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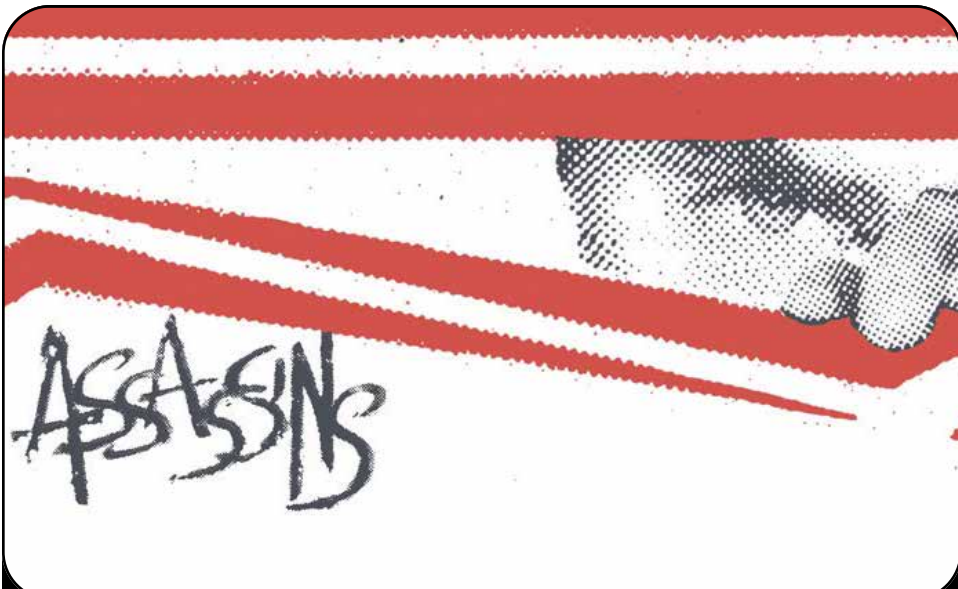
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**EVENTS**

**42ND ANNUAL UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE**

By Rick & Cathy Bryant

Come One—Come All to the 42nd Annual Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire, July 17th—20, 2024, at Main Street Park in Cedar City, Utah.

Embark on a thrilling adventure as you step back in time and immerse your-



self in a fantastical world of Noblemen, Kings, Wenches, Pirates, Fairies, and more. Witness captivating demonstrations of weaving, blacksmithing, chainmail, sword fighting, and other intriguing crafts and vendors. Indulge in delectable meals of turkey legs, roasted corn, Quesabirria or street tacos, orange chicken & rice, and savor the King's own Kettle Korn while being enthralled by fabulous Entertainers.

For our young guests and those young at heart, we have a host of exciting activities: FunTime inflatables with rides and challenging activities for

all! Pony rides available at the east side of the Faire and a chance to meet Queen Elizabeth at "The Queen's closet" who will send children on quests and present favors to those who complete them.

There will be all kinds of crafters and vendors for every taste and interest. All with a Renaissance flare and flavor. Visit the Guilds around the park as they show off their talents and Sword fighting and jousting.

Be prepared for a day filled with non-stop entertainment on stage. RaKumba Belly Dancers, and Desert Nomads

returning this year. Keep an eye out for "Sage" the Fairy wandering around the Faire, a Faire favorite "The Mad Harpist" will be performing as well. Enjoy the Pirate Ship and meet the Mermaids. Comedian "Yonathan the Bard" will be returning once again along with "Vinney the Bard" and his musical Talents.

Come and enjoy the 2nd annual "Kids Entertainment" portion on Saturday afternoon. We love young ones who are excited to share their talents.

One might ask, "How much does it cost to come and participate in the Renaissance Faire?" Absolutely FREE, no charge, without cost, gratis. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors, and have a wonderful day at the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire! Open July 17th through 20th, Wednesday—Friday, 11 AM to 9 PM, Saturday, 10 AM to 8 PM. For more info, call Cathy Bryant (435) 233-5862, Rick Bryant (435) 531-9368, Ralph McAfee (435) 559-5676



**PUBLISHER'S PERSPECTIVE**

By Josh Warburton



Sometimes, opportunities only present themselves once. Some come just every so often, and that's the case for me to work in politics in rural southern Utah. Some of you may know that I ran for St. George City

Council way back in 1999. I didn't win, but I had an awesome experience, and I've stayed engaged ever since. I ran for office again in 2016, that time for Washington County Commissioner, and between those two runs

since, I've stayed involved in local politics primarily through volunteering to help on numerous campaigns. Tara Dunn, Brent Holloway, Bart Battista, and Pat Horning were all candidates who I assisted through various volunteer efforts, and in 2020, I was called upon to work on a state-level campaign for Jan Garbett, who was running for Governor that year. The Garbett campaign was the first one that I was actually paid to be a part of. I was brought in kind of midstream, as the campaign was running full steam by the time they hired me, first part-time, then eventually full-time as the Communications Director. All of this experience was invaluable when the latest opportunity presented itself.

I met Davina Smith in 2022 when she was running for the first time for Utah House District 69, a newly redrawn district that includes all of Grand County, in addition to Kane, Garfield, Wayne, San Juan, and most of Emery Counties, as well. I was highly impressed with her, her experience, her willingness to listen to all sides of an

issue, and her passion for people and the things that matter to them.

So, in December, when I got an email from a mutual friend mentioning that Davina was looking for a Campaign Manager for this cycle, I gave it some serious thought for about a week. I had to sit with my imposter syndrome, my feelings surrounding giving up a lot of my personal time that a job like that would take, as well as my fears and thoughts about how it would affect my whole life, for ten months plus! But after some serious soul searching and consulting with my amazing girlfriend Annabelle, I decided I'd send Davina an email offering up myself as her "part-time" Campaign Manager. She accepted, and on January 1st, I jumped in with both feet.

The first month or so was really challenging. I was just trying to get my hands wrapped around all the components of the 2022 campaign. By March, I was more or less catching my stride. I had already done events in Kanab, with plans for more in Moab and around the district.

Now, about halfway through this extremely long campaign year, I'm feeling better and better about my prospects but, more importantly, Davina's prospects of winning. This time, she comes into this cycle with experience. Her opponent opted not to run again for his seat and instead is running a long-shot campaign for Governor. So with the wind to her back, an open seat, a second-time candidate, and the higher turnout of a presidential year, we are feeling optimistic we can get her a win in November.

So while most of our distribution area is outside of HD 69, if you do happen to live in the district please check out DavinaForUT.com to see what Davina stands for, the unique experience she brings to the table, and her vision for the future of Southeast Utah. This could be a rare opportunity to support an amazing candidate with impeccable credentials and a heart of gold. And as we all know, some opportunities only come around every so often. Have a great month!

Make the trek to **Bumbleberry Theater**

Located at 897 Zion Park Blvd in beautiful Springdale, Utah  
For more details and tickets go to [Bumbleberry.com](http://Bumbleberry.com)

All shows in June are FREE except Neil Diamond Cover on June 22, which is \$15.

**JUNE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR**

**7**  
Friday, 7pm

**Mark Boggs**

Every first Friday from May to September. Enjoy a medley of music genres. FREE!

**8**  
Sat., 7pm

**Celebration Band**

A ten-piece "horn band" playing Rock, R&B, Blues, Funk, & more. FREE!

**14**  
Friday, 7pm

**Acoustic Adventure**

Shawn Hand and Nelly Garcia perform classics to rock anthems. FREE!

**15**  
Sat., 7pm

**N Ø PR Ø Ø F**

High-energy rock & blues featuring dynamic mix of original music & carefully curated covers. FREE!

**21**  
Friday, 7pm

**Fast Eddie**

Classic rock treasures and original songs by a seasoned band. FREE!

**22**  
Sat., 7pm

**Neil Diamond Cover Band**

Sing along to Neil Diamond's hits, produced by Franky Dee. \$15.

**28**  
Friday, 7pm

**Mason Cottam**

Rock, country, and jazz by a talented veteran performer. FREE!

**29**  
Sat., 7pm

**Runaway Fire**

A band known for their flawless chemistry, & electrifying shows. FREE!

For lodging info, a complete calendar, and tickets visit [bumbleberry.com](http://bumbleberry.com)

**EVENTS**

**HEAD TO BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY FOR FREE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!**

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah cares for about 1,600 dogs, cats, pigs, goats, horses, bunnies, birds, and wildlife on any given day, making it the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary.

Visitors can experience Best Friends' lifesaving work in action with free daily tours of the sanctuary and individual animal care areas, while volunteers can help with socializing puppies or bunnies, feeding pigs, grooming horses, taking a dog for a walk or a cat on a stroller ride, and much more. Pets for adoption are available to meet every day at the Welcome Center, Sinjin's in Cat World, or the Adoption Hub on Rhonda Road.

Guests can also enjoy a \$5 daily vegan buffet lunch at the Village Café, which boasts a million-dollar view of the stunning Southern Utah canyons surrounding the Sanctuary. The buffet includes a salad bar, main dish, sides, desserts, and coffee or tea from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

These fantastic experiences led to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary winning 2024 Best of State Utah

awards for Best Attraction, Best Recreation/Activity Facility, and Best Health Foods.

If you want to stay onsite, pet-friendly lodging can be found on-site in one of the Sanctuary's several cabins, cottages, cabins, and RV sites that offer views of horse pastures and starry skies at affordable rates.

There's also the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile in downtown Kanab, winner of the 2022 and 2023 Best Motel Award from Best of State Utah.

Designed as the most pet-centric hotel in the country, the Roadhouse extends the Sanctuary experience by offering guests sleepovers of Sanctuary dogs, cats, and bunnies. Guests can also bring their own pets; up to 4 dogs or cats can stay in each room at no charge.

A vegan continental breakfast and coffee is offered in the Mercantile and Roadhouse guests also receive two free passes for lunch at Angel Village Cafe. From May through October, yoga and live music take place on the Roadhouse stage every Saturday morning and evening.

However long you plan to visit Kanab – a few hours, days, or even weeks – you won't want to miss the magic of the Best Friends!

Visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org) to learn more about the sanctuary or [bestfriendsroadhouse.org](http://bestfriendsroadhouse.org) to book a stay at the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile.



**BUMBLEBERRY THEATER'S EXCITING SUMMER LINEUP**

The Bumbleberry Theater at 897 Zion Park Blvd. is excited to unveil its highly anticipated summer lineup of shows! This season, audiences can look forward to a variety of FREE concerts featuring an impressive roster of talented artists and bands. The only exception is the Neil Diamond Cover Band, which offers a spectacular performance for just \$15. For tickets and detailed information, visit [bumbleberry.com](http://bumbleberry.com).

Kick off your summer with the mesmerizing Mark Boggs, who will be performing every first Friday from May to September. Renowned for his versatile musical abilities, Mark Boggs delivers an eclectic mix of genres that promise to enchant and entertain. Don't miss the next show on June 7th at 7 PM, where you can immerse yourself in an unforgettable musical experience.

And the entertainment doesn't stop there! Here's the rest of their lineup making June one of the most entertaining months of the year!

Experience high-energy performances with Celebration Band, a ten-piece "horn band" featuring some of Southern Utah's finest musicians. They cover Rock, R&B, Blues, Funk, and more. Catch them on June 8th at 7 PM.

Enjoy the harmonious duo Acoustic Adventure as Shawn Hand and Nelly Garcia deliver an enchanting performance from classics like "Over the Rainbow" to rock anthems like "Nothing Else Matters." Their performance is on June 14th at 7 PM.

N Ø PR Ø Ø F will electrify you with their mix of original rock and blues. Sarah Jane's powerful vocals and the band's soulful riffs promise a night of high-energy music. See them live on June 15th at 7 pm.

Reunited after almost three decades, Fast Eddie brings classic rock treasures

and original songs to the Bumbleberry stage. They will perform on June 21st at 7 PM.

Don't miss the tribute to Neil Diamond, produced by Franky Dee. The tribute artist captures Neil Diamond's essence with powerful renditions of classics like "Sweet Caroline," "Cracklin' Rosie," and "America." This show is on June 22nd at 7 PM. Admission is \$15, and tickets are available at [bumbleberry.com](http://bumbleberry.com).



Join Mason Cottam for an evening of rock, country, and jazz. With over 1,000 live shows, Mason's talent and passion for music shine. His show is on June 28th at 7 PM.

End the month with Runaway Fire, Southern Utah's premier rock band. Their debut album "Frozen in Time" and electrifying performances make them a must-see act. Catch them on June 29th at 7 PM.

For a summer filled with music and fun, visit the Bumbleberry Theater. Save the dates and you can find more info and tickets at [bumbleberry.com](http://bumbleberry.com) and come make unforgettable memories with friends and family.

**THE STAGE DOOR PRESENTS "ASSASSINS" THE MUSICAL**

A Riveting Production by Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman.

June 20 – July 6, 2024.

The Stage Door is thrilled to announce its latest production, "Assassins," a compelling and provocative musical by the legendary Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman. This masterful work will be staged at The Electric Theater, located at 68 E. Tabernacle St., from June 20th to July 6th. Audiences can catch the performances every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening at 7:30 PM.

Under the visionary direction of Josh Scott, with music direction by the talented Taylor Williams, "Assassins" promises to be an unforgettable theatrical experience. The show delves into the lives of nine individuals who attempted (successfully or not) to assassinate Presidents of the United States, exploring the dark side of the American Dream. Through a blend of historical narrative and hauntingly beautiful music, Sondheim and Weidman provide a thought-provoking commentary on the societal forces and personal demons that drive individuals to such extreme actions.

Josh Scott, known for his innovative approach and keen insight into complex characters, brings a fresh perspective to this challenging piece. Taylor Williams brings his musical expertise to Assassins, ensuring that Sondheim's

intricate and evocative score resonates with the audience, creating a powerful and immersive auditory experience.

"We are incredibly excited to bring 'Assassins' to The Electric Theater," said Scott. "This musical is not only a profound exploration of history and psychology but also a testament to the genius of Sondheim and Weidman. We believe our production will captivate and engage audiences, sparking conversations long after the final curtain falls. The themes of this production are very relevant to what is happening in our country today."

The Stage Door, renowned for its commitment to bringing our community new and different, high-quality productions and fostering local talent, continues to uphold its reputation with this ambitious endeavor. "Assassins" is produced and presented by The Stage Door, promising a top-tier theatrical experience for all attendees.

Tickets are available now and can be purchased through The Electric Theater box office or online at [TheStageDoor.com](http://TheStageDoor.com). Given the anticipated demand for this powerful musical, early booking is highly recommended. Don't miss your chance to witness "Assassins," a bold and compelling production that challenges and entertains. Join us at The Electric Theater from June 20th to July 6th for an evening of exceptional theater.



**UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY'S SEARS ART MUSEUM PRESENTS 'ERIN HANSON: LANDSCAPES OF THE WEST'**

June 14 – August 23, 2024.

Utah Tech University's Sears Art Museum is showcasing a selection of contemporary impressionist paintings by artist Erin Hanson for its summer exhibit.

The exhibit, "Erin Hanson: Landscapes of the West," will open with a reception and an exclusive Q&A session with the artist herself from 7 to 8:30 PM on June 14 in the Sears Art Museum, located in the Eccles Fine Arts Center on the Utah Tech campus. This is a rare chance to meet the artist and gain insights into her creative process. The show, which is open to the public and free to attend, will run June 14 through Aug. 23. Sears Art Museum is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM.

"Erin Hanson is one of the top artists today painting the American West," James Peck, director and curator of the Sears Art Museum, said. "Her vibrant canvases range from contemplative to absolutely epic. We're lucky to have this exclusive, one-of-a-kind exhibition in our gallery this summer."

The collection of 39 works will focus on landscapes ranging from Southern Utah to the Colorado Plateau, including Hanson's first five works in what has become her signature open impressionistic style.

Originally inspired by rock climbing at Red Rock Canyon, Hanson has been painting desert landscapes for 15 years. Her unique style, characterized by bold

color, thickly applied paint, and expressive brushwork, aims to capture the drama and beauty of nature. Using a limited palette of only five colors, and without overlapping her brush strokes, she keeps her pieces fresh and alive with movement. Hanson's goal when painting is to re-capture the feeling of being outdoors, surrounded by the wild beauty of nature.

The Sears Art Museum exhibition is made possible by special cooperation from The Erin Hanson Gallery and Erin Hanson private collectors. View Landscapes of the West online at [erinhanson.com](http://erinhanson.com) or visit [SearsArt.com](http://SearsArt.com) to learn more about Utah Tech University's Sears Art Museum.



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Complete all eight weeks of reading and build your reading skills while having fun! Registration begins May 28, 2024. The Summer Reading Program begins June 3<sup>rd</sup> and ends July 27<sup>th</sup>. Check @ your library branch for dates and time of our FREE events! Visit our website for more information or register online at: <https://washcolibrary.readsquared.com/>.



**EVENTS**

**RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS NIGHT AT FRONTIER HOMESTEAD**

On June 14, the Festival will have encore screenings of some of the winning films at its Awards Night event. Oscar® nominees, movie distributors, actors, dancers, and award-winning filmmakers formed the Grand Jury for the 17th Annual event, and for its Utah (Red) Film Market, both held last October. The jury consisted of 22 judges from around the world and 39 previewers.

This awards ceremony will begin with a Dinner reception followed by the screenings, ending with Fiona Cochrane's Documentary Feature Grand Jury Prize Winner "Patou: In Black & White" about Jamaican singer Pat Powell (Patou), one of Australia's most accomplished vocal artists who sings with 15 bands, including the Melbourne Ska Orchestra.

The music biopic contrasts with the Audience Award Winner Randy Martin's "Karen Carpenter: Starving for Perfection." Michael Moshe Dahan's dramatic feature "Yes Repeat No" came out ahead, winning both the Audience Award and the Grand Jury Prize for Best Fiction Feature, as well as Utah Film Market's Best Hook and Best Trailer. Though both features are not part of the encore screenings, there was a short that will as it took home five awards.

Chris Capel's "Fishers of Men" won



both the Grand Jury and Audience Award for Fiction Short, Special Jury Award for its lead Dawson Mullen for Best Acting in a Fiction Short, Best Editing, a Special Achievement Award for Screenplay plus nominations for Cinematography and for UFM's Best Hook category. Based on Capel's real-life experiences as a former LDS missionary, the short is a dark comedy that Jury member and Oscar® Nominee Christian Norlyk said "has a great premise of a trainee and his glass-half-full mentor." This brutally honest film with themes of domestic abuse is currently being developed into a feature.

Other shorts being presented at Red Rock Film Fest's Awards Night include Festival alums Dean Hamer and Joe Wilson, who teamed up with Oscar® nominee Daniel Sousa for their new animated fantasy "Aikane," Humbi Entress's Swiss ScreenDance "Demons" and Young Filmmaker CJ Santo's animated sci-fi "Mirror Me." Documentary short winners are in the mix with Tran Hoang Calvin's "A Clean Slate" and Chapman University students Emilie Haskell, Connor Wesson, and Quincy Eggert's "The Long Shadow."

The icebreaker shorts that screen with the dinner reception include Cem Terbiyeli's micro-cinema Aglet Award Winner "Breath" plus local screenwriter and Spirit of the Festival Winner Natalie Lynch, who co-produced the comedy "Social Anxiety" with co-star Tara Jayn.

Red Rock Film Festival's Awards Night shines Friday, June 14, at the Frontier Homestead Museum at 635 N. Main in Cedar City. Tickets for the dinner reception are \$30 in advance or \$50 on June 14. It starts at 6 PM and is followed by the winning film screenings at 7 PM. with \$10 tickets in advance or \$15 on June 14. Tickets are sold online at redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org or at the door at the Frontier Homestead.

**SIMONFEST CELEBRATES 22 SEASONS WITH MUSIC & COMEDY**

SimonFest Theatre Company invites you to come and celebrate its 22nd season with two beloved musicals and a classic comedy.

This year's productions include Fiddler on the Roof, Ordinary Days, and Steel Magnolias, which will be performed in Cedar City's Heritage Center Theater from July 5 to August 3. Fiddler on the Roof will then travel to the Egyptian Theatre in Park City, where it will be performed from August 7 to 11, and then it will move to the Bumbleberry Theatre in Springdale, where it will be performed from August 22 to the 24th.

Get ready to witness a truly special performance of fiddler on the Roof. Our very own SimonFest founder and producer, Richard Bugg, will step into the iconic role of Tevye. "This is the role of a lifetime," shares Bugg. "It has always been a dream of mine. While I have directed the show before, this will be my first time embodying Tevye's character."

Under the direction of Richard's wife, Rebekah Bugg, Fiddler on the Roof promises to be a thought-provoking experience. "It's a joy to tackle a musical with such strong and universal themes," remarks Rebekah, "especially at a time with such turmoil in the world. The play challenges us to examine our traditions and their origins, reminding us of the importance of understanding and embracing change. There is a beautiful balance of sadness, laughter, and joy in this show."

The other musical that will warm the SimonFest boards this Summer is Adam Gwon's Ordinary Days. The delightful story weaves together the lives of four young New Yorkers as they navigate the complexities of love, loss, and connection in the city. Associate Producer Alyson King Wheeler

will take on the directing challenge. "I have had the pleasure," adds Wheeler, "of directing four amazing local actors and a brilliant pianist who are anything but ordinary. You'll be inspired by this heartfelt, funny, and beautiful story."

Rounding out this year's season is the charming comedy classic Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling. With an all-female directing staff this season, SimonFest chose Desiree Whitehead to take the lead on Magnolias. The story pivots around the lively Truvy Jones' Louisiana beauty parlor, where a tightly-knit band of friends confront grief, loss, life's unforeseen tragedies, and heartaches with wit, charm, and a great deal of laughter.

The SimonFest Summer Season runs July 5 through August 3 at the Heritage Center Theatre in Cedar City.



For performance times and ticket information, go to SimonFest.org or call 435-267-0194. For tickets to the Fiddler on the Roof dates in Park City (August 7-11), visit ParkCityShows.com or call (855) 745-7469. For tickets to the Fiddler on the Roof dates in Springdale, go to bumbleberry.com/springdale-utah-theater/ or call (435) 772-3224.

**KANAB'S CANYONS CALLING SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!**

If you didn't have a chance to attend last month's free music and festivities at the Canyons Calling Summer Concert Series at Jackson Flat Reservoir in Kanab, Ut, you will surely want to be at the next one!



This Friday, June 7, at 6 PM, immerse yourself in the synth-rock sound of The Eiffels and what Alternative Press describes as "anthemic and vivacious." The Eiffels have millions of streams across various music services. They have delighted audiences as openers for X Ambassadors and the Plain White T's. They have also rocked the stages on the Van's Warped Tour and the Hollister Feel Good Fest. Opening for The Eiffels is Be Kind, Please Rewind, a local youth band out of Orderville!

But don't stop there! Mark your calendars and come out again for our final two concerts in this series. July 5th features local bands Monsoon Fever and The Chris Paul Band, for some energizing, soulful, moving, and grooving tunes sure to get you singing or dancing! August 2nd, Kanab welcomes The PickPockets! This up-and-coming bluegrass band is one you will be

hearing much more from as their career is picking its way to the top! Opening for them, the charismatic Stone Company will set the tone with their experimental back porch music and unique instrumentations.



Set against the stunning backdrop of Kanab's red cliffs and beautiful skies, these evenings of free music and festivities are perfect for all ages. Complete with food trucks, shade, and a sense of community, bring your blankets and chairs to savor this event with family and friends. And yes, leashed pets are welcome too, making it a truly inclusive and family-friendly affair!

The Canyons Calling Summer Concert Series is proudly presented by the Kane County Center for the Arts, a local non-profit dedicated to energizing the cultural, educational and economic vitality of its region. We do this through accessible and affordable events and programs of artistic excellence.

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**EVENTS**

**ZION FOREVER PROJECT 2024 FIELD GUIDE**

*Highlighting Over 20 Public Lands Projects.*

As the summer season approaches, the Zion Forever Project is proud to announce the release of the 2024 Field Guide, showcasing over 20 critical projects across Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Pipe Spring National Monument, and the Dixie National Forest. This comprehensive guide details the essential conservation and funding efforts that require public support to preserve and enhance these treasured landscapes.

This year's Field Guide underscores the importance of our new partnership with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), expanding our stewardship to include the vast and diverse Dixie National Forest. This collaboration opens new avenues for conservation, visitor education, and resource protection across millions of acres of public land.

Among the larger highlighted projects is the ambitious "Floor of the Valley Trail" initiative, a multi-phased new trail effort designed to extend the famous Pa'Rus trail and provide new paths for hikers and bikers that allow them to avoid busy shuttle bus lanes while enhancing visitor safety, modernizing utility infrastructure, and preserving the natural beauty of Zion's iconic Virgin River. The Field Guide also addresses land conservation efforts on the east side of Zion National Park and the efforts to acquire hundreds of additional acres in perpetuity for the park.

"The release of our 2024 Field Guide marks a pivotal moment for the Zion Forever Project. Our new partnership with the USFS and our continued dedication to land conser-

vation reflect our unwavering commitment to preserving Zion's natural and cultural treasures and beyond," said Natalie Britt, President & CEO of the Zion Forever Project. "These projects are not just about maintaining our public lands; they are about investing in the future, ensuring that these beautiful and irreplaceable landscapes remain vibrant for generations to come."

**Trail Enhancements and Safety:** The Floor of the Valley Trail project aims to extend the Pa'Rus trail to the famed Narrows hike while improving the trail system within Zion Canyon, providing a safe and scenic route for visitors while protecting the river's delicate ecosystem and improving waste and utility infrastructure.

**Cedar Breaks Visitor Center:** Following the successful opening of the Cedar Breaks Visitor Center this fall, new interpretive trail signs and educational programs will enhance visitor experiences at high elevations.

**Dark Sky Programs:** Continued efforts at Zion National Park, Pipe Spring, and Cedar Breaks National Monuments to expand dark sky education, ensuring the

preservation of our night skies for stargazers and scientists alike.

**Mountain Lion Research:** A pioneering study to better understand the behavior and ecology of Zion's elusive mountain lions, promoting coexistence and conservation.

The 2024 Field Guide invites supporters to engage with projects that resonate with their passion for conservation and public lands. Each initiative outlined in the Field Guide is a step towards a sustainable future, requiring the collective effort of volunteers, donors, and community partners.

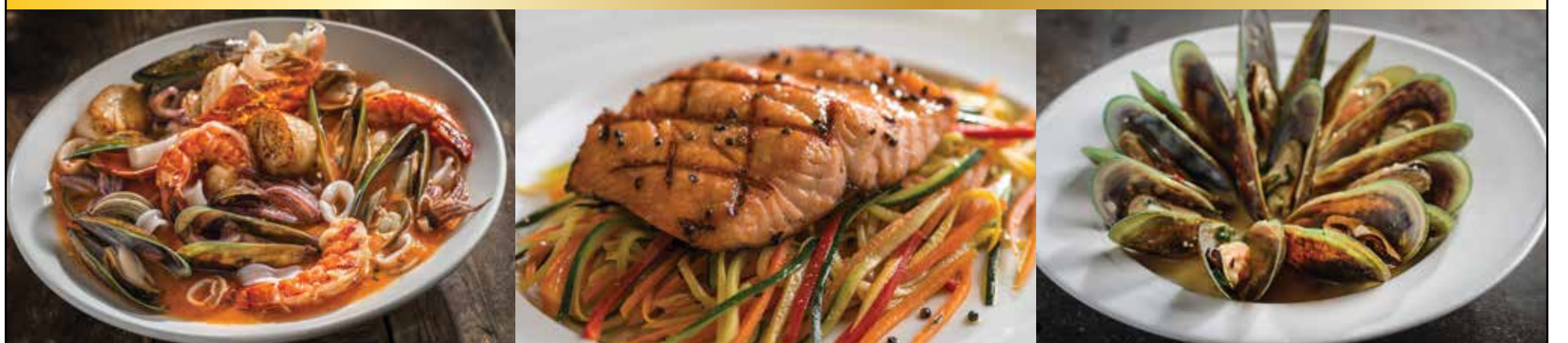
For more information about the Zion Forever Project and to view the 2024 Field Guide, please visit [zionpark.org](http://zionpark.org).

About Zion Forever Project

The Zion Forever Project is the official nonprofit partner of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, Pipe Spring National Monument, and the Dixie National Forest. Our mission is to enhance the visitor experience, inspire stewardship, and ensure the preservation of these natural wonders through education, conservation, and community engagement.



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# EVENTS

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Visit [ARTProvides.org](http://ARTProvides.org) for more information.

## ZION VINEYARDS BRINGS ELEGANCE TO WINEMAKING IN SOUTHERN UTAH

By Patrick Hayes

This June, Zion Vineyards is immersed in the vibrant activities of bottling wines, weeding, planting, and irrigating the vineyard. The new growth is promising, and we anticipate a harvest of high-quality fruit. The abundant grape clusters on the vines are a testament to the health of our vineyard.

We recently sold out of our 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2020 Syrah, a testament to their popularity. But fret not, as we're thrilled to introduce our exclusive 2021 vintages, crafted with utmost care and precision!

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon boasts a bold and complex mouthfeel with robust, firm tannins. It is full-bodied with dark fruit flavors of black currants, black cherry, tobacco, and smoke with notes of chocolate at the finish. This wine is a perfect companion to your grilling this summer, pairing well with a big, bold Ribeye Steak or a tasty New York Strip complimented with a nice reduction sauce. If you like cheese and wine, pair it with cheddar and gouda, Pecorino-style sheep's cheese. Oh, and don't forget about dark chocolate. Dark chocolate pairs well with full-bodied red wines, such as a Cabernet Sauvignon, which highlights its fruity and peppery notes.

The 21' Syrah is fuller-bodied than its predecessor, bursting with flavors of dark cherry, plums, blueberry, and blackberry. It offers savory notes of cracked pepper, leather, and violets on the nose. Enjoy this wine with anything BBQ, such as brisket, ribs, or chicken. If you can get a hold of elk,

venison duck, or lamb, the richness of this wine complements these dishes beautifully.

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### Eligibility and Applications

Two artists will be selected for the 2025 season and will each serve a month-long residency in:

- February 2025,
- June 2025 or,
- Mid-October to mid-November 2025.

All professional artists who are American citizens or U.S. permanent residents are welcome to apply. Visit the online application portal to learn more about the program requirements, submit portfolio pieces, and apply to be an Artist-in-Residence! We will announce the two 2025 Artists-in-Residence selectees in the fall of 2024.

### About the Zion Artist-in-Residence Program

Zion Artists-in-Residence live and work for one month in the majestic desert environment of Southern Utah. The program provides artists with park housing at

no cost to them.

To benefit park visitors and the local community, the Artists-in-Residence present two public programs tailored to their medium, interest, experience, and audience. Zion encourages artists to host open studio hours or interact with visitors at or near trailheads. During their time at Zion, Artists-in-Residence are part of the Volunteers-in-Parks program and wear National Park Service volunteer uniforms.

The Artist-in-Residence submits an original piece of work inspired by their visit within six months of leaving Zion. The art may be added to the park's permanent museum or interpretive collections or, in partnership with the Zion National Park Forever Project, may be used to financially support the Artist-in-Residence Program.



## SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD'S EXCITING JUNE EVENTS

RED CLIFF GALLERY will be celebrating its 10-year anniversary. Former St. George City Mayor, Jon Pike, presented awards at Red Cliff Gallery's grand opening on June 6, 2014. To celebrate the anniversary, we are pleased to announce that Councilwoman, Dannielle Larkin, will present the awards at the June 14 artist reception. The June show theme is "Land That I Love" featuring about 60 local artists. In addition, we will re-open the juried section of the Gallery - "Traveler's Hall."

Come to the reception and meet Councilwoman Larkin and the artists June 14 from 6 to 8 PM while you enjoy some refreshments. The show will run from June 14 through July 18 at Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N 200 E in St. George. Hours are Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday Noon to 4 PM.

ARROWHEAD GALLERY will showcase the artwork of Mary Manning for the month of June. Mary creates art from deep with-

in her heart. She fell in love with illuminated paintings while in the U.S.S.R. - a Black Madonna captivated the artist. Mary is exhibiting her Elemental Goddesses and Sipping Sunshine - a Hummingbird - through June at Arrowhead Gallery. Mary's work is in national and international collections. Arrowhead Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 AM to 6 PM and Friday and Saturday 11 AM to 8 PM, 68 E Tabernacle in St. George.

Southern Utah Art Guild offers many PROGRAMS for artists such as the ART BIZ seminar in November featuring renowned speaker, Jason Horejs from Xanadu Gallery in Scottsdale AZ, free art classes and workshops, free vendor events, exhibition experience in Red Cliff Gallery shows, and opportunity to be an exhibiting artist in Arrowhead Gallery.

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OPINION

# UTAH FIRST IN TECH JOB GROWTH

By Howard Sierer



Utah's accolades keep rolling in. The Wall Street Journal, working with Moody Analytics, reports that Utah's Salt Lake City tech hub was the country's hottest job market in 2023. California's

loss has been Utah's gain for the last ten-plus years, with white-collar workers streaming into the state from the Bay Area and Southern California.

Many of these workers have taken jobs in what boosters call "Silicon Slopes," the Wasatch Front stretching from Ogden to Provo and anchored by Salt Lake City. Immigration increased after the pandemic when many California workers were priced out of its housing market. Utah attracted these young workers who have been able to afford homes here.

And many of them appreciate easy access to Utah's great outdoors starts with mountains perched literally at the city's edge. Metro-area directional signs reading "Alta 8" and "Park City 25" may be old hat to those living on the Wasatch Front but they elicit double takes by disbelieving newcomers.

Adam Kamins, an economist at Moody's Analytics, says, "There's a virtuous cycle where young, highly educated workers are moving into Salt Lake City and bringing in

more money to that area."

Those young workers, coupled with the state's highest-in-the-nation birthrate, make Utah the youngest state in the union. That is no small contributor to Utah's rank as the 10th healthiest state in the country for the third year in a row, according to the annual Sharecare Community Well-Being Index report that analyzed all 50 states.

High interest rates and tech layoffs in 2023 impacted the Wasatch Front along with the rest of the country last year. However, given Utah's robust economy, it was easy for affected workers to find other employment given the area's diverse economy that kept unemployment exceptionally low. As some IT startups had to cut back, financial or manufacturing companies snapped up their displaced workers.

Utah's business-friendly laws and tax incentives have made Salt Lake City a good place to build and expand businesses in industries beyond tech. High-growth businesses in Salt Lake City include life sciences, manufacturing, and supply-chain logistics. Manufacturing and logistics companies that typically require larger tracts of land have comparatively little trouble finding space to locate.

In January, food company Mars Inc. announced a new 399,000 square-foot baking facility to make Nature's Bakery snacks. Subzero Engineering, maker of data-center equipment, announced a 155,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in December.

Those of us in Southern Utah have continued to enjoy a robust economy as well. While our growth is powered by tourism and construction, we can hope that St. George's Tech Ridge, located on the old airport site, will continue to attract tech companies to our "Silicon Slopes South." We would certainly benefit from the cleantech industry with its modest demands on our limited land and water resources.

I made the right choice choosing to locate in Utah 25 years ago. Great scenery, great climate, great people. To each his own, but for me, to coin a phrase, "This is the right place."

OPINION

# UNDERSTANDING RED CLIFFS HISTORY IS IMPORTANT

By Lisa Rutherford



Many newcomers to this area, and others, may not know that in the 1990s 62,000 acres, named Red Cliffs Desert Reserve, most of which is north of St. George, were set aside as a protected area for the threatened (called

"endangered" by some!) Mojave desert tortoise and other species. In exchange, the county was allowed to develop 300,000 acres, generally free of constraints, enabling the area to grow.

Washington County's population now tops 200,000. That doesn't count tourists and second home owners. Many who are reading this article live on land that was once tortoise habitat and part of the 300,000 acres. Tortoises were moved to Red Cliffs, the 62,000-acre reserve, to make room for people.

The bargain that was made included the agreement that no new roads would be built in Red Cliffs.

The 1990s when this agreement with federal agencies was made was a high-growth period just as we witness now. Officials at that time made the agreement in good faith in spite of population projections, many of which predicted where our population currently is.

Now local officials with the help of members of Congress are trying to undo that agreement while knowing full well, I believe, what the real history is.

They assert a highway – the contentious Northern Corridor – through Red Cliffs is a necessity and that a road was promised when Red Cliffs was established. Not only is it not a necessity, but a road clearly was not promised as has been documented by Dr. William Mader, who served as the first administrator of Red Cliffs and was in the meetings leading to its establishment.

Dr. Mader was not allowed to speak at a public hearing – really an "elected-official" hearing – on April 22. Officials did not want to hear the truth. Highway proponents assert that the 2009 Omnibus Act required the Department of Interior to identify a route through Red Cliffs, now mostly a national conservation area (NCA). In fact, the Act only required that a route within Washington County be identified. The battle over the road's route

resulted in a court case, and earlier this year the judge required the federal agencies to review the information and create a Draft Supplement Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

In early May, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued the Draft SEIS, and the 45-day public comment period on the DSEIS is underway. Public comments will be accepted until June 24, 2024 at <https://conserveswu.org/comment-to-protect-red-cliffs/> or <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2026562/570>.

Unfortunately, the DSEIS references a traffic analysis by Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMOP) that is yet to be completed and may not even be appropriate. It will be included in the Final SEIS according to the agencies. *This is a serious concern!* How can the public comment effectively on this significant issue when all the information is not available? That analysis, at the least, deserves an independent review. Washington County is paying for the analysis which poses a conflict of interest. In fact, its appropriateness is in question since little has changed since the Final EIS.

Northern Corridor supporters assert, even without the new traffic analysis, that the preferred route through Red Cliffs *would reduce traffic congestion by a mere fifteen percent.* It that justification for driving a stake through the heart of Red Cliffs and ignoring earlier agreements?

If the UDOT Northern Corridor ROW through Red Cliffs is denied and one of the two reasonable alternatives for moving traffic – Red Hills Parkway Expressway or St. George Boulevard/100 South One-Way Couplet – is selected, there with be challenges since both of these options will impact areas where people live, have businesses and recreate.

Officials just prefer to put the burden on the backs of the threatened (endangered?) tortoise since that is the easier decision for them politically, apparently. For officials to choose one of the two viable options will require them to have backbones.

Ignoring and failing to honor Red Cliffs' history will not solve our problems. As Washington County strives to become another desert metropolitan area, we will continue to face traffic challenges and congestion. Citizens and officials who want this growth vision should just accept that inevitable fact and do the honorable thing: respect Red Cliffs' history.

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- 7th Pioneer Home Tours 3-6 pm
- 8th Lions Club Breakfast 7:30 am-9:30 am-Zions Bank
- 7th-8th Rick Burningham Baseball Tournament- Baseball Complex
- 21st -22nd Barn Burner Stock Show- - Triple C Arena
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OUTDOORS

# ENEPITSI (GHOST) TRAIL IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER RESERVE

By Tom Garrison

**Location:** Santa Clara River Reserve in Santa Clara and Ivins, Utah.

**Difficulty:** Easy. It is mostly level with a few not very steep up and down sections.

**Average Hiking Time:** A little more than two hours at a leisurely pace with many photo stops.

**Elevations:** The trailhead is approximately 2,760 feet in elevation with about a 150 foot elevation gain from the highest to the lowest point.

**Family Friendly:** Yes.

**Getting There:** From St. George travel north on Bluff Street/Highway 18 to the sweeping left (west) turn onto Sunset Boulevard/Highway 8. Continue four miles from the Bluff Street/Highway 18 intersection on Sunset Boulevard/Highway 8 as it enters Santa Clara and becomes Santa Clara Drive. At four miles, turn left onto West 1700 North/Graveyard Wash Road. There is a large brown sign for Santa Clara City Public Works at the turnoff. Below the large sign is a smaller one with an arrow



that reads "Trailheads." After .1 mile, the paved road becomes a good dirt road, and .3 mile from the turnoff is the signed Tukupetsi Trailhead, which is also the trailhead for Enepitsi Trail. The trailhead is across the road from the parking area. Although a regular sedan should traverse the dirt road without trouble, I recommend a high-clearance vehicle.

Several months ago my wife, Deb, and I hiked the Black Brush Trail in the Santa Clara River Reserve. The highlight of that hike were some great views of the Santa Clara River and its riparian environment from cliffs above the river. We saw a trail alongside the river and knew we had to explore that trail. And now we have the Enepitsi Trail. (Enepitsi, pronounced e'noo petes, means "ghost" in the Southern Paiute language.) This trail is an easy out-and-back hike, mostly along the Santa Clara River, featuring high cliffs, petroglyphs, and a riparian environment near the river.

The Santa Clara River Reserve was established through a partnership between the cities of Ivins and Santa Clara and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The 6,500-acre Reserve is administered by the BLM and is located southwest of Ivins and Santa Clara. The Reserve was created to protect open space and archeological and natural resources and promote recreational opportunities. More than 20 trails in the Reserve offer a variety of experiences—prehistoric petroglyphs (rock art), hiking sandy washes, desert landscape vistas, and lush (for a desert) riparian corridor along the Santa Clara River.

Our journey began on a Thursday in mid-May. We most often hike alone and enjoy trails with few or no other people. There were a few people on Enepitsi Trail, but no crush of humanity.

We arrived at the Tukupetsi Trailhead at about 9:30 AM, with the temperature in the mid-70s. The trailhead elevation is about 2,760 feet, with an approximately 150 feet elevation from the highest to lowest point during the almost five-mile hike

(that includes the four short hikes on trails, almost two miles round trip, leading to the three-mile round trip hike on Enepitsi Trail). The sky was Utah blue making for excellent hiking weather and photos. Being mid-spring, we saw many animals—a jack rabbit hopping away from the noise of our footfalls, a bunch of birds, including a road runner, and many lizards.

The BLM recommends a convoluted way of reaching Enepitsi Trail to protect archeological sites and promoting a "good neighbor" policy since much of the adjacent land is private property.

The surrounding private property owners make this "good neighbor" policy a necessity. Just beyond the Tukupetsi Trailhead, Graveyard Wash Road forks. The left fork has a prominent sign reading, "Private Property No Trespassing." The right fork's sign reads, "No Public Access Beyond This Point, Private Road Do Not Enter." Either fork is a short easy stroll to the Enepitsi Trail, but not available to the public.

We dutifully followed the BLM directions to Enepitsi Trail. We do want to be good neighbors, and the signs on the private property made it clear where we could not go.

From the Tukuetsi Trailhead we took the Fishhook Trail heading north for .3 mile to the Upper Graveyard Trail. We then turned left (west) onto Upper Graveyard (about .1 mile on this trail, we took the left fork) and proceeded .3 mile to the Tempip'oo'op Trail. Going south, we crossed Tempip'oo'op Trail onto Een'oog Trail for about .1 mile. Finally, we turned left (east) onto the U'waiv Trail and went downhill about .2 mile to the Enepitsi Trail.

These four short trails, about .9 mile one way, are rather uninspiring. There were some good views of Red Mountain to the north and down into the canyon and Santa Clara River on the U'waiv Trail.

The U'waiv trail intersects Enepitsi Trail and we headed west (right) on a slope into the canyon. Enepitsi Trail, three miles round trip, follows an old pioneer dirt road, closed to motor vehicles.

There is a gate near the beginning of Enepitsi Trail; be sure to close it on your way through. Soon after the gate, we came to an overflowing dam, and the lush foliage along the Santa Clara River came into view.

As we entered the canyon we searched for and found some petroglyphs on the canyon walls. If you hunt around you will find several places with rock art, many of them above eye level high on the cliffs.

In the canyon, the cliffs on both sides of the river towered above us with trees and bushes spreading out from the river. About ¼ mile along we took a user trail through the bushes and quickly reached the river bank—very nice relaxing babble of a gently flowing river. We saw a few users trails, some toward the river and some toward the cliffs and petroglyphs.

Most of the trail follows along the base of cliffs varying from a few to about 50 feet from the river. We continued through the canyon to where the road/trail forks. At this point, 1.5 miles from the Enepitsi Trailhead, the canyon has widened considerably. We explored a bit and then began our return journey.

This is an easy, almost five-mile round-trip hike with a few not-too-stretched up-and-down sections, mostly in a lush riparian environment, fairly atypical for the southwest desert. Give it a try.

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## THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Mast

FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA (R)  
★★★★

*Furiosa asks if director George Miller has what it takes to make it epic and the answer is... Yes!*

There are few action movies of the last 20 years that have been quite as celebrated as "Fury Road" so it was always going to be an uphill battle for "Furiosa," the latest entry in the "Mad Max Saga." Of course, in that regard, this is nothing new for the series. Back in 1985, "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" had the daunting task of following up the much beloved "The Road Warrior" and we all saw how that turned out. While we're on that topic, I know I'm in the minority here, but I will continue to profess my undying adoration for that most underappreciated gem. Of course, we're not here to discuss the hotly debated merits of the only PG-13 rated entry in this stunning (and often brutal) saga, so we can save that thoughtful conversation for another day.

The epic that is "Furiosa" actually strays from the traditional "Mad Max" format in a couple of ways; Aside from the fact that the character of Max doesn't really play into the plot in any way here, it should also be noted that this film takes a look "back" rather than "forward." This is to say that the action that takes place in "Furiosa," predates the events of "Fury Road" by several years.

"Furiosa" weaves its sprawling tale around the origins of the title character, tracing her life from childhood (the younger version is played by and effective Alyla Browne) to adulthood (an outstanding Anya Taylor-Joy steps in to take on a role originated by a spectacular Charlize Theron.) At the center of this movie is a timeless theme of vengeance as Furiosa seeks retribution following her abduction as a young girl, and what she achieves by the end of this movie is as poetic as it is unexpected. As for Furiosa's abductor, he's a shifty sort of Wasteland-residing messiah known as Dementus (played gleefully by a bigger-than-life Chris Hemsworth), a loose cannon of an individual with hefty aspirations.

It should be noted that even though "Furiosa" is technically a "Fury Road," it's a movie that still lives and breathes as a singular vision because that's simply how its creator, the legendary George Miller, rolls. Yes, there are a few callbacks here and yes, there are moments of the familiar, but by focusing on a theme of vengeance and digging deep to tell a story that spans nearly 15 years, "Furiosa" takes on a weighty if sometimes messy life of its own. Translation; This isn't a "Fury Road" rehash.

Anya Taylor-Joy is the personification of "badass" in this movie. While it would have been great to have Theron back in the saddle (at the very least, a brief final act appearance would have been nice), there is no doubt that Joy has risen to the challenge in more ways than one.

Visit [suindependent.com](http://suindependent.com) to read the rest of Adam's review of Furiosa.

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. Enter your events for free at [suindependent.com](http://suindependent.com), click Calendar, then Add Event. Please verify events in advance due to events possibly being canceled, changed, or postponed.

Multi-Day Events

FEATURED EVENT

THE BUMBLEBERRY THEATER



The Bumbleberry Theater is excited to unveil its highly anticipated summer lineup of shows! This season, audiences can look forward to a variety of free concerts featuring an impressive roster of talented artists and bands. The only exception is the Neil Diamond Cover Band, which offers a spectacular performance for just \$15. The Bumbleberry Theater is located at 897 Zion Park Blvd., in Springdale, Utah. Visit [bumbleberry.com](http://bumbleberry.com) for tickets and detailed information about each show!

**CALL FOR ENTRIES: RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL** Enter your feature or short film with the online application at [filmfreeway.com/RedRockFilmFestival](http://filmfreeway.com/RedRockFilmFestival). All genres are welcome. The extended deadline is June 12. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

**PANGUITCH QUILT WALK FESTIVAL** Large quilt show, quilt & scrapbook classes, national quilt teacher teaching, cowboy action shot, craft & heritage fair, dinner theater, & much more. Panguitch High School, 390 E. 100 S., Panguitch.

**FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: LAWN TO LUSH—CONVERTING YOUR LANDSCAPE** June 8, and 20, 9 AM. Learn how to convert a lazy lawn into a vibrant, desert-adapted landscape. The course will discuss principles of water-efficient landscape design, including plant selection, mulching, drip irrigation and how to qualify for water conservation rebates. Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr, St. George.

**TTP PLAY DAY** June 10, and 24, 7 PM. Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

**TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA** June 12-16, 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.

**BE HEALTHY UTAH** June 13-16, 8 AM. You spoke and we listened! Join us for the first Be Healthy Utah Natural Health and Wellness Conference. Be Healthy Utah St. George is a community-driven event designed to empower, educate, and inspire individuals. Dixie Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

**JACOB HAMBLIN DAYS** June 13-15. Named after an early settler, is a special fest reigning in the western heritage of Kanab and Southern Utah, including an authentic rodeo. 865 E. Kaneplex Dr., Kanab.

**STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER** June 14, 7 PM., and June 15, Noon. The Heritage Choir presents their annual Flag Day concert paying tribute to all branches of the U.S. military and their veterans with an inspirational and patriotic song list. St. George Tabernacle, 18 S. Main St., St. George.

**MOUNTED SHOOTING** June 27-28, 5:22 PM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

**PANGUITCH VALLEY BALLOON RALLY** June 28-30. Three fun-packed days of hot air balloons, live music, and so much more. Panguitch Main Street, Panguitch.

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**BIBLE CAMP RODEO** June 23-June 26. Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch. ##

**CITY OF ST. GEORGE 2024 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION** This year, the entire Celebration will take place at Town Square meaning the whole party is in one place! St George Town Square 50 S. Main St., St. George.

**PANGUITCH CHICKEN LIGHTS & CHROME TRUCK SHOW** July 5-6. Friday night, light show on Main Street with semi trucks. Saturday, head out to the fairgrounds and see working, and antique trucks with chrome gleaming. Visit drivers and enjoy concessions, vendors, and inflatables for the kids. Awards at 4 PM. Panguitch City, Main Street, Panguitch.

**ASSASSIN'S** June 20-July 6, 7:30 PM. Our nation's most notorious assassins gather on stage to violently pursue a twisted American Dream. A Tony Award-winning theatrical tour-de-force. StageDoorUtah.com The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle, St. George.

**DISNEY'S FROZEN** May 3-Oct. 17, 8:45 PM. Disney's Frozen The Musical. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

**ANASTASIA** May 17-Oct. 18, 8:45 PM. Anastasia The New Broadway Musical. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

**RING OF FIRE - MUSICAL** June 21-Aug. 10, 7:30 PM. From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes Ring of Fire, a unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and the healing power of home and family. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

**THE GREENSHOW** June 17-Sept. 7, 6 PM. Ashton Family Greenshow Commons. Enjoy singing, dancing, & storytelling, with 30 minutes of free, family-friendly, outdoor entertainment on the green each evening. Utah Shakespeare Festival, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**THE WINTER'S TALE** June 18-Sept. 8 PM. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre King Leontes' jealousy and rage spark this Shakespearean romance. Driven by his unfounded suspicions, Leontes falsely accuses his wife Hermione of infidelity with his closest friend. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**THE TAMING OF THE SHREW** June 19-Sept. 7, 8 PM. The beautiful Bianca is besieged by suitors, but her father refuses them all until her older sister, the bold and fiercely independent Katherina, finds an appropriate match. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**GLENN GALLARDE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA** June 19-23, 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.

**LIVE BANDS AND DJ'S WEEKEND'S AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN** Weekly lineup includes Karaoke Tuesday, free pool on Wednesdays, live music, DJ's on the weekends, and so much more with bi-weekly line dancing and Trivia Nights on the last Wednesday each month. Warehouse Bar + Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

**GREGG PETERSON BAND AT CASABLANCA** June 26-30, 7 PM. Showtimes may vary. Classic Rock, Variety, and dance band. Free. 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD "LAND THAT I LOVE" ART SHOW** June 14 - July 18, 6 PM. 100 works of art from over 50 Southern Utah artists for all mediums. Artist Reception and 10th Anniversary Celebration for Red Cliff Gallery on Friday, June 14, 2024, from 6-8 PM. Admission is free. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

**ERIN HANSON: LANDSCAPES OF THE WEST** June 14-Aug. 23. Sears Art Museum in St. George is proud to host Erin Hanson's solo show Landscapes of the West. This is Erin's first return to St. George since 2016. Artist reception June 14, 7 PM. Sears Art Museum, Utah Tech University, 155 S Univ. Ave., St. George.

**KANAB ARTS BOARD SECOND QUARTER EXHIBITION** Artworks by aspiring young artists from Fredonia, Kanab, and the Orderville Mt. Carmel area, to be exhibited at the Kanab City Library with a combination of photography, paintings, and fabric art in the hospital lobby. Kane County Hospital, 355 Main St., Kanab.

**CEDAR CITY DAUGHTERS OF UTAH MUSEUM** 10 AM. 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, 581 N. Main St., Cedar City.

### Events by Day

#### MONDAYS

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

**FARMERS MARKET & LIVE MUSIC AT THE BIT & SPUR** 5 PM. The iconic Bit & Spur Restaurant and Saloon announces its vibrant live music series and farmers market events, now through the Fall. Weather-permitting. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

#### TUESDAYS

**MAKE ART TUESDAYS** 11 AM. Everyday is better when you make art! Join us every Tuesday from 11 to 12 p.m. to create unique projects that you can take home. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

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

**KARAOKE TUESDAY AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN** 8 PM. 432 N. 100 W. Cedar City.

#### WEDNESDAYS

**FREE POOL WEDNESDAY'S AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN** Warehouse Bar + Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

**GAMER CLUB** 3 PM. Teens and 'twens 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.

#### THURSDAYS

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

**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.

**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.

**LIVE MUSIC AT HOME ON THE DESERT RANGE** 7:30 PM. Join Home on the Range & Navajo Crafting Co as they welcome local duo Wes & Trekker performing for their first night of live music. Come shop, eat some homemade ice cream, sip some craft soda, and relax to the music. Home on the Desert Range, 97 W. Center St., Cedar City.

**OFF THE CUFF** 8 PM. Every Friday. Tickets are \$10. Advanced tickets available for purchase at otcomedy.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 I/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. University Blvd./Center St., Cedar City.

**ADULT DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** 2:30 PM. Join us for the adult Dungeons & Dragons club at the Springdale Library! Embark on epic quests, battle fearsome monsters, and unravel mysterious plots in this immersive tabletop role-playing game. Springdale Branch Library, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**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, June 7

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

**PIONEER HOME TOUR** 3 PM. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

**THE EIFFLES AT JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR** 6 PM. Pop & Rock. Jackson Flat Reservoir, 701 E. Kaneplex Dr. Kanab.

**SKY ALLEN MUSIC AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**UTAH SUMMER GAMES OPENING CEREMONY** 7 PM. Eccles Coliseum, 99 S. 1100 W., Cedar City.

**MARK BOGGAS AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** Enjoy a versatile medley of music genres. Free. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

#### Sat, June 8

**MUSIC IN CEDAR CITY MAIN STREET PARK** Noon. ICAMA Presents their 6th annual show featuring 7 local and regional acoustic music acts. Blues, Bluegrass, folk, swing. Set in the shady, green southeast quad of the park. Food trucks, artisan booths, and bounce houses. Bring blankets, chairs, friends, and family. Admission is free. Cedar City Main Street Park, 200 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

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**Gentle Yoga: Saturdays, 9 a.m.**  
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**LIVE MUSIC AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE STAGE**

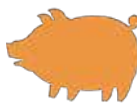
LIVE Music: River House Band - June 8, 6-8 p.m.

LIVE Music: Tom Bennett, One Man Band - June 15, 6-8 p.m.

LIVE Music: Jason Heeter acoustic trio - June 22, 6-8 p.m.

LIVE Music: Gundy and the Gurus - June 29, 6-8 p.m.

LIVE Music: TBA - June 6, 7-9 p.m.



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**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.

**ACOUSTIC ADVENTURES AT ANTHERA** 3 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**RIVER HOUSE BAND AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE** 6 PM. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**CELEBRATION BAND AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. Ten-piece "horn band" covering Rock, R&B, Blues, and more. Free. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**COMEDY CHURCH** 7 PM. Comedy Church is hosted by Greg Kyte and Adam Broud. Both used to be very religious but they are now faithless and destined to burn in hell but it makes for pretty good comedy. Each Comedy Church show features new comedians as well as religious topics. Blues Katz Grill, 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

**Mon, June 10**

**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](http://www.vvarc.net). Airport Fire Station #3, Mesquite.

**RUNAWAY FIRE AT THE BIT & SPUR MUSIC & MARKET** 6 PM. Free. 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**ST. GEORGE CONCERT IN THE PARK - HALEAMANO** 7:30 PM. Reggae. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and food. Concert series is FREE to the public. Second Monday of each month through September. For more information call 435-627-4580. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

**Tues, June 11**

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

**TOM BENNETT AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**ROCK ROULETTE AT CASABLANCA** 6 PM. Rock Roulette is a blazing, HIGH-ENERGY five piece rock band with various styles of exciting classic rock style music. The emphasis is on music that everyone loves! 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**Wed, June 12**

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** 11:30 AM. Springdale Branch Library, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: HERBS** 10 AM. Learn everything you wanted to know about herbs: selecting, growing, culinary uses and preserving. This class is held outside. We recommend bringing a chair or blanket for seating. The Garden at Tonaquint Park, 1851 S. Dixie Dr., St. George.

**CHAPTER ONE BOOK CLUB** 3:30 PM. Join us for a lively discussion on popular books from the present and past! Santa Clara Library, 1099 N. Lava Flow Dr., St. George.

**DAVE TATE AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**Thurs, June 13**

**DAVE TATE AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**KITTEN BINGO** 7 PM. Enjoy bingo night with the family and a room full of adoptable kittens at Best Friends Roadhouse in Mercantile. 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**DAVE COMPTON AT GEORGE'S CORNER** 7:30 PM. Piano and vocals. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

**Fri, June 14**

**RED ROCK FILM FEST'S AWARDS NIGHT** 6 PM. Dinner reception & ceremony plus a two-hour encore screening of the winning shorts and the best documentary. Find ticket info & pricing at [redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org](http://redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org) tickets also available at the door. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

**SKY ALLEN MUSIC AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**ACOUSTIC ADVENTURE AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. Harmonious duo performing classics and rock anthems. Free. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**ST. GEORGE MOVIE IN THE PARK - THE FLYBOYS (2008)** 8:30 PM. Classic movies for adults and children shown under the stars. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and goodies to enjoy the evening beginning at dusk. St. George Town Square, 50 S. Main, St. George.

**Sat, June 15**

**TAYLOR ADOBE AT ZION CANYON BREW PUB** 5 PM. Zion Canyon Brew Pub, 95 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale.

**TOM BENNETT ONE MAN BAND AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE** 6 PM. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**MR OK AT ANTHERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**N Ø PR Ø Ø F AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. High-energy original rock and blues. Free. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

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**Mon, June 17**

**GREG ISTOCK AT ANThERA** 6 PM. Located in Cliffrose Springdale. Free. Anthera, 281 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.  
**THE LAST LIGHT AT THE BIT & SPUR MUSIC & MARKET** 6 PM. Free. 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**Tues, June 18**

**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 hitting 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, June 20**

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

**BOOK ENDS BOOK CLUB** 4:30 PM. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

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

**Fri, June 21**

**BARN BURNER STOCK SHOW** Triple C Arena, 50 E 800 N, Panguitch.

**FAST EDDIE LIVE AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. Fast Eddie Live was founded by Kurt & Mark in 1994. They have reunited in 2022 to bring to Southern Utah their mix of classic rock treasures and original songs. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**Sat, June 22**

**FREE LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP: DESERT SUCCULENTS** 10 AM. Discuss how to plant and care for these resilient icons of the desert. Washington County Water Conservancy District, 533 E. Waterworks Dr., St. George.

**JASON HEETER ACOUSTIC TRIO AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE** 6 PM. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

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

**NEIL DIAMOND COVER BAND AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. Tribute artist captures Neil Diamond's essence with hits like "Sweet Caroline." S15. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**Mon, June 24**

**TTP PLAY DAY** 7 PM. Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

**Tues, June 25**

**SPANGLISH DANCE MIX** 6 PM. "SamPoux & Kentshinner" return with Johanna making a fun mix of everything including some Hot Latin dance music! Free Admission - Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**Wed, June 26**

**TRIVIA NIGHT AT WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN** Trivia Night that happens the last Wednesday of every month. Warehouse Bar + Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

**Thurs, June 27**

**MERIELLE REDWINE AT GEORGE'S CORNER** 7:30 PM. Folk & Americana. 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

**Fri, June 28**

**ART TALK & OPEN STUDIO WITH ROBERT FORD** 3 PM. First hour is spent chatting with the artist and seeing their work. Then at 4 PM, we pull art supplies out to play and experiment. Free admission. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**MASON COTTAM AT BUMBLEBERRY THEATER** 7 PM. Rock, country, and jazz from a seasoned performer. Free. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**AMERICAN EAGLE USA** 7:30 PM. A tribute to the Eagles at Sand Hollow Resort. An evening filled with electrifying music. 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

**ST. GEORGE MOVIE IN THE PARK - ELEMENTAL** 8:30 PM. Classic movies for adults and children shown under the stars. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, and goodies to enjoy the evening beginning at dusk. St. George Town Square, 50 S. Main, St. George.

**Sat, June 29**

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

**RED ACRE: BREAKFAST ON THE FARM** 8:30 AM. Hear the roosters crow, feed the animals, and enjoy a real farm breakfast - fresh and hot off the griddle: Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

**SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER DISCO DANCE BENEFIT** 5:30 PM. Disco dinner dance raising money for Youth Futures. Hilton Garden Inn St George, S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

**GUNDY AND THE GURUS AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE** 6 PM. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

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**Mon, July 1**

**FRONTIER HOMESTEAD'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** Come Celebrate our anniversary with us by completing a self-guided scavenger hunt highlighting exhibits throughout the park. Regular entrance fees apply. 635 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**PAWS FOR TALES - READ TO A THERAPY DOG** 4 PM. This is an opportunity for children to read to registered therapy dogs. Studies have shown the many benefits of children reading to dogs. St. George Library, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

**Tues, July 2**

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

**Wed, July 3**

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

**Thurs, July 4**

**UNCLE SAM 4K** 6:30 AM. Start your 4th of July Celebration with the Uncle Sam 4k! This fun 4k will take runners through the streets of Historic Downtown St. George, starting and ending in the Town Square Parking Lot. Washington County School District Parking Lot, 121 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

**ST. GEORGE 4TH OF JULY PARADE** 7:45 AM. Although it's early, you and your family want to attend this great event! Parade will go down Tabernacle Street starting at 200 W. and head toward and around Vernon Worthen Park. United We Pledge will bring the Liberty Bus, a mobile educational exhibit and Miss Liberty, the giant flag flown in Snow Canyon, to the St. George 4th of July Parade. Tabernacle Street starting at 200 W. St. George.

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7:30-9:30 AM Lions Club Breakfast in The Zions Bank parking lot, 10 AM Children's Parade, 11 AM Children's foot race at the city park, Fireworks at dusk at the Triple C Arena, 50 E. 800 N., Panguitch.

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**Fri, July 5**

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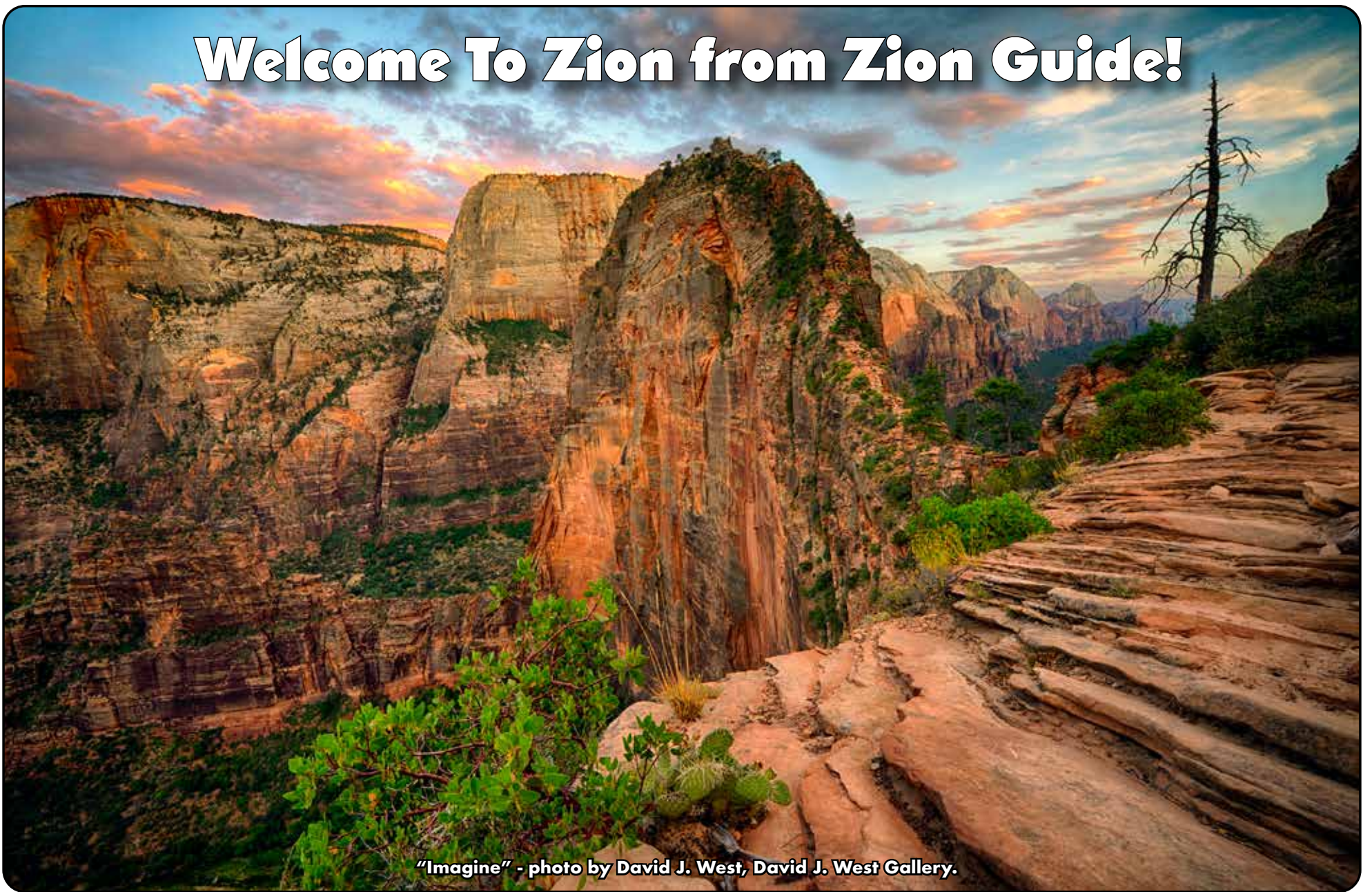
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## Safety Tips For Zion

### 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.

### Please leave it how you found it

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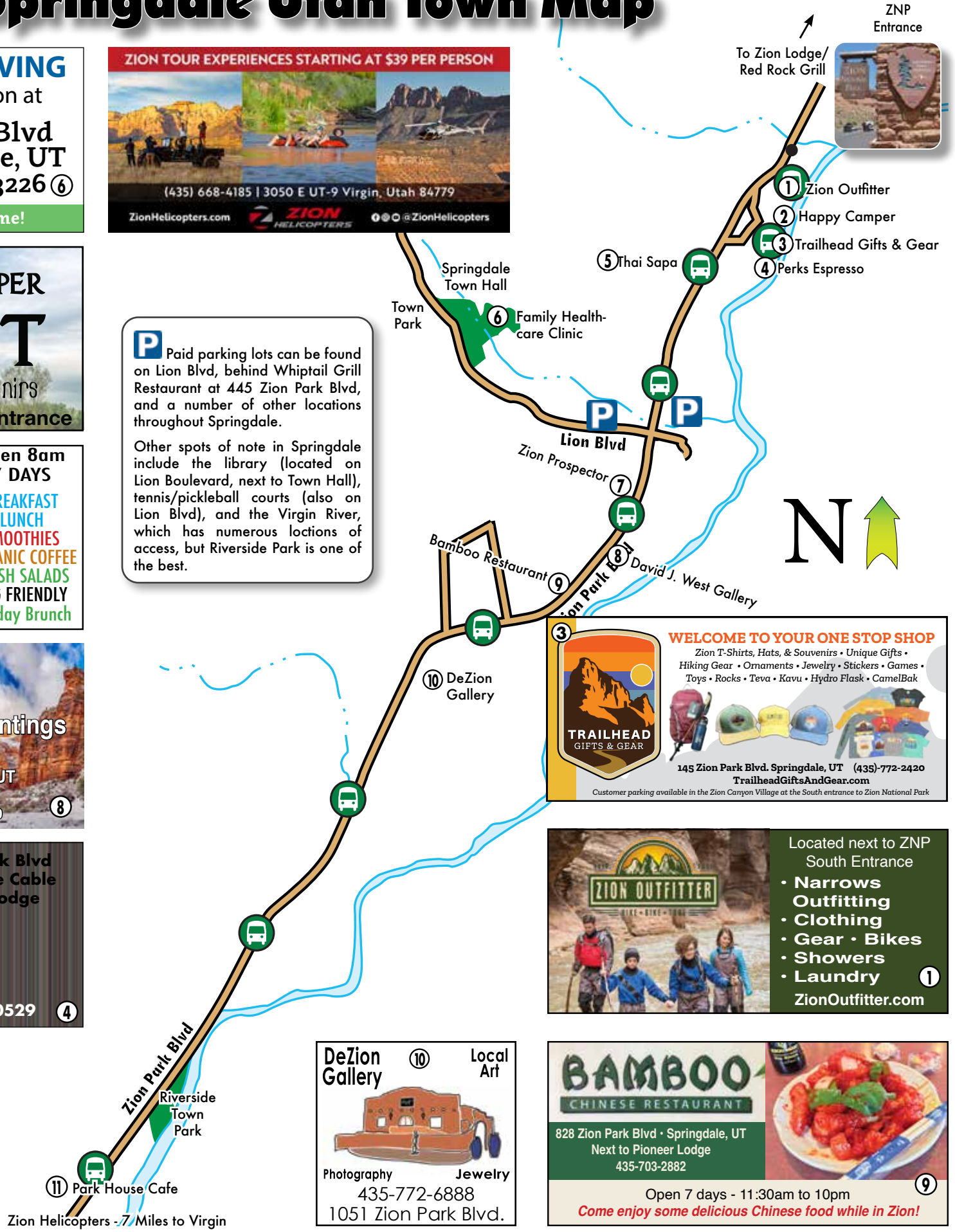
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Other spots of note in Springdale include the library (located on Lion Boulevard, next to Town Hall), tennis/pickleball courts (also on Lion Blvd), and the Virgin River, which has numerous locations of access, but Riverside Park is one of the best.



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# Zion National Park Shuttle Info

## ZION 2024 SPRING 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:

Spring Personal Vehicle Access in Zion Canyon

From March through late November, access to the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is by shuttle bus only. Private vehicles are allowed to access the Scenic Drive only when the Shuttle System is not in operation.

Shuttle Service Has Resumed Zion Canyon Line

• First bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava Now through May 18, 7 AM

• Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava Now through May 18, 5 PM

• Last bus departs the Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center Now through May 18, 7:15 PM Springdale Line

• First bus into town from Springdale Stop #9

Now through May 18, 8 AM

• Last bus into town from Springdale Stop #1 (Zion Canyon Village)

Now through May 18, 7 PM

Spring Camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round, and you can make a reservation up to six months before your visit at [www.recreation.gov](http://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 both closed until snow melts. Anticipated in late May 2024.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk hours

Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

• Information Desk open 8 AM and close at 5 PM every day.

Wilderness Permit Desks

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

• Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Closed until late 2024

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

Peregrine Falcon Nesting Season

Climbing routes on cliffs used by nesting raptors are temporarily closed beginning March 1, 2024. These birds are especially sensitive to disturbance while they nest. If disturbed, a nesting pair may abandon their nest site and not return until the following year. The closure date is based on National Park Service monitoring of nesting sites since 2001. Climbers should check the park's Seasonal Climbing Closures webpage for details.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger Led Patio 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.

Follow Leave No Trace practices everywhere in the park and beyond; be sure to pack out all your trash.



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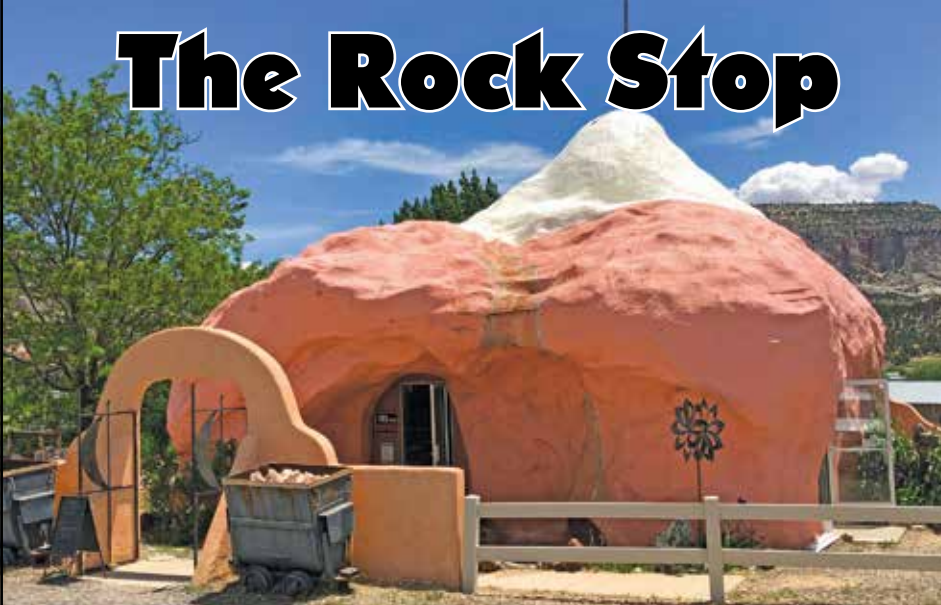
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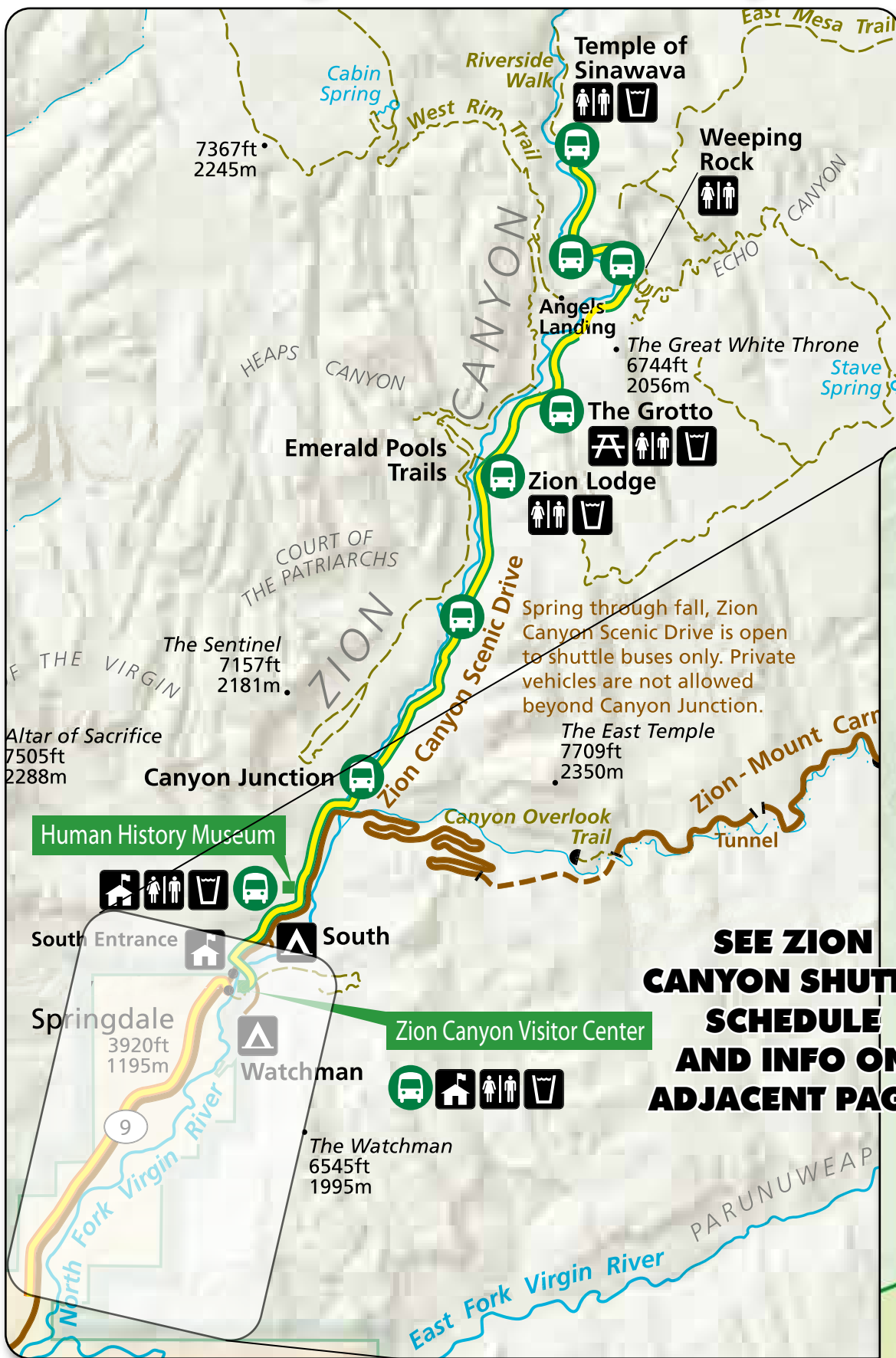
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## Current Trail Closures

Closed trail bridge at Zion Lodge (Shuttle Stop #5) - To access Emerald Pools, start your hike at the Court of the Patriarchs (Shuttle Stop #4) or the Grotto (Shuttle Stop #6). Weeping Rock Shuttle Bus Stop, Due to rockfall, the area near Weeping Rock is temporarily closed. Park scientists and maintenance staff are monitoring the area. Visit [nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/conditions.htm](https://nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/conditions.htm) for current condition updates.

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



Chinle Trail

junction with the Northgate Peaks Trail is reached. Head south on this trail for another 1.1 miles until the end of the official trail is reached at a rocky basalt bluff with epic views of the Northgate Peaks to the east and west and of North Guardian Angel to the south.

For families with young children, this makes an excellent turnaround spot.

## Gifford Canyon

By Bo Beck

Gifford Canyon offers a nice stroll through a sandy wash and is very charming when water is running. This hike is nearly 3 miles long and will take about 2 hours to finish.

To start this hike, park in the lot located immediately east of the Zion/Mt. Carmel Tunnel. The trail begins at the backside of the restrooms at the back of the parking lot. There will be a steep, sandy path to climb down before you enter Pine Creek slot. Follow the path upstream for almost 75 feet, and look for a 15-foot wall of slickrock. You can scramble up the rock or look for the beaten path on the backside of the rock.

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

The path will lead past stone bridge and to another minor slickrock climb. At 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.


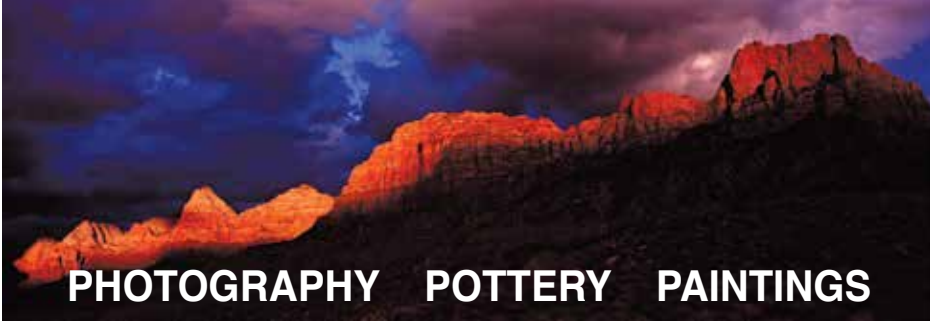
The downhill finish is spectacular, keeping an almost constant view of some of Zion's greatest landmarks, including Angels Landing, Organ, Great White Throne, and in the distance is Cathedral Mountain.

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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.

## The Narrows via Riverside Walk

A full-day hike at 8 hours, the Narrows can pose extra dangers depending on the weather. High water levels can prevent access to the Narrows, so be sure to check with the visitor center before beginning this 9 1/2-mile hike. You'll start this hike at Temple of Sinawava.

## Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

Getting to Kolob Arch via the La Verkin Creek Trail follows Timber and La Verkin creeks and connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's



"Autumn Breeze" - photo by David J West.

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.

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

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

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

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



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

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**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.

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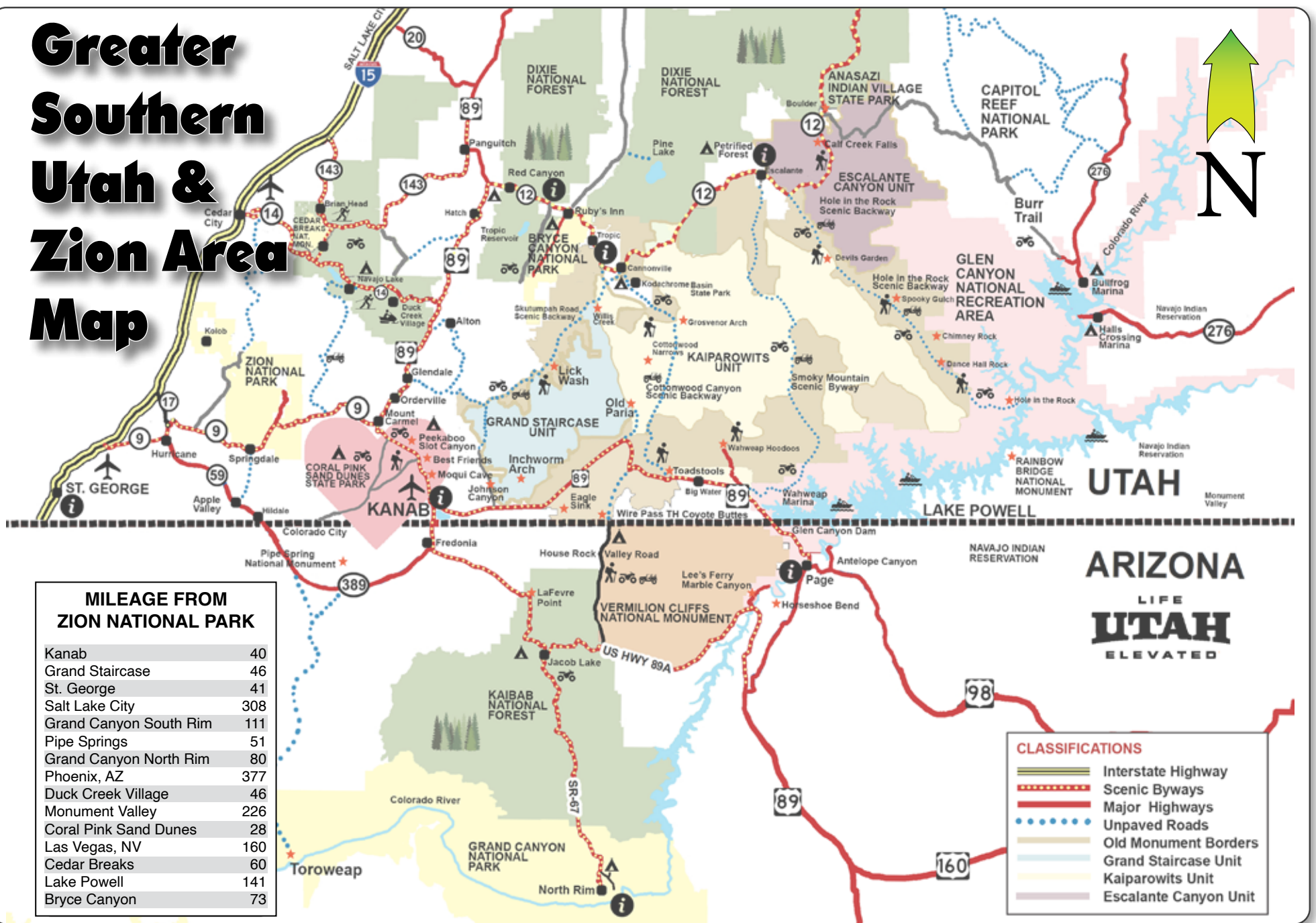




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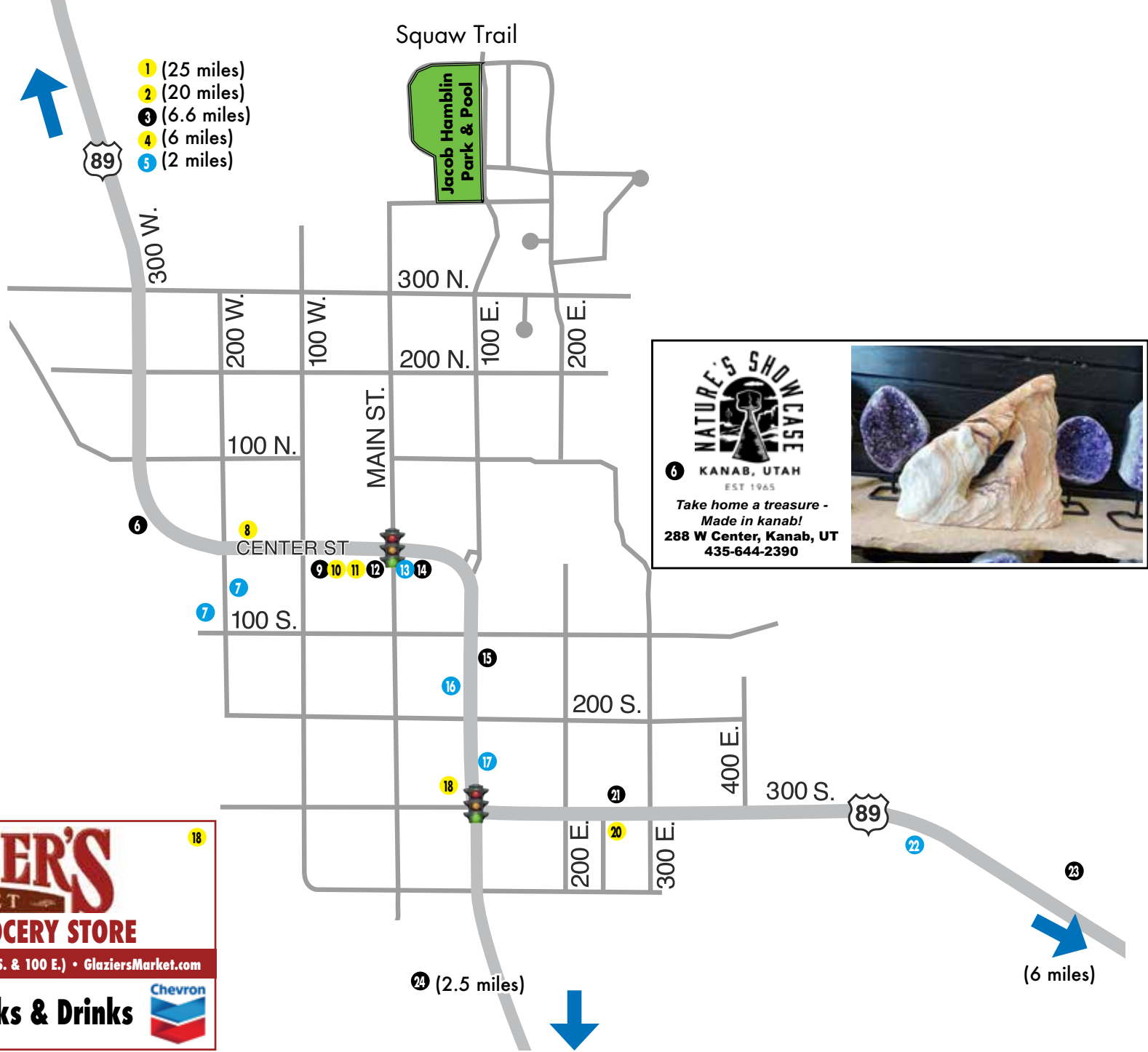
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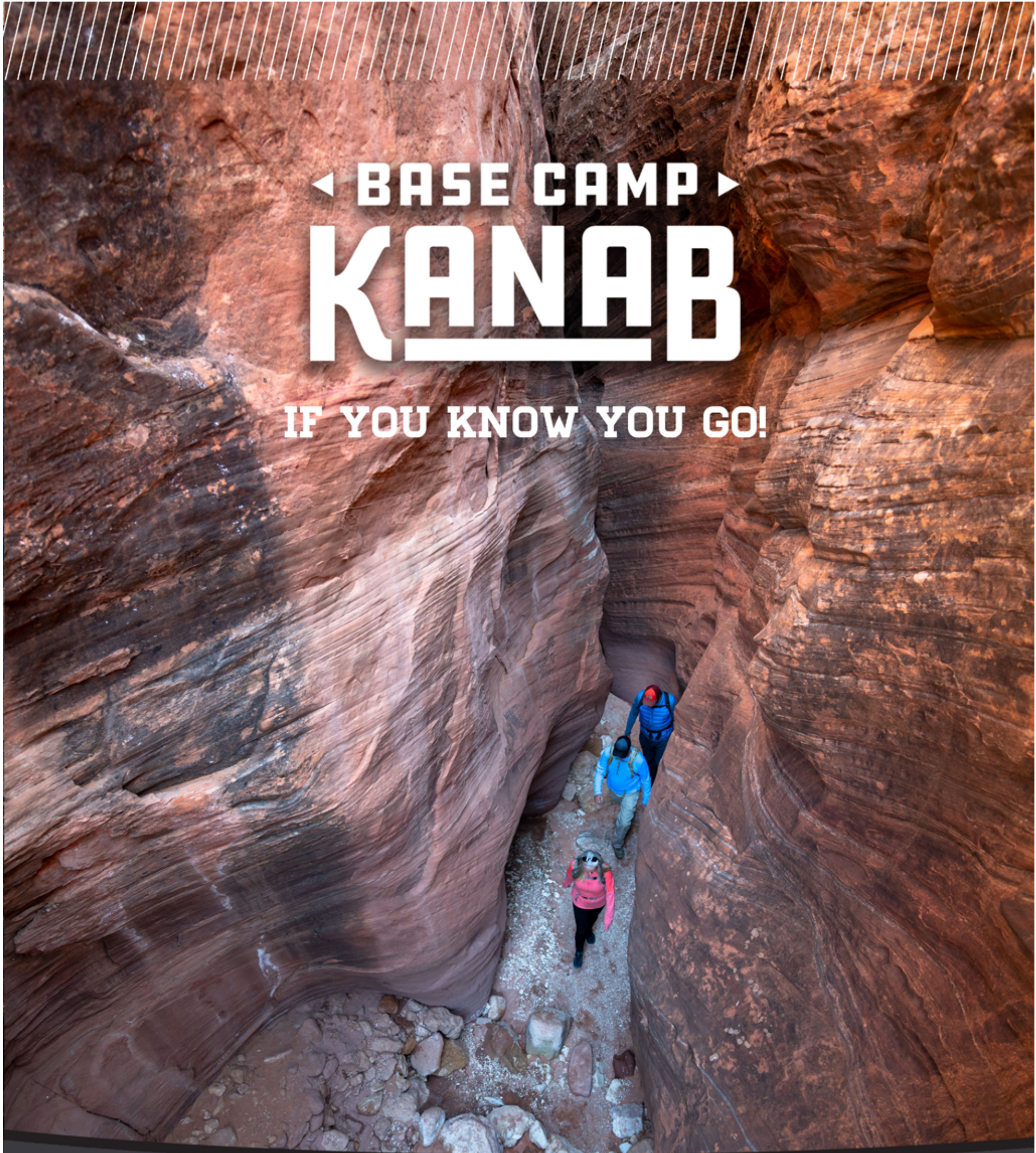
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