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LEGENDS WEEKEND BRINGS WESTERN THRILLS AND HONKY-TONK TO KANAB

August 22-23, 2025 – Kane County, UT
Nestled in the shadow of Vermilion and red sandstone cliffs, Kanab's Legends Weekend is a two-day Western-heritage spectacular bringing the Old West to life in small-town Utah. August 22 and 23, you won't want to miss this fun-filled rural county weekend.

Starting at 11 AM on both Friday and Saturday at Jackson Flat Reservoir, the bustling vendor fair offers shopping goods, regional eats, and plenty of Western flair. Amid the stalls, you'll encounter lively folk dancing, country-style music, and mountain tunes. Music pulses all weekend long, filling the air with toe-tapping Southern rhythms. A lineup of great music groups ranges from local favorites to our headliner band.

Paige & The Overtones—a Las Vegas-based country honky-tonk band fronted by Paige Overton, affectionately dubbed "The Angry Songbird"—bring high energy and heart. Joined by guitar phenom Jake Shepard, bassist Ryan Skat, and drummer Mari Erickson, the quartet delivers a potent mix of soulful vocals, twangy guitar work, and electrifying performances that pay homage to classic country while forging their own path. Catch them Saturday night, August 23, at Jackson Flat Reservoir.



Adding literary heft to the celebration, renowned cowboy poets take the stage, weaving rhymes of cattle drives, campfires, and desert nights. Their performances capture the rugged soul of the range. One of the featured poets is the infamous Andy Nelson, an energetic and high-spirited cowboy poet and humorist from Pinedale, Wyoming. A second-generation farrier, he spent his youth traveling the Great Basin with his father, shoeing horses for ranchers across southern Idaho, northern Utah, and northern Nevada. His deep roots in cowboy life lend authenticity to his storytelling.

Friday night, adrenaline takes over at the Kanaplex Arena with the Legends Rodeo—a full-throttle show featuring bull riding, bronc bucking, roping, barrel racing, and more. Saturday continues the momentum with the Leon Brinkerhoff Legends Remembered team-roping show-

down, celebrating skill and camaraderie while the red cliffs glow in the evening light.

Beyond entertainment, Legends Weekend includes a variety of community events. The Kanab Center Quilt Show and annual Friends of the Library Book Sale invite quieter exploration. Downtown Kanab truly shines during this weekend. Browsing rustic boutiques, art galleries, and Western-themed shops is spellbinding when paired with views of towering red cliffs overhead.

One of the most enchanting elements is the stunning natural setting. Whether you're hoofing it along the vendor fair, catching a rodeo rider's final jump, or watching dancers swirl in folk routines, the red sandstone formations of Vermilion Cliffs and Grand Staircase frame every moment. Catch an offsite adventure with a guided or self-guided trip along Johnson

Canyon Road, offering cinematic views—no wonder Hollywood chose Kanab as "Little Hollywood" for classics like Gunsmoke and The Outlaw Josie Wales.

Enjoy a salute to film heritage with short scene vignettes—complete with heroics, comedy, a damsel in distress, and high-noon shootouts for fun "short clip" productions.

With deep-rooted traditions of music, dance, rodeo, cowboy poetry, homegrown crafts, and theatrical storytelling, Legends Weekend blends lifestyle and entertainment in an authentic Western experience. It perfectly balances rowdy rodeo action with soul-soothing folk songs under the stars, all set within the warm hospitality of a welcoming small town.

It's not just a festival—it's a living tableau of Western heritage.

If you're planning a summer getaway that delivers music, poetry, cowboy grit, handcrafted wares, live theatre, and red-rock scenery, Legends Weekend in Kanab is an ideal two-day immersion in Western charm. Saddle up—you're invited to a frontier celebration where legends truly come to life. Learn more at visitsouthernutah.com/legends-weekend.



THE END OF SUMMER IS JUST THE BEGINNING

By Elizabeth Gunter, Editor of The Independent



There's something about late summer in Southern Utah—when the light starts to change, the evenings cool just a little, and you can feel a creative shift in the air.

August may still bring the heat down here in Washington County, but across the region, the energy is building. Higher-elevation communities like Cedar City, Duck Creek, and Brian Head have been buzzing all summer long—hosting festivals, concerts, and art fairs with cool breezes and stunning backdrops. I escaped to Brian Head last month

for the art festival and let me tell you—it was lovely. Live music in the alpine air, art booths under the pines, and not a triple-digit temperature in sight.

No matter where you are in Southern Utah, the end of summer is when things come alive. Outdoor concerts feel more inviting, new exhibits roll out, and plein air painters return to the golden-hour light they've been waiting for.



Photo: A plein air painting setup catches the last golden light near St. George—brushes poised, canvas glowing, and the desert landscape humming with color.

It's almost a second spring. Flowers bloom again, hummingbirds return, and people step back outside after weeks of retreat—whether from heat or simply the quiet of midseason. The desert exhales—and so do we.

This month's issue hints at that turning point. It's full of creative momentum, from festival announcements and visual art features to the second installment of The Dish, where we continue exploring the flavors that define our local food scene.

We love Southern Utah in all seasons, but spring and fall? They're our creative sweet spots.

So if you've been waiting for the right time to try something new, get involved, or just wander into a gallery you've never noticed before—consider this your invitation. The season ahead promises a lot. We'll be here to help you find it.

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EXPERIENCE GLOW-IN-THE-DARK GALACTIC FUN FOR ALL AGES AT CEDAR CITY'S MOONWALK & 5K RUN!



August 9, 2025 – Cedar City, UT

Looking for a family-friendly way to wrap up summer? Join Cedar City Events on Saturday, August 9, 2025, for the Moonwalk and 5K Run! Experience the magic of a full moon evening like never before with glow-in-the-dark fun from start to finish. It's not about crossing the finish line—it's about dancing, laughing, and making memories with friends and family.

Walk through Cedar City's East Bench trail system decked out in glow gear—or make it a race and speed through under the stars!

The fun begins at 7:30 PM in the parking lot at the LDS Church on Greens Lake Drive, where you'll find a live band, free mocktails, yard games, glow-in-the-dark swag, inflatables, face painting, and so much more! The race begins at 9:30 PM

and is open to everyone ages 8 through 100. Participants will have an hour and a half to complete the course, with plenty of fun along the way, including live music, cosmic treats, photo ops, and lots of chances to create lasting memories.

Whether you're racing for time or strolling with loved ones, everyone celebrates at the end with a foam party finish line and out-of-this-world food!

The ticket price to walk the course or take your time is \$20 per person, while the 5K Run ticket is \$30. Runners will be timed and awarded based on age groups in the 5K race. Families of four can use the Family Pass Walk Option for \$60. All ticket prices include a commemorative t-shirt, food, drinks, and a swag bag.

Cedar City guarantees an out-of-this-world experience for participants of all ages!

To sign up for this unforgettable event, visit www.cedarcityut.gov/moonwalk.



A DIVINE DELIVERANCE: HURRICANE THEATRICAL'S THE PRINCE OF EGYPT

August 1-Sept. 6, 2025 – Hurricane, UT

A visually stunning, musically powerful journey of faith, freedom, and brotherhood

With thunderous drums, haunting chants, and a wall of voices crying "Deliver us," Hurricane Theatrical's *The Prince of Egypt* opens like a tidal wave, instantly gripping the audience with its raw emotion and epic scale. From the first note to the final bow, this production tells a deeply human story of faith, freedom, and brotherhood—brought to life with breathtaking visuals and a soaring score that lingers long after the curtain falls.

Directed by Kyle Myrick, with choreography by Sammy Myrick and vocal direction by Ashley Fawson, this adaptation of the DreamWorks film follows Moses—from Egyptian prince to Hebrew prophet—as he answers the painful call to lead his people to freedom. The production doesn't shy away from the emotional weight of that journey, and every element of the show works together to make the stakes feel real.

Set design by Nathan Merrill is as impressive as it is immersive. Towering palace walls, flowing riverbanks, and sweeping desert scenes create a striking portrait of ancient Egypt. Each transition flows smoothly, enhancing the cinematic quality while grounding the story in emotional truth.

Lighting adds richness and depth throughout—from the glow of the burning



bush to the eerie darkness of the plagues—creating an atmosphere that elevates each moment. Costumes, from ornate royal garb to humble robes, are crafted with thoughtful detail and visual impact.

The cast meets the show's vocal and dramatic demands with compelling performances. The bond between Moses and Ramses is particularly moving, as two brothers grapple with identity, power, and loyalty. Stephen Schwartz's score shines in numbers like "Deliver Us," "Through Heaven's Eyes," and the heart-stirring "When You Believe."

Choreography infuses the stage with energy—from royal processions to moments of suffering and liberation. The parting of the Red Sea, a visual and emotional highlight, is executed with creativity and grace through movement and lighting.

The *Prince of Egypt* runs August 1 through September 6, 2025, with shows every Monday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 PM, and Saturday matinees at 2 PM. Discounted preview night: Thursday, July 31 at 7 PM. Tickets at www.hurricanetheatrical.com or call 435-668-9753.



DIXIE'S GOT TALENT TO KICK OFF DIXIE DAYS FESTIVITIES!

September 13, 2025 – St. George, UT

Presented by the Utah Tech University Entertainment Alliance, Dixie's Got Talent is an annual tradition that raises funds for Utah Tech University student scholarships while offering local performers an opportunity to share their craft with the community, gain exposure and vie for cash prizes.

"Dixie's Got Talent is one of our family's favorite community traditions,"

Dr. Jordon Sharp, vice president of marketing & communication at Utah Tech and a past DGT winner, said. "This event brings out the best in all of us whether we are performing or supporting. There is so much talent in our area, and there is nothing better than experiencing that talent together as we cheer on our friends, family and neighbors." The first round of auditions were held

through video submissions in which contestants compete in the youth, adult or group category. Nearly half these contestants will be invited to participate in the next round, in-person callback auditions on Aug. 9. From there, the top eight contestants in each category will be selected to be one

of the 24 acts that will perform at the 2025 Dixie's Got Talent Finale. This year, the Finale is being held at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 13 in the Main Stage Theater in Utah Tech's Eccles Fine Arts Center in conjunction with the City of St. George's annual Dixie Days.

At the Finale, a panel of judges and audience voting will determine the winner and runner-up in each category. Finale Tickets are \$20 each and will be available for purchase beginning at 9 a.m. on Aug. 15 at utahtech.edu/ticket-office.



SOUTHERN UTAH DOES FARMER'S MARKETS BEST!

Multiple Dates - Kane County, UT

As you travel across scenic Route 89 through Kane County, make time to stop at one—or all—of four vibrant local markets. Each offers a wide array of vendors and handcrafted goods, from fresh baked treats to handmade jewelry, health products, and specialty foods created by talented local artisans.

In Kanab, you'll find a market every Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 PM on the lawn of the Kanab Center, right in the heart of town across from the iconic Parry Lodge. Often accompanied by live entertainment from local performers, this market buzzes with fun and personality. Start your visit with a homemade lollipop from Ari and her daughter, then meander through colorful canopies filled with delicious breads, cakes, and artisan goods. Pick up dinner from one of the food vendors, grab a gorgeous scarf or a pair of custom earrings, and don't forget to end your visit with a homemade popsicle from Angie and her daughter. It's truly a joyful experience.

For a second Kanab option, visit the Friday morning market from 8 AM to noon in the parking lot of the Iron Horse Restaurant. Many of the same beloved vendors are there, with a few extra highlights—especially fresh fruits and vegetables. Be sure to grab some banana bread from Scott, pick up hiking snacks, and don't miss the honey made by bees that call Kanab home. Clau-

dia and Dave's homemade jams are also a must-try.

Heading west on Route 89 Monday evening? Stop in Orderville from 5:30 to 7:30 PM through the end of September. This market is packed with fresh local produce and irresistible baked goods. Dinner options abound—cooked with love by locals—and the handcrafted items reflect the beauty of the surrounding red cliffs. It's a small town gem full of flavor and creativity.



For a refreshing mountain stop, head just a bit farther to the Duck Creek Farmers Market, happening every Saturday from 10 AM to 2 PM through September at 865 E. Movie Ranch Road in the center of Duck Creek Village. Cooler temperatures and stunning views make this a favorite weekend outing. Vendors come from both sides of the mountain with homemade dog biscuits and collars, artisan jewelry, health products,

local honey, and some of the best sourdough bread you'll ever snack on. You'll want to take home more than just one treat.

Southern Utah's farmer's markets aren't just places to shop—they're destinations in themselves. Whichever market you visit, you'll find community, craftsmanship, and something delicious around every corner.



ESCALANTE CANYONS ART FESTIVAL - ART DEFINED BY DIVERSITY

Sept. 19-28 - Escalante, UT

Escalante Canyons Art Festival (ECAAF) will celebrate its 21st year amid the breathtaking red rock scenery of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, from September 19 to 28, 2025.

This year's lineup is as diverse as the landscape, featuring art demonstrations and classes that explore creativity in its many forms. Visual art workshops include woodcut printmaking, simplified watercolor plein air, painting shapes and shadows in shifting sunlight, on-site oil painting, composing a Southwestern landscape, and nature-inspired abstracts.

Competition winners will receive \$10,000 in awards across six categories: plein air, studio work, junior, miniature, abstract, and nocturne.

Additionally, artists who write can participate in storytelling classes set against the scenic backdrop of the monument. Art-



ists as naturalists can join guided discussions on clouds, medicinal plants, bats, and conifers—led by professional herbalists and rangers. Daily excursions into the public lands of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument will provide opportunities to explore, observe, and paint.

Featured local artists Dwight and Jalene Vance will showcase their extensive collection of award-winning wood carvings,

including Santas, scenery, fish, characters, and spoons.

Textile arts will also be celebrated, with heritage and modern quilts on display.

A wide range of musical styles will fill the air, from jazz and Norwegian instrumental melodies to folk, rock, and bluegrass. Performers will share music that entertains and inspires.

A special plein air demonstration will

feature four women artists painting the same landscape using entirely different techniques: one in watercolor, one in pastel, one with oil and brush, and one with oil and palette knife.

Whether you wish to participate as an artist, writer, naturalist, or vendor—or simply want to be inspired by visual or performance art—there is something here to uplift the spirit. Come to browse or to buy, to learn or to share: this year's festival celebrates the incredible range of expression that art makes possible.

Diversity and variety define both the setting and this year's program. We look forward to mingling with you in this awe-inspiring landscape.

For more info and to register, visit www.escalantecanyonsartfestival.org.



SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD SPOTLIGHTS ARTISTS AND OFFERS AUGUST WORKSHOPS



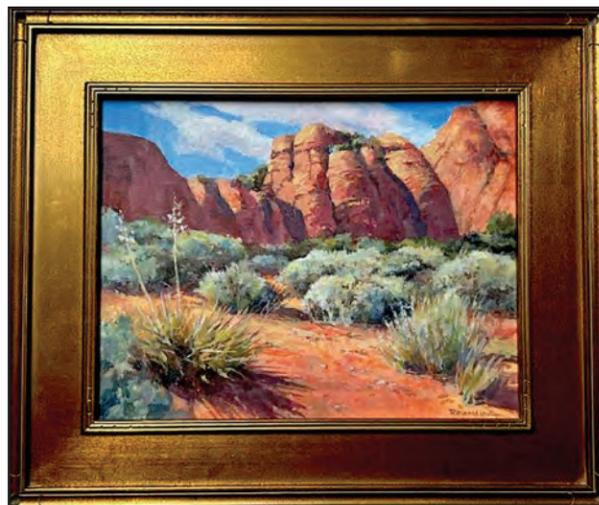
St. George, UT

Arrowhead Gallery is buzzing with excitement this August as it celebrates the work of spotlight artist Beth Lingwall and prepares to welcome renowned landscape painter Roland Lee. A special open house honoring Lee and his latest collection will be held on September 4, from 5 to 7 PM. Guests can enjoy live music, refreshments, and an up-close look at Lee's watercolor mastery. A signature member of the National Watercolor Society, Lee's work has appeared in *Fine Art Connoisseur*, *Southwest Art*, and more. His new collection is now on view.

Meanwhile, Red Cliff Gallery continues its tradition of fostering artistic engagement with a vibrant lineup of community events. On August 7 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Connect with Colleen Gianatiempo offers new and emerging Utah

artists a chance to meet, mingle, and make art in a relaxed setting. Gianatiempo returns on August 25 to lead her Elements at Play workshop, a hands-on session blending color theory and collage. Participants will leave with a one-of-a-kind creation and a boost of creative confidence.

From August 11 through 22, the St. George City Employee Art Show showcases the talents of municipal



workers beyond their day jobs. A public reception on August 12 from 5 to 7 PM offers a chance to meet the artists and view the work.

Capping off the month is The Power of Three, a collaborative exhibit running August 26 through September 18. The show features work from three creative collectives—Guild SubClubs, Elements at Play, and Turn Center—with a reception on August 28 from 3 to 5 PM.

Arrowhead Gallery is located at 68 E Tabernacle in St. George and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11 AM to 6 PM, and Friday and Saturday from 11 AM to 8 PM.

For details, including SubClub meetings and dates, see our calendar on page 16 or visit www.southernutahartguild.com.

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FLYING HIGH IN ST. GEORGE: EPIC FLIGHT ACADEMY TAKES OFF

By Elizabeth Gunter

St. George, UT

It's not every Saturday you get to take the controls of a brand-new Cessna 172, help ascend to 4,000 feet, and feel the thrill of lift-off firsthand—but that's exactly what happened at the grand opening of Epic Flight Academy's newest location at the St. George Regional Airport.

Epic, the largest FAA Part 141 flight school in the nation, has landed in Southern Utah with a fresh focus on immersive flight training. With one gleaming plane and one experienced instructor to start, the team plans to scale from here—next stop: Provo.

Visitors at the June 28 grand opening were treated to a celebratory ribbon-cutting hosted by the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce, alongside tours, refreshments, and the chance to fly. And yes, I took them up on the offer—literally.

My discovery flight was more than a joyride. After a full pre-flight inspection and checklist session, I climbed into the cockpit like a true student pilot. The aircraft, a less-



Ribbon Cutting at 4,000 Feet (Well, Almost): Epic Flight Academy officially opens its St. George location with a celebratory ribbon cutting. The sky's the limit for this newest flight training hub in Southern Utah.

than-year-old Cessna 172 outfitted with a sleek Garmin G1000 glass cockpit, felt like a luxury car for the skies.

With the instructor by my side, I helped guide us up to 4,000 feet and took a smooth right turn over the stunning red rock vistas. The entire experience—part adrenaline, part zen—was humbling, empowering, and just a little addictive.

Epic's St. George base operates out of the Million Air building, providing state-of-the-art facilities for flight students and aviation enthusiasts alike. Whether you're dreaming of a career in aviation or just want to cross "fly a plane" off your bucket list, they make it approachable and unforgettable.

Discovery flights, simulators, and private tours are available by appointment. With a vision rooted in accessibility, precision training, and a passion for flight, Epic is elevating aviation in Southern Utah one takeoff at a time.

Visit epicflightacademy.com/locations-st-george to learn more or schedule your flight.

THE DISH: WHERE COFFEE MEETS COMMUNITY: RIVER ROCK ROASTING CO. KEEPS LA VERKIN GROUNDED AND GROWING

By Elizabeth Gunter

La Verkin, UT

If you've ever taken the scenic route to Zion, there's a good chance you've passed River Rock Roasting Company perched above the Virgin River, just outside La Verkin. And if you haven't stopped yet—do yourself a favor.

I've been here plenty of times before, usually for coffee and a breakfast bite, which are both reason enough to stop, but for this month's visit to write The Dish, I decided to switch it up and meet friends for a laid-back Sunday lunch. We snagged a table with a view, enjoyed the latest local art show lining the walls, and dug into a few familiar favorites. I went for the burger, hearty and juicy, built on the kind of no-shortcuts flavor that proves they get the basics right. My friends split a pizza and salad over cold beers, one of my go-to combos at River Rock. We also grabbed a couple of smoothies to round things out, and yes, we absolutely took home the leftover ranch dressing (as always). It's that good.

But food is just part of the story here.

A Desert-Rooted Dream

River Rock was born during the tail end of the recession, when founder (and former construction worker) Jim turned a career pivot into a full-fledged coffee roasting busi-



ness. Inspired by the solitude of the desert and the quiet power of Southern Utah's wild beauty, he and Naomi—partner in both life and business—started roasting beans in their garage and selling coffee at the Springdale farmers market.

With Naomi baking and Jim manning the roaster and front counter, the couple launched River Rock in 2012. The original plan was wholesale-only. But, as Jim tells it, Naomi wisely insisted on a public-facing café—and the community's response quickly proved her right.

"Once we were open, and saw members of the community from all walks of life feel like they had a place they could go and feel at home," Jim says, "that is what drove us to continue to expand our offerings."

Familiar, Yet Inspired

The menu is as eclectic as it is comforting: baked goods, breakfast plates, burgers, pizzas, big salads, and vegan soups in cooler months. What ties it all together? A simple philosophy: "What would we want to eat?"

Profit was never the goal. Instead, Jim and Naomi focused on creating something memorable and accessible, drawing on years of experience in restaurants and cafes. Their house pizza, for example, was months in the making—each dough batch tested, tweaked, and graded like a science experiment until the perfect chewy-flaky sourdough base was born.

And of course, there's the coffee. The roasting program that started it all is now helmed by Fred and Tomi, who

continue to evolve the craft with dedication and precision.

Local Roots, Lasting Impact

From reclaimed wood sourced from old barns and pioneer homes to rotating exhibitions of local artists (currently curated by Greg Istock), everything about the space tells a story. Cozy in winter, breezy in summer, and always filled with life, River Rock reflects the heart of its founders and staff.

And while live music is tricky to host due to Utah's liquor laws, the team has always found ways to celebrate creativity. Their food, after all, is as much a labor of love as any song or painting.

Most importantly, the entire River Rock crew—from longtime staff like Brandi to their multi-talented operations manager Dani—bring a shared vision to life every day. "Our goal is that every customer leaves us thinking that was one of the best dining experiences they've had," says Jim. "And can't wait to come back."

Plan Your Visit: River Rock Roasting Company is located at 394 S State St, La Verkin, UT. Open daily from 6:30 AM to 9 PM, 364 days a year. No reservations, but plenty of space. Learn more at riverrockroasting.com.



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SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS PRESENTS FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN KANAB AND PAGE

August 2 & 8, 2025—Kanab, UT & Page, AZ
 Get ready for a heartfelt musical journey through the decades as Symphony of the Canyons returns with its FREE Summer Concert Series, featuring love songs from the 1970s all the way to the 21st century! With two performances—August 2 in Kanab and August 8 in Page—this season's offering is filled with nostalgia, top-tier talent, and good vibes for the whole community.

The concerts will highlight sweeping themes from beloved classics like Titanic and Phantom of the Opera, along with a mix of romantic hits performed by accomplished local soloists. Also featured are harpist Linda Alderman-Briscoe and members of the famously talented Downward family. The variety and caliber of performances are sure to strike a chord with audiences of all ages.

Diane Cruz, Events Coordinator for

Symphony of the Canyons, shares, "The concerts are a great opportunity to gather

with your community and enjoy familiar tunes that make the most of your summer."



The Kanab concert will take place at 5 PM on Saturday, August 2 at the Kanab Center Ballroom (20 North 100 East), and the Page performance will be at 6 PM Arizona time (7 PM Utah time) on Friday, August 8 at the Cultural Arts Building at Page High School (434 South Lake Powell Boulevard). Details for the Page show can be found at events.cityofpage.org.

Thanks to generous support from local cities, these free concerts are made possible not only with beautiful venues, but also the critical behind-the-scenes support needed to move instruments and equipment across state lines.

Musicians from both Arizona and Utah are welcome to join in. Weekly rehearsals take place Thursdays at 7 PM in the Dragon Room at the Kanab Center. Interested in booking Symphony of the Canyons for your event? Reach out at secretary@symphonyofthecanyons.org.

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NORTH RIM FIRE TRAGEDY SHAKES THE REGION, BUT KANE COUNTY IS STILL OPEN AND WELCOMING VISITORS

By Josh Warburton

Kane County, Utah

The heartbreaking loss of the historic Grand Canyon Lodge on the North Rim, along with surrounding facilities and thousands of acres of forest, has left a deep scar across the region. As of this writing on July 24, the Dragon Bravo Fire—sparked by lightning on July 4—has burned over 23,000 acres and is only 26% contained. Critical fire weather continues to challenge firefighting efforts as crews work to protect key infrastructure and strengthen containment lines.

With Highway 67 still closed at Jacob Lake, all access to the North Rim is cut off, and the area will remain closed for the rest of the 2025 season. The fire has also triggered a wide range of closures throughout the Grand Canyon, including Phantom Ranch, Bright Angel Campground, all backcountry routes from the North and South Kaibab Trails, and major inner-canyon



important it is to get trails open ASAP and get the lodge rebuild plans moving. The silver lining from the tragedy is if we can have the opportunity to have the North Rim be built in a way it can stay open all year or longer than it has before.”

If you feel moved to help, the official recovery fund for the North Rim Lodge and affected park facilities is now live at preserve.grandcanyon.org. Donations will go toward restoration and rebuilding efforts that aim not only to bring back what was lost but to improve resiliency and access in the years ahead.

The loss is real. The hurt is real. But so is the opportunity to show up, support the region, and still explore the many wonders of Southern Utah. Come stay in Kanab, visit our parks, and experience the magic that remains.

For updates and travel planning resources, visit <https://visitsouthernutah.com>. For fire updates, visit inciweb.wildfire.gov.



hiking trails like Bright Angel and Tonto East. While US Route 89A has reopened and Jacob Lake Inn is again accessible, much of the Kaibab National Forest remains under closure.

Kane County leadership is doing all it can to respond. County Commissioner Celeste Meyeres confirmed the passage of both a resolution supporting reopening efforts and a declaration of economic disaster—opening the door for affected local businesses to apply for low-interest SBA loans to weather the tourism downturn.

“We are trying to encourage all we can for people to still come and see all we have to offer while we are trying to be sensitive to the sadness we all feel at the loss of the lodge and surrounding facilities,” said Janette Peatross, Kane County Tourism Director. “We still have so many amazing things to see like Zion, Bryce, Lake Powell, Coral Pink, The Wave, and so many more hidden gems. We are lucky to have Celeste who is doing all she can to get state and federal leadership to see how



FMASU PRESENTS A 40TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING OF “BETTER OFF DEAD” WITH CO-STAR DIANE FRANKLIN

By Adam Mast

September 3, 2025 – St. George, UT

The 501(C)(3) nonprofit, The Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah (FMASU), recently hosted a 40th-Anniversary screening of the 80’s gem *Better Off Dead* this past July. The event was so popular that they’ve decided to host an encore screening of the film with an unforgettable added bonus: The movie’s lovely co-star, Diane Franklin, will be on hand to introduce the film and to take part in a post screening conversation and Q&A.

This wonderful actress has a resume that includes recent projects like *Waking Nightmare* and *Bad Advice* but it all started with a memorable turn in *Better Off Dead* as well as an appearance as one of the princesses in 1989’s hilarious time-travel comedy, *Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure*. She also broke hearts earlier on in the 80s with her turn in the underappreciated *The Last American Virgin*, a teen sex comedy that would take a most unexpected detour with its sucker-punch-to-the-gut ending.

Perhaps her most endearing performance, however, is in the aforementioned *Better Off*

Dead. In this righteously hilarious offering, John Cusack is Lane Meyer, a lovesick teen who must adjust to life after his girlfriend dumps him. Among other things, this very funny movie features a colorful cast of supporting players including our guest of honor, Mrs. Franklin as foreign exchange student and new object of Lane’s affection, Monique Junot. *Better Off Dead* also features memorable work by Laura Waterbury (*Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*), Yujji Okumoto (*The*

Karate Kid Part II), Dan Schneider (*Good Burger*), Kim Darby (*Teen Wolf, Too*), David Ogden Stiers (*M*A*S*H*), Vincent Schiavelli (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*), and Demian Slade (*Back to the Beach*) as the world’s most persistent delivery boy.

Writer/director Savage Steve Holland (*One Crazy Summer* and *How I Got Into College*) doesn’t get nearly enough love. His take on the 80s teen experience was always something a little bit different from some of the more angst-centric elements we were seeing from his contemporaries at the time. His films were always charming, high energy, and seemingly random in equal measure, and in the end, while Holland may not have enjoyed the same sort of success as someone like John Hughes, his 80s essentials have grown in popularity through the years. This is especially

true of *Better Off Dead* which has certainly stood the test of time. It should also be noted that several scenes in this film were shot right here in the beautiful Beehive state by way of a big time assist from The Utah Film Commission.

This special 40th-anniversary screening of *Better Off Dead* will take place on Wednesday, September 3rd at the Electric Theater. Diane Franklin will be on hand to sign copies of her book starting at 6 PM. Doors for the screening will open at 6:30 PM with the film set to start at 7 PM. Mrs. Franklin will also introduce the screening and follow the movie up with what is sure to be a lively and altogether insightful conversation about her career.

If you’re interested in attending, FMASU suggests you RSVP for tickets sooner rather than later as this screening is expected to fill up. Tickets are free but donations are greatly appreciated as they will help cover the cost of the screening.

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August–Sept. 2025 — Cedar City, UT
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Thanks to a few generous sponsors, the center has been able to offer four concerts free of charge to the public this year, providing accessible entertainment for all ages and family sizes.

Next up: Corbino and Cedar Jazz Project will take the stage on Friday, August 8 at 6 PM. Guests are invited to bring a chair or blanket and lounge on the grass while some of Southern Utah's top musicians provide the entertainment. Seating is first

come, first served, but there is plenty of space for the whole family.

The final show of the season will be held on September 12, featuring performances by Silver Flack and Side Note.

This summer's earlier performances—by Black Cat Parade, Runaway Fire, Dopamine Crash, and Collin Englebright—were enjoyed by all, from local families to international visitors in town for the Shakespeare Festival.

Johnson Arts Center is located at 59 North 100 West, Cedar City, UT 84720.

Get more information at www.johnson-artscenter.org

LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBIT IN RANDALL THEATER

August–Oct. 4, 2025 — Cedar City, UT
During this summer's Utah Shakespeare Festival, painters from the Kolob Gallery will exhibit their work at the Randall L. Jones Theatre, located at 35 South 300 West in Cedar City. The paintings—featuring oil, watercolor, and pastel—include local landscapes, still lifes, and abstract pieces.

Visitors may view the exhibit in the theater's foyer, which is open now through October 4, Tuesdays through Saturdays. The foyer is open during matinees between 1 and 3:30 PM, and during evening performances from 6 to 10 PM. All artwork is for sale and can be purchased through the gift shop at the north end of the exhibition.

Participating artists include Mary Jabens, Brad Holt, Erin Shakespeare,

Debbi Robb, Mona Woolsey, Tiffany Marchant, and Arlene Braithwaite. Their work is also on display at the Kolob Gallery, located at 111 S. Main Street in Cedar City. The gallery is open from 10 AM to 6 PM, Monday through Thursday, and remains open until 8 PM on Final Fridays.

Come enjoy stunning art and visit with artists and fellow art lovers while browsing for a piece that is unique, creative, and beautifully crafted to fill that empty spot on your wall.

Kolob Gallery and The Art Center are located at 111 S. Main St., Cedar City, Utah. Open Monday through Saturday. For more information, visit cedarartcenter.com or call (435) 586-3828.



BOLD WINES, DRY SKIES AND RIPENING VINES IN LEEDS

By Patrick Hayes

Leeds, UT

Right now, at Zion Vineyards, we're hoping for monsoon rains. The 100-degree-plus days and relatively cooler nights this July have produced wonderful grapes. Typically, we irrigate three to four days a week in June, increasing to five sessions per week in July. Watering at night minimizes evaporation, and our drip system delivers about a gallon of water per vine each day.



Grapes are like people—struggle breeds character—and we want grapes with plenty of structure and balance. In July, we provide plenty of water, then dial it back when harvest begins, allowing the sugar concentration to rise. Higher sugar means higher alcohol, which creates wines with vibrant flavor, balanced acidity, and the structure to pair with a wide range of foods.

At Zion Vineyards, harvest begins in mid to late August and runs through mid-October. The grapes are ripening beautifully this season, and we're anticipating high-quality fruit and exceptional wines.

This month, we welcome back four wines to our tasting menu: our Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet-Syrah blend, Syrah, and Miscela di Campo—our field blend. Miscela di Campo is unique and truly the will of the wine gods, a reflection of what nature gives us each season.

Come out during August or September for a wine tasting and ask for a tour. If ripeness allows, you may even get to sample different grape varieties straight from the vine. We're also looking for harvest volunteers. With over 1,500 names on our volunteer list, spots fill up in under 10 minutes—so when you get the email, sign up fast!



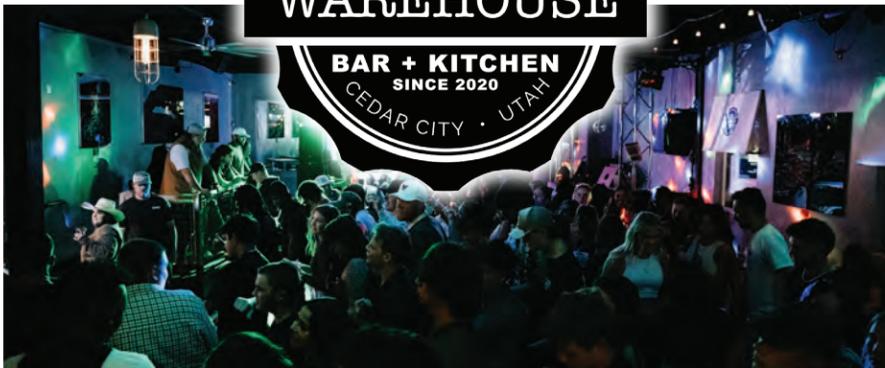
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“This river changes people—not just the way they see nature, but the way they see themselves,” say co-owners Shaun Riding and Dale Gauthier, whose vision for Kayak the Colorado goes far beyond thrill-seeking. “Kayak the Colorado was born from a



belief that adventure should be more than adrenaline—it should be awakening.”

And awakening is exactly what you'll find as you paddle beneath towering sandstone walls, past ancient petroglyphs, and along waters so clear you can see the pebbles on the bottom. Suitable for all experience levels, this is a mellow, meaningful way to engage with one of the most iconic rivers in the American Southwest.

The most popular trip begins with an upriver boat shuttle to mile 10 or mile 14, where guests are dropped off with their kayaks for a self-paced float back down to Lees Ferry. It's a tranquil journey through canyon beauty, with opportunities to stop at sandy beaches, explore hidden side canyons, or just drift in silence while soaking in the serenity of the place.

What makes Kayak the Colorado stand out is their passion for preservation

and personalization. Locally owned and operated, the team is committed to protecting the fragile Glen Canyon ecosystem while providing high-quality gear, expert trip advice, and a warm, knowledgeable welcome to every guest.

Whether you're seeking solitude, family bonding, or just a break from the noise of modern life, Kayak the Colorado offers a unique and peaceful way to experience the red rock wonders of Glen Canyon.

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GET BACK TO SCHOOL— AND BACK TO LAUGHS— THIS AUGUST AT OTC!

August 2025 — Cedar City, UT

As summer winds down and a new school year begins, make sure you leave room in your schedule for fun with OTC Comedy. Every Friday at 8 PM, gather your classmates, roommates, or coworkers and head to the OTC Comedy Theater (913 S. Main Street) for a night of fast-paced, all-ages improv comedy that's guaranteed to delight.

Every show is completely made up on the spot from audience suggestions, so you're sure to be delightfully surprised each time you attend. Tickets are just \$10 and are available now at www.otccomedy.com.

To celebrate the new season, OTC Comedy has launched a rewards system—earn points for every dollar you spend at the theater. Redeem your points for popcorn, drinks, and even free tickets. It's a

great way to treat yourself while enjoying the best laughs in town.

And for those looking for comedy that



breaks all the rules, don't miss The Improv Lab on Thursday, August 28 at 7 PM. This 18+ monthly show features OTC performers and special guests trying out bold new ideas and experimental formats. Tickets are just \$5, making it a perfect low-cost, high-fun way to mix things up before the semester picks up speed.

Whether you're getting into the school spirit with all-ages Friday night shows or diving into the creative chaos of The Improv Lab, OTC Comedy has the perfect night out waiting for you this August.

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DIXIE TECH STUDENTS BRING HOME GOLD AT SKILLSUSA NATIONALS

St George, UT

Dixie Technical College's Digital Design program has something big to celebrate. Three of its students brought home gold medals from the 2025 SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Georgia—a sweep that marks the program's triumphant return to national competition.

This year's national champs include:

- Taylor Walker & Gavin Thayn – Gold, Postsecondary Digital Cinema Production (Team)
- Kaylee Zaccardi – Gold, T-Shirt Design



SkillsUSA is a national organization that works with educators and industry leaders to build a skilled workforce through hands-on career and technical education. Representing more than 442,000 members across the country, the organization hosts annual competitions in over 130 skilled and technical categories. Dixie Tech's three digital design entrants—two college-level and one high school student—all claimed top honors.

"This was an incredibly proud moment," said Digital Design Instructor

Noah Burt. "Their success speaks not only to their work ethic and creative ability, but also to a program built around practical skills, professional tools, and creative problem-solving."

For student Gavin Thayn, the event was more than just a competition: "It was an experience that brought me closer to my goals—just being around the people there pushed me to grow."

The Digital Design program at Dixie Tech is built for real-world impact. Students gain practical experience using professional



tools like Adobe Creative Cloud, Figma, web builders, and digital advertising platforms. The curriculum spans graphic design, branding, video production, photography, UI/UX, and digital marketing.

Through the SkillsUSA Framework, students also develop communication, leadership, and technical skills in a team-driven environment. These competitions challenge students to rise to the occasion—and sometimes, surprise themselves.

"I was shocked to see that a small opportunity I almost passed up became a stepping stone I'll never forget," said Gold Medalist Taylor Walker.

Dixie Technical College is located in St. George and offers over 25 accredited, skills-based programs across healthcare, construction, culinary, computer technologies, and more. Their mission: to give students the tools to build meaningful careers, strengthen their communities, and support their families. Learn more at dixietech.edu.

IVINS HERITAGE DAYS RETURNS WITH A WEEK OF FUN, FOOD, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

September 6-13, 2025 — Ivins, UT

The Ivins Heritage Days Celebration is back, bringing a full week of hometown charm and festive fun from September 6 through 13. This year's theme, Planting Seeds, Harvesting Unity, celebrates the strength of community and the spirit of togetherness that defines Ivins.

Throughout the week, locals and visitors alike can enjoy a wide variety of events designed to honor the past and celebrate the present. Festivities include a kickoff parade, an art exhibit, a community car show, and a pie baking contest sure to inspire sweet rivalry. Live music and entertainment will fill the air, while storytelling at Coyote Tales



invites guests of all ages to laugh, reflect, and connect.

Families can take part in classic games and scavenger hunts, while budding athletes will enjoy the community hockey clinic. The Mini Miss Princess Pageant offers a special spotlight for younger residents, rounding out a week that's as engaging as it is inclusive.

Each year, Heritage Days offers something new while staying rooted in the traditions that make Ivins special. Whether you're shopping for local goods at vendor booths, soaking in the sounds of live entertainment, or cheering on a parade float, this is a celebration of community at its best. For event schedules, registration info, or to get involved, visit

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August 2025 — St. George, UT

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Thousands of families have grabbed their passports and dived into hands-on fun—from backyard campouts and kitchen experiments to cool DIY building projects. Each activity completed brings families closer to awesome prizes. Complete at least five adventures and you're entered to win thousands of dollars in prizes. Hit ten activities, and you'll score a pair of Lagoon tickets. Finish every activity, and you'll be in the running for the grand prize: a \$5,000 family trip to any Southern California theme park of your choice!

With just a few weeks left, now's the perfect time to grab your passport and start making those summer memories count.

"It's been incredible to see so many families getting outside, having fun, and making memories together," said Craig Hanson, owner of Redrock Media. "If you haven't started yet, don't worry—there's still time to join in and maybe even win that dream trip!"



Passports are free and available at Redrock Media (1453 S. Dixie Dr., Suite 220, St. George), at sponsor locations, or online at www.passporttosummer.fun. Passports must be submitted by September 2, the last day to enter.

Don't let summer slip away—grab your passport today and turn your final days of summer into an adventure to remember!

DUCK CREEK VILLAGE LEGACY PROJECT CELEBRATES COMMUNITY HERITAGE, TRAIL DEVELOPMENT, AND FUTURE GROWTH

Duck Creek Village, UT

Duck Creek Village, nestled in the heart of Southern Utah's Dixie National Forest, has announced the launch of the Duck Creek Village Legacy Project (DCVLP), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the area's rich history, enhancing recreational opportunities through trail development, and fostering sustainable growth for future generations.

This community-driven initiative celebrates the village's heritage as a historic sheepherding hub and gateway to national parks while strengthening its role as a vibrant center for outdoor adventure and connection.



The Legacy Project encompasses a range of efforts designed to honor and protect Duck Creek Village's cultural, natural, and recreational assets. Key components include:

- **Historical preservation:** Documenting and showcasing the village's history through a digital archive and interpretive signage at key locations. Highlights include its role in classic films like *Drums Along the Mohawk* and *National Velvet*, and its past as a sheepherding community.

- **Trail development and enhancement:** Expanding and improving the Markagunt OHV Trail System and nearby trails, with new multi-use paths for hiking, biking, and snowmobiling. Improvements include updated signage, new trailhead facilities, and sustainable maintenance practices.

- **Community enhancements:** Upgrades to local infrastructure, including the Duck Creek Visitor Center, will offer better resources for tourists and residents. Features include improved trail maps, education on sustainable recreation, and expanded amenities for outdoor users.

- **Sustainable development:** Collaborations with local organizations such as Kane County Recreation and Transportation and the U.S. Forest Service support



land use practices that protect the rustic character of the Dixie National Forest.

- **Annual events and engagement:** Community celebrations will bring together residents and visitors to honor the village's unique identity and outdoor lifestyle.

"Duck Creek Village is a treasure for both its history and its unparalleled access to outdoor adventure," said Randy Varner, Project Coordinator for the Duck Creek Village Legacy Project. "As a nonprofit, DCVLP is committed to ensuring that residents and visitors can enjoy our trails and natural surroundings for years to come while honoring the legacy of this special place."

Residents and visitors are invited to contribute by sharing stories, photos, and memories of Duck Creek Village's past and present. Submissions can be sent to [randy.varner@DCVLP.com](mailto:varner@DCVLP.com). For more information, to make a donation, or to get involved, visit www.dcvlp.com.



About the Duck Creek Village Legacy Project

The Duck Creek Village Legacy Project is a nonprofit organization committed to preserving the cultural and natural heritage of Duck Creek Village while promoting sustainable recreation and community development. Located at 8,400 feet on Cedar Mountain, Duck Creek Village serves as a gateway to three national parks, five national monuments, and year-round outdoor adventure.

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IRON MISSION DAYS OLD TOWN MARKET ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS



November 7-8, 2025 — Cedar City, UT
Frontier Homestead State Park Museum and the Frontier Homestead Museum Foundation are pleased to announce the first annual Old Town Market as part of Iron Mission Days in Cedar City, Utah. The event will take place November 7 and 8, 2025, and will feature original art, food, and traditional craft demonstrations that celebrate the diverse heritage of Southern Utah.



Iron Mission Days has long been a staple in honoring Cedar City's history each November. Over the years, the event has evolved to reflect community preferences and to align with Cedar City's birthday festivities. This year, the spotlight is on heritage arts vendors and demonstrations with the addition of the Old Town Market.

"We've been testing this idea for the last few years," said Giani Julander, Park Manager. "A couple of years ago, we invited

heritage art vendors to the Iron Mission Days event, not knowing what the response would be. Overall, the visitors and the vendors had a good experience. This year we hope to expand on our success and offer an exceptional experience to the community and all our patrons."

Vendor applications are now being accepted. All interested artists, crafters, and food vendors can request an application by emailing frontierhomestead@utah.gov.

Thanks to the generous support of Visit Cedar City/Brian Head (www.visitcedarcity.com), marketing and advertising for the event will be expanded to reach a wider audience.

The Frontier Homestead Museum Foundation looks forward to welcoming a diverse, high-quality market and thanks its exhibiting artists and vendors in advance for helping bring the arts in all their forms to the residents of Iron County and beyond.

Questions can be directed to Giani Julander at 435-586-9290 or by email at frontierhomestead@utah.gov.



GIVING BACK, ONE BACKPACK AT A TIME

St. George, UT

For the last eight years, as summer begins to bring blistering heat to southern Utah, InfoWest has sprung into action with one of its most beloved traditions: its annual backpack giveaway.



Since 2017, InfoWest has given away free backpacks each year to children throughout the communities it serves. What began in Moapa Valley, Nevada, has since expanded to include St. George, Cedar City, and Richfield, Utah. Now each summer, InfoWest gives away more than 500 backpacks.

It's a company-wide effort, but InfoWest's marketing team takes the lead—and they do an impressive job. It takes time and coordination to assemble the backpacks and organize the giveaway events in each location.

Each backpack is filled with essential school supplies, and some even include extras like lunch boxes or headphones. The designs range from character-themed favorites to colorful options in various shapes and sizes, offering something for every child.

The giveaway is open to everyone in the community—whether a family is in financial need or simply overwhelmed by back-to-school expenses. In past years, InfoWest, the local internet service provider, has also provided free tacos or burgers during the event. This year, the team opted for doughnuts in order to stretch the budget and provide even more backpacks.

"I think the kids like donuts better than tacos," said Kelly Nyberg, CEO and founder of InfoWest.

What started as a simple way to support the community has grown into a highly anticipated annual event. Many families return year after year, and the quality of the back-

packs continues to improve.

"We started with the little string backpacks. Through working with vendors, finding deals, and a little bit of elbow grease, we've been able to up our backpack game each year," said Nyberg.

InfoWest is already preparing for next year. Since the company funds the giveaway entirely, its team works with vendors throughout the year to purchase supplies when prices are lowest. The more they save, the more backpacks they can provide.

In recent years, InfoWest has consistently distributed more than 500 backpacks annually. When there are extras, they're donated to nonprofit organizations that support local youth.

The event is first come, first served, and once the backpacks are gone, they're gone.

"Backpacks are geared toward 3rd-5th grade, but any and every student is welcome to take one while supplies last," added Nyberg. "This is exactly why supporting local businesses is so important—they give back to the community. InfoWest saw a need and decided to step in and help however we can."



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SUMMER ARTS IN FULL SWING: DON'T MISS LIVE MUSIC AND THEATER IN KANAB!

July–September 2025 — Kanab, UT

Summer isn't over yet, and neither is the excitement at the Kane County Center for the Arts (KCCA). The Canyons Calling Summer Concert Series and an original theater production are bringing unforgettable nights of music, storytelling, and community to the heart of Southern Utah. Whether you're a longtime local, a first-time visitor, or just looking for something special to do, these events promise inspiration, connection, and fun for all ages.

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The Canyons Calling Summer Concert

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Visit www.kanecountyarts.org for tickets, event details, and the complete summer lineup. Follow KCCA on Facebook and Instagram for behind-the-scenes updates, artist features, and more.

About KCCA

The Kane County Center for the Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing a welcoming space for creativity, connection, and cultural growth in rural Southern Utah. KCCA believes in the power of the arts to inspire, unite, and transform the community—one show at a time.

THE STAGE DOOR PRESENTS "CLUE: ON STAGE"

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

The Stage Door proudly announces its upcoming production of *Clue: On Stage*, a fast-paced, hilarious adaptation of the cult classic film and beloved board game. Performances run from July 31 through August 16, promising mystery, laughter, and plenty of twists at every turn.

Based on the iconic screenplay by Jonathan Lynn and adapted for the stage by Sandy Rustin, *Clue: On Stage* brings



to life the eccentric characters and thrilling antics of a dinner party gone murderously wrong. The show is filled with slapstick comedy, clever dialogue, and enough red herrings to keep audiences guessing until the very end.

The cast features a dynamic mix of Stage Door veterans and newcomers. J. Bryan Dial leads the ensemble as the mysterious Wadsworth, while Allyson Twitchell plays the sultry and enigmatic Yvette. Rachael Rose appears as Miss Scarlet, Barb Christensen as Mrs. Peacock, Christine France as Mrs. White, and Brad Christensen as Colonel Mustard. Professor Plum is portrayed by Robert Craig, and Christian Navarrete appears as the quirky Mr. Green.

Adding to the intrigue, the ensemble includes Jessie Osness, Katie Wood, Isaiah Mair, and Garrett Mair, who bring versatility and energy to multiple roles throughout the production.

This laugh-out-loud mystery is directed and produced by Joshua Scott, whose staging brings the classic elements of the board game to life with imagination and high production value.

"We're thrilled to bring this audience favorite to St. George," said Scott. "With its combination of mystery, comedy, and nostalgia, *Clue: On Stage* offers something for everyone."

Whether you're a lifelong fan of the film, the game, or simply enjoy a good murder mystery, *Clue: On Stage* is a must-see theatrical event.

Performances take place at The Electric Theater in St. George.

For tickets and more information, visit www.stagedoorutah.com or follow @thestagedoortheater on social media.

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Valerie Orlemann, *First Light on the Mesa* (detail), oil, 2024

THREE SOUTHERN UTAH COUNTY FAIRS BRING THE FUN THIS AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

August 2–September 2, 2025 – Panguitch, Orderville & Parowan, Utah

Fair season is in full swing, and Southern Utah is serving up not just one, but three amazing county fairs this year! From goats and quilt shows to demolition derbies and Dutch oven cook-offs, the Garfield, Kane, and Iron County Fairs offer the kind of family-friendly fun that only rural Utah can deliver. Each one is packed with new events and long-standing traditions that highlight the spirit and talent of their communities. Here's a full rundown, in order of when they happen, so you can hit them all if you're feeling adventurous!



Garfield County Fair: August 2–9 – Panguitch, Utah

The first to kick off the season, the Garfield County Fair brings a whole week of small-town charm and time-honored fun to the Triple C Arena, located just north of Panguitch on Highway 89. Running August 2 through August 9, this fair has something for everyone—from families looking for entertainment to locals ready to show off their best livestock, pies, and produce.

Fan favorites return: water ball walkers, the fish grab, baby contest, bingo, and cornhole are all back. The junior talent show is also making its return to the stage. New for 2025 is a “Horse Fun Day” on Friday, August 8 at 5 PM, adding an extra opportunity for kids and horse lovers alike to participate.

Saturday closes things out with the Commissioner’s Dinner, awards drawings, and the Muddy Boots Summer Dance. Be sure to come hungry—there’s a Dutch oven cook-off and a delicious barbecue dinner that night too.

Throughout the week you’ll find team roping, Lego contests, inflatables, indoor exhibits, and the Junior Livestock Show and Auction—always a heart of the event. Pre-register entries by Monday, August 4 at 6 PM at www.fairentry.com. For more info, call 435-676-1113 or check out the Garfield County Fair Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GarfieldCountyFair.

Kane County Fair: August 2 & August 6–9 – Orderville, Utah

Just a short drive down scenic Highway 89, the Kane County Fair in Orderville continues the celebration August 2 and August 6–9, with the opening rodeo on the 2nd and the full fair experience beginning again on the 6th. This year marks the 79th year of the fair, which traces its roots back to local FFA students and a humble hog sale in the 1940s.

That small event eventually expanded into a full county fair in 1948, and it hasn’t looked back. Events now take place between the Carroll Arena and the Kane County North Event Center, where locals come together to celebrate agriculture, youth, art, and family.

This year’s fair features livestock shows, arts and crafts, quilt and flower displays, and classic fair food. You’ll also see a parade, a dance, and expanded categories for visual arts, produce, and homemade goods. The Long Valley Stock Show is a staple of the event, showcasing the hard work of local youth raising pigs, steers, goats, and more.



The Kane County Fair is a tribute to community effort, creativity, and tradition. Everyone—from local families and volunteers to young first-time exhibitors—helps make it all happen. So come on out and support YOUR fair!

For full details and daily schedules, visit www.visitsouthernutah.com/countyfair or the Kane County Fair Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KaneCountyFairUtah.

Iron County Fair: August 16–September 2 – Parowan, Utah

Closing out fair season with a bang is the Iron County Fair in Parowan, held August 16 through Labor Day, September 2. The theme this year is “Adventure Awaits,” and with everything from motor madness to pie-baking contests, that slogan rings true.

Major events start early with the Demolition Derby on August 16 and the Mud Bog on August 23, both drawing big crowds and offering thousands in cash prizes. Pageant lovers won’t want to miss the Miss Iron County competition on August 9, and talent seekers will find plenty to cheer for at Iron County’s Got Talent on August 30.

New for 2025 are the Children’s Business Fair and the Boots and Buddies Adaptive Rodeo, both great additions that expand the fair’s focus on inclusion and opportunity. Other beloved events include the Beautiful Baby Contest, Outlaw Car Show, Ranch Rodeo, PRCA local events, 5K run/walk, and contests like disc golf and cornhole.

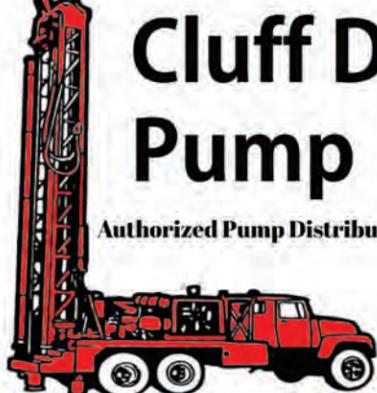
There’s truly something for everyone, whether you’re watching, participating, or just soaking in the sights and smells of the midway. Held at the Iron County Fairgrounds, 550 E. Clinic Way in Parowan, this fair is known for affordable fun and family-friendly vibes.

Register early and buy tickets now at www.ironcountyfair.net, or contact the fair office at 435-477-8380 or fair@ironcounty.net.



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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

MOVIE REVIEW: FANTASTIC FOUR: FIRST STEPS (PG-13)
Grade: B+



After a disastrous mid-90s Roger Corman produced take, a pair of seldom talked about mid-2000s Tim Story-directed adaptations, and an infamous all-too-serious version from the mid-2010s directed by Josh Trank (it should be noted that Trank claims the version that came out in theaters is not the version he wanted audiences to see), Marvel looks to give us a big-screen adaptation of Fantastic Four that's truly worthy of remembering. And wouldn't you know it? They pulled it off! And interestingly enough, Fantastic Four: First Steps is dropping in theaters less than two weeks after James Gunn's much-talked-about Superman. While there were certainly moments that I liked in the latest look at Krypton's favorite son, I prefer First Steps because quite honestly, even though it isn't without its flaws, this movie is more cohesive as a whole and it's considerably more moving.

Fantastic Four: First Steps takes place in the 60s and rather than giving us the traditional origin story, this richly detailed comic book movie introduces us to the already formed superhero troop. By way of a brief flashback, we are witness to how our four fearless heroes returned to Earth with unique powers following a space mission gone awry. Reed Richards (aka, Mister Fantastic) would be blessed with stretchy flexibility, The Invisible Woman would have the ability to...You guessed it...Turn invisible, Johnny Storm (aka, the Human Torch) would have the power to produce fiery flames from within and blaze through the sky at top speed, and Ben Grimm (aka, Thing) would come back as a literal rock man. Together, this selfless foursome would protect the people of Earth from whatever dangerous threats might come their way.

Of course, the Fantastic Four have their work cut out for them after a metallic-looking presence known as the Silver Surfer arrives on Earth without warning and informs all humans that they should make the most of what little time they have left as their planet will soon be destroyed by an otherworldly baddie known as Galactus. It's an intense and frightening set up, one in which Mister Fantastic, The Invisible Woman, The Human Torch, and Thing must immediately spring into action. It isn't long, however, before our determined heroes soon discover that in order to save our planet as we know it, they will be asked to make the ultimate sacrifice.

As helmed by WandaVision director Matt Shakman, First Steps benefits from being a standalone Marvel movie. It isn't at all consumed with implementing the sort of connective tissue that most Marvel movies are reliant upon. With the exception of a mid-credits sting, this film focuses solely on the Fantastic Four world and what a fantastic world it is. As others have noted, this movie has a colorful retro 60's vibe that gives it a live action flavor akin to popular animated properties like The Incredibles and The Jetsons.

The performances are solid across the board, too. And I say this as someone who wasn't particularly sold on the casting of Pedro "Have you noticed that I'm being cast in everything these days?" Pascal and Vanessa Kirby. I'm still not entirely sure that they were necessarily the perfect actors for Reed Richards and Sue Storm but...they certainly played their roles perfectly bringing strength, warmth, and

vulnerability to this loving married couple in equal measure. Likewise, Joseph Quinn is a lot of fun as lady's man, Johnny Storm,

a lovable sort so confident that he's not even afraid to flirt with one of this film's primary antagonists. And finally, we have Ebon Moss-Bachrach as Ben Grimm, a somewhat reluctant and lowkey hero who is much more interested in entertaining kids and cooking for the family than he is showing off and uttering his infamous catchphrase; "It's clobbering time!"

As terrific as these performers are on an individual basis, it's their chemistry as a team (more importantly, as a family) that truly elevates the proceedings. Yes, they are that good together. Elsewhere, a terrific Julia Garner (Breaking Bad) appears as Shalla-Bal, a variation of the beloved comic book character, Silver Surfer. Despite not having as much screen time as other characters in the film, there's a surprising amount of depth here and a lot of that can be attributed to the fashion in which Garner plays the role. Likewise, Ralph Ineson does outstanding vocal work as the villainous Galactus, eater of planets. From the moment we hear him speak, it's clear that Earth may be in for a world of hurt.

On a technical level, Fantastic Four fires on all cylinders. The world building is impressive and again, the retro look really lends a magical quality to the film. Solid special effects, too. From the space battles to a menacing and physically imposing Galactus, the visual effects team works overtime in the name of our entertainment. Beyond all of that, Michael Giacchino compliments the entire film with another winning score. No telling why he parted ways with Team Jurassic World: Rebirth but their loss was certainly this movie's game.

There's just a lot of joy to be found in this film and while Marvel generally delivers in the visuals department, the last thing I expected was to be as moved as I was by this movie. No joke...I caught myself getting choked up a couple of times. Further still, while this is certainly a movie about the fantastic, it's also a movie rich with very relatable themes. High among them, hope, teamwork, family, sacrifice, motherhood and parenting in general. This is to say that First Steps delves into the lengths to which a mother and father will go to protect their children. But at the same time, this film also suggests that in their own way, our children often return the favor. Fantastic Four: First Steps is not a perfect film. There are standard moments of convenience and some strange pacing issues (a sequence in the first half of the movie finds the team not only reaching the domain of a particular threat quickly and with relative ease but ultimately escaping that threat in even easier fashion.) There are also moments where the film feels as if, perhaps, it might have been retooled and cut back a bit in an effort to keep the action under two hours.

Flaws aside, though, this is one of the bigger surprises of the summer. Additionally, it's one of the stronger Marvel efforts to be released in quite some time and I say this as someone who was also pleasantly surprised by Thunderbolts*. Ultimately, it's not every day that an MCU movie offers emotional beats that actually rise above the spectacle of it all but in the case of First Steps, that's exactly what happened and it's all the stronger for it. Here's hoping that the "next step" is as straight up entertaining as this one was.

MOVIE REVIEW: HAPPY GILMORE 2 (PG-13)
Grade: C+

After nearly three decades, the Sandman is back with a sequel that his biggest fans probably thought he'd never deliver. To call the original *Happy Gilmore* beloved would be a gross understatement. It's a film that enjoyed moderate success upon release way back in 1996 but in the years since, it has been elevated to cult status. The question is, does *Happy Gilmore 2* live up to the legacy of the movie that inspired it? Does it emerge as the *Top Gun: Maverick* of comedies? Does it serve as the ultimate many-years-later sports movie bookend, ala *Rocky Balboa*? In a nutshell, no. But that doesn't mean it doesn't have a handful of dopey and altogether funny moments to offer along the way.

Happy Gilmore 2 opens shortly after the events of the original film. Shooter McGavin has been thrown into a mental institution and Happy Gilmore goes on to enjoy a monstrously successful run on the pro golf circuit. He even goes on to marry the woman of his dreams (played once again by the lovely Julie Bowen) and start a family with her. Yes, the world is Happy's oyster. But then, in a stunning development which I'm still kind of shocked they decided to include in this comical film (no spoilers here), a misfortune involving Happy's game changes the trajectory of his life. Cut to several years later, the children are now grown, and a now retired-from-the-game Gilmore must figure out a way to come up with enough money to send his daughter to a prestigious dancing school in Europe. Reluctantly, Happy goes back to the game of golf but will he be able to retrieve his mojo and make the ultimate comeback?

Truth be told, a better title for this film might have been *Unhappy Gilmore* as a pivotal stretch of the film certainly finds our protagonist down in the dumps. That said, this is a *Happy Gilmore* sequel so it should come as absolutely no surprise that he won't be down on his luck for too long.



One might be quick to point out that *Happy Gilmore 2* suffers from three primary things; The over reliance of fan service, the obscene number of high-profile cameos, and the nearly two-hour runtime (the first film was closer to a more manageable 90 minutes.) On the other hand, there's no way a sequel to *Happy Gilmore* wasn't going to unload a plethora of callbacks and there was certainly no way they would give us fewer cameos than the first movie had to offer.

As for the story, it's often messy and sometimes plays more like a TV movie (no surprise given that this film skipped theatrical altogether and went straight to Netflix) but again, it isn't without plenty of goofy laughs along the way. Be it the moments where Happy gets his drink on from the most seemingly bizarre of hiding places to all of the silly prat falls to the outbursts of uncontrollable anger, it's all there and I did find myself chuckling often despite the inconsistent and often random nature of it all.

It certainly helps that I simply enjoy spending time with Happy because Sandler really is appealing in the role. This older, more fatherly version of Happy has a healthy dose of compassion and sensitivity (no doubt, Sandler is drawing from real life experiences here) to go along with the manchild schtick that initially made Sandler a household name. It's also sweet that he's integrated his real-life family

into the proceedings, something he's been taking a beating for doing in some circles. The truth is, he's always made movies with his friends through the years, and I find it endearing that he's now including the whole family.

As appealing as Sandler is in *Happy Gilmore 2*, it's Christopher McDonald who steals the show. You thought this guy was funny in the first film? This is Shooter McGavin times 10! He's just so over-the-top ridiculous in this and it's an absolute joy to watch. Furthermore, I like the direction his character is taken in the final act of the film. It's a bit of a welcome surprise.

There are plenty of other returning characters, too, but I'd rather not spoil all of that stuff here in this review. That said, the trailers have made no secret of the fact that Ben Stiller's Hal (the dastardly baddie who treated Happy's grandmother like a prisoner in the first film), is back. Ultimately, a little of this character goes a long way and unfortunately, there's a little too much of him in the sequel.

Stronger are the new characters including a restaurant worker (wonderfully played by Bad Bunny) who serves as Happy's new caddie, a somewhat shifty golfer (played by The Sixth Sense star Haley Joel Osment) who may or may not have a hidden agenda, and the founder of a new golf league (played by Benny Safdie who, along with his brother, would direct Sandler to new dramatic heights in the unforgettable 2019 indie, *Uncut Gems*) who looks to turn things upside down in unethical fashion.

It should also be noted that a handful of key players in the original *Happy Gilmore* have since passed on in real life (Carl Weathers, Bob Barker, Richard Kiel, Joe Flaherty, and Frances Bay among them) but Sandler and his writing partner Tim Herlihy have made an extra concerted effort to thoughtfully make sure that their collective spirits can fittingly be felt throughout this film.

Is *Happy Gilmore 2* entirely fulfilling? Again, not necessarily and it's certainly not

the kind of film that will make Sandler fans out of non-fans. But then, as previously mentioned, the original has been elevated to cult status through the years and with that beloved reputation comes quite a bit of baggage. That baggage is probably why Sandler resisted the temptation to do a sequel for all of these years in the first place. That said, while this film doesn't rise to the challenge of defeating the age-old comedy sequel curse (seriously, you can probably count on one hand the number of comedy sequels that have been as good or better than their predecessors), it is vastly superior to worst sequel Sandler has made throughout his entire career; The dull and uninspired *Grown Ups 2*. More importantly, though, this nearly 30-years-in-the-making sequel is a hell of a lot more satisfactory than eating pieces of shit for breakfast. Not that I know what eating pieces of shit for breakfast is actually like.

OTHER MOVIES

EDDINGTON-- Grade: B+
SUPERMAN-- Grade: B-
JURASSIC PARK: REBIRTH-- Grade: C+
F1-- Grade: B
HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON-- Grade: B
LIFE OF CHUCK-- Grade: B+
PREDATOR: KILLER OF KILLERS-- Grade: B+
SKETCH-- Grade: B+

How To Use This Calendar: Begin by reviewing the 'Multi-Day Events' section to find specific dates or event types happening over multiple days. For weekly reoccurring events go to 'Events by Day.' Then explore 'Events By Date' for date-specific events.

Multi-Day Events

ALL SHOOK UP Aug. 1-16, 7:30 PM. A hip-swiveling musical comedy inspired by the songs of Elvis Presley. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Aug. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 & Sept. 2, 5, 8 PM. Shakespeare's epic tale of passion, war, and tragic destiny between Marc Antony and Cleopatra. Directed by Carolyn Howarth. Content advisory. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF July 26-August 17, 7 PM. Presented by Hurricane Valley Theatrical Company. Performances Fridays, Saturdays, and Mondays at 7 PM, with a 2 PM matinee on August 10. Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & Sept. 5, 7 PM. Bring a friend and your favorite board or card game to this weekly all-ages event. Santa Clara Meetinghouse, 3040 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara.

SPOTLIGHT ARTIST: BETH LINGWALL Aug. 1-31. View featured works by August's spotlight artist at Arrowhead Gallery. Open Tuesday-Thursday 11 AM-6 PM, Friday-Saturday 11 AM-8 PM. 68 E. Tabernacle, St. George.

WINE TASTINGS AT ZION VINEYARDS August-September, Noon. Daily wine tastings and optional vineyard tours at Guests may sample grapes from the vine. No reservations needed. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

WINE HARVEST VOLUNTEER SEASON Mid-August-Mid-October, Start Time Varies. Volunteer harvest opportunities Spots limited; sign up via email invitation. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Road, Leeds.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT Aug. 1-30, Sept. 1, 5, 6, 7 PM. Raised as a prince in ancient Egypt, Moses must confront his true heritage and lead his people to freedom—at the cost of his bond with Ramses, his brother and Pharaoh. Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

CLUE: ON STAGE July 31-Aug. 16, 7 PM. Fast-paced comedic whodunit performed by The Stage Door. Based on the classic board game and cult film. Tickets at stagedoorutah.com. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

SCENARIOS: OIL ON CANVAS BY JESSICA SCHIFFMAN Aug. 1-8, 10 AM. Gallery exhibit. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

DEAR JACK, DEAR LOUISE Aug. 1-30 & Sept. 1-6, 2 PM. A WWII-era love story told through letters, written by Tony-winner Ken Ludwig. Content advisory. Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101-199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

THE POWER OF THREE EXHIBIT August 26-September 18. Featuring work from Guild SubClubs, Elements at Play, and Turn Center. Opening reception August 28 from 3 to 5 PM. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N 200 E, St. George.

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

TOGETHER: TOM WHEELER & DAPHNE OVERSTREET Aug. 1-Sept. 6, 10 AM. A 3D multi-media art exhibit blending textures, stone, and wood to reflect spirit and earth. Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

DISNEY'S NEWSIES Aug. 2-29; Sept. 3, 6, 8:45 PM. The rousing Tony Award-winning musical tells the story of newsboys who rise up against powerful publishers in turn-of-the-century New York. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

KANE COUNTY FAIR Aug. 2 & 6-9, 1 PM. Held at the Kane County North Event Center and Carroll Arena in Orderville, this fair features parades, quilt shows, art exhibits, and the Long Valley Stock Show.

WESTERN LEGENDS HERITAGE AND MUSIC FESTIVAL Aug. 22-23, 76 N. Main, Kanab.

KOLOB GALLERY: ORIGINAL ART BY LOCAL ARTISTS Aug. Featuring works by Arlene Braithwaite, Brad Holt, Mary Jabens, A. Marchant, Tiffany Marchant, Debbie Robb, Erin Shakespear, and Mona Woolsey. Kolob Gallery, 111 S. Main St. #1, Cedar City, Cedar City.

GARFIELD COUNTY FAIR AND JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW Aug. 4-9, 9 AM. Enjoy a week of family fun with a horse funday, games, a livestock show and sale, small animal show, fish grab, bingo, baby contest, and more—plus the commissioner's barbecue and Dutch oven cook-off. Triple C Arena, 800 N. Main St., Panguitch.

MACBETH BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE Aug. 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28; Sept. 1, 4, 8 PM. A chilling tale of ambition, prophecy, and downfall—Macbeth's thirst for power plunges Scotland into chaos in this psychological thriller directed by John DiAntonio. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

TERRY WAYNE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA Aug. 5, 6, 26, and 27. 6 PM. Showtimes may vary. R&B, funk, dance, oldies, and classic rock. Free admission. 21 or older. Skydome Lounge, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

ARTS COUNCIL MTG Aug. 5 & Sept. 2, 5:30 PM. Monthly board meeting of the Mesquite Arts Council. Open to the public; those interested in volunteering or joining are encouraged to attend. Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St. Room 23, Mesquite.

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BROWN BAG LECTURE Aug. 5 & Sept. 2, 12 PM. Artists of all media are invited to present during this 45-minute lunchtime lecture. Community members and professionals are welcome to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the talk. For monthly topics, contact the gallery. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W., Mesquite.

FOREIGN FILM CLUB Aug. 6 & Sept. 3, 6 PM. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

CHAMBER 101 Aug. 7 & Sept. 4, 8:30 AM. Crash course in all things Chamber-related, ideal for new members and anyone looking to maximize their membership. Complimentary light breakfast included. St. George Area Chamber of Commerce, 136 N. 100 E., St. George.

CREATE PLAYDATE Aug. 8 & 22, 10 AM. Read-aloud story and art activity geared for ages 3-5. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

TOURISM BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: AGRITOURISM & ASTROTURISM Aug. 11-12, 9 AM. Discover strategies to grow agritourism and astrotourism in Utah. R. Haze Hunter Alumni Center, 405 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

ST. GEORGE CITY EMPLOYEE ART SHOW Aug. 11-22. A showcase of creative works by city employees. Artist reception on Aug. 12 from 5 to 7 PM. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N 200 E, St. George.

SOUTHERN UTAH FALL HOME SHOW Aug. 15-17, various times. Free admission. Meet local and national home improvement vendors. Aug. 15 (12-8 PM), Aug. 16 (10 AM-6 PM), Aug. 17 (11 AM-4 PM). Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 700 S. St., Hurricane.

KANE COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS June 15-October 5, 5 PM. Held Thursdays 5-8 PM at Jacob Hamblin Park, 566 N. 100 E., Kanab, and Saturdays 9 AM-12 PM at Glendale Town Park, 50 E. Center St., Glendale (through September 14). Enjoy local produce, handmade goods, and food trucks.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: SPOILED Aug. 15-16, 7:30 PM. A tense family drama about a Nisei mother and her children, presented by Kayenta New Play Lab. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: PERSUASION, A MODERN ROMANCE Aug. 16-17, 7:30 PM. A modern romantic adaptation by Lisa Quoresimo, presented by Kayenta New Play Lab. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

ESCAPE THE HEAT MUSIC SERIES 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.

BEAVER COUNTY FAIR Aug. 21 & 23. Small but great fair with plenty of entertainment. Fairgrounds, 1400 UT-21, Minersville.

SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL Aug. 21-23 & 25-27, 7 PM. A vibrant musical journey celebrating friendship, kindness, and imagination. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: CENTRAL STANDARD TIME Aug. 22-23, 7:30 PM. A moving play about identity, family, and home in rural Oklahoma. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

IRON COUNTY FAIR Aug. 16-Sept. 2, Various Times. Theme: "Adventure Awaits." Held in Parowan, this event features the Demolition Derby, Mud Bog, PRCA rodeos, talent shows, contests, and a Children's Business Fair.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: MOUNTAIN MEADOWS AND THE LITTLE SCHOOLTEACHER Aug. 23-24, 7:30 PM. The true story of Juanita Brooks and her courage to publish the first accurate account of the Mountain Meadows Massacre. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

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

THE MIXX Aug. 12 and 13, 6 PM. Experience The Hottest Cover Band. Playing all your favorites! Free Admission. 21+. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

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

GREASE July 24-August 30, 7:30 PM. A high-energy 1950s musical about teen romance, rock 'n' roll, and high school life, featuring Danny, Sandy, and the iconic gang at Rydell High. St. George Musical Theater, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

HURRICANE CITY PEACH DAYS Aug. 28-30, 8 AM. Celebrate heritage with contests, a parade, rodeo, food booths, pioneer displays, and continuous entertainment. Hurricane City Rec Center, 63 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

POWER OF THREE ART SHOW Aug. 28-Sept. 19, 9 AM. Featuring SubClubs, Elements at Play, and Turn Center. Reception Aug. 28, 3-5 PM. Mon-Fri 9 AM-5 PM, Sat 12-4 PM. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE MAHULLEY MONSTER Aug. 29-30, 7:30 PM. Part of the third annual Play Lab featuring bold new works from emerging playwrights. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

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.

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.

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

LIVE MUSIC AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE STAGE 7 PM. blue marble. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

KAYENTA NEW PLAY LAB: VAMPIRE PANIC! Aug. 30-31, 12 AM. In 1890s New England, fear and folklore collide in this gothic tale of illness and myth. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

KANAB ARTS BOARD THIRD QUARTER EXHIBITION July 18-Sept. 30. Featuring works by Melissa Bowersock and local art group "The Creative Cronos." 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.

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

MIDVALLEY: FARMERS MARKET 4 PM. 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 otccomedy.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 I/G Winery. Free admission. Come and support local farmers by buying fresh and local year-round. Shop locally produced and grown fruit, vegetables, cheese, jam, bread, eggs, honey, farm products, and more. 45 W. University Blvd., Center St., Cedar City.

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.



FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS



Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile
30 N. 300 W., Kanab, Utah

Enhance your upcoming Sanctuary visit, or take a tour from home with the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary app.



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Best Friends Animal Society



Kitten Bingo: - August 14, 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: blue marble - August 2, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Dan Boemeke - August 9, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Chris Paul Band - August 16, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Tom Bennet - August 23, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Olivia Goodfellow - August 30, 7-9 p.m.

LIVE Music: Aaron Rashaw w/Steve Stewart - Sep 6, 6-8 p.m.



Memorial Rock Painting Class - August 26, 4 p.m.

At Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile



Kanab Arts Board Summer Arts Series at The Mercantile

August 5, 7 p.m. Watercolor painting with Ellie Mae Clough

August 19th, 6 p.m. Drawing workshop with Dr. Buck

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

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, Aug 1

ZOWIE BOWIE RETRO BOX 7 PM. Experience the hottest David Bowie cover band. Doors open at 7 PM, show starts at 8 PM. Ages 21 and older. Free Admission. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sat, Aug 2

C.R. HUNT | THE TRUE GOD'S RISING 11 AM. Join author C.R. Hunt for an event-filled day supporting Ashley Hammer—100% of profits go to Ashley and her family. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

SYMPHONY OF THE CANYONS SUMMER CONCERT 5 PM. Free concert featuring romantic hits from the 1970s to today, including music from Titanic and Phantom of the Opera, with performances by local soloists, harpist Linda Alderman-Briscoe, and the Downward family. Kanab Center Ballroom, 20 North 100 East, Kanab.

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.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT KAYENTA 5 PM. First Fridays at Kayenta. 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.

LIVE MUSIC AT BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE STAGE 7 PM. Featuring blue marble. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOW 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 are available online and in person. Arrowhead Gallery ETC, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Tues, Aug 5

KANAB ARTS BOARD SUMMER ARTS SERIES AT THE MERCANTILE 7 PM. Watercolor painting workshop with Loretta Clayson. To sign up, email KanabArts@gmail.com. Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile, 30 N. 300 W., Kanab.

Wed, Aug 6

THEORETICAL BLONDE 6 PM. Jamgrass band performs a free outdoor concert in Kanab as part of KCCA's Canyons Calling Summer Concert Series. Location: Kane County Center for the Arts, 43 S. Main St., Kanab.

Thurs, Aug 7

CONNECT WITH COLLEEN GIANATIEMPO 5:30 PM. A free community-based art program for new and emerging Utah artists. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

'ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY' FEATURING LISA MAC 7:30 PM. Lisa Mac shares original love songs and comedic storytelling in this live set at George's Corner. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

BONKERZ COMEDY NIGHT 7 PM. Featuring Dave Yates from Amazon's Laugh After Dark and more, with David Rosenberg. Free admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Fri, Aug 8

SAM RIDDLE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Sam Riddle is an American Country Music artist. Headlining all over the entertainment capital of the world, Riddle has been seen opening for the likes of Luke Bryan, Hank Williams Jr., Justin Moore, Dwight Yoakam, Walker Hayes, and more. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

MOVIE IN THE PARK: TREASURE PLANET 9 PM. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. 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, Aug 9

MISS IRON COUNTY PAGEANT Time TBA. Part of the Iron County Fair in Parowan. This pageant highlights local talent and kicks off fair festivities.

SMART SATURDAY 10 AM. SmART Saturday is a monthly art class geared towards children 6-12 years of age. Two separate sessions begin at 10-11:30 AM and 11:30 - 1 PM on the second Saturday of each month. For information or to make reservations, call the St. George Art Museum at (435) 627-4525. 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

CEDAR CITY MOONWALK & 5K RUN 7:30 PM. Dance under the stars with glow gear, live music, games, and a foam party finish. 5K race starts at 9:30 PM. Ages 8-100. \$20 walk, \$30 run, \$60 family pass. Greens Lake Dr., Cedar City.

Sun, Aug 10

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

Mon, Aug 11

CATFISH JOHN - CONCERT IN THE PARK 7:30 PM. Grateful Dead tribute band Catfish John brings their heartfelt devotion to Jerry Garcia's American songbook. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

Wed, Aug 13

ARTS COMMISSION MEETING 5 PM. Ivins City Hall, 85 N. Main St., Ivins.

Fri, Aug 15

RODNEY CARRINGTON AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Prepare for an evening of side-splitting humor! Rodney Carrington, the incredibly talented comedian, actor, singer, and writer, is bringing his highly acclaimed show to the CasaBlanca Showroom. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sat, Aug 16

IRON COUNTY DEMOLITION DERBY Time TBA. Massively popular event with thousands in prizes. Held in Parowan as part of the Iron County Fair.

ARTIST TALK WITH JARED STEFFENSEN AND KATHRYN KNUDSEN 4 PM. Join the Spring Exhibition artists for a talk and Q&A. Refreshments provided. 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

MOONLIT MEADOW HUES / PAINT NIGHT 6 PM. Celebrate creativity with Paisha Paints. \$35 adults, \$5 kids. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

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.

FRANKY AND THE ALL NIGHTERS 7 PM. Experience the hottest cover band around. Doors at 7 PM, show at 8 PM. Free admission. 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Aug 17

HE'LL CARRY YOU TOUR 10:30 AM. The Lighthouse Boys perform gospel favorites. Free to attend; love offering accepted. New Life Christian Center, 1165 W. Silicon Cir. Bldg A, St. George.

Mon, Aug 18

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

Tues, Aug 19

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.

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

GREAT WHITE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. The legendary Great White is bringing their electrifying show to CasaBlanca Resort! Don't miss out on this unforgettable night of classic rock! CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Thurs, Aug 21

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.

BONKERZ COMEDY SERIES 7 PM. Gibbs Saad, a.k.a. "Gibbs the Comedian," brings a wild blend of stand-up and magic to the stage, joined by Jamal Coleman. Known for sharp wit, improvisation, and offbeat humor. Free Admission. Must be 21 or older. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Fri, Aug 22

DUCK CREEK VILLAGE LEGACY PROJECT LAUNCH Community-driven nonprofit celebrating Duck Creek's heritage, trail development, and sustainable growth; invites public to share stories, photos, and participate in preservation and recreation efforts.

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: FREAKY FRIDAY 9 PM. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. 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, Aug 23

ENTERPRISE CORN FEST Enjoy fresh corn, classic cars, entertainment, and more. Enterprise City Park, Enterprise.

IRON COUNTY MUD BOG Time TBA. A crowd favorite event in Parowan with big trucks, splashes, and family fun.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Free community talent showcase. Every 4th Saturday. Call (435) 586-9290. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main, Cedar City.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Vegas lounge scene vibe, 21+. Casablanca. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, Aug 24

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

Mon, Sept 25

ELEMENTS AT PLAY WORKSHOP 9 AM. Explore color theory and collage in this hands-on workshop led by Colleen Gianatiempo. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

Thurs, Aug 28

THE POWER OF THREE RECEPTION 3 PM. Reception for collaborative art exhibit at Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

UGLIES / BOOK ADAPTATION BOOK CLUB 6 PM. Read the book, watch the film, and join a discussion with fellow fans. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

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 on 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.

Fri, Aug 29

ST. GEORGE ARTS SUMMIT 8 AM. A one-day conference for networking and learning with Utah arts professionals. Required for RAP Tax recipients. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

A TREACHERY OF SWANS | MONTHLY PICK BOOK CLUB Aug. 29, 6 PM. Monthly book club exploring new genres and titles. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St. #STE 110, Cedar City.

Sat, Aug 30

IRON COUNTY'S GOT TALENT Time TBA. Showcasing local performers as part of the Iron County Fair entertainment lineup.

RED ACRE: BREAKFAST ON THE FARM 8:30 AM. Farm breakfast with flapjacks, sourdough French toast, local eggs, bacon, and fresh coffee. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

CASAPOOLOOZA FEATURING CAROLYN'S ALL STARS 7 PM. Bringing all your favorites back to life at the CasaBlanca pool! Must be 21+. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

GLENN GALLARDE PROJECT AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Former Star Search vocalist Glenn Gallarde and his band deliver a high-energy show packed with Top 40 hits, dance tracks, and rock anthems from the '60s through today. Free. 21 or older. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

HED PE - DETOX SUMMER MADNESS TOUR 9 PM. Rock out live with Hed PE at The BlackBird Bar. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sun, Aug 31

SAM RIDDLE AT CASABLANCA 8 PM. Sam Riddle is an American Country Music artist. Headlining all over the entertainment capital of the world, Riddle has been seen opening for the likes of Luke Bryan, Hank Williams Jr., Justin Moore, Dwight Yoakam, Walker Hayes, and more. CasaBlanca, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Tues, Sept 2

IRON COUNTY FAIR ENDS Various Times. Labor Day weekend marks the close of this extensive multi-week fair with family fun, contests, and community celebrations.

Wed, Sept 3

SEPTEMBER NEW MEMBER SHOWCASE 11:30 AM. Sponsored by Hughes General Contractors. Join the St. George Area Chamber of Commerce for networking, lunch, and a showcase of its newest members. Lunch served at 11:45 AM; showcase begins at 12:10 PM. Best Western Abbey Inn, 1129 S. Bluff St., St. George.

Thurs, Sept 4

ROLAND LEE OPEN HOUSE 5 PM. Special event with celebrated watercolorist Roland Lee. Guests can enjoy live music, refreshments, and an up-close look at Lee's watercolor mastery at Arrowhead Gallery. 68 E. Tabernacle, St. George.

Sat, Sept 6

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FOO FIGHTAZ TRIBUTE BAND AT CASABLANCA 7 PM. They deliver a jaw-dropping, authentic Foo Fighters tribute like no other, complete with their electrifying sound, high-energy performances, and a full-scale live production.

MOUNTAIN LOTS FOR SALE BY OWNER

2 adjacent view lots in Navajo Lake Estates in Duck Creek
(Freshly surveyed with driveway and pad just added)

& 1 heavily wooded lot in Bryce Woodlands Estates
(with a small driveway, ready to enjoy!)

Just a short drive from Mesquite, St. George, Cedar City, or Kanab, & 15 to 25 degrees cooler!
Duck Creek lots are all "off-grid" so no utilities available in area.
Bryce Woodlands lots have power and internet available in area, no water hookups.

Only \$55k for the 2 adjacent Duck Creek lots = .94 acre
(Selling together as a pair)
\$25k for BW lot, .49

Will consider seller financing with half down and reasonable terms!

Parcel #s in Kane County: 27-7-71, 75-27 & 75-28
(Google Eagleweb Kane County Utah to see property details from the county)

Call/text Josh at 435-632-1555 for more info or search Facebook for
"Mountain Lots For Sale By Owners - Kane County, UT"



Scan this QR code to see more!



NEW! Driveways/Pads have just gone in on all four three lots!



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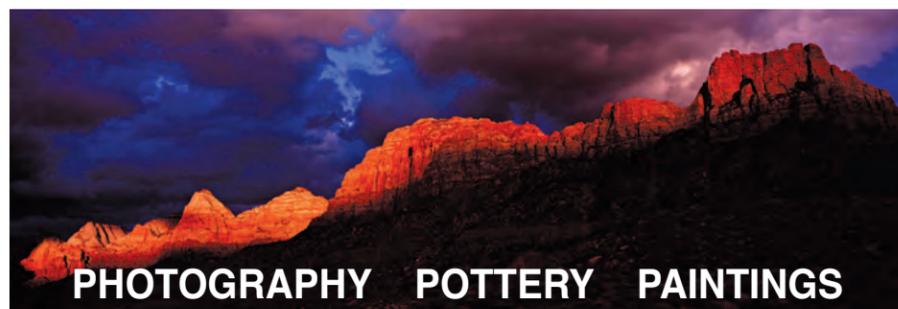
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Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies

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

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

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

Be cautious near steep cliffs

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

Watch for flash floods

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



Tips To Minimize Your Impact

Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

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



Please stay on the marked trails

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

Go before you go

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

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

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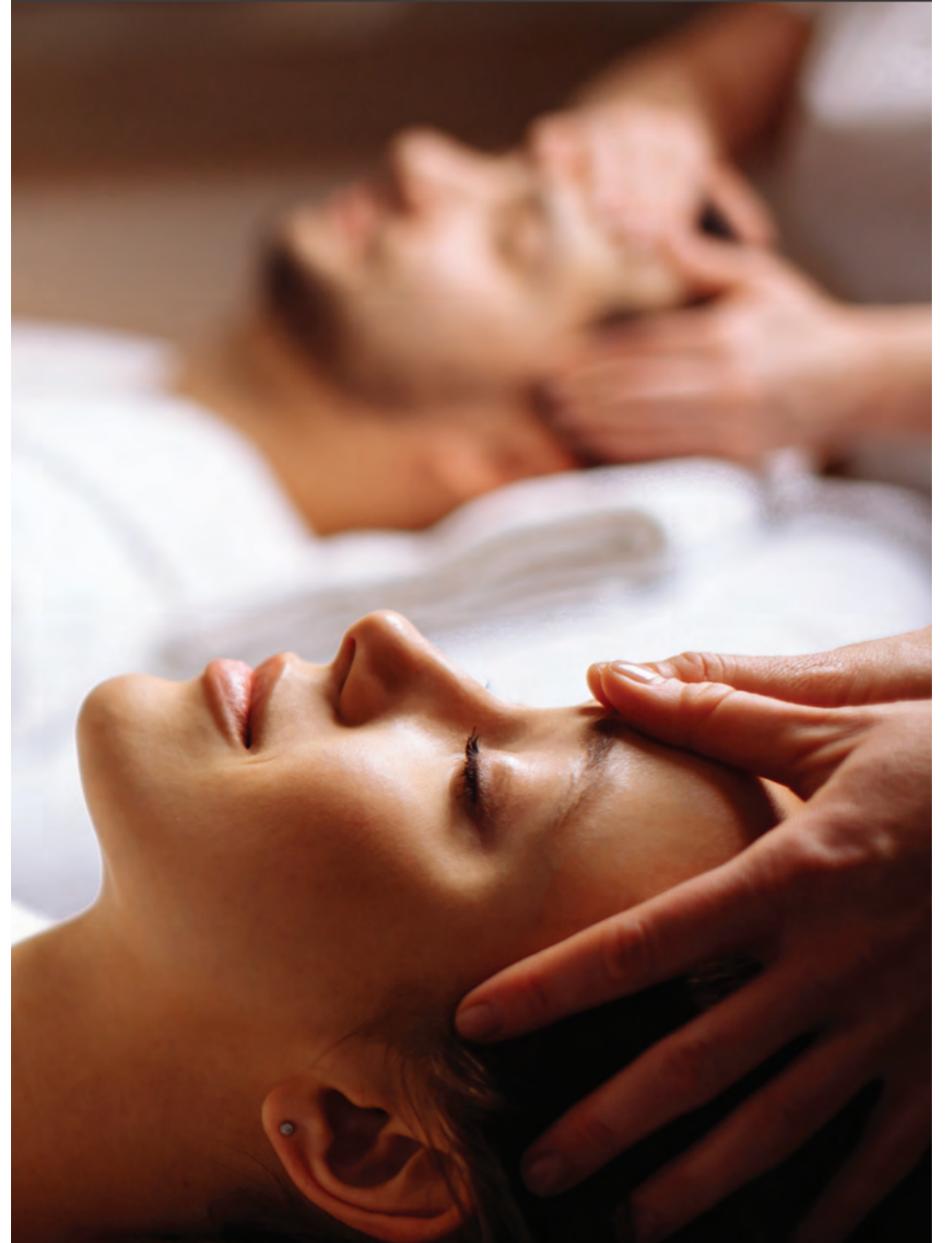
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Top Things To Do In Zion

Get some great hiking in

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

Spend a day in Springdale

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

Catch an event

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

Try a guided tour

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

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

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

Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints

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

Tips To Maximize Enjoyment

Go on a less crowded hike

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

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

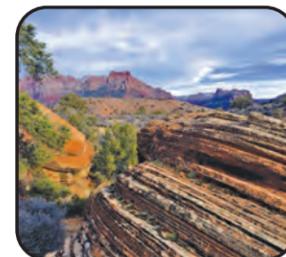
Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in. Especially during the Summer months, it's highly recommended to go early!

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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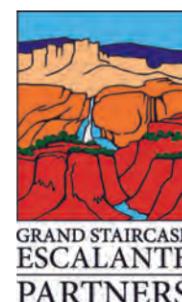
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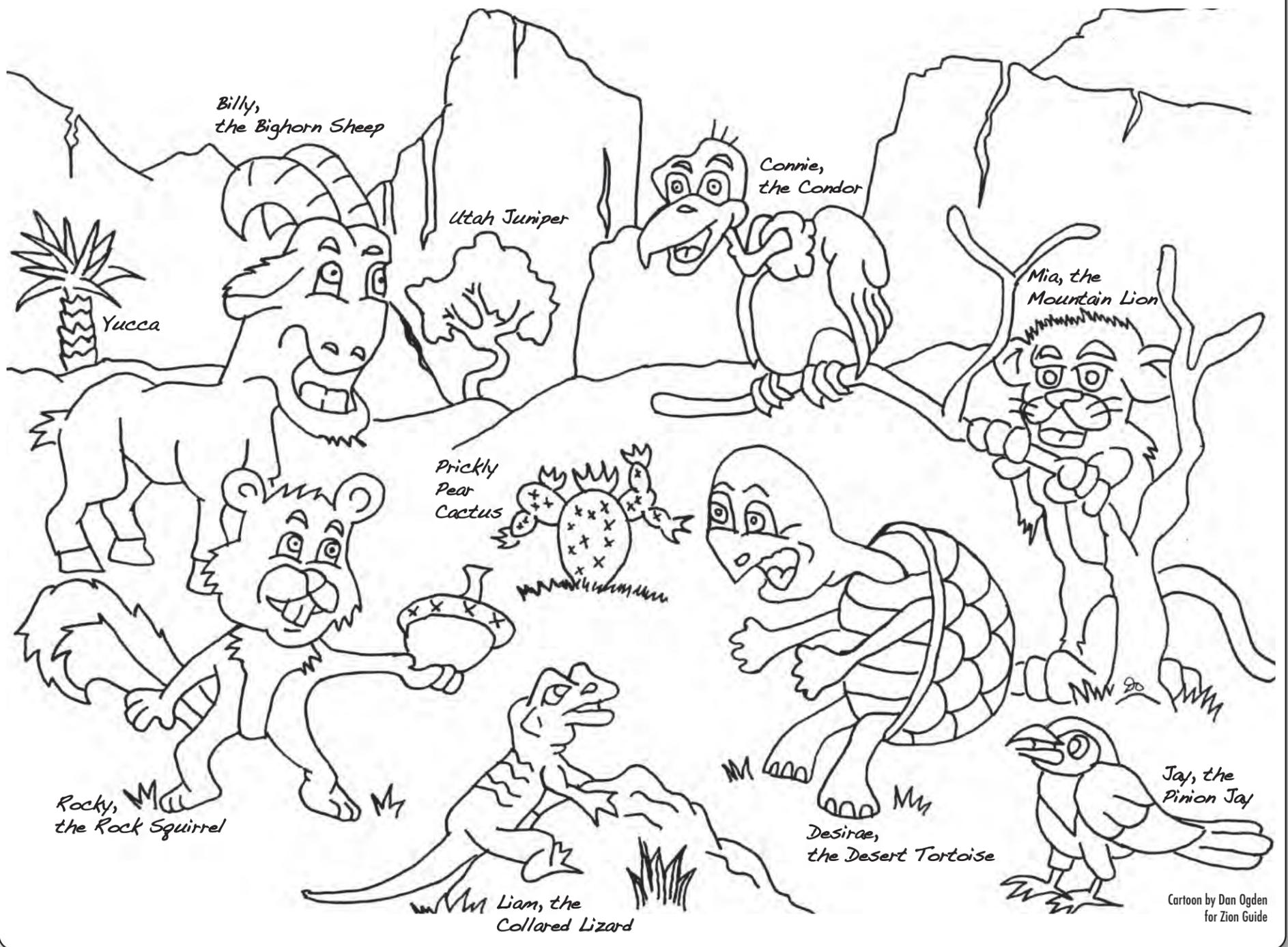


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THE LOCALS' GUIDE TO HIKING PREPAREDNESS

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

In 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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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



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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.

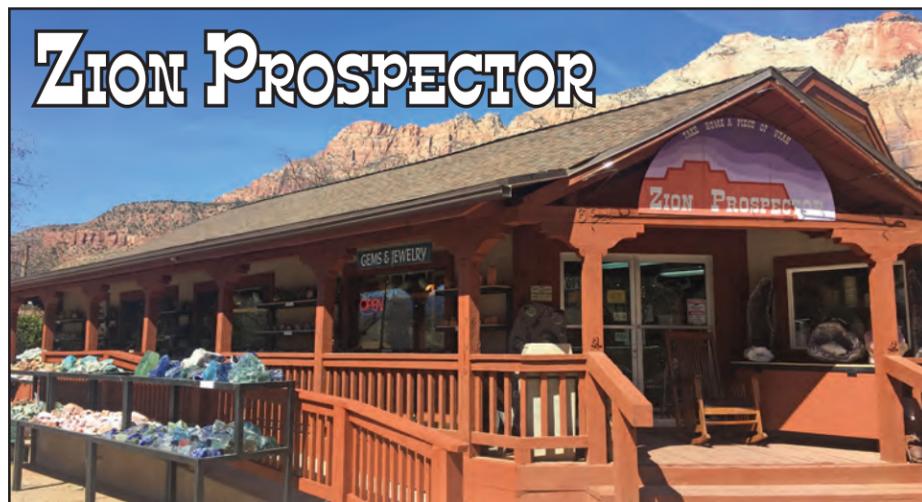
Riverside Walk

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.

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

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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.



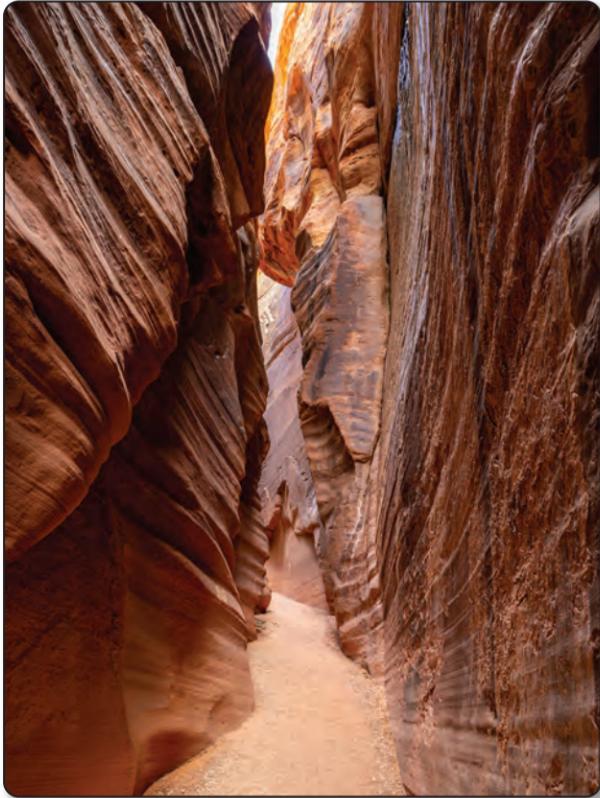
Featured Hike

HIDDEN IN THE ROCK: 5 KANAB SLOT CANYONS YOU DON'T NEED A GUIDE TO ENJOY

Kanab, UT

If you've already stood beneath Zion's soaring cliffs and are ready to see what else Southern Utah has to offer, head east to Kanab. Just over an hour from the park gates, this red rock outpost delivers sculpted slot canyons, watercolor walls, and photo-worthy narrows—with far fewer crowds, no required permits, and no shuttle schedules.

These five non-technical slot canyons can be explored at your own pace, with or without a guide. From family-friendly creekside strolls to more adventurous sandstone scrambles, Kanab's canyons are carved by time and open to everyone.



1. Buckskin Gulch via Wire Pass

A true Southwest icon, Buckskin Gulch is one of the longest slot canyons in the world, with walls that seem to stretch to the sky. The trailhead at Wire Pass is accessible with a 2WD vehicle in dry conditions, but don't be fooled by the easy parking—this is flash flood country, and it demands respect.

Safety Note: Buckskin Gulch carries a high flood risk, especially during monsoon season (June–August). Several fatalities occurred here in 2023. Always check the weather and upstream forecasts. Even distant storms can trigger a sudden flood.

Pro tip: Consider hiking just the first portion through Wire Pass for a shorter experience with equally stunning narrows.

2. Peekaboo Slot Canyon

Also known as Red Canyon, this lesser-known gem

is just a few miles north of Kanab and every bit as photo-worthy as Antelope Canyon—minus the timed entry and crowds. Vivid walls, wind-sculpted curves, and perfect lighting make it a favorite for photographers. Yes, tripods are allowed.

Access Note: Getting to Peekaboo requires navigating deep, soft sand. A true 4WD with high clearance is a must. Don't attempt it in a standard SUV. Many visitors choose to book a guided tour from Kanab for stress-free access.

3. Willis Creek Narrows

Willis Creek feels like a hike through an open-air sculpture garden. Gently curving sandstone walls rise on either side of a perennial stream, offering a peaceful and shaded walk even on warmer days. It's easy, family-friendly, and endlessly photogenic.

Trailhead Info: Accessed via Skutumpah Road, which is generally passable in dry conditions with a high-clearance vehicle. After rain, the road can become slick or impassable.

4. Bull Valley Gorge

Just south of Willis Creek, Bull Valley Gorge ups the adventure level. It's narrower, deeper, and demands a bit more scrambling—but the rewards are spectacular. Mossy walls, tight squeezes, and moody light make this slot a thrill for the sure-footed explorer.

What to Expect: Down-climbs, dryfalls, and possibly muddy or icy patches in early spring. Some hikers bring a short rope or hiking partner for added confidence. Not ideal for young children or those uncomfortable with uneven terrain.

5. Sunshine Slot

Tucked away near the Paria River drainage, Sunshine Slot is a little-known treasure. With orange-red walls and a graceful natural arch inside the slot, this one feels almost sacred—and you're likely to have it all to yourself.

Finding It: You'll need a GPS pin or local beta to reach it. No marked trailhead, but it's legal to explore and doesn't require a permit. Those seeking solitude and color will find both here in spades.

Know Before You Go

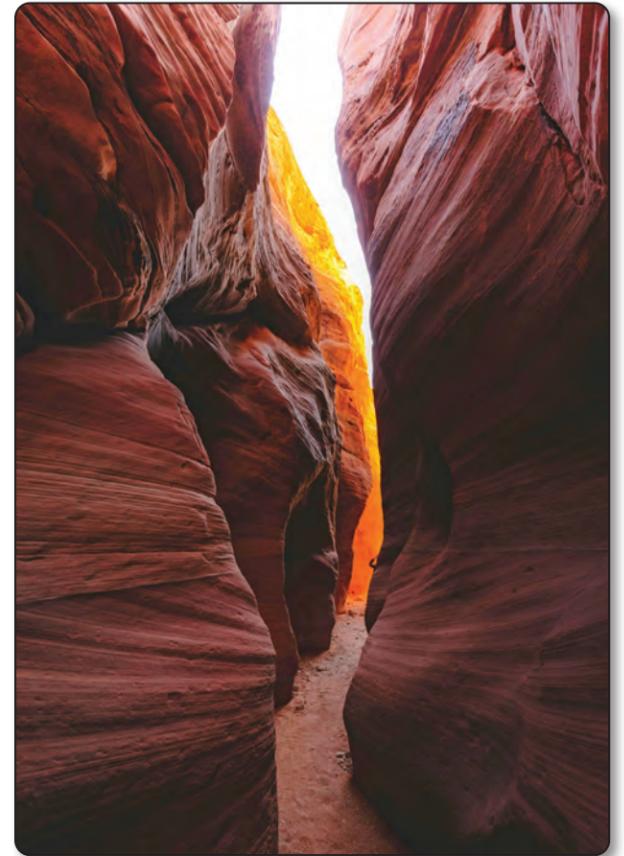
Always check the forecast before entering any slot canyon—rain miles away can cause dangerous flash flooding.

Wear sturdy shoes with good grip, bring more water than you think you'll need, and download offline maps.

Many of these roads become impassable after rain; don't risk it. When in doubt, hire a local guide.

Respect the land. These canyons are fragile—leave no trace.

For those ready to go deeper, companies like Adventure Tours of Kanab, Dreamland Safari Tours, and Kanab Tour Company offer guided trips to these destinations and many more incredible destinations, with local



insights and high-clearance vehicles included.

Kanab's slot canyons are like secret passages into the desert's heart—twisting, glowing, and remarkably accessible. For travelers who've already ticked Zion off their list, these trails offer something more personal: quiet, beauty, and the kind of adventure that leaves red dust on your boots and stories in your soul.

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Zion Wilderness Map



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Campfires are prohibited in the Zion Wilderness. Fuel stoves and lanterns may be used for camping purposes, but should only be lit on bare ground away from all vegetation. In the interest of protection of environmental and scenic values, protection of natural resources, and public safety, these restrictions on fires are necessary. Please do all you can to protect the park from human caused wildfires.



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.



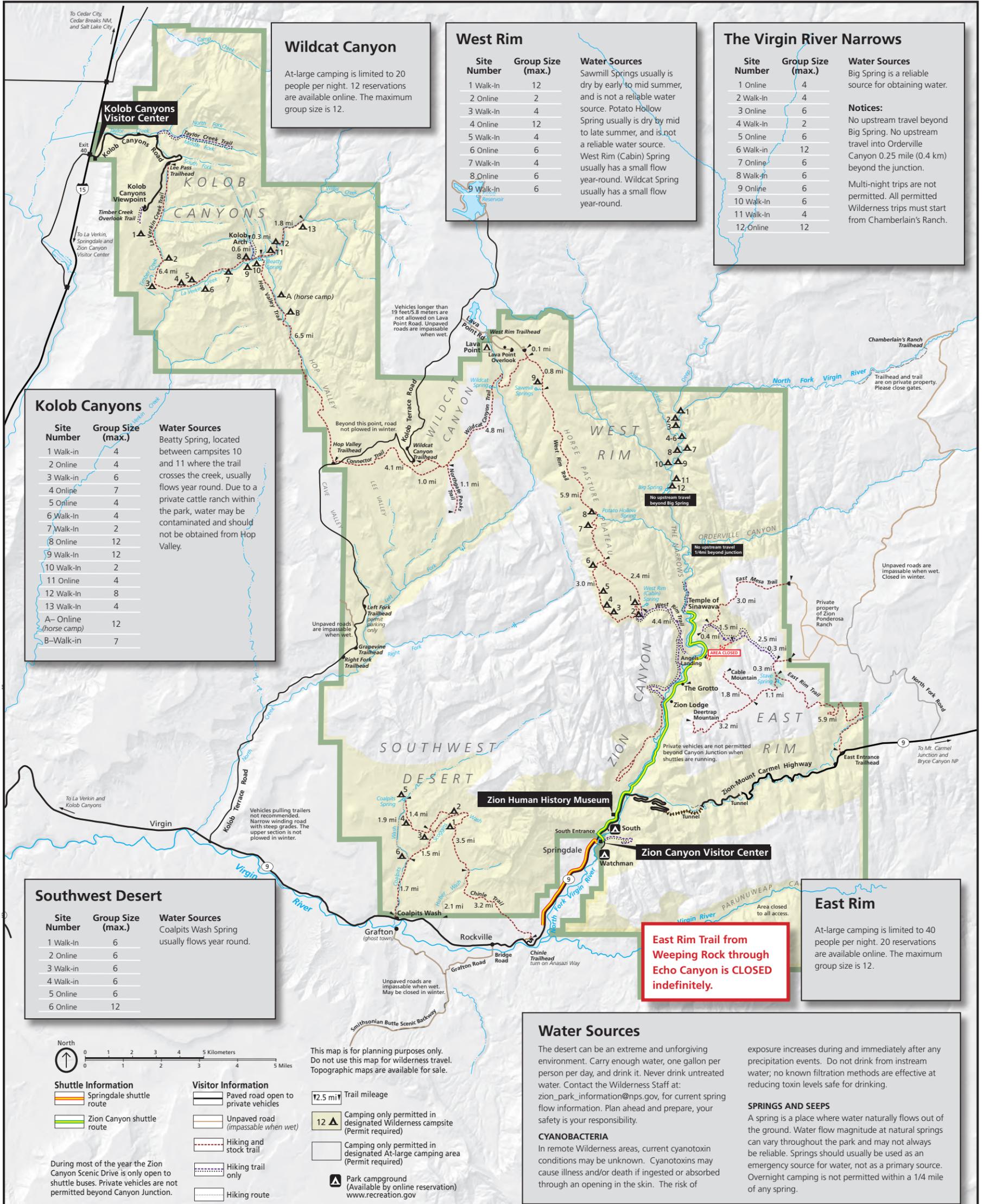
HUMAN WASTE

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.



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.

Whether you're climbing rocks, rafting rivers, cruising on a bike, volunteering with rescued pets, or sipping Syrah at sunset, this region offers more than you imagined. Find your adventure...with Zion Guide!



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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 normally offers a cooler, quieter experience. It lies roughly 2.5 hours from Zion but is closed for the 2025 season due to the Dragon Bravo wildfire.

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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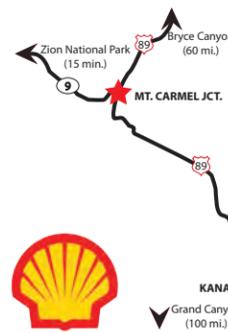
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Zion National Park Shuttle Info

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 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.

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Springdale Shuttle Map



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BAKER - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and to fish. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and contains brown trout, green sunfish, crayfish, 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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ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Valley Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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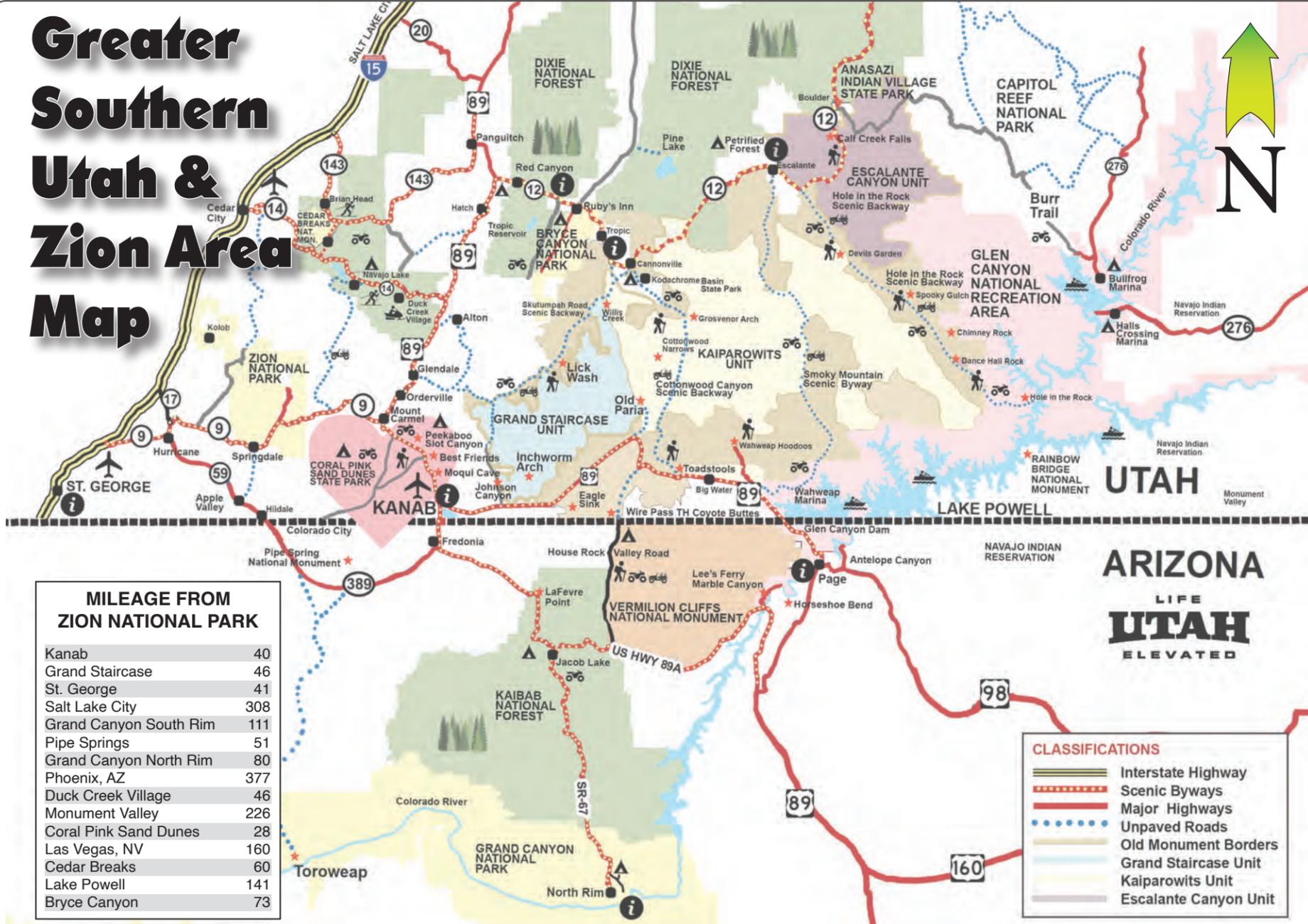
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Zion Area Annual Events



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

Southern Utah Early Music Festival (St. George) – Hosted by Utah Tech University, this concert explores early music traditions from Gregorian chant to the Baroque. Ivins Fitness Fest (Ivins) – A health-forward community event with fitness booths and the kickoff to the month-long "Sloth-A-Thlon."

April

Kayenta Chalk Festival (Ivins) – A vibrant celebration of ephemeral art, where local and visiting artists transform the sidewalks of the Kayenta Art Village with large-scale chalk creations. St. George Art Festival (St. George) – Held Easter weekend in historic downtown, this beloved festival

features fine art, live music, and local food vendors. St. George Plein Air Festival (St. George) – Now in its fifth year, this outdoor painting festival draws artists of all levels to capture the beauty of Southern Utah landscapes on canvas. Includes workshops, exhibitions, and live painting events. Art Around the Corner Unveiling (St. George) – Each spring, the annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit kicks off with a celebratory unveiling of new public art installations throughout downtown. Zion Chalk & Earth Fest (Springdale) – This interactive art and nature festival combines chalk art, earth-based installations, and hands-on activities along the gateway to Zion National Park.

May

Spring Fiesta (Cedar City) – A lively cultural celebration featuring music, food, and family fun in historic downtown Cedar. Amazing Earthfest (Kanab) – Southern Utah's signature festival of learning, arts, culture, and outdoor adventure. Kanab Outdoor Market (Kanab) – A weekly market running through October, offering nursery stock, baked goods, local art, jewelry, crafts, and a bounce house for kids.

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 in Southern Utah) – Parades, fireworks, barbecues, and live music in communities like Kanab, Springdale, Duck Creek, and more. Pioneer Day Celebrations (Various towns in Southern Utah) – Celebrations on or around July 24th 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

Red Rock Film Festival (Cedar City) – Independent film screenings, workshops, and panels celebrating artistic and innovative filmmaking. Carmel Mountain Music & Art Festival and Car Show (Mount Carmel, Kane County) – Classic cars, live music, food vendors, and kid-friendly activities. Duck Creek End of Summer Bash (Duck Creek Village, Kane County) – 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.

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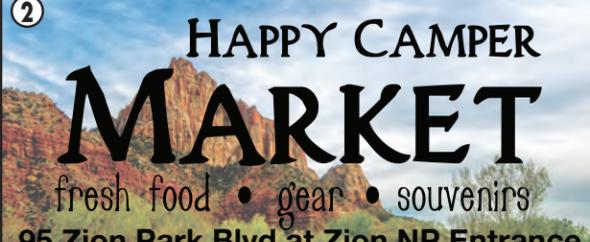


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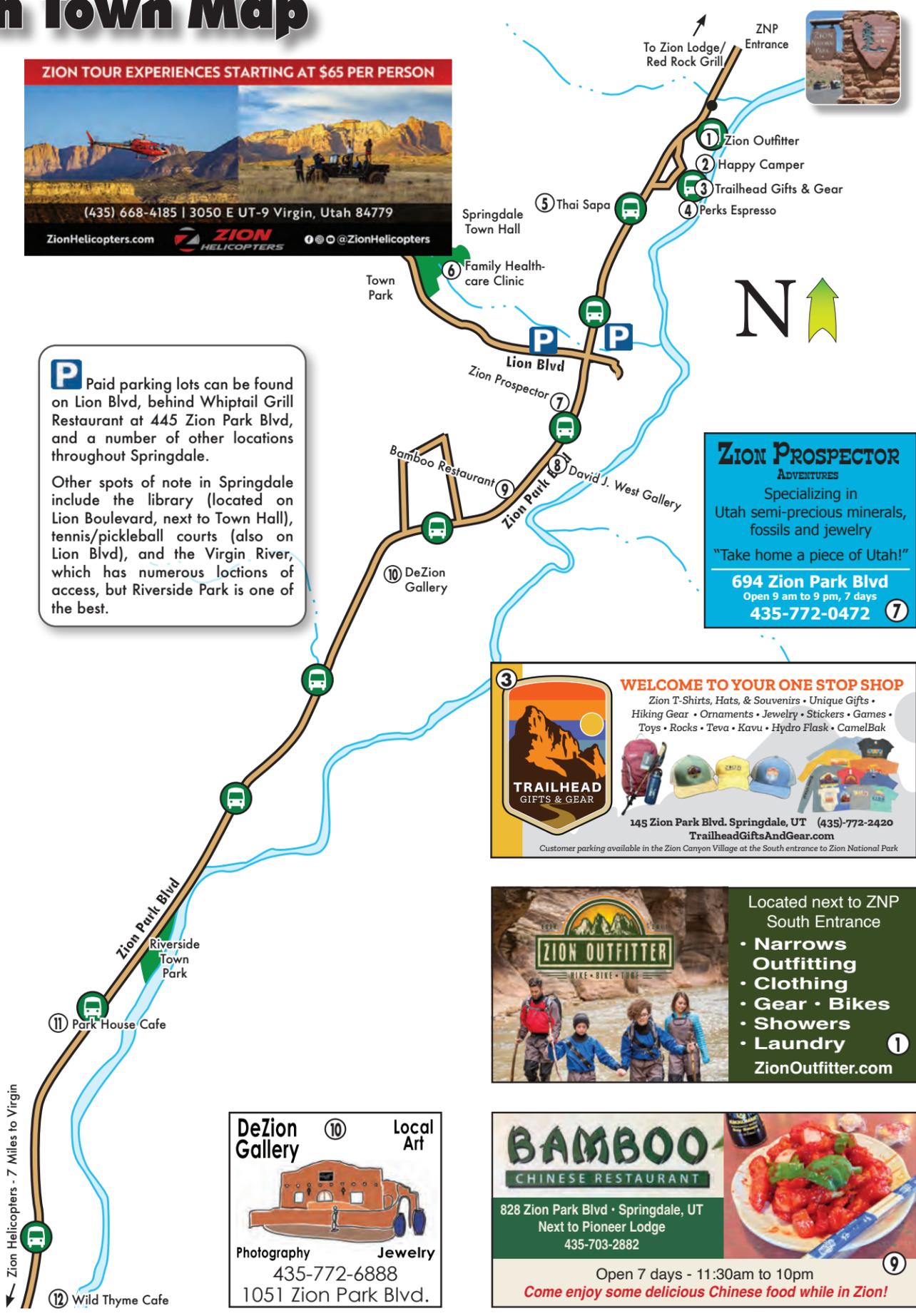


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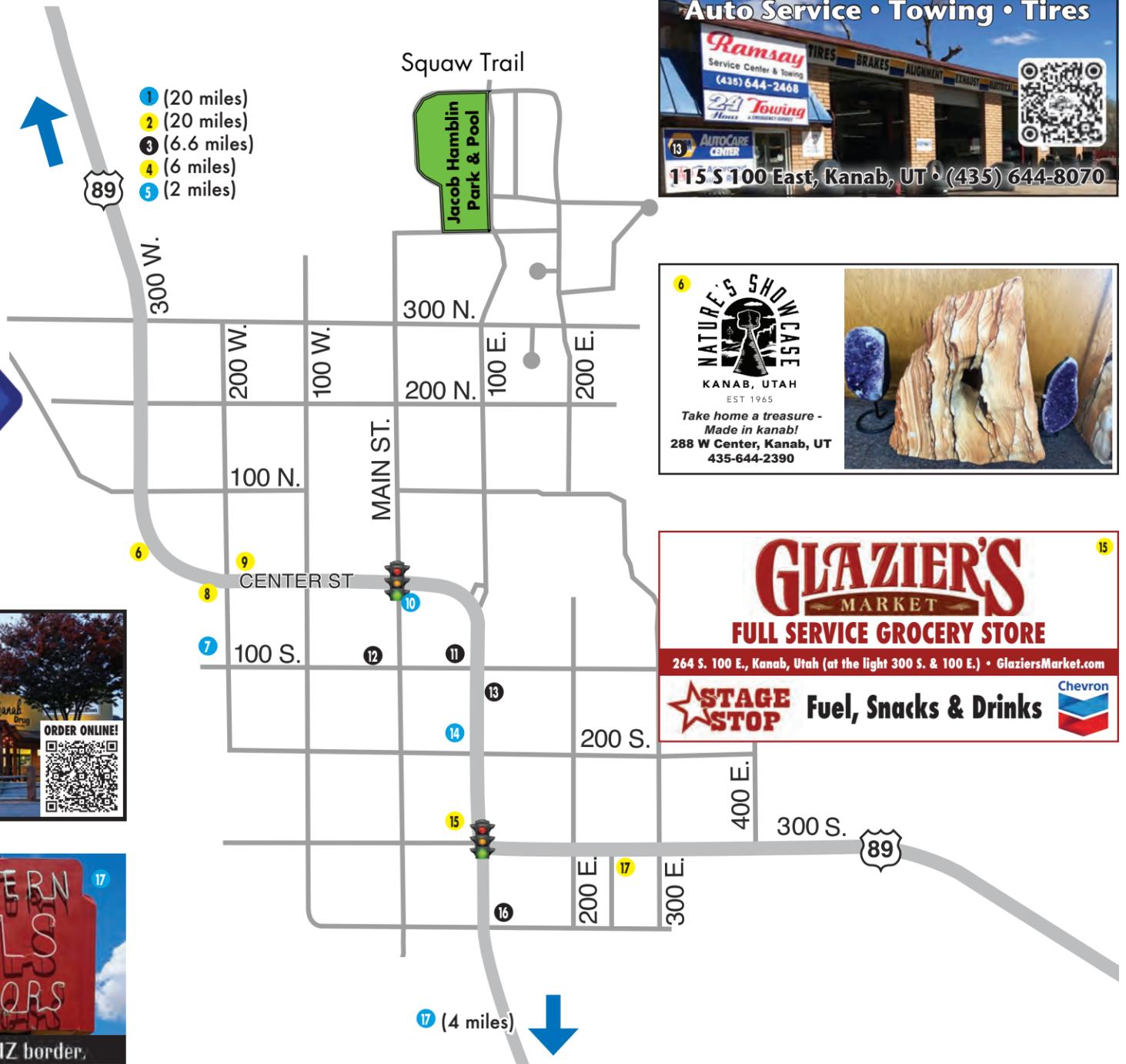
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