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# ADVENTURE AWAITS AT BEST FRIENDS

Kanab, UT

Whether you're passing through Kanab or planning an extended stay, Best Friends Animal Society offers plenty of ways to connect with animals and nature this summer.

Nestled in the red-rock majesty of Angel Canyon, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is the largest no-kill animal sanctuary in the United States. On any given day, the sanctuary is home to about 1,600 animals—including dogs, cats, pigs, goats, horses, bunnies, birds, and even wildlife.

Visitors can witness the Sanctuary's lifesaving work firsthand through free daily tours, or dive deeper by volunteering. Help socialize puppies and bunnies, feed pigs, groom horses, walk dogs, or take cats on stroller rides—there's something for everyone.

If adoption is on your mind, meet adoptable pets daily at the Welcome Center, Sinjin's in Cat World, or the Adoption Hub on Rhonda Road.

Guests can also enjoy a \$5 vegan buffet lunch at the Village Café, which comes with a million-dollar view. The buffet—available from 11:30 AM to 1 PM—features a salad bar, rotating hot entrées, sides, desserts, and coffee or tea.

It's no surprise Best Friends Animal Sanctuary was named Best Attraction (for the second year running) and Best Vegan/Vegetarian Restaurant in the 2025 Best



of State Utah awards. The Sanctuary also claimed top honors at the 2025 Best of Southern Utah, winning Best Nonprofit and Best Place to Volunteer for the second consecutive year.



Overnight guests can stay on-site in pet-friendly cabins, cottages, or RV sites with views of horse pastures and breathtaking starry skies. New restrooms with sparkling showers make camping even more comfortable, and the scenic flat

paths are perfect for walking or biking. Hikers can explore several trails around the property, including one that leads to a cool hidden lake—often 20 degrees lower than the surrounding desert.

For a downtown option, the Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile—winner of the 2025 Best Boutique Lodging award—offers an extended Sanctuary experience. Known as the most pet-centric hotel in the country, the Roadhouse allows guests to host overnight “sleepovers” with adoptable dogs, cats, or bunnies. Up to



four personal pets are welcome per room at no extra charge.

Guests at the Roadhouse enjoy a vegan continental breakfast and coffee each morning, plus two complimentary lunch passes to the Village Café. On Saturdays, enjoy yoga and live music on the outdoor stage. After dark, guests can stargaze under Kanab's famously clear skies or gather around the bonfire for vegan s'mores, available in kits from the Mercantile.

The Mercantile itself is a lively gathering spot—great for meetings, games, or browsing for one-of-a-kind gifts for animal lovers. It recently won Silver for Best Place to Buy a Unique Gift in the Best of Southern Utah awards.

Whether you're visiting for a few hours or settling in for a few weeks, you won't want to miss the magic of Best Friends.



To learn more about Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, call 435-688-2327 or visit [bestfriends.org](http://bestfriends.org). For Roadhouse & Mercantile lodging, call 435-644-3400 or go to [bestfriendsroadhouse.org](http://bestfriendsroadhouse.org).



## A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME

By Elizabeth Gunter, Editor of The Independent

If you've ever planned your weekend around a food truck rally, driven 40 minutes for a perfect croissant, or followed a hunch into a hole-in-the-wall that turned out to be magic—you're our kind of reader.



That's why we're excited to announce something fresh on the

menu here at The Independent: a new monthly foodie feature.

Southern Utah's culinary scene has quietly exploded in recent years. What used to be a few good options has grown into a diverse and delicious lineup of bakers, brewers, chefs, foragers, and fearless flavor-makers who are putting our region on the map—one plate at a time.

Each month, we'll highlight a different taste of the local scene. Sometimes it'll be a small-town bakery or a new pop-up; other times we'll go behind the scenes with a chef,

uncover the story behind a signature dish, or take a bite out of a local food tradition.



Expect variety, curiosity, and a healthy appetite for what's next.

Food is culture. It's creativity. It's connection. And we think it deserves a permanent place at our table.

So whether you're a local who knows every backstreet taco stand by heart, or just visiting and wondering where to brunch—this one's for you.

Here's to great stories, great people, and great food.

See you next month—with something tasty.

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# AMERICAN CROSSROADS THEATRE RETURNS WITH CHITTY, TOMMY, AND LITTLE WOMEN

July 2–August 2, 2025 – Cedar City, UT



The stage lights are warming up and the voices are getting stronger as American Crossroads Theatre's 2025 summer season races toward opening night. Returning to the Heritage Center Theater July 2 through August 2, this beloved Cedar City repertory company is rolling out a dynamic trio of musicals: Little Women the Musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and The Who's Tommy.

Now deep in rehearsals, the excitement is palpable. "It's really coming together beautifully," says Festival Founder Richard Bugg. "As we get closer to opening, the level of commitment and talent this cast brings to the stage is inspiring. We've got three very different shows, and each is hitting its stride in a powerful way."

Little Women the Musical kicks things off on July 2, bringing Louisa May Alcott's timeless story to life with music by Jason Howland and a heartfelt performance from Kristina Harding as Marmee. This tale of sisterhood and resilience is as relevant now as ever, packed with warmth, courage, and soaring melodies.

Then on July 3, Chitty Chitty Bang

Bang takes off—literally. With a fantastical flying car, infectious Sherman Brothers songs, and whimsical fun for all ages, this one's a crowd-pleaser the whole family will love. Bugg himself takes on the hilarious role of the Baron, promising laughs aplenty.

July 5 brings the thunder with The Who's Tommy, the groundbreaking rock opera featuring hits like "Pinball Wizard" and "See Me, Feel Me." Tyson Chanticleer commands the stage as the adult Tommy, taking audiences on a journey of fame, trauma, and transformation. It's loud, it's wild, and it's pure rock theater.

The productions feature a skilled ensemble cast pulled from around the country—including talent from Chicago and beyond—performing in repertory so you can see all three shows over a weekend or across multiple visits.

The venue, the Heritage Center Theater in downtown Cedar City, is an exceptional place to experience live performance—comfortable, acoustically rich, and beautifully managed.

Tickets are going fast, and ACT fans can still get 15% off through July 15 by using promo code Independent15. To learn more or reserve your seats, visit [american-crossroadstheatre.org](http://american-crossroadstheatre.org) or call 435-267-0194.



# BEAT THE HEAT WITH LAUGHS AND POPSICLES AT SO U COMEDY

July 5 & 19, 2025 — St. George, UT

Going crazy from the heat? Sunburned from another backyard BBQ and pool party? Wishing your kids were back in school already? When the doldrums of the scorching Southern Utah summer hit hard, So U Comedy is here to save the day! Beat the heat with some belly laughs at an evening of improv in downtown St. George.

Every other weekend this summer, you have a blissful air-conditioned entertainment escape provided by So U's cast of improvisors. Their shows are catered to YOU—the audience—for a one-of-a-kind experience fit for all ages. Each show is different, featuring a few short-form improv games where characters, plot lines, and scenes are made up on the spot.

If you've never seen a show, take it from Anitra, a former favorite audience member and now a current FAVORITE player at So U. "Everyone is always looking for something new to do in the summer when it's ridiculously hot outside. Going to an improv show is a perfect way to mix it up."

Take it from a professional—Anitra is a literal supermom who keeps her family entertained and alive through the stifling heat of summer. "I started coming to practices with the So U Comedy Theater back in 2018. As a stay-at-home mom whose world revolved around my kids, I needed something that was just for me. It is one of the best decisions I've ever made. I gained so much confidence and have made some of



the very best friends. And getting in front of an audience and bringing them joy is one of the best experiences."

Community education is an integral part of So U's mission. Free community practices are held every Monday at the St. George Rec Center. All ages and skill levels are welcome to learn the basics of improv in a supportive and positive environment. So U is also planning another round of classes this fall to bring more joy to the community through the power of improv.

If you haven't joined their audience yet, now is the perfect time. One word: POPSICLES. Let them refresh you with laughs and cool treats on July 5 and 19 at the Electric Theater Center (upper room 2). See the family-friendly show at 7 PM, or stick around for the uncensored 9 PM show—where anything goes, so please leave the little ones at home.

Improv has something for everyone, from dad jokes to deep cuts. Grab your crew and see So U Comedy. Tickets can be purchased online at [soucomedy.com](http://soucomedy.com) or at the door. Discounts available.



# SGT. SPLENDOR HEADLINES BIT & SPUR'S ELECTRIC SUMMER LINEUP

July 19, 2025 — Springdale, UT

One of the most electrifying nights of the summer is headed to Springdale as Sgt. Splendor takes the indoor stage at The Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon on Friday, July 19 at 10 PM. This 21-and-over ticketed show (\$20 at the door) features a powerhouse lineup led by Kate Vargas and Eric McFadden, two nationally recognized artists in their own right. Together, they fuse blues, desert rock, alt-funk, and gritty storytelling into something transcendent.

More Music All Summer Long

The Sgt. Splendor show may be the crown jewel of July, but The Bit & Spur's Monday night music and market series continues weekly through fall. All shows run 6 to 9 PM on the west lawn and are free and all ages, with the Farmers Market happening simultaneously.

Upcoming acts include YESOUI (July 7), Runaway Fire (July 14), The Last Light (July 21), Shangalu (July 28), Scotty Dub (August 4), Sunsmith (August 11), and



McFadden's resume includes playing guitar for George Clinton & P-Funk, Anders Osborne, and Eric Burdon & The Animals. Vargas has been praised by NPR, Rolling Stone, and American Songwriter for her smoky vocals and raw songwriting. Sgt. Splendor's sound has been called "mysterious and memorable" by Add to Want-list and "an album for music aficionados" by Goldmine Magazine. To top it off, they'll be joined by Norwood Fisher and John Steward of Fishbone—making this a supergroup-style night not to miss.

The Relics (August 18). More dates through October feature a mix of reggae, rock, pop, jam bands, and blues—all served up with cold drinks and fresh food from The Bit's kitchen.

Whether you're vibing to reggae, jamming to blues, or basking in psychedelic soundscapes, The Bit & Spur is the place to be every Monday—and especially Friday, July 19 for Sgt. Splendor's can't-miss concert.

For details, visit [bitandspur.com](http://bitandspur.com), or call 435-772-3498

# BIGGER. BOLDER. BETTER. THE INDEPENDENT HITS NEW HEIGHTS IN 2025

By Josh Warburton, Publisher

By Josh Warburton, Publisher  
If you're holding this issue in your hands (or scrolling through it online), you're looking at something special. To the best of my knowledge, this July 2025 edition is the largest we've ever produced. It includes the most articles, the most features, and the most pages we've ever packed into a single issue. And I couldn't be more proud of what our team has accomplished this year.

We've been busy behind the scenes making major upgrades—everything from our print quality (now done by one of the best offset presses in the West) to our content production (up by 50% since January) to our distribution (with dozens of new racks and locations from Mesquite to Cedar City, Ivins to Kanab, and all points in between).

This month's paper is a shining example of what that effort looks like. It features the largest Zion Guide section we've ever published—21 pages full of valuable info for locals and visitors alike. That includes a brand-new "Beyond Hiking" recreation and adventure guide, a new Drives and Day Trips section, our biggest-ever hiking section with a full-page Zion map and detailed shuttle info, featured hike, a local's guide to hiking preparedness, and our popular and less-traveled hikes. This expanded Zion

Guide section also includes more photos than ever before, an updated Zion Area Events guide, and a new version of the Kid's Coloring Page, now featuring both animals and native plants.

We're also excited to debut two new editorial features this month led by our new Editor, Elizabeth (EL) Gunter. First up is "The Dish," our new foodie feature highlighting must-try eats around Southern Utah. And second, a spotlight on new murals and public art in St. George, showcasing the growing creative spirit of our region.

In addition, we've launched radio commercials again for the first time in years, expanded our social media reach (now including Threads), and introduced special new content like our Festival Guide and Independence Day Guide (featured in June edition and online). And we're just getting started.

Whether you're a long-time reader, a first-time visitor, or someone who stumbled across this paper in a coffee shop or market—thank you for picking up The Independent. We're working hard to make it better every month, and we're glad you're along for the ride. Happy reading!



# "THE DESERT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU": A NEW INTERACTIVE LANDMARK AT THE AIDEN HOTEL

By Elizabeth Gunter

St. George, UT

When dawn's amber light hit The Aiden Hotel's east wall, local artist Ashley Graph saw more than a blank surface—she saw a canvas of collective memory. Over three weeks, Graph and seven students converted that stucco canvas into "The Desert Looks Good on You," a mural honoring St. George's history and spirit.

### Inspiration and Story

Graph began with an archival photograph of the original Aiden Motel—once known as the "first cool stay in St. George." "I wanted to preserve a memory," she said, recalling her grandparents' card games with the motel's original owners. Rooted in her own pioneer heritage, Graph reconstructed the neon sign, façade details, and classic automobiles beneath desert skies. A single monarch butterfly floats near the sign's edge, symbolizing transformation and continuity in a town continually reinventing itself.

### Style and Symbolism

Embracing a folk-Bohemian flair, Graph layered warm sunbursts, hand-drawn patterns, and a palette of ochre, turquoise, and coral. She resisted slick perfection, leaving visible brushstrokes and subtle overlaps to highlight the human touch. A textured cactus, rendered with deliberate grooves and strokes, anchors the scene—its spines and ridges mirroring both desert resilience and St. George's growth from frontier settlement to arts hub.



### The Making of a Mural

Triple-digit heat dictated early starts and a careful process. "Everything was wet—your paint, the wall, your hands," Graph recalled, describing the ritual of misting spray bottles to keep pigments workable. Eleven-hour days alternated between ground-level prep—mixing custom hues, spreading drop cloths—and lift work for larger strokes. Occasional joystick glitches and hydraulic hiccups tested their resolve, but quick mechanical fixes and teamwork kept the project moving. Each evening, Graph reviewed progress with students, refining color transitions and detailing the butterfly and cactus sculpture before the next sunrise.

### Workshop & Community Collaboration

Rather than working solo, Graph structured a three-week intensive workshop for seven

local art students. Mornings began with scaling sketches: students used a projection technique to transfer the archival photo to the wall. They then mixed paints to match Graph's palette, practiced file-brush work for typographic elements, and rehearsed application techniques on panels.

Teams rotated roles: one group blocked in base colors, another traced outlines, and a third added fine details like the butterfly's wing pattern and the cactus texture. Weekly critiques fostered peer feedback and ensured a cohesive look.

Safety and professionalism were integral: students mastered lift-operation protocols—pre-flight checks, harness usage, emergency procedures—and handled site logistics, from organizing paint supplies to securing the work zone. By the end, each participant had contributed to every phase, gaining hands-on experience in large-scale public art production.

Neighbors and hotel patrons became informal collaborators, too. Residents offered cold water and historical anecdotes; visitors paused to recall the 1960s lounge that once stood on the site. These interactions underscored the mural's role as a living community archive.

### Interactive Finale

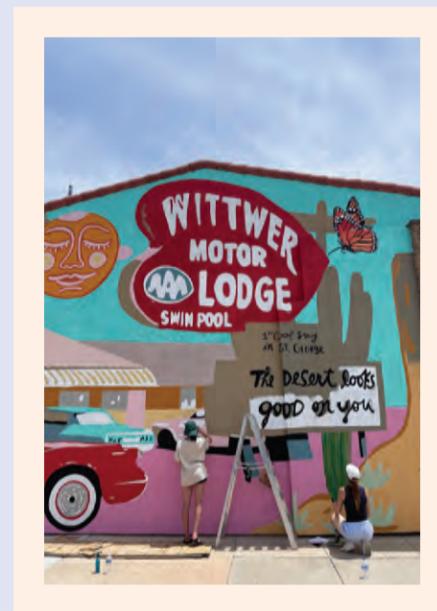
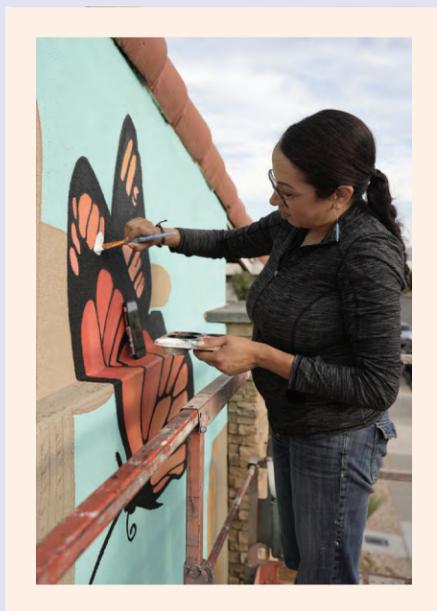
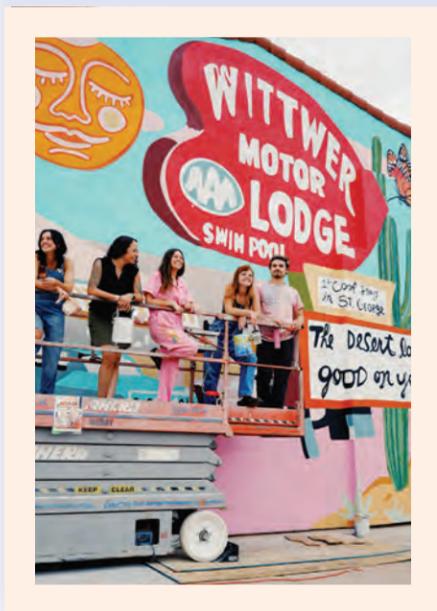
Graph designed "The Desert Looks Good on You" with interactivity in mind. In September, crews will weld a real convertible car-door bench beneath the painted vehicles. Visitors will be invited to sit behind the wheel of this bold red door—blurring the line between mural and reality, art and experience—and capture their own piece of St. George's story.

### Why Public Art Matters

For Graph, murals are communal gifts—visual anchors that preserve local lore and carry it forward. She believes that encountering such imagery in daily routines "seeps into your subconscious," uplifting spirits long after viewers leave the scene. By involving students and neighbors, she turned this mural into a shared landmark—one that belongs as much to St. George's residents as to its creator.

When the interactive bench arrives in September, "The Desert Looks Good on You" will stand as a living testament to St. George's pioneer past and collaborative future—one painted cactus spine at a time.

If you have a wall in mind for a mural or want to be in her next cohort find Ashley Graph on Instagram @bohemiandesertdwellers.



**FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS**



### Kitten Bingo: - July 10, 7-8 p.m.

Enjoy bingo night with the family and roomful of adoptable kittens at Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile



### Gentle Yoga: Saturdays, 9 a.m.

Join us for a 45-minute gentle yoga class for all levels and ages at Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile



### LIVE MUSIC AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE STAGE

LIVE Music: Aaron Rashaw - July 5, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: River House Band - July 12, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Mesozoic - July 19, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Olivia Goodfellow - July 26, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: blue marble - August 2, 7-9 p.m.



### Memorial Rock Painting Class - July 29, 4-5 p.m.

At Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile



### Kanab Arts Board Summer Arts Series at The Mercantile

July 8, 6 p.m. Intro to Photography using your phone w/Stacey Cox

July 21, 6 p.m. Ukulele workshop with Robert Lacey

August 5, 7 p.m. Watercolor painting with Loretta Clayson

To sign up email KanabArts@gmail.com



### Angel Village Café: \$5 vegan lunch with a million-dollar view

Every day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The buffet menu changes daily, see the menu here: [bestfriends.org/angel-village-cafe-menu](https://bestfriends.org/angel-village-cafe-menu)

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# STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE

July 16–19, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

Cedar City prepares to transform into a medieval wonderland as the Utah Midsummer Renaissance Faire returns for four magical days this July. From July 16 through 19, 2025, the picturesque southern Utah city will host an enchanting celebration that promises to transport visitors back to the days of knights, nobles, and merry festivities.

This annual summer spectacle offers families and history enthusiasts alike the chance to experience the romance and adventure of medieval times, complete with authentic entertainment, traditional crafts, and a marketplace filled with unique treasures.



The entertainment lineup features The Mad Harpist, skilled belly dancers, and master magicians. The pirate ship attraction offers swashbuckling adventures, while “Mermaid’s & Mayhem” blends fantasy with theatrical flair. Louie & Friends will charm crowds with exotic birds. Sage the Fairy and Olita Aerialist will enchant children with whimsical performances, and roving musicians will serenade guests throughout the grounds.

Traditional guilds will demonstrate crafts like blacksmithing and candle making, offering hands-on history. These arti-

sans, dressed in period attire, are eager to share their knowledge and bring the past to life.

A marketplace filled with handcrafted goods, jewelry, costumes, and replicas will be open daily. Visitors can also enjoy a wide variety of food offerings that promise to satisfy both adventurous and classic cravings, ensuring no guest goes hungry during their visit.

Family-friendly fun continues with pony and unicorn rides, plus modern bounce houses and inflatable games provided by Funtime Inflatables—creating magic for

guests of all ages.

Whether you visit for a single day or the full four-day run, the faire offers something new each time. Cedar City’s scenic location adds to the magic, with community hospitality and red rock views rounding out the experience.

Location: Main Street Park, 200 North Main Street, Cedar City, UT Admission: Free and open to the public. More info: umrf.net, or call 435-233-5862 or 435-531-9368

*Correction: We apologize that our June 2025 print edition included incorrect information. This event is free to the public, and the correct location is Main Street Park. This version also clarifies the food offerings available. Thank you for your understanding.*



## THE DISH: A NEW MONTHLY FOOD FEATURE BLACK DESERT SETS A NEW BAR FOR DINING IN IVINS

By Elizabeth Gunter

Ivins, UT

Tucked into the black lava beds and red rock cliffs of Ivins, something bold is simmering at Black Desert Resort—and it might just be Southern Utah’s most ambitious culinary venture yet.

At the intersection of luxury, geology, and gastronomy, Black Desert is carving out a name for itself as more than a golf destination. It’s a dining one. And the best part? It’s open to the public. You don’t have to be an overnight guest to experience the flavors being crafted here—you just need an appetite.

### A Culinary Crossroads

Black Desert’s location—where the Mojave Desert, Colorado Plateau, and Great Basin meet—lends itself to a

rich diversity of ingredients and perspectives. That blend is reflected across the resort’s menus, where beef tallow fries meet overnight-shipped fish from Honolulu, and where scratch-made pastries balance comfort with elegance.

The property’s seven dining venues showcase the full spectrum: from casual to refined, beachy to moody. Locals and visitors alike can sip bubbly at Flo Bar & Lounge, grab a burger at 20th Hole, or settle in at Basalt, the resort’s signature steakhouse and a setting so polished it would make an unforgettable rehearsal dinner venue. And with sweeping views, open-air seating, and a coastal breeze in the air at Latitude, even landlocked Utah starts to feel a little beachy.

Behind the scenes, a powerhouse team leads the charge: Executive Chef Matthew Krueger, Food & Beverage Director Ryker Brown, and Executive Pastry Chef Michelle Taylor, whose in-house desserts—from flaky croissants to decadent bread pudding—are already guest favorites.

### Artistry Beyond the Plate

Design at Black Desert is more than aesthetic—it’s intentional. Every space within the resort is shaped by its surrounding landscape, incorporating textures, tones, and materials drawn from the earth it sits on. Think curved forms inspired by windblown stone, featherlike light fixtures, and walls that echo the molten flow of ancient lava. Custom details are everywhere, from hand-finished surfaces to the interplay of shadow and light. It’s a place where architecture, interior design, and nature collaborate—and the result is quietly spectacular.



### Is Southern Utah Ready for a Michelin Star?

That’s the whisper making the rounds, and while no stars have landed just yet, Black Desert’s vision feels aligned with that level of ambition. It’s not just the food—it’s the experience, the precision, the care. And it’s a rare thing in this part of the state.

Southern Utah’s culinary scene has been growing quietly for years. Black Desert Resort has turned up the volume—and invited everyone to the table.

Black Desert Resort is located at 1500 E Black Desert Drive, Ivins, UT. Dining venues are open to the public; hours vary by restaurant. Reservations are recommended for Basalt and Latitude. To explore menus or plan your visit, go to [www.blackdesertresort.com](http://www.blackdesertresort.com) or call 435-222-0200.



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# REFINING THE GRAPE: WINE MAKING AT ZION VINEYARDS

Leeds, UT

At Zion Vineyards in July, it is HOT, HOT, HOT! The grapes are ripening beautifully, and we're looking at some high-quality fruit. Our irrigation system is a drip system allotting a gallon and a half of water per plant per day, with little evaporation. Grapes are like humans—struggle breeds



character—so we don't want to overwater. In July, we give the grapes plenty of water, then dial it back as harvest approaches. This helps the sugar concentration rise, which means higher alcohol content.

Harvest at Zion Vineyards starts mid to late August and runs until mid-October.

In July, join us for a wine tasting and ask for a tour. We'll take you into the vineyard and, ripeness permitting, you can taste some of our different grapes right off the vine.

Our Miscela di Campo—our field blend—is truly one-of-a-kind. Made from grapes picked after harvest ends, it's a mix of what remains on the vines. Crushed and fermented together, it's the will of the wine gods—bursting with blackberry, cassis, plum, and pomegranate. The velvety finish hints at earth, mocha, vanilla, and smoke. Perfect with beef steaks, lamb, ribs, brisket, braised meats, stews, venison, and duck—or desserts like dark chocolate, peanut butter habanero crème brûlée, truffles, or mousse.

Our 2023 Syrah is deep and full-bodied with bold notes of black cherry, plum, and blueberry. Aromas of spice, vanilla, and cedar blend with light earth tones. A lush mouthfeel and velvety tannins lead to a lingering finish of anise, dried tobacco, floral notes, and a hint of black pepper. Pair it with strong cheeses like blue, feta, or sharp cheddar, or with



BBQ ribs, brisket, or a ribeye topped with blue cheese crust.

Come out and enjoy a fun time tasting award-winning wines. Visit us at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds—just 12 miles north of St. George, off I-15. No reservation needed. Open seven days a week, noon to 6 PM, and Fridays and Saturdays until 7 PM. Visit [www.zionvines.com](http://www.zionvines.com) or call 435-216-1340.

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# CELEBRATE PIONEER DAY AT JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR WITH MUSIC, BBQ, AND FIREWORKS

July 24, 2025 – Jackson Flat Reservoir, Kanab, UT

Celebrate Utah's heritage in true Southern Utah style with an unforgettable 24th of July Pioneer Day Celebration at Jackson Flat Reservoir, just south of Kanab. Starting at 4 PM, this free, family-friendly event promises a full evening of fun, food, music, and fireworks—and yes, the ever-popular dunk tank is back!

While organizers are keeping a tight

4:30, just in time for the dunking action. At 5 PM, grab a free hot dog or hamburger dinner while enjoying a church history skit, then stick around as local favorite Dillon Jones takes the stage at 5:20.

The music keeps rolling into the evening with the high-energy Chris Paul Band at 6:30, followed by headliner Skyler Greer, who brings the heat starting at 8:30 and plays straight through to the fireworks show at dark.



lid on exactly who will be taking the plunge, we do know at least one brave football coach is stepping up to the challenge. For just \$1, you'll get three chances to dunk a local (and maybe your favorite frenemy). All proceeds from the dunk tank go to the Kane County Assistance Program (KCAP), so you can splash for a good cause.

Kids (and the young at heart) can enjoy a slip-n-slide and barrel train starting at 4 PM, and the entertainment kicks off shortly after. Seth Giddings gets things started at

Beyond the tunes and tank, families can snap an old-timey western photo at the dress-up booth or get up close and personal with goats, horses, and other friendly critters at the petting zoo.

This festive Pioneer Day bash is produced by the Kane County Water Conservancy District and offers a beautiful setting, great entertainment, and a perfect way to spend a summer evening in Kanab. For more information, visit [kewcd.com/about-us/current-events](http://kewcd.com/about-us/current-events).

# WASHINGTON CITY CELEBRATES PIONEER DAY WITH PARADE, FAMILY FUN, AND FIREWORKS

July 24, 2025 — Washington, UT  
Washington City is pulling out all the

early afternoon enjoying the shade, treats, and small-town vibes with the whole family.

stops for this year's Pioneer Day celebration, happening Thursday, July 24, 2025. With a sunrise breakfast, colorful parade, family-friendly activities, and an explosive fireworks show to cap off the day, this is one hometown tradition you won't want to miss!

The festivities kick off bright and early with a hearty breakfast served by the local Lions Club at 7 AM at Veterans Park. Then, grab your lawn chairs and line up along Telegraph Street for the annual Pioneer Day Parade. Parade participants will begin lining up at 7 AM, and the procession officially rolls out at 8 AM. The route begins at Community Center Drive and 300 East and runs north along Telegraph, showcasing floats, classic cars, marching bands, and other local favorites. To join the fun as a parade entrant, visit [WashingtonCity.org/celebrations](http://WashingtonCity.org/celebrations) to register.



Once the fun wraps up at the park, head over to the Washington City Community Center (WCCC) and make a splash! The afternoon is wide open for swimming, indoor play, and cooling off from the Southern Utah sun. The Community Center offers something for everyone, whether you're chasing kids through the splash pad or just enjoying the air conditioning.

As the sun sets, bring a blanket or a lawn chair and head to the nearby Softball Complex and Baseball Fields for the grand finale: a spectacular fireworks show beginning at 10 PM. It's the perfect ending to a day packed with community pride and Pioneer spirit.



After the parade, Veterans Park becomes the hub of the celebration with children's booths, games, and food. It's a great way to spend the late morning and

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# IVINS CITY PRESENTS FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK THIS AUGUST

August 1-22, 2025 — Ivins, UT

Grab your camp chairs and blankets—it's movie night in Ivins! Every Friday evening in August, starting August 1 and running through August 22, the Ivins City Heritage Park baseball field transforms into an outdoor movie theater under the stars. These family-friendly film nights are totally free and begin around 8:30 PM—or whenever the desert sky gets dark enough.



Here's the lineup of beloved family favorites you can look forward to:

**August 1 – Brother Bear** This touching Disney animated film tells the story of a young man transformed into a bear as punishment for killing one. It's a tale of empathy, growth, and learning to see through another's eyes—literally.

**August 8 – Moana Set sail** with Moana, a daring Polynesian teenager chosen by the ocean itself, as she voyages to save her island. With its catchy songs and powerful themes, it's a modern Disney classic.

**August 15 – Moana 2** Just released, the adventurous sequel to Moana dives deeper into island lore, new lands, and fresh challenges as Moana continues her journey of discovery and leadership. A must-see follow-up!



**August 22 – Cinderella (2015)** This live-action reimagining of the Disney animated classic brings new heart and elegance to the rags-to-riches story. Come early this night for a special Children's Entrepreneur Market, where young locals will showcase and sell their creative goods—more details on that coming soon!

As always, audience courtesy is a must.

Please ensure that kids who aren't watching the movie don't run around and disrupt others. And while we all love our furry friends, please leave pets at home for this event.

A Little About Ivins Ivins was originally settled in the 1920s by descendants of Swiss immigrants sent to farm what was then known as the Santa Clara Bench. Named in honor of LDS leader Anthony W. Ivins—who advocated for the area's development and donated generously to the new community—the town grew around agriculture and strong pioneer roots. Today, Ivins is a scenic, fast-growing city known for its red rock beauty, trail systems, and proximity to Snow Canyon State Park.

For more on the movie nights or the Children's Market, visit [ivins.com](http://ivins.com) or contact Ivins City Hall at 435-628-0606.

# SMALL TOWN, BIG FLAVOR: GROUND & TOASTED BRINGS FRESH ENERGY TO DUCK CREEK



Duck Creek, UT

In the heart of Duck Creek Village, a cozy little bakery is making a big impact, one slice of homemade sourdough at a time. Ground & Toasted is a sourdough toast and coffee shop founded by a small team with a whole lot of heart. But it's more than just coffee and carbs, Ground & Toasted was created to be a warm, welcoming space for connection, comfort, and community. "We didn't just want to sell food," said Brandi Wren, the owner behind the vision. "We wanted to create a place that feels like home, where people can slow down, breathe, and enjoy something truly made with love."

With a menu that rotates with the seasons and a focus on fresh, intentional ingredients, Ground & Toasted is putting Duck Creek on the map in a whole new way. From outdoor sips on the porch to hosting small events and pop-ups, the team is passionate about building something meaningful in the mountains.

From buttery croissants and baked-from-scratch sourdough loaves to signature toasts topped with local produce, daily soups, and rotating bread flavors, the shop

has quickly become a favorite for locals and visitors alike. They even offer custom sandwiches for those who want to build their perfect bite.

Whether you're craving toast after a morning hike or looking for your new favorite latte, Ground & Toasted is a stop worth making.

"This all started with a simple love for sourdough bread and coffee, but it's turned into something so much bigger, a space filled with warmth, good people, and the kind of energy you want to come back to," said Wren.



To learn more, visit [groundandtoasted.com](http://groundandtoasted.com), follow along on Instagram @groundandtoasted, or connect on Facebook. For questions or catering inquiries, email [groundandtoasted@gmail.com](mailto:groundandtoasted@gmail.com) or call 702-219-7737.

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# KEEP COOL WITH COMEDY THIS JULY AT OTC!

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— Cedar City, UT



Beat the heat and catch some laughs—OTC Comedy is back in action this July, keeping Cedar City cool with its signature brand of high-energy improv! While there's no show on Friday, July 4, the fun returns every other Friday at 8 PM at the OTC Comedy Theater, located at 913 S. Main Street.

Perfect for a night out with friends, a quirky date, or a spontaneous family outing, OTC's Friday shows serve up lightning-fast comedy made entirely from audience suggestions. Every performance is one-of-a-kind, filled with fresh characters, zany scenes, and quick-witted games that never miss the punchline. It's fast, funny, and absolutely family-friendly.

Tickets are just \$10—an easy win for a full

night of entertainment. You can grab them in advance at [otccomedy.com](http://otccomedy.com), where you'll also find updates on special performances, like the occasional Thursday night Improv Lab for adult audiences (though there isn't one scheduled in July).

If you've never been to an OTC show, this summer's a great time to jump in. The theater's intimate space and lively vibe make you feel like part of the action—because you are! Audience suggestions fuel every scene, meaning no two nights are ever the same. That spontaneity and connection are what keep locals and visitors alike coming back show after show.

So ditch the heat and trade it for hilarity. Whether you're a longtime improv lover or brand-new to the scene, OTC Comedy's July lineup is just what your summer needs.

Visit [otccomedy.com](http://otccomedy.com) to get your tickets, or just show up a bit early and grab them at the door. You can also follow them on Facebook and Instagram @otccomedy for the latest laughs.



# WILD THYME CAFÉS CROWNED AMONG TOP RESTAURANTS IN SOUTHERN UTAH

Kanab & Springdale, UT

Wild Thyme Café is riding high on a wave of local love after securing four Silver medals in the 2025 Best of Southern Utah competition. Both of its farm-to-table locations—Wild Thyme Café in Kanab and Wild Thyme Café at Trees Ranch in Springdale—earned accolades in the fiercely competitive categories of Best All-Around Restaurant, Outdoor Dining, Healthy Eats, and View.

and visitors alike. Just one year into its journey, the Springdale location at Trees Ranch has already made a bold impression with its elevated cuisine and jaw-dropping red rock views.

"This recognition means so much because it comes from the community we love feeding," said Ashley Heaton, general manager and co-owner of both locations. "We've poured our hearts into building



This community-driven recognition places Wild Thyme Café as the #2 restaurant overall in Southern Utah—a deliciously satisfying result for the beloved, family-run eateries. The news was announced earlier this month, prompting plenty of smiles, celebrations, and a few well-deserved toasts.

In Kanab, Wild Thyme has been a staple for nearly eight years, dishing out seasonally inspired meals with a commitment to sustainability, quality, and connection to the land. The cozy outdoor patio remains a favorite gathering spot for locals

places that feel warm, real, and rooted in the land. To be seen as one of the best is deeply rewarding."

The Best of Southern Utah contest, held annually, invites the public to nominate and vote for standout businesses in dozens of categories. For Wild Thyme, the awards reflect not only culinary excellence but the spirit and passion of a team that cares deeply about every plate that leaves the kitchen.

Guests at either café can expect rotating seasonal specials, handcrafted beverages, and ingredients grown just steps away—or sourced from nearby trusted farms and producers. Whether you're savoring a brunch in Kanab or enjoying a dinner with a view in Springdale, Wild Thyme promises a uniquely Southern Utah experience worth savoring.

Guests can learn more or plan their visit by heading to [wildthymekanab.com](http://wildthymekanab.com) for the Kanab café or [wildthymespringdale.com](http://wildthymespringdale.com) for the Springdale location. For reservations or questions, call the Kanab café at (435) 644-2848 or the Trees Ranch café near Springdale at (435) 772-9311.



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Cassandra Bissell (left) as Lady Macbeth and Walter Kmiec as Macbeth in *Macbeth*, 2025.

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# A TASTE OF SOUTHERN UTAH: WATER CANYON WINERY IN SPRINGDALE

Springdale, UT

Just outside the gates of Zion National Park, Water Canyon Winery has opened its second location in the heart of Springdale, Utah—offering the perfect stop after a day of hiking, sightseeing, and soaking in the beauty of the red-rock cliffs. This locally owned, family-operated winery is bringing something special to Zion's doorstep: all-natural wine, handcrafted in Southern Utah.



Water Canyon Winery is known for its minimal-intervention winemaking approach, using clean, simple methods to let the fruit shine. All their wines are pro-

duced without additives, allowing the true character of each grape to come through. Whether you're a seasoned wine lover or just looking to relax with a glass after exploring the canyon, there's something here for every palate.



Guests can enjoy wine tastings, curated charcuterie boards, or grab a bottle (or two) to take home. The tasting room, located at 1066 Zion Park Blvd, Springdale, Utah 84767, offers a cozy, welcoming vibe, and a laid-back space to unwind. With views of Zion's towering cliffs just outside the door, it's hard to imagine a more scenic place to sip.

Popular offerings include their orange wine, estate-grown Cabernet Sauvignon, and a rotating selection of seasonal blends and rosés. Each one tells a story of the landscape it came from—rich, rugged, and full of depth.

Instagram page @watercanyonwinery or call 435-862-1810.

### Apology to Water Canyon Winery

We apologize that our June 2025 print edition included information not provided in your original article. Our intent was to refine and present your article. We crossed wires and introduced content that was not authored by you. Please accept our sincere apologies. To make things right, we are



Water Canyon Winery is open every day from 3 PM to 8 PM, welcoming both locals and visitors to slow down, sip, and savor the flavors of the region.

If you're planning a trip to Zion, don't miss this hidden gem in Springdale. Great wine, stunning views, and a true Southern Utah experience await. You can find us online at [watercanyonwinery.com](http://watercanyonwinery.com), our

reposting this corrected version in this July print edition. We value your business and hope this update restores your confidence in our coverage.

# TERRY'S FOOD & HARDWARE PASSES THE TORCH TO NEXT GENERATION

Orderville, UT

In August 1997, Terry and Lucy Griffiths opened Terry's at 65 E State Street in Orderville, Utah—a dream realized after years of research, visits to other small-town grocery stores, and two full years of demolition and construction. Built on the site of a former motel, the store began as a family-run operation with a surprisingly large inventory for such a remote location. Shoppers could find everything from



fresh produce and meats to candy, canned goods, and cleaning supplies.

Locals and tourists alike often described it as "a small store with a surprisingly large inventory in the middle of nowhere." But Terry's didn't stop at groceries. Over time, a full hardware store was built directly onto the back of



the original building, transforming the business into a true one-stop shop. Today, it offers everything from plumbing, electrical, and gardening supplies to toys, camping gear, lumber, key making, and much more.

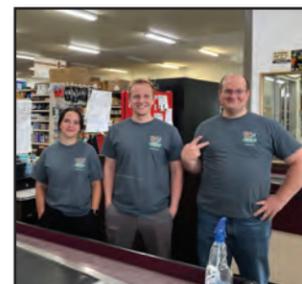
For over 27 years, Terry and Lucy were a constant presence, taking only a handful of days off while helping

grow the business into a vital hub for the community. Their kindness and commitment left a lasting impression on all who walked through the doors.

At the beginning of 2025, the couple passed the torch to their daughter Sally and her husband Luke Stevens. Now at the helm, Sally and Luke are proud to carry on the family legacy, continuing to offer the same helpful service and broad selection that Terry's has become known for.

Still serving up that famous ice, nostalgic bagged candy, and an unbeatable mix of goods, Terry's Food & Hardware remains an essential stop for locals and a delightful surprise for visitors.

Open Monday through Saturday from 8 AM to 9 PM. Learn more at [Terry'sFoodandHardware.com](http://Terry'sFoodandHardware.com).



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# FROM GI TO MFA: CLAYTON RIPPEY'S EXPLORATIONS IN ABSTRACTION

By Elizabeth Gunter

June 17 – September 27, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

A young soldier. A long-distance romance. A lifetime of creative expression. These are the threads that weave together



embarking on a long teaching career at Bakersfield College in Southern California.

A prolific and versatile artist, Rippey worked in painting, mosaic, and mixed media. His distinctive abstract style—both figurative and geometric—invites viewers into layered explorations of form, memory, and personal history.

From GI to MFA brings together artifacts from Rippey's military service and postwar life with a curated selection of artworks. His piece *This is the Only Way*, a 22-by-28-inch mixed media collage, captures his mastery of texture and emotion—blending color, shape, and symbolism into a quiet meditation on transition and resilience.

Whether you're an art enthusiast, history lover, or admirer of enduring love stories, this exhibition offers a

powerful journey through one man's transformation—from battlefield to brushstroke, from GI to MFA.

The Southern Utah Museum of Art is located at 13 S 300 W, Cedar City, UT. Admission is free. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 8 PM. For details, visit [suu.edu/suma](http://suu.edu/suma).



From GI to MFA: Clayton Rippey's Explorations in Abstraction, on view through September 27 at the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA).

The story begins in 1944, when U.S. Army private Clayton Rippey mailed a letter home from overseas. Along with wartime updates, he enclosed a request for his mother: please send \$150 of his war bonds to Marcia Sanford, his high school sweetheart, so she could buy an engagement ring.

Though their love story predates it, the Rippeys' wartime correspondence echoes the narrative of *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*, a WWII-themed play in this year's Utah Shakespeare Festival season. Like that stage production, SUMA's exhibition honors the endurance of love during wartime—and the art that followed.

**A Veteran Turned Visionary**

Born in Oregon in 1923, Rippey's education was first interrupted by war, then reignited through the GI Bill. He earned both a BA and MFA from Stanford before

# WAREHOUSE BAR + KITCHEN DELIVERS HOT SUMMER FUN ALL JULY LONG

Multiple July Dates — Cedar City, UT Warehouse Bar + Kitchen is keeping Cedar City's nightlife sizzling with a full lineup of food, fun, and festivities this July. Whether you're into games, karaoke, DJs, or just chilling with a craft cocktail, there's something happening almost every night at this 21+ hotspot.

bar for the infamous White Trash Bash at 9 PM—complete with a DJ dance party and outrageous outfits.

July 19 brings UFC Fight Night, shown live with all the energy of a real arena. Then July 26 wraps the month with Latin Night, where hot beats and cold drinks take over the dance floor.



Weekly staples include Game Night on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 9 PM, karaoke Tuesdays, and bingo every other week. Fridays are Ladies Night with free entry, plus DJs spinning Fridays and Saturdays. Trivia Night wraps the month on the last Wednesday with bar tab bragging rights up for grabs.

Foodies, don't sleep on the Warehouse kitchen—it's not your average pub grub. Wings, sliders, loaded fries, and Paco's Tacos pair perfectly with local drafts or handcrafted cocktails.

Located in a historic freight building with tons of character (and maybe a ghost or two), Warehouse Bar + Kitchen has become a downtown favorite. Open daily at 11 AM, it's the place to be for sports, music, and unbeatable eats.

Find Warehouse at 432 N 100 W in Cedar City, follow @warehouse\_bar\_kitchen on Instagram or Warehouse Bar + Kitchen on Facebook, or call 435-867-8988.



Special events heat things up even more.

On July 11 and 12, catch Warehouse at the Main Street Park Beer Garden during Cedar City's July Jamboree. Then on Saturday night, July 12, head back to the



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## CELEBRATING AUTUMN'S PALETTE: "HARVEST HUES" ART SHOW BRINGS CREATIVITY TO LIFE

Multiple Dates – Kanab, UT

A burst of fall color is coming to Kanab this July, not just in the trees and gardens—but in two local galleries.

The Kanab Arts Board's Third Quarter Exhibition, "Harvest Hues," brings together an eclectic group of local artists working in mediums ranging from watercolor and oil to pottery, stained glass, fiber arts, and mixed media. Highlighting the vibrant colors of autumn, the exhibit will be on display at Kane County Hospital and Kanab City Library from July 17 through September 25.

The public is warmly invited to attend the Opening Reception on Wednesday, July 17 at 5:30 PM, hosted at the Kane County Hospital Lobby.

"This initiative is about celebrating both the spirit of autumn and the talent that lives right here in our town," said Claudia Thomas, president of the Kanab Arts Board.

Alongside the gallery show, the Arts Board continues its free Summer Entertainment Series, offering creative workshops for all ages. The hands-on events take place twice a month through August, with upcoming classes including:

- Introduction to Photography Using Your Phone or Camera with Stacy Cox – July 8
- Ukulele Workshop with Robert Lacey – July 21
- Watercolor Painting with Loretta Clayton – August 5
- Drawing Workshop with Dr. Buck – August 19



Each class is designed to be fun, educational, and accessible, reinforcing the Arts Board's commitment to community creativity. Whether you're a beginner looking to try something new or a seasoned artist wanting to connect with others, there's a class for you.

From gallery walls to community classrooms, the Kanab Arts Board is painting a picture of a town where the arts are alive, inclusive, and warmly welcoming.

To learn more about the exhibition or upcoming workshops, visit the Kanab Arts Board Facebook page.



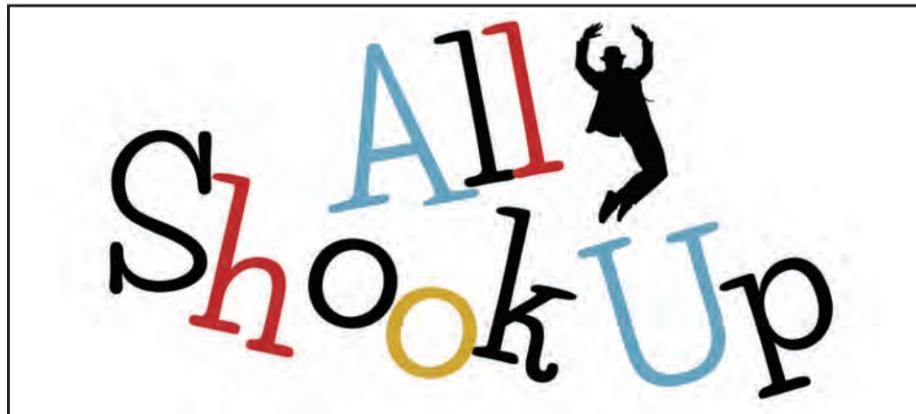
## ALL SHOOK UP: ELVIS MEETS SHAKESPEARE IN THIS HIGH-ENERGY SUMMER MUSICAL

July 31–August 16, 2025 — St. George, UT

Get ready to shake, rattle, and roll as The Stage Door proudly presents All Shook Up, a jukebox musical that blends Elvis Presley's greatest hits with the romantic twists of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night. This fun, feel-good show runs July 31 through August 16, with performances every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 PM.

mistaken identities, secret crushes, and plenty of hip-swiveling charm, this musical brings new life to Shakespeare's classic comedy of love and disguise.

"This show is an explosion of joy," says Artistic Director Josh Scott. "It's witty, heartfelt, and packed with energy. Whether you're a Shakespeare fan, an Elvis enthusiast, or just love a great night of theater, there's something in this show for everyone."



Directed by Randy Sly, with musical direction by Cathy Ford and choreography by John Graham, All Shook Up is a toe-tapping blend of 1950s rock and timeless theatrical storytelling. Set in a small town in 1955, the story begins when a leather-jacketed stranger rides in on his motorcycle and turns the town—and a few hearts—upside down.

Audiences will enjoy a lineup of beloved Elvis hits including "Jailhouse Rock," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Can't Help Falling in Love," and, of course, "All Shook Up." With

All Shook Up is produced and presented by The Stage Door, a nonprofit theater company committed to enriching Southern Utah through live performance and arts education. It is presented by special arrangement with Theatrical Rights Worldwide. Performances run Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, from July 31 to August 16, at The Electric Theater, 68 E Tabernacle Street, St. George, UT. Tickets and full event details are available at [stagedoorutah.com](http://stagedoorutah.com).

## SIX STRING REVOLVER TO BRING THE CHURCH OF ROCK TO THE BLACKBIRD BAR – JULY 12 AFTER-PARTY FOR CEDAR CITY'S JAMBOREE

July 12, 2025 — Cedar City, UT

Get ready to crank it up to 11—Six String Revolver is hitting The Blackbird Bar on Friday, July 12 for the official Cedar City Jamboree After-Party, and it's going to be loud. Known for their sold-out shows and electrifying stage presence, this isn't just a concert—it's what frontman Raven Cain calls the "Church of Rock."

Led by Cain's raw vocals and rebel preacher charisma, Six String Revolver delivers more than a performance. It's a soul-shaking, demon-exorcising, scream-inducing rock revival. "We're here to move your soul, stir your spirit, and remind you why live music is the heartbeat of rebellion and freedom," Cain says.

With a thunderous sound and a fanbase that shows up in force, SSR has built a reputation for turning every

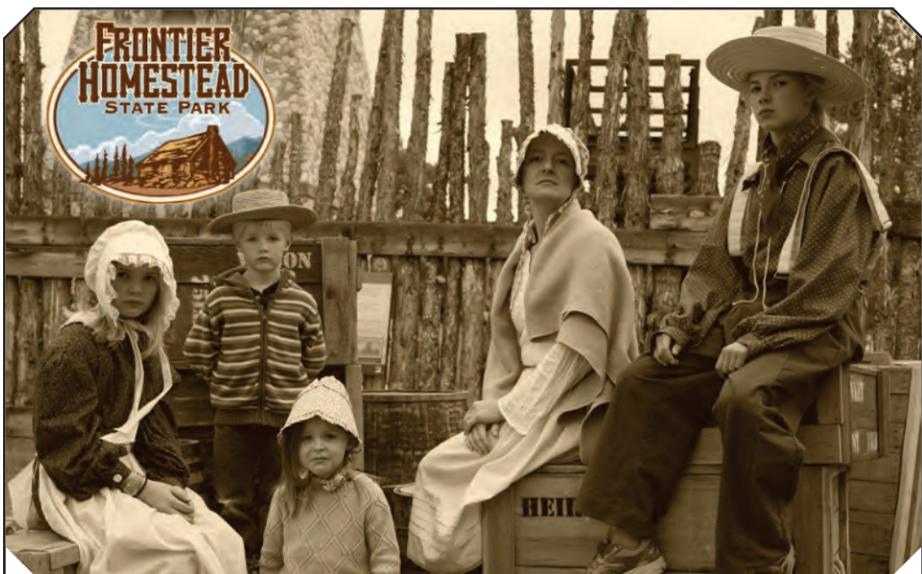


venue into a frenzy of fist pumps and anthemic singalongs. If you've seen them before, you already know—don't miss it. If you haven't? This is your chance to witness the storm.

Expect heavy riffs, heart-pounding drums, and the kind of full-tilt rock energy that lives long after the lights go out. This is the summer show you'll be talking about until next year's Jamboree.

Six String Revolver will perform at the Cedar City Jamboree Official After-Party on Friday, July 12. Doors open at 8 PM at The Blackbird Bar in Cedar City, UT. Tickets are available now—don't wait to grab yours!

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# SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD HOSTS FREE JULY EVENTS

July 2025 – St. George, UT

The Southern Utah Art Guild invites both members and the public to attend four free art events this July—three at Red Cliff Gallery and one at Arrowhead Gallery. Admission is free for all events, including Guild club gatherings.

### Red Cliff Gallery Events

Enjoy over 150 new works of art by local creators at the “Escape from Reality” show at Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N 200 E, St. George. The exhibit runs through August 7, and all artwork is available for purchase. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, and Saturday, noon to 4 PM. Pastel artist Mark Gamett is the featured artist during the show.



On July 21, Matt Pectol will lead a workshop titled “Painting Seascapes in Oil” from 10 AM to noon.

Also at Red Cliff Gallery, the Connect program—a statewide community-based art initiative open to new and emerging artists—is now on display.

July 10: Connect Workshop with Colleen Gianatiempo, 6–8 PM.

### Guild Clubs and Workshops

Photography Club meets in the Lower Level of the St. George Library, 88 W 100 S. To join or express interest, email: photography@southernutahartguild.com.

Colored Pencil Club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 11 AM.

Procreate Club meets at the same time and location as the Colored Pencil Club.

Location for both: Gentry Music + Arts, 14 N 70 E, St. George (corner of Tabernacle and University).

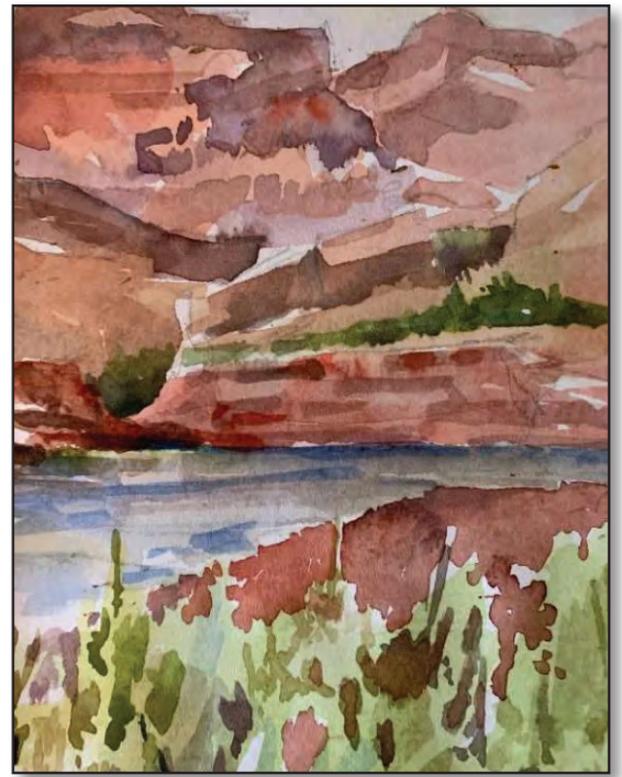
Contact: Chris Hale (colored.pencils@southernutahartguild.com) and Kari Frymier (procreate@southernutahartguild.com).

Urban Sketchers Club meets the 4th Saturday of the month. Contact Tina Stergios (text preferred) at 702-538-0290.

Watercolor Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at Red Cliff Gallery from 2 to 4 PM. Bring your own supplies and enjoy a relaxed summer atmosphere.

### Arrowhead Gallery

Watercolor artist Deena Millecam is the July spotlight artist at Arrowhead Gallery, located at 68 E Tabernacle, St. George. Gallery hours are Tuesday–Thursday, 11 AM to 6 PM, and Friday–Saturday, 11 AM to 8 PM. Arrowhead is a member-supported gallery and is currently accepting new artists. For more information, call 435-628-9592.



To learn more about these programs, visit southernutahartguild.com.

# UTAH SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL OPENS 64TH SEASON

Cedar City, UT

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is excited to announce the opening of its 64th season. After months of preparations and six weeks of an intensive build process and rehearsal schedule, the Festival welcomes patrons to experience another wonderful season of live theatre from now through October 4.

The Utah Shakespeare Festival is a professional theatre, hosted on the campus of Southern Utah University and was started in 1961 by the late Fred C. Adams and his wife Barbara.

“Fred will always be remembered as a passionate visionary who saw Cedar City and the university (College of Southern Utah at the time) as an ideal home for a world-class theatre,” says Executive Managing Director Michael Bahr. “Because of the town’s history with putting on plays, its connection to the works of William Shakespeare, and its location near some of the most beautiful recreation destinations in the country, Fred knew the Festival could be a thrilling addition to the campus and community.”

Today, with a year-round staff of 30, a seasonal staff of over 200 professionals, and a volunteer base of 350 local residents, the Festival welcomes over 100,000 guests to their productions each year.

From Shakespearean masterpieces to laugh-out-loud comedies and modern favorites, this season offers something for everyone. The lineup includes William Shakespeare’s dark and tragic Macbeth, the historical romance (and rarely-performed) Antony and Cleopatra, and the pastoral comedy As You Like It in the outdoor Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre.

In the beautiful indoor Randall L. Jones Theatre, audi-



ences won’t want to miss the witty and touching Steel Magnolias by Robert Harling, the Tony Award-winning musical comedy A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder by Steven Lutvak and Robert L. Freedman, and the Victorian satire The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde.

In the intimate Anes Studio Theatre, patrons can enjoy the World War II love story Dear Jack, Dear Louise, a week-long traveling production of Twelfth Night by the students of London’s Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) the end of July, and two new plays—one of which is Lauren M. Gunderson’s Muse of Fire—for the annual Words Cubed staged reading new play program during August.

“All of these productions represent the very best—and sometimes the most challenging—parts of all of us,” com-

ments Artistic Director John DiAntonio who oversees each show from hiring the directors and casting to ensuring finishing touches before the curtains go up. “We are thrilled to celebrate these stories and these artists, and welcome everyone to experience the power of live theatre.”

In addition to the plays, other opportunities referred to as the Festival Experience ensure that audiences’ participation goes beyond—and sometimes behind—the stage. A variety of seminars, orientations, Backstage Tours, Repertory Magic, classes, camps, and more aim to enhance patrons’ understanding of Festival productions and the process of repertory theatre. And no evening at the Festival would be complete without attending The Greenshow. Bring the whole family for this free 30-minute pre-show celebration where everyone is invited to sing and dance along.

There are plenty of ways for locals to save on tickets. Residents of Iron, Beaver, Washington, Kane, Garfield, Piute, and Lincoln counties may use the Local Discount to purchase tickets day-of to any Festival play at 50 percent off. There is no limit on the number of half-off tickets local guests can get.

Also, Iron County residents can also get an Iron County pass for \$200 which gives the holder six admissions to be used throughout the season.

Students of any age can purchase a Student Access Pass for \$40 and receive one admission to unlimited plays during the season, based on availability. Some restrictions apply for all of these promotions.

Tickets are on sale now—and the best seats go fast. Visit bard.org, call 800-PLAYTIX, or visit the Ticket Office for more information and to reserve your seats.

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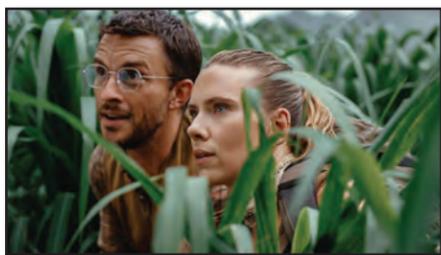
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# THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

**JURASSIC WORLD: REBIRTH (PG-13)**  
Grade: C+



Jurassic World: Rebirth is the seventh entry in the popular franchise that started with Steven Spielberg's big-screen take on the beloved Michael Crichton novel way back in the summer of 1993. Of course, that film would go on to become a box-office juggernaut and, depending on which generation of Spielberg fans you talk to, it's often hailed as one of the Beard's best films. Alas, as was the case with the Jaws franchise (also started by Spielberg), Jurassic Park should have been a one-and-done—and sadly, Rebirth doesn't do anything to change that proclamation.

In Jurassic World: Rebirth, five years have passed since the last film. Dinosaurs aren't as popular as they once were, as people are slowly losing interest (a metaphor for the moviegoing experience? Perhaps). The plot is set into motion when a couple of mercenaries (played by Scarlett Johansson and Mahershala Ali), a shifty suit (Rupert Friend), and a down-on-his-luck dino expert (Jonathan Bailey) lead a small crew on a mission to an isolated island in the equatorial region. Their goal: to obtain blood samples from a few prehistoric beasts in an effort to create life-saving drugs.

During the journey, the team is detoured (to the dismay of said shifty suit) after receiving a distress signal from a family (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Luna Blaise, Audrina Miranda, and David Iacono) stranded at sea. Eventually, all of these folks come together but soon find themselves stranded on an island filled with majestic—and in most cases, dangerous—creatures of the past. As always, "life found a way." Will they make it off the island alive? Hmm... I wonder.

While Spielberg is back as a consultant, the directing reins have been handed to Gareth Edwards (Rogue One, Godzilla, The Creator), a thrifty filmmaker who got his start with the low-budget sci-fi gem Monsters. Given his track record with modestly budgeted, effects-heavy films that often look more expensive than they are, Edwards seems like an ideal choice. Truth be told, this is a handsome production (it was shot on film) with beautiful locations and (mostly) solid special effects.

But if you don't have a strong foundation to work from, there's only so much a director

can do. Alas, returning screenwriter David Koepp (who adapted the first Jurassic Park and The Lost World) is back with a story that isn't so much a "rebirth" as it is a "remake." Perhaps that isn't entirely fair, as this entry introduces all-new characters—but the beats, along with a few too-familiar visual callbacks, make this play like a Jurassic Park Greatest Hits Collection. Only without the pure joy and wonder of that first film.

Yes, it's fun to watch dinosaurs wreak havoc on the biggest screen possible. And yes, it's nice to have more intense monster action and scares thrown back into the mix. But much of the tension this movie builds is undercut by the sheer stupidity of its characters. This is never more apparent than in a sequence where a central character decides to auto-inflate a raft while standing just 15 feet away from a sleeping T. rex—as others stand around doing nothing to stop her.

Undoubtedly, some will call that criticism petty, but know this: it's just one example in a film riddled with bizarre moments that could have easily been fixed at the script level. From a Snickers wrapper (Forrest Gump feather-style) jamming a high-tech lab's hydraulics, to characters swimming ashore moments after being pursued by vicious prehistoric predators, to a family that seems shocked when their boat is capsized in dino-infested waters—there's just so much silly stuff going on (even by Jurassic standards) that it's hard to stay invested.

Elsewhere, in a painfully pandering attempt to add something cute, a young girl (well played by Miranda) befriends a baby dinosaur she names Dolores. Early buzz says Dolores is a scene-stealer, but from where I'm sitting, she's no E.T., Gizmo, or Groggu.

The film also adds more mutated dinos to the mix—including one abnormally massive beast that feels like a Rancor from Return of the Jedi. So in addition to being overstuffed, familiar, and bafflingly silly, Koepp's screenplay feels like a first draft everyone signed off on just to hit the July 2025 release date.

As for the performances: Johansson and Ali have star appeal, and while the film gestures toward giving them backstories, their chemistry never quite sparks. Friend's turn as the corporate villain feels generic. Bailey brings warmth as the idealistic scientist (and throws in a jab at big pharma), but even his hinted romance with Johansson is sidelined. The stranded family—though anchored by a solid performance from Miranda—feels shoehorned in for emotional bait, yet they're too thinly drawn to make that work.

Jurassic World: Rebirth isn't terrible (it's not even the worst Jurassic film—that goes to Dominion), but it is painfully average.

It has scale, a few moderately enjoyable set pieces, and moments of spectacle. But in the end, it never comes close to matching the epicness of the films it so lovingly borrows from—Jurassic Park, Indiana Jones, Return of the Jedi, E.T., Aliens, just to name a few.

And with so many weird moments and head-scratching character decisions, a more fitting tagline might be: "Dinos for Dummies."

**PREDATOR: KILLER OF KILLERS**  
Grade: B+



If at the beginning of the year you would have told me that an animated anthology film inspired by the Predator franchise would end up being one of my very favorite films of the summer, I would have said you were crazy. Well...You're not crazy! In fact, Predator: Killer of Killers is even more exciting than some of the bigger tentpoles to hit the big screen as of late, Mission: Impossible: The Final Reckoning and Jurassic World: Rebirth included! In the intense, epic, and savage animated anthology film that is Predator: Killer of Killers, Predator fans are treated to three stories set in entirely different eras. In the first story, a fierce Viking warrior and her son are forced into battle with something not of this Earth while on a mission of vengeance. In the second story (which is told with almost no dialogue), two estranged brothers who have been taught the ways of the Samurai are reunited under the most terrifying of circumstances. In the third story, an upbeat U.S. Navy pilot faces off against something even deadlier than his enemy on the World War II battlefield. Don't let the fact that this is an animated Predator film scare you away from watching it. Truth be told, the world-building here lends itself beautifully to this animation style. As for the brutality, violence, and action, Killer of Killers brings it every bit as much as the live action Predator films do...And then some. As directed by Prey Helmer, Dan Trachtenberg (with a big time assist by co-director Joshua Wassung), Predator: Killer of Killers is a visceral thrill ride and as was the case with Prey, it expands on the Predator mythology in a handful of very intriguing ways. One of the cooler aspects of this film is how each segment features a different kind of Predator...One

that feels almost tailor made for the specific "warrior" that he's hunting in each given story. But beyond that, there's real drama, real emotion, and real character depth and it is, perhaps, these attributes that surprised me most. You can always expect to be wowed by relentless action and violence in a Predator movie but it's not often that you're moved by one. Truth be told, the third segment of this film doesn't live up to the first two segments. The World War II setting certainly gives it its own unique flavor, but it goes a little too far with the humor and the protagonist isn't quite at the same level as the warriors who battle the alien beasts in the previous two stories. Again, though, at the very least, that tonal shift certainly sets it apart, as does the finale of the film which I won't spoil here. Ultimately, not only is this one of my favorite films of the summer, not only is it one of my favorite films of 2025 thus far, and not only is it my favorite Predator film since the 1987 original, but it's also a great lead in to what I can only hope will be a worthy live action follow up in Predator: Badlands (also directed by Trachtenberg) which opens later this year. \*On a final note, perhaps the most disappointing part of Predator: Killer of Killers is that it skipped theatrical and went straight to streaming because this one would have been an even bigger thrill on the biggest of screens. That said, if there's a silver lining to be found in that glaring negative, it's that you can watch it on Hulu, now! So, what are you waiting for? Go check it out!

**OTHER MOVIES:**

- F1  
Grade: B
- Megan 2.0  
Grade: C+
- How to Train Your Dragon  
Grade: B
- Life of Chuck  
Grade: B+
- 28 Years Later  
Grade: B
- Dangerous Animals  
Grade: B-
- Karate Kid: Legends  
Grade: C
- Mission: Impossible-The Final Reckoning  
Grade: C+
- Lilo and Stitch  
Grade: B
- Bring Her Back  
Grade: B-



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**Multi-Day Events**

**LIVE MUSIC & MARKET SERIES AT THE BIT & SPUR** Mondays, 6-9 PM. Free, all-ages outdoor shows on the west lawn with local and regional artists, plus a farmers market featuring fresh produce, handmade goods, and food from The Bit's kitchen. July 7: YESOUI (psychedelic rock); July 14: Runaway Fire (original rock & roll); July 21: The Last Light (reggae and roots); July 28: Shangalu (Latin fusion); August 4: Scotty Dub (reggae-dub). Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**INTO THE WOODS - STAGE DOOR SUMMER MUSICAL** June 19-July 12, 7:30 PM. (Matinee July 5 at 2 PM.) Stephen Sondheim's iconic musical twists classic fairy tales into a funny, heartfelt, and haunting tale of wishes and consequences. Directed by Sterling Hanks and Jalee Scott with an all-local cast. The Historic Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George. Tickets at stagedoorutah.com or at the door.

**LITTLE WOMEN: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL** July-Aug. 2, 7 PM. Produced nationally and internationally, Little Women has been praised for its ambition in adapting such a beloved story for the stage. This timeless musical follows the adventures of the March sisters—Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy—as they navigate personal discovery, heartache, and enduring love. Free admission. All ages welcome. Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 E., St. George.

**CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG** July-Aug. 2, 7 PM. Take a magical ride with the Potts family and their out-of-this-world flying car in this whimsical musical based on the beloved 1968 film. Featuring a charming score by the Sherman Brothers, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a high-energy adventure packed with fun for all ages. All ages welcome. Heritage Center Theater, 105 N. 100 E., St. George.

**SOUPTOWN "ROCK-S'MORE" ORDERVILLE SESQUICENTENNIAL** July 4-5. Celebrate 150 years of Orderville with two days of heritage and fun! July 4: Program, breakfast, "Our Heritage: Pioneers and Patriots" parade, games, food, rodeo, and fireworks. July 5: Marble races, "ICE" cavation, Dinosaur Day, rock demos, and United Order booths (rag dolls, quilting, blacksmithing, more), plus food and prizes all day. Evening includes a 150-s'more roast, "Rock Through the Ages" dance, and commemorative merch. Main Street & Town Park, Orderville.

**THE WHO'S TOMMY - THE ROCK OPERA** July 5-August 1. Based on the legendary 1969 album, this Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of a deaf, dumb, and blind pinball wizard who overcomes adversity in a powerful journey of healing and hope. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

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**SCENARIOS, OIL ON CANVAS - BY JESSICA SCHIFFMAN** June 30-August 8, 10 AM. Gallery exhibit featuring the work of Jessica Schiffman. View her compelling oil on canvas collection during gallery hours. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**PAROWAN CONCERT SERIES 2025** 8 PM. Enjoy live music under the stars every Friday in July—July 4, 11, 18, and 25—at this free community concert series. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy great tunes with family and friends.

**KOLOB GALLERY: ORIGINAL ART BY LOCAL ARTISTS** July. Mon-Fri 10 AM-6 PM. Featuring works by Arlene Braithwaite, Brad Holt, Mary Jabens, A. Marchant, Tiffany Marchant, Debbie Robb, Erin Shakespear, and Mona Woolsey. Located inside The Art Center. Kolob Gallery, 111 S. Main St. #1, Cedar City.

**WAREHOUSE BAR & KITCHEN** July 4-17, Patriotic drink specials & dance parties. City Park., July 20: Pie & Beer Day; July 24: National Chicken Wing Day; July 29: Trivia Night. Warehouse Bar & Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

**KANAB ARTS BOARD SUMMER ARTS SERIES AT THE MERCANTILE** July 8, 6 PM: Intro to Photography Using Your Phone with Stacey Cox; July 21, 6 PM: Ukulele Workshop with Robert Lacey; August 5, 7 PM: Watercolor Painting with Loretta Clayson. To sign up, email KanabArts@gmail.com. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**LVSA'S 10TH ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL** July 11-12, Join the Las Vegas Single Adults for their 10th annual trip to the Utah Shakespeare Festival. What began as a small ward activity has grown into a summer tradition open to all singles, friends, and families seeking theater, connection, and cooler temps in Cedar City. Enjoy acclaimed performances, social events, and the charm of festival weekend. Register and purchase tickets via Eventbrite. Utah Shakespeare Festival, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.



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**FROM GI TO MFA: CLAYTON RIPPEY'S EXPLORATIONS IN ABSTRACTION** July 9-22, 10 AM. In connection with U.S.F.'s production *Dear Jack, Dear Louise*, this exhibit showcases the artistic journey of WWII veteran Clayton Rippey—from soldier to Stanford-trained artist. Featuring a diverse range of works across media, this exhibit explores themes of transformation, identity, and creativity. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

**JULY JAMBOREE** July 11-12. Features over 350 classic cars, hot rods, and motorcycles. There are food and craft vendors, live entertainment, and a beer garden. We close Main Street from Center Street to Coal Creek. Over 18,000 attendees join us for this family fun event! It is free and open to the public. Sponsored by Cedar City Rotary Club. All proceeds go to Humanitarian & Charitable Projects. Main Street Park, 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**CINESIZZLE: HOT DAYS, COOL FILMS!** June 11-27, 7:30 PM. This July, dive into a different kind of desert experience with Cinesizzle—from cult classics to indie gems and everything in between, curated by our staff and board. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct, Ivins.

**DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE** July 11-Aug. 15, 2 PM. Sparks fly and love blossoms from a world away when US Army doctor Jack meets aspiring actress Louise by letter during WWII. Tony Award-winner Ken Ludwig tells the heartwarming, unexpected story of his parents' courtship. Directed by Michael Perlman. Price varies. All ages welcome. Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101-199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

**ART CHANGEOVER** July-August, 10 AM. New watercolor paintings by Dixie Watercolor Society on display and for sale. Gallery 35, 35 N. Main, St. George.

**HURRICANE CONCERTS IN THE PARK** July 10 and 24, 8 PM. Concerts in the Park, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, May-September, 8 PM. Pioneer Park, 200 N. Main Street, Hurricane.

**TOGETHER EXHIBIT, ART TALK & RECEPTION** June 12-July 19, 10 AM. Tom Wheeler & Daphne Overstreet fuse stones, wood, and metal in 3D abstract art. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**BUTTERFLY EFFECT** June 13-Aug. 22. The Watercolors of Andrew McBain Sinclair Sinclair's western-themed watercolors on display. 155 S. Univ Ave., St. George.

**ST. GEORGE ARTIE IN THE PARK** June 13-July 18, 10 AM. The St. George Art Museum is proud to bring another summer of Art in the Park with Artie the Art Bus. Art Bus 'Artie' and The Pips offer free art lessons at 17 parks, Mondays & Fridays.

**JAMIT (THE DUO!)** July 15, and 16, 6 PM. AJ and Tim from Skydome favorite "Jamit" bring a fun mix of classic rock, R&B, and dance hits to keep you moving all night. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

**UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE** July 16-19. 11 AM. Step back in time for a weekend of color, music, laughter, crafts, and commotion as artisans, guildsmen, and performers recreate the festive spirit of medieval festival days. Main Street Park, 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**HIGH OCTANE AT CASABLANCA** July 22, and 30, 6 PM. This versatile band brings the energy with hits from the seventies to today—covering dance, rock, funk, R&B, country, and more! Get ready for today's hottest dance tracks and yesterday's favorites. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**GREASE** July 24-Aug. 15, 7:30 PM. A musical set in the 1950s that follows the lives of teenagers at Rydell High School. The story centers on the summer romance between the greaser Danny Zuko and the sweet new girl Sandy Dumbrowski, and how their relationship evolves when they return to school. The show captures the spirit of the era with its rock 'n' roll soundtrack and themes of friendship, love, and rebellion. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main Street, St. George.

**MICHAEL GRIMM LIVE AT CASABLANCA** July 29-30, 7 PM. Experience the soulful sounds of Michael Grimm, winner of America's Got Talent Season 5. The acclaimed singer-songwriter brings his signature blend of blues, rock, and soul to the stage for two unforgettable nights. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**SCENARIOS, OIL ON CANVAS - BY JESSICA SCHIFFMAN** June 30-Aug. 8, 10 AM. Gallery exhibit with art demo, talk, and reception. Art Demo 4 to 5 PM. Reception 5 to 6 PM. All ages welcome. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**AS YOU LIKE IT BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** July 9-Aug. 13, 8 PM. Rosalind disguises herself as a boy to search for her father in the Forest of Arden—only to be asked by her unsuspecting love interest to help him woo... her! This joyful Shakespearean comedy of mistaken identity and romantic mischief is directed by Beth Lopes. Price varies. All ages welcome. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**STEEL MAGNOLIAS** June 21-July 19, 2 PM. Women in a Louisiana beauty salon navigate life's ups and downs. Randall L. Jones Theatre., Comfort, love, friendship, and plenty of humor. 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

**THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** July 10-Aug. 15. A witty comedy of mistaken identities, social expectations, and romantic entanglements, featuring some of the most beloved lines in English theatre. By Oscar Wilde. Directed by Rodney Lizzano. Price varies. All ages welcome. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center Street, Cedar City.

**ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE** July 11-Aug. 15, 8 PM. A man of great vision, dedication, and purpose, Marc Antony is still no match for the passionate and irresistible Queen of the Nile. Will this great military hero face catastrophic defeat with his vision clouded and his purpose blunted? Reason battles emotion in this epic and seldom-produced portrayal of love, leaving us wondering until the very end: which will win, or will all be lost? Content Advisory. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**THE GREENSHOW** June 16-Sept. 6, 7:10 PM. Immerse yourself in singing, dancing, storytelling, and music while our Greenshow company brings you 30 min free outdoor entertainment Mon-Sat. Utah Shakespeare Festival. Written and Directed by Britannia Howe, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

**WAREHOUSE BAR & KITCHEN** July 4-17, Patriotic drink specials & dance parties. City Park., July 20: Pie & Beer Day; July 24: National Chicken Wing Day; July 29: Trivia Night. Warehouse Bar & Kitchen, 432 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

**LIVE MUSIC AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE STAGE** July 5: Aaron Rashaw, July 12: River House Band, July 19: Mesozoic, July 26: Olivia Goodfellow, August 2: blue marble — all performances 7-9 PM. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**PAROWAN CONCERT SERIES** July 4, 11, and 18. Fridays in July at 8 PM: July 4, 11, and 18. Free; Parowan City Park., 10 Main St., Parowan.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY ARTS & CRAFTS FAIRE** July 25-26, 10 AM. Shop a variety of arts and crafts vendors on the SUMA patio and find the perfect gift—or something just for you—at this festive summer faire. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

**SCENARIOS: EXHIBIT/ART TALK** June 30-Aug. 8, 10 AM. Gallery exhibit. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**KANAB ARTS BOARD THIRD QUARTER EXHIBITION** July 18-September 30. Featuring works by Melissa Bowersock and local art group "The Creative Cranes." Opening reception July 18, 5:30 PM. at Kane County Hospital Lobby with refreshments. Exhibits on view at Kane County Hospital Lobby and Kanab City Library. For artist inquiries, email KanaArts@gmail.com. Kanab City Library & Kane County Hospital, 374 N. Main St., Kanab.



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**GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR AND JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW** Aug. 4-9, 9 AM. Enjoy family fun activities including the commissioner's barbecue, Dutch oven cook off, water ball walkers, baby contest, fish grab, bingo, horse funday, kids' games, livestock show and sale, and small animal show. Triple C Arena, 800 N. Main St., Panguitch.

**CEDAR CITY DAUGHTERS OF UTAH MUSEUM** 10 AM. Artifacts, Photos, and Histories of our Iron County Pioneer settlers. Tools, Clothing, Hats, Dolls, Furniture, Books, A Spinning Wheel, and the Organ are on display. Cedar City Visitors Center, 581 N. Main St., Cedar City.

Events by Day

MONDAYS

**FARMERS MARKET AT THE BIT & SPUR** 5 PM. The Bit & Spur Farmers Market and local Bazaar feature everything from local jewelry, artwork, & amazing produce, clothing booths, & more. Listen to great bands & sample the fare from our awesome taco truck & cocktails from our cantina. Dogs & kids are welcome. Both on leashes, of course. Weather-permitting. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

TUESDAYS

**MAKE ART TUESDAYS** 11 AM. Every day is better when you make art! Join us every Tuesday from 11-Noon. 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 WEDNESDAYS 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. Live music, jump house, face painting, & more. Beautiful, original, & unique items for your loved one, all the crafters & artisans are local, & everything is handmade. Text: 435 704-6916. 780 Midvalley Rd., Enoch.

**WONDER WEDNESDAY** 4 PM. Wonder Wednesdays are an after-school program for elementary-aged children. Activities are held each Wednesday during the school year. Southern Utah Museum of Art. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

**KANAB FARMER'S MARKET** 5 PM. Support your local artisans. There is lots of locally grown produce, flowers, food & more on the Front Lawn of the Kanab Center Building, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

**ROWLEY'S RED BARN WEDNESDAY MARKET** 5 PM. Come hang with us at Rowley's Red Barn every Wednesday Night for some good times & great vibes. A Perfect destination for a Date night or Family outing. Live music, awesome vendors, & yummy food trucks. Rowley's Red Barn, 471 W. Telegraph St., St. George.

**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.

**KJS ICE BARN: COSMIC SKATING** Everyone is invited to come get funky with Freddy with flashing lights, groovy music, cosmic fun, & more! KJs Ice Barn, 2550 E. Pinnacle Way, Enoch.

THURSDAYS

**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.

**BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT** 7 PM. Comics from TV and the Movies at the CasaBlanca Showroom! Three new comedians each week! Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**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 & volunteers work to make easy, fun, & educational crafts. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

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

**KARAOKE AT ADRIA'S** 7 PM. Come in and have a great time with us! Adria's Restaurant, 86 S. 200 W., Kanab.

**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. Shop, enjoy homemade ice cream, sip some craft soda, & relax to the music. Home on the Desert Range, 97 W. Center St., Cedar City.

**OTC COMEDY IMPROV** 8 PM. Performing for over 20+ years, you can be sure that every show is unique & completely made up on the spot from suggestions that YOU (the audience!) give them! Every Friday. Tickets are \$10. Advanced tickets available for purchase at otcmedey.com. OTC Comedy 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.

**HURRICANE FARMERS MARKET** 9 AM. Support local farmers, bakers, and artisans at this weekly Saturday market running May through October. Shop fresh produce, homemade goods, and more while connecting with your community. Free admission. All ages welcome Hurricane City Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

**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. Every Saturday morning, live entertainment, crafters, vendors, food & 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. Over 50 vendors from all over Washington & Iron Counties bringing you the best in locally grown produce, pasture-raised meats, raw cheeses, & unique artisanal products. Enjoy local food, goods, and jamming out to local live music. Every Saturday. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

**FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET** 10 AM. Every Saturday behind 1/6 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.

**DUCK CREEK OUTDOOR MARKET** 10 AM. A weekly Saturday market featuring local foods, artisans, food trucks, and a rotating lineup of new and returning vendors all summer long. Free admission. All ages welcome. Duck Creek Outdoor Market, 865 E. Movie Ranch Rd., Duck Creek Village.

**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.

SUNDAYS

**SOUTHERN UTAH SUNDAY FUNDAY MARKET** 10 AM. The Funday Market pops up every 2nd and 4th Sunday with fresh finds from soaps to baked goods, produce, and more. Ace Hardware on North Bluff, 160 N. Bluff St., St. George.

Events by Date

Fri, July 4

**ORDERVILLE CELEBRATES 150 YEARS WITH ROCK-S'MORE BASH.** July 4-5. Full schedule at townoforderville.org or (435) 648-2534.

**UNCLE SAM 4K** 6:30 AM. Start your 4th of July with a festive 4K through Historic Downtown St. George, beginning and ending at the Town Square Parking Lot. Stick around after for the city celebration and parade! Town Square Parking Lot, 50 S. Main St., St. George.

**SPRINGDALE INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST** 7:30 AM. Zion Canyon Visitors Bureau. Springdale Elementary., 898 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**ENOCH CITY INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** 7 AM. 5K run, hotdogs (5:30 PM), music, kids' games. Old Enoch Park., 1600 E. 2550 N., Cedar City.

**KANAB'S INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION** 7 AM. Color Fun Run 5K, 7 AM; Pancake breakfast; parade at 10 AM. Jacob Hamblin Park., 566 N. 100 E., Kanab.

**CEDAR CITY LION'S CLUB INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & FESTIVAL** 9 AM. Freedom in Action. 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**ART WALK** 5 PM. Wander through the charming streets of the Downtown Art District, where every corner is filled with inspiration and artistic expression. Whether you're an art enthusiast, a casual observer, or simply looking for a unique experience. St. George Main St., St. George.

**OTHERWISE AT CASABLANCA** 8 PM. Rock band from Las Vegas. Casablanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**FIRST FRIDAYS AT KAYENTA** 5 PM. First Fridays at Kayenta. September through June! Enjoy live music, food trucks, and a pop-up boutique market in the Kayenta Art Village beginning at 5 PM, with film screenings in the theater presented by DOCUTAH. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

Sat, July 5

**CASAPOLOOZA FEATURING BLOCK-BUSTERS** Join us for a concert under the stars at the CasaBlanca pool! 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Tues, July 8

**THE PARTY** 8 PM. A high-energy cover band playing non-stop hits from the '70s to today. Dance all night to the ultimate party playlist performed by top-tier musicians. Free admission. Ages 21+ only. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

Wed, July 9

**INSANITY STEW** 6 PM. Playing all the hits from your favorite era. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

Thurs, July 10

**BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT** 7 PM Featuring Jay Hewlett (Showtime, Comedy Central) with Andrea Abatte and hosted by Warren Durso. Jay's quick wit and global comedy chops bring big laughs to the CasaBlanca stage. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**KITTEN BINGO AT BEST FRIENDS** 7 PM, Enjoy bingo night with the family and a roomful of adoptable kittens. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

**FULL MOON KAYAK TOUR** 8:45 PM. Enjoy a peaceful moonlit paddle at Sand Hollow while learning about the full moon and water safety from a Park Ranger. Registration required; kayaks not provided. Free with park entry. All ages welcome. Sand Hollow State Park-Dive Park, 3351 S. Sand Hollow Rd., Hurricane.

Fri, July 11

**ROCKSTAR KARAOKE** 8 PM. Take center stage and sing with a live rock band backing you on nearly 200 hit songs. Not your typical karaoke - this is full-band, high-energy fun with lyrics on a teleprompter. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK: NATIONAL TREASURE** 9 PM. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Films for adults and children on a big screen, right under the stars. Bring blankets & snacks. St. George Town Square., 50 S. Main, St. George.

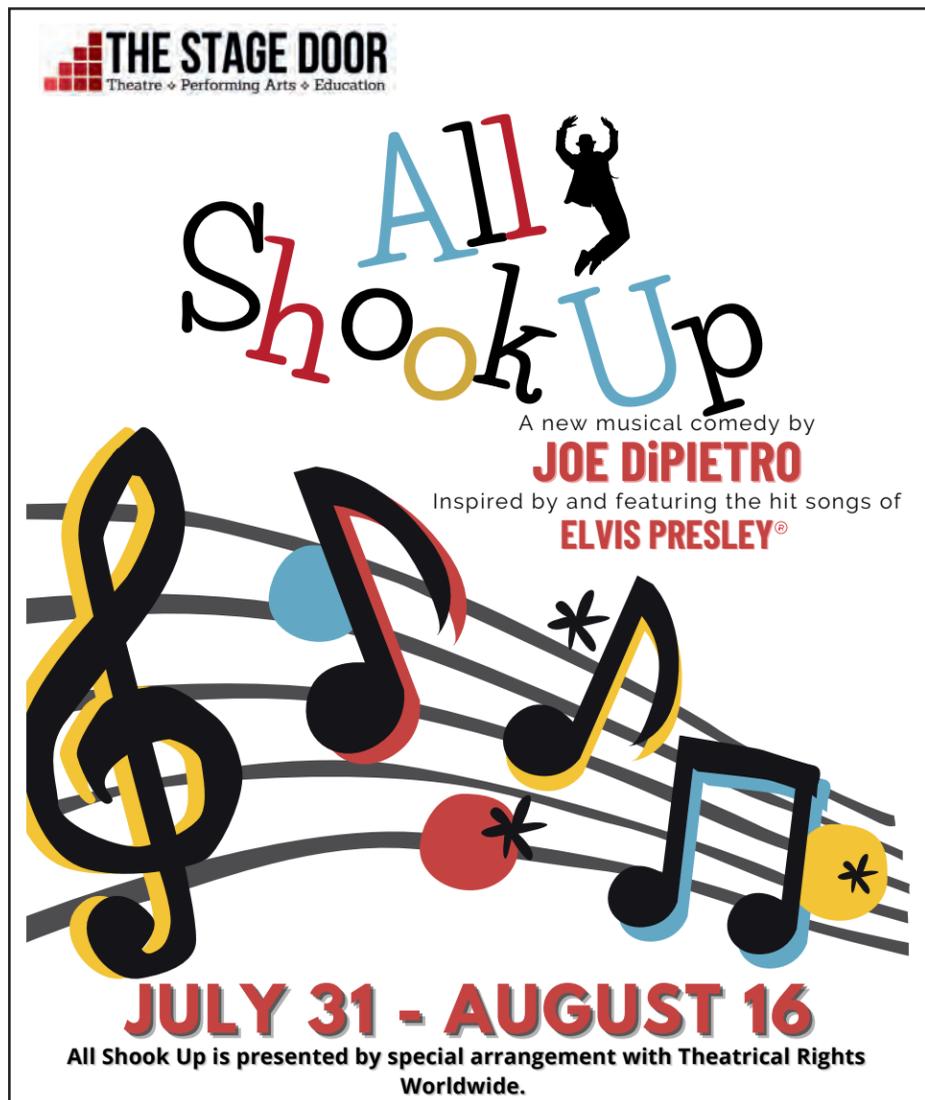
Sat, July 12

**EKO: KAYAK ADVENTURE** 9 AM. Join the "Every Kid Outdoors" Challenge with a fun, ranger-led kayak ride after a quick water safety lesson. Supplies provided for participants 17 and under. Free with park entry. All ages welcome. Sand Hollow State Park - Dive Park, 3351 S. Sand Hollow Rd., Hurricane.

**SMART SATURDAY** 10 AM. SmART Saturday is a monthly art class geared towards children. Children's art classes (6-12 yrs), 10-11:30 AM & 11:30-1 PM. St. George Art Museum. 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

**ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES** July 5, 12; August 16, 23, 30. 1 PM. Celebrate summer with free live music in the cool mountain air at Brian Head Resort's Giant Steps base area. Free admission. All ages welcome. Brian Head Resort, 329 S. Hwy. 143, Brian Head.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND - LIVE AT MAD MIKE'S BAR & GRILL** 6 PM. High-energy live music returns to Mad Mike's for an unforgettable night of food, drinks, and dancing. Free admission. Ages 21 and older. Mad Mike's Bar & Grill, 551 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.



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**Sun, July 13**

**SOUTHERN UTAH SUNDAY FUNDAY MARKET** 10 AM-3 PM (2nd & 4th Sundays): Soaps, baked goods, produce. Ace Hardware on North Bluff, 160 N. Bluff St., St. George.

**BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT** 8 PM Featuring Gabe Nolasco (NBC's Vice, ABC) with Mike Shank and hosted by Warren Durso. Get ready for sharp, sarcastic social commentary and unpredictable laughs. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**Mon, July 14**

**ERIC DODGE - CONCERT IN THE PARK** 7:30 PM. Concert in the park, bring blankets, lawn chairs, & food. Free. Every second Monday of each month through September. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

**Tues, July 15**

**ELECTRIC FILM SERIES** 6 PM. Every third Tuesday. Free screening & discussion with guest. Electric Theater., 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

**HAM RADIO CLUB** 6 PM. Virgin Valley Amateur Radio Club meeting held on the third Tuesday of each month, Call Jonny Rauzi at 801-643-4952. Airport Fire Station #2, Mesquite.

**Thurs, July 17**

**INDIAN HILLS WARD PIONEER DAY BREAKFAST** 8 AM. Come join us on July 19 to celebrate our pioneer heritage with breakfast! The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1120 W. Greens Lake Dr., Cedar City.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB** 3:30 PM. Join fellow teens to discuss great reads and discover new favorites at this monthly book club. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

**HONOR OUR VETERANS** 7 PM. Come help assemble gift bags for veterans in the nursing home as a meaningful act of service and gratitude. Stake Center, 1985 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT** 8 PM Featuring Gabe Nolasco (NBC's Vice, ABC) with Mike Shank and hosted by Warren Durso. Gabe's smart, sarcastic style and fast gear-switching comedy make for a laugh-packed evening. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**Fri, July 18**

**KANAB ARTS BOARD THIRD QUARTER EXHIBITION OPENING** 5:30 PM. Reception featuring works by Melissa Bowersock and local art group "The Creative Crones." Exhibits on display through September. Refreshments provided. Kane County Hospital Lobby, 355 N. Main St., Kanab.

**Sat, July 19**

**NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST** 8 AM. You're invited to a festive breakfast in celebration of the 4th and 24th of July! Enjoy delicious food, good company, and holiday cheer. Breakfast served from 8 to 9 AM. RSVP appreciated. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 320 N. 3400 W., Hurricane.

**SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOWS** 7 PM. Join the audience for a night of improvised scenes and laughs based on your suggestions—unscripted fun where anything can happen! Family-friendly show at 7 PM, uncensored show at 9 PM. Tickets available online and in person. Arrowhead Gallery ETC, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

**BILLY GARDELL** 8 PM. Star of Bob Hearts Abishola and Mike & Molly brings his hilarious stand-up to the CasaBlanca Showroom. Doors open at 7 PM. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd, Mesquite.

**LIVE LAUGH LOVE TOUR LIVE AT THE BLACKBIRD BAR** 9 PM. Featuring Peter Dante from the Adam Sandler movies, Aaron Nordstrom of Gemini Syndrome, and Scotty Austin of Saving Abel! Ages 21 and older. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

**SGT SPLENDOR FEAT. KATE VARGAS AND ERIC MCFADDEN** 10 PM. With Norwood Fisher & John Steward of Fishbone. \$20. Ages 21+ with ID. A powerful blend of alt-funk, blues, and desert rock from acclaimed artists praised by NPR, Rolling Stone, and Goldmine Magazine. Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

**Mon, July 21**

**MUSIC VIDEO BINGO** 7 PM. Music bingo with a twist—watch the music videos as you play! Bring a friend for a fun and nostalgic night of tunes and entertainment. One and Only, 64 N. 800 E., St. George.

**Thurs, July 24**

**BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT:** Alex "Koolaid" Ansel brings his sharp, nerdy humor and life stories to the CasaBlanca Showroom, joined by Evan Connolly. Hosted by Warren Durso. Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

**WASHINGTON CITY PIONEER DAYS** 7 AM. Celebrate Pioneer Day with a full day of fun including a Lions Club breakfast at 7 AM., a parade down Telegraph at 8 AM., children's booths in Veterans Park, and fireworks after dark (10 PM.). Additional festivities continue at the Washington City Community Center. All ages welcome. Veterans Park - Washington City, 75 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

**CEDAR CITY PIONEER DAY CELEBRATION** 11 AM. Enjoy free admission and a full day of Pioneer Day fun with free rides by Fun Time Inflatables, food vendors, games, face painting, and more from 11 AM. to 7 PM. All ages welcome. Main Street Park, 200 N. Main St., Cedar City.

**PIONEER DAY HORSE RACE** 1 PM. Get ready for the thundering hooves and heart-pounding excitement of the Beaver City Horse Races—an unforgettable day of thrilling races set against the stunning backdrop of Beaver, Utah. Canyon Breeze Training Center, 371 N. Highway 153, Beaver.

**PIONEER DAY AT JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR** 4 PM. Celebrate with live music, BBQ, a dunk tank, petting zoo, slip-n-slide, and fireworks at dark. Enjoy performances by Seth Giddings, Dillon Jones, Chris Paul Band, and headliner Skyler Greer. Free dinner at 5 PM. Family-friendly fun hosted by Kane County Water Conservancy District. Jackson Flat Reservoir, just south of Kanab.

**OTC COMEDY IMPROV LAB** 7 PM. Get ready for an unpredictable night of experimental improv as OTC members and special guests test bold new ideas and fresh formats on stage. Held the last Thursday of every month, this 18+ comedy showcase is packed with twists, laughs, and creative chaos. Tickets \$5. Ages 18 and older. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

**'ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY' FEATURING SKY ALLEN** 7:30 PM. Enjoy original Neo Soul and Americana from singer-songwriter Sky Allen in an intimate live performance. All ages welcome. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

**Fri, July 25**

**COMMUNITY ACTION - INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL** 9 AM. Join a park ranger for a weed-pulling session at Lakeview Campground and help remove invasive tumbleweeds from the area. Bring gloves and pitch in to protect native habitats. Sand Hollow State Park - Lakeview Campground, 3351 S. Sand Hollow Rd., Hurricane.

**RECEPTION SCENARIOS, OIL ON CANVAS - BY JESSICA SCHIFFMAN** 4 PM. Gallery exhibit with art demo, talk, and reception. Art Demo 4-5 PM. Reception 5-6 PM. All ages welcome. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

**MOVIE IN THE PARK: OUT OF MY MIND** 9 PM. Every 2nd and 4th Fridays. Films for adults and children on a big screen, right under the stars. Bring blankets & snacks. St. George Town Square., 50 S. Main, St. George.

**Sat, July 26**

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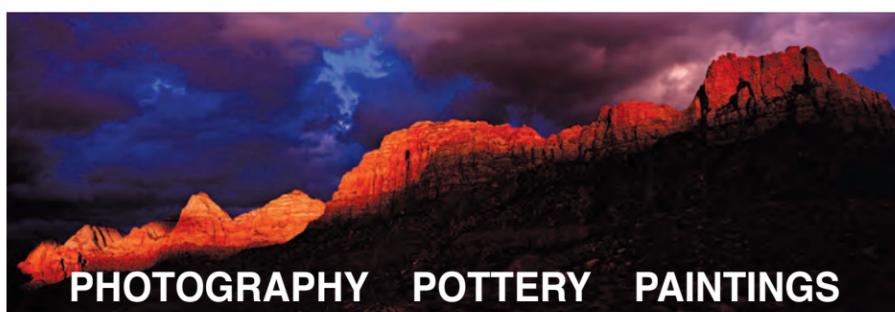
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# Zion Area Tips

## 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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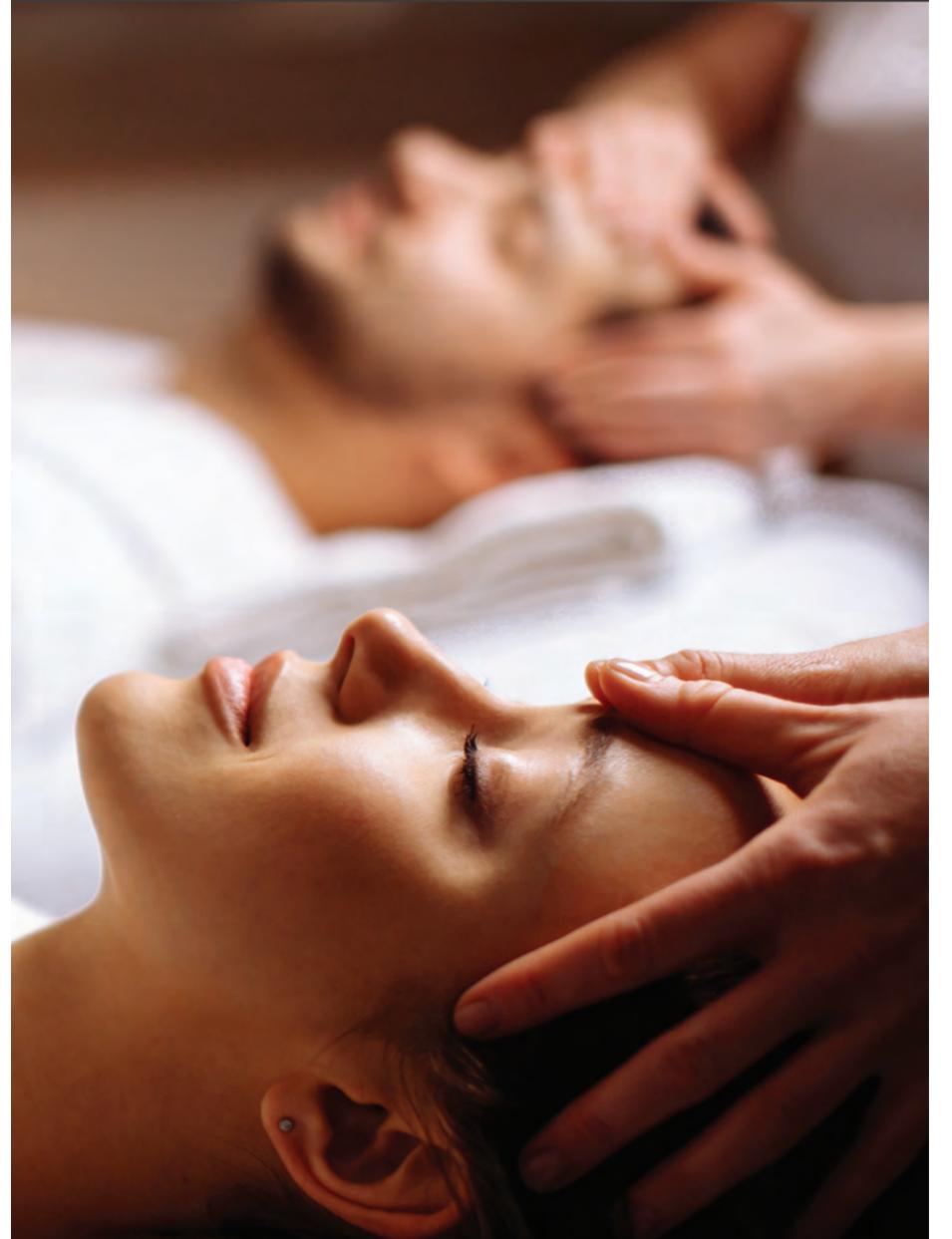


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## Top Things To Do In Zion

### 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. Especially during the Summer months, it's highly recommended to go early!

### 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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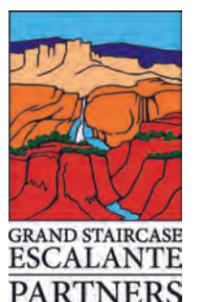
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## FOOD STORAGE

All food and trash must be stored inside a secure hard sided container or interlocking wire mesh bag. For the welfare of park wildlife, your safety, and the safekeeping of your equipment, you should make your food items as unobtainable as possible. Your actions can put other people at risk of food pilfering, since animals regularly revisit areas where they easily obtained food. At worst, your behavior may lead directly to the death of a wild animal. These guidelines are meant to protect park wildlife, people, and equipment.



## LEAVE NO TRACE

Protect the park from all graffiti and vandalism. All graffiti, including words, drawings, and arrows, no matter how small or superficially drawn, carved, scratched, or painted, is vandalism. Do not build rock cairns. If placed incorrectly, they can mislead visitors, cause unnecessary damage, and lead to potential injuries. Help protect Zion by not leaving your mark. Make memories, take photos, and leave no trace.



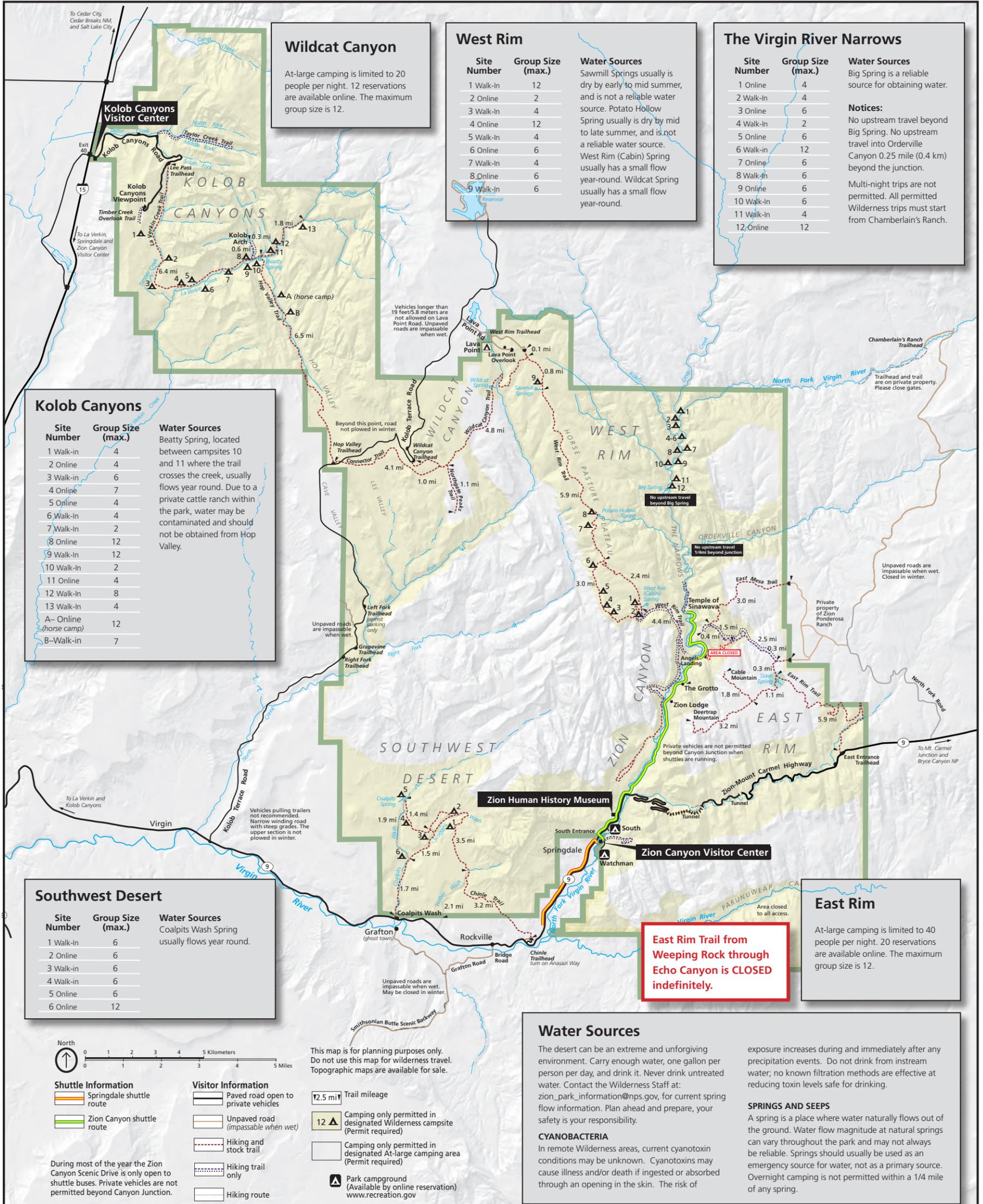
## HUMAN WASTE

Pack out all solid human waste, toilet paper, diapers, and personal hygiene products. An environmentally friendly human waste disposal bag, complete with use and disposal instructions, is available for sale in the Zion Forever Park Store and at local outfitters. The contents of the disposal bag may then be deposited in the trash. Use of this waste disposal system is required for all Wilderness permit holders.



## GROUP SIZE

Wilderness trails have a group size limit of 12. These limits apply to all trips into the park's wilderness, including trips that do not require a permit. Group size limits are strictly enforced. Groups that exceed these limits may not split up and visit the same route, or wilderness trail on the same day, but may split up and visit different areas.



### Wildcat Canyon

At-large camping is limited to 20 people per night. 12 reservations are available online. The maximum group size is 12.

### West Rim

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-In	12
2 Online	2
3 Walk-In	4
4 Online	12
5 Walk-In	4
6 Online	6
7 Walk-In	4
8 Online	6
9 Walk-In	6

**Water Sources**  
Sawmill Springs usually is dry by early to mid summer, and is not a reliable water source. Potato Hollow Spring usually is dry by mid to late summer, and is not a reliable water source. West Rim (Cabin) Spring usually has a small flow year-round. Wildcat Spring usually has a small flow year-round.

### The Virgin River Narrows

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Online	4
2 Walk-In	4
3 Online	6
4 Walk-In	2
5 Online	6
6 Walk-in	12
7 Online	6
8 Walk-in	6
9 Online	6
10 Walk-in	6
11 Walk-in	4
12 Online	12

**Water Sources**  
Big Spring is a reliable source for obtaining water.

**Notices:**  
No upstream travel beyond Big Spring. No upstream travel into Orderville Canyon 0.25 mile (0.4 km) beyond the junction.  
Multi-night trips are not permitted. All permitted Wilderness trips must start from Chamberlain's Ranch.

### Kolob Canyons

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-in	4
2 Online	4
3 Walk-in	6
4 Online	7
5 Online	4
6 Walk-in	4
7 Walk-in	2
8 Online	12
9 Walk-in	12
10 Walk-in	2
11 Online	4
12 Walk-in	8
13 Walk-in	4
A- Online (horse camp)	12
B-Walk-in	7

**Water Sources**  
Beatty Spring, located between campsites 10 and 11 where the trail crosses the creek, usually flows year round. Due to a private cattle ranch within the park, water may be contaminated and should not be obtained from Hop Valley.

### Southwest Desert

Site Number	Group Size (max.)
1 Walk-In	6
2 Online	6
3 Walk-in	6
4 Walk-in	6
5 Online	6
6 Online	12

**Water Sources**  
Coalpits Wash Spring usually flows year round.

**East Rim Trail from Weeping Rock through Echo Canyon is CLOSED indefinitely.**

### East Rim

At-large camping is limited to 40 people per night. 20 reservations are available online. The maximum group size is 12.

### Water Sources

The desert can be an extreme and unforgiving environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Never drink untreated water. Contact the Wilderness Staff at: [zion\\_park\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:zion_park_information@nps.gov), for current spring flow information. Plan ahead and prepare, your safety is your responsibility.

**CYANOBACTERIA**  
In remote Wilderness areas, current cyanotoxin conditions may be unknown. Cyanotoxins may cause illness and/or death if ingested or absorbed through an opening in the skin. The risk of exposure increases during and immediately after any precipitation events. Do not drink from instream water; no known filtration methods are effective at reducing toxin levels safe for drinking.

**SPRINGS AND SEEPS**  
A spring is a place where water naturally flows out of the ground. Water flow magnitude at natural springs can vary throughout the park and may not always be reliable. Springs should usually be used as an emergency source for water, not as a primary source. Overnight camping is not permitted within a 1/4 mile of any spring.

**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE**  
The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles during most of the year. The Zion Canyon shuttle provides access to the trailheads for the Emerald Pools, the West Rim, and the Narrows.

**PRIVATE VEHICLES**  
The Zion-Mount Carmel Highway, Kolob Terrace Road, and Kolob Canyons Scenic Drive are open to private vehicles. Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, and wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Park only in designated spaces to protect fragile vegetation.

**BICYCLES**  
Bicycles are not permitted in the Zion Wilderness. Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa'rus Trail. Bicyclists must ride single file and stop to let shuttle buses pass.

**HIKER SHUTTLE SERVICES**  
Commercial shuttle services can be hired to provide point-to-point pick-up and drop-off at designated parking areas within the park. All services must have a current Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) with Zion National Park. Search online for current authorized services.

**OTHER VEHICLES**  
Any use of any off-highway vehicle (OHV), all-terrain vehicle (ATV), utility vehicles (UTV) or other motorized conveyance manufactured for recreational non-highway, off-road, or all-terrain travel is prohibited within Zion National Park.

# Zion Area Annual Events



The Zion area is incredible for hiking—but did you know it also hosts hundreds of amazing events every year? From art festivals and outdoor concerts to rodeos, parades, and film screenings, there's something happening in every season. Here are just a few highlights. Be sure to check out The Independent's extensive Events Calendar and local event coverage in every issue!

## January

Winter 4x4 Jamboree (Hurricane/Sand Hollow) – One of the biggest off-road events in Southern Utah during the winter season, attracting enthusiasts from across the West.

## February

St. George Parade of Homes (Washington County) – Showcasing luxury and custom homes with a focus on design, architecture, and interior inspiration.

Bryce Canyon Winter Festival (Bryce Canyon National Park) – Presidents' Day weekend celebration featuring snowshoeing, archery, arts and crafts, and more.

## March–April

St. George Art Festival (St. George) – Held Easter weekend in historic downtown, this beloved festival features fine art, live music, and local food vendors.

Red Rock Film Festival (Cedar City/Kanab – varies) – Independent film screenings, workshops, and panels celebrating artistic and innovative filmmaking.

## May

Amazing Earthfest (Kanab) – Southern Utah's signature festival of learning, arts, culture, and outdoor adventure.

Kanab Outdoor Market (Kanab) – Weekly market with nursery stock, baked goods, local art, jewelry, crafts, and a bounce house for kids. (Continues through October)

## June

Jacob Hamblin Days Festival (Kanab/Kane County) – Honoring the region's pioneer and Western heritage with family-friendly festivities.

Maynard Dixon Country Campout (Mt. Carmel, Kane County) – A multi-day gathering of artists and fans of Western art history and painting.

Utah Shakespeare Festival (Cedar City) – Kicks off in late June and runs through October with a celebrated lineup of Shakespearean and contemporary plays.

## June–July

Firefly Powerbike Rally (Toquerville or Hurricane area) – Electric dirt-bike gathering with rides, demos, and social events for e-bike enthusiasts.

## July

Independence Day Festivities (Various towns) – Parades, fireworks, barbecues, and live music in communities like Kanab, Springdale, Duck Creek, and more.

Pioneer Day Celebrations (Various towns) – Celebrations on or around July 24 honoring Utah's pioneer history with parades, games, dinners, and traditional festivities.

## August

Kane County Fair (Orderville) – A family-friendly event offering games, contests, food, and community fun with mostly free admission.

Legend's Weekend (Kanab) – A celebration of Kanab's Western and film heritage featuring parades, rodeos, film screenings, concerts, and more.

## September

Carmel Mountain Music & Art Festival and Car Show (Mount Carmel) – Classic cars, live music, food vendors, and kid-friendly activities.

Duck Creek End of Summer Bash (Duck Creek Village) – Labor Day Weekend music event at Duck on In Saloon.

Zion Canyon Music Festival (Springdale) – A fall tradition in Zion Canyon with live music, artisan booths, food, and local flair.

Swiss Days (Santa Clara) – A lively heritage celebration with Swiss-inspired food, vendors, live music, and community activities.

Hurricane Peach Days (Hurricane) – Parade, rodeo, carnival, and of course, peaches—held the weekend after Labor Day.

Escalante Canyons Art Festival (Escalante) – Featuring plein air competitions, art exhibits, guided hikes, and workshops celebrating art and landscape.

## October

Kanab Arts Festival (Kanab) – Art, food, live music, poetry, wagon rides, and kids' activities line Kanab's main street in a festive fall atmosphere.

Zion Rocktoberfest (Springdale) – A mix of live music, food, beer, and Oktoberfest-inspired celebration set against the red cliffs of Zion.

Red Bull Rampage (Virgin) – The world's premier freeride mountain biking event, drawing top athletes and huge crowds to Southern Utah.

## November

Butch Cassidy 10K Run (Springdale/Virgin/Grafton area) – A scenic road race through red rock country followed by a celebratory gathering in historic Grafton.

K-town Turkey Trot 5K (Kanab) – A Thanksgiving morning fun run/walk for all ages in downtown Kanab.

Plein Air Art Invitational (Springdale) – A week of exhibits, workshops, and painting sales with some of the finest plein air artists in the nation.

Christmas Light Parade and Festival (Kanab) – Parade, gourmet s'mores, hot cocoa, caroling, and a lantern launch held the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

Zion Canyon Arts and Crafts Fair (Springdale) – A beloved community tradition featuring local and regional artisan booths and handmade goods.

## December

Z-Arts Gala (Springdale) – A formal night of celebration with food, dancing, and an art auction hosted by Z-Arts.

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# Zion National Park Shuttle Info

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's What You Need To Know To Plan Your Visit

- You do not need a ticket or reservation to ride the park shuttle or enter the park.
- During the shuttle season, visitors cannot drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

• Shuttles arrive about every 15 minutes on the Springdale Line (outside the park) and about every 5-10 minutes on the Zion Canyon Line (inside the park).

• Shuttles will not run December 2-20. Shuttles take about 45 minutes to drive between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Temple of Sinawava. This means a round trip takes about an hour and a half.

Be mindful of the time you board the shuttle back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center at the end of the day. You should not wait for the last shuttle of the day. If the last shuttle is full, or if you miss the last shuttle, you may have to walk nine miles back to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

## Zion Canyon Line

• First bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 7 AM through May 17th, then at 6 AM from May 18th to September 14th.

• Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 5 PM through May 17th, then at 7 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

• Last bus departs the Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 7:15 PM through May 17th, then at 8:15 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

## Springdale Line

• First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM through May 17th, then at 7 AM from May 18th to September 14th.

• Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 7 PM through May 17th, then at 8 PM from May 18th to September 14th.

## 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 is closed for a long-term rehabilitation project.

Lava Point Campground is a 1-hour drive from Zion Canyon. Reservation only.

## Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk Hours

Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

• The Information Desk opens at 8 AM and closes at 5 PM every day.

Wilderness Permit Desks

• Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM.

• Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Closed until late 2024.

## 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 and 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 leave 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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# Zion Canyon Shuttle Map



# Springdale Shuttle Map



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# Zion National Park Hiking Info

## THE LOCALS' GUIDE TO HIKING PREPAREDNESS

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

In 2024, the National Park Service reported over 200 search-and-rescue operations, which means over 200 extremely unpleasant vacation experiences. Many more than just a decade ago. The majority of those rescues occurred in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and most hikers who end up getting into trouble are either in their 20s or are older than 60.

Despite our highly skilled and dedicated rescue teams' valiant efforts, not everyone made it out of their predicaments safely. An average of four people per year lose their lives in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

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

Zion National Park is often referred to as an outdoor Disneyland. But this is the wilderness, and it's far less forgiving than any theme park. Here are some tips for how to safely enjoy your time in Zion Canyon.

### Bring Water

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

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

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are NOT reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need

water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

### Wear Appropriate Clothing

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

brimmed hats and UV protective clothing, because suffering from sunstroke or severe sunburn during an already taxing hike can be brutal.

### Leave Wildlife Alone

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

### Leave No Trace

Zion's beauty is matched by its fragility. The red rock landscapes and delicate desert ecosystems are easily damaged, often taking years or decades to recover. That's why it's so important to leave no trace. Stay on designated trails to protect sensitive plant life, especially the black, crusty-looking soil known as biological soil crust — a vital part of the desert ecosystem. Pack out all trash, including food scraps, tissues, and biodegradable items. Use established restrooms when available, and if not, follow park guidelines for disposing of waste properly. Avoid carving into rocks or trees, and keep noise levels down so everyone can enjoy the peace of the canyon. When we leave no trace, we help ensure Zion remains as breathtaking for the next hiker as it was for us.

### Hike Sober

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

### Hike at Your Skill Level, and Don't Take Risks

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



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# Zion Area Hiking Info

## EMERALD POOLS BRIDGE REOPENS IN ZION AFTER MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION

Springdale, UT

After two years of planning and construction, Zion National Park has officially reopened the Emerald Pools Bridge, restoring direct access from Zion Lodge (Shuttle Stop #5) to one of the park's most beloved trail systems.

The original bridge, closed in May 2023 due to a nearby landslide, was determined unsafe after geotechnical assessments revealed shifting at its foundation. In response, National Park Service engineers and contracted teams carefully lifted and relocated the historic bridge approximately 100 feet upstream, where a new, more stable foundation was constructed.

"Reopening this bridge restores a critical connection to one of Zion's most iconic trail systems," said Zion National Park Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh. "We appreciate our visitors' patience and support as we worked to ensure this structure can safely serve future generations."



The rebuilt bridge rests on new concrete abutments designed to withstand the area's shifting geological conditions, including flash floods and landslides. The project was fully funded through Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) fees—demonstrating how visitor contributions directly support long-term infrastructure and preservation efforts.

With the bridge now reopened, hikers can once again enjoy easy access to the Lower, Middle, and Upper Emerald Pools, known for their scenic desert landscapes, hanging gardens, and cascading waterfalls.

Visitors planning a trip to Zion this summer can expect seamless access from the main canyon road to the Emerald Pools Trail via the newly completed bridge.

To learn more about the bridge project, watch the video overview at [youtube.com/@ZionNPS](https://youtube.com/@ZionNPS) or visit [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion).

## BERM TRAIL IN SNOW CANYON STATE PARK

Location: Westernmost boundary of Snow Canyon State Park.

Difficulty: Easy with no major obstacles.

Average Hiking Time: Less than 1 ½ hours for the 2.5-mile round trip hike.

Elevations: The trailhead is approximately 3,116 feet elevation with almost no elevation change from the trailhead to highest point.

Family Friendly: Very family friendly on this easy trail. We saw several youngsters on the trail.

Finding the Trailhead: From St. George go north on State Highway 18 (Bluff Street) and turn left (west) onto Snow Canyon Parkway. At 3.9 miles continue west through a roundabout as the road becomes East Center Street. After 1.2 miles on East Center turn right (north) onto 100 East Street and proceed for five blocks (.4 mile) to the end of the paved road to the large dirt parking area, room for six or seven cars, and signed trailhead. There are no toilets or water at the trailhead.

At the westernmost boundary of Snow Canyon State Park, outside Snow Canyon itself, is an odd trail—an easy hike coupled with some of the best views of a red sandstone mountain you'll ever see. Those familiar with the Ivins area know Red Mountain dominates the skyline in Ivins and part of Snow Canyon State Park. Just south of the mountain is Berm Trail. It is named for the flood control berm protecting the Ivins community to the south.

This hike is one of the easiest (perhaps the easiest) hike my wife, Deb, and I have ever done. (We have hiked more than 250 different trails in the Southwest in about 40 years of exploring.) It is flat with very little elevation change, no steep sections, not a rocky trail, no rock scrambling, and no sandy sections—almost a stroll more than



a hike. But it is a fun stroll with amazing views.

Berm Trail is in Snow Canyon State Park. In 1959 the 7,400-acre Snow Canyon State Park was created and has views that rival the much better-known Zion National Park. There is evidence that the Ancestral Puebloans/Anasazi used the canyon for hunting and gathering and were followed



about 1200 AD by the Paiutes. In the 1850s Mormon pioneers discovered the area. The Park is home to a diversity of plant and wildlife species.

On an early mid-week June morning we, Deb and I, headed out to Berm Trail. There are no toilets or water at the trailhead. Although the trail is within the boundaries of Snow Canyon State Park, there is no entry fee for this hike.

We arrived at the trailhead about 9:00 am under a blue Utah sky with the temperature in the high 70s. The trailhead elevation is approximately 3,116 feet with almost no elevation change from the trailhead to highest point. There are no shady parts of this trail, start early or hike in cooler weather. The trail is 2 ½ miles round trip and should take less than 1 ½ hours to complete.

The Berm Trail begins with a fork in the trail. To the right the trail is atop the berm, to the left (north), about 50 feet from the top of the berm, it follows a maintenance road alongside the berm. Strange because they both go to the same place and stay about 50 feet apart the entire way. Once a fork is chosen, you should, as we did, stay on that fork. You can change from one to the other at a junction one mile away.

The area north of the trail, excepting marked trails such as Red Mountain Trail, is closed to hikers because it is protected desert tortoise habitat. We stayed on the trail, as should you.

We started early on a Wednesday morning and shared this popular trail with at least a dozen other hikers.

The wide trail heads east and so did we atop the berm. The beginning presents a spectacular view of the flanks of Red Mountain, as does the entire hike. We walked along admiring the views and one mile from the trailhead the berm ends and we came to a junction with Toe Trail on our right (south). The main trail continued straight ahead (east) for another .25 mile where it meets Tuacahn Drive. Toe Trail looked rather unimpressive—flat, even further away from the good views, and about half of it goes alongside housing developments (you would get close views of a bunch of backyard fences and walls). We decided to go straight.

We soon reached Tuacahn Drive and headed back. For a slight change in perspective, we took the maintenance road/lower trail on the return trip. During our hike we saw several lizards, some birds, and one tortoise eating a late breakfast.

I highly recommend this easy hike. The views are great and you might spot a desert tortoise.



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# Less-Traveled Zion Hikes

## Current Trail Closures & Popular Trail Considerations:

Hidden Canyon and Observation Point (via the East Rim Trail from Weeping Rock) remain closed due to long-term rockfalls; Angels Landing now requires a year-round lottery permit (apply via Recreation.gov); The Narrows (bottom-up route) is open but closes when Virgin River flows exceed 150 cfs—always check current conditions before heading out; Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is shuttle-only from March through November (including July); park entry requires the standard entrance fee but no reservation for shuttle or canyon access; July highs regularly exceed 100 °F (38 °C), so carry 3–4 L of water per person and hike early or late to avoid peak heat; most other side trails (e.g., Lower Emerald Pools) remain open—watch for debris after storms; and any overnight backpacking or top-down Narrows trip requires a wilderness permit.

## Northgate Peaks

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

To reach the Northgate Peaks trailhead, take State Route 9 to the town of Virgin. Turn left onto Kolob Terrace Road. Drive for 15.7 miles through increasingly spectacular country until the short spur road (on the right) for the Wildcat Trailhead is reached. Drive a few hundred feet to the large parking area.

The trail heads east across grassy plains and stands of Ponderosa Pine with dynamite views of the towering Pine Valley Peak to the west. Soon the trail will be fully in the forest with limited views. After 0.9 miles, the junction with the Hop Valley trail is reached. Continue east, and 0.1 miles further, the junction with the Northgate Peaks Trail is reached. Head south on this trail for another 1.1 miles until the end of the official trail is reached at a rocky basalt bluff with epic views of the Northgate Peaks to the east and west and of North Guardian Angel to the south.

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

## Gifford Canyon

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

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

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

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.



# Popular Zion Hikes

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### 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



Photo by David J. West

Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. A full-day hike, it will take around 8 hours to finish the 14-fourteen mile trip. This hike starts at Kolob Canyons Road.

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

### Kayenta Trail

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

### Canyon Overlook Trail

Starting at Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway,

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

### Taylor Creek Trail

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

### Timber Creek Overlook Trail

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

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

### Pa'rus Trail

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

### Archeology Trail

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

### Grotto Trail

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

### Riverside Walk

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

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# Beyond Hiking

## ZION AREA ADVENTURE & RECREATION GUIDE

Welcome to the Zion area—where crimson cliffs, canyon labyrinths, and sun-drenched mesas aren't just for looking at. If you're ready to go beyond hiking, Southern Utah offers a wide array of thrilling guided experiences. Whether you're exploring hidden canyons by Jeep, riding desert singletrack, or sipping wine at a red rock vineyard, there's something here for everyone—and local pros ready to show you the way.

### Jeep Tours & Scenic Off-Road Drives

Let someone else do the driving while you soak in the views. Jeep tours offer access to some of the most jaw-dropping scenery in Southern Utah—without the need to hike for miles. Zion Jeep Tours based in Springdale offers half- and full-day trips to Zion's lesser-known gems, from mesa-top panoramas to desert slot canyons. Adventure Tours of Kanab specializes in scenic backroad excursions and guided hikes to amazing local sites like Peek-A-Boo Slot Canyon and White Pocket. Jeep and 4x4 tours are also available in the Coral Pink Sand Dunes area and around East Zion, with seasonal options from spring through late fall depending on weather and trail conditions.

### Mountain Biking & eBiking

From Hurricane's world-famous singletrack to scenic bike routes through Zion Canyon, the area is a top-tier destination for cyclists. Over the Edge Cycles in Hurricane is a rider-favorite bike shop offering top-notch rentals, gear, and trail beta. Greater Zion eBikes in Springdale lets you cruise Zion Canyon by electric bike—ideal for riders of all skill levels. You'll also find bike shops and limited rentals in St. George, Springdale, and Cedar City, where local pros can help you pick trails or handle repairs. Best riding seasons are spring and fall, though e-bike routes are popular year-round.



### River Rafting Adventures

Water might seem rare in the desert, but rafting is one of the most breathtaking ways to experience the region. Grand Canyon Expeditions (GCEX) offers multi-day rafting trips through stunning Grand Canyon scenery. Kayak the Colorado leads half- and full-day trips on calmer stretches near Glen Canyon and Lake Powell. Spring to early fall is prime river season, with outfitters based in Kanab, Page, and Big Water—just a short drive from Zion.

### Horseback Riding

There's no better way to channel your inner pioneer than a trail ride on horseback. Ranches and outfitters around Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Grand Staircase-Escalante offer guided rides ranging from peaceful one-hour strolls to full-day backcountry adventures. Most operate from March through October.

### Wine Tours, Breweries & Distilleries

Yes, Utah has wine—and it's worth exploring. Water Canyon Winery offers tasting rooms in both Hildale and Springdale, pairing red rock views with their handcrafted reds and whites. Zion Winery, located in Leeds, is a must-stop for visitors heading north. You'll also find Iron Gate Winery in Cedar City and Bold and Delaney in Dammeron Valley. Adding to the region's growing craft culture, several local breweries and distilleries have begun offering tours and tastings of their artisanal brews and spirits. Whether you're in the mood for a rich, locally brewed ale or a smooth, small-batch whiskey, you can often combine winery visits with stops at these innovative local establishments. Spring through fall is ideal for sipping and sightseeing, with some guided tours pairing wine tastings, brewery stops, and gourmet food in a scenic setting.

### Photography Tours

Golden light on sandstone cliffs. Starry skies over silent mesas. The Zion region is a dream for landscape and night photographers. Local photography guides know when and where to go for the best light and angles—often in places you won't find on Google. Milky Way tours are popular May through September, with fall color excursions in October.

### Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

Located just outside Kanab, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary for companion animals—and one of the region's most beloved attractions. Visitors can take free guided tours, volunteer with cats, dogs, horses, and even pigs, or hike the scenic canyon trails that wind through the 3,700-acre campus. Whether you're an animal lover, a family with kids, or just looking for a peaceful and meaningful stop, Best Friends is must-see. It's open year-round and pairs perfectly with a visit to Kanab's other natural attractions.

### Tips for Planning Your Adventure

Book Ahead – Spring and fall are peak seasons, so reserve early.

Go Local – Local guides bring insight, safety, and a personal touch.

Be Safe – Desert conditions can be extreme. Bring water and listen to your guide.

Leave No Trace – Help preserve these stunning places for the future.

Hiking Too? – If your plans include trail time, don't miss our extensive hiking section including our piece on hiking preparedness for essential safety tips and gear advice.

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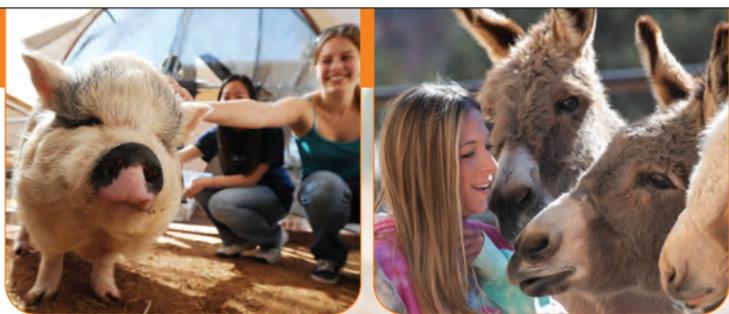
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# Beyond Hiking

## THE BEST DRIVES & DAY TRIPS AROUND ZION

We're glad you're here—and if you're reading this, chances are you came for the world-famous hikes, towering cliffs, and unforgettable canyons of Zion National Park. But maybe you've already hiked Angels Landing or tackled The Narrows. Or maybe you're looking for a different kind of adventure—something a little less strenuous, a little more scenic, or just a great way to spend a day in the car with some jaw-dropping views.

Well, you're in luck. Zion sits in the middle of a wonderland of scenic drives, hidden gems, and bucket-list day trips. So, whether you're taking it easy, chasing new sights, or looking for ways to escape the crowds, here are some top picks to round out your Southern Utah experience.

### Scenic Drives and Viewpoints Kolob Canyons (Zion National Park – Northwest Entrance)

If you love Zion but want something quieter, head to the Kolob Canyons section of the park. Located off I-15 near Cedar City, this five-mile scenic drive offers massive red rock cliffs, sweeping vistas, and several short hikes. It's a perfect add-on for road trippers and a beautiful detour on your way north.

### Kolob Terrace Road

A local favorite, this backroad winds its way from the town of Virgin up into the cooler high country above Zion. Along the way, you'll pass lava fields, meadows, forested plateaus, and killer canyon views. There's even a reservoir near the top if you want to dip your toes.

### Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel

Even if you've already been through the tunnel, it's worth a second look. The



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drive east from Springdale through Zion Canyon and out to the East Entrance is one of the most dramatic in the state. Stop at the many pullouts along the way to take in views of slickrock formations, bighorn sheep, and winding canyons.

### Gooseberry Mesa

This spot is a mecca for mountain bikers, but the road out to Gooseberry is scenic. You'll need a high-clearance vehicle for the final stretch, but you'll be rewarded with stunning panoramic views over Zion and the Virgin River Valley.

### Smithsonian Butte Backway

This off-the-beaten-path route connects Rockville to Apple Valley with unpaved road and unparalleled views. Think mesas, cliffs, and the perfect backdrop for golden hour photos. It's a local secret—and one of the best-kept ones at that.

### Best Day Trips and Nearby Parks Bryce Canyon National Park

About 90 minutes from Zion, Bryce is known for its bizarre and beautiful hoodoos—towering spires of red and orange rock that glow at sunrise and sunset. You

can easily drive the scenic loop and stop at multiple viewpoints or stretch your legs with a short hike into the amphitheater.

### Grand Canyon North Rim

Less visited than the South Rim, the North Rim of the Grand Canyon offers a cooler, quieter experience with just as much grandeur. It's roughly 2.5 hours from Zion and makes for a powerful full-day excursion.

### Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

Located just outside Kanab, this state park features rolling hills of—you guessed it—deep coral-colored sand. Rent a sandboard, hop on an ATV, or just enjoy the surreal landscape.

### Snow Canyon State Park

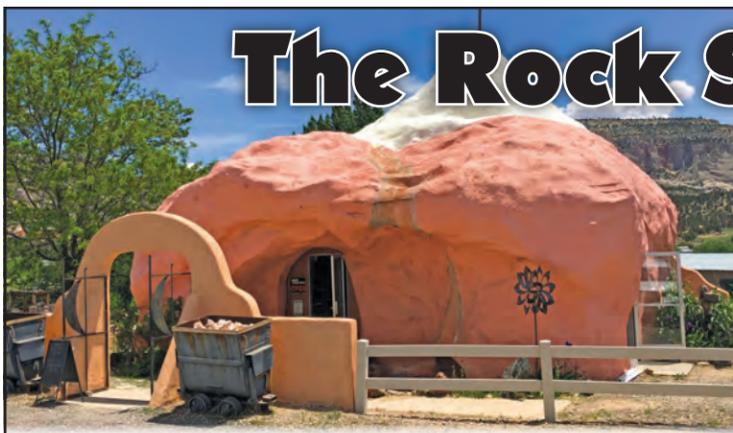
Tucked just north of St. George, this park is a mini-desert paradise filled with lava flows, red cliffs, and white sandstone. It's perfect for a short hike or scenic drive and less than an hour from Zion.

### Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Vast, rugged, and full of secrets, Grand Staircase offers endless day trip options. Popular stops include the Toadstools, Willis Creek Slot Canyon, and Cottonwood Canyon Road. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended for some routes.

Whether you're a hiker, a cruiser, or just here for the views, Southern Utah has more to offer than one trip can hold. Flip the page for more top parks in the region—and happy exploring!

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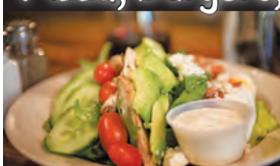
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**ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM** - This ancient Indian village in the heart of Utah's canyon country was one of the largest Anasazi communities west of the Colorado River. The site is believed to have been occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village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

**BAKER** - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and to fish. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and contains brown trout, green sunfish, crayfish, reidside 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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**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.

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**PINE VALLEY** - Pine Valley Reservoir is a beautiful place for fishermen to fish brook trout and rainbow trout. The reservoir is near the Pine Valley Recreation Complex, which has over 150 campsites with picnic and restroom facilities. This area is greener than most other parts of southwestern Utah with pine and 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.

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

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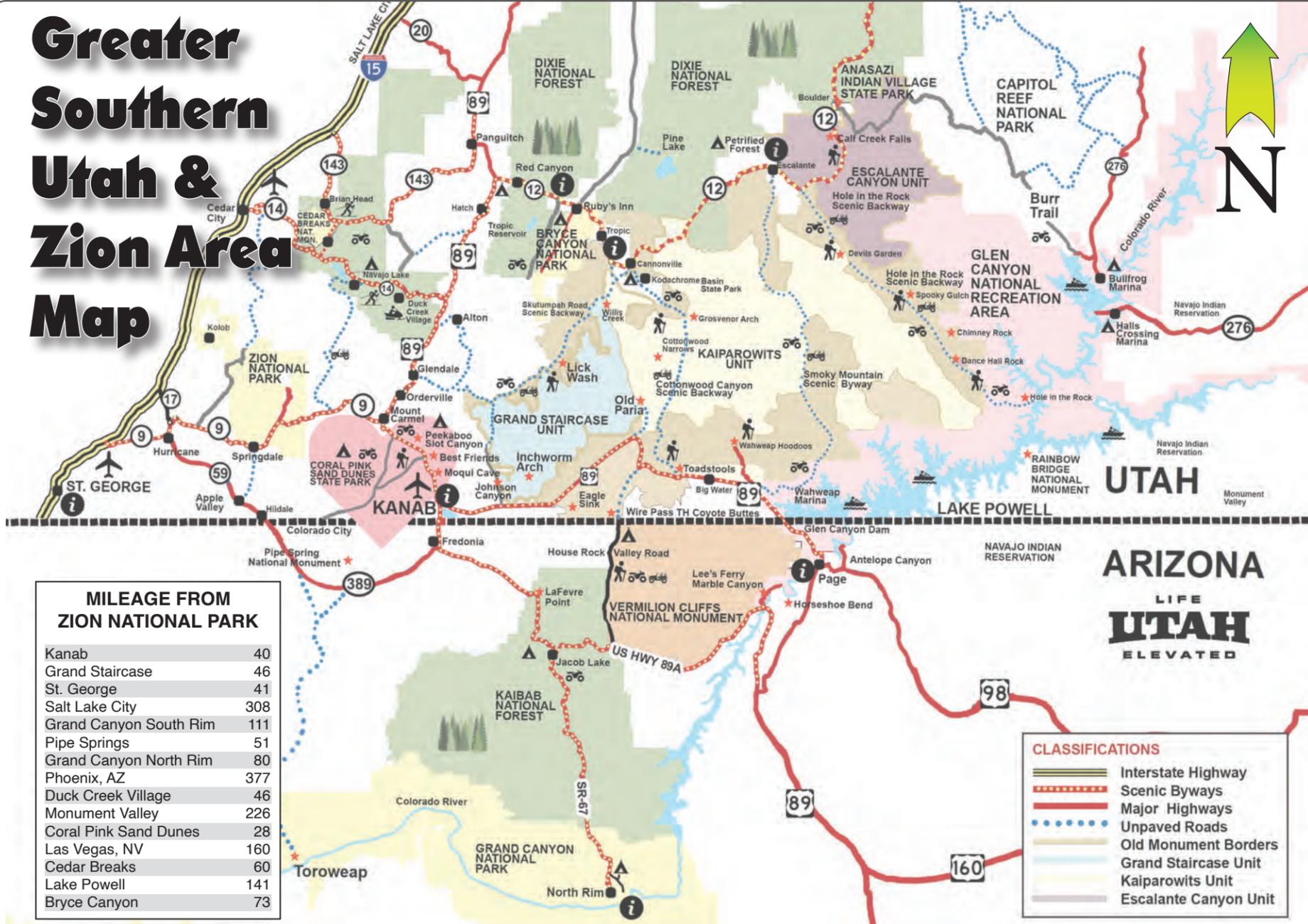
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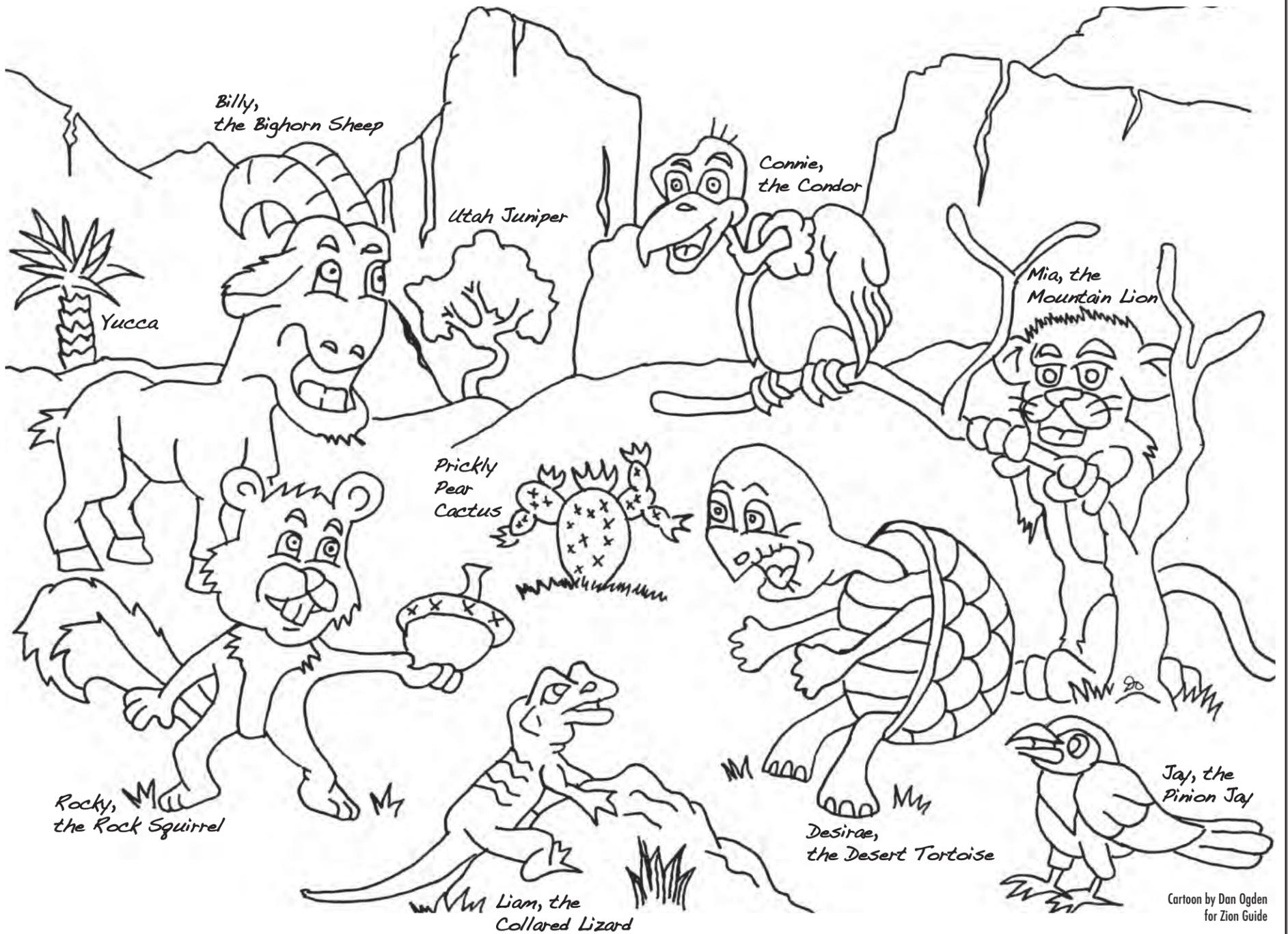
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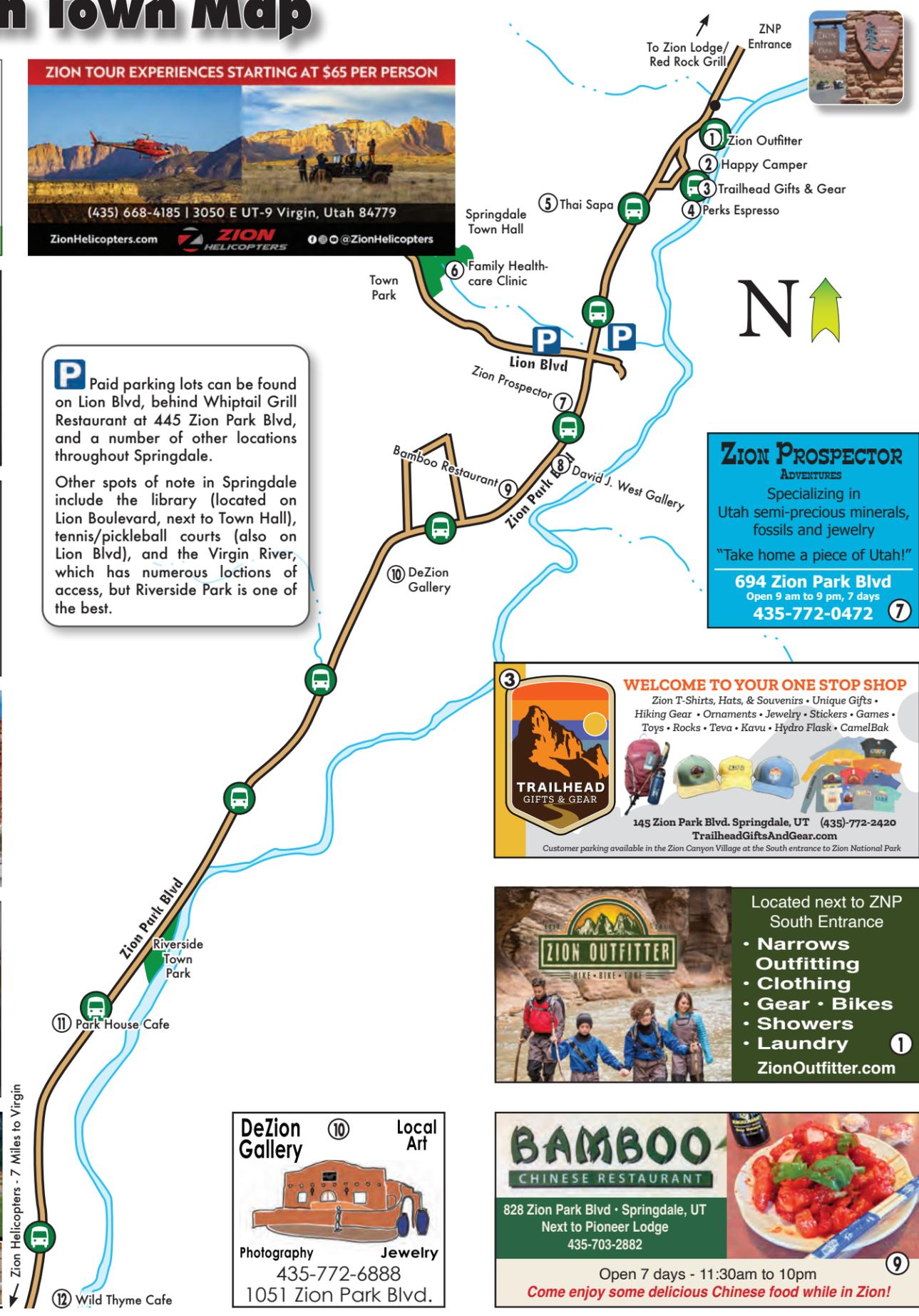
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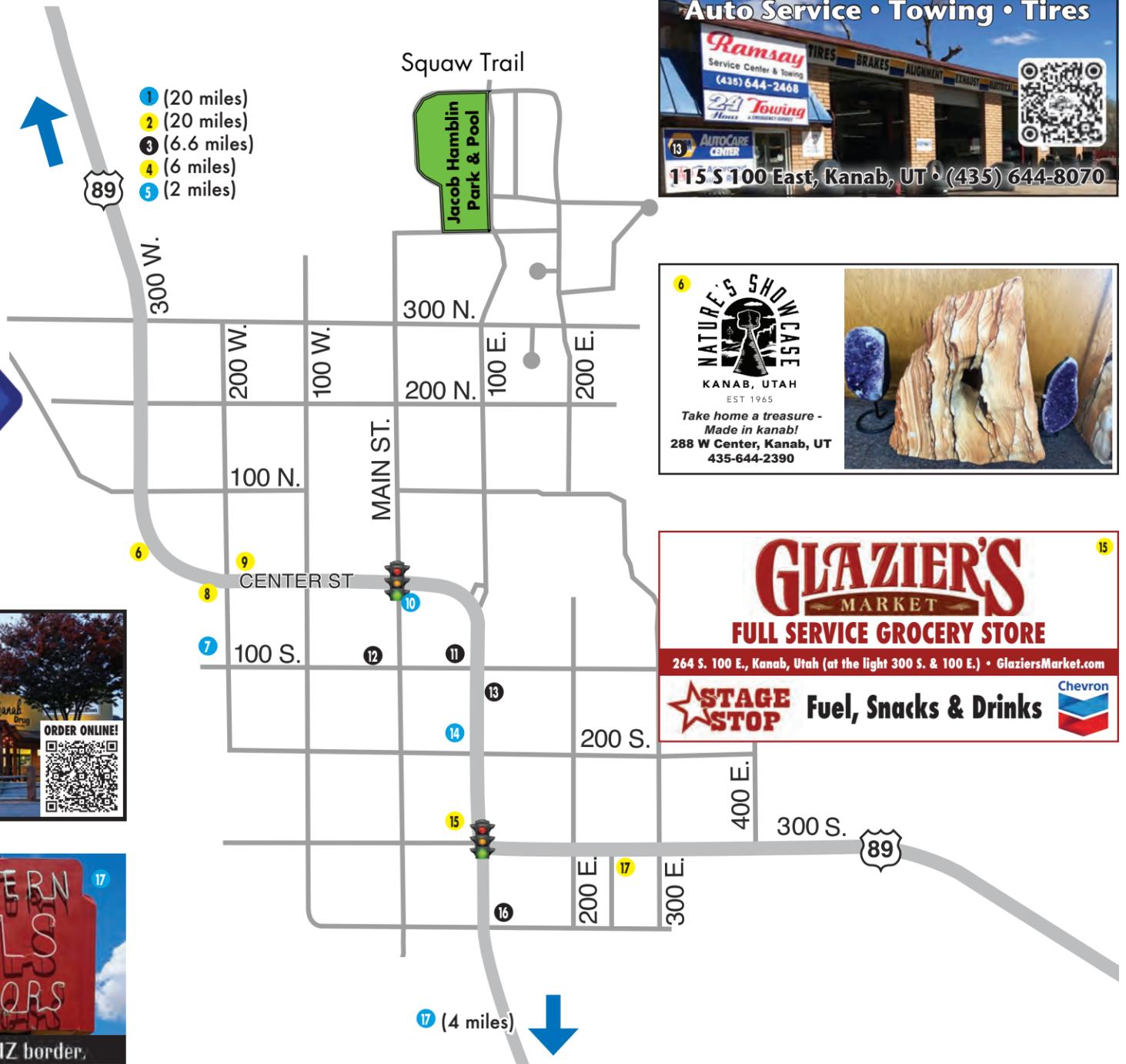
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