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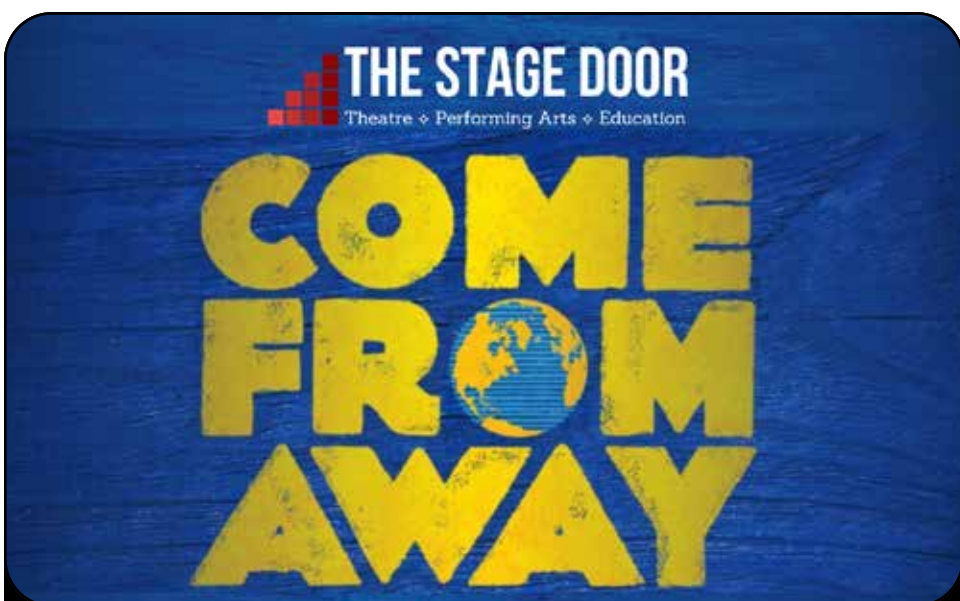
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THE CATORI CANYON HERITAGE PRCA RODEO RETURNS TO KANAB

May 29-30, 2026 — Kanab, UT

After an unforgettable debut season, the PRCA Catori Canyon Heritage Rodeo is saddling up once again, returning to Kanab, Utah, in 2026—and the excitement is already building.

Last year's rodeo lit up the Kaneplex Arena with two electrifying nights of action, drawing enthusiastic crowds from across the country and around the world. Visitors traveled from neighboring states, as well as internationally from Norway, Germany, France, and Finland, making the rodeo not only a premier Western event but a true showcase of Kanab's growing reach as a destination.

There's something about a rodeo under the Southern Utah sky—the hum of the crowd, the anticipation in the arena, the dust rising as the gates swing open. It's part sport, part spectacle, and part tradition, all rolled into one experience that brings people together in a way few events can.

As Kane County's largest rodeo event, the Heritage Rodeo has quickly established itself as more than just a competition, it's a celebration of Western heritage, community pride, and the enduring cowboy spirit.



In just one year, this rodeo has earned something money can't buy: tradition. What began as a debut event is already becoming one of the crown jewels of Kanab's event calendar, drawing cowboys, families, and visitors from around the world and finding its place alongside the region's most anticipated annual gatherings.

The arena will come alive May 29 and 30 with classic PRCA events, including bull riding, team roping, barrel racing, and saddle bronc riding, featuring top-tier talent and edge-of-your-seat performances. Record-breaking attendance filled the grandstands last year, while contestant participation reached new highs, bringing an estimated 1,600 guests to Kane County and delivering a strong boost to local businesses.

With the continued support of headliner sponsor Catori Canyon and

its owners, Kenny and Lena Seng, the rodeo is poised to grow even bigger. Their investment helped elevate production quality and increase contestant purses, key factors in attracting elite competitors and enhancing the overall experience for fans. Their vision remains rooted in strengthening community connections while delivering an authentic Western experience to visitors.

The partnership with Honeycutt Rodeo Inc., a nine-generation professional rodeo contractor, ensured top-tier livestock, production, and coordination, setting a high standard that will carry forward into the coming years.

Beyond the arena, the rodeo's impact continues to ripple through the community, from local businesses seeing increased traffic to visitors discovering Kanab for the first time and returning again. It's the kind of event that doesn't

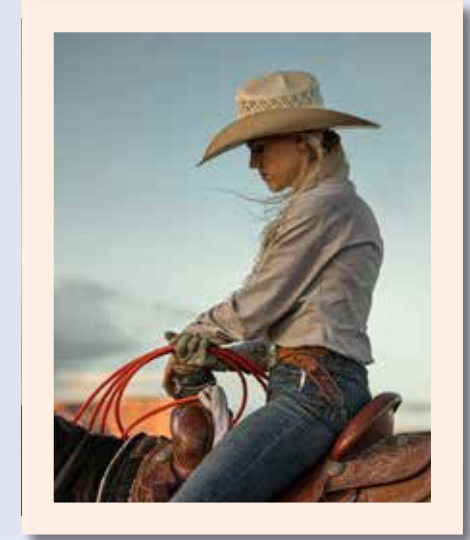
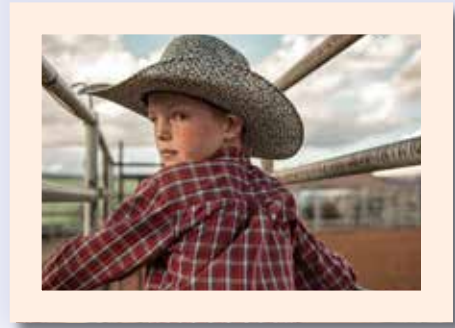
just fill seats, it builds momentum.

At its core, the Catori Canyon Heritage Rodeo is built on a simple but powerful idea: Built by Cowboys, Bound by Heritage. That spirit is evident in every chute pulled, every ride scored, and every volunteer who steps in to make the event happen.

As the rodeo approaches, one thing is certain, this is no longer just an event. It's becoming a tradition.

If you missed the dust, the grit, and the roar of the crowd last year, now's your chance. Get ready for another round of world-class rodeo action, community celebration, and unforgettable nights in Kanab.

Mark your calendars, because just like the fireworks that close out the show, the Catori Canyon Heritage Rodeo is a blast you won't want to miss. For more information, visit kanabprcorodeo.com.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR – MAY By Elizabeth Gunter

May in Southern Utah feels like a deep breath.

The kind where the air is still cool in the morning, the light stretches a little longer each day, and everything, events, trails, conversations, starts to open up again. It is that in between season where spring has not quite let go, but summer is clearly on its way.



This issue reflects that shift.

You will find a little bit of everything in these pages. Rodeo dust rising in Kanab. Chalk art transforming pavement into something temporary and magical in Springdale. Conversations about growth and the future of our communities. Live music and comedy filling the evenings again. It is a reminder that what makes this

region special is not just the landscape, it is how we choose to gather within it.

There is a theme that kept showing up as we pulled this issue together. Momentum.

Not the loud or chaotic kind. The steady kind. The



kind that builds over time. A rodeo that in just one year is already becoming part of a community's identity. An art guild continuing to create space for artists to connect and grow. Conversations around development that are asking bigger, more thoughtful questions about where we are headed.

Even the quieter pieces, the stargazing, the hiking updates, the moments spent outdoors, carry that same energy. They remind us that while things are growing and changing, there is still so much here that asks us to slow down, look closer, and pay attention.

That balance feels important right now.

As always, thank you for reading, for showing up, and for being part of what makes Southern Utah feel like more than just a place on the map.

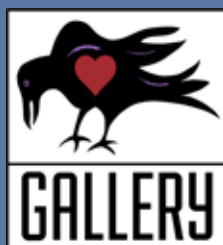
See you out there.

the Summer Show!

RAVEN'S HEART GALLERY

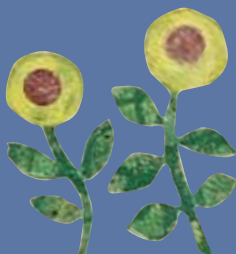
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SPRINGDALE'S BUMBLEBERRY THEATER PACKS MAY WITH MUSIC, HISTORY, AND IMPROV

May 15–23, 2026 — Springdale, UT

Springdale's Bumbleberry Theater is dialing up a diverse stretch of live entertainment this May with three back-to-back events that span music, history, and improv comedy. Set for May 15, 22, and 23 at 7 PM, the lineup reflects a thoughtful mix of touring talent and community-centered programming.

Opening the series on Friday, May 15 is Jason "Gordo" Gordon, a nationally touring solo looping artist known for turning a single performance into a full-band experience. Using a custom setup, Gordo layers drums, bass, guitar, keys, harmonica, and vocals live on stage, no backing tracks, no shortcuts. His setlist leans into crowd favorites from the '60s through the '80s, covering classic rock, blues, country, folk, and Motown. With more than 20 years of experience and credits that include opening for Bad Company, Foreigner, and The Byrds, Gordo brings both musicianship and showmanship to the stage.

On Friday, May 22, the theater shifts to a more reflective tone as Stan Poole presents the story of his father, Harold W. Poole, a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a World War II prisoner of war for three and a half years. The presentation blends personal storytelling with historical context and includes video footage of survivors sharing their experiences. It's a powerful, human look at endurance, faith, and forgiveness. Admission is free.



Closing out the run on Saturday, May 23 is Scriptless in Seattle, an improv comedy group that thrives on spontaneity and audience participation. What started in 2019 as a last-minute name choice before a small Ohio fundraiser has grown into a touring act that quite literally makes it up as they go. There's no script, no setlist, and no two shows are the same. Instead, the performers rely on quick thinking, chemistry, and the audience itself to drive the show forward.

Expect games, scenes, and unexpected moments built entirely from crowd suggestions, with opportunities for volunteers to step on stage and become part of the performance. The result is a fast-paced, anything-can-happen night of comedy that keeps both performers and audience on their toes. It's interactive, unpredictable, and often the kind of show people talk about long after the curtain call.

About the Venue

Bumbleberry Theater continues to build its reputation as a go-to spot for live entertainment in Springdale, offering a steady lineup of concerts, performances, and lectures throughout the year.

Tickets are available for the May 15 and May 23 performances, while the May 22 presentation is free. For more information and tickets, visit Bumbleberry Theater at bumbleberry.com.

THE STAGE DOOR BRINGS "COME FROM AWAY" TO ST. GEORGE

June 18–July 11, 2026 — St. George, UT

This summer, The Stage Door invites audiences to experience a powerful story of resilience and kindness with its upcoming production of the hit musical *Come From Away*. Running from June 18 through July 11 at the historic Electric Theater, the production marks a meaningful moment for the Southern Utah arts community.

Based on the true events of September 11, 2001, *Come From Away* tells the story of Gander, Newfoundland, a small town that became an unexpected global refuge when 38 planes were diverted to its airstrip. In an instant, the town's population nearly doubled as thousands of stranded travelers from around the world arrived.

has resonated with audiences worldwide. The production has received 37 award nominations and 13 wins, including Best New Musical at the 2019 Olivier Awards and Outstanding Musical at the 2017 Drama Desk Awards.

The Stage Door's production is led by Director Kelly Thomas, Music Director Amy Gleave, and Stage Manager Kristen McPhie, bringing together an experienced creative team to tell this story on the local stage.

Performances will be held at the Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., in St. George. Shows run Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 PM, June 18 through July 11, with a special Saturday matinee on



Undaunted by language barriers or cultural differences, the people of Gander opened their homes and hearts, welcoming the "come-from-aways" with music, hospitality, and a spirit of unity. The story highlights acts of generosity and connection that emerged during a time of uncertainty and fear.

With book, music, and lyrics by Irene Sankoff and David Hein, the musical features a moving score and a script that

June 27 at 2 PM.

"*Come From Away* gives us the opportunity to spread a message of kindness and resilience at a time when the world needs it most," said Artistic Director Josh Scott. "This is a show that audiences will truly never forget."

Tickets are available now. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit stagedoorutah.com or email thestagedoortheater@yahoo.com.

ELECTRIC COMEDY LIGHTS UP MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT HISTORIC ELECTRIC THEATER

May 22–23, 2026 — St. George, UT

Electric Comedy returns to the stage this Memorial Day Weekend, May 22 and 23, bringing a high-energy, community-driven comedy experience to the historic Electric Theater in downtown St. George.

Audiences can expect a bold and unforgettable night of comedy designed to



bring people together through humor, connection, and culture—just in time to kick off the summer season.

Headlining the weekend is Jesus Trejo, known for his hit specials on Netflix and Showtime, along with appearances on *The Late Show* with Jimmy Fallon, *First We Feast*, and PBS. Trejo, also an award-winning children's book author, brings a fresh and authentic voice that resonates across generations and cultures.

Joining him is a dynamic lineup featuring Carlos Ortega and Jesse Soriano from *Off Melrose @ The Activist Kitchen*, alongside Electric Comedy's host Val Douroux, whose charismatic storytelling continues to build one of the region's most engaged comedy audiences.

Electric Comedy positions itself as more than a show—it's a movement centered on inclusivity and community



connection. As St. George continues to grow, the mission is clear: to welcome all cultures and comedic voices, with a special emphasis on amplifying Latino voices and honoring the region's deeper history and roots.

Fans are also invited to join the "100 Sparks!" Club, a superfan community where the first 100 members can earn perks and rewards for sharing the event, bringing friends, and helping build momentum around the show.

To elevate the experience, the first 25 guests each night will receive a special gift, and attendees can enjoy complimentary tastings from sponsor Alpha Gurl Greens, featuring fresh greens and electrolyte drinks designed to energize and refresh.

With limited sponsorship opportunities available and growing buzz around the event, Electric Comedy continues to establish itself as one of the fastest-growing live comedy experiences in the region.

This Memorial Day Weekend, skip the ordinary and step into something electric.



FROM HURRICANE TO THE SKIES: A LOCAL PILOT'S RETURN TO SOUTHERN UTAH

Virgin, UT

Raised in Hurricane, Utah, and now serving as Chief Pilot at Zion Helicopters in Virgin, Kevin Mortensen has come full circle—returning home to share the landscapes that first inspired his love of flight.



Growing up in Southern Utah, he spent much of his time exploring the region's terrain, from Water Canyon Arch to the historic Canaan Mountain logging cable drop. Hikes to Angels Landing and Observation Point, along with weekends spent in the remote beauty of Kolob Canyons, helped shape a deep appreciation for the land—one that now defines his career.

After years away building flight experience, returning home has offered a renewed perspective. His aviation background includes flying Grand Canyon tours, providing flight instruction, and serving as a check pilot, all contributing to a strong foundation in safety and professionalism. Today, that experience carries into his leadership role at Zion Helicopters.

Seeing the landscape from the air offers a dramatically different vantage point. Even after a lifetime in the region, the perspective from above continues to reveal new terrain and hidden details that are not visible from the ground.

At Zion Helicopters, scenic flights are designed to be accessible for a wide range of visitors. Guests fly aboard a modern, climate-controlled jet helicopter with stadium-style, forward-facing seating and wide panoramic views of the West Zion area. Flight options range from shorter introductory routes to extended tours covering up to 100 miles.

One of the standout highlights is the Canaan Mountain Wilderness Area, where flights move alongside towering rock formations and over cliffs that drop more than 2,000 feet, offering views that are otherwise unreachable.

Operations have also expanded to include tours from Bryce Canyon National Park, where passengers can view well-known formations such as Boat Mesa, the Sinking Ship, and surrounding cliffside landscapes from above.



Now living back in Southern Utah with his wife and three children, he continues to focus on growing the company's offerings, including scenic tours, private charters, and additional aerial services. For those familiar with Zion or visiting for the first time, the experience offers a new way to see the region from above.

CAPTURED IN ESCALANTE: ART FESTIVAL INVITES ARTISTS AND VISITORS THIS SEPTEMBER

September 18–27, 2026 — Escalante, UT
Artists and art lovers alike are invited to experience the landscape and creative energy of Southern Utah at the Escalante Canyons Art Festival, returning September 18–27, 2026.

Whether returning to familiar terrain or visiting for the first time, participants are encouraged to explore the ever-changing landscape and interpret it through their own artistic lens. The invitation is simple: capture the essence of the land, and let its beauty capture you.



The festival includes a range of opportunities for artists at every level. Plein air painting begins with a stamp-in running September 18–21, followed by submissions on September 23. Awards include a Best of Show purchase award of \$1,500, a \$500 merit award, and two \$200 honorable mentions.

Studio artists may also submit work on September 23, with awards of \$1,000 for first place, \$500 for second, and \$250 for third. A dedicated junior division offers four age-based categories with no entry fee and



awards recognizing young artists across multiple levels.

Additional categories include nocturne and miniature works, both submitted on September 23. Nocturne entries, which may be plein air or studio pieces, do not require stamping. Miniature works must be no larger than 6 by 6 inches or 5 by 7 inches framed and ready to hang. Each category includes cash prizes for top placements.

A special highlight this year is the Escalante 150th Anniversary Paint-Out,

running from September 25 at 11 AM through September 26 at 11 AM. The winning artist will receive \$300 along with a half-page feature in Plein Air Magazine.

Beyond competitions, the festival offers a full schedule of workshops, demonstrations, live music, judges' talks, and historic walking tours. Attendees can also enjoy a play by local playwright Raymond Shurtz, monument discussions, hands-on art activities, and gallery exhibits throughout the event.

Vendors are also invited to participate, with an emphasis on handmade or artist-related goods that reflect the spirit of the festival.

With more than \$10,000 in prize money and a setting near Grand Staircase–Escalante National Monument, the festival continues to grow as both a creative destination and community gathering.

For more information and registration details, visit escalantecanyonsartfestival.org.

ZION CHALK & EARTH FEST TURNS PAVEMENT INTO PERFORMANCE

April 18–19, 2026 — Springdale, UT
Springdale's Canyon Community Center was transformed into a living canvas April 18–19 as artists gathered for the fourth annual Zion Chalk & Earth Fest, turning asphalt and concrete into large-scale works of art that invited the public not just to view the work, but to experience it. The event is held each year the weekend before Earth Day, bringing together art, community, and environmental awareness.

role in this year's event. Twenty-one students from Hurricane High School and Vista School in Ivins participated on Saturday, gaining hands-on experience in a public art setting. Leading up to the festival, workshops led by artist coordinator Aimee Bonham introduced younger students to large-scale, collaborative art.

A dedicated community section invited visitors of all ages to create their own 2-by-2-foot chalk artworks. Directed



After its first three years at Cable Mountain Lodge, this marked the festival's first year at the Canyon Community Center, offering a new setting for the growing event.

This year's festival brought together 53 artists from across the country, with strong representation from Utah and California. Together, they created 38 chalk murals, transforming blank pavement into vibrant, temporary works of art as visitors watched each piece unfold in real time.

What makes street painting unique is not just the finished image, but the process itself. Unlike traditional gallery work, these pieces are created in the open, with artists working side by side and engaging with the public. The act of making becomes a kind of performance, one that depends on the presence of a community to fully come alive.

Students also played an important

by local artists Angie Frabasilio and Stacy Whitaker, the space encouraged hands-on participation using artist-grade pastels with rich, saturated color.

"What makes street painting so powerful is that it invites people in," Bonham shared. "Viewers don't just observe the work, they become part of it."

The theme for this year's chalk art, "Wild and Scenic," inspired a wide range of interpretations, from wildlife to imaginative and interactive 3D works that allowed visitors to step into the art.

In addition to the artwork, the festival featured Earth Day vendors and live music, creating a lively atmosphere. The artwork remained on view for one additional day before eventually being washed away, reinforcing the fleeting nature of the medium and the experience itself.

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THE DISH: PERKS FINDS ITS RHYTHM BETWEEN ROUTINE AND RESET

St. George, UT

There's a certain time of day when Perks makes the most sense.

Not quite rushed, not quite lingering. Somewhere in between. A stop on the way to something, or a pause before the next thing begins.



That in-between space is where Perks Espresso and Smoothies has quietly built its place in the community.

After more than two decades in business, the locally rooted café is taking a closer look at its menu. Not a full overhaul, but a thoughtful shift toward simplicity and intention.

"We're really trying to go back to simpler ingredients," the owner shared. "Things people can recognize, without all the extras."

That mindset shows up across the menu.

Breakfast includes burritos with vegetarian and meat options, along with sandwiches and avocado toast. For something lighter, the Greek turkey sandwich and salad offer a fresh, balanced option.

It is easy to fall into a rhythm here. A coconut honey latte, smooth and lightly

sweet, paired with the Ultimate Egger, swapped onto gluten-free bread. Not because it is written that way on the menu, but because that is how it works for you.

Across its Southern Utah locations, including two in St. George, as well as Springdale and Hurricane, Perks meets people in different ways. Some cafés offer drive-thru service, making it an easy way to start the day. At the Sunset and Springdale locations, the pace shifts. These spaces invite people to linger, meet up, or take a break. It is here that Perks becomes something more, a kind of third place between home and work.

The drinks follow the same approach. A rotating monthly special keeps things fresh. May's feature, the Butterfly Buzz, blends butterfly tea extract with lemonade and is available with or without coffee, offering a bright, seasonal option alongside the core menu.

Behind the scenes, that shift toward simplicity is already taking shape. Oat milk is now made in-house using only oats, sunflower oil, and salt. Syrups are also made in-house, and smoothies are moving toward a base of frozen fruit and apple juice with optional protein add-ins.

For many in Southern Utah, Perks has become more than a coffee stop. It is a place to land, connect, or simply take a moment.

That sense of community continues to evolve. With evenings still relatively open, there is growing interest in creating space for small gatherings, workshops, and casual meetups.

Not just a place to grab a drink, but a place to belong.

Perks Espresso and Smoothies is open daily, with the St. George Sunset location serving guests until 5 PM. Learn more at utahcoffee.com.

Find more events daily at SUindependent.com

CATCH THE LAUGHS BEFORE SUMMER BREAK: OTC COMEDY LIGHTS UP MAY

May 1, 8, and 29, 2026 — Cedar City, UT

May is a month of quick hits and can't-miss nights at OTC Comedy. With a short run of shows before a brief summer break, now is the time to grab your seat and soak in the laughter.



Join OTC at the OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., on Friday, May 1, Friday, May 8, and Friday, May 29 at 8 PM for live, unscripted improv comedy that's different every night. Admission is \$10, and tickets are available at otccomedy.com.

Please note, OTC Comedy will be taking a short break the weeks of May 15 and May 22, making these three performances your only chances to catch the show this month.



If you've been to OTC before, you'll notice something new in the mix. The cast has been adding fresh games and formats to keep things unpredictable, while also bringing back fan-favorite classics like Rant and Genres. It's a blend of new energy and familiar chaos that keeps audiences coming back.



And it's not just about what happens on stage. OTC Comedy is designed to be an experience from the moment you walk in to the moment you leave. The atmosphere is welcoming, the energy is high, and the audience plays a key role in shaping the show. Your suggestions spark the scenes, your reactions guide the rhythm, and your laughter fuels everything.

No two shows are ever the same, and that's the point. You're not watching



something rehearsed and repeated, you're part of something that only exists for that one night.

Whether you're planning a night out with friends, looking for a creative date idea, or just want to break out of your routine, OTC Comedy delivers a fast, fun, and completely original evening.

Don't miss your chance to catch OTC before the mid-month break. Join the audience on May 1, May 8, or May 29 at 8 PM.

Tickets are \$10 at otccomedy.com.



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SATURDAY

6:30 AM MASS ASCENSION OF 36 HOT AIR BALLOONS!! EAT LOCAL & ENJOY THE FINE SCENIC VIEWS OF HISTORIC PANGUITCH.

7:00 AM PHX 5K @PANGUITCH HIGH SCHOOL (390 E. 100 S.)

10:00 AM-UNTIL DARK FOOD VENDORS, CRAFT VENDORS, INFLATABLES, AND MORE.

1:00 PM BALLOON RALLY BINGO \$1 CARDS @ SOCIAL HALL(65 E. CENTER ST)

6:45 PM BIKER PARADE ALONG MAINSTREET. ALL MOTORCYCLISTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE! MEET @ 400 North. AND CENTER at 6:30PM

7:00 PM SUMMER DANCE CAMP PERFORMANCE

7:30-10PM HOT AIR BALLOON GLOW ALONG MAIN AND CENTER IN DOWNTOWN AND FEATURING LIVE MUSIC

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BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE KICKS OFF FIFTH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES IN KANAB

May 2–October 2026 — Kanab, UT

Saturday nights in Kanab are about to get a whole lot livelier as Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile launches its fifth annual free summer concert series beginning May 2.

visitor experience for Best Friends Animal Society. “The music is great, but we’re here for the cute dogs people bring to the concerts, too!”

The Roadhouse concert atmosphere is relaxed and community-driven, with



Live music, from rocking blues to classic country, transforms the pet-friendly hotel’s landscaped lawn at 30 N. 300 W. into one of the area’s favorite open-air venues. Shows run every Saturday through the last weekend in October, with May and June performances scheduled from 6–8 PM, July and August shifting to 7–9 PM, and September and October returning to 6–8 PM.



“We are so excited to kick off our summer music series at the Roadhouse. It’s a great opportunity for locals, hotel guests, and Kanab visitors to gather together and hear some great tunes, enjoy our beautiful landscaping, play lawn games, purchase Mercantile snacks and beverages, or bring a picnic,” said Julie Barger, director of

regional artists rotating each week and pets welcome at every show. Chairs are provided, though limited, so guests are encouraged to bring their own. Admission is free, and parking is readily available.

The series opens May 2 with Blue Marble, followed by The Buckskin Bandits on May 9, Tom Bennett on May 16, Stone Company on May 23, and Richard Jewkes on May 30. June continues the lineup with Eureka! on June 6, Ryan Tracey on June 13, The Buckskin Bandits returning on June 20, and an unplugged set from Mesozoic later in the month.

For lodging, directions, or a full concert schedule, visit bestfriendsroadhouse.org or call 435-644-3400.



TIME TO UNCORK YOUR CHAKRA

May 2026 — Leeds, UT

May is a busy time at Zion Vineyards as the team moves into a new phase of the growing season. Bottling of the 2024 wines is underway, irrigation has begun, and a secondary pruning process is in place to help concentrate growth. This trimming promotes new development, improves airflow and sun exposure, and supports the vine’s ability to produce high-quality fruit.

its monthly WOGA event, a combination of wine and yoga. The May session takes place May 10 at 10 AM, beginning with an hour of yoga followed by a wine tasting. The class is led by certified instructor Shauna Fisher, who brings nine years of experience in Hatha and Vinyasa Flow, along with a focus on meditation and accessible practices for a wide range of participants.

Held at the tasting room, WOGA offers a relaxed setting to connect mind,



body, and community in a way that feels both approachable and unique.

Zion Vineyards invites guests to visit, enjoy the setting, and experience its selection of award-winning wines. The vineyard is located at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds, just 12 miles north of St. George off Interstate 15. No reservations are required.

The vineyard also continues to offer events that bring people together around wine, creativity, and community.

This month features two Paint and Sip Sundays with Ash from Beyond Color Art on May 17 & 31. Sessions run from 2:30 to 5 PM, offering guests the option to follow along with guided instruction or create their own landscape.

In addition, the vineyard hosts

Zion Vineyards is open seven days a week from noon to 6 PM. For more information, visit zionvines.com or call 435-849-8376.



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THAI SAPA EXPANDS ITS PAN-ASIAN ROOTS WITH NEW SUSHI OFFERINGS IN SPRINGDALE

Springdale, UT

For more than two decades, Thai Sapa has quietly evolved into one of Springdale's most distinctive dining experiences, blending pan-Asian flavors with a commitment to natural, non-GMO, and organic ingredients. Now, 24 seasons in, the restaurant is adding a long-awaited dimension to its menu: sushi and sashimi, expanding its vision of offering guests "a taste of the East in a jewel in the American West."

years later, Thai Sapa returned to its original location, where it has continued to grow and refine its identity.

Part of that identity is rooted in a connection to place. In addition to sourcing local and organic ingredients, Thai Sapa cultivates some of its own at a nearby 2,500-square-foot garden, including seasonal flowers that appear on dining tables.

For the past 15 years, the restaurant's current location has provided a setting that



Thai Sapa's culinary philosophy has long been guided by curiosity and creativity. Dishes are selected based on what the team finds interesting and exciting, a mindset that led to the addition last year of a banh mi sandwich and a bao bun pastry. Each is available with Wagyu brisket, pork belly, or tofu, offering a fusion of East and West that has become a defining feature of the menu.

That same spirit of exploration now brings sushi into the fold. With the addition of a new sushi chef, Thai Sapa has introduced a range of traditional and modern sushi rolls, sashimi, miso soup, and Japanese-inspired salads. These offerings complement the restaurant's established pan-Asian cuisine and provide another option for those seeking diverse Asian dining in Springdale.

The restaurant's journey has been anything but static. Thai Sapa first emerged in 2003, operating weekend nights out of the former Watchman Cafe after it closed each day at 3 PM. Following a successful first season, the building was sold, forcing the young operation to relocate. Seven

is as memorable as the food itself. Guests can enjoy indoor dining or outdoor seating framed by the red sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park.

Thai Sapa offers outdoor seating, vegan options, and high chairs, making it accessible for a wide range of diners. The restaurant is open daily from 11:30 AM to 9 PM at 198 Zion Park Blvd in Springdale. For more information, call 435-772-0510.

With the addition of sushi and sashimi, Thai Sapa continues to build on its long-standing philosophy, offering fresh, thoughtful cuisine in one of the most scenic dining environments in the region.



PLEIN AIR PAINTERS OF AMERICA BRING "HEART OF AMERICA" EXHIBITION TO MT. CARMEL

May 15–July 6, 2026 — Mt. Carmel, UT

Southern Utah's red rock country sets the stage for one of the region's most compelling fine art events of the year as the Plein Air Painters of America (PAPA) present their 2026 National Exhibition & Sale, "Heart of America," at the historic Maynard Dixon Home & Studio in Mt. Carmel. Opening May 15 and running through July 6, the exhibition brings together some of the nation's top landscape painters for a rare and immersive experience.

Nearly 30 Signature Members of PAPA are expected to attend opening weekend. Membership in the organization is invitation-only and limited to approximately 50 accomplished artists nationwide, making this a unique opportunity to meet and engage with painters working at the highest level. "We're so excited to have over 30 of America's finest painters coming to Mt. Carmel this year," said gallery owner Susan Bingham.

A Historic Setting for Living Art

The Maynard Dixon Home & Studio



Hosted by the Thunderbird Foundation Gallery, the show features more than 100 paintings by over 40 artists, capturing landscapes from across the United States. The collection includes both studio works and plein air pieces, painted outdoors on location, offering a dynamic range of styles rooted in observation of the natural world.

The Patron Preview takes place Friday, May 15, from 5–8 PM, followed by the Public Opening and Wet Paint Sale on Saturday, May 16, from 9 AM to 5 PM. At 12 PM, freshly completed "wet paintings" created during the week will be unveiled and made available for purchase, a highlight for collectors and art lovers alike.

provides an ideal backdrop. Preserved by the Thunderbird Foundation, the site reflects the legacy of one of the American West's most iconic artists while continuing to inspire contemporary work in the same landscape that shaped Dixon's vision.

For those looking to deepen their experience, four PAPA Master Instructors will lead a workshop through the Scottsdale Artists' School beginning Monday, May 19. The workshop is open to artists of all skill levels.

For more info and tickets to the Patron Preview, visit thunderbirdfoundation.com. The Thunderbird Foundation Gallery and the Maynard Dixon Home & Studio are at 2200 S. State St. (Hwy 89), Mt. Carmel.



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AMAZING EARTHFEST CELEBRATES 20 YEARS IN KANAB WITH FOUR DAYS OF EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY

May 7-10, 2026 — Kanab, UT

Kanab's Amazing Earthfest returns May 7-10, 2026, marking its 20th year of celebrating Southern Utah's landscapes through a dynamic mix of education, adventure, and community events.



while evenings shift to documentary films and stargazing. Highlights include a May 8 presentation by University of Utah ecologist Nalini Nadkarni, introducing her film *Between Earth and Sky*, and a workshop series, "Personalizing Place," led by photographer Bruce Hucko.

Behind the festival is a story rooted in curiosity and purpose. Founder Rich Csenge, a longtime Kanab resident, created Amazing Earthfest as a way to bring people closer to the landscapes of the Colorado Plateau while fostering education, collaboration, and appreciation for public lands. What began as a grassroots effort has grown into a regional event that draws both locals and visitors seeking a deeper connection to place.

Programming also explores topics ranging from wildfire protection of cultural sites and regional trail systems to the history of wilderness exploration in the American West. Live music from guitarist Julian Harman adds a cultural layer to the experience.

With more than \$10,000 in programming value and two decades of momentum, Amazing Earthfest continues to offer a meaningful way to experience the landscapes that define Southern Utah.

Registration is required. For full event details or to register, visit amazingearthfest.org.



Held at various locations throughout Kanab, the four-day festival features 27 activities spanning Arts and Culture, Community, Documentary Film, Outdoor Adventure, Science and Land, and Night Sky. Nearly all events are free, offering broad access to hands-on experiences that connect participants to the natural world.

Each day begins outdoors, with guided hikes led by experts in botany, geology, and paleontology across the region's public lands. The opening hike on May 7 features an ecological scavenger hunt, while the final hike on May 10, led by Willow Canyon Outdoor Gear and Books, includes artisanal coffee served among the red rock landscape.

Daytime programming blends presentations with field-based experiences,



THE SUMMER SHOW AT RAVEN'S HEART GALLERY BLENDS ART, DEMOS, AND COMMUNITY

June 13, 2026 — Kanab, UT

Raven's Heart Gallery in Kanab is welcoming summer with a vibrant, hands-on celebration of art on Saturday, June 13, from 1-4 PM. The Summer Show, featuring live art-making demonstrations, takes place at 57 W. Center St. This interactive event is free and open to the public, offering a chance to experience art not just on the gallery walls, but in the making by the gallery's artists.



patterns onto a hand-turned wooden vessel using a fine brush and magnification.

Additional artists expand the experience across mediums. David Lane will share his astrophotography process capturing the Milky Way over Southwestern desert landscapes. James Mosdell demonstrates lapidary work using Grand Canyon Opal, while Ellie Mae Clough explores mixed media through photo transfer on encaustic wax. Gary Kalpakoff showcases wild mustang photography alongside metal sculpture works.

The show features "Raven in Flowers" by Gail Alger as its signature artwork, serving as a striking visual centerpiece. Visitors will also have the opportunity to view large-scale oil paintings from "The 'Victory' Dog" Collection and "Mill Dogs' Revenge" Collection by Cyrus Mejia, co-founder of Best Friends Animal Society and co-owner of Raven's Heart Gallery.

Participating Artists

The Summer Show brings together a strong roster of Southern Utah artists, including Andrea Johnson, Angela Woods, Bonnie Dunn, Carol Bold, Colleen Tomlin, Cyrus Mejia, David Lane, Ellie Mae Clough, Gail Alger, Gary Kalpakoff, James Mosdell, Ken Ragsdale, Rebekka Anderson, and Willamarie Huelskamp.

The Gallery Experience

Home to more than 30 regional artists, Raven's Heart Gallery fills both its main level and upstairs loft with diverse works spanning painting, sculpture, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and mixed media. During The Summer Show, the space comes alive with tools and materials in motion, from easels and paints to cameras, lapidary equipment, encaustic wax, and printmaking presses.

For more information, visit ravensheartgallery.com or follow Raven's Heart Gallery on Facebook and Instagram (@ravensheartgallery).

The afternoon centers on live demonstrations, transforming the gallery into a working studio. Gail Alger will present an acrylic animal painting demo, while Angela Woods showcases her whimsical animal subjects in oil. Rebekka Anderson brings the complexity of color reduction linocut printmaking to life, guiding visitors through the multi-step process, and Ken Ragsdale demonstrates his detailed "basket illusion" technique, hand-painting intricate



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STARGAZING ZION OPENS FIFTH SEASON WITH PEAK SPRING SKIES AND CELESTIAL HIGHLIGHTS

May 2026 — Near Zion National Park, UT
Stargazing Zion has officially opened its fifth season, welcoming locals and visitors alike under some of the darkest skies in the country. As spring settles into Southern Utah, May is shaping up to be one of the most compelling months of the year to look up, with a full lineup of celestial events visible just outside Zion National Park.



The month begins May 1 with the Flower Moon, appearing as a subtle micro moon, followed by asteroid Vesta reaching opposition May 2, when it shines at its brightest. The Eta Aquariid Meteor Shower peaks May 6–7, sending fast-moving meteors across the sky—remnants of Halley's Comet. A super new moon on May 16 creates ideal dark-sky conditions for viewing distant galaxies and nebulae, while Venus dominates the evening sky in the latter half of the month, with notable pairings on May 18 and May 20. May wraps up with a rare blue moon on May 31, also a micro moon.

At Stargazing Zion, these cosmic moments are brought down to earth through nightly guided programs that blend storytelling, constellation tours, and both digital and optical telescope viewing. The experience is designed

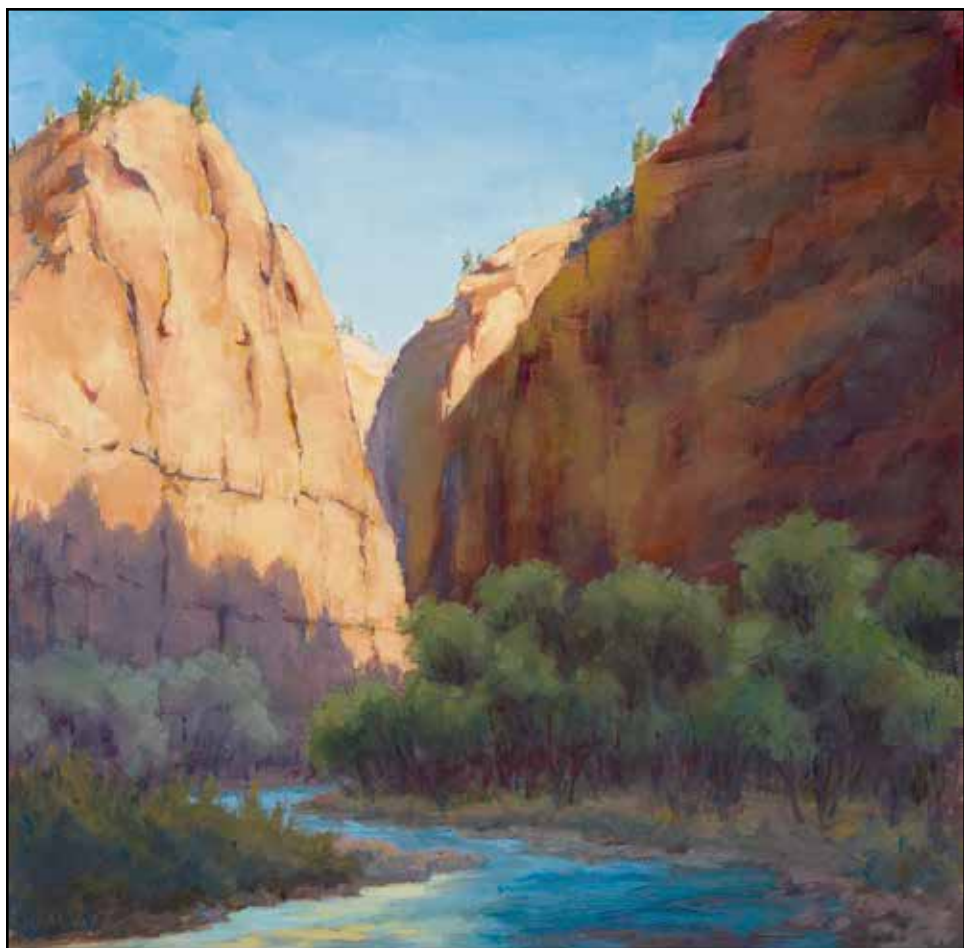
to be approachable and immersive, with guests relaxing into bean bags, wrapped in blankets, and sipping warm beverages while exploring the night sky.

Each two-hour tour includes a planetary walk, a guided constellation tour using high-powered lasers, and multiple rounds of telescope viewing. Guests also receive post-tour images, offering a lasting takeaway from the experience. With small group sizes and high demand, especially in May and June, advance booking is strongly recommended.

A Dark Sky Worth Protecting

Part of what makes the experience so special is the region's pristine darkness, something Stargazing Zion encourages guests to help preserve. Simple practices—turning off unnecessary outdoor lights, using warm, low-intensity bulbs, and opting for red light at night—can help maintain these skies for future generations.

Now in its fifth season, Stargazing Zion continues its mission of making astronomy accessible while fostering a deeper connection to the natural world. Nightly tours are available just outside Zion National Park. Reservations can be made at stargazingzion.com or by calling 435-919-3976.



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TIPS TO AVOID BEAR CONFLICTS ACROSS SOUTHERN UTAH THIS SUMMER

April 2026 — Southern Utah

As temperatures rise across Utah, black bears are emerging from hibernation, and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is reminding residents and visitors how to prevent conflicts and stay safe while recreating outdoors.

Black bears are the only species of bear in Utah and can be found throughout much of the state, particularly in mountainous areas, foothills, and canyons. During the spring, plants and insects make up the majority of their diet, but bears will seek out human food if it's easily accessible—often leading to conflicts in campsites and neighborhoods.

“Even though they're incredibly strong and surprisingly fast, black bears will typically do everything they can to avoid people,” said DWR Game Mammals Coordinator Chad Wilson. “When a bear finds food, though, that can all change.”

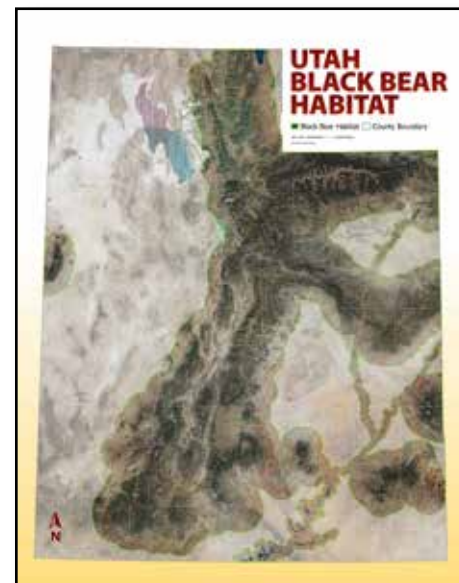
Drought conditions may also play a role this year, potentially reducing natural food sources and increasing the likelihood that bears will search for food in developed areas.



Preventing Bear Conflicts

Simple precautions can significantly reduce the chances of attracting a bear:

- Store food and scented items in a secure location, such as a locked vehicle or trailer
- Keep cooking and eating areas clean, and properly dispose of grease and waste
- Pack out all trash and avoid leaving food scraps behind
- Use bear-proof garbage



containers or store trash in a secure location until pickup

Never feed a bear, even unintentionally. When bears associate people with food, they can lose their natural fear—sometimes leading to aggressive behavior and, in some cases, euthanasia.

Around the Home

Residents in foothill and canyon areas should take extra care to remove attractants such as birdfeeders, pet food, compost, fruit trees, and unsecured trash. Cleaning grills and storing garbage properly can also help reduce the risk of attracting bears.

If You Encounter a Bear

If you come across a bear, remain calm and stand your ground. Do not run or climb a tree, as black bears can do both quickly. Give the bear space to leave, and be prepared to use bear spray if necessary. If a bear attacks, fight back using any available object.

When to Report a Sighting

Bear sightings should be reported if the animal is aggressive, accessing food or trash, or entering populated areas. Campground incidents should be reported immediately to the DWR.

For more information, visit Wild Aware Utah.

STELLAR VISTA OBSERVATORY BREAKS GROUND NEAR JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR

April 11, 2026 — Kanab, UT

Under sunny April skies, Stellar Vista Observatory (SVO) marked a major milestone on Saturday, April 11, breaking ground on its future home on the northeast side of Jackson Flat Reservoir. The event drew more than 50 attendees, including community leaders, partner organizations, and residents eager to see the project move forward.

Attendees included members of the SVO board and working group, Kane County Commissioners, representatives from the Kane County Water Conservancy District, Kane County Office of Tourism, the Kane County Board of Economic Opportunity, Utah State House Representative Logan Monson, the Kanab Area Chamber of Commerce, and local supporters.

SVO Board Member Natalie Brannon opened the program with an overview of the organization's progress, noting more than \$300,000 raised to date through grants, partnerships, revenue from SVO's night sky programs, and community donations.

Kane County Water Conservancy District General Manager Mike Noel expressed strong support for the project, emphasizing its long-term impact on recreation and education in the region. “This observatory will be a wonderful gift to the children of Kane County and to future users of the site... It will inspire generations,” Noel said.

SVO President Rich Csenge spoke to the deeper purpose behind the project, highlighting the power of the night sky to spark curiosity and perspective. “At the heart of what we hope to share is that Stellar Vista Observatory will be a place where people can reconnect with the night sky... in the presence of something truly vast,” he said.

SVO Secretary Eric Sims reflected on the organization's growing outreach, sharing stories from recent stargazing events and emphasizing the role of community support in expanding educational opportunities.

Following the ceremony, Kane County Office of Tourism Director Janette Peatross noted the observatory's potential to strengthen the region's identity as a dark sky destination. “Our night skies are a big part of what makes this place special,” she said. The event concluded with a ceremonial groundbreaking, marking the start of a new chapter for the observatory and the Kanab community.

The ceremony coincided with Utah's Dark Sky Month and the lead-up to International Dark Sky Week, April 13–20. SVO continues the celebration with public programming, including a science lecture and community stargazing events throughout the week.



STRONG TOWNS FOUNDER CHUCK MAROHN DRAWS REGIONAL LEADERS TO ST. GEORGE EVENT

April 22, 2026 — St. George, UT

Chuck Marohn, founder and president of Strong Towns, visited St. George on Wednesday, April 22, for a public event focused on the challenges of rapid growth, housing affordability, and long-term financial sustainability in local communities. The event drew 175 attendees, including elected officials from across the political spectrum who came together for thoughtful conversation about the future of growth in Southern Utah.

The broad geographic turnout underscored the regional urgency of the issues being discussed.

Attendees noted Marohn's approachable and thoughtful style. Rather than prescribing solutions, he offered a framework for thinking about growth and local government that resonated across political lines and community contexts.

Southern Utah communities continue to face rising home prices and ongoing questions about how to accommodate growth



The visit comes as Southern Utah continues to experience significant population growth, placing increasing pressure on housing supply, water resources, and public infrastructure. Marohn, a bestselling author and national advocate for community-focused development, shared perspectives on how cities can respond to these pressures while maintaining long-term fiscal health.

The event, hosted by Ivins Inspired and Strong Towns WashCo, took place at Dixie Technical College and included two sessions: a breakfast discussion co-moderated by St. George councilwomen Dannielle Larkin and Michelle Tanner for local leaders and stakeholders, and a public presentation open to all residents.

Among those in attendance were Washington County Commissioners Iverson and Almquist, the mayor and councilmembers of Ivins, councilmembers from St. George, and elected officials from across the region, including representatives from Herriman, Cedar City, and Leeds.

while managing water, infrastructure costs, and quality of life.

"This was a pivotal moment for Southern Utah," said the Strong Towns WashCo Leadership Team. "We're growing rapidly, and the choices we make now will shape our communities for generations."

Building on the momentum, Strong Towns WashCo plans to expand its coalition and continue hosting monthly "Strong Towns Conversations" open to the public.

For more information, visit [instagram.com/strongtownswashco](https://www.instagram.com/strongtownswashco).



SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD SHOWCASES SPRING LINEUP WITH GALLERY OPENINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 6–June 18, 2026 — St. George, UT

Southern Utah's art scene gets a fresh jolt of color and connection this May as the Southern Utah Art Guild rolls out a full slate of free, public events anchored by gallery shows, artist meetups, and community programming across St. George.



The month kicks off with the Arrowhead Gallery Open House on Wednesday, May 6 from 4 to 6:30 PM at Arrowhead Gallery. The event invites the public to meet many of the Guild's artists, enjoy refreshments, and explore new works across a wide range of mediums, from wood carving and ceramics to oil painting, photography, jewelry, and sculpture. Featured artist Marilyn Rose will highlight her landscape oil paintings and conduct a live demonstration during the evening. The event also includes a 10% discount on artwork and opportunity drawings for original pieces.



For 15 years, Arrowhead Gallery has showcased work from 35 local artists, blending emerging talent with established creators. The gallery recently earned a Silver Award for Best Art Gallery in Southern Utah in 2026, reinforcing its reputation as a destination for original regional art. Regular gallery hours run Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM to



6 PM and Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 8 PM at 68 E. Tabernacle St.

Meanwhile, Red Cliff Gallery launches its "Explosion of Color" exhibit on May 8, with an opening reception from 6 to 8 PM. The show features vibrant new works from contemporary Guild artists and runs through June 18. Located at 220 N. 200 E., the gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday from noon to 4 PM. All artwork is available for purchase.



Beyond the galleries, the Guild continues its commitment to artist development and community engagement. CONNECT, sponsored by the Utah Arts Alliance, takes place May 28 from 6 to 8 PM at the Social Hall, 212 Main St., offering artists a chance to have their work critiqued by host Colleen Gianatiempo. Earlier in the month, MEET + MINGLE on May 12 from 3 to 4:30 PM provides a casual setting for networking and creative exchange.

With a full calendar of events and a strong emphasis on accessibility, the Southern Utah Art Guild continues to make local art easy to discover and even easier to take home. For more information, visit southernutahartguild.com or call 435-628-9592.

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FROM LA TO ZION: BANYAN BRINGS GENRE-BENDING SOUND TO SPRINGDALE

May 30, 2026 — Springdale, UT

There are shows, and then there are experiences. On May 30 at 10 PM, Los Angeles-based experimental collective Banyan returns to Southern Utah for a one-night-only performance at The Bit & Spur in Springdale. Known for its fully improvised, anything-goes approach to music, Banyan brings a legacy of boundary-pushing sound that spans jazz, punk, funk, and psychedelic rock, all created live, in the moment.



Formed in 1996 by drummer Stephen Perkins and bassist Mike Watt during a hiatus from Porno for Pyros, Banyan emerged from a simple urge: play more music. What followed was an evolving experiment in improvisation, sparked by an early session at the Dust Brothers studio in Silver Lake. With musicians listening to Igor Stravinsky and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky through headphones while jamming, Banyan's first record was born, setting the tone for decades of fearless sonic exploration.

Over the years, Banyan has become a revolving door of elite collaborators, with contributors including Flea, John Frusciante, Joe Satriani, and Thurston Moore. Their performances have ranged from underground art happenings to major stages like the Monterey Jazz Festival and events surrounding the Utah Winter Olympics.

The current lineup hitting The Bit & Spur stage features Stephen Perkins on drums, Willie Waldman on trumpet, Andy Calder on bass, Jeff Eidemiller on guitar, and 16-year-old Eden Perkins, marking the youngest musician to perform with the group. Expect a sonic ride that moves from tribal grooves to explosive chaos, from delicate ambiance to full-throttle rock, often within a single song.

The Venue

The Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon has long been one of Southern Utah's go-to hubs for live music, offering an intimate, eclectic setting just outside Zion National Park. The venue's mix of indoor and outdoor stages makes it a natural home for both touring acts and regional favorites.

Beyond Banyan's late-night set, the Bit & Spur keeps things lively all season. Their weekly outdoor concert series runs Mondays with a farmers market from 5 to 9 PM, paired with live music from 5 to 8 PM in May, shifting to 6 to 9 PM June through August. Upcoming acts include Shangalu (May 4), Runaway Fire (May 11), Cory Mon (May 18), YESOUI (May 25), and Dead Desert Trio (June 1). These early evening shows are all-ages and free to attend.

Banyan's May 30 performance is 21+ with a \$20 cover at the door. For more information, visit bitandspur.com or call 435-772-3498.



WOW ARTISTS RETREAT RETURNS TO MOUNT CARMEL FOR THREE DAYS OF ART AND CONNECTION

June 3-5, 2026 — Mount Carmel, UT

Women Out West: Professional Artists of Utah (WOW) brings its annual WOW Artists Retreat back to Southern Utah June 3-5, 2026, offering a three-day immersive experience designed for artists to relax, connect, and create.

be provided before attendees take part in a special studio tour with artist Joshua Baird.

Throughout the retreat, artists will have opportunities to work from life, exchange ideas, and gain insight from fellow creatives in a supportive and collaborative setting.



Hosted at Thunderbird Gallery and the historic Maynard Dixon Studio in Mount Carmel, the retreat blends plein air painting, studio sessions, artist presentations, and social gatherings, all set against the region's striking desert landscape. This year's schedule has been refined into a convenient two-night format, making it easier for artists to fully engage while enjoying a balanced mix of structure and flexibility.

The retreat begins Wednesday, June 3, with check-in at 10 AM at Thunderbird Gallery, followed by a full day of painting on the Maynard Dixon property. The evening includes a group dinner in Kanab and a nocturne painting session.

On Thursday, June 4, participants will paint at Zion Mountain Ranch in the morning and at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in the afternoon. Additional opportunities include a still life and portrait model session at the studio, along with a featured artist presentation by Willamarie Huelskamp. The day concludes with a group dinner and meeting on the Thunderbird Foundation patio.

The final day, Friday, June 5, wraps up with a morning painting session at Julie Rogers' ranch, followed by an Art Share and Circle Painting Exchange. Lunch will

Registration is open through May 22, 2026, at wowartistsofutah.com. Lodging discounts are available for WOW members at Canyon Boutique Hotel, with additional details provided on the event page.

The retreat is presented in partnership with the Thunderbird Foundation and Art Easely, a platform designed to help artists manage and grow their creative businesses.



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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

By Adam Mast

Power Ballad (R)
Grade: B

Writer/director John Carney believes in the power of music, there's no doubt about that. For those who've seen his films, that statement rings true. This gifted storyteller has the ability to craft stories that inform the music at their heartfelt centers, while also creating songs that elevate the films themselves. While the new music-tinged charmer Power Ballad doesn't quite reach the heights of Carney's very best—Once and Sing Street still reign supreme—it's still a wonderfully energetic crowd-pleaser, as was evident from the enthusiastic audience at a special advance screening during Southern Utah's Desertscape International Film Festival.



In Power Ballad, the ever-affable Paul Rudd plays Rick Power, an American-born singer-songwriter who, after falling in love with Rachel (Marcella Plunkett), builds a life in Dublin, Ireland. Together, they raise their daughter, Aja (Beth Fallon), while Rick settles into a comfortable role as a

wedding singer, performing classics with a few original songs mixed in.

Rick's life takes an unexpected turn after meeting Danny Wilson (Nick Jonas), an ex-boyband singer turned fading pop star. Following a wedding gig, the two bond during a late-night jam session, sharing ideas that lead to new material. Months later, Rick hears one of those songs on the radio—now a hit credited to Danny. When no one believes Rick's claim to authorship, he sets out to reclaim what he believes is rightfully his.

Rudd is as engaging as ever, perfectly suited to the everyman role. Jonas also delivers a strong performance, bringing nuance to a character who could easily lean unlikable. Supporting performances from Plunkett, Fallon, Jack Reynor, and Peter McDonald round out a solid cast.

From a story standpoint, not everything lands. The midsection doesn't fully live up to the setup, and some narrative choices raise questions—particularly Rick's sudden trip to Los Angeles without telling his family. There are also moments, including a scene where his family appears to mock him, that feel slightly out of step with the film's otherwise warm tone.

That said, these misgivings don't significantly detract from the overall experience. Power Ballad remains an appealing blend of comedy and music, anchored by Carney's signature appreciation for the emotional power of song. Whether performed for a small crowd or a packed venue, the film reinforces the idea that music has the ability to connect and resonate across vastly different lives.

At its core, the film ultimately circles back to something more personal. Beneath the humor and the music, Power Ballad is a story about family, and the ways a single song can carry different meanings for different people.

Power Ballad opens in theaters June 5.

ELEGANT WEST GALA BRINGS ART, FASHION, AND COMMUNITY TOGETHER AT ST. GEORGE MUSEUM OF ART

May 8, 2026 — St. George, UT

The St. George Museum of Art is inviting the community to step into a refined take on western culture with its second annual gala and art show, "The Elegant West," set for May 8. Blending art, atmosphere, and a touch of elevated western style, the evening offers a chance to experience the evolving story of the American West in a setting that feels both polished and distinctly local.

access to the arts for visitors of all ages. Proceeds from artwork acquired during the event will also contribute to that effort, with a portion benefiting the Museum directly.

The evening is designed to be both celebratory and interactive. Guests can browse and acquire artwork from the "Unbound" exhibition, with each purchase accompanied by a Certificate of Purchase. Those who contribute at a higher level, including donations of \$5,000 or more, will



This year's theme aligns with the Museum's current exhibition, Unbound: Art of the West, which explores contemporary interpretations of the West through the work of 21 artists. Presented in partnership with Modern West Fine Art, the exhibition highlights both established and emerging voices who challenge traditional ideas of western art, offering something that feels at once familiar and newly defined.

Guests attending the gala are encouraged to lean into the theme with "elevated western evening wear," setting the tone for a night that blends creativity with a sense of occasion. Inside the Museum, attendees will have the opportunity to move through the exhibition, taking in the artwork while enjoying live country and western music by Kaeli Chae, whose performances have made her a recognizable presence at venues throughout the region.

Beyond the experience itself, the gala plays a meaningful role in supporting the Museum's mission. As one of its largest annual fundraisers, the event helps sustain free admission and programming, ensuring

be recognized as "Friends of the Museum," with their names displayed following the gala.

Running from 6 to 8 PM, the event includes a selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres, with a cash bar presented by Hive 435 Taphouse available for guests 21 and over. Tickets are priced at \$75, and those unable to attend are still invited to support the Museum through donations.

Located at 47 E. 200 N. in the heart of downtown, the St. George Museum of Art has long served as a cornerstone of the local arts community. Housed in a former sugar beet seed storage facility transformed into a gallery space in 1997, the Museum now holds more than 1,200 works in its permanent collection and remains free to the public.

For those looking to experience art in a setting that feels both elevated and accessible, "The Elegant West" offers a thoughtful evening that brings together community, culture, and a fresh perspective on the region's artistic identity. Learn more or purchase tickets at stgeorgemoa.com.

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

MULTI-DAY EVENTS

WASHINGTON CITY COTTON DAYS April 27-May 3, 9 AM. Community celebration featuring musical performances, Cotton Ball, parade, car show, historical tours, tractor pull, and drone show throughout the week. Various locations, Washington.

CASAPOOLOOZA FREE POOLSIDE CONCERT SERIES May 1, 2, 15, 16; June 5, 6, 8 PM. A seasonal poolside concert series featuring tribute acts, local bands, drink specials, cabanas, and After Dark DJ sets. CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, Mesquite.

HURRICANE THEATRICAL PRESENTS MAMMA MIA! Select dates May 1-9, 7 PM. A lively stage production featuring the music of ABBA with evening shows and Saturday matinees. Hurricane Fine Arts Center, Hurricane.

UNBOUND: ART OF THE WEST EXHIBITION May 1-30, 10 AM. Traveling exhibition reframing the American West through modern and contemporary artwork. St. George Museum of Art, 47 E. 200 N., St. George.

FARMERS MARKET Apr. 13-July 27, 5 PM. Weekly market held every Monday featuring local vendors and live music. Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

UTA MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE & TRUCKING EXPO May 6-8. Annual conference featuring networking, sporting clay tournament, and golf tournament opportunities. Dixie Convention Center, St. George.

20TH ANNUAL AMAZING EARTHFEST May 7-10, 8 AM. Multi-day festival connecting people to nature through arts, culture, documentary film, live entertainment, presentations, and guided outdoor adventures. Kanab City Library, 374 N. Main St., Kanab.

MATILDA JR May 7-9, Encore Performing Arts presents Matilda Jr. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

LINE DANCING CLASS May 7 & 14, 6:30 PM. Learn the steps and join the fun. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

EXPLOSION OF COLOR ART SHOW May 8-June 18, 9 AM. Opening reception for colorful contemporary artwork by Southern Utah Art Guild artists. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George

HURRICANE THEATRICAL PRESENTS MAMMA MIA! May 8-9, 7 PM. Final performances of *Mamma Mia!* with a closing matinee on May 9 at 2 PM. Hurricane Fine Arts Center, 92 S. 100 W., Hurricane.

DISTORTION May 8. Live music performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

CRYSTAL FESTIVAL May 9-10, 10 AM. Rock, mineral, gem, crystal, and fossil show with vendors, children's activities, and Mother's Day weekend features. Washington County Legacy Park, Grafton Building, 339 S. 5500 W., Hurricane.

THE POINT DANCE STUDIO SPRING RECITAL May 11-12, 4:30 PM. Spring recital featuring students from The Point Dance Studio. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

BEST OF BROADWAY - STARS, STRIPES & SHOWTUNES May 14-Jun. 6, 7 PM. A patriotic musical revue celebrating the best of Broadway's show-stopping hits. Opera House, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS May 14-Apr. 3-18, 7 PM. A comedic musical retelling of "The Princess and the Pea" presented by St. George Musical Theater. Opera House, 212 N. Main St., St. George.

SPRING ROUNDUP RODEO May 15-16, 7 PM. Southern Utah rodeo tradition featuring Western competition and family entertainment. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

"HEART OF AMERICA" NATIONAL EXHIBITION May 15-July 6, Time varies. National plein air exhibition featuring more than 100 works by leading landscape painters. Thunderbird Foundation Gallery, 2200 S. State St., Mt. Carmel.

LES MISÉRABLES May 15-October 23, 12:46 PM. Live musical theater performance. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn Dr., Ivins.

BACKCOUNTRY OFFROAD EXPO May 22-23. Outdoor event bringing the off-road and outdoor community together for vehicles, gear, camping, and connection with more than 100 brands and builders. Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 W. 700 S., Hurricane.

ELECTRIC COMEDY May 22-23, 6 PM. Stand-up comedy event featuring Jesus Trejo, Carlos Ortega, Jesse Soriano, and Val Douroux. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

THE GREAT AMERICAN COUNTRY BASH May 22-24, 11 AM. Country music weekend with live performances, dance competition, waterpark access, and food truck village. Pecan Valley Resort, 2431 S. 5210 W., Hurricane.

RIVERDANCE May 22-24, 7:30 PM. Live performance of Riverdance. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

RED ROCK DANCE FESTIVAL May 28-30, 9 AM. Dance festival with master classes, adjudication, performances, and choreography showcase finals. Utah Tech University, St. George.

CATORI CANYON HERITAGE PRCA RODEO May 29-30, 7 PM. Two nights of PRCA rodeo action featuring bull riding, barrel racing, team roping, and more. Kaneplex Arena, 865 E. Kaneplex Dr., Kanab.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC May 29-June 6, 7:30 PM. Rodgers and Hammerstein musical follows Maria and the von Trapp family. Festival Hall and Heritage Theater, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

WOW ARTISTS RETREAT June 3-5. Three-day immersive retreat featuring plein air painting, workshops, and artist presentations. Thunderbird Gallery and Maynard Dixon Studio, Mt. Carmel.

CASAPOOLOOZA WEEKEND June 5-6, 7 PM. Poolside concert weekend featuring Groovonix and 7 Summers. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

EVENTS BY DAY

MONDAY

DESERT STRINGS COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA 6:30 PM. Community orchestra welcoming string players of all levels and ages. Sunrise Ridge Intermediate School, 3167 S. 2350 E., St. George.

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

MONDAY MASH UP 7 PM. Let the games begin! Mash-up Monday Games include beer pong, giant tetris, giant uno, jenga, and more!! With music by dj gudnplenty. The one and only.No cover charge. 21 Event/must have valid id. One And Only, 64 N. 800 E., St. George.

TUESDAY

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BALLET CLASS FOR ADULTS! Tuesdays, 9:30 AM. A progressive ballet class designed to build strength, balance, and endurance at your own pace. Performing Arts Campus (PAC), St. George.

MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Weekly art activity for children. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

STORY TIME AT WASHINGTON BRANCH 11 AM. Weekly story time program. Washington County Library System, 220 N. 300 E., Washington.

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.

WEDNESDAY

GAMER CLUB 3 PM. Teens and tweens gather for anime, gaming, and activities. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

STORY HOUR 2 PM. Weekly story hour. Panguitch City, Panguitch.

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.

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.

THURSDAY

BEGINNING BALLET CLASS FOR ADULTS 6:30 PM. Ballet technique class for beginning dancers. Performing Arts Campus, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

TOASTMASTER MEETING noon. Weekly Toastmasters meeting. First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Ln., Mesquite.

FRIDAY

OTC COMEDY IMPROV Fridays, 8 PM. Live improv comedy featuring unscripted scenes and audience participation. OTC Comedy Theater, Cedar City.

CASAPOOLOOZA FREE POOLSIDE CONCERT SERIES Select Fridays, 8 PM. A high-energy poolside concert series featuring live bands, drink specials, and DJ sets. Casa-Blanca Resort & Casino, Mesquite.

SATURDAY

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 8 AM. Local produce, meats, cheeses, artisan products, and live music. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 9 AM. Weekly market featuring foods and artisan goods. Cedar City.

HURRICANE FARMERS MARKET 9 AM. Weekly local producer and artisan market. Hurricane Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

TUACAHN SATURDAY MARKET 9 AM. Weekly market. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, Ivins.

GENTLE YOGA 9 AM 45-minute gentle yoga class for all levels and ages. Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile, 300 N. 300 W., Kanab.

KANAB DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 10 AM. Local makers and growers market with 40-plus vendors. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

DUCK CREEK OUTDOOR MARKET 10 AM. Weekly market featuring local foods, artisans, and food trucks. Duck Creek Outdoor Market, 865 E. Movie Ranch Rd., Duck Creek Village.

BRUNCH 10 AM. Weekly brunch service. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

TAI CHI AT SANTA CLARA LIBRARY 10:30 AM. Weekly tai chi. Santa Clara Library.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE 2 PM. Weekly movie matinee. Washington County Library System, St. George.

OPEN MIC NIGHT 7 PM. Weekly open mic night. Roadhouse BBQ, Enoch.

SUNDAY

BRUNCH 10 AM. Weekly brunch service. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS WEEKLY MEETING 3 PM. Weekly meeting. Mesquite Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside Rd. A, Mesquite.

Second sat of month

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.

2nd & 4th Sundays

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.

EVENTS BY DATE

Fri, May 1

MOM'S DAY OUT! 10 AM. An outdoor retail experience featuring 150-350+ vendors offering handcrafted goods, local art, clothing, and unique finds in a lively community atmosphere. Dixie Convention Center, St. George.

KIMMEEB AND 3D 3:30 PM. Live afternoon set on the outdoor stage. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

FIRST FRIDAYS AT KAYENTA - NATIVE ARTS MARKET & FESTIVAL 4 PM. We're kicking off the Native Arts Market & Festival during First Fridays! Get a sneak peek of the vendors coming to the festival. Kayenta Center for the Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

CEDAR CITY SPRING FIESTA AND SLOW ROLL 2026 5 PM. A community bike ride and cultural celebration with vendors, entertainment, games, and activities in historic downtown Cedar City. Cedar City.

MEINFELD 5:15 PM. Desert rock and high-energy music. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

BLIPPI 6 PM. A live performance experience for families featuring the beloved children's entertainer. Eccles Fine Arts Center, St. George.

THE GOOD GIRL DETOX 6 PM. A workshop focused on recognizing patterns of overgiving, building boundaries, and reconnecting with personal values. Guided Wellness Counseling, St. George.

COTTON DAYS MUSICAL 7 PM. "Pulling Together" tells the 1920s story of Arthur Paxman and Calvin Hall's struggle to build a gymnasium for the youth of Washington amidst the hardships of local life. Heritage Hall, 25 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

COTTON DAYS COTTON BALL DANCE! 7 PM. A festive dance event as part of Washington City Cotton Days. Staheli Family Farm Barn, Washington.

VOICES OF FREEDOM: CELEBRATIONS 250 YEARS - SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY 7:30 PM. A musical celebration honoring the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Desert Hills High School, St. George.

CSN EXPRESS: CROSBY, STILLS & NASH TRIBUTE + NEIL YOUNG & JONI MITCHELL 7:30 PM. A tribute performance capturing the iconic harmonies and sound of Crosby, Stills & Nash with special appearances honoring Neil Young and Joni Mitchell. Sand Hollow Resort, Hurricane.

DUDE BEKY 7:30 PM. Evening performance under the desert sky. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

FRIDAY NIGHT IMPROV SHOW 8 PM. A fast-paced improv comedy show driven by audience suggestions. OTC Comedy Theater, Cedar City.

CASAPOOLOOZA - THE ROCKIN' RYE-BIRDS 8 PM. A high-energy poolside concert featuring live music, drink specials, and DJ sets. CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, Mesquite.

GROUNDKEEPER 9 PM. Closing the outdoor stage with high-octane rock. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

BLACK MOUNTAIN BAND 10 PM. Late-night performance on the inside stage. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

Sat, May 2

LIONS CLUB BREAKFAST 7 AM. Community breakfast with ham, eggs, and pancakes. Veterans Park, 75 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

COTTON DAYS 5K 7 AM. Family run through city trails; registration required. Sullivan Virgin River Soccer Park, 965 S. Washington Fields Rd., Washington.

COTTON DAYS PARADE 9 AM. Parade featuring floats, bands, and tractors. Veterans Park, 75 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 10 AM. Annual celebration offering free comic books to the public. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

CAR SHOW 10 AM. Vintage and custom vehicle Show-N-Shine. Nissan Park, 251 W. Telegraph St., Washington.

COTTON FEST 10 AM. Festival with vendors, food, and entertainment. Veterans Park, 75 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

HISTORICAL CITY TOURS 10 AM. Guided tours of local landmarks. Heritage Hall, 25 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

LAWNMOWER RACES 11 AM. A uniquely local racing event behind the festival grounds. Beaver Dam Race Track, Pioneer Rd., Littlefield.

WHEN THE SHELF BREAKS: A GENTLE YOGA EVENT FOR FAITH CRISIS 10 AM. A guided workshop combining yoga and reflection for those navigating personal transitions. Guided Wellness Counseling, St. George.

FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 11 AM. A celebration with free comics, character appearances, and store specials. Comics Plus, St. George.

TRACTOR PULL 1 PM. Antique tractor competition. Vacant Lot, 100 W. 100 N., Washington.

CROSSROADS 1 PM. Afternoon blues and rock favorites. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

DILLON JONES BAND 2 PM. Indoor stage performance featuring regional hits. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

SLAB POTTERY | CHARCUTERIE BOARD 2 PM. Create your own pottery charcuterie board with guided instruction and custom glaze choices. Bookdom Apothecary, Cedar City.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE CRUISE IN 3 PM. Community car show and fundraiser with food specials and live atmosphere. Texas Roadhouse, St. George.

SHELBY CUNNINGHAM & FRIENDS 3:30 PM. Collaborative live music session. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

DISTORTION 4 PM. Heavy grooves and rock anthems. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield

MS. SENIOR MESQUITE PAGEANT - 2026 4 PM. Annual pageant celebrating senior women in the community. Mesquite Community Theater, Mesquite.

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THE LIGHTS FESTIVAL 4:30 PM. A lantern release event featuring live music, food trucks, and a shared sky experience. Mesquite Motocross Park, Littlefield.

MS SENIOR MESQUITE WORKSHOPS 5:30 PM. Weekly workshop series. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

FALL OUT 6:30 PM. Energetic evening set. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

MILES JEPSON 7 PM. A live performance featuring high-energy rock and anthemic music. Grafton Building, 5500 West 700 South, Hurricane.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOW 7 PM. PG improv show at 7 PM and R-rated improv show at 9 PM. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

DANCING WITH THE STARS – LIVE 8 PM. A live stage production featuring professional dancers. Eccles Fine Arts Center, St. George.

SPAZMATICS 8 PM. Everyone's favorite '80s new wave party band plays as part of Casapoolooza. CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

ROLLING JOE AND THE TUMBLEWEEDS 8:15 PM. Authentic desert music and classic tunes. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

DRONE SHOW 9 PM. Join us for a dazzling drone show lighting up the sky at our city celebration! Watch as hundreds of drones dance in perfect harmony, creating stunning shapes and vibrant colors that tell the story of our community. Don't miss this magical evening of innovation and fun—bring your family and friends for a night to remember! The best view will be from the Washington City Community Parking lot or field (where you would normally watch fireworks). Veterans Park, 75 E. Telegraph St., Washington.

THE GROUNDSKEEPER 10 PM. Returning for a late-night set on the inside stage. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

Sun, May 3

BRUNCH 10 AM. Weekly brunch service. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

DICK EARL AND THE ELECTRIC WITNESS 11:30 AM. Soulful morning blues performance. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

OPEN MIC JAM Noon. Hosted by Shelby Cunningham on the inside stage. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

ED TRACEY BAND 1:30 PM. Live community-focused performance. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

RUNAWAY FIRE 4 PM. High-energy festival finale. Beaver Dam Station & Bar, 975 E. Hwy. 91, Littlefield.

Mon, May 4

SHANGALU AT BIT & SPUR 5 PM. Live outdoor musical performance and farmers market. All ages. Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

LIVE MUSIC AND FARMERS MARKET WITH SHANGALU 5 PM. A lively market featuring local vendors, food, and live music in a relaxed outdoor setting. Bit & Spur, Springdale.

Tues, May 5

CINCO DE MAYO TACO TUESDAY Taco Tuesday celebration. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

BROWN BAG LECTURE Noon. Artists and community speakers present a 45-minute lecture open to the public. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, Mesquite

CANYON VIEW HIGH: JAZZIN' AND DRUMMIN' CONCERT 7 PM. A student performance featuring jazz and percussion ensembles. Canyon View High School, Cedar City.

DIXIE HIGH: ORCHESTRA AND JAZZ CONCERTS 7 PM. A combined student orchestra and jazz concert performance. Dixie High School, St. George.

DOCUTAH: BRING THEM HOME 7:30 PM. Bring Them Home tells the story of a small group of Blackfoot people and their mission to establish the first wild buffalo herd on their ancestral territory since the species' near-extinction a century ago, an act that would restore the land, re-enliven traditional culture, and bring much-needed healing to their community. Kayenta Center for The Arts, Lorraine Boccardo Theater, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

Wed, May 6

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY 6 PM. Midweek wine special and hangout. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

ARROWHEAD GALLERY OPEN HOUSE 4 PM. Meet artists, enjoy refreshments, and explore new works across multiple mediums. Arrowhead Gallery, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Thurs, May 7

TRIBE 2026 ST. GEORGE TRAINING CAMP All-inclusive triathlon training camp with accommodations, meals, personal instruction, training sessions, and athlete feedback. The Ledges of St. George 1585 Ledges Parkway, St. George.

COWBOY DINNER & SHOW 4 PM. A western-themed dinner event with live entertainment. Mesquite Senior Service Center, Mesquite.

DIXIE HIGH BAND CONCERTS 7 PM. Band concert. Dixie High School, 350 E. 700 S., St. George.

ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY FEATURING LANKEN LAMBSON 7:30 PM. Original Americana and first performance at George's Corner. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, May 8

AMERICA250 – IVINS: ERIC DODGE CONCERT IN THE PARK 5 PM. A community celebration featuring family activities, food trucks, and a live concert honoring America's 250th anniversary. Ivins City Park, Ivins.

THE ALPINES 6:30 PM. Live music performance. Amusement Co., St. George.

EUREKA UN~CORKED 6 PM. An evening of live jazz, Italian hors d'oeuvres, wine, and dancing benefiting Friends of Mesa View Hospital. Eureka Casino Resort, Mesquite.

EXPLOSION OF COLOR ART SHOW (OPENING RECEPTION) 6 PM. Opening reception for a vibrant contemporary art exhibition featuring new works by local artists. Red Cliff Gallery, St. George.

MOVIE IN THE PARK: THE PARENT TRAP 7 PM. Outdoor movie screening—bring blankets and lawn chairs for a family-friendly evening. Town Square Park, 50 S. Main St., St. George.

A TRIBUTE TO REBA MCENTIRE STARRING CORRIE SACHS 7:30 PM. A high-energy tribute performance celebrating the music of Reba McEntire. Sand Hollow Resort, Hurricane.

Sat, May 9

BUCKSKIN SUMMER KICK OFF PARTY Seasonal celebration. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

2026 SPRING BLITZ A series of guided birding field trips across Greater Zion celebrating spring migration. Various locations, St. George.

COP ON A ROOF – SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS UTAH 7 AM. A community fundraiser with local law enforcement raising awareness and support for Special Olympics athletes. Pinkbox Donuts, 938 E St George Blvd, St. George.

SLAB POTTERY | CHARCUTERIE BOARD 2 PM. Create your own pottery charcuterie board with guided instruction and custom glaze choices. Bookdom Apothecary, 1579 N. Main St., STE 110, Cedar City.

THE FAMOUS UNKNOWNNS 3 PM. Live music performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

31ST ANNUAL ART AUCTION AT SOUTHERN UTAH MUSEUM OF ART 5 PM. A fundraising event featuring dinner, live entertainment, and fine art. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

TRUSTING YOURSELF AGAIN AFTER A NARCISSISTIC RELATIONSHIP 6 PM. A guided workshop focused on rebuilding self-trust and setting boundaries after difficult relationships. Guided Wellness Counseling, 720 S River Rd., Suite E 103, St. George.

RUNAWAY FIRE 6 PM. Live music performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

THE WILBURY SUPER GROUP: A TRIBUTE TO TOM PETTY AND MORE! 7 PM. A tribute concert celebrating classic rock favorites. Eureka Casino Resort, Mesquite.

MESOZOIC 9 PM. Live music performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Sun, May 10

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 10 AM. Special brunch celebration. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

SOUTHBOUND & LINDSEY 10 AM. Live music during brunch. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

WOGA 10 AM. Wine and yoga experience followed by wine tasting. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

LIL X_999 TOUR 2027 UT 2 PM. A live music event featuring a mix of pop, rap, rock, and metal. Washington County Fairgrounds, Hurricane.

Mon, May 11

LIVE MUSIC AND FARMERS MARKET WITH RUNAWAY FIRE. A community market featuring local vendors, food, and live music in a relaxed outdoor setting. Bit & Spur, Springdale.

DUP MONTHLY MEETING 9:30 AM. Monthly meeting of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hurricane.

WESTSIDE TEAM & PERFORMANCE GROUP AUDITIONS 4 PM. Auditions for youth performers ages 10-18 with scheduled time slots by age group. Westside Studio of Performing Arts, St. George.

CANYON VIEW HIGH: SPRING CHOIR CONCERT 7 PM. A student choir performance showcasing seasonal repertoire. Canyon View High School, Cedar City.

CONCERT IN THE PARK: THE 8EEZ 7 PM. A free outdoor concert featuring '80s rock favorites, lawn seating, and a family-friendly atmosphere. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

Tue, May 12

DUP MONTHLY MEETING 9:30 AM. Daughters of Utah Pioneers monthly meeting. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, New Harmony.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BALLET CLASS FOR ADULTS 9:30 AM. Ballet class designed to build strength, balance, and endurance. Performing Arts Campus, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB 2:30 PM. A community book discussion group. Washington County Library System, St. George.

MEET + MINGLE 3 PM. Casual networking event for artists and creatives. Social Hall, 212 Main St., St. George.

MUSIC BINGO 6:30 PM. \$1 per card. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

PAINT NIGHT AT FISH ROCK GRILLE 6 PM. A guided painting experience with food and drinks available. Fish Rock Grille, St. George.

Thu, May 14

SUMMER OF LION KING AUDITIONS AT ENCORE Auditions for Summer of Lion King production. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

DIXIE TECHNICAL COLLEGE 2026 GRADUATION 4 PM. Graduation ceremony celebrating Dixie Technical College graduates. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 Convention Center Dr., St. George.

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

ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY FEATURING ADOBE TAYLOR 7:30 PM. Original blues and soul. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, May 15

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER: JASON GORDO GORDON 7 PM. Live entertainment at Bumbleberry Theater. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

SERPENTINE FIRE: A TRIBUTE TO EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE 7:30 PM. Tribute concert featuring the music of Earth, Wind, and Fire. Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

CASAPOOLOOZA: HARMONY SHAY 8 PM. Poolside concert series with live music and local's night energy. CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

KARAOKE 8 PM. Take the stage and sing. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

DANIELLE LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC 9 PM. Banjo Joe and Danielle perform live country music. The Blackbird Bar, 90 W. Hoover Ave., Cedar City.

Sat, May 16

IGNITE DANCE COMPANY SPRING RECITAL Spring recital featuring Ignite Dance Company. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

GO TOPLESS DAY 2026 9 AM. Off-road ride and fundraiser for LiveLikeMak. Mt. Carmel Shell Station, 4490 S. State St., Mt. Carmel.

CALIENTE TOY RUN 9:30 AM. Toy run and car show supporting families with Christmas in Lincoln County. Digby's Market, 1887 W. 2000 N., St. George.

GHOST TOWNS OF SOUTHERN UTAH WITH LOREN WEBB 10 AM. Historian Loren Webb explores Southern Utah ghost towns. McQuarrie Memorial Museum, 145 N. 100 E., St. George.

KAAP ROOT IT FOR PAWS PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER May 16, 10 AM. Plant sale supporting Kanab Animal Assistance Program. Kanab City Park North Pavilion, Kanab.

LIVE MUSIC: TOM BENNETT ONE MAN BAND 6:30 PM. Live music on the Best Friends Roadhouse stage. Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile, 300 N 300 W, Kanab.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOW 7 PM. PG improv show at 7 PM and R-rated improv show at 9 PM. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

AEROMYTH 8 PM. Aerosmith tribute concert as part of Casapoolooza. CasaBlanca Resort & Casino, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

LIVE MUSIC WITH BEAUTIFUL LOSERS 8 PM. Live band performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Sun, May 17

BRUNCH 10 AM. Weekly brunch service. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

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NEON DESERT PAINT EVENT & WINE TASTING 2:30 PM. Get creative with vibrant paints and sip on fine wine at the Neon Desert Paint Event & Wine Tasting!. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Road, Leeds.

Mon, May 18

LIVE MUSIC AND FARMERS MARKET WITH CORY MON 5 PM. Farmers market, local bazaar, food, drinks, and live music. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Tue, May 19

2026 ELECTRIC FILM SERIES 6 PM. Free monthly film screening with introduction and post-screening discussion. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BALLET CLASS FOR ADULTS 9:30 AM. Ballet class designed to build strength, balance, and endurance. Performing Arts Campus, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

TACO TUESDAY Weekly taco special. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Wed, May 20

WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY 6 PM. Midweek wine special and hangout. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Thu, May 21

TRIVIA 6 PM. Test your knowledge. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY FEATURING DYLAN THOMAS GAVIN 7:30 PM. Original pop and indie. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, May 22

COULD WHERE YOU LIVED EXPLAIN YOUR CANCER? 1:30 PM. Free Downwinders seminar on federal cancer compensation eligibility. Cedar City Library, 303 N. 100 E., Cedar City.
ELECTRIC COMEDY 6 PM. Stand-up comedy event featuring Jesús Trejo, a stand-up power-house with a voice that is sharp & hilarious. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.
ST. GEORGE MOVIE IN THE PARK: SCHOOL OF ROCK 7 PM. Free outdoor movie screening. Town Square Park, 50 S. Main St., St. George.

STAN POOLE PRESENTATION 7 PM. Story of a Bataan Death March survivor blending personal storytelling and historical context. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

ALBUMPALOOZA: A TRIBUTE TO THE POLICE AND U2 LIVE 7:30 PM. Tribute concert celebrating the music of The Police and U2. The Rock Bowl at Sand Hollow Resort, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

LIVE MUSIC WITH EUREKA 8 PM. Live band performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Sat, May 23

GIANT YARD SALE 9 AM. Yard sale event. 25 S. 200 E., Panguitch.

ELECTRIC COMEDY 6 PM. Stand-up comedy event featuring Jesus Trejo, Carlos Ortega, Jesse Soriano, and Val Douroux. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

LIVE MUSIC: STONE COMPANY 6:30 PM. Live music on the Best Friends Roadhouse stage. Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile, 300 N. 300 W., Kanab.

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER: SCRIPTLESS IN SEATTLE 7 PM. Interactive improv comedy driven by audience suggestions. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

COFFEY ANDERSON 7 PM. Country music event with waterpark access, line dancing, food trucks, and family activities. Pecan Valley Resort, 2431 S. 5210 W., Hurricane.
HOT AUGUST NIGHTS: A TRIBUTE TO NEIL DIAMOND 7 PM. Neil Diamond tribute concert. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

RIVERDANCE 7:30 PM. Live performance of Riverdance. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

LIVE MUSIC WITH MESQUITE CAFE BLUES BAND 8 PM. Live blues performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

Sun, May 24

RIVERDANCE 7:30 PM. Live performance of Riverdance. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

Mon, May 25

LIVE MUSIC AND FARMERS MARKET WITH YESOUSI 5 PM. Farmers market, local bazaar, food, drinks, and live music. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Tue, May 26

CRAFTS FOR PET LOVERS 5:30 PM Hands-on craft activity for animal lovers. Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile, 300 N. 300 W., Kanab.

OPEN MIC NIGHT FOR POETS & WRITERS 7 PM. Open mic for poets and writers in an intimate setting. The Book Bungalow, 94 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Wed, May 27

MUSIC BINGO 6:30 PM. \$1 per card. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

FORREST SHAW COMEDY SHOW 7:30 PM. Comedy show listing includes Trail Hero X details. CasaBlanca Casino Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Thu, May 28

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 4 PM. Special blessing event at Angels Rest. Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab.

CONNECT 6 PM. Artist critique session hosted by Colleen Gianatiempo. Social Hall, 212 Main St., St. George.

SLOP TOURNAMENT 6 PM. Competitive play. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY FEATURING TOURING ARTIST CHRIS BENDER 7:30 PM. Original rock, folk, and blues. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, May 29

POOL TOURNAMENT 6 PM. Competitive play. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

THE LAST LIGHT: BOAT SHOW 2026 6 PM. Boat show presented by Dig Paddle Sports with reggae-based groove collective The Last Light. Quail Creek Reservoir, 472 N. 5300 W., Hurricane.

Sat, May 30

BECAUSE YOU'RE MINE: THE MUSIC OF JUNE CARTER AND JOHNNY CASH 2 PM. Afternoon concert featuring June Carter and Johnny Cash music. Kanab High School Auditorium, 59 E. Cowboy Way, Kanab.
KADEN CAGLE & SPLIT PERSONA & CAMO 5 PM. Local music festival and birthday bash. Backyard Birthday Bash, 945 W. Topaz Rd., St. George.

LIVE MUSIC: RICHARD JEWKES 6:30 PM Live music on the Best Friends Roadhouse stage. Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile, 300 N. 300 W., Kanab.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOW 7 PM. PG improv show at 7 PM and R-rated improv show at 9 PM. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT THE SHOW AUSTRALIA TAKEOVER 8 PM. 21+ live stage show with doors at 7 PM, and showtime at 8 PM. Blues Katz Rock n Roll Grill, 307 N. Bluff St., St. George.

LIVE MUSIC WITH KIMMEE B & 3D 8 PM. Live band performance. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

BANYAN 10 PM. Experimental, fully improvised live music performance. Bit & Spur, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

KARAOKE NIGHT 10 PM. Karaoke night in the ballroom. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

Sun, May 31

BRUNCH 10 AM. Weekly brunch service. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia.

NEON DESERT PAINT EVENT & WINE TASTING 2:30 PM. Get creative with vibrant paints and sip on fine wine at the Neon Desert Paint Event & Wine Tasting!. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Road, Leeds.

Mon, June 1
ORDERVILLE FARMER'S MARKET 5:30 PM. Outdoor market of seasonal fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. Orderville Town Park, 55 E. State St., Orderville.

DEAD DESERT TRIO AT BIT & SPUR 6 PM. Live outdoor musical performance and farmers market. All ages. Bit & Spur Restaurant & Saloon, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

RINGO STARR AND HIS ALL-STAR BAND 7:30 PM. Live concert. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George

Tue, June 2

BROWN BAG LECTURE noon. Artists present during a 45-minute lunch-hour lecture. Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.
NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON 7:30 PM. Live lecture event. Eccles Fine Arts Center, S. 700 E., St. George.

Wed, June 3

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

Thu, June 4

ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY FEATURING DAVE HANSON DUO 7:30 PM. Original soft rock and country. George's Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Fri, June 5

BUMBLEBERRY THEATER: MAX THE MAGICIAN DINNER SHOW 6:30 PM. Dinner show featuring Max the Magician. Bumbleberry Theater, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

Sat, June 6

BEAVER COUNTY METALFEST 10 AM. Seven bands from Utah, Idaho, and Arizona. Beaver County Fairground, 1400 UT-21, Minersville.

SO U COMEDY IMPROV SHOW PG improv show at 7 PM, and R-rated improv show at 9 PM. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

SOFIA TALVIK LIVE 7 PM. Swedish singer-songwriter Sofia Talvik performs Songs, Strings & Stories. Frontier Homestead State Park Museum, 635 N. Main St., Cedar City.

Mon, June 8

ORDERVILLE FARMER'S MARKET 5:30 PM. Outdoor market of seasonal fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. Orderville Town Park, 55 E. State St., Orderville.

CONCERT IN THE PARK: SOFIA TALVIK 7 PM. Free concert in the park. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.



Please visit the Kane County Info Center temporarily located at located inside the BLM Office at 745 E 300 S (HWY89) in Kanab for more info on:

- Local Hiking Trails
- Jackson Flat Reservoir & Sherry Belle Trail
- Family History Center
- Heritage House
- Kanab Heritage Museum
- Kanab City Library
- Grand Staircase Escalante Visitor Center

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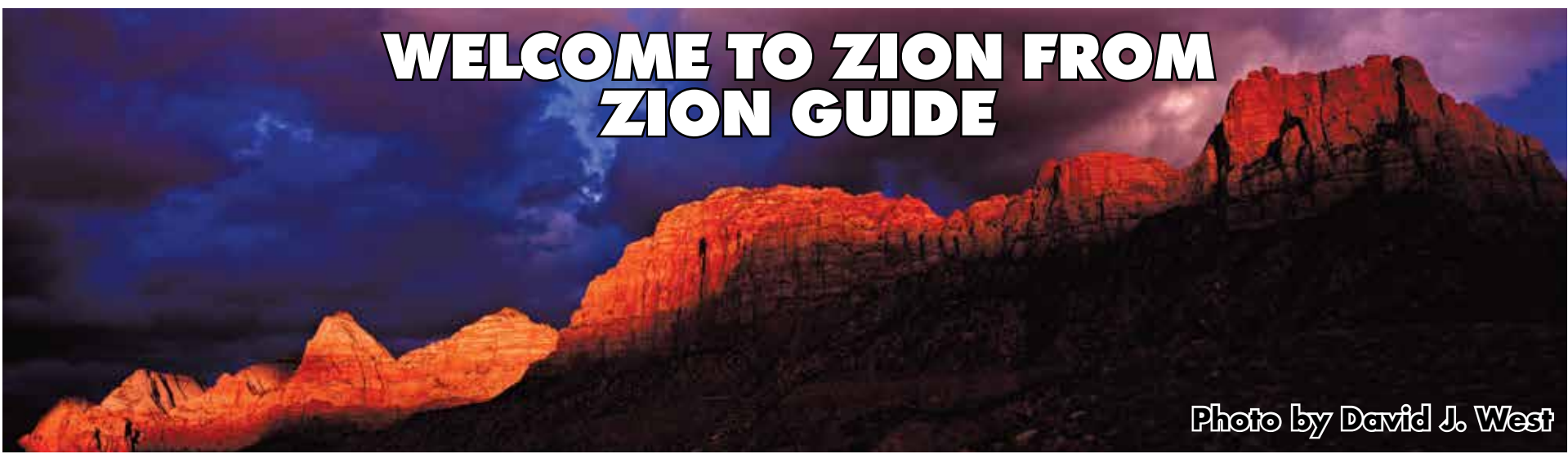


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Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies

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

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles

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

Be cautious near steep cliffs

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

Watch for flash floods

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



Tips To Minimize Your Impact

Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins

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

Please stay on the marked trails

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

Go before you go

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

Be respectful to the wildlife

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

Please leave it how you found it

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.



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.

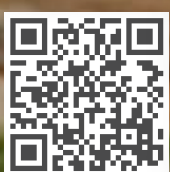
Check out Kolob Canyons & Kolob Terrace Road

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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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 drive east from Springdale through Zion Canyon and out to the East Entrance is

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



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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.

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.

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

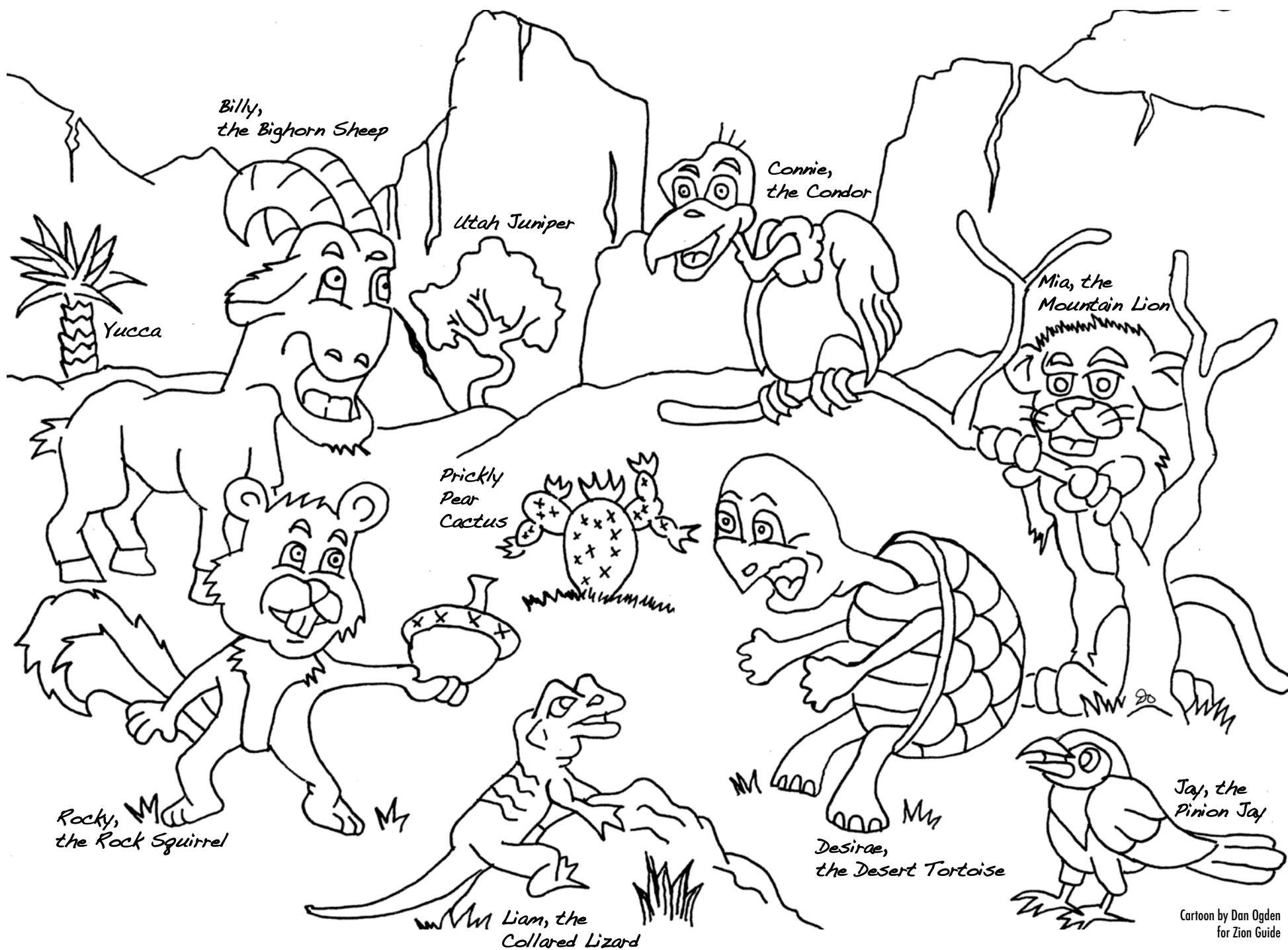
Vast, rugged, and full of secrets, Grand Staircase offers endless day trip options. Popular stops include the Toadstools, Willis Creek Slot Canyon, and Cottonwood Canyon Road. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended for some routes.

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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Zion National Park Hiking Info

THE LOCALS' GUIDE TO HIKING PREPAREDNESS

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

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

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

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

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

Bring Water

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

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

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are NOT reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

Wear Appropriate Clothing

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

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

Leave Wildlife Alone

Animals instinctively avoid humans, but the area is home to everything from poisonous snakes to mountain lions. Never approach local wildlife — and never try to feed them. This can result in injury to visitors, and numerous visitors

have required stitches after attempting to hand-feed animals. But when humans feed wildlife, it's also not good for the animals, who are already best suited to feed themselves.

Leave No Trace

Zion's beauty is matched by its fragility. The red rock landscapes and delicate desert ecosystems are easily damaged, often taking years or decades to recover. That's why it's so important

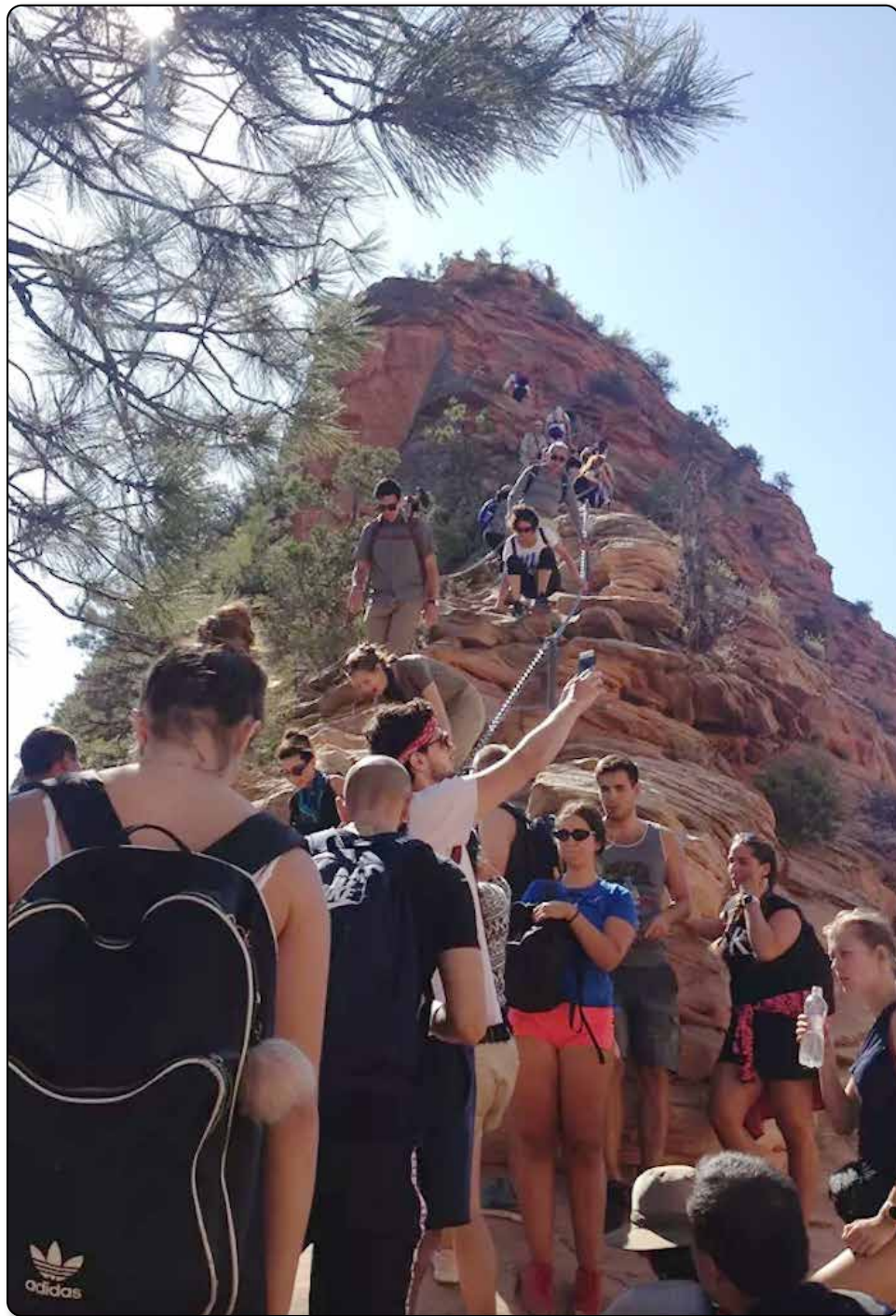
to leave no trace. Stay on designated trails to protect sensitive plant life, especially the black, crusty-looking soil known as biological soil crust — a vital part of the desert ecosystem. Pack out all trash, including food scraps, tissues, and biodegradable items. Use established restrooms when available, and if not, follow park guidelines for disposing of waste properly. Avoid carving into rocks or trees, and keep noise levels down so everyone can enjoy the peace of the canyon. When we leave no trace, we help ensure Zion remains as breathtaking for the next hiker as it was for us.

Hike Sober

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

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

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



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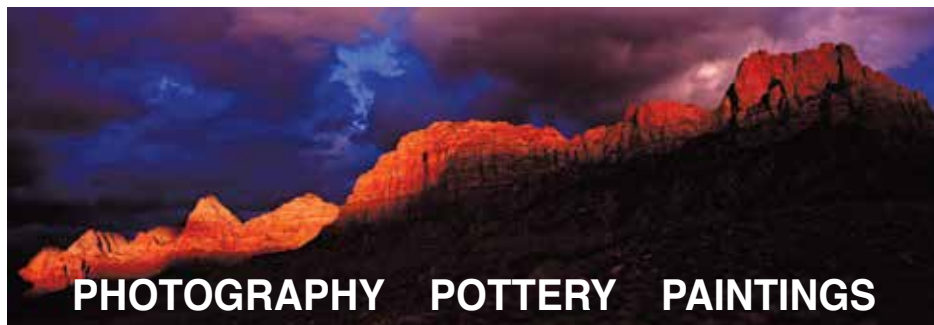


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Popular Zion Hikes

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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



Photo by David J. West

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

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

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

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

Kayenta Trail

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

Canyon Overlook Trail

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

Taylor Creek Trail

You'll begin this five-mile hike at Kolob Canyons Road. It should take around 4 hours to complete and provides a 450-foot gain in

elevation. Larger groups may need to split up, as this hike limits 12 people to a group. It follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

Timber Creek Overlook Trail

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

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

Pa'rus Trail

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

Archeology Trail

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

Grotto Trail

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

Riverside Walk

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

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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.

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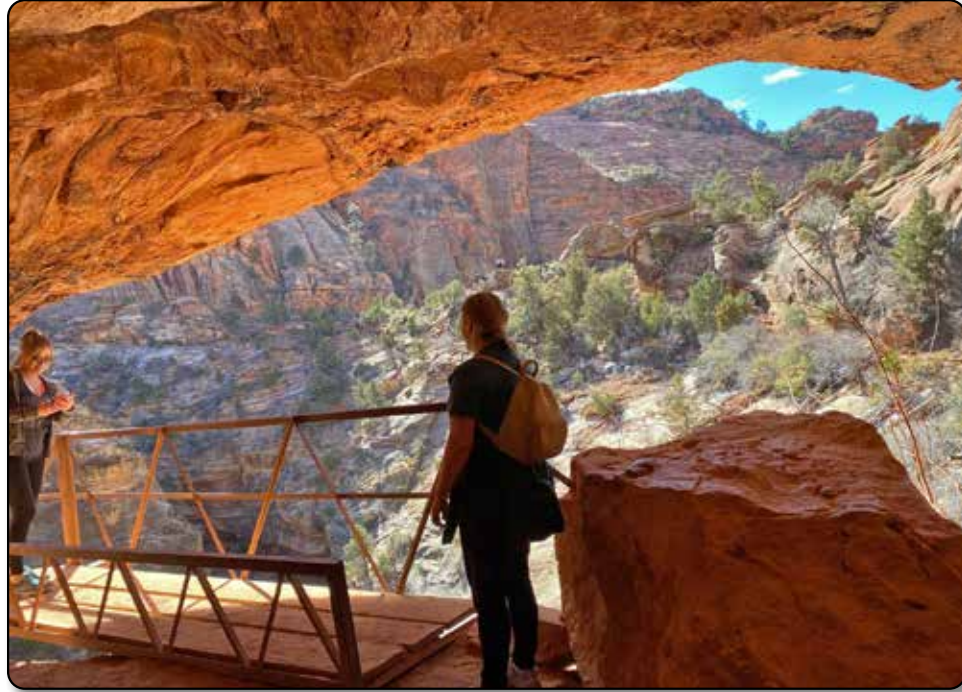
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Trail: Canyon Overlook Trail Location: Zion National Park Difficulty: Easy, with a few exposed sections and drop-offs Average Hiking Time: 30 minutes to 1 hour round-trip at a leisurely pace Elevation: 3,900 feet at the trailhead, with approximately 160 feet of elevation gain Family Friendly: Yes, with supervision due to cliffs and narrow sections Dog Friendly: No Getting There: From St. George, drive east on State Route 9 through Hurricane and into Zion National Park. Continue along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and pass through the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel. The trailhead is immediately east of the tunnel. Driving time is approximately 45–60 minutes from St. George. Parking is limited.

Perched just above the iconic Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel, the Canyon Overlook Trail continues to be one of Southern Utah's most rewarding short hikes. At just one mile round-trip, it delivers the kind of sweeping, high-elevation views that typically require far more effort—making it a go-to for both first-time visitors and locals who want a quick reset with a big payoff.

Originally highlighted by Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan, this trail has stood the test of time for good reason. It's approachable, scenic, and just adventurous enough to feel like you've earned the view.

A Short Trail With Big Personality
The hike begins immediately east



of the tunnel along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, where a series of carved sandstone steps lead you upward from the roadside. From the start, the landscape shifts—trading the towering canyon walls of Zion's main corridor for a more playful terrain of slickrock, hoodoos, and open sky.

Along the way, hikers pass a shaded alcove where water seepage feeds delicate

maidenhair ferns—a small but memorable contrast to the surrounding desert. Peer down into Pine Creek Canyon and you might catch the distant echo of canyoneers navigating the slot below, a reminder that Zion's adventure runs deeper than what's visible from the trail.

There are a few narrow sections with drop-offs, but most exposed areas are reinforced with railings. Still, this is not a “zone out and scroll your phone” kind of hike—stay present, especially with kids.

The View That Always Hits

The final stretch opens onto a broad slickrock perch overlooking lower Zion Canyon. From here, the perspective flips—you're looking down on formations that many visitors only ever see from the canyon floor.

Massive sandstone features rise in every direction, including the West Temple, the Towers of the Virgin, and the distinctive white domes known as the Beehives. The contrast of red cliffs against pale Navajo sandstone gives this side of Zion its signature look—one that feels almost sculpted by hand.

And yes, if you're lucky, this is prime territory for spotting

desert bighorn sheep.

Timing, Access, and What's Changed

Access remains the same: the trailhead sits just east of the tunnel along the highway, which is open year-round and not serviced by the park shuttle. That alone makes this hike especially appealing during peak season when shuttle lines fill up quickly.

Parking, however, is still the wildcard. The small lot fills fast, especially mid-day. Early morning or golden hour continues to be the sweet spot—not just for parking, but for softer light and a more relaxed experience.

Spring remains one of the best times to go. Wildflowers dot the trail, temperatures are manageable, and the light across the canyon adds depth you simply don't get in the harsher months.

A Classic Worth Repeating

In a park known for bucket-list hikes, Canyon Overlook quietly holds its own. It doesn't demand much—but it delivers anyway.

For locals, it's the kind of trail you come back to again and again. For visitors, it's often the hike that surprises them most.

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FOOD STORAGE

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



LEAVE NO TRACE

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



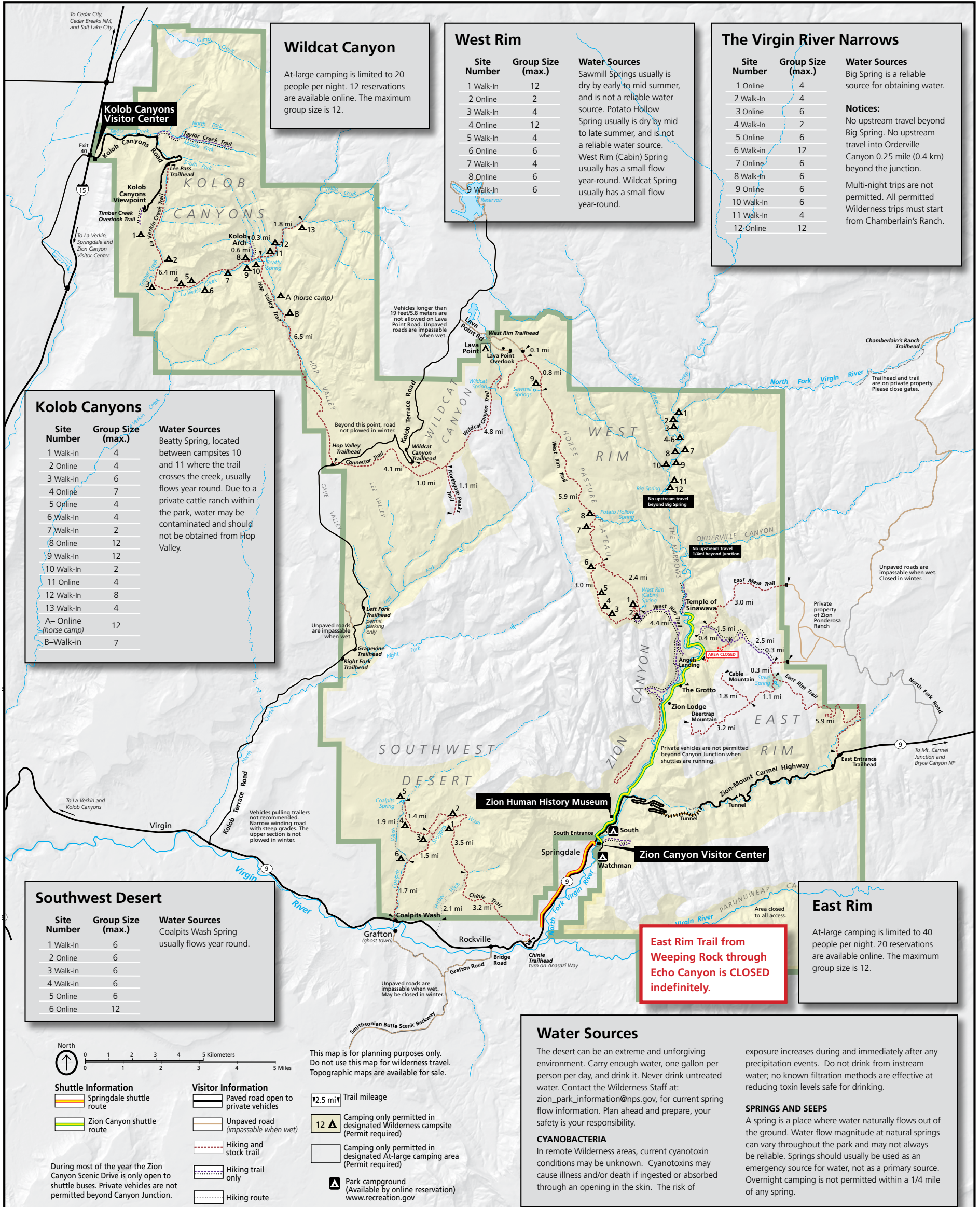
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GROUP SIZE

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.



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).

• The shuttle system typically pauses briefly between Thanksgiving and late December.

Shuttles take about 45 minutes to travel between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Temple of Sinawava, meaning 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. If the last shuttle is full, or if you miss it, 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 16, then 7 AM through September 12.

- Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 6 PM through May 16, then 7 PM from May 17 through September 12.

- Last bus departs Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 7:15 PM through May 16, then 8:15 PM from May 17 through September 12.

Springdale Line

- First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM through May 16, then 8 AM through September 12.

- Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 7 PM through May 16, then 8 PM from May 17 through September 12.

Camping

Watchman Campground is open year-round. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance at recreation.gov or by calling 877-444-6777. Plan ahead and make arrangements for where you will stay before you arrive in the park.

South Campground remains closed for a

long-term rehabilitation project.

Lava Point Campground is about a one-hour drive from Zion Canyon and requires reservations.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk Hours

Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers

- Information desks are typically open 8 AM-5 PM daily.

Wilderness Permit Desks

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

- Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Limited seasonal hours.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger-Led Patio Talk

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- 11 AM
- 1:30 PM
- 3 PM

No Matter When You Visit, Be Prepared for Crowds

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

- Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists if you are driving.

- Stay on trails and avoid walking in the road.

- Keep your park pass with you.

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

- The NPS may temporarily close roads if traffic is congested or parking is full.

- Fewer people visit Zion on weekdays than weekends. Consider arriving early or after 3 PM to avoid the busiest times.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

If you cannot park in Zion or if campsites are full, research nearby communities and public lands for additional recreation and lodging options.

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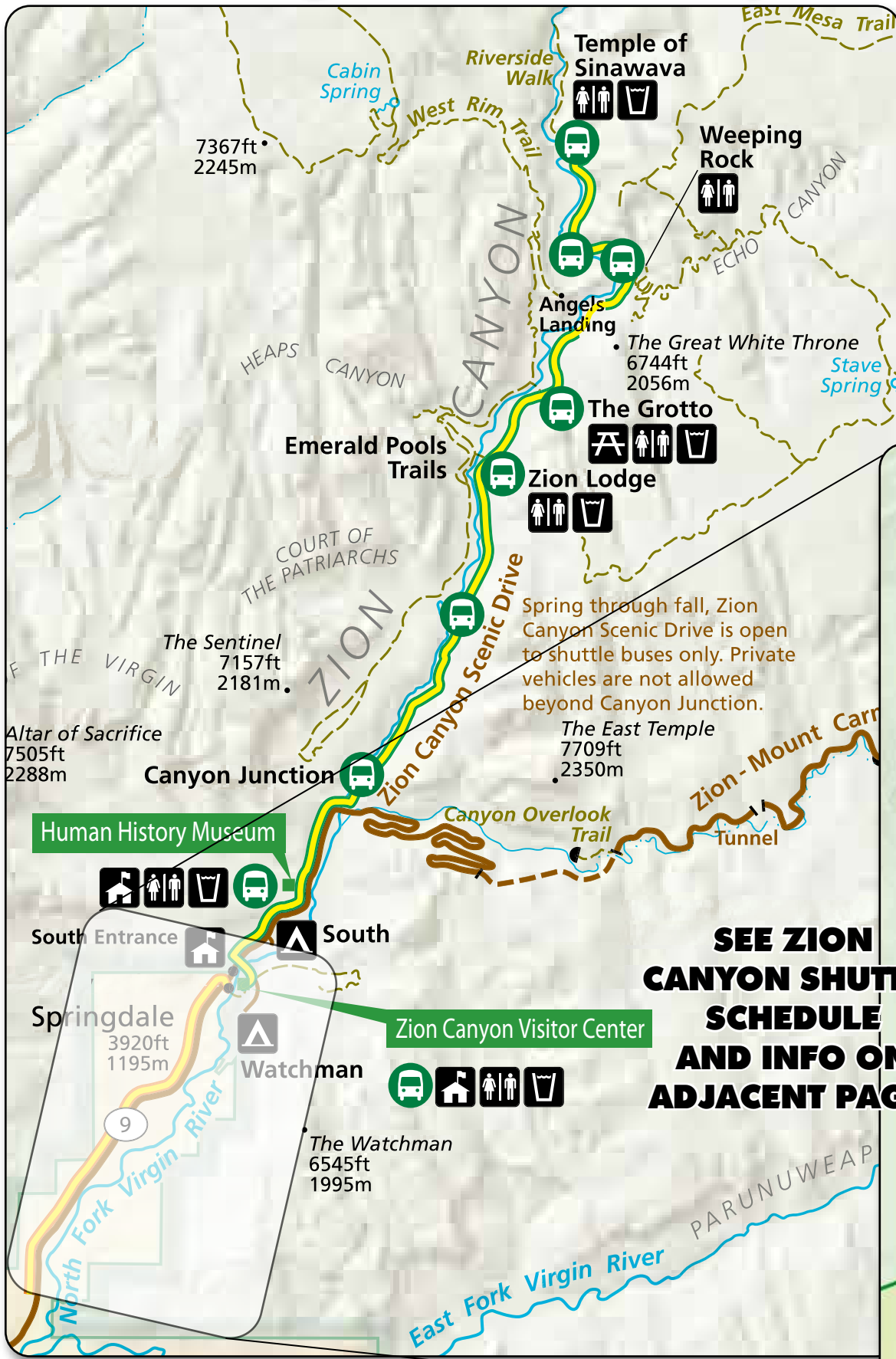
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Springdale Shuttle Map



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

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

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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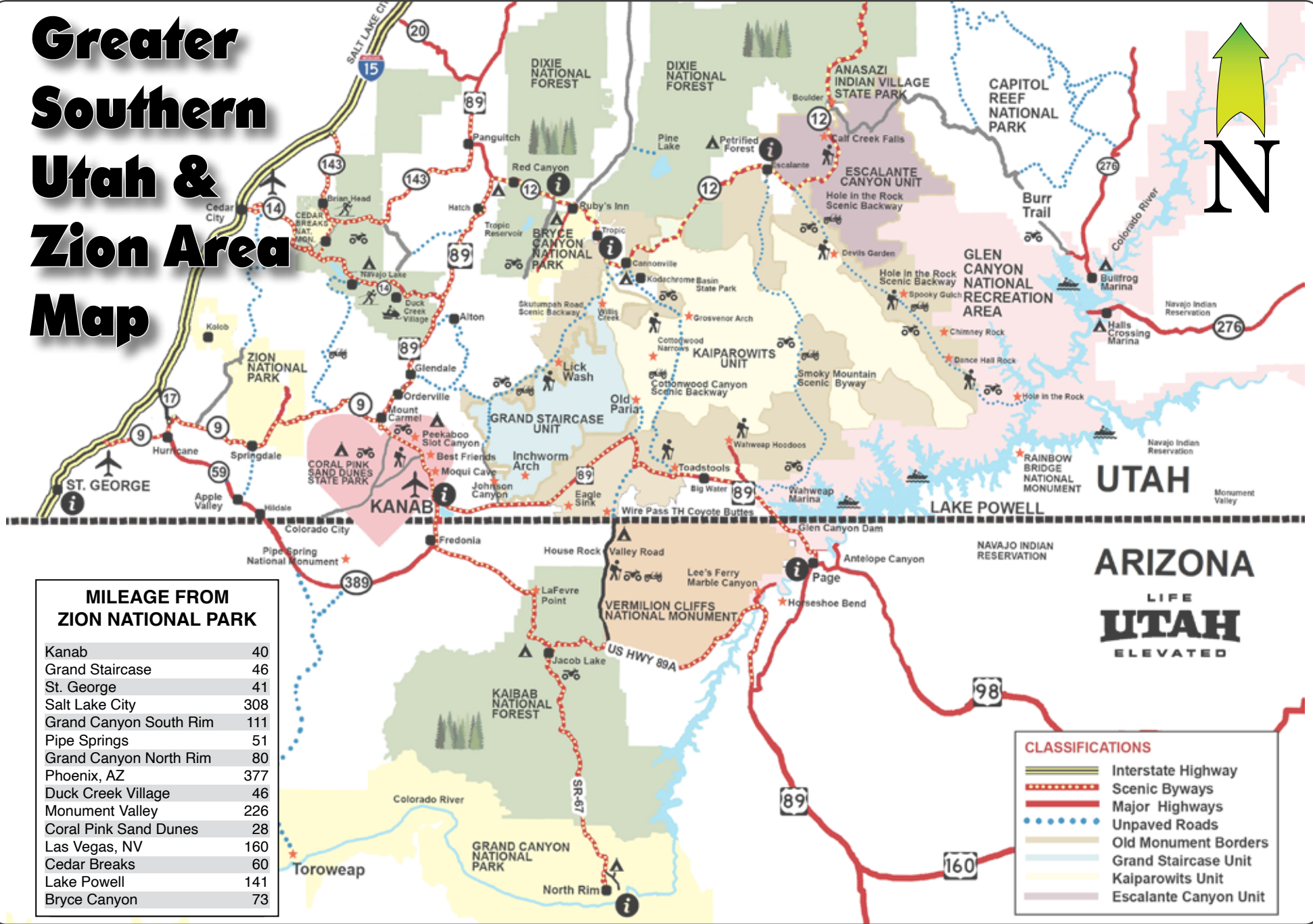
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Zion Area Annual Events



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. The Annual Sears Invitational (St. George) – Every year on President's Day weekend, showcasing over 100 artists from all over the West and more than 200 traditional, contemporary, and sculptural pieces of artwork.

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. Legends 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. Zion Plein Air 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 & Crafts Fair (Springdale) – A beloved community tradition featuring local and regional artisan booths and handmade goods.

December

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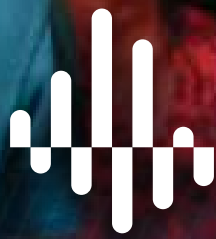
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