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Sue Martin, *Country Road, Take Me Home* (detail), oil, 2025

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ANCIENT MYSTERIES AND UFO DISCLOSURE TAKE CENTER STAGE AT NEW IMMERSIVE EVENT

September 24-27, 2026—Kanab, UT
Ancient mysteries, forgotten history, lost treasures, and unexplained aerial phenomena will soon take center stage in the red rock country of Southern Utah. The inaugural Mysterious X Conference is heading to Kanab from September 24 through September 27, 2026. Billed not merely as an event to attend but as an immersive experience to step inside, this four-day gathering combines live stage presentations, expert panel discussions, and film screenings with exclusive after-dark expeditions to real sites of local legend.



The conference is anchored at the Historic RedStone Theater in downtown Kanab, a region long steeped in stories of lost Aztec gold, mysterious petroglyphs, and mass UFO sightings. Host and



founder Dan Dillman, researcher and author of *Montezuma II Decoded*, will guide attendees through the weekend's events. He will also deliver a presentation on global civilizations, linking the ancient lands of Aztlan and Atlantis.

Joining Dillman is Scott Wolter, forensic geologist and star of the History Channel television series *America Unearthed*. Wolter will present two sessions focusing on the Hooked X symbol and the cryptic codes of the Knights Templar, exploring hidden evidence of pre-Columbian exploration across the American continent. Bertram Tsavadawa, a Hopi educator and messenger, will bring generations of ancestral knowledge to the stage. His presentation, focusing on Hopi cosmology, prophecy, and petroglyphs, will offer a rare look at the deep symbolism carved into the regional rock art. Rounding out the headlining presenters is Terry Carter, a veteran treasure hunter with four decades of fieldwork, who will share hard-won lessons and untold stories from his time on the trail.

These headliners join a full roster of investigators, filmmakers, and researchers. Among those scheduled to appear are Josh and Ron Feldman of Blind Frog Ranch, UFO filmmaker Ron James, MUFON Utah director Dustin Eskelsen, Space Wolf Research investigator Ryan Burns, Ghost Hunters investigator Daryl Marston, author Janet Wolter, and cryptozoology researcher Robert Kryder.



What sets this event apart from a typical conference is its extensive schedule of immersive after-hours activities. The opening festivities on Thursday evening begin at the Once Upon a Time Museum with an intimate mixer, dinner, and a live paranormal investigation led by Dillman and Marston. On Friday and Saturday nights, the action shifts to Rising Moon Ranch for catered dinners under the dark desert skies, followed by guided CE-5 contact protocols designed to initiate sky watching and communication.

Sunday brings the weekend to a close with an ambitious outdoor expedition to Three Lakes Canyon. There, attendees can participate in a ground-penetrating radar search at Dillman Cave, watch a submersible drone probe a skull cave pond for lost Aztec artifacts, and join a fire-circle storytelling session. On-site overnight glamping is also available for those who wish to sleep under the stars.

In addition to the outdoor expeditions, attendees can participate in the Friday Disclosure Panel and Saturday's All-Star Roundtable on *Montezuma's Treasure*. The weekend will also feature a special screening of the documentary *Accidental Truth Next: Beyond UFO Disclosure*, with filmmaker Ron James participating in a live discussion.

A variety of ticket options are available, ranging from single-day passes to the Ultimate Weekend and Founders Circle packages, which include access to the Three Lakes Canyon expeditions and glamping. The Fairfield Inn and Suites Kanab is serving as the official lodging partner. Tickets and schedule details are available online at dandillman.com/mysterious-x.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES LINEUP

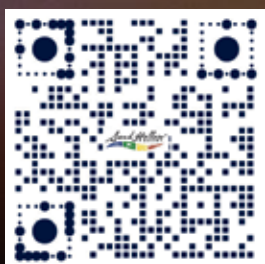
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September 11, 2026 Amarillo by Morning: George Strait Tribute

September 18, 2026 Noise Pollution: The AC/DC Experience

September 25, 2026 Vegas McGraw: A Tribute to Tim McGraw



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CAPTURE THE ESSENCE OF THE ESCALANTE CANYONS ART FESTIVAL

September 18-27, 2026—Escalante, UT
That familiar feeling when a scene is so inspiring that it energizes the soul is set to return at the Escalante Canyons Art Festival, running September 18–27, 2026, near the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Whether attendees are visual artists, writers, or musicians, the festival offers numerous opportunities to hone creative skills and celebrate the rugged landscape.



Visual art competition categories include Plein Air, Studio Work, Junior Studio Work, Miniatures, and Nocturne. Highlighting this year's event is the special, one-time Escalante 150th Anniversary Paint-Out. To sweeten the competition, ten thousand dollars in cash prizes will be awarded at the Competition Awards Ceremony to the winners across these categories. For those looking to sharpen their techniques before the festival officially begins, several workshops are scheduled. A three-day Slow Plein Air Painting workshop taught by Scott Geary and Wayne Geary begins on September 14, followed by two-day workshops taught

by Terry Chacon, Susan De'Armond, and Nita Harper starting on September 17. Beyond painting, the festival features free Roving Talks led by experts covering local flora, fauna, historical homes, and the festival's first-ever ghost tour. This year's Featured Artist is Kathleen Price, whose work is inspired by recurring shapes in the living world and approaches creativity with trust, experimentation, and childlike joy. In addition to the visual arts, writing and music classes will cover poetry, writing in the landscape, acoustics, harmony, classical composers, rhythm, style, and musicianship. Musicians will also perform on stage in the park throughout the festival. Local playwright and musician Raymond Shurtz will perform a one-person show entitled "The Art of Fire," which shares stories of his colorful family from Boulder, Utah. Attendees can also contribute to a collaborative community mural, browse the Arts and Crafts Fair featuring national vendors, and explore the Art Exhibit and Sale. More information, including stamp-in times and registration fees, is available at escalantecanyonsartfestival.org.



A WEEK OF CELEBRATION AT DIXIE DAYS: RODEOS, DRONES, AND A NED LEDOUX TRIBUTE

September 14-20, 2026—St. George, UT
Dixie Days, presented by Tech Ridge, is gearing up for a weeklong celebration packed with community fun, September 14–20, 2026. The week brings the community together to celebrate local heritage, creativity, and hometown spirit.



On September 14, activities kick off with the sold-out Dixie Days Golf Tournament at 8 AM at Southgate Golf Club, followed by a free Concert in the Park featuring country star Ned LeDoux. Later that night at 9 PM, the Dixie Days Drone Show will light up the sky above Red Hills Desert Garden, with spectators encouraged to view from the Dixie Sunbowl as the show syncs to the music of KONY 99.9 FM. On September 15, visitors can explore the free Utah's Dixie Exhibit from 11 AM to 6:30 PM in the basement of the St. George Tabernacle. Free film screenings at the Historic Town Square will feature Preservation



and Progress: The Story of Utah's Dixie at 4 PM and The Electric Horseman at 6 PM. The St. George Tabernacle will also host Songs of Utah's Dixie. Additionally, free Dixie Treks to local historic sites are available September 15–16; participants should RSVP ahead of time. On September 16, Utah Tech University's Human Performance Center will host a Free Community Day from 6 PM to 10 PM. From September 17 to September 19, the ninety-second annual Lions Dixie Roundup Rodeo will take place nightly at 7:30 PM at the Dixie Sunbowl. On September 17, Dinner on Main offers fine dining from 5 PM to 9 PM, and the Dixie Days Carnival runs at Town Square September 17–20. Saturday, September 19 begins with the Dixie Days Dash 4K or 2K at 7:45 AM. The Dixie Roundup Rodeo Parade starts at 9 AM, running along 100 South and finishing at the Dixie Sunbowl. From 9 AM to 2 PM, the Dixie Days Festival at Vernon Worthen Park, hosted by the Downtown Farmers Market, will feature artisans, food trucks, and a petting zoo. For more details, visit sgcityutah.gov/dixiedays.



ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH UNVEILS SPECTACULAR "STORIES IN SOUND" SEASON

September 3, 2026—Cedar City, UT
The Orchestra of Southern Utah has announced its upcoming season, titled Stories in Sound, presenting a diverse musical lineup ranging from the elegance of Tchaikovsky to the exuberance of Santana. Harold Shirley, President of the orchestra, shared that the organization has prepared a musical feast for the community.



The season is scheduled to open on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the new Southern Utah University Eccles Music Center with a program titled Magic in Motion. Responding to requests from families, the orchestra will offer performances at 6 PM and 8 PM. Amy Gold, Manager of the orchestra, explained that the dual showtimes are designed to provide an earlier option for younger families while continuing to offer a traditional evening performance. The opening program features music full of drama, color, and adventure, including selections from Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty Suite, Stravinsky's Firebird Suite, Pirates of the Caribbean, and Star Wars. On November 5, 2026, and November 6, 2026, Voices Amplified (Rock Gold: Volume Four) will bring the energy of symphonic rock to the Heritage Center Theater. The full orchestra, accompanied by local vocalists selected through auditions, will perform hits from Santana, Coldplay,

Lynyrd Skynyrd, Pat Benatar, Van Halen, Queen, and others. The eighty-sixth annual performance of Handel's Messiah returns to Cedar City on December 13, 2026, and December 14, 2026, under the direction of Jackie Riddle Jackson. This year's theme, Good Tidings to Zion, celebrates a beloved community tradition. Thanks to generous sponsorship from the Dixie and Anne Leavitt Foundation, the Leavitt Group, and the State Bank of Southern Utah, admission is free to the public, though season ticket holders are guaranteed seating. Looking into the new year, Voices Discovered on February 25, 2027, will celebrate the artistry of women composers, featuring works by Cécile Chaminade, Ethel Smyth, Marianna Martines, Caroline Shaw, and others. The popular Children's Jubilee returns on February 27, 2027, with Imagination in Sound, a family-friendly afternoon concert featuring music that transports listeners to magical worlds, preceded by hands-on STEAM activities in the lobby. Donations to the Southern Utah University Hope Food Pantry are encouraged during this event. The season is set to conclude on April 15, 2027, with the biennial Roy L. Halversen Young Artist Concert, showcasing outstanding young performers selected through competitive auditions and ending with Jean Sibelius's Symphony No. 2. Led by Music Director and Conductor Carylee Zwang and Assistant Conductor David Jordan, the orchestra currently includes more than seventy professional and community musicians. Season tickets are priced between \$52.50 and \$69, while individual tickets are available for \$18 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors. Tickets can be purchased at myosu.org or at the door. Children under six are not permitted at evening concerts.

SELF-GUIDED AUTUMN ART WALK INVITES VISITORS TO EXPLORE CANYON GALLERIES ON FOOT

October 10, 2026—Springdale, UT
On October 10, the towering walls of Zion Canyon will become the backdrop for a new kind of arts experience as the inaugural Zion Canyon Art Festival's Autumn Art Walk unfolds throughout Springdale. Rather than the gathering being located within a traditional festival footprint, the Art Walk invites visitors to explore the town itself—discovering art, music, food, and creative experiences along the way.



Designed as a self-guided experience, the Art Walk stretches through Springdale's galleries, restaurants, businesses, and gathering spaces, with Zion Canyon providing an extraordinary natural setting. Visitors can create their own route and move at their own pace, stopping for an exhibition, discovering an artist at work, listening to live music, or finding an unexpected activation. A digital map will help connect the participating locations and make it easy to plan a day of exploration. The lineup brings together established and emerging artists and different visual experiences throughout town. Renowned artist and climber Jeremy Collins created the inaugural festival poster, which will be available for sale in various locations around town. Painter Michelle Condrat brings her vibrant, wildlife-inspired work to the Art

Walk, and ceramic artist Eva Weldon joins the festival through Springdale's gallery community. Additional regional and local artists will be represented throughout the canyon. Confirmed activations include live music from the Bar None Wranglers, demonstrations, gallery experiences, and artist appearances. The festival is designed to grow with the creative spirit of the community. Springdale businesses, artists, galleries, restaurants, and organizations can join the Art Walk by creating an activation of their own—from displaying an artist or hosting music to offering a demonstration, a seasonal plant-based menu item, or other creative visitor experiences. Participating locations become part of the self-guided Art Walk and its evolving map. Spend your day wandering Springdale, following curiosity from one stop to another, and enjoying the dramatic landscape. The inaugural Zion Canyon Art Festival Autumn Art Walk takes place October 10, 2026, in Springdale, Utah. Locals are encouraged to leave the car at home, ride the Springdale and Zion shuttle, and explore the Art Walk on foot whenever possible. With stops unfolding throughout town, walking and using the shuttle are part of the experience, helping ease vehicle congestion while everyone enjoys a day of art, community, and exploration in Zion Canyon.



LOCAL BEATS FIND A BIGGER HOME WITH MAJOR MUSIC SHOP EXPANSION

Cedar City, UT

Cedar Music Store and Studio has unveiled its newly expanded facility, offering local musicians more instruments, gear, and instructional opportunities than ever before. Owners Derrek and Leslie Adams, who originally took over the business in 2019, decided it was time to grow in order to better meet the needs of Southern Utah's thriving creative community. Moving from

employs nearly twenty professional instructors offering private lessons in guitar, voice, piano, drums, brass, and strings. The construction of brand-new, dedicated lesson rooms has allowed the studio to increase teacher availability, helping them comfortably house over one hundred active students.

Located at 70 East 200 North, Suite 3, the store is open Monday through



their original corner store on the south end of town to a larger building was only the first step, and this latest expansion represents their continued dedication to the regional music scene.

The updated space boasts the largest inventory selection in Southern Utah. Customers can browse a massive floor display that showcases over ninety guitars, ten drumkits, and a varying selection of keyboards, brass, woodwind, and orchestral instruments. The expansion also introduces a brand-new humidified string section to safeguard delicate acoustic instruments. Beyond instruments, the store is fully stocked with accessories, sheet music, and professional stage and sound equipment.

In addition to retail growth, the expansion significantly boosts the store's educational program. Cedar Music now

Saturday. Community members are invited to stop by to explore the new layout, learn about upcoming events, or register for fall lessons. Additional information regarding instrument sales and class availability can be found online at cedarmusicstore.com.



SPINNING COCKTAILS AND DREAMY SAUCES BRING WESTERN PLAYFULNESS TO RED CLIFFS MALL

St. George, UT

There are restaurant sauces people like, sauces they remember, and then there are sauces that make a person briefly consider whether drinking directly from the ramekin would be socially acceptable. The sauce on the loaded fries at The Back Porch falls squarely into that last category.

For this month's installment of The Dish, dinner took us to one of St. George's newer restaurants, The Back Porch. Located at Red Cliffs Mall, the establishment boasts a Western-inspired atmosphere that is every bit as playful as the menu. From the decor to the presentation of the cocktails, there is an immediate sense that this is a spot to settle in and have a good time.

The service matches that welcoming feeling from the start. Everyone on staff is genuinely friendly, offering the kind of easygoing attention that makes a diner feel like a seasoned regular even on their first visit. It is a small touch that makes a massive difference, adding to the feeling that The Back Porch is a place to return to.

To start, a shared order of loaded fries and Frickles arrived. The fried pickle spears delivered exactly what one wants: a crunchy outside and tangy inside that are easy to keep reaching for. But those loaded fries were the first real standout. While hearty enough to share, the sensational sauce had diners going back for another bite long after they should have moved on.

For dinner I chose a lighter salmon salad that turned out to be a brilliant decision after such an ambitious start. Across the table, the Jalapeño Popper Burger made its grand entrance. If the creamy, spicy filling inside a traditional jalapeño popper is your favorite part, this burger will not disappoint. The menu describes its burgers as smashed fresh and stacked high, and this one absolutely lived up to that promise.

Then came the Old Fashioned. The

cocktail itself was excellent, but its arrival stole the show. The glass arrived sitting on a custom spinning base—essentially a fidget spinner for your drink. While completely unnecessary, it was a delightful bit of fun that captures the playful spirit of the restaurant. The cowboy-inspired decor, guitars on the walls, and a full bar offer plenty to look at while eating, and a new patio is in the works for fall.



By the time dessert became an option, there simply was no room left. That did not stop a thorough study of the remaining menu to plan a second visit, however. The savory brisket options and pizzas immediately caught the eye, leaving diners with that distinct feeling that always signals a great review: knowing they absolutely must come back.

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WESTERN ARTIST JULIE ROGERS BRINGS LUMINOUS OILS AND PIONEER PASTELS TO GALLERY SHOW

September 11, 2026—
Cedar City, UT

Kolob Gallery in Cedar City is proud to host Julie Rogers as its guest artist in September and October. Julie is renowned for her figure paintings and pastels, especially her colorful depictions of Latter-day Saint pioneers, as well as for her impressionistic watercolors. These days she works mostly in oils, musing that she started out as an oil painter, so she has sort of returned to that. She lives and works at her ranch in Glendale, Utah, and is occupied largely with commission work, though she still enters the occasional invitational event. She also hosts artists and groups at her Airbnb. She noted that Long Valley is beautiful, especially in the autumn when the



leaves start to turn on the cottonwoods along the Virgin River.

Julie believes that the principles of art carry the creation, not the medium. This thought frees her to work in all mediums and to paint impressionistically. She shared her hope that as artists, the goal is to lift others, adding that art changes people, makes them see and feel, and inspires them

to find the beauty in all of God's creations. Her gallery affiliations include Illume West in Philipsburg, Montana, and Dragonfly Gallery in Glendale, Utah. Her current projects are mostly personal commissions, as well as commissions for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, specifically for temples and the Liahona. An opening reception will be held at Kolob Gallery, located at 111 South Main Street in Cedar City, Utah, on September 11, 2026, from 4 PM to 6 PM.

WEEKLY TRIBUTE BANDS LIGHT UP SAND HOLLOW RESORT'S ROCK BOWL

September 4–October 8, 2026—Hurricane, UT
The legendary red rock backdrop of Sand Hollow Resort's outdoor Rock Bowl is set to echo with the sounds of rock, country, and brass this autumn. The resort has announced its highly anticipated Fall Sunset Concert Series, presenting four world-class tribute performances taking the stage every Friday evening throughout September, followed by a special headlining performance in early October.



Each September performance runs from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, with gates opening at 5:30 PM to allow concertgoers to secure their spots under the desert sky. Marketing Manager Elizabeth Totman shared that the Sunset Concert Series has grown into one of the most beloved seasonal traditions at the resort, offering an unmatched experience as the sun dips below the spectacular landscape.

The September lineup kicks off on September 4 with 25 or 6 to Faux, a tribute to the horn-driven hits of Chicago. This talented group of musicians has previously shared stages with iconic acts like Foreigner, Asia,

KISS, and Barry Manilow. On September 11, the series shifts to classic country with Amarillo by Morning: A Tribute to George Strait, fronted by the Grammy-nominated vocalist Rowdy McCarran. Rock fans can get their fix on September 18 when San Diego's premier tribute act, Noise Pollution: The AC/DC Experience, delivers high-voltage hits spanning both the Bon Scott and Brian Johnson eras. The September series concludes on September 25 with Vegas McGraw, a veteran tribute artist who has opened for Taylor Swift and Jason Aldean, performing the beloved anthems of Tim McGraw.

To cap off the fall season, the resort will welcome country artist Emily Ann Roberts for a special headline performance on Thursday, October 8. A Season 9 finalist on The Voice and ACM New Female Artist nominee, Roberts will bring classic country sounds and bluegrass influences from her album Can't Hide Country to the Rock Bowl. Doors open at 5 PM, and tickets are available for general admission, reserved seating, and VIP packages.

Concertgoers are reminded that outside food and beverages are not permitted. However, an on-site concession stand will have food and drinks available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased online in advance or at the gates, subject to availability. Located in Hurricane, Sand Hollow Resort offers championship golf, vacation rentals, and dining, located five minutes from Sand Hollow State Park and the Sand Mountain dunes.

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September 11-13, 2026—St. George, UT Homeowners across Washington County and beyond are invited to get a head start on the home improvement projects they want to complete before the holiday season at the St. George Home Expo, taking place September 11–13, 2026, at the Dixie Convention Center. Hosted by Nationwide Expos, this three-day event brings together the region’s leading home improvement professionals, remodeling specialists, landscapers, designers, and home service providers under one roof.



Whether attendees are planning a full renovation, preparing their home for winter, upgrading outdoor spaces, or simply gathering ideas for future projects, the show offers an opportunity to compare products, meet local experts face-to-face, and take advantage of exclusive event-only offers. Sol Lee, Director of Marketing at Nationwide Expos, explained that with the holiday season just around the corner, September is the perfect time for homeowners to begin tackling projects before schedules become busier. Lee noted that the event’s goal is to make it easy for people to discover trusted local businesses, compare solutions, ask questions, and find the right professionals to bring their home improvement projects to life.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet trusted local contractors, explore



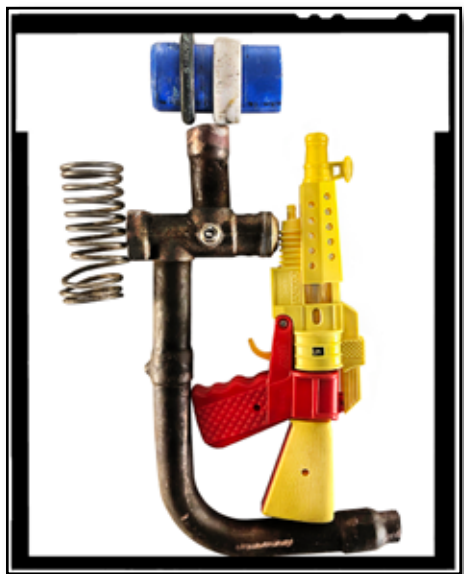
the latest products and home improvement trends, receive free estimates, and discover remodeling inspiration for kitchens, bathrooms, outdoor living, flooring, roofing, windows, HVAC, solar, landscaping, and more. Admission and parking are free, making the event an ideal destination for homeowners, new homebuyers, and families.

For local companies, the expo provides an effective face-to-face marketing opportunity to connect directly with motivated homeowners. Nationwide Expos pairs every exhibitor with a dedicated Account Manager trained to help businesses maximize their return on investment before, during, and after the event. The expo runs Friday from noon to 8 PM, Saturday from 10 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Dixie Convention Center, located at 1835 South Convention Center Drive. Additional details, exhibitor information, and free tickets are available at StGeorgeHomeExpo.com.



FINDING BEAUTY IN THE DISCARDED MOMENTS OF EVERYDAY LIFE

September 4-October 30, 2026—St. George, UT What makes an object worth looking at? For artist Daniel Ray, the answer can be found in almost any discarded corner of the world. A crumpled piece of metal, a tiny plastic figurine, a malfunctioning television screen, or paint accidentally smeared across a construction site window are all potential masterpieces in his eyes. In his upcoming exhibition, Found/Framed, Ray invites visitors to slow down and observe the ordinary world with entirely fresh eyes.



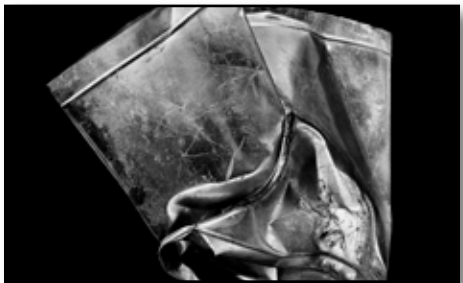
Ray’s unique approach to finding art in unexpected places began during his childhood in San Diego. Armed with a camera, he frequently wandered through a local junkyard, captivated by the dramatic patterns of sunlight and shadow falling across twisted scrap metal. Where most passersby saw junk, Ray saw intricate compositions and potential sculptures. This lifelong habit of noticing what others overlook has defined his diverse and wandering artistic career.

After studying painting and sculpture

at the San Francisco Art Institute and advertising photography at the ArtCenter College of Design, Ray built a highly successful career as a commercial photographer. He operated major studios, traveled the world, photographed celebrities, and crafted concepts for international advertising campaigns, magazines, movie studios, and record labels.

Yet, photography alone could not contain his creative energy. Ray began cutting, layering, painting over, and physically altering his images, causing photography to collide with collage, silkscreen, sculpture, music, and video. In Found/Framed, these decades of multimedia experimentation finally come together. The exhibition’s title reflects both his use of found objects and his spontaneous method of moving through the world, capturing accidental moments and asking us to look again.

Though his work shares a playful, irreverent spirit with Pop and Funk Art, Ray’s path has been entirely his own. When asked how he knows a piece is complete, he jokingly answers that a little bird comes out of the sky to tell him. Beneath this lightheartedness lies a serious invitation for the community. Visitors are encouraged to explore this free exhibition at the Sears Art Museum on the Utah Tech University campus from September 4 through October 30, 2026. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, September 4, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM, offering a wonderful opportunity to meet the artist and discover the extraordinary hidden within the ordinary.





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FINDING BELONGING AND CELEBRATION AT THE REGION’S LARGEST OUTDOOR LGBTQ+ GATHERING

September 26, 2026—St. George, UT
The Pride of Southern Utah is set to host its annual Pride in the Park festival, bringing local families, community members, and allies together for a vibrant celebration. Under this year’s welcoming theme, “Find Your People,” the free outdoor event is designed to create a visible and joyful space centered on safety, belonging, and connection.



Cole, the Executive Director of Pride of Southern Utah, noted that while the region is incredibly beautiful, it can also feel isolating for some LGBTQ+ residents. The festival is built to ensure that no one has to search for community alone, with the hope that every attendee leaves knowing

they are supported and having made a few new friends.

Taking place at JC Snow Park, the all-ages gathering features an extensive lineup of live entertainment. Attendees can enjoy performances from local and statewide artists, including The Mended Hearts Club, Esera, and talented Tuacahn cast members who will perform throughout the afternoon. Beyond the music, visitors can explore a lively marketplace of food trucks and vendor tents highlighting regional artists, LGBTQ+-owned businesses, and community organizations.

To ensure a comfortable and secure experience, the volunteer-led event will feature gender-neutral restrooms, on-site medical support from Gold Cross medics, and entry security screening with bag checks and metal detectors. Admission is completely free, and no tickets are required. While parking is available in neighboring lots within walking distance, an accessible drop-off point is located at the park entrance.

As a volunteer-led nonprofit organization, the Pride of Southern Utah relies entirely on community donations and sponsorships to make the festival possible. Those interested in volunteering or supporting the event can find details and sign up online.

INDEPENDENT FEATURES AND WORLD PREMIERES HIGHLIGHT 20TH ANNIVERSARY RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL

September 23-26, 2026—St. George, UT
The Red Rock Film Festival is celebrating its twentieth anniversary from September 23 through September 26, 2026, at the Performing Arts Center in St. George. The four-day event showcases independent films from Utah and around the world, featuring productions by local creators as well as Oscar- and Emmy-recognized filmmakers.

Highlighting the diverse lineup is Snowland, a feature documentary by Park City filmmaker Jill Orschel that follows a former child bride from a Colorado City polygamist sect who creates a fantasy world to survive and heal. Local storytelling also takes center stage in Ba Ba Bound, a film by Ben Blaskovic shot entirely in St. George at locations like Pineview High School, featuring local residents alongside German actors. Meanwhile, J.L. Topkis’s Ephemera, UT, filmed in Heber City and Park City, explores generational values and wealth disparity through the sale of a high-end Boy Scout collection.

The festival will also host the red-carpet world premiere of Wreckage, directed by Ash Patiño, which investigates the mysterious disappearance of nineteen-year-old farmer Dylan from Lucin, Utah. For those seeking outdoor narratives, Lights Out: Skate

or Die, directed by Jon Bash, follows professional skateboarder Jason Ellis on a Utah coyote-hunting trip that ultimately inspired him to relocate to the state.

International cinema is well-represented with two major premieres. The Americas premiere of Julien Lecat’s Still Spirits offers a supernatural tale of a teenager meeting a mysterious boy at a lakeside campground threatened by wildfires. Additionally, Fred Eyriey’s Creole-language film, The Coruskan, makes its United States premiere, telling the story of a love triangle in Cilaos, a remote mountain village on Reunion Island.

Screenings run daily from 1 PM to 11 PM at the Performing Arts Center, located at 905 South Main Street. A second festival section is scheduled to take place in Cedar City this November. Ticket packages, including single-day passes and multi-day local passes, are available online at redrockfilmfestival.eventive.org.



IMPROV TROUPE SO U BRINGS UNSCRIPTED HUMOR AND SPOOKTACULAR FUN

September 10, 2026—St. George, UT
After a busy summer keeping audiences cool and entertained, St. George’s premier improv comedy troupe, So U, is ready to bring laughter into the autumn season. Performing with the much-welcomed comfort of air conditioning, the talented group specializes in completely unscripted, spontaneous theater. Every scene and character is built entirely on the spot, driven by suggestions shouted out by the audience.

With a diverse cast hailing from different backgrounds, the troupe remains dedicated to making the art of improv accessible to everyone. The active roster blends seasoned veterans who have been performing for up to a decade, such as Jay, Anitra, and Trey, with enthusiastic newcomers like Rhett, Christian, and Austin. Among the crowd favorites is Greg, renowned for his legendary, silent impression of the Mona Lisa. Another prominent player is Bald Nate, who split-duties with Off The Cuff in Cedar City. Nate shared



that bringing joy to others is one of his favorite aspects of the craft, noting that the troupe is in the business of delivering much-needed levity to the world.

Looking ahead, October 24, 2026, will mark the troupe’s annual Spooktacular Improv Show. This festive tradition features the cast performing in full Halloween attire, and audience members are highly encouraged to join the fun by wearing their own costumes. To sweeten the deal, anyone who attends in costume will receive five dollars off their admission price.

So U offers two distinct performance blocks to accommodate different audiences. A family-friendly show is held at 7 PM, providing clean fun for all ages. Later in the evening, a 9 PM Uncensored show offers less-restricted comedy filled with adult-friendly surprises. All performances are held in upper room two of the Electric Theater Center in downtown St. George. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at soucomedy.com.

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MEET STARS OF YELLOWSTONE, TOMBSTONE, AND BONANZA AT LITTLE HOLLYWOOD'S WILD WEST FEST

September 10-12, 2026—Kanab, UT
Kanab's Little Hollywood Wild West Fest is riding into town, offering a one-of-a-kind Western celebration for all ages from September 10 through September 12,



2026. During the festival, attendees can enjoy an array of shows, activities, and opportunities to connect with cinematic history. At the Little Hollywood Museum, visitors can meet movie and television stars, including Rudy Ramos from Yellowstone, Peter Sherayko from Tombstone, Mitch Vogel from Bonanza, Darby Hinton from Daniel Boone, and Diamond Farnsworth from Young Guns.

Attendees can experience live action with Hollywood stuntman Dr. Buck, as his Wild Bunch performs their thrilling Wild West Stunt Shows. There is live music at



the Gunsmoke Stage, and children will find a wagon load of activities in the Giddy Up Round Up Kids Korral. Festivalgoers are encouraged to dress in their finest Western attire for the Saturday Old and New West Costume Contest, show off their facial hair in the Beard and Moustache Fiasco, or test their vocal power in the Yee Haw Holler contest.

Rare finds await shoppers at the Merchant Row, which showcases local artisans and crafters. Participants can also gather a search party for a scavenger hunt to win prizes. Across town, the Parry Lodge Barn will host cowboy poetry and

storytelling with trail boss poet Andy Nelson. At the Kanab Center's Grand Staircase Gym, visitors can admire an amazing quilt show and browse a library book sale.

The downtown Historic Redstone Theater will host two major evening events: a Thursday night screening of the classic Western movie Tombstone featuring guest actor Peter Sherayko, who played Texas Jack Vermillion, and a Friday night Star Q&A panel discussion. The panel will be followed by a live, on-stage Old Time Radio Show titled "Little Hollywood Rides Again!" featuring the award-winning Ricochet Radio Ranglers. The festival concludes with a Saturday night Chuck Wagon Dinner with the stars at Giff's BBQ. Tickets and registration are available at littlehollywoodwildwestfest.com.



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FINDING CONNECTION IN A WORLD OF DIGITAL ISOLATION AND UNINTENDED LIES

September 24-October 10, 2026—St. George, UT
The Stage Door is bringing the deeply moving, Tony Award-winning musical Dear Evan Hansen to local theatergoers. Running from September 24 through October 10, 2026, the acclaimed show dives into the complex landscapes of human connection, the struggle to belong, and contemporary youth mental health. Directed by Jalee Scott, with music direction by Celeste Dixon, the production centers on Evan Hansen, an isolated high school student who finds himself suddenly thrust into the center of a rapidly escalating lie following a local tragedy. As his well-meaning fabrication grows larger and gains a life of its own, Evan must eventually confront the true cost of his newfound belonging and find the courage to speak his truth. According to Scott, the heart of the musical is

a story about the universal human need for connection, making it an honor to bring such a powerful and timely narrative to the community. Performances are scheduled on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 PM, with a special matinee performance on October 3 at 2 PM. All performances will take place at the historic Electric Theater, located at 68 East Tabernacle Street. Tickets and additional details can be found online at stagedoorutah.com.





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SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD ANNOUNCES VIBRANT FALL GALLERY SHOWS AND ART CLUBS

September 11-23, 2026—St. George, UT
The Southern Utah Art Guild has announced an exciting lineup of exhibitions, open houses, and club events running throughout September and October. Community members are invited to explore local creativity across multiple venues.



The Red Cliff Gallery, located at 220 North 200 East, will host the Expressions of the Soul show from September 11 through October 29. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, September 11 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The free exhibition features over one hundred fifty works of art from more than seventy artists. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday from noon to 4 PM.



On Thursday, September 17, from 4 PM to 6:30 PM, the Arrowhead Gallery at 68 East Tabernacle will host a free public open house featuring food, refreshments, and new works. Attendees can meet guest artists Meaghan Gates, an assistant professor of ceramics at Utah Tech University, and local abstract painter Colleen Gianatiempo. The gallery is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 AM to 6 PM, and Friday and Saturday from 10 AM to 8 PM.



Additionally, several guild clubs offer hands-on opportunities. Connect, a critique group sponsored by the Utah Arts Alliance and hosted by Colleen Gianatiempo, will meet at the Social Hall at 212 Main Street on Thursday, September 10 from 6 PM to 8 PM. This meeting offers a supportive space for both emerging and established artists. On Tuesday, September 15, from 3 PM to 4:30 PM, the Urban Sketchers group will meet and mingle in the lower level of Arrowhead Gallery to share the joy of sketching.

Finally, the Watercolor Club will gather on Wednesday, September 23 at noon at the MakerSpace in Utah Tech University. Led by biology and chemistry graduate Allyson Sepp, the club welcomes watercolorists of all skill levels. More information about these events can be found at southernutahartguild.com.

CELEBRATED WOMEN'S ART COLLECTIVE OPENS LANDMARK EXHIBITION AT MAYNARD DIXON MUSEUM

September 11-12, 2026—Mt. Carmel, UT



The Thunderbird Foundation for the Arts will host an exhibition opening for the acclaimed art collective, Wild Women Paint the West, on Friday, September 11, 2026, from 6 PM to 8 PM. Founded a few years ago by a group of eight highly accomplished, nationally known women artists who are also close friends, the collective shares a deep love for capturing the beauty of America in all its forms. Following a successful September 2025 exhibition at Illume Gallery West in Philipsburg, Montana, the group has received widespread recognition and invitations from respected institutions across the country, including a planned exhibition at the Museum of Western Art in Kerrville, Texas, in 2028.

Spokesperson Lori McNee explained that the collective brings both grit and grace to their work and lives. Their

paintings—whether depicting landscapes, animals, relics, still life, or the human story—reflect their deep connection to the places they love and the life experiences that have shaped them as artists and women.

The exhibition opening at the Maynard Dixon Legacy Museum in Mt. Carmel, Utah, will feature a reception with the artists, hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of Western fun, with attendees encouraged to wear boots and western attire. On Saturday, September 12, 2026, at 10 AM, interested patrons and artists are invited to the Thunderbird Gallery



for a painting demonstration by a selected artist from the group. Additionally, local residents who spot the artists painting in the Mt. Carmel, Orderville, or Kanab area between

September 6 and September 11 can submit photos or videos to receive either a Maynard Dixon Sunset Poster or a free tour of the historic Maynard Dixon property.



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NOËL COWARD'S SUPERNATURAL COMEDY BLITHE SPIRIT PLAYS ON STAGE

October 14-16, 2026—Cedar City, UT
American Crossroads Theatre will

bring ghosts, glamour, and sparkling British wit to the Heritage Center Theater this October with Noël Coward's beloved supernatural comedy Blithe Spirit, playing three nights only, October 14–16, 2026. The production stars Tyson Chanticleer as Charles Condomine, Rachel Cox as Elvira, and Barb Christensen as the delightfully eccentric Madame Arcati, in Coward's classic comedy about marriage, séances, and the complications that arise when the dearly departed refuse to remain departed. Written by one of the twentieth century's great comic playwrights, Blithe Spirit centers on novelist Charles Condomine, who invites the unconventional Madame Arcati to his home to conduct a séance as research for a book. Charles expects an amusing evening and perhaps some useful material. Instead, Madame Arcati accidentally summons the ghost of Charles's first wife, Elvira, who is visible and audible only to him. Elvira's unexpected return is particularly inconvenient for Charles's very much alive second wife, Ruth. What follows is an increasingly hilarious supernatural battle of wills as Charles finds himself caught between two wives, one living and one dead, while the irrepressible Madame Arcati attempts to put the spirit world back in order.



Richard Bugg, Founder and Artistic Director of American Crossroads Theatre, shared that Blithe Spirit is one of those wonderful plays that reminds everyone just how much fun live theatre can be. He noted that Coward's language is wonderfully clever, and he expressed immense excitement for the cast. Tyson Chanticleer brings tremendous intelligence and comic instincts to the role of Charles, Rachel Cox brings exactly the combination of charm and mischief needed for Elvira, and Barb Christensen is set to be an absolute delight as Madame Arcati. The October engagement also provides audiences with a final opportunity to celebrate American Crossroads Theatre's 2026 season. The October 16 closing-night performance will also feature A Spirited Affair, a special fundraising gala benefiting the nonprofit theatre company. The event will include a fundraising dinner and an evening at the theatre, giving patrons an opportunity to enjoy Blithe Spirit while supporting the future programming of American Crossroads Theatre.

Performances of Noël Coward's Blithe Spirit will run October 14–16, 2026, at the Heritage Center Theater, located at 105 North 100 East in Cedar City, Utah. The closing-night performance on October 16 features A Spirited Affair: A Fundraising Gala. Tickets and additional information are available through AXRTheatre.org.

BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS AND OUTDOOR ANTHEMS COLLIDE IN RED ROCK COUNTRY

September 24-26, 2026—Torrey, UT

The annual Fort Desolation Music and Adventure Travel Fest is making its highly anticipated return to Southern Utah, offering an unmatched combination of world-class music and spectacular outdoor exploration. From September 24 through September 26, 2026, music lovers and adventure seekers will gather at Cougar Ridge Resort in Torrey, just minutes from the breathtaking cliffs and canyons of Capitol Reef National Park.



This year's mainstage lineup features an incredible mix of national and regional talent, headlined by the likes of Drive-By Truckers, Andrew Bird, and Rayland Baxter. Attendees can also catch performances by Grahame Lesh and Friends, Futurebirds, Tune-Yards, and Bella White. Between the main sets, a brand-new second stage called the Sidewinder will showcase local artists, ensuring the music keeps flowing all weekend.

What makes this festival truly unique

is its balance of daytime adventure and evening concerts. Festival founder Jeremy Rawle explained that attendance is intentionally limited to preserve an intimate, premium experience without long lines. By day, visitors can explore the surrounding red-rock backcountry through hiking, fly-fishing, or off-roading. Cyclists can also take part in the new Fort Desolation Fondo, a two-day gravel riding event organized alongside the Utah Gravel Series.

Back at the festival grounds, lodging ranges from spacious camping in a pristine alfalfa field to premium luxury villas and suites. The campground serves as a relaxed hub of activity, featuring cookouts, after-hours artist jams, and stargazing under Torrey's famous dark skies. New additions for 2026 also include Camp Springbar for tent enthusiasts and limited access passes to the adults-only Oasis Pool and Fitness Facility. Passes and complete schedule details can be found online at fortdesolation.com.



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September 18-19, 2026—Enoch, UT

The lush, wooded acres of Willow Glen Resort are gearing up to host a massive weekend of melodies as the second annual Woodshed Music Festival returns to Enoch. Spanning two full days from September 18 through September 19, 2026, this year's event has significantly expanded its footprint, growing from a two-stage debut last year to boasting three distinct stages that will host nearly two dozen acts.

Country singer-songwriter Ben Haggard, son of the legendary Merle Haggard, takes the spotlight as this year's headliner. Beyond traditional country music, the festival offers a rich tapestry of musical genres, including jazz, folk, blues, rock, and acoustic performances. The star-studded lineup features a diverse roster of artists, including Dillon Jones, Muddy



Boots, Seizer, Fenwick Way, Kimmee B, Cali Olmsted, and many more. Festival owner Brad Lark, who has managed music festivals in California for over two decades, originally planned to launch this Utah event in 2026, but fast-tracked his plans to debut the festival last October.

The festival gates open at 11 AM both days at the resort, located just off Interstate 15 in the Cedar City area. Attendees can explore a vibrant marketplace filled with food trucks, drinks, and local artisan vendors. To add to the weekend's excitement, all two-day ticket holders will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a custom-built electric guitar, generously donated by Troy Hill of the performing band Country Muse. With expanded stages and a diverse lineup, the weekend promises to establish the wooded retreat as a premier Southern Utah music destination. Tickets and scheduling details are available online at woodshedfest.com.



HORRORFEST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL: FILMS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, SPECIAL GUESTS, RETRO SCREENINGS AND AWARDS

September 15-19, 2026—St. George, UT

The annual HorrorFest International Film Festival is returning to the Electric Theater to help local audiences usher in the Halloween season with four days of thrills and international cinema. Hosted by the 501(C)(3) nonprofit Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah, the event runs from September 16 through September 19, 2026, showcasing nearly sixty short films and features from all across the globe.

The festival opens with a preview night on Tuesday, September 15, featuring retro screenings of What Lies Beneath and Poltergeist. The main lineup kicks off on Wednesday with the opening feature Goody Goody, a buzzed-about home birth horror movie by Raymond Creamer that is scheduled to stream on Shudder. The festival will close with Dave Boyle's Japanese import Never After Dark, distributed by Magnolia Pictures, which follows a traveling psychic facing a malevolent spirit. Other features include the slasher parody Friday the 69th, the influencer horror Demonize, the witchcraft tale Lily's Ritual, and the disturbing South Korean drama Debone.

In addition to features, the festival



will present an array of spooky shorts, such as the monster film The Last Snow, the creepy haunter 99 Ghosts, and the puppet noir comedy She Felt Like Murder! Industry panels will feature screenwriter Chris Thomas Devlin, known for Cobweb and the upcoming Blair Witch film, and producer Christian Armogida. Attendees can also look behind the scenes of Universal Horror Unleashed, listen to a live Necro Radio broadcast, and meet returning guest Frank Dietz. Alongside screenings, the event offers after parties, horror trivia, networking, and a formal awards ceremony. Ticket options range from single blocks to all-access Fright Badges, available online at fmasu.com/horrorfest.

SENIOR CENTER HOSTS FREE BOTANICAL GELLI PLATE PRINTING WORKSHOP

September 15, 2026—Kanab, UT

Rural Opportunities for Arts (ROAR) in partnership with the Kane County Active Living Centers and the Kane County Center for the Arts (KCCA) are presenting a free workshop entitled "Make Botanical Prints with Gelli Plates" at the Kanab Senior Center on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Creative Aging certified teaching artist Lanell Dike will be teaching the workshop. She teaches watercolor and printmaking classes throughout Southern Utah, emphasizing accessibility and confidence-building to make art-making enjoyable for beginners and experienced artists alike.

Gelli plate printing, or gel printing, is an accessible form of monoprinting that uses a soft, reusable gelatinous plate. Artists apply acrylic paint to the surface, create textures or patterns using everyday objects like stencils,



bubble wrap, or leaves, and transfer the unique design onto paper or fabric.

Two classes will be offered on Tuesday, September 15. The morning session runs from 10 AM to 11:30 AM, and the afternoon session is scheduled from 1 PM to 2:30 PM. Each class is limited to 10 students. Participants must RSVP and will be selected on a first-come basis. Individuals may attend only one class and should indicate their preferred time when registering. For registration and more information, contact supportarts@roarfun.org.

The event is funded by the Utah Aging Coalition as part of the Utah Creative Aging Coalition's Kaleidoscope festival. The festival, which celebrates creativity, connection, and lifelong learning for older adults across Utah, runs from August 22 through September 19.

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SHE LOVES ME Sept. 4-Oct. 2, 2 PM. Heartwarming musical comedy about feuding co-workers in a 1930s perfume shop. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

UTAH WINE FESTIVAL 2026 Sept. 4-6, 7 PM. Showcase of Utah wineries and culinary creations by top Utah chefs. Cedar City.

THE BOOK CLUB PLAY Sept. 5-Oct. 2, 2 PM. A clever comedy about a tight-knit book club whose members' lives unravel under a documentary lens. Eileen and Allen Anes Studio Theatre, 101-199 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

DISNEY'S FINDING NEMO Sept. 5-29, 7:30 PM. Live musical production of the beloved Disney classic. Tuacahn Amphitheatre, 1100 Tuacahn, Ivins.

OKTOBERFEST AT BRIAN HEAD RESORT Sept. 5-27, Saturdays & Sundays, 10 AM. Celebrate fall in the mountains with brews, food, family activities, and live music. Giant Steps Patio, 329 S. Highway 143, Brian Head.

SOMETHING ROTTEN! Sept. 5-Oct. 2, 2 PM. A hilarious musical that follow brothers Nick and Nigel Bottom as they try to write the world's first musical. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

UTAH OUTDOOR RECREATION SUMMIT Sept. 8-9, 10 AM. Leaders, advocates, and outdoor enthusiasts gather to shape the future of outdoor recreation. Southern Utah University, 351 W. University Blvd., Cedar City.

IVINS CITY HERITAGE DAYS 2026 Sept. 9-12, 9 AM. Celebrating the founding of Ivins and honoring early settlers. Ivins City Park, 100 N. 100 W., Ivins.

LITTLE HOLLYWOOD WILD WEST FEST Sept. 10-12, 9 AM. A Western festival featuring movie star meet-and-greets, stunt shows, live music, cowboy poetry, and storytelling. Little Hollywood Museum, 297 W. Center St., Kanab.

EXPRESSIONS OF THE SOUL ART EXHIBIT Sept. 11-Oct. 29, 9 AM-5 PM. Monday-Friday, 12 PM-4 PM. Saturday. Public art exhibition showcasing over 150 works from regional artists. Red Cliff Gallery, 220 N. 200 E., St. George.

ST. GEORGE HOME EXPO Sept. 11-13, Friday Noon-8 PM., Saturday 10 AM-5 PM., Sunday 11 AM-4 PM. Connecting homeowners with trusted local contractors, designers, and experts. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

HORRORFEST INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026 Sept. 16-19, 1 PM. Four blood-pumping days of scream-worthy cinema from around the world. Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

ANNIE AT THE MESQUITE COMMUNITY THEATRE Sept. 18-26, 7 PM. Classic stage performance of the beloved musical. Mesquite Arts Council Office, 150 N. Yucca St., Room 23, Mesquite.

STAHeli FARMS FALL FESTIVAL 2026 Sept. 18-Oct. 31, 12 PM. Explore a massive corn maze, pumpkin patch, hayrides, and family farm activities. Staheli Family Farm, 3400 S. Washington Fields Rd., Washington.

FIELD OF SCREAMS 2026 Sept. 18-Oct. 31, 7 PM. Southern Utah's premier haunted attraction on select nights. Staheli Family Farm, 3400 S. Washington Fields Rd., Washington.

WOODSHED MUSIC FESTIVAL Sept. 18-19, 11 AM. Two-day music festival with nearly two dozen acts on three stages, headlined by country star Ben Haggard. Willow Glen Resort, 3308 N. Bulldog Rd., Enoch.

ESCALANTE CANYONS ART FESTIVAL Sept. 18-27. Outdoor celebration of visual arts, writing, and music. Various locations, Escalante.

RED ROCK FILM FESTIVAL Sept. 23-26, 1 PM-11 PM. The 20th anniversary independent film festival bringing world-class features and shorts. Performing Arts Center, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

2026 SANTA CLARA SWISS DAYS Sept. 24-26, 9 AM. Cherished hometown festival celebrating Swiss pioneer heritage. Santa Clara Swiss Days, 2603 Santa Clara Dr., Santa Clara.

DEAR EVAN HANSEN Sept. 24-Oct. 10, Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sunday matinee Oct. 3 at 2 PM. Deeply moving musical exploring youth mental health and connection. The Electric Theater, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

FORT DESOLATION MUSIC AND ADVENTURE TRAVEL FEST Sept. 24-26. Premium boutique festival offering live music by evening and backcountry adventures by day. Cougar Ridge Resort, 650 E. Cougar Rdg Rd, Torrey.

MYSTERIOUS X CONFERENCE Sept. 24-27. Immersive four-day conference featuring expert speakers, panel discussions, and expeditions. Historic RedStone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab.

ZION CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL Sept. 25-26, 3 PM. Two-day outdoor music festival featuring a genre-crossing lineup under the cliffs. Bit & Spur Backyard, 1212 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

CARMEL MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW Sept. 25-26, Friday 4 PM-7 PM, Saturday 9 AM-3 PM. Automotive celebration featuring custom cars, helicopter rides, and YouTube builders. Thunderbird Golf Course, 4530 State St., Mt. Carmel Junction.

MONSTER ENERGY TRAIL HERO & MUSIC FESTIVAL Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 8 AM. Annual off-road event with guided trail rides, vendor exhibitions, and social events. Washington County Legacy Park, 5500 W. 339 S., Hurricane.

HURRICANE CITY PEACH DAYS & RODEO 2026 Sept. 4-5, 10 AM. Annual celebration of heritage featuring displays, contests, a parade, food booths, pioneer displays, and exciting nightly rodeos at 7 PM. Hurricane City Rec Center & American Legion Equestrian Park, Hurricane.

DIXIE DAYS FESTIVAL & EVENTS Sept. 14-20. Third annual community heritage festival featuring a week of events. Highlights include: Sept. 14: Golf Tournament (8 AM, Southgate Golf Club), Ned LeDoux Concert (7 PM, Vernon Worthen Park), and Drone Show (9 PM, Red Hills Desert Garden); Sept. 15: Film Screenings (4 PM & 6 PM, Town Square); Sept. 15-16: Dixie Treks historic tours; Sept. 17: Dinner on Main street celebration (5 PM, Main Street); Sept. 17-20: Town Square Carnival; Sept. 17-19: 92nd Annual Lions Dixie Roundup Rodeo (7:30 PM, Dixie Sunbowl); Sept. 19: Dixie Days Dash (7:45 AM), Rodeo Parade (9 AM), and Dixie Days Festival (9 AM-2 PM, Vernon Worthen Park). St. George.

SOUTHERN UTAH PRIDE IN THE PARK 2026 Sept. 26-27. 11 AM-5 PM. Southern Utah's biggest LGBTQ+ pride festival with live performances, food trucks, and local vendors. JC Snow Park, 275 E. 900 S., St. George.

SGACC ANNUAL NONPROFIT EXPO Sept 28-30. 11 AM. Connect businesses with local nonprofits for partnership and collaboration. Utah Tech University, 225 S. University Ave., St. George.

EVENTS BY DAY

EVERY DAY

ZION VINEYARDS TASTING ROOM Noon-6 PM. Daily visit the beautiful tasting room to sample award-winning estate-grown wines just twelve miles north of St. George. Zion Vineyards, 5 Hidden Valley Rd., Leeds.

SUNDAY

POKER AT ZION BREWERY STATION II 5 PM. Weekly poker nights offer the next best thing to Vegas. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

MONDAY

ORDERVILLE FARMER'S MARKET 2026 5:30 PM. Weekly outdoor market of seasonal fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. Orderville Town Park, 55 E. State St., Orderville.

TUESDAY

MAKE ART TUESDAYS 11 AM. Select Tuesdays: fun art activities for children. St. George Children's Museum, 86 S. Main St., St. George.

WEDNESDAY

BIG IRON COUNTRY SWING DANCE 8 PM. Weekly on Wednesdays and Friday nights. Partner and line dancing instruction followed by open dancing. The Venue, 33 N. Main St., Cedar City.

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CEDAR CITY FOOD TRUCK COURT 11 AM. Weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays. Vibrant downtown food truck court with rotating vendors, local music, and community gatherings. Market Square, 108 S. Main St., Cedar City.

MS SENIOR MESQUITE - WORKSHOPS 5:30 PM. Weekly workshops for Ms Senior Mesquite. Mesquite Fine Arts Center, 15 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SOUTHERN UTAH ART GUILD WATER-COLOR CLUB 12 PM. Every fourth Wednesday, watercolorists of all levels are invited to paint, share, and learn from club leader Allyson Sepp. MakerSpace, Utah Tech University, 453 S. 600 E., St. George.

THURSDAY

TOASTMASTER MEETING 12 PM. Weekly meeting to practice public speaking and leadership. First Baptist Church, 830 E. Hafen Ln., Mesquite.

FRIDAY

BIG IRON COUNTRY SWING DANCE 8 PM. Weekly on Wednesdays and Friday nights, partner and line dancing instruction followed by open dancing. The Venue, 33 N. Main St., Cedar City.

CEDAR CITY FOOD TRUCK COURT 11 AM. Weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays, vibrant downtown food truck court with rotating vendors, local music, and community gatherings. Market Square, 108 S. Main St., Cedar City.

OTC COMEDY IMPROV 8 PM. Weekly unique and completely made-up-on-the-spot comedy show. OTC Comedy Theater, 913 S. Main St., Cedar City.

PAINTED HILLS FARMERS MARKET 4 PM. Weekly local market with fresh produce, honey, eggs, meat, baked goods, and handcrafted items. Painted Hills RV Park, 68 S. 1200 W., Parowan.

SUMA: FIRST FRIDAY 6 PM. Every first Friday. Free after-hours community art event. Southern Utah Museum of Art, 13 S. 300 W., Cedar City.

SATURDAY

BEAVER FARMERS MARKET 2026 10 AM. Weekly market with fresh produce, handmade goods, and community fun. Main Street Park, 90 S. Main St., Beaver.

DJ AT ZION BREWERY STATION II 9 PM. Weekly on Fridays and Saturdays night live DJ performances. Zion Brewery Station 2, 142 N. Main St., St. George.

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 8 AM. Weekly local produce, pasture-raised meats, cheese, artisanal goods, and live music. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

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

FESTIVAL CITY FARMERS MARKET 2026 9 AM. Weekly high-quality foods and artisan goods. Bristlecone Parking Lot, 100 W. Center St., Cedar City.

HURRICANE FARMERS MARKET 2026 9 AM. Weekly local producers and artisans gathering on the Rec Center lawn. Hurricane Community Center, 100 W. 100 S., Hurricane.

KANAB DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET 2026 10 AM. Weekly market showcasing local makers and growers. Kanab Center, 20 N. 100 E., Kanab.

LIVE MUSIC AT WILLOW GLEN RESORT - OPEN MIC 7 PM. Weekly live entertainment followed by an open mic and campfire gathering. Willow Glen Resort (B&B), 3308 N. Bulldog Rd., Washington.

SATURDAY MOVIE MATINEE @ ST. GEORGE LIBRARY 2 PM. Weekly film screenings for the family. Washington County Library System, 88 W. 100 S., St. George.

SWEET PEA: FARM BREAKFAST 8 AM. Weekly delicious farm-fresh breakfast. Sweet Pea Farm & Orchard, 136 S. 600 W., Parowan.

EVENTS BY DATE

Friday, September 4

FOUND/FRAMED EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION 6:30 PM-8:30 PM. The Sears Art Museum hosts a free opening reception for artist Daniel Ray's playful and multimedia 'Found/Framed' exhibition. Sears Art Museum, Utah Tech University, St. George.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: CHICAGO TRIBUTE 6:30 PM-8 PM. Live tribute performance honoring Chicago by '25 or 6 to Faux' in the resort's red rock outdoor bowl. Sand Hollow Resort Rock Bowl, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

AMERICAN MOSAIC AT ZION NATIONAL PARK 8:30 PM. GRAMMY-nominated violinist Jenny Oaks Baker and her accomplished children present a new Americana Show telling the story of America. O.C. Tanner Amphitheater, 144 Lion Blvd., Springdale.

CASAPOOLOOZA: IDENTITY CRISIS 8 PM. Casapoolooza poolside concert with Identity Crisis performing live covers. Doors open at 6:30 PM with DJ sets. CasaBlanca Resort Pool, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

DOCUTAH PRESENTS: SECRETS OF GREAT SALT LAKE 7:30 PM. An uplifting story of how water connects all life on Earth. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

HAMLET 8 PM. Prince Hamlet seeks truth and vengeance in Shakespeare's most haunting tragedy. Engelstad Shakespeare Theatre, 200 W. College Ave., Cedar City.

JORDAN MATTHEW YOUNG AT THE REDSTONE THEATER 7 PM. Live performance by Utah-born Americana, roots, and rock musician and Top 3 finalist of The Voice. The Redstone Theater, 29 W. Center St., Kanab.

SEE HOW THEY RUN 8 PM. A classic British farce packed with mistaken identities, unexpected visitors, and comedic mayhem set in a quiet vicarage. Randall L. Jones Theatre, 300 W. Center St., Cedar City.

Saturday, September 5

AMERICA 250 - USF: AMERICANA GREENSHOW 7:10 PM. Family-friendly outdoor entertainment on the green featuring singing, dancing, and storytelling to celebrate America 250. Ashton Family Greenshow Commons, 195 W. Center St., Cedar City.

BEN STEELE EXHIBITION OPENING 5 PM-8 PM. Public opening and exhibition featuring the work of Ben Steele, beginning with an artist talk from 5 PM-6 PM, followed by an opening reception from 6 PM-8 PM. St. George Museum of Art, 47 N. 200 E., St. George.

CASABLANCA RESORT & CASINO: LABOR DAY LIVE — FIREHOUSE & WHITE LION 8 PM. Rock out poolside under the stars with legendary rock bands Firehouse and White Lion performing live. Doors open at 6:30 PM. CasaBlanca Resort, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND AT BALCONY ONE 6 PM-9 PM. Live music under the stars with blues, rock, and country favorites on the outdoor patio. Balcony One Restaurant, 770 W. State Rd. 9, Virgin.

Sunday, September 6

AMARILLO BY MORNING: GEORGE STRAIT TRIBUTE 7 PM. Acclaimed tribute performance honoring the King of Country, starring Rowdy McCarran. Eureka Casino Resort, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite.

REGIONAL SINGLE ADULT 36+ POTLUCK AND FIRESIDE 6 PM. Potluck and fireside held for single adults 36 and older. Potluck starts at 6 PM, followed by fireside at 7 PM. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1178 S. 700 W., Hurricane.

Monday, September 7

2026 RANCH RODEO SERIES: LABOR DAY FINALE 1 PM. Watch cowboys and cowgirls compete in the Ranch Rodeo finale. Check-in starts at 12 PM. Iron County Fairgrounds, 550 E. Clinic Way, Parowan.

IRON COUNTY FAIR A tradition bringing families and friends together to reminisce and make new memories. Iron County Fairgrounds, E Clinic Wy, Parowan.

Wednesday, September 9

3HATTRIO 7:30 PM. Kayenta welcomes back 3hattrio for an evening of desert-inspired acoustic music. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

MIXTAPE REWIND 7:30 PM. Live music and retro hits at the CasaBlanca Showroom. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Thursday, September 10

3HATTRIO RETURNS TO SPRINGDALE! 7 PM. Desert acoustic music performance by Eli Wrangle, Greg Istock, and Hal Cannon. Doors open at 6:15 PM. Bumbleberry Theatre, 897 Zion Park Blvd., Springdale.

ART GUILD CONNECT ART CRITIQUE MEETING 6 PM-8 PM. A creative gathering where emerging and established artists can have their work critiqued by host Colleen Gianatiempo. Social Hall, 212 Main St., St. George.

GREGG PETERSON BAND 6 PM. Enjoy live music with free admission. 21+. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

HURRICANE CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2026 8 PM-9 PM. Outdoor community concert series. Pioneer Park Stage, 200 N. Main St., Hurricane.

Friday, September 11

JAC: SUMMER CONCERT SERIES 6 PM. Free outdoor concert featuring local artists. Bring a chair or blanket. Johnson Center for Community Arts & Education, 59 N. 100 W., Cedar City.

JULIE ROGERS GUEST ARTIST OPENING RECEPTION 4 PM-6 PM. Meet artist Julie Rogers at her opening reception featuring her renowned pioneer oils, watercolors, and pastels. Kolob Gallery, 111 S. Main St., Cedar City.

SAINT GEORGE FALL FESTIVAL 10 AM. Shop from local small businesses offering home decor, handmade crafts, clothing, and treats. Legacy Event Park, 5500 W. 700 S., Hurricane.

SAM RIDDLE 8 PM. Live country music in the showroom. Casablanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SMUTTASTIC BOOK FAIR 11 AM. Romance-focused book fair featuring over 60 authors, bookish vendors, and themed drinks. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: GEORGE STRAIT TRIBUTE 6:30 PM-8 PM. Enjoy a spectacular tribute to country legend George Strait by vocalist Rowdy McCarran. Sand Hollow Resort Rock Bowl, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

WILD WOMEN PAINT THE WEST EXHIBITION RECEPTION 6 PM-8 PM. Exhibition opening and sale featuring eight nationally known women artists, with hors d'oeuvres. Maynard Dixon Legacy Museum, 2200 S. State St., Mt. Carmel.

Saturday, September 12

DEALT A STRAIGHT BAND | LIVE MUSIC AT MAD MIKE'S BAR 6 PM-9 PM. Live rock, blues, and country music with no cover charge. Mad Mike's Bar & Grill, 551 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

DIXIE QUILT GUILD OPENING DAY 10 AM. Opening day of the new Guild season. Taylor Auditorium, Taylor Health Sciences Bldg., 1526 E. Medical Center Dr., St. George.

JORDAN MATTHEW YOUNG 8 PM. Live performance by Americana, country, and rock group Jordan Matthew Young, Top 3 finalist of The Voice Season 20. Buckskin Tavern, 2321 N. Main St., Fredonia, AZ.

MYSTIC HIGHWAY 7 PM. An electrifying tribute to the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival and John Fogerty. Doors open at 6 PM. Virgin River Event Center, 100 E. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite.

RED ACRE FARMS BURGERS BANDS & BIKES 2026 - SNARLIN YARNS 5:30 PM. Enjoy live music from Snarlin Yarns and delicious grass-fed burgers on the farm. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

ROCKSTAR KARAOKE 8 PM. Live rockstar karaoke in the showroom. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SATURDAY PAINTING DEMONSTRATION 10 AM. Live, outdoor painting demonstration by an artist from the Wild Women Paint the West collective. Thunderbird Gallery, 2200 S. State St., Mt. Carmel.

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Monday, September 14
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Tuesday, September 15
MAKE BOTANICAL PRINTS WITH GELLI PLATES WORKSHOP 10 AM–11:30 AM. A free, hands-on monoprinting workshop for adults 55+ taught by artist Lanell Dike. RSVP required. Kanab Senior Center, 172 E. 100 N. Bldg. A, Kanab..

MEET + MINGLE WITH URBAN SKETCHERS 3 PM–4:30 PM. Local and international sketchers gather to present and discuss the joy and process of urban sketching. Arrowhead Gallery, Lower Level, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

SONGS OF UTAH’S DIXIE CONCERT Musical celebration of Southern Utah and Dixie College heritage. Free admission. St. George Tabernacle, 18 S. Main St., St. George.

UTAH’S DIXIE EXHIBIT 11 AM–6:30 PM. Free historical exhibit featuring local community memorabilia and Utah Tech University artifacts. St. George Tabernacle basement, 18 S. Main St., St. George.

Wednesday, September 16
CEDAR CITY MUSIC ARTS: JOHN REISCHMAN & THE JAYBIRDS 7:30 PM. Unique performance blending original songs with Old-Time Appalachian and Bluegrass music. Heritage Center Theatre, 105 N. 100 E., Cedar City.

COWBOY POETRY OPEN MIC 6:30 PM. Open mic for cowboy poetry at the Mountain View Ranch Museum. Mountain View Ranch Museum, 10 S. 600 W., Parowan.

FREE COMMUNITY DAY AT UTAH TECH HPC 6 PM–10 PM. Enjoy free admission and community access to the Utah Tech University Human Performance Center. Utah Tech University, 291 S 700 E., St. George.

MIXTAPE REWIND 7:30 PM. Live music and retro hits at the CasaBlanca Showroom. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Thursday, September 17
AI NIGHTS AT VISTA: AI IN CREATIVE ARTS 6:30 PM. Community speaker event exploring artificial intelligence in the creative arts. Vista School Proscenium Theater, 585 E. Center St., Ivins.

ARROWHEAD GALLERY OPEN HOUSE 4 PM–6:30 PM. Meet artists Meaghan Gates and Colleen Gianatiempo and enjoy light refreshments. Arrowhead Gallery, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

DINING ON MAIN WINE PAIRING DINNER 5 PM–9 PM. Annual fine-dining experience pairing a five-course meal with estate-grown wines. RSVP via OpenTable. Wood Ash Rye, 25 W. St George Blvd. St. George.

GLENN GALLARDE PROJECT 6 PM. Enjoy an evening of live music with the Glenn Gallarde Project. Free admission, 21+. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

TEEN BOOK CLUB 3:30 PM. Teen Book Club meeting. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

TRIVIA 6 PM. Come with your crew and test your knowledge at our monthly trivia! Bucksin Tavern, 2321 N., Main St., Fredonia, AZ.

‘ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY’ FEATURING ALLEN STANLEY 7:30 PM. Enjoy original country music. George’s Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, September 18
A NEW ERA: THE INAUGURAL CONCERT 7:30 PM. Southwest Symphony opens its season with global sensation Steven Sharp Nelson of The Piano Guys. America First Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

LARA ASH & INFERNO 8 PM. Catch Lara Ash & Inferno live, with doors opening at 7 PM. Free admission, 21+. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: AC/DC TRIBUTE 6:30 PM–8 PM. High-voltage AC/DC tribute concert performed by San Diego’s ‘Noise Pollution’. Sand Hollow Resort Rock Bowl, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

Thursday, September 24
GREGG PETERSON BAND 6 PM. Enjoy live music from the Gregg Peterson Band. Free admission, 21+. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

‘ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY’ FEATURING LEW WINTER 7:30 PM. Enjoy original folk music with Lew Winter. George’s Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, September 25
CASAPOOLOOZA: Rick Wall, The Outlaw 8 PM. Live poolside concert featuring classic outlaw country vibes and storytelling. Doors open at 6:30 PM. CasaBlanca Resort Pool, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

FINAL FRIDAY ART WALK 5 PM–8 PM. Art, music, and demonstrations along University Blvd and local galleries. Artisans Gallery, 94 W. Center St., Cedar City.

MOVIE IN THE PARK: WICKED 7 PM. Free outdoor screening of the hit musical fantasy Wicked. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Vernon Worthen Park, 300 S. 400 E., St. George.

READER’S CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 3 PM. Book club meeting. Washington County Library System, 36 S. 300 W., Hurricane.

SUNSET CONCERT SERIES: TIM MCGRAW TRIBUTE 6:30 PM–8 PM. Vegas McGraw performs a stellar tribute to country star Tim McGraw in the Rock Bowl. Sand Hollow Resort Rock Bowl, 5662 W. Clubhouse Dr., Hurricane.

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Saturday, September 19
CEDAR CITY FARMERS MARKET - YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR DAYS 9 AM–1 PM. Youth age 17 or younger showcase and sell their handmade items and baked goods. Cedar City Design and Flooring, 2232 N. Main St., Cedar City.

FALL FUN CARNAVAL 10 AM–4 PM. Giant one-day fall carnival featuring mechanical bull, bounce houses, food trucks, and local vendors. Dixie Convention Center, 1835 S. Convention Center Dr., St. George.

JK STUDIOS LIVE 6 PM. The cast of JK! Studios performs a family-friendly night of comedy, sketches, and a parody musical. America First Performing Arts Center, 325 S. 700 E., St. George.

MESQUITE’S NIGHTLIFE IS ROCK’N AT THE ZONE 7 PM–10 PM. Dealt A Straight Band live at the newly reimagined ZONE Nightclub. No cover charge. The Zone Nightclub and Lounge, 792 W. Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite.

RADICAL WEST 8 PM. Enjoy a night of live music from Radical West. Doors open at 7 PM. Free admission, 21+. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Tuesday, September 22
OPEN MIC NIGHT FOR POETS & WRITERS 7 PM. Welcoming open mic night for sharing poetry and prose. The Book Bungalow, 94 W. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Wednesday, September 23
BA BA BOUND FILM PREMIERE 5:30 PM. Premiere of the short film ‘Ba Ba Bound’, made in Southern Utah, following a 10-year-old girl conquering her stutter. Performing Arts Campus, 905 S. Main St., St. George.

MIXTAPE REWIND: 70S FEATURING ROYALS 7 PM. Head back to the 70s for a night of disco and throwback favorites with Royals. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

POWER LUNCH: HUNTSMAN WORLD SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PREVIEW 11:30 AM. Chamber luncheon featuring a preview of the world’s largest multi-sport event for athletes 50 and over. St. George Area Chamber of Commerce, 136 N. 100 E., St. George.

Saturday, September 26
CASAPOOLOOZA: PLEASURE CRUISE 8 PM. Dance to the rhythm of Yacht Rock favorites Pleasure Cruise poolside, followed by an After Dark DJ in the showroom. Doors open at 6:30 PM. CasaBlanca Resort Pool, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

RA: BREAKFAST ON THE FARM 8:30 AM–11 AM. Come feed the farm animals and enjoy a fresh-cooked farm breakfast. Red Acre Farm, 2322 W. 4375 N., Cedar City.

SO O COMEDY IMPROV SHOW 7 PM. Family-friendly PG comedy improv show, followed by an R-rated show at 9 PM. Electric Theater Center, 68 E. Tabernacle St., St. George.

Tuesday, September 29
BINGO FUNDRAISER - CHAMBER FUNDRAISER 4:30 PM. Bingo fundraiser benefiting the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce. Virgin River Hotel & Casino, 100 Pioneer Blvd., Mesquite.

Wednesday, September 30
MIXTAPE REWIND: 90S FEATURING THE DROP DOWN 7 PM. Revisit the sounds of the 90s with The Drop Down. CasaBlanca Showroom, 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite.

Thursday, October 1
ORCHESTRA OF SOUTHERN UTAH: STORIES IN SOUND 7:30 PM. OSU’s Stories in Sound season opens with music that inspires imagination, celebrates tradition, and brings the community together. Cedar City.

‘ORIGINAL MUSIC ONLY’ FEATURING LISA MAC 7:30 PM. Enjoy original love songs and comic adventures with Lisa Mac. George’s Corner Restaurant and Pub, 2 W. St. George Blvd., St. George.

Friday, October 2
DOCUTAH PRESENTS: BEING ADOLF GASSER 7:30 PM. Professor and filmmaker John C. Aliano chronicles the significant impact of American hero Adolph Gasser. Kayenta Center for The Arts, 881 Coyote Gulch Ct., Ivins.

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WELCOME TO ZION NATIONAL PARK FROM ZION GUIDE

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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.

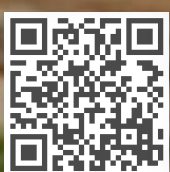
Check out Kolob Canyons & Kolob Terrace Road

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



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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 one of the most dramatic in the state. Stop at the many pullouts along the way to take in views of slickrock formations, bighorn sheep, and winding canyons.

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

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

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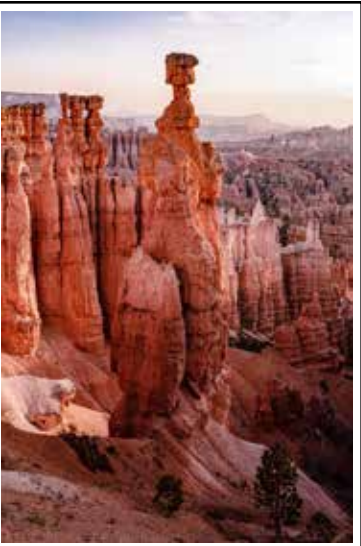
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Zion National Park Hiking Info

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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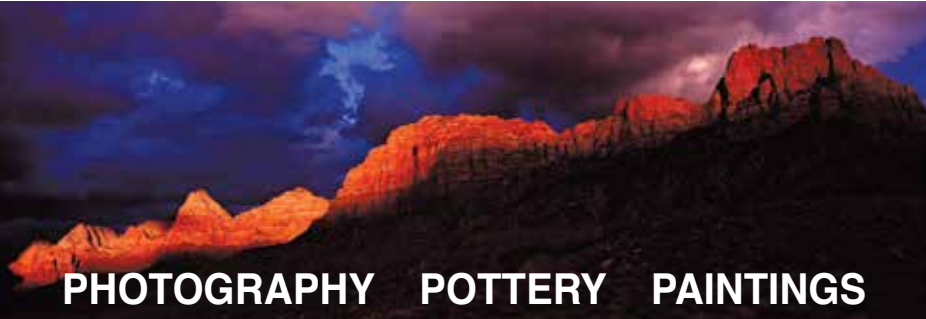
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Popular Zion Hikes

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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 can pose extra dangers depending on the weather. High water levels can prevent



Photo by David J. West

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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Less-Traveled Zion Hikes

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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.



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September 17, 2026—St. George, UT
Zion Vineyards finished its grape harvest exceptionally early this season, following an unusual heatwave in March that caused the fruit to ripen ahead of schedule. While the harvest typically extends well into September and sometimes October, the winery wrapped up operations before Labor Day. Despite the rapid timeline, anticipation remains high. Winery representatives noted that wine receives its signature flavors and colors from the amount of time the crushed grapes—collectively referred to as the must (consisting of the skins, seeds, and juice)—remain in contact with one another. This year's must boasts a robust character, high sugar content, and exceptionally rich flavors.

The early harvest coincides with Zion Vineyards celebrating two years of working closely with St. George restaurant Wood Ash Rye to host popular monthly wine pairing dinners. On Thursday, September 17, the winery will participate in the annual Dining on Main event, which closes Main Street from St. George Boulevard to the Tabernacle circle. This unique open-air dining experience will feature a five-course meal curated by the restaurant, with each course paired with a selected Zion Vineyards wine. Interested patrons can secure reservations online through OpenTable.

For those visiting the tasting room, the winery is welcoming two popular wines back to its tasting menu. The Tempranillo is a full-bodied, smooth-drinking selection that the winery describes as being like a



Cabernet meeting a Pinot Noir and having a baby. It features bold notes of cherry and cedar, intense dark fruits like blueberry, currants, and cassis, and savory aromas of butterscotch with a hint of smoke and lightly turned earth. It pairs exceptionally well with flat-iron steaks, classic tomato-based sauces, barbecue, and grilled meats, as well as dessert options like cherry cordials over amaretto ice cream or pecan pie. Also returning is the 2023 Primitivo, which is entirely estate-grown at the Leeds vineyard. Known as Italy's Zinfandel, this bold, rich, and fruit-forward wine bursts with blackberry, blueberry, black cherry, and plum, balanced by notes of anise, cinnamon, clove, dark chocolate, earthy pepper, and tobacco. It pairs wonderfully with classic red pasta dishes, sweet and spicy barbecue, short ribs, and roasted meats.

Located at 5 Hidden Valley Road in Leeds, Utah, just twelve miles north of St. George off Interstate 15, the Zion Vineyards tasting room is open seven days a week from noon to 6 PM. Reservations are not required for tastings. Additional details and online purchases are available at zionvines.com.

SCOTT PEMBERTON AND SGT. SPLENDOR HEADLINE ZION CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

September 25-26, 2026—Springdale, UT
The towering red sandstone cliffs of Zion Canyon will once again provide a spectacular backdrop for one of Southern Utah's most distinctive music events when the Zion Canyon Music Festival returns to Springdale on September 25–26, 2026. Celebrating its sixteenth year, the festival brings two full days of live music to the intimate and relaxed outdoor setting of the Bit & Spur backyard, located just outside the entrance to Zion National Park.

The 2026 lineup continues the festival's rich tradition of crossing musical boundaries with a diverse group of touring artists. Headlining Saturday night is Scott Pemberton O Theory, delivering a high-energy mix of funk, rock, blues, and improvisation. Renowned for his inventive guitar work and dynamic presence, Pemberton brings an unmistakable energy to the stage. Friday night features Sgt. Splendor, the captivating collaboration between singer-songwriters Kate Vargas and Eric McFadden. Their music blends Americana, rock, soul, and blues, combining powerful songwriting with compelling musicianship.

Also appearing throughout the weekend is Blu Egyptian, bringing an



eclectic, groove-driven mix of funk, jam, rock, Latin, and world music that is sure to encourage dancing in the outdoor venue. Rounding out the featured performers is Planck, presenting an adventurous sound that moves seamlessly between jazz, progressive rock, funk, and electronic influences.

Beyond the stage, festivalgoers can immerse themselves in the unique atmosphere of Springdale while enjoying local food, craft beer, wine, and cocktails. The event also showcases local artisan booths, making the Bit & Spur backyard the ultimate gathering point for discovery, dancing, and live music beneath the cliffs. Tickets and additional festival information are available online at ZionCanyonMusicFestival.com.

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September 25-26, 2026—Mt. Carmel Junction, UT
The sixteenth annual Carmel Mountain Car Show is returning to Mt. Carmel Junction from September 25 through September 26, 2026, offering car lovers and families a weekend of classic chrome and community celebration. Set against the beautiful red-rock backdrop of the Thunderbird Golf Course, this beloved Southern Utah tradition showcases a spectacular lineup of classic and custom cars, trucks, motorcycles, and vintage RVs.

The festivities kick off on Friday, September 25 with a scenic Poker Run starting at Hutch's Auto Parts CARQUEST in Kanab. The fun continues later that afternoon with the Party on the Green from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Thunderbird Golf Course. On Saturday, September 26, the main Car Show runs from 9 AM to 3 PM, featuring longtime Utah radio personality and car-show favorite J.C. Hackett, who will spin classic oldies and serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

This year's event offers several

unique highlights, including a chance for one lucky attendee to drive away in a classic 1936 Buick. Automotive fans can also meet popular YouTube builders and personalities, including FabRats, Merlin's Old School Garage, NavajoTash, 89 Built, and Chad's Fab. For those looking to see the red rocks from a new angle, helicopter rides will be available throughout the weekend. Additionally, the Utah Highway Patrol will present an interactive crash-safety experience to demonstrate seat-belt safety.

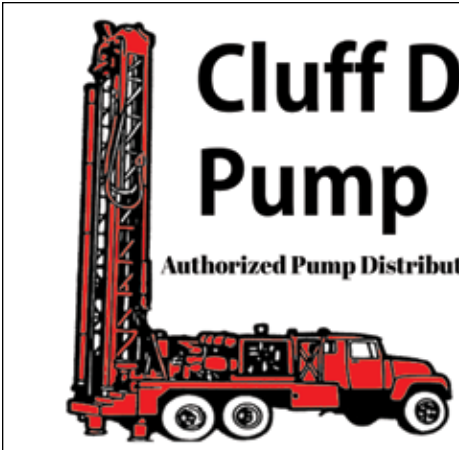
Beyond the vehicles, families can enjoy delicious food, local vendors, various contests, prizes, and the legendary Thunderbird Pie Eating Contest. Best of all, the event proudly supports the Wounded Warrior Project, helping give back to the nation's veterans. Whether you are a lifelong gearhead or just looking for a fun weekend in the canyons, the car show offers something memorable for everyone.



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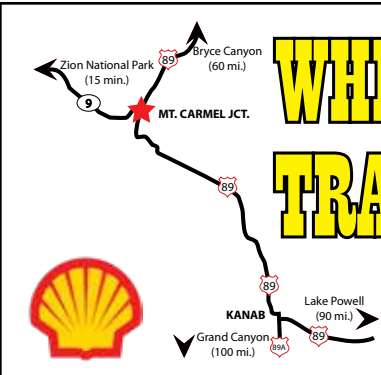
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Zion Area Annual Events

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

Zion Canyon Art Festival Autumn Art Walk (Springdale) – A self-guided arts experience inviting visitors to explore galleries, restaurants, shops, live music, artist demonstrations, and creative activations throughout Springdale on foot or by shuttle. 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 Oktoberfest (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

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Zion National Park Shuttle Info

The seasons are changing in Zion National Park! Every year, the National Park Service (NPS) adjusts shuttle schedules and campground availability throughout the year.

Here’s What You Need To Know To Plan Your Visit

- You do not need a ticket or reservation to ride the park shuttle or enter the park.
- During the shuttle season, visitors cannot

drive personal vehicles on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

- Shuttles arrive about every 10–15 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 pauses from November 29 through December 25, with holiday shuttle service resuming December 26 through

January 2.

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 November 28, then 8 AM from December 26 through January 2.
- Last bus departs Zion Canyon Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava at 7 PM through September 12, 6 PM from September 13 through October 24, 5 PM from October 25 through November 28, then 4:30 PM from December 26 through January 2.
- Last bus departs Temple of Sinawava to Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 8:15 PM through September 12, 7:15 PM from September 13 through October 24, 6:15 PM from October 25 through November 28, then 5:45 PM from December 26 through January 2.

Springdale Line

- First bus leaves the Hotel De Novo (Stop #9) at 8 AM throughout shuttle service.
- Last bus leaves Zion Canyon Village (Stop #1) at 8 PM through September 12, 7 PM from September 13 through October 24, 6 PM from October 25 through November 28, then 6 PM from December 26 through January 2.

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 reopened May 29, 2026, following a long-term rehabilitation project. Reservations are required and are available up to 14 days before arrival.

Lava Point Campground is about a one-hour drive from Zion Canyon and requires reservations. Reservations are available up to 14 days before arrival.

Visitor Center and Wilderness Permit Desk Hours

- Zion Canyon & Kolob Canyons Visitor Centers
- Zion Canyon Visitor Center is open 8 AM–7 PM through September 15, then 8 AM–5 PM beginning September 16.
 - Kolob Canyons Visitor Center is open 8 AM–noon and 1–5 PM.

Wilderness Permit Desks

- Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk: Open daily from 8 AM–5 PM.
- Kolob Canyons Wilderness Desk: Currently closed until further notice.

Attend a Zion Canyon Ranger-Led Patio Talk

Free ranger-led programs are offered throughout the year, with schedules changing seasonally. Check the current National Park Service ranger program calendar for available programs and times during your visit.

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.

Follow Leave No Trace practices everywhere in the park and beyond, and always pack out your trash.

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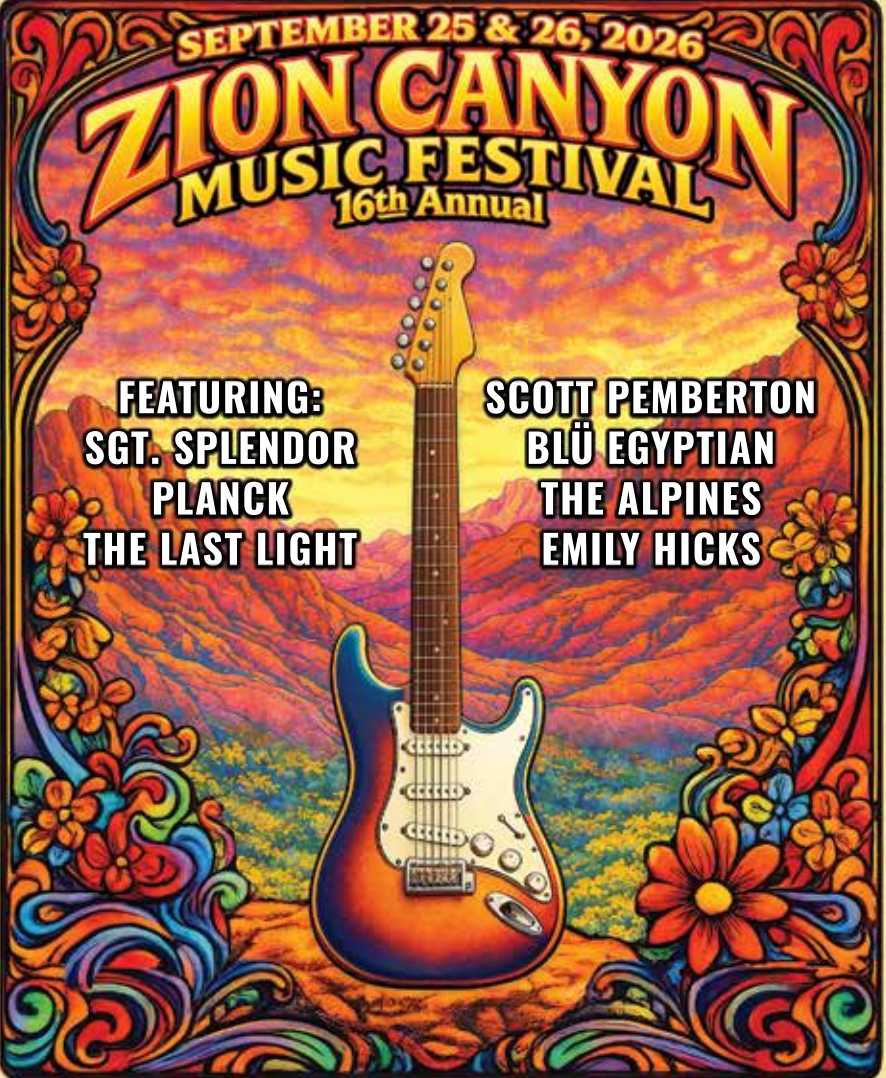
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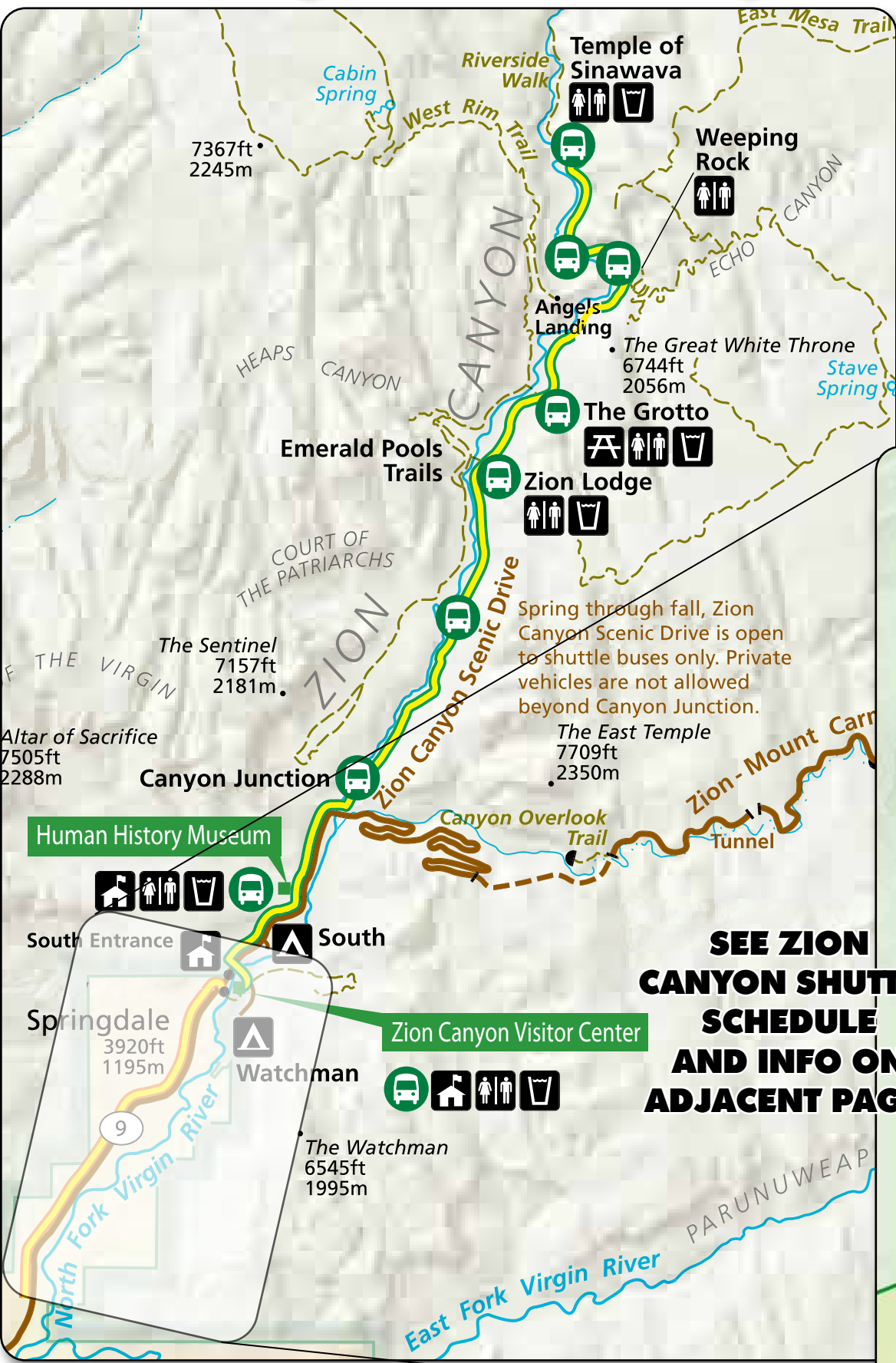
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BAKER - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and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

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

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

DEAD HORSE POINT - Dead Horse Point State Park is perhaps Utah's most spectacular state park. Dead Horse Point is a promontory of stone surrounded by steep cliffs near Moab. The overlook at Dead Horse Point is 6,000 feet above sea level. Two-thousand feet below, the Colorado River winds its way from the continental divide in Colorado to the Gulf of California, a distance of 1,400 miles. (435) 259-2614.

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ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Valley Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground is situated between both lakes and has 21 campsites and flush toilets. There is a boat ramp on Upper Enterprise Reservoir and several fishing areas around both reservoirs. Fishermen will find rainbow trout and smallmouth bass here. Fees are charged.



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

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

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

LAKE MEAD - Lake Mead National Recreation Area offers a wealth of things to do and places to go year-round. Its huge lakes cater to boaters, swimmers, sunbathers and fishermen,

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

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

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

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



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

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

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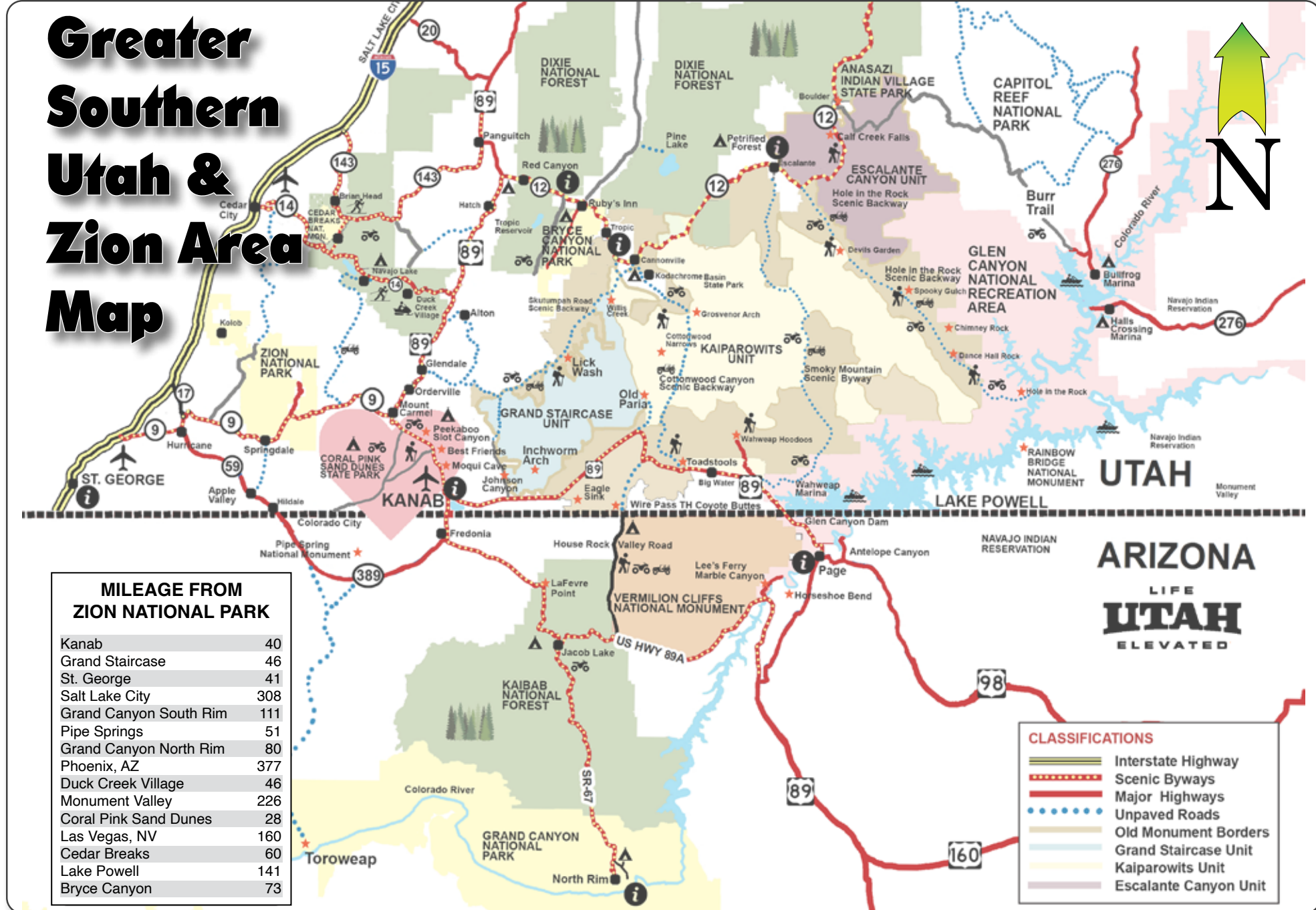
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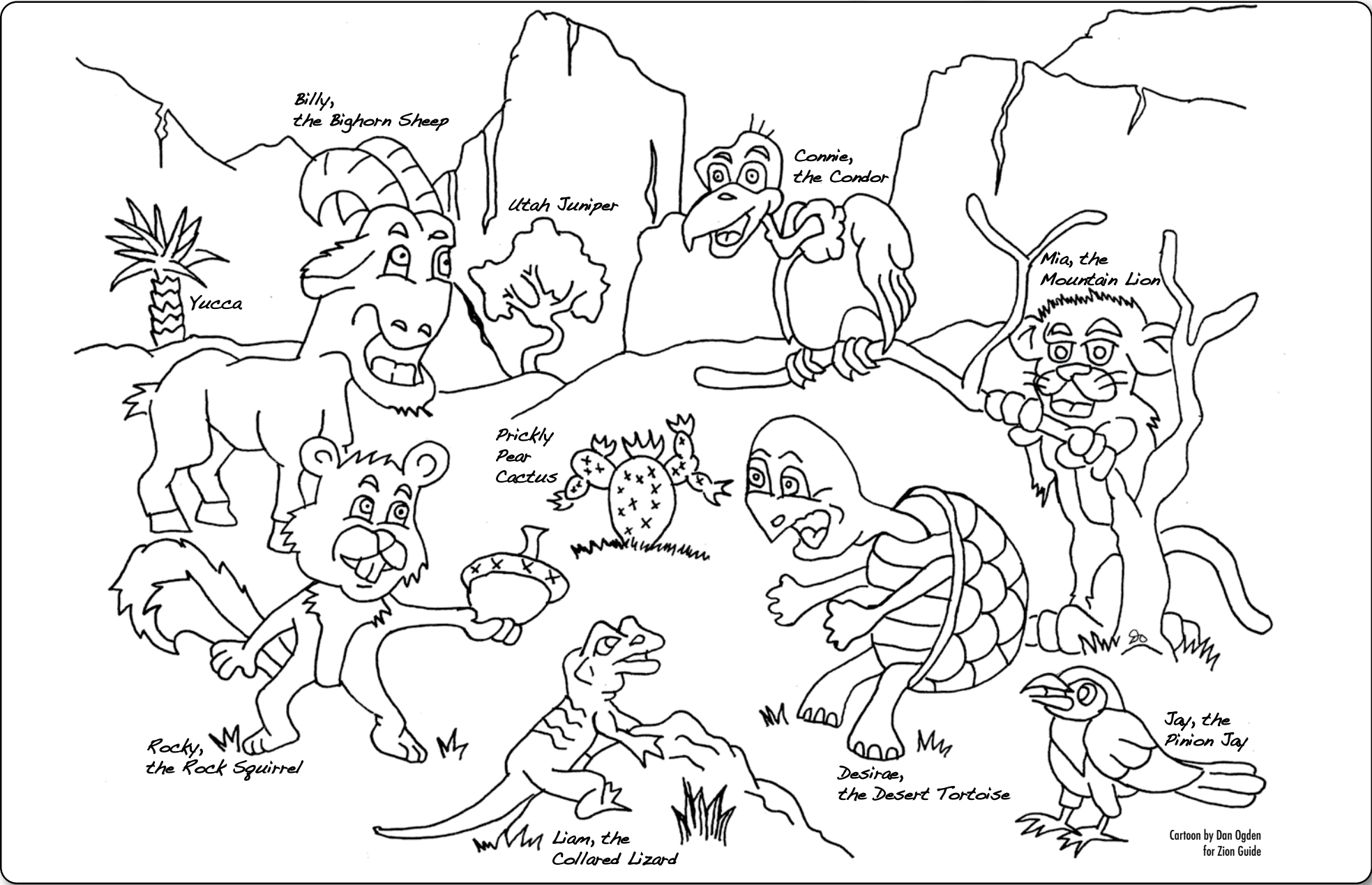
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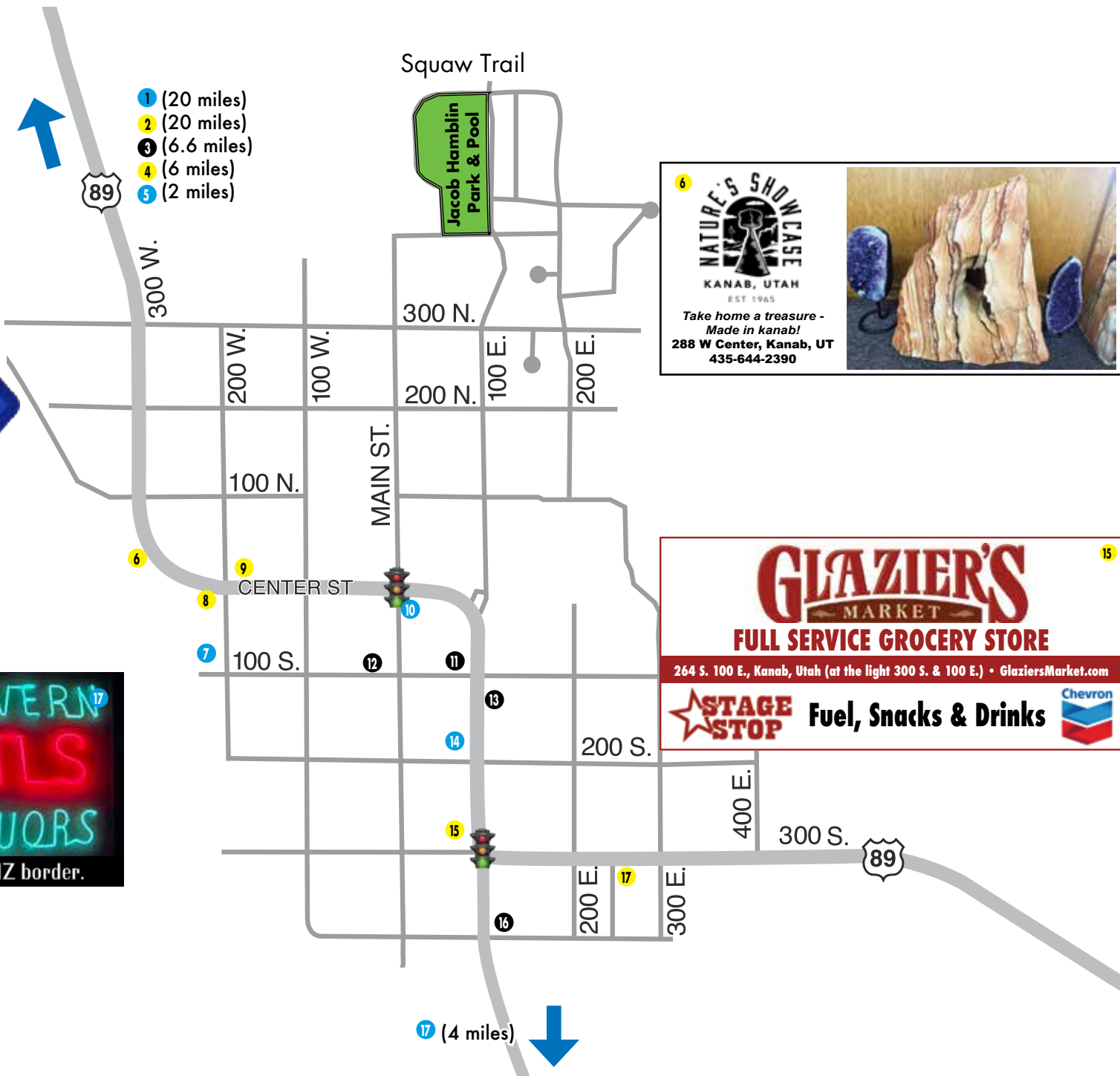
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Restaurants/Bars	(Listed Alphabetically)	Address	Phone	Drinks/Vegan	Hours	WI-FI
(W)ine, (B)eer, (M)ixed Drinks, (E)spresso, (V)egan items on menu						
7	Adria's Restaurant	86 S 200 W, Kanab	(435) 644-7800	W, B, M	8:30 AM - 2 PM Tues - Sun	Yes
17	Buckskin Tavern	2321 N Main, Fredonia, AZ	(928) 643-7094	W, B, M, V	Noon - Close	Yes
10	Jakey Leigh's	4 E Center St, Kanab	(435) 644-8191	E, V	7 Am - 2 PM Daily	Yes
5	Nomad Cafe & RV Resort	2400 N Hwy 89, Kanab	(406) 594-0294	E, V	6:30 AM - 2:30 PM Thurs - Mon	Yes
1	Soup Town	30 E State, Orderville	(435) 648-2370	V	11 AM - 5 PM Tues - Fri	Yes
14	Wild Thyme Cafe	198 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-2848	W, B, M, E, V	11:30 AM - PM Daily	Yes

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3 Best Friends Animal Sanctuary	5001 Angel Canyon Rd, Kanab	(435) 644-2001
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16 Hope Hyperbarics	395 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 689-1831
11 Kane County Visitors Bureau	78 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5033
12 Kanab Family Dental	76 E 100 S, Kanab	(435) 644-2719
Kayak The Colorado	Call for Info	(435) 275-2925
13 Ramsay Auto Service	115 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-8070

Shops (Listed Alphabetically)

15 Glazier's Market	264 S 100 E, Kanab	(435) 644-5029
17 Honey's Marketplace	260 E 300 S, Kanab	(435) 644-5877
9 Kanab Drug	176 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-3401
4 Moqui Cave	4581 US-89	(435) 644-8525
6 Nature's Showcase	288 W Center, Kanab	(435) 644-2390
2 The Rock Stop	385 W State St, Orderville	(435) 648-2747

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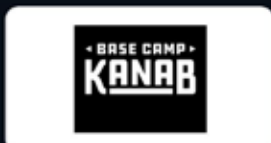
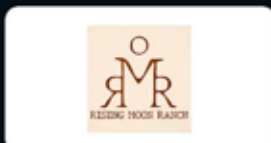
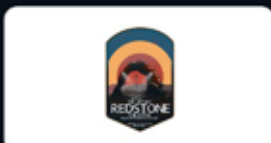


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