no formal agenda at a Neighborhood Open House. Attendees are invited to mingle with City officials representing a variety of departments and divisions, including: planning and zoning, public works, water, energy services, leisure services, police, fire, golf, human resources, economic development and more.

"There will be information on a variety of topics available for people of all inter-



March 28: SunRiver St. George
Sept. 26: Vernon Worthen Park
Oct. 24: Mathis Park

"Each year, I look forward to connecting with our residents and discussing our shared vision for the future of St. George," Randall said. "Neighborhood Open Houses provide a comfortable setting to talk to elected officials and department heads,

ests," added Randall. "Check out some of the trails, parks and recreation plans we will be implementing in the coming years. Find out what roadways are planned, and the progress on current projects. And our public safety departments — police and fire — always have cool giveaways for youngsters."

On the web www.sgcity.org/openhouse.

MARIE OSMOND TO PERFORM AT UTAH TECH

Benefit Concert For Student Scholarship Fund.

March 22, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the Burns Arena.

In celebration of Utah Tech University Foundation's 20 years of raising support for need-based scholarships, the foundation is partnering with Solenté to present Marie Osmond in concert with special guest Daniel Emmet.

Marie Osmond's performance, proceeds from which will be dedicated to needs-based scholarship funds, is set to take place on March 22 at 7:30 in the Burns Arena on the Utah Tech campus. This unique opportunity to see Osmond perform in St. George coincides with the sold-out 20th Annual Fire & Ice Gala, which will take place earlier that evening. The gala has a rich legacy of providing needs-based scholarships for Utah Tech University students.

"Utah Tech University Foundation is extremely grateful to Marie and Daniel for

supporting our students," Brad Last, vice president of advancement at Utah Tech, said. "Over the past two decades, the gala has provided scholarships to thousands of students who may not have been able to pursue a college education without financial assistance, and we are excited to add the concert this year."

Osmond, who has spent over six decades entertaining millions around the world through the medium of records, television, Broadway, talk show host, dancer, actor, author, commercial spokesperson,



entrepreneur, and public speaker, is a multiple gold and platinum-selling artist, garnering numerous Billboard chart-topping singles and albums.

In 2019, Osmond and her brother Donny completed an 11-year residency in Las Vegas by being voted "#1 Best Show" for Caesars Entertainment. Her latest release, "Unexpected," debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Classical Crossover Albums following its December 2021 release, re-entered Billboards Top Ten 29 different times and was No. 10 on the Billboard year end's best-selling albums charts.

Emmet, who regularly tours with Osmond, was a top-10 finalist on "America's Got Talent." His first studio album debuted in the top 10 of the Billboard Classical Crossover Albums Chart and at No. 1 in the iTunes Singer/Songwriter Albums Chart. This past December, Emmet released his first holiday EP, "Christmas," which debuted in the top 10 of the iTunes Holiday

Chart, and his deluxe holiday album will release this fall.

"The significance of this event cannot be overstated, especially in light of today's socioeconomic challenges," Last said. "Our students need support now more than ever, and the Fire & Ice Gala and concert are critical in providing that support. We hope the community will join us in this much-needed cause and help make a difference in the lives of these deserving students."

"I cannot explain how grateful I am," Utah Tech student Madysen Marie Evans, who received a Fire & Ice scholarship, said. "My one struggle this year has been financial, and I've been very worried. This award has single-handedly saved my life, and I couldn't be more blessed."

Tickets range from \$72 to \$150 and are available at utahtech.eventue.net/events/MO or by calling 435-652-7800. To support Utah Tech students at any time throughout the year, visit giving.utahtech.edu.

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EVENTS

WINE MAKING REFINED IN SOUTHERN UTAH

Join Zion Vineyards for a special day of WOGA on March 17, starting at 10 AM. That's Wine & Yoga. More information below.

Zion Vineyards in March is a busy time for us, bottling our 2022 wines and pruning the vines. Pruning is a vital part of the health of the grapevines. The trimming promotes new growth that encourages the vine to yield high-quality fruit and helps to ensure the new growth has enough air flow and sun.

The Reds will include a few Reserve Wines such as a Petit Sirah Reserve, a Field Blend, and a Cabernet Sauvignon aged in both a French Oak and an American Oak barrel and combined into one bottle. Until now, the 2022 wines have come into very little contact with air. The barrels that the wines have been aging in "breathe" a little, and a small amount of evaporation may occur. While bot-



tling and racking from barrels into the bottle filler is the last time our wines contact oxygen prior to bottle aging.

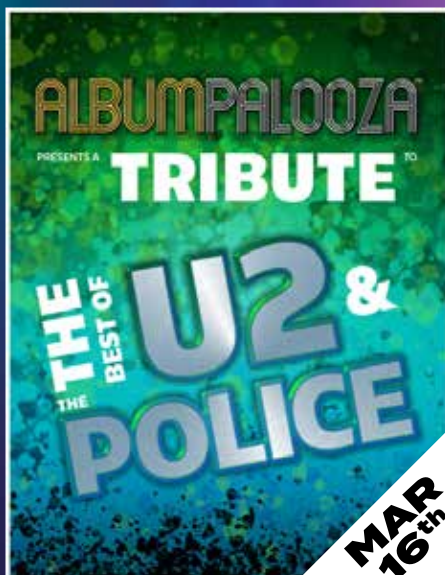
This is when our Winemaker, Robert Cec, and our Vintner, Michael Jackson, and the crew observe the crucial steps of Wine Bottling 101. 1) Clean and sanitize Bordeaux and Syrah bottles. 2) Fill the bottles with Nitrogen (this is a heavy gas and acts as a barrier between the wine and cork). 3) Wine is then dispensed into the bottle using a 6-port filler; this displaces the nitrogen, leaving some to act as a barrier. 4) The bottle is immediately placed into a cork machine, inserting a 5-year cork into the bottle (meaning the wine may be shelved for up to 5 years). 5) The top of the bottle is then foil-wrapped. 6) Last, our Zion Vineyards label is placed on. Then, we bottle age for a few months and then go off to the Tasting Room. In general terms, barrel-aged wines have an astringent and strong flavor that, through bottle storage, will evolve towards a more fruity, softer flavor because of further oxidation of the wine. This will round out the mouthfeel and smooth the tannins in a big red.

Open seven days a week, noon to 6 PM. Please come on out and join us for a fun time and taste some of our award-winning wines. Visit us at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds. We are just 12 miles north of St George and just off the I-15 in beautiful Leeds Utah. Reservations are not needed. Online at www.zionvines.com or call 435-849-8376.

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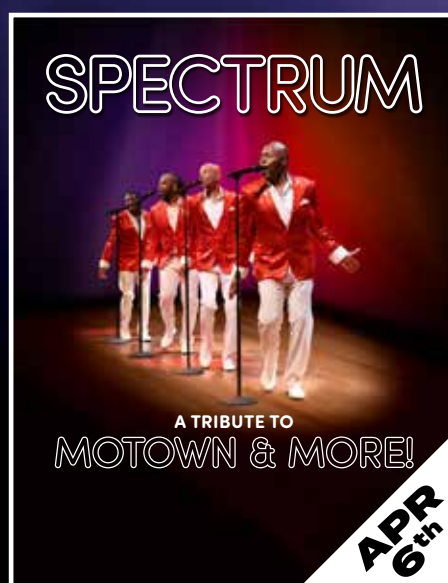
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EVENTS

2ND ANNUAL ORDERVILLE SOUP TOWN DAYS

Saturday, April 20, 10 AM – 5 PM at the Kane County North Events Center 475 W State Street Orderville, UT.

Orderville was established at the direction of LDS Church president Brigham Young in 1875 specifically to live the United Order, a voluntary form of communalism defined by Joseph Smith. The settlers grew their own crops and had some small farms surrounding the settlement. They also used local materials to make their own soap, brooms, buckets, furniture, etc. Orderville had blacksmiths, clerks, artists, musicians, and other professions. One of the most talked about items of the United Order history is the communal dining hall where every man, woman, and child ate their meals. A lot of the time, with so many mouths to feed, soup was an easy meal to make.

Hence the nickname of Soup Town. This experiment in communal living was the longest-lasting "Order" with a decade of success. In 1885, the enforcement of the Edmunds Anti-Polygamy Act of 1882 effectively ended the Order by jailing many of the Orders leaders. Nearly a century and a half after the final vestiges of the LDS Orderville United Order disappeared,



the town remains a tight-knit conglomerate of pioneer stock, and what better way to celebrate a lasting heritage than to eat soup!

At Soup Town Days, there will be local vendor booths from 10 AM - 5 PM, Lawn Mower races from 2 PM, and a Quilt Raffle \$2 tickets will be raffled at the dinner.

Dinner is at 5 PM and runs \$10 per person. Proceeds will fund park equipment, and of course, Soup! This year, we are having a Soup Contest for lunch, \$3 per cup, 11 AM - 1 PM! Bring your best family heirloom soup to be judged. Registration forms and rules are available on the Orderville Soup Town Days FB page, or scan the code to get the app. Entries must be 6-8qt in a crockpot at the NEC by 10:30 AM, with judging from 11 AM till 12 PM, and lunch will be from 11 AM till 1 PM.

Lawn mower races have a \$25 Entry fee, and you must contact Shane Frost at 435-691-2382 to register.

Vendors' \$25 fee, contact Emalene Lake at 801.358.4656.

The Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum still preserves the unique history of Orderville and is open by appointment during the winter months and during summer months, Fridays and Saturdays, 12-5 PM. The DUP will be open 12-5 PM on Saturday April 20.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES RETURN TO ZION CANYON

Photo by Jim Harlan

March 17, 2024.

In a vibrant display of community spirit and cultural celebration, the scenic town of Springdale, Utah, is gearing up to paint the town green once more for St. Patrick's Day. Started by Larry McKown in 1984 as the Irish Stew Festival, and after a hiatus in 2020, residents and visitors alike are eagerly anticipating the return of festivities that promise to be bigger and better than ever before.

With its picturesque backdrop nestled against the stunning red cliffs of Zion National Park, Springdale is known for its natural beauty and welcoming atmosphere and the town is preparing to add a touch of Irish charm to its already enchanting landscape.

Local businesses, adorned with shamrocks and green decorations, are buzzing with excitement as they gear up for the festivities. From quaint cafes to charming boutiques, every corner of Springdale is embracing the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.

As the anticipation mounts and the countdown to St. Patrick's Day begins, Springdale residents and visitors alike can look forward to a lively array of events and activities that capture the essence of Irish culture and community camaraderie.

The heart of Springdale will pulsate with the

vibrant energy of the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, where, starting at 2 PM, colorful floats, bagpipers, and spirited performers will weave their way through the street, delighting audiences of all ages. Spectators will line the sidewalks, decked out in green attire from head to toe, waving flags and cheering on the procession with infectious enthusiasm.

But the festivities don't stop there. At 2:45 PM near the center of the village at the Bumbleberry Inn, the sounds of live music will fill the air as local bands and talented musicians take to the stage, serenading revelers with lively tunes and traditional Irish melodies. From toe-tapping jigs to soul-stirring ballads, the musical offerings promise to captivate audiences and inspire spontaneous bouts of dancing and merriment.

With its scenic beauty, warm hospitality, and unwavering community spirit, Springdale invites one and all to join in the celebration of St. Patrick's Day, where every moment is infused with the joy of togetherness and the magic of shared experiences. Visit SpringdaleTown.com, mark your calendars, dust off your green attire, and get ready to paint the town green in Springdale, where the spirit of St. Patrick's Day shines brighter than ever before!



ZION CANYON MESA PRESENTS TWO COLORADO RIVER CONVERSATIONS

As part of their free Community Conversations lectures, Zion Canyon Mesa, along with Conserve Southwest Utah and Zion Forever, present their Colorado River Series with two unique presentations at the Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd. Springdale, Utah.

Join them for the first of this series on Wednesday, March 27, at 7 PM for Wooden Boats on the Colorado River with Brad Dimock—150 Years of Questionable Endeavors.

Navigating the rapids of the Grand Canyon began in the 1860s. Although most boaters turned to the more practical inflatable rubber boat after it became available in the late 1940s, there is a surviving faction that quixotically prefers to run wooden boats. Brad Dimock, a Grand Canyon boatman for a half-century, researched the evolution of wooden boat designs, built replicas of each iconic style, and then actually rowed them through the Grand Canyon. In this humorous, informative, and mildly horrifying talk, he will take you through



that story, illustrated with historic and modern footage of the boats in action. Don't miss this one.

Brad Dimock began running the Grand Canyon in 1971 and never had the sense to move on to something more respectable. For a decade, he spent his winters running international rivers in South America, Central America, and Africa. He later penned biographies of three iconic boaters, each a winner of the National Outdoor Book Award. About twenty years ago, he began building boats—historic replicas and new variations of modern dories. He now teaches boatbuilding around the country and operates Freshwater Beadworks in Flagstaff—the most prolific producer of white-water dories in the country.

The second part of this series will be the Returning Rapids Project on Friday, April 5th, at 7 PM, also at the Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd. Springdale, UT. Admission is free for both lectures.

The Returning Rapids Project is a group of river-loving folks based in Moab, Utah. Our project seeks to document the recovery of the Colorado River in Cataract Canyon, Upper Glen Canyon, and the San Juan areas once inundated by a full but now receding Lake Powell reservoir.

With Lake Powell receding, the Colorado River above Glen Canyon Dam is changing rapidly in dramatic and

unexpected ways. Buried rapids are rising, and channels are reappearing. The Colorado River is righting itself from this inundation. However, there are also emerging features that pose a potential threat to riparian ecosystems, archaeological sites, and reservoir management. The first group to observe and document these changes is the Returning Rapids Project, a group of river guides turned citizen scientists who work in partnership with scientific researchers.

Mike DeHoff leads The Returning Rapids Project. According to this month's feature article in Rolling Stone Magazine, "Without DeHoff, this environmental miracle may have gone entirely unnoticed on the national stage."

DeHoff will present his team's latest findings on how homeostasis is at play in this environment and the challenges that lie ahead in managing what he terms as our diminishing water savings account, Lake Powell. You can visit ZionCanyonMesa.org for more information, and we'll see you in Springdale!




Panguitch City
March Events

- 1st-3rd Little Britches Rodeo – Triple C Arena
- 9th & 23rd Ranch Sorting – Triple C Arena
- 11th & 25th TTP Play Day – Triple C Arena
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OPINION

GETTING UTAH HOUSING RIGHT

By Howard Sierer



Utah has been the fastest-growing state in the country from 2010 to 2023 due to a combination of in-migration from other states and our state's high birth rate. That population growth came during a decade-long, nationwide shortfall in new home construction following the Great Recession of 2007-2009. The result: Utah will be short about 37,000 housing units in 2024.

A recent report titled "State of the State's Housing Market, 2022-2024" by Jim Wood and Dejan Eskic, researchers at the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, addresses the confused condition of the state's housing.

Despite the building boom we saw over the last decade, Utah has been running behind the demand for housing needed by our booming population. As a result of demand exceeding supply, the report notes that housing prices rose a stunning 72% from the first quarter of 2018 to the end of 2022.

Census Bureau data shows that the greatest number of immigrants to Utah come from California. About 10,000 came in 2010, growing to 15,000 by 2015 and reaching 18,600 in 2022. These numbers far exceed second place in Idaho (7,700) and third place in Texas (7,000) as immigrant origins.

California immigrants bring lots of cash with them, having sold houses in California at prices that shock longtime Utah residents. These Californians see Utah houses as bargains and, in many cases, have entered into bidding wars, a major contributor to the dramatic housing price increase of the last five years.

However, as the Federal Reserve began raising interest rates to combat government-caused inflation, mortgage rates spiked from less than 3% to as high as 8%. As a result, the building boom ended abruptly, with the report noting that by the second quarter of 2023, the number of building permits issued statewide dropped

35%, sales of existing homes fell 23%, and the median house price dropped 10%.

Lower housing prices still leave prices far higher than they were even five years ago and out of reach for those young families with median-level incomes who were living and working in Utah. In the second quarter of 2023, the median income household in the Salt Lake City metro area could afford only about 21% of the homes sold in that area (an affordable housing market would mean the median income household should be able to afford 50% of homes sold).

The report states, "Only 15% of Utah's renter households have enough income to purchase a modestly priced \$300,000 to \$400,000 home." There doesn't appear to be much hope for them in the near future, as high-interest rates and housing prices will "continue to exclude a growing share of renters from home ownership."

When the housing report says Utah is short 37,000 housing units, that doesn't mean 100,000 people who have the means to rent or purchase are living on the street. Those wanting to move here who aren't able to secure housing prior to their move just won't immigrate. Almost all who are living on the street or living with relatives today don't have the means to rent or purchase even modestly priced units.

So what to do? Gov. Cox wants the state to build 35,000 new starter homes in the next four years. His proposed \$150 million "Utah First Homes" budget proposal includes adding another \$50 million to the First-time Homebuyers Assistance Program created by the Legislature last session. The program gives new buyers access to as much as \$20,000 to help with a down payment or closing costs. The state money can only be used toward a "newly constructed but not yet inhabited home" that doesn't cost more than \$450,000.

Government's role in regulating the economy is clearly vital. But I am always leery when the government takes direct

action as an economic player, in this case, funding certain types of housing to fulfill what it hopes will be wanted by consumers several years in the future when those homes are completed. Free markets are always distorted when the government becomes the "elephant in the room" by taking an active role beyond regulation.

Naturally, rather than let market forces respond to customer demand, Cox says the state needs to "get the government regulation piece of this right" to "see many, many more single-family detached starter homes." Like many well-intentioned government programs, Cox's program have completely legal but unintended consequences. For example, he wants the legislature to implement restrictions such as preventing corporate entities from using the homes as an investment and purchasers from using the properties for short-term rentals. Despite these or other regulations, there will be unintended consequences.

I applaud his goal but I believe market problems are best solved by allowing

imbalances of demand and supply to work themselves out, in this case by letting builders find innovative ways to provide "starter homes." This process is what economist Adam Smith called the "invisible hand" that allows free markets to respond to what buyers want.

Nonetheless, I applaud one aspect of Cox's plan: to establish a Starter Home Innovation Fund with \$5 million to incentivize finding solutions to the state's housing affordability crisis. He also wants to recruit an off-site home manufacturer to the Beehive State to offer another low-cost housing option. To me, these are legitimate roles for government to play: funding research into high-potential but uncertain ideas and demonstration projects.

Housing gets lots of attention since its often our largest expense. With only 21% of those with median incomes able to purchase homes for sale, our elected officials feel pressure to step in. Sadly, history shows that government is almost always clumsy, and intended help almost always arrives too late.

ZION CANYON MESA, CONSERVE SOUTHWEST UTAH and ZION FOREVER Present Two Incredible Events

Community Conversations: The Colorado River Series
Wooden Boats on the Colorado River with Brad Dimock

Wednesday March 27, 7pm

Canyon Community Center • 126 Lion Blvd. • Springdale, UT ~ **FREE** ~



Brad Dimock, a seasoned Grand Canyon boatman since the 1970s, delves into the history and evolution of wooden boats used in the canyon, despite the popularity of inflatable rubber boats. With a blend of humor and insight, he shares his journey of building and navigating replicas of these iconic boats, supplemented by historical and contemporary visuals. Beyond his river exploits, Dimock has authored award-winning biographies of fellow boaters, crafted historic boat replicas, and founded Fretwater Boatworks in Flagstaff, becoming a leading figure in whitewater dory production and education.

How the Colorado River is Righting Itself
with Glen Canyon Institute & Great Old Broads for Wilderness

Friday April 5, 7pm

Canyon Community Center • 126 Lion Blvd. • Springdale, UT ~ **FREE** ~

The Returning Rapids Project, based in Moab, Utah, is documenting the transformation of the Colorado River in areas previously submerged by Lake Powell, now experiencing a decline. As the river reclaims its rapids and channels, it faces both rejuvenation and new threats to its ecosystems, archaeological sites, and water management. Led by Mike DeHoff, the project, a collective of river guides and citizen scientists, has gained attention for highlighting these environmental shifts. DeHoff's upcoming presentation will focus on the river's return to natural balance and the challenges of managing the dwindling resources of Lake Powell.



These presentations are part of Zion Canyon Mesa's "Community Conversations" series, in partnership with Zion Forever and Conserve Southwest Utah. Visit us at ZionCanyonMesa.org

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OUTDOORS

HIKING UTAH: FOOTHILLS TRAIL IN MESQUITE, NEVADA

By Tom Garrison

Location: Mesquite, Nevada. The hike is free, and no permit is necessary. Managed by the city of Mesquite.

Difficulty: Easy with a few short, steep sections.

Average Hiking Time: Less than 1 ½ hours at a leisurely pace with many photo stops and exploring.

Elevation: The trailhead is approximately 1,780 feet elevation with a 230 feet elevation change.

Family Friendly: Yes. It is a short, easy hike.

Getting There: From St. George, head south on Interstate 15. Just south of Mesquite, take Exit 118 and proceed north (right) on Lower Flat Top Drive. At 1.7 miles from exiting Interstate 15 is a large parking area and trailhead on the left (north). (Beware that about 100 yards before reaching the trailhead parking area is a paved road intersecting Lower Flat Top Drive. It is named Wittwer Trail. It is not a trail, and drive about 100 yards past it to turn left to the trailhead parking area.) This is the Foothills Trail trailhead. The parking area has a bathroom, benches, and a covered picnic area.

Going to Mesquite, Nevada? Try your



an octopus. We did our best to stay on the approved trail, sometimes difficult because there seemed to be more than one official Foothills Trail. It helped that there are several "Trail" marker signs along the way. Much of the hike was sandy, fortunately not the deep slogging along the sand.

About .2 mile in is a marked short spur trail to the right (east) leading to an



observation point. It's worth the very short detour for a nice view of desert hills, the city of Mesquite, and the Virgin Mountains with Virgin Peak (7,046 feet elevation), the highest peak in the Virgin Mountains, just south of Mesquite.

The first section, about .4 mile, traverses the slopes of some low hills with sparse vegetation. Then, the trail takes a hard right (east) along a ridge with Desert Wash Trail in the wash to the left (north) below the ridge. A short distance later, the end of the trail overlooks Lower Flat Top Drive. Across



luck at the casinos? Or perhaps purchase some legal marijuana for personal use (up to one ounce, and you must be 21 years old) for that special day, like Saturday. Maybe to play a round of golf. There are eight golf courses in the Mesquite area.

For whatever reason, if you need a short, interesting diversion, try hiking Foothills Trail. This easy hike, approximately 1.5 miles round trip, features desert landscape, a small wash, views of Mesquite and the Virgin Mountains, and a tiny bit off the trail, the Statue of Liberty sculpted in clay. It is a perfect winter hike, not too far from home and not too cold. Mesquite generally runs about 3 to 6 degrees warmer than the St. George/Washington area in southwest Utah.

We arrived at the trailhead about noon under scattered streaky clouds with the temperature in the low 60s. There were few other hikers, the parking lot only had two other cars. If you value the solitude that often accompanies desert hiking, this may be the hike for you.

Foothills Trail, a trailhead elevation of 1,780 feet with a 230-foot elevation change from the highest to the lowest point, begins at the north end of the parking area.

We began the hike by heading north. Be aware that Foothills Trail has several "user trails" branching out like the legs of



the road from our vantage point, we saw what looked like the head and arm of the Statue of Liberty carved into the vertical clay cliff that was cut to make the road. Really? We had to check this out.

We walked down the slope and reached the road, and there it was in amazing detail. We later learned that a local retired real estate broker, Pete Karns, created the Statue of Liberty head and torch. This is his latest public art work—in the same area he created a mini-Mt. Rushmore and several smaller figures.

(You can see this amazing public art without hiking. Simply go to the intersection of Lower Flat Top Drive and Wittwer Trail Road and drive north on Lower Flat Top Drive. In less than half a mile, you will come to the clay cliffs on your right (east). Look closely, and you will see various forms and shapes carved into the cliffs.)

After studying the sculpture for a while, we headed north on Lower Flat Top Drive and, within 100 yards or so, left the road and entered a wash on the left (west) side of the road. Depending upon your starting point, this was the beginning or end of Desert Wash Trail. We followed the trail/wash west about ¼ mile and left the wash via an extension of Foothills Trail, where it intersected Desert Wash Trail.

The slope out of the wash was the longest and steepest of the hike, but still no problem. This spur of the main Foothills Trail soon joined the main trail and we headed south back to the trailhead.

Since it was winter, we saw a few animals, including one small mouse, scampering away.

This is a short, easy hike, taking less than 1 ½ hours, and well suited for the weary gambler who wants a break from losing. The hike is a winner.

CALENDAR

How To Use This Calendar: Begin by reviewing the 'Multi-Day Events' section to find specific dates or event types happening over multiple days.

For weekly reoccurring events go to 'Events by Day.' Then explore 'Events By Date' for date-specific events.

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Multi-Day Events

CALL FOR ENTRIES: 18TH ANNUAL RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL Enter your feature or short film with the online application at filmfreeway.com/RedRockFilmFestival. All genres are welcome. Enter by length category first, then select film type category. Entry fees range from \$10-\$70. DEADLINES Jan. 11 to extended deadline: June 12. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Mar. 1-9, 7:30 PM. Four young lovers, faced with the prospect of an unhappy marriage or worse, flee the court of Athens and stumble into an enchanted forest. FREE ADMISSION! No reservations are necessary. Doors open at 7 PM! Utah Tech University - Eccles Blackbox Theatre, 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

AMERICAN VOICES Mar. 1-2, 7:30 PM. Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Southwest Symphony with renowned pianist Jeffrey Biegel as part of the 50-state premier tour. Desert Hills High School, 828 E. Desert Hills Dr., St. George.

SPRING MUSICAL March 1-2, 7 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

ZION CANYON NATIVE FLUTE SCHOOL March 4 & 7, 9 AM. The Native Flute School is a reasonably priced four-day intensive. Four tracks to choose from, plus a special track focused on the Anasazi Flute. Sessions also on the Didgeridoo. Zion Canyon National Park, 1127 Zion Boulevard, Springdale.

FUSION FINALE... AN EVENING WITH THE GREATS! Mar 7-8, 7:30 PM. Eccles Main Stage Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

SAINT GEORGE HOME EXPO SAINT GEORGE HOME EXPO SAINT GEORGE HOME EXPO Mar. 8-9. Save on all your home improvement projects. FREE ADMISSION. Fri. 12-8 PM & Sat. 10 AM-6 PM. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S Convention Center Dr., St. George.

CANYON VIEW HIGH: SPRING PLAY "CLUE" Mar. 8, 9, 11, and 12, 7 PM. Canyon View High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

RANCH SORTING Mar. 9, 23, and April 5-6, Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET Mar. 11-16, 7:30 PM. Come and enjoy the classical ballet company which is designed to involve community talent of all ages. Children 4 yrs and older are welcome to attend. General admission is \$15 available at the Heritage Center Box Office 435 865-2882. For information call 435 867-4719 or visit cedarcityjuniorballet.org. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

TTP PLAY DAY Mar. 11, and 25, 7 PM. Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

LEGALLY BLONDE THE MUSICAL Mar. 14-April 5. 7:30 PM. The journey of Elle Woods, a fashionable sorority girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

BRIGHT STAR - PAROWAN CITY Mar. 15-16, 18-23, 7 PM. Bright Star is a new musical by Steve Martin & Edie Brickell. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$7 or pre-sale tickets are available at the Parowan Visitor Center, 5 South Main. 435-477-8190. Aladdin Theater, 27 N. Main St., Parowan.

ALMOST MAINE - VV COMMUNITY THEATER Mar. 15-30, 7 PM. Mesquite Community Theatre, 150 N. Yucca St, Mesquite.

AMERICA ON STAGE DANCE COMPETITION Mar. 22-23. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

PAROWAN SWAP MEET Mar. 22-23, 9 AM-6 PM. Iron County Fairgrounds, E. Clinic Wy., Parowan.

SPRING STUDENT DANCE CONCERT Mar. 22, 23 & 25, 7:30 PM. The SUU Dept. of Theatre, Dance, & Arts Admin. presents the Spring Student-Choreographed Concert. Tickets at Bard.org, in person one half-hour before each performance, or call 435 586-7878. Eileen & Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101-199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

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THUNDER JUNCTION

EGGSTRAVAGANZA Mar. 22, 23, & 25, 6 PM. Formerly known as the 'Cottontail Scramble', now the 'Thunder Junction Eggstravaganza!' Three nights only from 6-8 PM. Scramble Egg-Hunt, Easter Train Ride, photo op with the Easter Bunny, & Easter Craf. sgcity.org. 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

DAEUN JUNG: BYOUL|NORRI Mar. 22-23, 7:30 PM. BYOUL|NORRI by Los Angeles-based choreographer DaEun Jung features Pansori song (Korean folk opera), original electronic beats, irregular folk rhythms, Hangul (Korean alphabet system), which transforms classical Korean dance. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

DESERTSCAPE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Mar. 27-30, Times Vary. Join us at the Electric Theater for this year's Festival. A celebration of independent cinema with over 40 films, shorts, and features from all around the world. Visit fmasu.com/desertscape for more information.

SUU OPERA PRESENTS "CARMEN" Mar. 27-30, 7:30 PM. For more information about the SUU Department of Music's 2023-2024 Masterworks Series, visit our Arts Page. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

SAINT GEORGE ART FESTIVAL Mar. 28-30, 9 AM. A world-class, family-friendly event showcasing artists who call St. George home. Enjoy thousands of original works of art, live entertainment, a vibrant children's area, & foods of all kinds. Town Square Park, 50 S. Main St., St. George.

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Apr. 5-May 11, 7 PM. A reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, father Jacob, eleven brothers, & the coat of many colors. HurricaneTheatrical.com or call 435-668-9753 for tickets! Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 92 S.100 W., Hurricane.

THE RIDE AT CASABLANCA Mar. 1-3, 6 PM. Showtimes may vary. Singing a great variety of classic rock. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Mar. 6-10, 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.

MICKEY UTLEY AT CASABLANCA Mar. 13-17, 6 PM. Showtimes may vary. Country band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

KID & NICK SHOW AT CASABLANCA Feb. 7-11, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. A fun, high-energy, interactive variety musical group. Free admission. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

BRIAN REGAN Apr. 4-6, 8 PM. Tickets start at \$50. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

GLEN GALLARDE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Mar. 20-24, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Former Star Search vocalist Glenn Gallarde and the band, specializes in bringing a show of Top 40's, Dance and all Rock Anthems of the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and to the present day. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA Mar. 27-31, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SEARS INVITATIONAL ART SHOW & SALE Feb. 17-Mar. 31. The show includes a diverse range of art, including landscapes, still lifes, Western scenes, contemporary realism, sculpture, ceramics, and photography. There will be a Gala on Feb. 16. Show hours are Mon-Sat, 10-6 PM., and Sundays from 3-5 PM. Admission is free. Sears Art Museum, 155 S University Ave., St. George.

KANAB ARTS BOARD 2024 FIRST QUARTER EXHIBITION Jan. 18-Mar. 27. Visit the Kane County Hospital lobby to view the works of visual artist Amy Burggraf, photographer Bethany Ebling, local clay potter and basket weaver Jake Hartner, and visual artist Rain Stollar. Then hop over to the Kanab City Library where we have the art quilts of Sylvia Lewis. Kane County Hospital, 355 Main St., Kanab.

MY FAVORITE THINGS Feb. 9-Mar. 28. Mon.-Fri. 9 AM-5 PM., Sat. Noon-4 PM. 435-414-0345 Red Cliffs Gallery, St. George City Commons Building, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

CEDAR CITY DAUGHTERS OF UTAH MUSEUM 10 AM. We have Artifacts, Photos, and Histories of our Iron County Pioneer settlers who paved the way for our established communities of today. Tools, Clothing, Hats, Dolls, Furniture, Books, A Spinning Wheel, and Organ are on display. Cedar City Visitors Center, Cedar City Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum, 581 N. Main St., Cedar City.

KARAOKE WITH "GAYLE LOUISE" 5 PM. KaRaOkE Funnnnn! with "Gayle Louise" Tuesday's and Wednesday's (702) 345-6747. PEGGY SUE'S DINER. 380 N. Sandhill Blvd., Mesquite.

Events by Day

MONDAYS

STORY TIME WITH GRANDPA STEVE 10 AM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

TUESDAYS

TRAUMA & LOSS WOMEN'S GROUP 6 PM. Trauma & Loss Group for Women. 640 E. 700 S., STE 101, St. George.



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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

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.

MIDVALLEY: FARMERS MARKET 4 PM. Come for live music, jump house, face painting, and more. Find some beautiful, original, and unique items for your loved one, all the crafters and artisans are local and everything is handmade by them. This is the perfect place to take a break midweek with your family, friends, and neighbors, have some dinner, listen to some music, and let the kids play in the jump house while you watch the sunset. This is a Project of The PEACE Guild - Text: 435 704-6916. 780 Midvalley Rd., Enoch.

KARAOKE AT BEAVER DAM BAR 5:30 PM. Every Wednesday with Gayle Louise (SAME TIME as Mesquite) (435) 229-9725. 411 Co Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

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

SUNRISE ROTARY 8 AM. Meets every Thursday at Scotty's Restaurant at the Falcon Ridge Golf Course. e contact: Deb Parsley debparsley@kwcom. Falcon Ridge Golf Course, 1024 Normandy Ln., Mesquite.

A.P.E.X. EVENTS 11:30 AM. Eccles A.P.E.X. is Southern Utah University's premier weekly lecture series, with speakers and presenters invited from all areas of the world. Attendees to our events are students, faculty, staff and community members, and the series features a diverse range of topics and disciplines. All A.P.E.X. events are free and open to the public. Southern Utah University, 351 W University Blvd., Cedar City.

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 B-I-N-G-O! 6:30 PM. Karaoke B-I-N-G-O! with "Gayle Louise". Two ways to win! Not based on talent. SING-PLAY-WIN! "KORAL KAFE Might As Well Lounge" (435) 627-6262. 2400 N. Town Center Dr., Washington.

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

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

FRIDAYS

CRAFTIVITY 11 AM. Join this creative activity every Friday where together, guests and volunteers work to make easy, fun, and educational crafts. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

CEDAR STREET FEST 3 PM. Local businesses, artisans, and performers come together for a weekly celebration of Cedar City's unique culture. Enjoy music, food, and fun, including live music, theatrical performances, stand-up comedy, bouncy houses, art classes, games, Artisans Fair, Farmers Market, drive-in movies, and more. Visit Cedarstreetfest.com. Cedar Fun Center, 170 E. Fiddlers Canyon Rd., Cedar City.

OFF THE CUFF 8 PM. Every Friday. Tickets are \$10. Advanced tickets available for purchase at otccomedy.com. Off the Cuff Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

SATURDAYS

BEST FRIENDS GENTLE YOGA 9 AM. Join us for a 45-minute gentle yoga class for all levels and ages at Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

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

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

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every event showcases over 50 vendors from all over Washington and Iron Counties bringing you the best in locally grown produce, pasture-raised meats, raw cheeses, and unique artisanal products. Enjoy local food and goods while sitting in the shade on our green grass, jamming out to local live music. This is truly an event for the whole family. Every Saturday. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Every Saturday behind 1/G Winery. Free admission. 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. Unive rsity Blvd./Center St., Cedar City.

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WEEKLY MEETING 3 PM. Al-Anon Family Group is Back! Weekly meetings on Sundays. Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Rd. A, Mesquite.

Events by Date

Fri, Mar 1

SOUP N' BOWL 11 AM. The Annual Soup N' Bowl Fundraiser generates support for the Permanent Collection. \$20/person. Attendees can choose a bowl from a wide variety created and donated by local potters, including a delicious lunch of soup, bread, and dessert. St. George Recreation Center, 285 S. 400 E., St. George.

DOCUTAH PRESENTS: ART FOR EVERYBODY REGIONAL PREMIERE! 7:30 PM. The Center for the Arts at Kayenta is thrilled to partner with DOCUTAH on a new monthly film series. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

Sat Mar, 2

WOMEN'S FORUM IN KANAB 8 AM. Keynote speaker Tia Bee Stokes is a mother of 5, a wife, a business owner, a cancer thriver, a YouTuber, and TikTok star. Her positivity and light have reached millions across the globe. Call 435-644-5033 for more info and tickets. Kanab Center Kanab, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

SOIREE MUSICALE PRESENTS BACH: THE ART OF FUGUE 7:30 PM. Top local musicians & guest professionals from across the West. Las Vegas Philharmonic's principal violist Jason Bonham directs Williams' Piano Quintet in C Minor, Bach's The Art of Fugue, & Zwilich's Piano Quintet. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

SO U COMEDY THEATER IMPROV! 7 PM. Family-Friendly Presented by the So U Comedy Theater. Come enjoy some family-friendly fun with our improvisers! We get suggestions from YOU, the audience, to inspire scenes and characters. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

SO U COMEDY THEATER IMPROV UNCENSORED 8 PM. Come enjoy some no holds barred fun with our improvisers! We get suggestions from YOU, the audience, to inspire scenes and characters Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

PETTY & THE HEARTSHAKERS AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Sing along, dance, or just ROCK OUT with the most Fun, Natural & Heart-felt tribute to Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers that has EVER been. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Mar 3

CASEY STICKLEY AT GEORGE'S CORNER 6 PM. Alternative George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Mon, Mar 4

CHOIR CONCERT 7 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

SNOW CANYON HIGH: CHOIR CONESITE CONCERT 7 PM. Snow Canyon High School, 1385 Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

Tues, Mar 5

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

ARTS COUNCIL MTG 5:30 PM. Mesquite Arts Council monthly board meeting. Public welcome. Volunteer or join the Mesquite Arts Council. Contact: Gwen Olsen 702-346-2787 golsen47@yahoo.com. Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23, Mesquite.

JOHN BROOKS "TRIBUTE TO ELVIS" AT CASABLANCA 6 PM. John Brooks is back! John will start the night with his "Tribute to Elvis" show. The bonus...the 2nd part of the night John will come out as himself and will be singing from his "Variety Mix Tape" of non-Elvis songs from Country to classic rock to some surprises! CasaBlanca Showroom. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Wed, Mar 6

FOREIGN FILM CLUB 6 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

WONDER WEDNESDAY (ARTSFUSION AT SUMA) 4 PM. Wonder Wednesday is a free community event for families with children in grades K-5. SUMA, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

JAMIT (THE DUO!) AT CASABLANCA 6 PM. You remember one of the Skydome's favorite bands "Jamit"? Well here are AJ and Tim bringing you all the fun and variety of Jamit as a duo! Classic Rock, R&B and Dance music keeping you on the dance floor all night long! Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS CONCERT 7:30 PM. John Moore, Rick Faris, & Steve Spurgin. Tickets are \$30 for adults, & \$15 for students, available online. Enjoy an evening of live music. Festival Hall & Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Thurs, Mar 7

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

SURVIVAL IN A HARSH ENVIRONMENT 7 PM. Archaeologist Diana Hawk will illustrate how prehistoric people adapted, thrived, and survived for thousands of years in the deserts, mountains & rugged canyons of southwestern Utah. Boeing Auditorium, Udvar-Hazy Building 225 S. 700 E., St. George.

SKY ALLEN AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Original Music Only. Folk/Soul. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Mar 8

SITES & INSIGHTS 3 PM. Utah Tech University Natural Science Museum. Integrated Pest Management is an integrated multi-prong approach to controlling pests. Think Like a Bug & see YOUR museum through an IPM lens. Utah Tech University, Natural Science Museum, Snow Building Room 207, 225 S. 700 E., St. George, St. George.

JAC: OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Every second and fourth Friday of each month. Each artist will have a 7-minute set. First come, first served signups at the door. A \$5 donation is required for entry. For information and questions please email info@johnsonartscenter.org. Johnson Center for Community Arts & Education, 59 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

MARTHA SCANLAN & JON NEUFELD A journey of improvisation; the way Jon Neufeld's brilliant, innovative guitar playing weaves effortlessly around Martha's timeless songwriting is simply magical. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

Sat, Mar 9

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. Planned activities for all ages and backgrounds. Free and open to the public. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

THE DOCKSIDERS AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Imagine that its 1981 and you're cruising the Atlantic shores of the Hamptons with your friends. Bikinis are fluorescent, polo collars are popped, and boat shoes are rocked sockless. In the background, your booming sound system is playing the soft-rock sounds of Michael McDonald, Olivia Newton-John, Hall & Oates, Christopher Cross and Air Supply. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Mon, Mar 11

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.

BAND CONCERT 7 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W. 1925 N., Cedar City.

Tues, Mar 12

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

IN-A-FECT AT CASABLANCA 6 PM. In-A-Fect is a multi talented five piece unit with a universal sound & sizzling harmonies. We're hitten you with Pop, Rock, R&B Classics, Hip-Hop, Old School Funk & a touch of Motown. Each show we perform is electrifying, mesmerizing and a whole lot of fun! Free Admission! Must be 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.






Thurs, Mar 14

"ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY" WITH TOURING ARTIST MICHAEL SG 7:30 PM. George's Corner, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

THE GUESS WHO 8 PM. Tickets start at \$25 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Fri, Mar 15

RUMOURS: A FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE 8 PM. Tickets starting at \$19 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.



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CALENDAR

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Sat, Mar 16

SHEEP TO SHAWL 10 AM. Learn about the process of taking wool from the sheep's back to yours; 10 AM-4 PM. \$4/person, \$20/family. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION 2 PM. Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau. Celebrate spring with Ms. McKown as she carries on her father Larry's 39-year tradition. The parade starts off the festivities at 2 PM. Bumbleberry Inn field will host live music, food, a beer garden, various booths, & more from 3 PM-6:30 PM. Don't miss this celebration. Bumbleberry Inn Field, 97 Bumbleberry Ln., Springdale.

INVINCIBLE: A GLORIOUS TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON 8 PM. Tickets start at \$20 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

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ALBUMPALOOZA AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. The best of U2 & The Police. Iconic hits like "Every Breath You Take," "Where the Streets Have No Name," "Message in a Bottle," & more are some of the incredible anthems that will be performed live with stunning authenticity in this multi-media concert tribute to two great bands. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Mar 17

YOGA AND WINE TASTING (WOGA) AT ZION VINEYARDS 10 AM. Come & Join us for Woga. That's Wine & Yoga. Held in our tasting room. Yoga is free. Wine Tasting \$25. 21+. Open every day, noon to 6 PM. 435-849-8813 ZionVines.com. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

Mon, Mar 18

VVAA GENERAL MEETING 11 AM. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Tues, Mar 19

RHEDA K & KREW AT CASABLANCA 6 PM. With a Repertoire of over 200 songs and genres from blues, R&B, Jazz, and Standards to Gospel, Rheda K and Krew have set the bar for entertainment. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Wed, Mar 20

CHAMBER POWER LUNCH - IRONMAN PREVIEW 11:30 AM. St. George.

Thurs, Mar 21

TOM BENNETT AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Tom Bennett sings country and is based out of SLC. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

COLBIE CAILLAT 8 PM. Tickets start at \$45 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Fri, Mar 22

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

JAC: OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Every second and fourth Friday of each month. Each artist will have a 7-minute set. First come, first served signups at the door. A \$5 donation is required for entry. For information and questions please email info@johnsonartscenter.org. Johnson Center for Community Arts & Education, 59 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

MARIE OSMOND & DANIEL EMMET 7:30 PM. Marie Osmond & Daniel Emmet Presented by Solente Fri, Mar 22, 2024. Marie Osmond has spent over 6 decades entertaining millions around the world, and she's coming to southern Utah! Utah Tech University, Burns Arena, 700 E. 400 S., St. George.

MARTINA MCBRIDE 8 PM. Tickets start at \$60 Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

Sat, Mar 23

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES EGG HUNT 10 AM. Observation area at the Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, Observation area at the Coral Pink Sand Dunes, St. George.

THE REDEEMER BY JENNY OAKS BAKER 8 PM. Celebrate Easter by experiencing this profoundly spiritual and stirring music centered around the life and redemptive mission of The Redeemer Jesus Christ. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

HEART OF THE JOURNEY AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Heart of the Journey takes you on a non-stop musical tribute with two of the most iconic bands of our generation. The song library of these two bands are tributed in sold out shows that is performed like no other. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Mon, Mar 25

DESERT HILLS HIGH: IMPROV SHOW 5 PM. Desert Hills High School, 828 East Desert Hills Drive, St. George.

COMBINED BAND CONCERTS 7:30 PM. Cedar High School, 166 W 1925 N, Cedar City.

COMBINED CONCERT 7:30 PM. SUU Wind Symphony will perform with Cedar High School & Canyon View High School. These three bands will present an entertaining performance of talent & skill for the community. This event is free & open to the public. Festival Hall & Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Wed, Mar 27

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS: THE COLORADO RIVER SERIES 7 PM. Zion Canyon Mesa continues its Community Conversations lectures with Brad Dimock & Wooden Boats on the Colorado River. Navigating the Grand Canyon. ZionCanyonMesa.org. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

Thurs, Mar 28

BLOOD DRIVE-VITALANT 2 PM Visit www.Donors.Vitalant.org & search for available times & dates to donate with Zip Code 89027 or call Vitalant at 877-256-4825 for assistance. We are in a state of emergency. ALL blood banks nationwide have gone on a national appeal requesting help. The levels are at record-breaking lows. Calling all donors! Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 W. Old Mill Rd, Mesquite.

TOURING ARTIST ERIC CAROFFINO AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Folk, Classic Rock and Pop. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Sat, Mar 30

HURRICANE CITY EASTER EGG HUNT 9 AM. Ready your Easter baskets. Each age group has a chance to win prizes. Baskets not provided. Three Falls Park, 663 W. 900 S., Hurricane.

HURRICANE VALLEY ROTARY EASTER CAR SHOW 9 AM. Easter Saturday, 9 AM to 5 PM. A day filled with amazing vehicles & Easter fun. Organized by the Rotary Club of Hurricane Valley. Hurricane Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

EASTER EGG HUNT 10 AM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

FH: OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Frontier Homestead State Park: Open Mic Night 7 PM. Everyone is invited to join to cheer on community members or to show off their talents. Share your music, poetry, comedy, magic, or soliloquy. Admission is FREE. Every 4th Saturday of the month. For information call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

LEE BRICE: ME & MY GUITAR 8 PM. Tickets start at \$60. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

CORDUROY A PEARL JAM TRIBUTE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Founded in Summer of 2016, based in San Francisco, CA the main idea of the band is to pay Tribute to one of the greatest Rock n' Roll Bands of all times, Pearl Jam. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Tues, Apr 2

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

Wed, Apr 3

WONDER WEDNESDAY (ARTSFUSION AT SUMA) 4 PM. Wonder Wednesday is a free community event for families with children in grades K-5. SUMA, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

SUU JAZZ BANDS 7:30 PM. For more information about the SUU Department of Music's 2023-2024 Masterworks Series, visit our Arts Page. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

Thurs, Apr 4

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

GARY HUFF AT GEORGE'S CORNER 7:30 PM. Contemporary Music. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, Apr 5

HOSANNA IN CEDAR CITY 7 PM. Hosanna: A Cedar City, UT-based performance of the Choir's Spring concert composed and accompanied by acclaimed American composer Lex de Azevedo at the Heritage Center in Cedar City. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION 7:30 PM. Southwest Symphony's performance of Pictures at an Exhibition & Borodin's In the Steppes of Central Asia. The orchestra, led by Lucas Darger, will bring to life the majestic & evocative sounds of Borodin's in the Steppes of Central Asia. The concert will also feature our 2024 Young Artist Competition Gold Medalist. Desert Hills High School, 828 East Desert Hills Drive, St. George.



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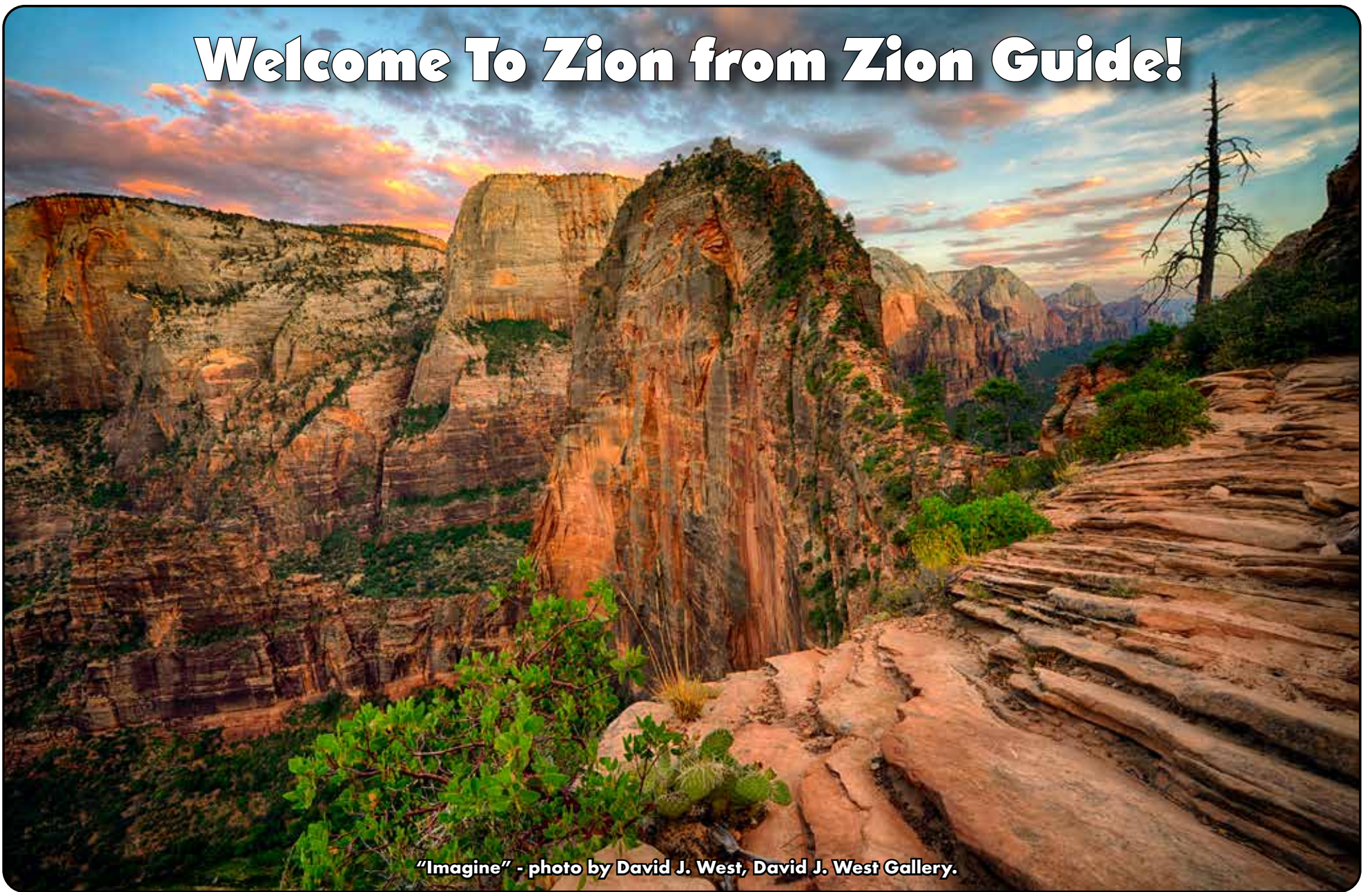
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Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies

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

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

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

Be cautious near steep cliffs

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

Watch for flash floods

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



Tips To Minimize Your Impact

Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

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

Please stay on the marked trails

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

Go before you go

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

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

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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.

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 & 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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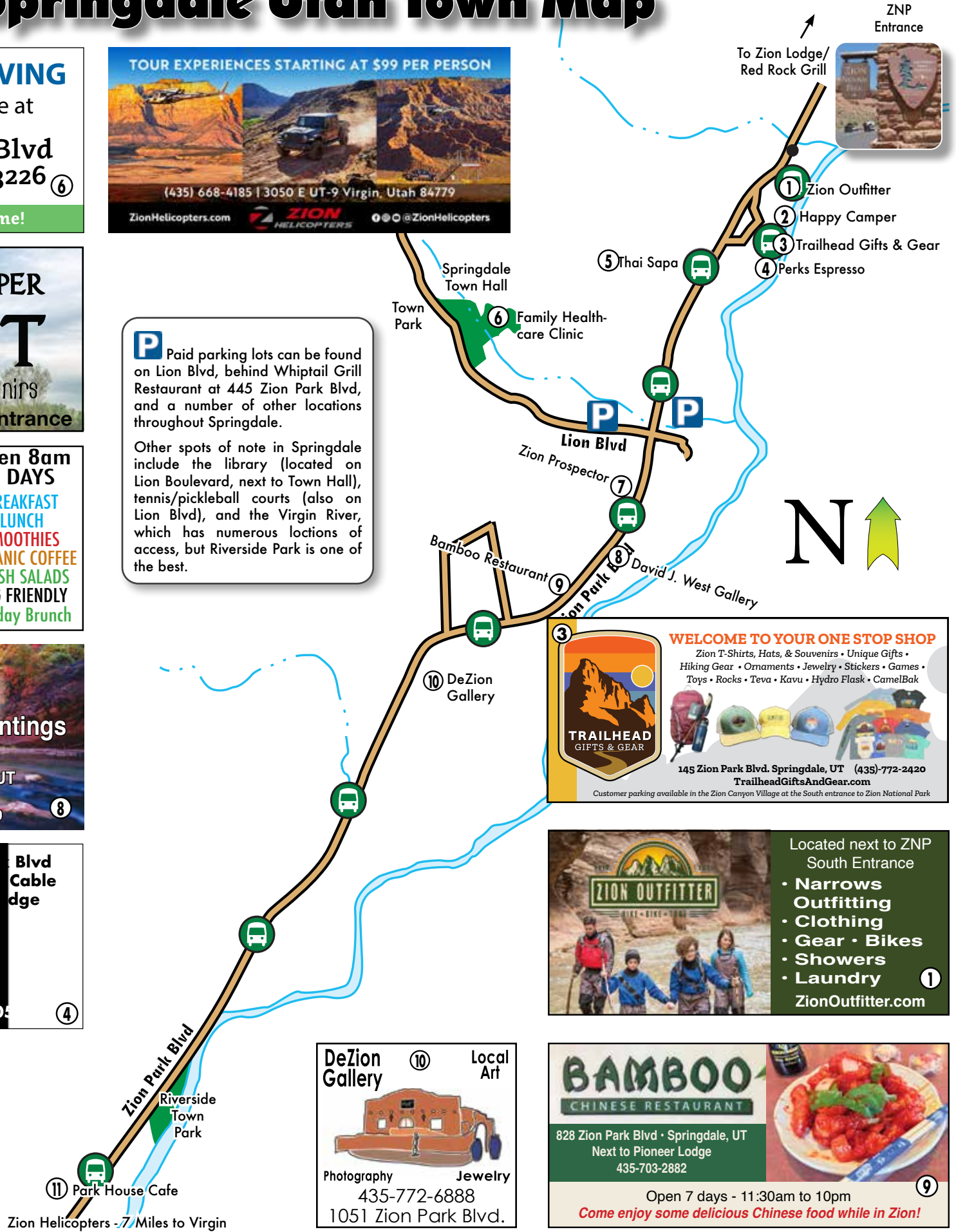
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Zion National Park Shuttle Info

ZION 2023 WINTER SHUTTLE SCHEDULE INFO

SPRINGDALE, Utah – The seasons are changing in Zion National Park! Every year, the National Park Service (NPS) adjusts shuttle schedules and campground availability throughout the year. Here is what you need to know to plan your visit:

Fall personal vehicle access in Zion Canyon starts Monday, November 27, 2023

- The last day of fall shuttle service in Zion Canyon and Springdale was November 26.
- Visitors can drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive starting today, November 27.
- We post updates on the Zion Current Conditions webpage when parking is full.
- Plan for limited parking; when parking in Zion Canyon is full, the NPS may

temporarily close the road.

• Shuttle service will resume in Zion Canyon and Springdale starting on December 22 for 10 days.

• During these 10 days, visitors cannot drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

Shuttle service resumes Friday, December 22, 2022 – Sunday, December 31, 2023

Winter personal vehicle access in Zion Canyon starts January 1, 2024.

• The last day of winter shuttle service in Zion Canyon and Springdale is December 31, 2023.

• Visitors can drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive starting on January 1, 2024.

• Plan for limited parking; when



parking in Zion Canyon is full, the NPS may temporarily limit access.

• We post updates on the Zion Current Conditions webpage when parking is full.

Shuttle service resumes in spring

The NPS will resume shuttle service in spring. We will share specific dates in 2024.

Fall and winter camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round, and you can make a reservation up to six months before your visit at www.recreation.gov or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Plan ahead and make arrangements for where you will stay before you get to the park.

South Campground and Lava Point Campground are closed for the season.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk hours

Zion Canyon and Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

• Open 8 AM and close at 5 PM every day through the fall and winter.

Wilderness Permit Desks

• Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open 8 AM to 10 AM and from 3 PM to 4:30 PM.

• Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Closed for the season. Get permits at Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk.

We post updates on the park's operating hours and seasons webpage when hours change.

Big Bend (shuttle stop 8) is temporarily closed due to construction.

In order to accommodate larger, electric shuttle buses that are scheduled to enter service in 2024 and to resolve significant cracking in concrete on the edges of the paved area at Big Bend, the National Park Service is completing construction at Big Bend. While work is happening, the paved area at the shuttle stop is fenced closed. Depending on the availability of materials and winter

weather, the park plans to reopen Big Bend in Spring 2024.

Attend a Ranger Led Talk

Free ranger talks happen outside of the Zion Canyon Visitor Center every day at:

- 11 AM
- 1:30 PM
- 3 PM

No matter when you visit, be prepared for crowds and remember:

• Parking fills early year-round. You may have to wait to enter Zion Canyon Scenic Drive if parking is full there.

• Watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists if you are driving.

• Stay on trails and avoid walking in the road.

• Put your pass in your pocket. Don't forget your park pass or receipt in a hotel room or at home.

• Ride your bike on the road or the Pa'Rus Trail. Bicycling is not allowed on any other trails in the park. If you are riding in the road, you must stop to let buses pass you.

• The NPS may temporarily close roads if traffic is congested or there is nowhere for drivers to park.

• In general, fewer people visit Zion on weekdays than weekends. Consider arriving early or after 3 PM to avoid the busiest times of day.

Plan ahead and prepare

If you cannot park in Zion or if all of our campsites are full, research nearby communities and public lands to learn about other recreational activities and lodging. Always recreate responsibly and respect private owners' property and facilities.

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Zion National Park Hiking Info

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.

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.

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.

PERMIT PROCESS FOR HIKING ANGELS LANDING IN ZION

Apply to hike Angels Landing

SPRINGDALE, Utah — Planning a visit to Zion National Park this summer? Are you hoping to hike Angels Landing? Everyone who hikes Angels Landing must have a permit. Starting this year, you must apply for a permit to hike at Angels Landing, and you can now visit www.recreation.gov and click on Permits.

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

Need to know

- All advanced 'Spring Seasonal Permits' have been awarded except for Day-Before permits.
- You can apply for a permit the day before your planned hike. This lottery opens every day at 12:01 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m. Mountain Time (MT).
- For Day-before Lottery applications, visit www.recreation.gov and click on Permits.

You can also apply by calling recreation.gov at (877) 444-6777 from 10 AM – 11:59 PM EST every day except for Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

The lottery schedule is posted at www.recreation.gov then click on permits, and we will share news releases and social media updates when we open those permit lotteries.

About Zion's Angels Landing Pilot Permit Program

Everyone hiking past Scout Lookout

to Angels Landing needs to have a permit. This means you need a permit to hike on the half-mile section of the trail with chains. Hikers do not need a permit to go to Scout Lookout.

This is a pilot program, and the National Park Service (NPS) will monitor and adjust it as needed.

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

For a list of great hikes, check out our 'Popular' and 'Less-Traveled' hikes here within the Zion Guide. Always check the weather forecast before hiking in canyons. Please visit www.nps.gov for the latest updated information.

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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



Chinle Trail

beaten path on the backside of the rock.

On top of this wall is a narrow dirt path that is crowded by rock and vegetation. It winds around the mountain to a dead end with a beautiful view of the mountain where the Canyon Overlook Trail is located, opposite is Gifford Canyon.

The path will lead past stone bridge and to another minor slickrock climb. At the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone.

Chinle Trail

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

The route is moderate with a gentle uphill climb to an alcove, but plan for a strenuous hike if you continue to the East Rim.

The route begins right off the highway. Drive to the pullout near the second drainage on the north side of the State Route 9, about 0.8 miles after the smaller tunnel. Walk carefully along the road about 150 yards and drop down into a sandy bowl on the north side of SR-9. There is a trail for a short distance, and then the sand turns into large flat stones that you can pick and choose to walk on, depending on your sense of balance. A short distance off the road, filled pools carved into the rocks appear. Ponderosa Pines and Juniper trees twisted by the wind are a good backdrop to the reds and whites ribboned through the rocks.

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.

The East Rim Trail

By Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan

After positioning a vehicle or making shuttle arrangements at the Weeping Rock parking lot, watch for the small "trailhead" sign along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, immediately west of the east entrance booth.

This trail is said to be one of the most scenic in all of Zion National Park and is on many lists as one of the best hikes in Utah. This trek begins on the east side of the park and climbs over 1,400 feet to the rim. This hike begins with a backdoor view of Checkerboard Mesa as it skirts Clear Creek for a short time and steadily and gently climbs through a juniper and pine forest. On top of the mesa, scenery gets interesting as a spectacular view of Echo Canyon takes center stage.

The downhill finish is spectacular, keeping an almost constant view of some of Zion's greatest landmarks, including Angels Landing, Organ, Great White Throne, and in the distance is Cathedral Mountain.

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Warning: These hikes are very popular and often overcrowded. 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, covers just under 5 1/2 miles, and requires a permit to hike. As you work your way up the 1,488-foot change in elevation, you'll want to look out for long drop-offs. This hike is not for young children or people with a fear of heights. Be sure to enjoy, but be careful along the last section of the hike, which is a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. The hike starts at The Grotto.

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



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

at Temple of Sinawava.

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

Getting to Kolob Arch via the La Verkin Creek Trail follows Timber and La Verkin creeks and connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. A full-day hike, it will take around 8 hours to finish the 14-fourteen mile trip. This hike starts at Kolob Canyons Road.

If you are looking for something more moderate, try some of these mid-range hikes.

Kayenta Trail

This two-hour hike starts at the Grotto and goes for two miles. You'll gain 150 feet in elevation, and the trail does have long drop-offs. This unpaved climb connects the Grotto to the Emerald Pools trails.

Canyon Overlook Trail

Starting at Zion-Mt. Carmel

Highway, this one-hour hike provides a 163-foot gain in elevation over the course of a mile. This rocky and uneven trail ends at a viewpoint for Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. While this trail is mostly fenced, there are long drop-offs.

Taylor Creek Trail

You'll begin this five-mile hike at Kolob Canyons Road. It should take around 4 hours to complete and provides a 450-foot gain in elevation. Larger groups may need to split up, as this hike limits 12 people to a group. It follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

Timber Creek Overlook Trail

A quick hike, the Timber Creek Overlook Trail covers just one mile and 100 feet in elevation gain. It can be done in about 30 minutes. The trail follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.

Those looking for something less strenuous should check out these easy hikes.

Pa'rus Trail

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this two-hour hike covers 3 1/2 miles and rises 50 feet in elevation. A paved trail that follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction, Pa'rus Trail is wheelchair accessible and is open to both bicycles and dogs.

Archeology Trail

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

Grotto Trail

Starting at Zion Lodge or the Grotto, this trail connects the two locations and can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pools and Kayenta trails to create a 2 1/2-mile loop. The non-loop version should take about 30 minutes and rises 35 feet over one mile.

Riverside Walk

Starting at Temple of Sinawava, this 1 1/2-hour hike cover just over two miles and rises 57 feet in elevation. While it is wheelchair accessible, there are minor drop-offs. The trail, which is paved, offers trailside exhibits as it follows the Virgin Rivet along the bottom of a narrow canyon.

Lower Emerald Pool Trail - Temporarily Closed Due To Falling Ice

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.



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

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

to the Gulf of California, a distance of 1,400 miles. (435) 259-2614.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

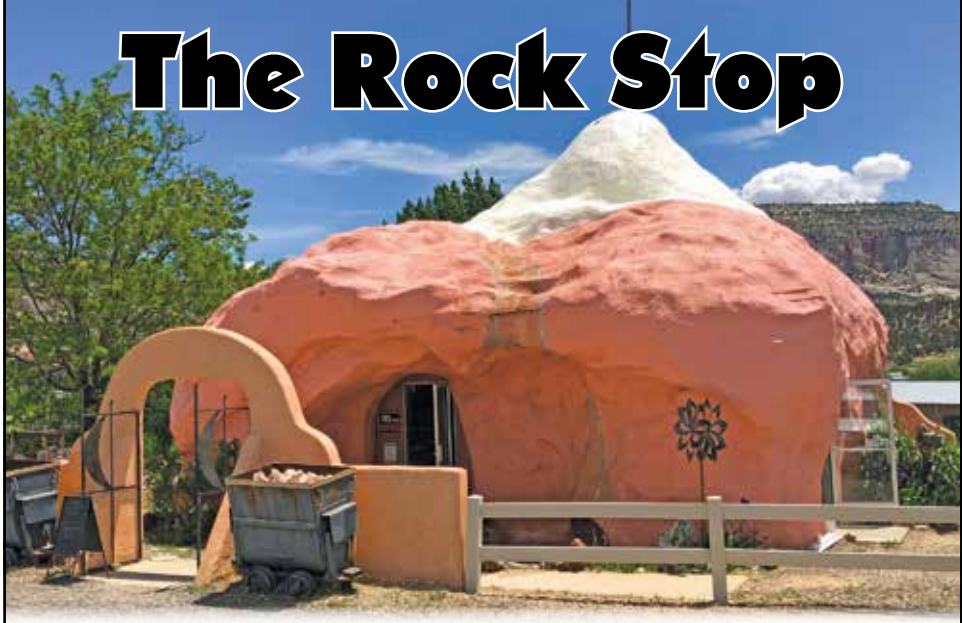


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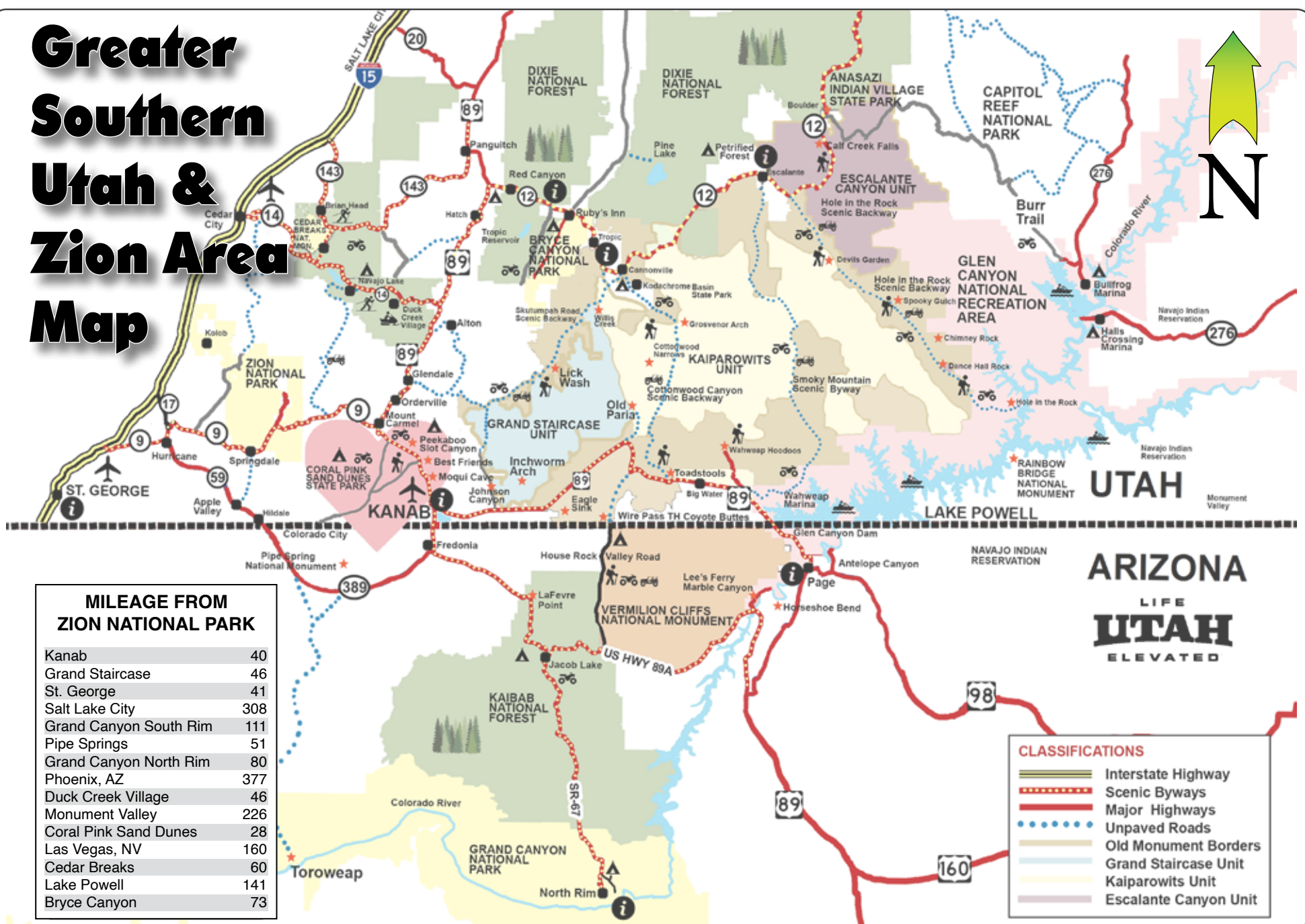


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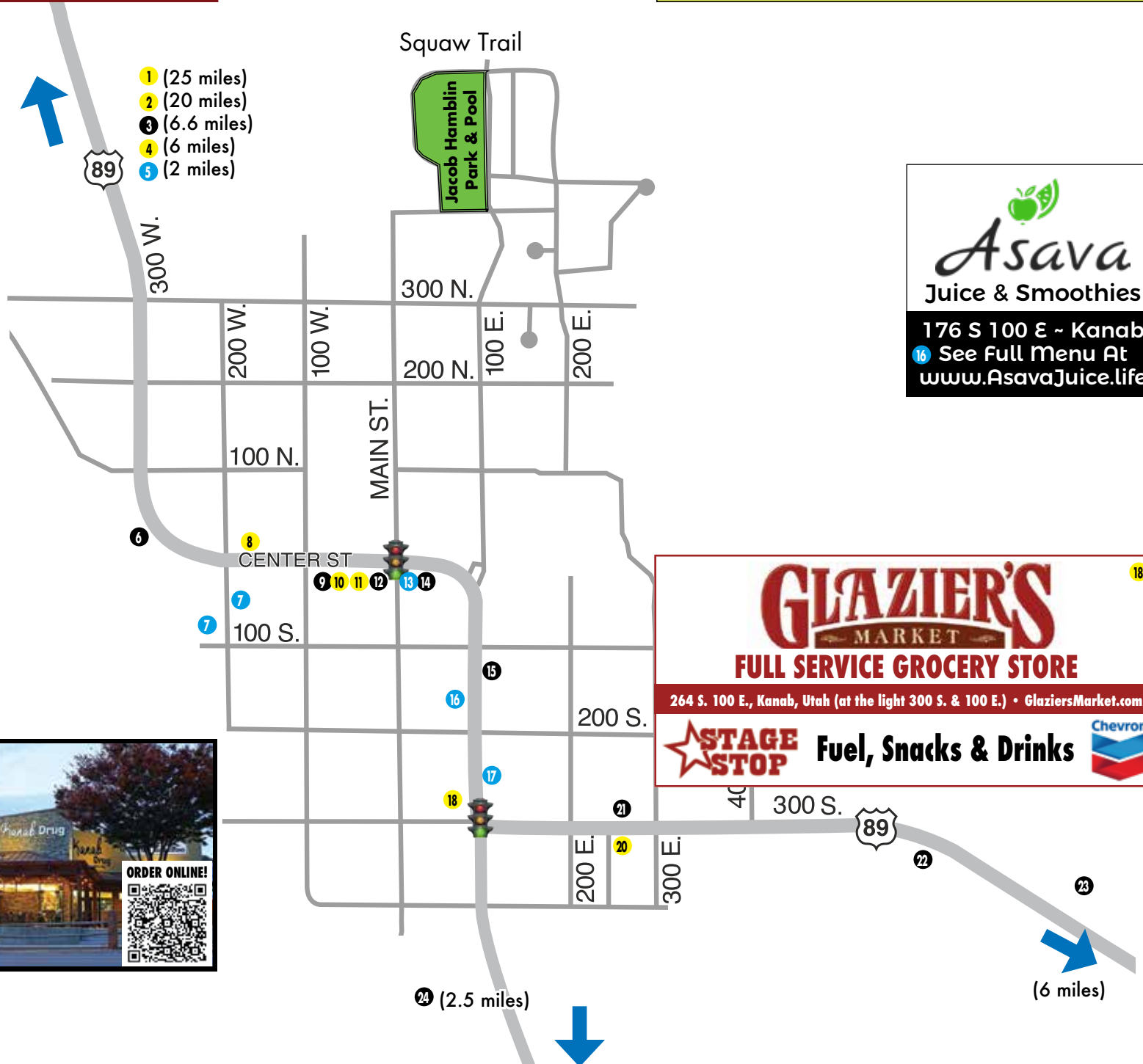
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7 Adria's Restaurant	86 S 200 W, Kanab	(435) 644-7800	W, B, M	8:30am-2pm Tues-Sun	No
16 Asava Juice & Smoothies	176 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-2637	V	9am-6pm Mon-Sun	Yes
13 Jakey Leigh's	4 E Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-8191	E, V	7am-2pm Mon-Fri, Sat & Sun 8am-Noon	Yes
5 Nomad Cafe & RV Resort	2400 N Hwy 89, Kanab	(406) 594-0294	E, V	6:30am-2:30pm Thurs-Mon	Yes
22 Sunny Creek Coffee	681 E Chinle, Kanab	(435) 212-3839	E, V	7am-2:30pm Mon, Wed-Sat	Yes
17 Willow Canyon Outdoor	263 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-8884	E	7:30am-7pm daily	Yes

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