

# SOUTHERN UTAH

ADVENTURE GUIDE



**KANAB**  
MAGICALLY UNSPOILED

# THE "STORY"

**THE GREAT SPIRIT NOW SPEAKS IN THE SILENT WORDS OF THE WIND, RISING SUN AND SEASONS. HIS CHILDREN UNDERSTAND THE LAND THEY ARE BLESSED WITH, AND, WILL PROVIDE INSPIRATION TO THEIR CHILDREN FOREVER.**

– Anonymous



As the Great Spirit was building the mighty Rocky Mountains of North America, His toe caught on one of the tall peaks and He fell. Below him, the earth's tender surface was torn open and created a Grand Canyon. As he arose, the Great Spirit raised his Mighty Hand and caused the earth's surface to erupt into convoluted heaps of folds, wrinkles, and Grand Stair Steps. The Great Spirit paused and was pleased with His changing creation. Great care and much time were taken to organize and beautify the face of the earth lying around Him. He sent the inland sea of



Southern Utah away, which revealed the great rocks of the earth rising into incredible pillars, spires, and natural bridges. The land was shaped with His myriad snake canyons of Lake Powell, the colorful steps of the Grand Staircase, and undulating sandstone formations of Coyote Buttes. And of course: the Grand Canyon.

On the final day of his Creation, the Great Spirit created his greatest work of all. From the dust of the Earth, he formed Man, to have joy.

**"THE HUMAN SPIRIT NEEDS PLACES WHERE NATURE HAS NOT BEEN REARRANGED BY THE HAND OF MAN."**

– Wadi Rum

When you think you've seen it all, come to Southern Utah; intimate and unspoiled, a rugged epicenter of adventure with beauty to spare. The uncrowded spectacle of the Grand Canyon's North Rim, the towering pinnacles of Zion National Park, the bizarre hoodoos and rock amphitheaters of Bryce Canyon, the stark solitude of the 1-million-acre expanse of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, the beautiful water slot canyons of Lake Powell, and numerous other remarkable locations are all waiting to be seen. Southern Utah has the highest concentration of

natural wonders found anywhere on earth; there are colors out here they don't even have names for.

We invite visitors from around the world to come explore the countless treasures here. The year-round possibilities are endless. In fact, most visitors leave here feeling they needed much more time. Whatever your choice of adventure, from backcountry hiking, mule and horse treks, bicycling, canyoneering, ATV expeditions, watching a local rodeo or sight-seeing along our many Scenic Byways and Backways, your bucket list will soon be overflowing.



# WELCOME TO SOUTHERN UTAH

Be prepared to say "WOW" a lot!



**COME, STAY AWHILE. LET THE RED ROCK DIRT GET IN YOUR SHOES AND IN YOUR HEART. THE MAGICAL BEAUTY OF THIS UNSPOILED WILD REGION WILL STAY WITH YOU FOREVER.**

# TIPS FOR YOUR TRIP

Keeping You Happy, Healthy & Safe

Southern Utah is famous for its fabulous blue-sky weather throughout the year. It's also known for its great expanse of scenic roads and vast stretches of wilderness. If you haven't traveled here before, there are some important things to keep in mind.

## THE ESSENTIALS

Most of Southern Utah is desert so...be prepared for a true wilderness experience.

- Elevations change dramatically, so weather is variable. Keep an eye on regional weather reports and be prepared with appropriate clothes.
- Summer temperatures are hot and dry. The heat and sun can be relentless. Be realistic about planning your activities during summer months.



- WATER is very important. Whatever you are doing, drink water. If you are hiking, bring a minimum of one quart for every hour of hiking.
- There is minimal or no shade in many areas. Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses and umbrellas are important for protecting yourself from the sun.
- Footwear: much of the hiking is over slickrock, sand, and other challenging terrain. Don't spoil your fun by wearing sandals when you needed more sensible footwear.

## TRANSPORTATION DO'S & DON'TS

- NEVER take your two-wheel drive rental car "off pavement" – your rental contract forbids it, and our backcountry roads are often not well maintained.
- Dirt roads can become impassable in the rain. Check road conditions with local Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or Tourist Offices (listed in the back).
- Do not enter narrow canyons, slot canyons, or dry washes if the weather is bad. Even a storm that appears far off may quickly generate giant flash floods. This is not a safe situation.
- Don't trust your GPS or AAA maps. The rough backcountry roads through the Grand Staircase are not to be used as shortcuts.

- Mule deer, elk, and cows don't understand the "right-of-way" concept and can be dangerous. Drive slowly and stay alert, especially at dusk and during migrations.
- THERE IS NO CELL PHONE SERVICE in some areas. If you choose to explore backcountry roads understand that the "911" emergency number may be your only option for assistance and "911" calls are not always easily available despite reciprocal cell tower service.
- Remember: We have many great outdoor guides and outfitters that know this area like the back of their hand. They can add expertise to your adventure and guarantee your safety.
- The mile per kilometer conversion rate equals 1 mile to 1.6 kilometers

## PETS

Take Care of Your Best Friends Too!

- Leaving animals in extreme heat is very dangerous. Don't leave your pets in the car. Cracking a window or leaving the air conditioning running can't be relied on.
- Remember that asphalt and sand can be burning hot on Fido's paws.
- State parks, the national forests and BLM properties are dog-friendly. The national parks allow dogs only on a few select trails, with a leash no longer than 6 feet.



Southern Utah is a four season wonderland with everything from world-class scenery to world-famous hiking. Whatever your age, activity level or interests, we have much to offer. This Adventure Guide uses icons to help you easily identify the places offering what you are most interested in. Additional trip planning advice is available on [VisitSouthernUtah.com](http://VisitSouthernUtah.com). Click on "Calendar" and discover what special events are

happening during your visit. With over 40 special annual events, you are likely to find yourself in the midst of something special -- from a rodeo to a Balloon Fest! Join our social network family, "Visit Southern Utah" on Facebook or on Instagram @Abra\_Kanabra, and find us on YouTube and become part of our truly exciting, very wild west community. *All drive times are from Kanab basecamp.*



**HIKING**



**SWIMMING**



**SCENIC DRIVE**



**ATV/JEEP TOURS**



**GUIDED ACTIVITIES**



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**PHOTO OPS**



**PETRO/PICTO SITES**



**HORSE/MULE TREKS**



**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING/  
SNOWSHOEING**



**CANYONERING**



**STAR GAZING**



**BICYCLING**



**WINTER ACTIVITIES**



**FISHING**



**SLOT CANYONS**

# ICONS FOR USING THIS GUIDE

# "BASECAMP" KANAB

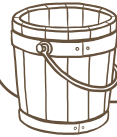
A Magical "Abra Kanabra" Type of Place

Situated right in the heart of TEN of America's Most Scenic Wonders, friendly Kanab is the perfect base camp for exploring the astounding Colorado Plateau. Unpack once and be free to explore three national parks, five national monuments, a renowned national recreation area, and two national forests, as well as a great many colorful local attractions. Kanab has a variety of accommodations, ranging from luxury hotels to intimate bed & breakfasts, and food as varied as chuck wagon cookout grub to fine dining. For your daily expeditions, Kanab has some of the best outdoor guides & outfitters in Southern Utah, ready to take you and your family on the adventure of a lifetime: canyoneering, horseback riding, exploring slot canyons, or those "secret" hard-to-reach places. Make arrangements for backcountry hiking, ATV tours, star parties, and even professional photographic tours. As if all of that isn't enough, the famous Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is just a few miles from the center of town, with free tours and volunteer opportunities. Check in with the Office of Tourism and the Grand Staircase-Escalante Visitor Center for details on all these attractions and more.



## BUCKET LIST

Join a parade! Kanab has absolutely the best hometown Western-style parades in the nation, and we use any and every excuse to march up and down Center Street. Ask our friendly travel office about float committees – you might find yourself in pioneer costume parading down Center Street.



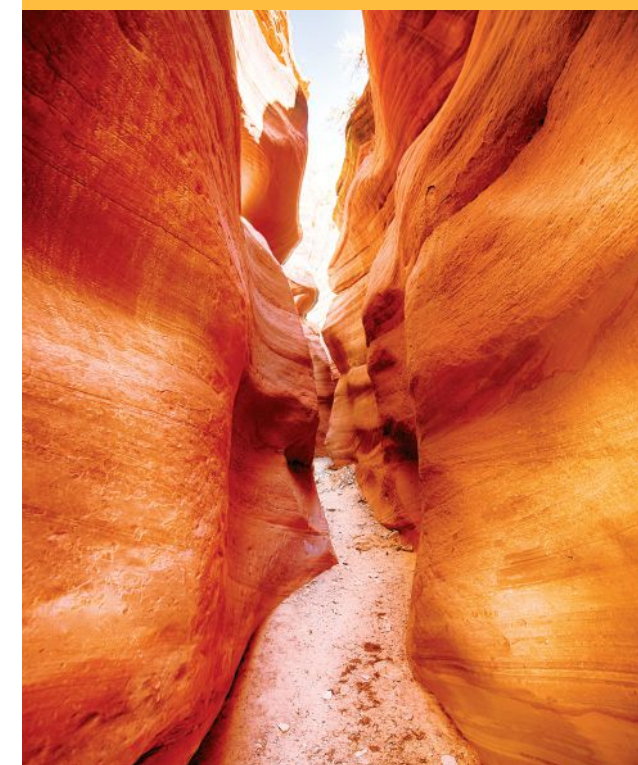
There is no better place to call your "home-away-from-home" while visiting the greatest concentration of natural wonders in the world. Kanab is indeed **Magically Unspoiled.**

## GREAT HIKES

**EASY TO CHALLENGING:** The Kanab Trails System has a great variety of trails easily accessible from town, ranging from sandy desert flats to steep canyon inclines, great views, diverse terrain and dog friendly.

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Enjoy a tremendous slot canyon without being rushed by a crowd. One of our local gems is Red Canyon or as the locals call it, Peek-a-Boo. Best approached by 4-wheeling on sand, the trip culminates with the thrill of a stroll through a glorious passage of brilliant, rippled, and fluted rock that will tantalize photographer and hiker alike. A must-do! Local guides are available.





# NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON

Mysterious, unspoiled...incredibly special Drive Time = 90 min.



Over five million people a year come to enjoy this astounding 277-mile rift known as the Grand Canyon. The good news for visitors desiring a more private experience in one of the world's seven natural wonders is that the North Rim receives only 10% the number of visitors of the South Rim. Wilderness still surrounds you here - even entering the North Rim you travel deep through the fragrant Kaibab National Forest. Move slowly so you don't disturb the wildlife! Standing at about 8,000 feet, the North Rim remains a peaceful destination still possessing a unique sense of raw American splendor.

The classic 1930's Grand Canyon Lodge provides excellent dining and classic cabins. Kick back on the comfy hand-made Adirondack rocking chairs on the patio, and enjoy unsurpassed views across the 10 mile stretch of the Grand Canyon gorge.

There are about 30 miles of scenic roads along the North Rim, as well as a rich diversity of trails ranging from easy to athletic. The picturesque Cape Royal drive starts north of the Grand Canyon Lodge with views across famous buttes and peaks like Woton's Throne and Vishnu Temple. The aptly named Point Imperial crowns the highest point on the canyon rim with views across the glorious Painted Desert. The road to awe-inspiring Point Sublime rewards visitors with one of the best 180 degree vantage points in the canyon.

Riding a sure-footed mule led by experienced wranglers is a memorable way to further explore the Grand Canyon.

Remember to take the time to be still and listen; listen to the way a breeze blows through the trees and the unmistakable 5-note staccato song of the canyon wren. This is the canyon's irresistible lure.

## GREAT HIKES

**EASY:** Bright Angel Point is a must-see for its exceptional views into the deep recesses of the canyon below.

**CHALLENGING:** The incredibly "beautiful and fantastic" North Kaibab Trail is the only maintained trail descending to the Colorado River. The five mile hike down to Roaring Springs offers unique views down and across the Canyon gorge.

## LOCAL FAVORITE

At 3,000 vertical feet above the Colorado River, the sheer drop from Toroweap Overlook offers a dramatic view. It is located in a remote area on the North Rim so is best visited with a local outdoor guide, 4x4 high clearance vehicles are a must! It is an unbelievable experience.

## BUCKET LIST

Have the experience of a lifetime and get a permit to do an overnight at the rustic Phantom Ranch at the bottom of the Canyon. Hike (or ride a mule) all the way down to the Colorado River. Expect to see exhilarated rafters boating by before you bed down in the heart of the quiet Canyon.







# ZION NATIONAL PARK



Utah's Oldest and Most Popular Park Drive Time = 40 min.

Voted one of the best places to hike in America, enchanting Zion shows off the best of nature's power and delicate beauty. The red and white walls of Navajo sandstone from the Jurassic Era rise 2,000 feet to the sky. Discovering Zion means discovering secret waterfalls draped with hanging gardens, world-famous slot canyons, natural arches and other marvels.

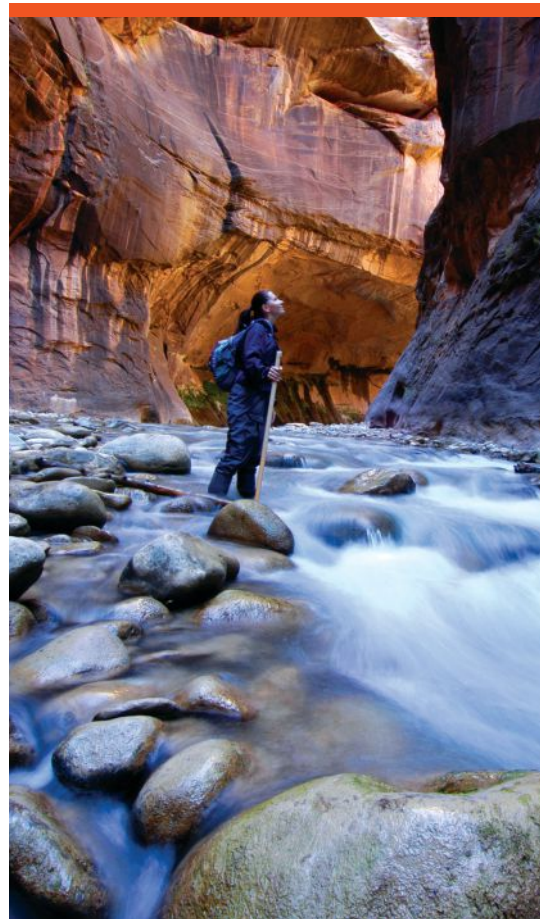
Entering Zion from Mount Carmel Scenic Byway (East Gate), you will immediately find yourself overwhelmed by fantastic rock formations. Curious big-horn sheep may stare at you as you drive past. Just before entering the historic Zion Tunnel, pull over for your first rewarding hike: The Canyon Overlook – a short, steep hike with dramatic views. Enjoy your drive through the historic 1.1-mile tunnel, taking in teasing views from the giant slot 'windows' looking down into the canyon below. Continue zig-zagging along the switchbacks and pause at pull-outs with awesome views.

Convenient and *free* shuttle buses will be waiting at the Visitor's Center to take you into the park: past the Virgin River, narrowing canyons, and soaring plateaus of Zion. Each bus stop is the beginning of a great hiking adventure.

Must-see sites include The Grotto and The Court of the Patriarchs. The Temple of

Sinawava (named after a Paiute Coyote God) is an entire jaw-dropping amphitheater. The Great White Throne is an immense monolith and a popular challenge for experienced rock climbers. Weeping Rock is an overhanging blind arch which "rains" every day of the year. Trails range from easy interpretive trails, to the challenging, jaw-dropping Angel's Landing – making Zion a mecca for adventure.

Strap on your boots, remember your camera, and be prepared for a place that amazes! You'll soon find yourself running out of superlatives.



## BUCKET LIST

Observation Point from East Zion.

Hike to Observation Point from Zion

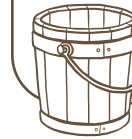
Ponderosa Resort for a spectacular

view of Zion Canyon below. This

6-mile round trip hike takes you to

new heights as you overlook Angels

Landing and other notable hikes on



the canyon floor.

## GREAT HIKES

**EASY:** Emerald Pools has small streams and waterfalls with a view of Mountain of the Sun. Make the short hike to Upper Emerald Pool to see a majestic 30-foot waterfall.

**CHALLENGING:** Angels Landing! This steep 1400-foot spine-tingling climb is one of the ten most famous and thrilling hikes in the national parks system. Imagine the adrenaline rush of the steep climb up "Walter's Wiggles" – the last stretch to the top demands gripping a secure chain as sheer cliffs drops 1200 feet on one side and 800 feet on the other. Not for the faint of heart!



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# BRYCE CANYON

“Hoodoo-iferous” Drive Time = 90 min.

No place on earth looks like Bryce Canyon.

Among the deeply carved ravines of Bryce Canyon are countless ridges, or fins, eroded into bizarre flame-colored towers known as hoodoos. The Paiute Indians described them as “red rocks standing like the men they were before Coyote punished them.” Now, this forest-like landscape of extreme rock formations is best described as being – well, simply “hoodoo-iferous.”

Red Rock Canyon, on Scenic Byway 12, is your sneak peek into the wonders waiting ahead. In Bryce, there are 14 spectacular viewpoints best viewed by driving to the end of the road (Rainbow Point), then working your way back, stopping to enjoy each unique overlook. Sunset View has the finest views. Sunrise Point has facilities such as a nature center, lodge, and general store. A free shuttle runs all day throughout the park if you want to leave your car at the Visitor Center.



The broad vista of Bryce Amphitheater is best seen from Inspiration Point and is magical throughout the year. Names of the formations match the wild imagination that seems to be at play here: Lacey Wall of Windows, The Alligator, Hat Shop, Thor’s Hammer, Fairyland Point, and even a Five Naked Guys in the Shower formation.

You can best appreciate the canyon’s maze of outlandish pillars on foot. Plenty of trails from one-hour hikes to all day adventures, allow for exploring the odd landscape. Starting at the Navajo Loop Trail sign, the Peekaboo – Queens Garden Loop has arches and hoodoos galore. Three other popular trails in Bryce are The Hat Shop, Swamp Canyon Loop, and Tower Bridge. The eight-mile Fairyland Loop Trail is considered strenuous and takes you through spectacular scenery. The quietest trail is the one to The Hat Shop and beyond, starting from Bryce Point.

## BUCKET LIST



Take a two or four hour horseback ride down into the magical amphitheaters.



## GREAT HIKES

**MODERATE TO CHALLENGING:** The rewarding Under-the-Rim-Trail, along the plateau edge with brilliantly colored cliffs and hoodoos, has day hiking or multi-day treks with camping. Bring your muscles or bring a tent. Try looking UP at the park’s colorful ramparts!

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Sunset Point is one of the major lookouts at Bryce Canyon, but Shutterbugs beware – Sunset Point faces east. Sunrise, not sunset, is the best time to photograph the vibrant colors.



# GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT

Drive Time = Begins at Kanab's doorstep

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument boundaries were modified by presidential proclamation in December 2017 which reduced the size of the overall monument and separated the monument into three distinct units: Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and Escalante Canyon.

The three units include a vast treasure chest of geologic and other natural wonders. Over 250 million years of Earth's geologic history reveals itself in the technicolor cliffs within the monument. The land is among the most remote in the country being the last to be mapped in the contiguous United States. The monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management rather than the National Park Service. This was the first national monument managed by the BLM.

The original monument encompassed nearly 1.9 million acres (the monument was slightly larger in area than the state of Delaware). After the reduction ordered by presidential proclamation, the monument now encompasses just over 1 million acres.

**The Grand Staircase unit** is the western part of the monument which includes the Paunsaugunt Plateau bordering the Paria River and is adjacent to Bryce Canyon National Park. This section shows the geologic progression of the Grand Staircase. Visitors can access this unit from Johnson Canyon Road and Skutumpah Road. Features include the slot canyons of Bull Valley Gorge, Willis Creek, and Lick Wash.

**The Kaiparowits Plateau unit** is the large, elevated landform which makes up the largest portion of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Its extension to the southeast, Fifty-Mile Mountain, runs nearly to the Colorado River and Lake Powell. An extension of the plateau's high terrain is known as Smoky Mountain. Visitors can access this part of the monument on the Cottonwood Canyon road or Smoky Mountain road.

**The Escalante Canyon unit** is the northeastern unit of the monument. It is bordered by the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area on the east and south. The popular hiking, backpacking, and canyoneering areas include the slot canyons of Peekaboo, Spooky and Brimstone Canyons, and the backpacking areas of lower Coyote Gulch and Harris Wash. Devil's Garden is also located in this area. Access is via the Hole-in-the-Rock Road which extends southeast from the town of Escalante, along the base of Fifty-Mile Mountain.

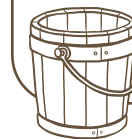
## GREAT HIKES

Just 10 miles outside of Kanab is scenic Johnson Canyon. After 16 miles of pavement, the road turns to dirt and the Skutumpah Road will take you into magical places like Lick Wash and Willis Creek slot canyons.



## BUCKET LIST

Visit all four of the themed visitor centers bordering the Monument. Kanab hosts the Archaeological/Geologic Center. Big Water is home to a fascinating Paleontology exhibit. The Cannonville Visitor Center explains the early Paiute and Pioneer life. Escalante Visitor Center shares scientific discoveries in botany, ecology, and biology.



## LOCAL FAVORITE

Visitors wishing to explore the Monument have numerous driving and hiking choices. The roads are unpaved and the condition varies. Always check with local Visitor Centers beforehand. A favorite hike is the Cottonwood Narrows. The trail begins off Cottonwood Canyon Road.



Millions of years in the making, Vermilion Cliffs National Monument is the second “step” up in the five-step Grand Staircase of the Colorado Plateau. Remote and unspoiled, the 280,000-acre monument contains a wide variety of landscapes including the Paria Plateau, Vermilion Cliffs, Coyote Buttes, and Marble Canyon. The history here is as rugged as the surrounding wilderness; paths originally laid by early 19th-century Mormon pioneers are now part of the public roads along this wilderness including historic Highway 89. Lee’s Ferry, a popular place with scenic hiking and history, gained its name from Mormon, John D. Lee, who established the first Colorado River crossing at this point using two of John Wesley Powell’s abandoned river crafts. The infamous Lee’s colorful story is part of the attraction here. Now, guided fishing and exciting rafting trips suitable for all skill levels are available.

The world-famous **WAVE HIKE**, found at Coyote Buttes North, is the star attraction of the Vermilion Cliffs. It is a wild playground of ancient sandstone named for its soft, rounded wave-like contours and flowing streaks of red, orange and gold. Imagine drifting across hot waves of glowing sand in a prehistoric desert when you visit – that’s what this place was 200 million years ago.

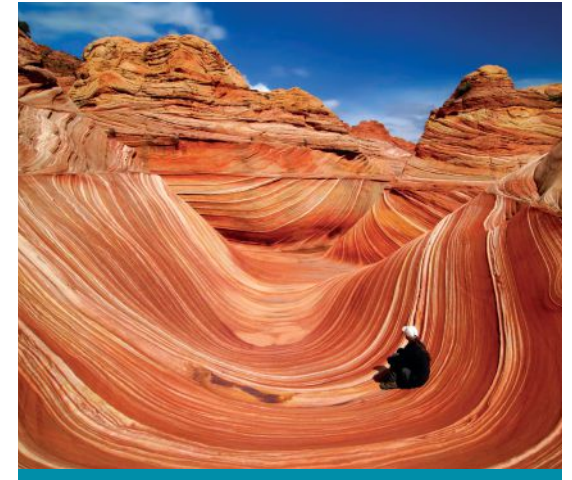
Due to the WAVE’s appeal and its fragile nature, permits are limited and can only be

obtained through a lottery. Ask one of our visitor center hosts or visit our website for information.

**WHITE POCKET** is even more stunning – and does not require a permit. Hiking here is a fantasyland of giant “tortoise shells,” swirling peach-colored taffy, and colliding waves of bizarre rock formations. You will quickly run out of superlatives here. Perhaps the most beautiful time to visit White Pocket is after the rain when small pools of water reflect the blue of the sky and clouds and the surrounding cacophony of color. Unless you have an ATV or high-clearance 4x4, it is advised that you make arrangements with one of the several local outdoor guides to take you there.

### BUCKET LIST

Buckskin Gulch is the longest, deepest slot canyon in the Southwest (and probably the world) – a 23-mile gash carved through the desert. High sandstone walls and a narrow, twisting corridor create a wonderland environment with stupendous plays of sunlight throughout. It can be a short hike out of Wire Pass or a serious multi-day hike. Some scrambling, canyoneering, and water passages put this on the top of many hikers’ must-do list.



### LOCAL FAVORITE

The Marble Canyon Area where Highway 89A crosses the Colorado River holds many stunning wonders easily enjoyed from your car or on a short hike. Don’t miss seeing where early Americans and pioneers built “cabins” into the eroding crevices and caves found around bizarre sandstone pillars topped with oversized boulders. Fascinating! As you cross Navajo Bridge keep your eyes open for rafters enjoying the mighty Colorado River and for the enormous condors that make the bridge their home.

### GREAT HIKES

**CHALLENGING:** The Paria River Canyon ranks among the world’s great treks: a premier 38-mile canyon-country trek. This four to six day permitted adventure is a dream for serious outdoor enthusiasts.





# LAKE POWELL/GLEN CANYON NRA

Glorious Lake Powell is a water sport paradise Drive Time = 75 min.

Lake Powell is a premier destination for sightseers and watersport enthusiasts stretching across Utah and Arizona. The deep blue water of this man-made wonder, (the second largest man-made reservoir in the United States) is framed by soaring red peaks. Over 90 major canyons are accessible only by watercraft. It has a shoreline longer than the entire West Coast of the United States. The rugged landscape surrounding the great lake is surprisingly free of tourist businesses. Despite a large number of enthusiastic visitors, there is always a deserted sandy cove or hidden canyon waiting just around the corner.

There are many exciting ways to explore Lake Powell. Enjoy the best water sports imaginable, from powerboats, jet skis, wave runners, knee boards, ski-tubes, and paddleboards. Kayaking is a great way to explore the secret grandeur of Lake Powell – paddle to Hidden Passage! Lovely Lone Rock is a good place to swim and enjoy primitive camping on a sandy beach.



Consider taking a paddle-board lesson and touring inspiring side canyons like the remarkable Hidden Passage. Like to fish? Lake Powell offers some of the nation's best fishing for bass, walleye, catfish, crappie and northern pike.

If you like a little more comfort, rent a charming houseboat at Wahweap or Bullfrog Marina for a totally unforgettable adventure. Nothing is like a sunrise or an evening floating on Lake Powell as the bright sun rises and flares against surrounding peaks of rock.

Lake Powell and much of the surrounding area is part of the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The out of the world landscape is graced with spectacular views, unique geology, and evidence of 10,000 years of human history. The Burr Trail and Hole in the Rock Road are only two of the many backcountry scenic drives. Adventurous ATV expeditions and horse treks on well-trained mounts, are great ways to fully

## GREAT HIKES

**MODERATE:** Wiregrass Canyon, between mile markers 7 and 8 outside the Big Water Visitor Center. Pour-offs and pools make the six-mile round-trip in Wiregrass Canyon a dream. Scope two newly revealed natural rock bridges that will have you craning your neck in wonder.

## BUCKET LIST

Lake Powell is America's Best Houseboating Destination. You'll be on a watery wonderland adventure like no other. Imagine all the cozy comforts of home surrounded by glorious, romantic, and inviting Lake Powell. Play all day and enjoy the stars from your candlelit deck at night.



experience a surreal landscape frequently used in movies like *John Carter*, *Gravity*, and *Planet of the Apes*.

On your way to Lake Powell from Kanab, stop and stretch your legs on a short hike to the fantastic Paria Toadstool Hoodoos. Indulge the kids in your family and yourself! by visiting the Grand Staircase-Escalante Visitor Center in Big Water and have fun learning about paleontology and dinosaurs.

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Take a ferry: Relax and enjoy the view from the deck of the ferry crossing between Bullfrog Marina and Halls Crossing. Walk or drive on board. After the half-hour crossing you'll find picnic areas, gift shops, campgrounds and water sport rentals. It's a nice, uncomplicated way to spend time on the water.



# DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Expansive National Forests Drive Time = 30 min.

Be ready to pull your camera out for images of the rugged, rainbow-hued landscape that is the heart and soul of the largest national forest in Utah. Imagine hiking and viewing astounding scenery while surrounded by profound quiet. Plan on riding horseback or ATV, snowmobiling, hunting, canoeing, or swimming. Pack a picnic and go fishing in lovely little lakes and streams. Dixie National Forest provides glorious alpine mountain bike riding amidst aspen trees and mounds of lava rock. Wildlife, including deer, elk, mountain lion, and numerous bird species thrive here. Hawks and eagles soar overhead while antelope cautiously wander the meadows.

Gorgeous Cedar Mountain is the crown jewel of the Dixie National Forest. A fascinating place for outdoor exploration. Cedar Breaks National Monument at the 10,000-foot summit



of Dixie National Forest is like a miniature Bryce Canyon, complete with colorful hoodoos. The gnarly Bristlecone Pine trees at this high elevation are among the world's oldest living things; some have lived up to 5,000 years! The wildflower shows in the high meadows are simply amazing and Navajo Lake is a natural reservoir for winter runoff. From the lake, water has percolated through the lava floor creating a natural tunnel that eventually flows out as the spectacular Cascade Falls, a fantastic "must-do" hike.

## BUCKET LIST

Hike or mountain bike the famous Virgin River Rim Trail. This challenging 32 mile trail winds through some of the most spectacular scenery in Southern Utah. Descend through verdant high altitude forests and stunning pink cliffs overlooking Zion National Park.



## LOCAL FAVORITE

Witness Strawberry Point Overlook at sundown. Described as being "the most beautiful place on the planet to be – there is nothing more majestic."

You will be astounded by groves of aspen trees that have won a battle against the mounds of lava rock dominating Cedar Mountain, the fluttering delicate green leaves of aspen "quakies" contrast against the white trunks. In fall, the forest flickers with the changing color of the leaves – shimmering reds, golds, and yellows demand attention. Traveling Highway 14 in the fall is breathtaking.

This is a place that inspires!



## GREAT HIKES & BIKING

EASY TO MODERATE: Don't miss Navajo Lake and the Navajo Lake Loop Trail. In summer and fall, this alpine jewel has cool temperatures, splendid scenery, and lots of recreational opportunities. Backcountry trails, rustic lodges, watercraft and the Cascade Falls Trail nearby make this location a treasure.



# KAIBAB NATIONAL FOREST

Drive Time = 30 min. Expansive National Forests

## GREAT HIKES

**MODERATE:** The 12-mile Navajo Trail is an old Indian and sheepherding trail traversing pinion and juniper forests. Open to hikers and equestrians.

**MODERATE TO INTERMEDIATE:** The Kaibab Plateau Trail. The oldest section of the 750 mile-long Arizona National Scenic Trail rests within the Kaibab National Forest. The 15-mile trail passes through different environments (woodlands, sagebrush and grassland, lush meadows, Ponderosa pine forests and aspen groves) and has dramatic views of Saddle Mountain Wilderness, House Rock Valley and Marble Canyon.

## LOCAL FAVORITE

At an elevation of 7,500 feet, Crazy Jug Point is a breathtaking overlook of the Grand Canyon promising exceptional solitude as well as a view. Peer down into Crazy Jug Canyon, the Tapeats Amphitheater, and Colorado River. A great picnic site.



Canyon. Some trails are easy; others offer a greater challenge. Be ready; commonly seen wild animals include whitetail and Kaibab Mule Deer, elk, antelope, turkey, condors, coyote and elusive bobcats and of course, the distinctive white-tailed and tassel-eared Kaibab squirrel. Certain marked trails are available for use by ATV/OHV and Jeep. Spend some serious time here; stay in a historic cabin, or at one of many pet-friendly developed campgrounds. Primitive backcountry "dispersed" camping in virtually undisturbed landscapes provide an excellent way to fully experience the intimate beauty of unspoiled nature.

Autumn foliage is spectacular and winter brings a variety of outdoor activities: "think white" and go cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, tubing, or snowmobiling.

The rich resources of the Kaibab Plateau have been accessed by humans for over 11,000 years. Discover prehistoric stone houses and historic cabin foundations that remain throughout the North Kaibab Ranger District. Hike the Big Springs Trail to a silky waterfall local Hopi consider sacred. Enjoy the abundant, hidden gems here. Information on these sites and on Learning Center activities are available at the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center.

The 1.6 million acre Kaibab Forest is the gateway to the Grand Canyon. Visitors approaching the Grand Canyon from any of the major roads pass through the verdant meadows and rich woodlands of the Kaibab. Don't be surprised when you see herds of bison with their noses down in the grass. The Kaibab is an uncrowded landscape nestled on the Colorado Plateau and bisected by the Grand Canyon. Beginning in sage and grasslands at lower levels and rising to over 10,000 feet on top of Mt. Kendrick, this region is a wonderland of wildlife, diverse landscapes, and a multitude of outdoor activities.

Hikers and riders will find solitude and over 300 miles of trails to explore. Some trails hug the rim of the Grand

## BUCKET LIST

Take off on your mountain bike: The Rainbow Rim Trail meanders 18 miles along the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. A highly popular single-track mountain bike ride, the trail connects five prominent overlook points with great views down into the Grand Canyon – rough camping is available at each overlook. This trail is also available to equestrians.



# CORAL PINK SAND DUNES

State Park Drive Time = 30 min.



Imagine a giant 3,000 acre 'sand box' of wind-blown dunes. The sun bounces off this shifting sea of bright salmon colored sand all day. Shafts of late afternoon light play a final, fiery magic show as the sun is setting. The darkened playground grows silent except for the occasional coyotes. Slowly millions of brilliant lights glow in the dark sky above, illuminating the sweeping hills of sand.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes stands as one of the most unusual state parks, framed by the colorful Moquith Mountain and an exceptionally blue sky, decorated by Pinons, Junipers, Ponderosa Pines, and wildflowers of many kinds.

Coral Pink is a four season, multiple-use, family-oriented park. Most of the dunes are open for motorized use: ATV's, Dune Buggies, Dirt Bikes and off-road vehicles of all types are welcome to play here. Photographers and nature lovers take pleasure in the non-motorized area. The

## BUCKET LIST

Explore unusual pictographs. Hire a Guide and head out on an ATV/OHV to South Fork Indian Canyon and Hell Dive Canyon. Scenery is gorgeous, including the views from Moquith Mountain.



Canyoneers will be delighted by spectacular hanging gardens, and, ancient pictographs.

new sport of sandboarding is perfect for Coral Pink. Thrill seekers can "shoosh" down the mountains of soft sand on specially designed boards (available for rent) as if they were on "pink snow" -- no lift pass or parka required.

The night skies at Coral Pink are among the darkest on the continent and stargazing on clear nights is a remarkable experience. The Coral Pink Kids 'Junior Ranger' program for children ages 6-12 combines playing in the sand with learning.

Facilities at the park include a modern campground with showers, dump station, year-round water, restrooms, visitor center, ATV staging area, and an awesome observation deck.

The Harris Mountains just north of the Park offers stunning views of the great sandstones domes of Zion National Park, just a few miles away.

## GREAT HIKES

**EASY TO MODERATE:** Near the dunes is another treasure – genuine dinosaur tracks at Moccasin Mountain. Tread lightly and don't step on the Dilophosaurus!

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Around the dunes is Diana's Throne. This is a fun hike scrambling over slickrock with outstanding views. Rumor has it that Diana threw herself off the throne because the beauty was too much to bear. An exceptional experience here is to go canyoneering and fully enjoy the slides, washes, and other features.





# DUCK CREEK VILLAGE

Utah's Alpine Retreat for Year-Round Fun *Drive Time = 45 min.*

Duck Creek Village is where you go to make memories that last forever. This mountain meadow village proves that Southern Utah is much more than just red rock. Come here to experience a tranquil, mesmerizing beauty with cool summers and crisp winters.

From early spring throughout the winter months, friendly Duck Creek Village is a hub of activity. Some of the best ATV trails in Southern Utah are right here. At some point, you have to walk the length of Duck Creek and delight in the wildlife, rushing water, and sunshine. Breathe in the beauty of the surroundings! Discover aspen groves, hidden ice caves, and alpine ponds on horseback -- or ride your mountain bike on the hundreds of miles of trails. The chilly streams are full of trout hiding under lava rock. The hiking trails follow along the tops

## BUCKET LIST

Extend your stay with Mother Nature and enjoy the best camping imaginable. There is abundant dispersed camping throughout the surrounding Dixie National Forest. Duck Creek Campground features nearby ponds and streams – the perfect place to reconnect with nature. Navajo Lake Campground offers awesome views down into Zion National Park.



of deep canyons and across meadows alive with wildflowers.

If in doubt about which adventure to choose, stop by any shop in Duck Creek Village; the people here are glad to share their love of the mountain. You can rent ATVs, find out where the best fishing spot is, or rent a cabin for a family adventure. Trail advice and tips on the best spots to picnic come without charge!

Autumn provides famous fall foliage - among the best in the US; just follow Route 14 and Mammoth Road. As temperatures drop and snow falls on Cedar Mountain, there are great opportunities for snowmobiling and cross-country skiing on many miles of prepared trails. Or you might prefer to go snowshoeing or even ice fishing under a clear winter sky, warmed by a cupful of hot chocolate.

## GREAT HIKES

Visit exciting Mammoth Cave. It's a quarter-mile underground tunnel formed by cooling lava that flowed over 2,000 years ago. The several branches include a long main cave and a scarier one you can only crawl through on your belly before popping out into a grove of aspens! Bring a jacket, flashlight, sturdy shoes, and a little courage. Unforgettably spooky!

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Duck Creek Days Festival is an annual event in July. The Chili Cook-Off will sizzle your bones with gourmet hot-pepper delight. Music and the Duck Creek Derby make this an unusually great regional event.







# DUCK CREEK

*Welcomes You*



This part of Southern Utah and northern Arizona is renowned for its historic, unhurried roads – each designated as a “Scenic Byway.” They weave a memorable visual experience through your imagination as you drive along, enjoying the ever-changing scenery. Reflect on the lives of the determined Mormon pioneers who broke trails to build small communities in the hardscrabble territory of Southern Utah. The traces of their early efforts still exist in the old structures and local heritage of the small towns and communities here: Kanab, Mount Carmel, Orderville, Glendale and Long Valley Junction.

Come take a “heritage adventure” along Scenic Highway 89 and its scenic byways. Look forward to finding a welcoming blend of galleries and artisan studios, heritage lodging, historic sites, and local festivities.

## SCENIC HIGHWAY 89

Highway 89, the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area, is the central artery running through Southern Utah connecting the National Parks of Zion, Bryce, and the Grand Canyon. Beginning at Scenic Byway 12 and ending at the bottom of the Grand Canyon, you descend through the five “steps” of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument – each rock layer named after the color of the geologic strata it represents. You are driving through an upheaval in the earth’s crust that reveals a 200-million-year-old cross-section of the planet’s history.

## UTAH SCENIC BYWAY 12

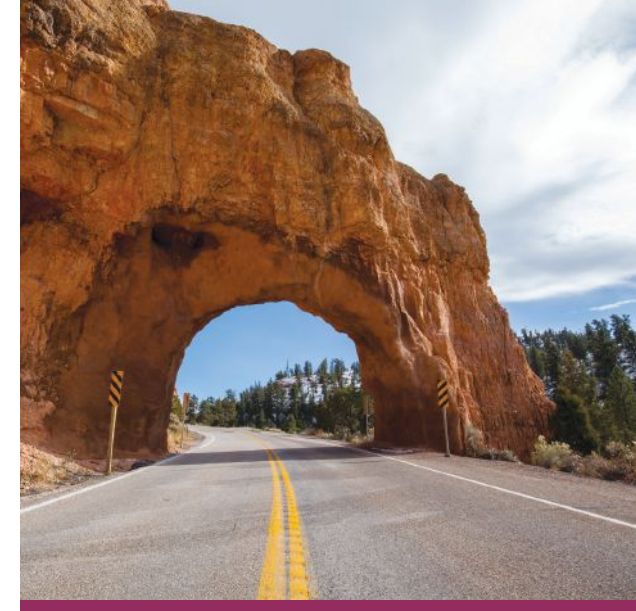
Utah’s first “All American Highway.” This “Journey Through Time Scenic Byway” is ranked as one of the most scenic in America. Travel through sparsely populated sections of public lands visit Kodachrome Basin State Park and view the towering Grosvenor Arch.

## MARKAGUNT HIGH PLATEAU SCENIC BYWAY 14

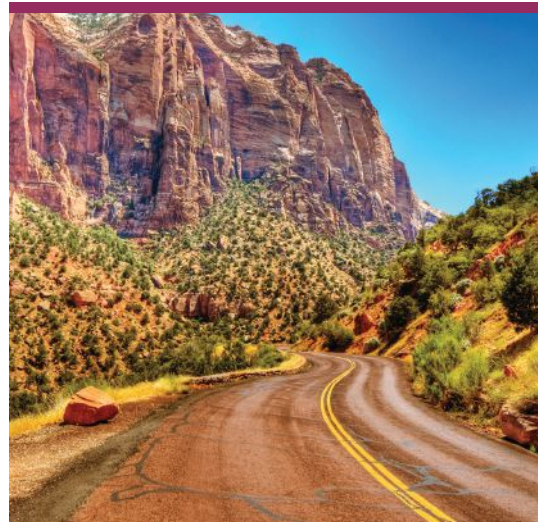
Highway 14 in the Dixie Forest on Cedar Mountain makes its way through aspens, evergreens, and ancient lava rock. Fall arrives early at this high elevation, chasing the green from the aspens in September, and leaving autumn leaves as far as the eye can see. Duck Creek Village is a wonderful fishing spot and stopping place. Keep your eyes open for the Zion Overlook located near the 9,900-foot summit.

## ZION-MT. CARMEL SCENIC HIGHWAY 9

Highway 9 is the road in and through Zion National Park. Branching off Scenic Highway 89 at Mount Carmel Junction



(home of the Maynard Dixon Historic Site and Thunderbird Gallery), the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway leads to the east entrance of Zion National Park. This is the less crowded side of the park, with its own unique geologic treats such as Checkerboard Mesa and classic, uncrowded Zion Canyon trails. The 1.1-mile Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel is an engineering marvel; cutout windows in the rock wall provide “teaser” views of the glorious canyon below.



*Make the most of your trip by using The Story Road Utah Mobile App found in your favorite app store. This entertaining multi-media app uses geo-alert (“pings”) to let you know what special “story destinations” are nearby. World-class narrators, musicians, & artwork will draw you into tales of this Wild West desert land and its intriguing settlers. Learn about local businesses and immediately become part of the surrounding culture.*



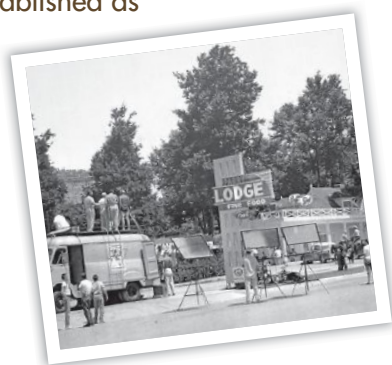
**BIG WATER**

- Bordered by Lake Powell, Big Water was originally known as "Glen Canyon City." After construction crews for the Glen Canyon Dam had left, Alex Joseph (and his eight wives) renamed it "Big Water".
- One of the best-rated places to view bright night skies; local "night sky" ordinances protect the sky, so bright stars and galaxies are easily seen.
- Big Water is known as "Dinosaur Town." The Big Water Visitor Center is a wonderful museum of paleontology.



**KANAB**

- Jacob Hamblin & other Mormon Pioneers came in 1858; Kanab was established as a successful community by the 1870s.



- The famous explorer John Wesley Powell had his headquarters in Kanab as he mapped and explored the Grand Canyon (find terrain sketches & photos in the Heritage Museum.)
- Kanab boasts the first all-woman mayor and city council in the United States; 1912-1914.
- So many classic Western movies were filmed here that Kanab earned its nickname as "Little Hollywood." Stop by the Little Hollywood Museum and the historic Parry Lodge.
- The Family History Center and the Heritage Museum welcome visitors. Discover your roots, learning more about pioneers is entertaining!
- Over 40 special annual events celebrate the history and surrounding beauty of Kanab.

**MT CARMEL**

- Famous painter Maynard Dixon, "Father of Western Art", lived here. The Living History Museum and Thunderbird Foundation for the Arts open to public with special events throughout the year.



- Stop by the Thunderbird Restaurant and ask about the history of original settlers Fern and Jack Hanson. You won't be disappointed by this story of romance and determination.
- The Historic Rock Church was built in 1880 for use as a church and school house. Open to visitors.



**ORDERVILLE**

- In 1874, Mormon leader Brigham Young encouraged the formation of a "United Order" in Southern Utah. This experiment in communal living enjoyed a decade of success until the Edmunds Anti-Polygamy Act effectively ended the Order. The Daughters of Utah Pioneer Museum preserves the unique history of Orderville.
- Rock Hounds love this place. Septarian nodules and other great geocache specimens are hiding all around Orderville. Visit one of the colorful rock shops and take home an unusual memento.

## GLENDALE

- Glendale's history is all about ranchers and apple orchards.
- The annual Heritage Apple Festival celebrates local heritage with fun events like the William Tell Archery Shoot.



- Stop by the retired collection of classic trucks and old cars sitting in the middle of town.

## DUCK CREEK

- Founded as a gathering place for local sheepherders.



- This alpine mountain retreat becomes a year-round recreational village, enhanced by Cedar Mountain and Navajo Lake.
- Duck Creek Days is a popular event for locals and visitors.



## AN AUTHENTIC WESTERN CULTURE

From the time of “those who came before” to present day culture, the impressive and often forbidding landscape of the Colorado Plateau shapes our Southern Utah culture. Ancient people lived on this land. Rumor has even suggested that Kanab was the final resting place for the treasure Montezuma sent north to be hidden from the Spanish Conquistadors!

Early Spanish explorers led by a Franciscan missionary ventured into the region by the 1770s, with various “Vaqueros” – the early Spanish “cowboys” establishing the first cattle trails.

By the mid-19th century, the Mormon immigration had begun. At first repelled by the hostile Natives, the intrepid pioneers returned to negotiate and even seek

assistance from friendlier tribes. Traces of this remarkable past are still found at the Heritage Museum in Kanab, nearby Pipe Springs outside Fredonia and the Red Pueblo Museum, and in the minds of most people living here.

Initially established as remote Mormon ranching communities, polygamy was commonplace and only discontinued when Utah gained statehood. The “multiple wives” practice helped the area grow and thrive due to the strength of its founding families. The Johnson, Chamberlain, and Heaton family descendants are still “Cowboys to the bone.”

Kanab was discovered by Hollywood in the 1920s. Locations like the Paria, Johnson Canyon, and Kanab Canyon sparked the imagination of directors seeking the ideal setting for cowboy-style heroics. By the 1950s, over 200 movies and TV shows

had been filmed here and even today the area provides a popular backdrop for commercials, advertising shoots, music videos, and the occasional movie. Film buffs can immerse themselves in the local legends and visit original sets.

Every chapter in its proud past remains part of the ongoing traditions here. Jacob Hamblin Days honors one of the original founders with a rodeo and other traditional events. The Western Legends Roundup celebrates the “real and reel” cowboys who changed this place.

The roots established here by our early Pioneers are evident in every street parade and every building preserved. This is a place where the past is still present.

# ACTIVITIES

## World Class Hiking



Stretch your leg muscles and take advantage of astounding Southern Utah – a wonderland for hiking. The Colorado Plateau is a miracle of slot canyons, natural arches, wild rock formations and much more. Undeniably a “bucket list” location for unforgettable hiking. Whether you prefer simply easy and fun recreation or serious and challenging hikes, the high desert grandeur provides unimaginably sublime choices with countless diversity.

The nearby national parks and national forests have some of the best-known places to hike in the world. Zion has great hikes including Angels Landing; climbing high above sheer cliffs to a phenomenal view. The Narrows is an equally exceptional walk through the Virgin River with spectacular canyon walls on either side. The Canyon Overlook Trail is a great introductory trail, short but ending in an eagle’s eye view of the canyon below. The Subway Trail takes hikers through one of the most beautiful sections of slot canyon in Zion.

Hike into Bryce Canyon on the Navajo Loop and Queen’s Garden Trail to experience the famous hoodoos; it’s the best way to see the sandstone spires arrayed in amazing mazes. The Fairyland Trail is arguably the most scenic day hike in Bryce. Outside the park are many more “seldom seen” trails in Red Canyon and the Dixie National Forest including a “best-kept secret” known as the Crawford Pass to Pipeline Connector Trail. This wonderful wilderness trail takes you under amazing and rarely seen arches, spires, and Bryce-style formations! Cedar Mountain, in Dixie National Forest, has yet another must-do hike known as Twisted Forest. Bring your camera and capture images of an extremely uncommon large grove of ancient Bristlecone Pine. If your timing is right, you might see fluorescent blooms – perhaps fuchsia monkey flower

or red-orange Indian paintbrush. There is magic and mystery on all these trails!

While hiking in the national parks is grand, the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument offers another wonderland of amazing trails. Willis Creek Slot, Grosvenor Arch, Hackberry Canyon, and Yellow Rock are all superb hiking experiences barely touching the long list of amazing choices throughout Southern Utah.

From comfortable family-friendly hikes to daring ventures led by competent guides, there is simply no end to the blissful adventure. This is the land of jaw-dropping hikes.

Pick up “Adventure Maps” from the Kane County Office of Tourism and local hotels. Guaranteed to take you to those magical places!



## SLOT CANYONS

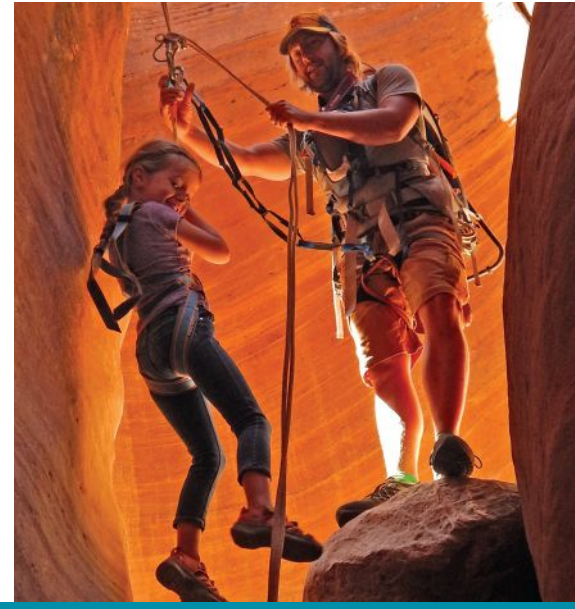
You may love hiking, but you've never experienced adventure-hiking Southern Utah style until you've explored our fascinating slot canyons. Each and every one is a hiker's and photographer's paradise; a bizarre collection of twisting and turning caverns, often allowing only a glitter of light into its depths. Starting as a hairline crack in soft rock, thousands of years of the wind, time and rushing water have eroded them into deep, mysterious chasms. Exploring slot canyon ambience is unspeakably amazing!

Some slot canyons require a scramble over boulders, a squeeze between crevices, and sometimes even wading through water or sliding down slot wedges. You can choose a slot canyon adventure that fits your personality and physical ability. Some are quite remote and you may opt to hire a guide for hiking, ATV or jeep tours provides an interesting and exciting way to reach a special, private slot canyon.

## CANYONEERING

Canyoneering is one of the most popular and growing sports activities. Surprisingly, it does not require extreme physical abilities. It is the sport that invites you to discover our natural wilderness in a very special and intimate way. Southern Utah has exceptionally dedicated canyoneering

guides who offer trips to special places not often seen and provide personal support as you literally "learn the ropes." No experience required. Rappel down a rock face into the heart of a magical slot canyon few people have ever seen! Feel an adrenaline rush as you descend past hanging gardens and into quiet places where bighorn sheep and other wildlife scatter as you land. There is no better way to fully explore off-the-beaten-path places. Rappelling is not an age limited experience. Our guides are accustomed to taking out young children to senior citizens.



### ALERT!

The slot canyons and wilderness areas of Southern Utah come with their own set of dangers. Be prepared ahead of time. Keep a sharp eye on the weather report: If there's been any hint of rain locally or uphill of the area, flash floods are likely. Consult with a local ranger for up to date conditions and permits.

## TOP FAVORITES

While visiting nearby Zion National Park, don't miss some of the most famous slot canyons in the world: "The Narrows," "Orderville Gulch" and "Subway." Some canyons are fairly easy: for the Narrows, hike to the end of the Riverside Walk, wade into the Virgin River and enjoy the towering walls of the canyon. Other hikes are more technical and a seasoned guide is the best way to experience them.

Just east of Zion are slot canyons that feed into the east fork of the Virgin River. Deep, mysterious places like Fat Man's Misery, Poverty Slot, Rock Canyon, and Rogue Canyon feel remote and remarkably untouched. There is so much to discover!

# ACTIVITIES

## Run, Ride & Bike



Southern Utah is blessed with an abundance of trails. Not just any trails, but trails with over seven different terrains. It is no secret that this is a unique and spectacular destination for running, getting atop your bike, lacing up your hiking boots or getting on horseback. The solitude and aesthetic quality of the region make it unlike anywhere else in the lower 48. Literally thousands of miles of inviting trails await your attention.

### TRAIL RUNNING

Don't come to Southern Utah looking for a typical trail running experience; we don't do "average" here. Think outside the box and prepare yourself for a truly singular experience where your surrounding landscape consists of outrageous views, towering red-rock spires, and even slot canyons.

More and more runners from around the world are realizing that this is a trail runner's paradise. Incredible new running events have appeared: the Little Hollywood Half Marathon, the 4th of July Color Fun Run, the Hog Wild

Trail Relay, and the Kanab Mother's Day 10K. Every May, the Ragnar Trail Relay Zion Run attracts over 3,000 dedicated trail runners who all "find their inner wild" running and camping on rugged trails high above the park. Kanab's world-class Grand-to-Grand Ultra Marathon (G2G) is the first, and only, self-supported stage race in America. Competitors from all over the world run 170 extremely challenging miles in seven days. From the majestic North Rim of the Grand Canyon, through Coral Pink Sand Dunes, to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.



### HORSEBACK RIDING

The classic way to explore this "Wild West" is in the saddle. Horses have been an important part of our culture since those early vaqueros and pioneer cattle ranchers and during the Hollywood heyday of western movies in the area. There are many opportunities to get in the saddle: from trail rides on horse or savvy mules down into the Grand Canyon, to rides among the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon. Personalized wilderness rides into our nearby national monuments and national forests are easily booked. Kanab's 'Back Country Horsemen' group are always ready to help you find the perfect trail that combines riding with scenery and history if you travel with your own horse. Want to join in a cattle drive or extended trail ride with campouts? We can provide that too.

### GET ON YOUR BIKE!

The backways and byways of Southern Utah will be the most scenic rides of your life with miles of relentless beauty. Ride in curvy canyons and through friendly little communities. Take your time on scenic mountain biking trails in the Dixie National Forest and relax in a hidden alpine meadow on the way. Throughout Southern Utah, there is an almost infinite range of rides and trails suitable for any rider. We are aggressively blazing amazing new mountain bike trails! Stop by the Kane County Office of Tourism in Kanab for updates.





# ACTIVITIES

## Off-roading Adventures

Southern Utah, as the last place in the continental United States to be mapped and explored is the perfect place for exceptional backcountry adventures. Back in the days of the “old west,” the horse was your only choice for getting around the untamed terrain. Not much has changed except the means of transportation. Today, motorized off-road-vehicles (OHVs, ATVs, Dual Sport motorcycles, and “Side-by-Sides”), are not only practical, but a fun and exciting way for the entire family to get out into the wilderness. This region even has a gorgeous state park with thousands of acres set aside just for the off-road enthusiast: Coral Pink Sand Dunes – a vast 3,000-acre sand box of OHV riding joy.

Bringing your own off-road “toys”? There are dozens of trailheads with intriguing names where you can set up camp. Each staging area branches into a wide network of astounding trails and multi-day adventures. Peek-a-Boo Trailhead leads to a fabulous slot canyon. Nephi Pasture Trailhead leads to out-of-this-world rock formations, petroglyph panels, and beautiful views of the white and pink cliffs. Elephant Cove leads to dinosaur tracks and vistas of Zion National Park. Wherever you ride, don’t be surprised to see wildlife or a local rancher rounding up his stray cattle.

Right from your hotel in Kanab you can ride your ATV to world famous Hog Canyon with



its miles of trails and loops ranging all the way from very easy to extremely challenging. From Hog Canyon you can connect to trails north. From the little town of Big Water, you can ride your ATV around a landscape resembling the surface of Mars to stunning overlooks of Lake Powell.

Our surrounding national forests are fascinating places to explore on an off-road vehicle. Located on Cedar Mountain, Duck Creek Village is a lively ATV community of its own, networked with hundreds of miles of trails in Dixie National Forest. ATV rentals are available. There’s nothing like riding through the delicate cedar and aspen trees to explore unusual ice and lava caves. The Kaibab National Forest, south of Kanab and bordering the Grand Canyon, also offers some exceptional motorized trails. There is no end to the off-road opportunities here!

For additional fun, try “moto-caching” – geocaching done on an ATV with GPS coordinates. Caches are only a short distance from the road and not difficult to reach. In the spring, come to Kanab and join in the three-day Utah/Arizona ATV “Fun Run” festivities. Learn from local club members where to find many of the best trails, and become part of our trail riding community.

Sound interesting? Here’s a plan for beginning your adventure into off-road exploration. First – go to the Kane County Office of Tourism or the BLM Visitor Center and get current trail conditions, maps, regulations, and expert advice.

Don’t have an off-road vehicle? No problem. Several local outfitters with the proper vehicles, experience, and backcountry knowledge – are available to take you on the adventure of a lifetime.

Southern Utah is a land that begs for attention and pays you back with unbelievable adventures. Get ready to find obscure sites, ancient Indian “rock art,” slot canyons, and stunning vistas.

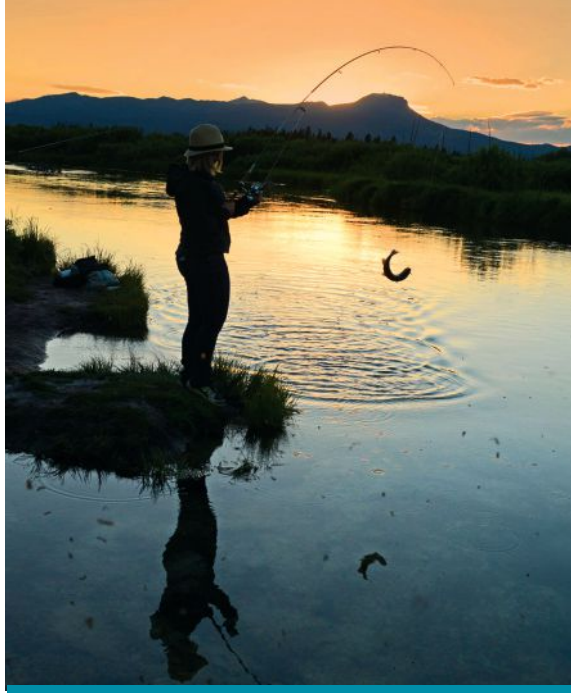
### **ALERT!**

**LEAVE NO TRACE AND DO NOT  
DEFACE ARTIFACTS!**



# ACTIVITIES

## Hook & Bullet – Hunt & Fish



### HUNTING

Southern Utah boasts some of the best trophy elk and mule deer hunting in the world, in addition to plenty of upland game. If you are an opportunity hunter looking for a fun filled weekend or to fill the freezer, or a trophy hunter after the buck of a lifetime, Southern Utah has you covered. Our thriving mule deer population provides plenty of hunting. Archery, muzzleloader and rifle hunts run from mid-August until the end of October.

Elk are plentiful in the mountains of southern Utah. Premium trophy bull elk hunting is also available. These areas can

take years to draw, but there are tags that can be purchased allowing hunters to hunt world-class bulls in September without having to wait.

### FISHING

Southern Utah is a haven for fishing, no matter your age or experience. Fly fishing and bait casting is superb throughout the region; choose from an abundance of pristine alpine streams, rivers and creeks. Or, “Go Big” on Lake Powell, or beautiful Navajo Lake. You will find yourself presented with many options of scenery and water body size.



Fishing in Lake Powell is superb and varied. Numerous species of fish can be pursued (and hopefully caught!), including smallmouth bass, striped bass, largemouth bass, bluegill, green sunfish, black crappie, walleye, channel catfish, bullhead catfish, and northern pike.

Further north, by Duck Creek Village, a network of lakes and meandering streams sport rainbow trout and brook trout. Within walking distance of the village are picturesque Duck Creek Pond and Aspen Mirror Lake. A few minutes away is Navajo Lake; boating, swimming, and camping are available. What a way to spend a vacation by yourself or with your family.

Guided mule deer hunts are available. Hunt tables and maps are available through the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. For information go to [utah.gov/hunting](http://utah.gov/hunting).

### MORE INFO

For more information on fishing seasons, licenses and other details, check [wildlife.utah.gov/fishing](http://wildlife.utah.gov/fishing).



# ACTIVITIES

## Backcountry Hiking & Great Camping



### **BACKCOUNTRY & BACKPACKING ADVENTURES**

The earthen sculpture known as Southern Utah is an unimaginably magical place. Come cover your hiking boots in red dust and unclutter your mind. It isn't just the astounding topography; it's the raw spirit of the wonderful wilderness here that mends the mind and makes hearts happy.

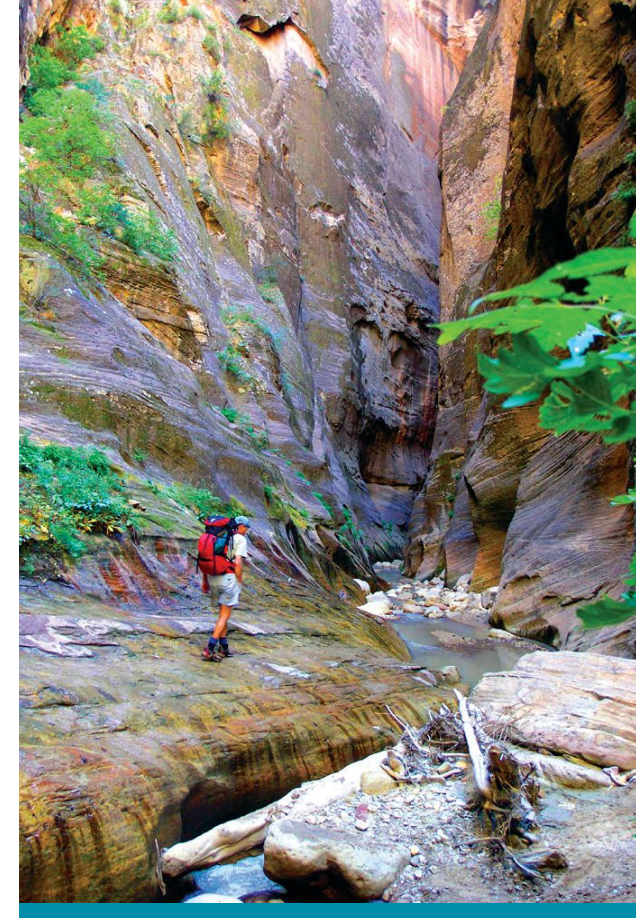
For serious backcountry hikers, backpackers and campers, this is the place of your dreams. The season will determine whether you choose to head for the mountains, make a pilgrimage to the desert, or both.

This place has never lost its strong wilderness character, boasting a prized landscape of incomparable beauty. Exploring the wilderness, and finding your connection with nature has never been easier or more rewarding.

Zion and Kolob Canyon backpacking trails are the best throughout the whole national park system. They offer incredible multi-day trips to spectacular places. The two-day trip through Zion Narrows is a world-class destination considered among the Best 100 Miles of Trails in the entire United States.

The best way to experience the Bryce Canyon amphitheaters is to leave the car behind and hike the Under-the-Rim trail for nearly 30 miles of panoramic views from Bryce Point to Rainbow Point. Expect to see stunning hoodoos, ponderosa forests, and alpine meadows.

The nearly 1-million acre Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument – one of America's least trodden wild areas – provides a lifetime's worth of serious backcountry adventures and camping. Bring your gear, maps, even a horse or ATV – and definitely, bring your spirit of adventure! Look forward to quiet trails in



yellow, glowing canyons; discover ancient petroglyphs and exceptional rock formations. Every day of your remote sojourn into the wilderness will have something new to offer.

Many local professional guides offer multi-day hiking treks throughout Southern Utah, safely and knowledgeably introducing you to the national parks and wilderness areas. Backcountry hikers must register with the BLM. Some areas require a special permit or require you to sign in at the trailhead.

## OUTDOOR CAMPING

Whether you backpack with gear, throw your tent in the back of the car, take a small pop-up, or enjoy your camping in a motorhome, the options for finding a quiet campground are endless. Imagine camping under stars in an area boasting one of the best night sky ratings on earth.

Primitive and dispersed campgrounds in the Kaibab and Dixie National Forest are just a few of the most popular camping areas with great scenery and fun activities outside of the national parks. State parks, like Coral Pink Sand Dunes and Kodachrome, have rustic camping sites often with the added benefit of nearby park activities like OHV riding and night-sky lectures. There are many primitive, secluded and

spectacular campgrounds in wilderness areas throughout public lands and national forests.

Dispersed camping (really “roughing it” without facilities) is allowed throughout the BLM and national forest properties. Permits are free of charge and available at any of the BLM visitor or national forest centers and sometimes on developed trailheads. Pets are allowed in state parks and BLM

properties, as well as the national forests. Please keep your pets on a leash and respect wildlife.

Consult the camping section at the end of this guide and visit the Kane County Office of Tourism for advice. We’ll help you find that hidden gem of a place that makes your heart happy.

### ALERT!

Be prepared when entering the backcountry to hike or camp. It is not advised to hike alone. Know your limits. Carry plenty of water and supplies. Check the road and weather conditions beforehand. *Take the wilderness seriously.* Most importantly, have a safe, fun, and rewarding experience.



# BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Visit, Volunteer, Adopt

Get ready for a heartwarming, extra special experience! Located just five miles north of Kanab in beautiful Angel Canyon is America's largest and most extraordinary animal sanctuary – the well-named "Best Friends." About 1,700 rescue animals live in thoughtfully designed communities like Horse Haven, Dogtown, Cat World, Piggy Paradise, Bunny House, Parrot Garden and Wild Friends. Surrounded by the spectacular beauty of their new environment, animals that are ill, neglected, lost or abused finally find a happy new healing refuge and plenty of TLC. So much more than just a shelter, this 3,700-acre innovative sanctuary provides the care needed to help each and every animal with what they need to thrive. Most of these animals are adopted by loving families once their needs are met; others will spend the rest of their lives here. Their touching stories have become the magical history of this special place.

Visitors are welcomed year-round, Best Friends offers free daily tours. "Visit, Volunteer, Adopt" is the motto that greets visitors arriving for one of four daily tours. Each tour takes about two hours and winds through the spectacular canyon landscape stopping at different animal communities.

Brief stops at Cat World and Dogtown give visitors a chance to get off the tour bus and meet a few of the more extroverted four-legged residents. Be prepared for a happy encounter with grinning dogs and sassy cats; all the animals here are enjoying a second chance at the good life they deserve. You can also stop by the Best Friends Visitor Center in the heart of Kanab to book a sanctuary tour.

## BUCKET LIST

Volunteer at Best Friends over a holiday. Little is more special than sharing holiday cheer with an animal that can use some extra special attention.

Bow-wow, meow or neigh over the holiday!



## GREAT HIKES

**TAKE A POOCH FOR A WALK:** If you make volunteering at Dogtown part of your vacation, you can make a dog happy by taking it for a walk on designated trails. Many of the cats in Cat World like a "walkabout" on a leash or a buggy stroll.

## LOCAL FAVORITE

Most local lodging will allow people volunteering at Best Friends to bring a "sleep-over" pet "home" with them for a night. Kanab is very pet friendly.

Stay a night at the new Best Friends Roadhouse and Mercantile where your furry best friend is always welcome. Located downtown and close to many pet friendly restaurants.

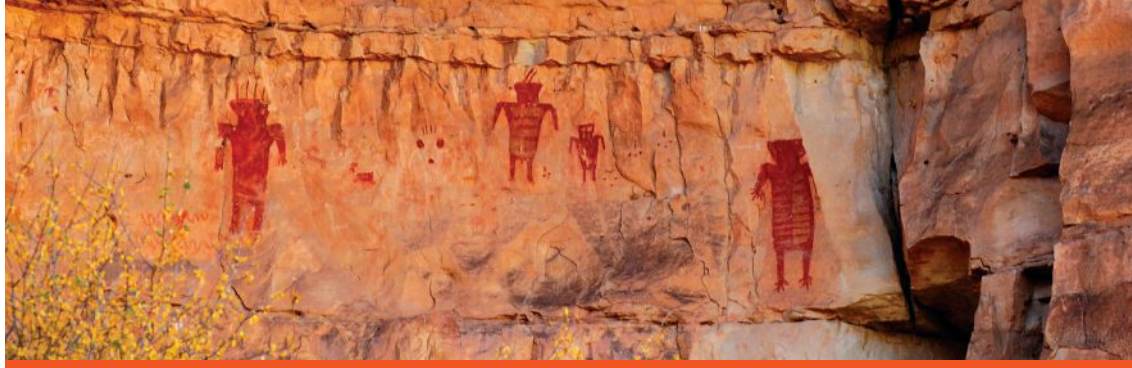




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# ARTS & CULTURE

For the artist and the lover of art, there is much to share



This land is our muse and always has been. Prehistoric “rock art galleries” left by “those who came before” lie hidden throughout quiet canyons, inscribed on steep, smooth walls of rock. In the hundreds of years since, the spirit and landscape of Southern Utah continue to inspire painters, photographers, writers, musicians and film-makers. The canyons and deserts of Southern Utah speak in an inexpressibly beautiful language to those who listen.

Poet-artist Everett Ruess followed “the sweeping way of the wind” into nearby canyons leaving an astonishing trail of inspired prose behind. America’s early photographic talent was lured here by a raw beauty unlike anything else in America. Maynard Dixon began coming here at the turn of the 20th Century, eventually becoming known as the “Father of Western Art.” His spirited work still inspires fellow artists and viewers. Monumental artistic talents like Ansel Adams, Georgia O’Keefe, and even Max Ernst couldn’t resist the magnetic pull of this mysterious and awesome landscape. Writers like Zane

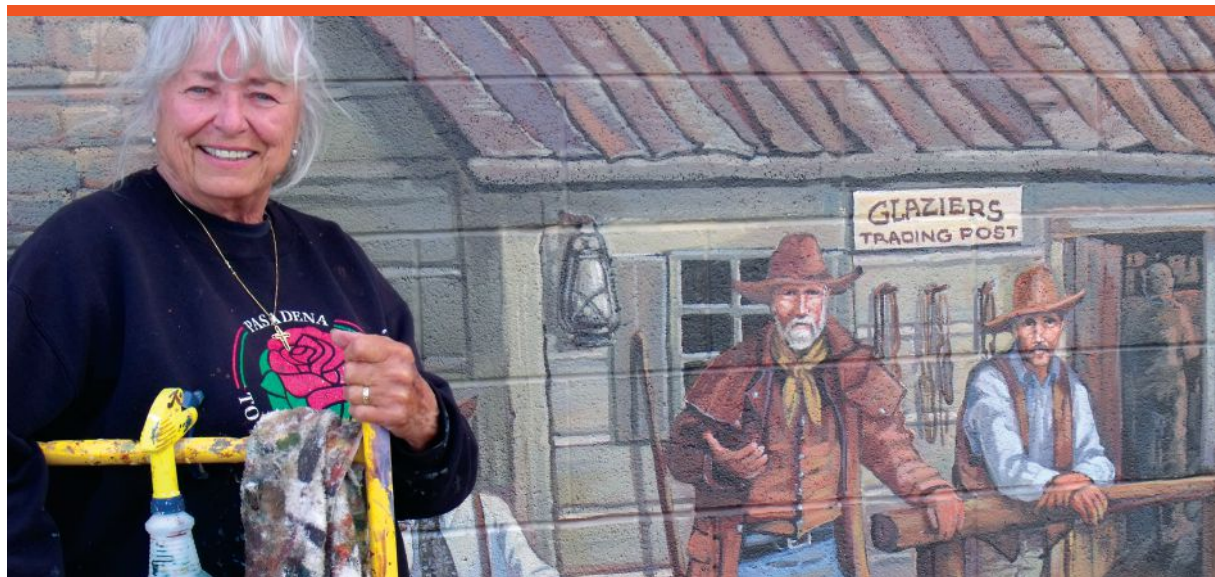
Grey and generations of musicians have followed the muse and created iconic bodies of work that compel audiences.

Every year fresh events renew the spark of creative interest. The Maynard Dixon Home and Thunderbird Foundation for the Arts continue to support a creative community originally built by Dixon himself. Special artist events provide an opportunity for new western artists to reconnect with this land and share their work with the public. Artist retreats and tours are held throughout the year culminating in the annual Maynard Dixon Country Art Gathering.

Nearby Zion National Park hosts an annual Zion Plein Art Festival. Local artist guilds sponsor galleries and workshops. Don’t miss the wonderful murals painted by artist Patti Lewis, her colorful depictions of Southern Utah’s history decorate many a public building around here.

The local ‘Symphony of the Canyons’ holds concerts in wonderful places like the Grand Lodge at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Throughout the summer Kanab hosts performances by a variety of hometown and out-of-town artists. Film making and of course photography are still an important part of the ongoing attempt to capture our remarkable allure.

This is a place where art never ends, only our ability to express it.





# FAIRS & FESTIVALS

A Never-Ending Celebration of Life in Magical Southern Utah

When it comes to fairs & festivals, Southern Utah has the best! There is a multitude of lively events ranging from colorful small-town celebrations to spectacular festivals.

Kanab's reputation as a place for epic and traditional western events is growing, with over 40 different annual events on the calendar. In February, the fabulous **Balloons & Tunes Roundup** kicks off the calendar of events with a hot air balloon & battle of the bands festival. After that, it's going to be a wild and wonderful schedule of upcoming events.

Spring events include the popular **Kanab 10K Race** opening alongside the **Amazing Earthfest**. Kanab boasts the best small town **Independence Day** celebration in the Southwest. Visitors and locals alike feel at home with a patriotic celebration like no other in scenic Kanab.



Don't miss our unique fireworks display against the red cliffs!

**Jacob Hamblin Days Festival**, named after an early settler, is a special fest reining in the western heritage of Kanab and Southern Utah including an authentic rodeo. The **Jacob Hamblin Days Ranch Rodeo**

is a serious competition with events for local cowboys and cowgirls from steer roping,

stampede racing, team roping, barrel racing, bronc riding and others. This is a genuine taste of real western culture.

The classic **Western Legends Roundup** picks up the reins in yet another grand festival celebrating our "real" and "reel" cowboys.

Local communities join in and add their distinctive flavor. **Duck Creek Days Arts & Crafts Show & Chili Cook-Off** is an irresistible event in the Alpine region of Southern Utah's Dixie National Forest. Glendale's **Apple Festival**, with its William Tell Archery shoot and other tasty events, is just another one to add to your list of fun fests throughout the region.



Become part of the celebration and participate in the soul of Southern Utah!

Kickoff the holidays with us in Kanab, Utah over Thanksgiving weekend for the **Kanab Holiday Kickoff**. Throughout the weekend you can find events and activities all over our beautiful town. Join us for a fun run with the K-Town Turkey Trot and the Christmas Light Parade & Lantern Festival. Bring the whole family for some small town fun! This is the best kickoff to the holiday season you will find anywhere in Southern Utah!



### EVENTS!

For an updated posting of events, go to **VisitSouthernUtah.com** and click on "Calendar". Antique car rallies, an ATV Fun Run, various events celebrating our parks and public lands occur throughout the year. For the athletic, there are numerous sports competitions and events making the most of this glorious landscape. For the artistic, various painting, photography, musical, and writing events are easily found.



### BALLOONS AND TUNES ROUNDUP

Each year approximately 40 Hot Air Balloon Pilots visit Kanab over a beautiful Southern Utah weekend. Hot Air Balloon Launches take place in Kanab each morning (weather permitting). Starting Friday afternoon join us on Main Street for a one-of-a-kind vendor fair and listen to our great bands!

Saturday morning will start us off with another Balloon Launch (weather permitting), a vendor fair throughout the day and into the evening, and to end the day join us on Center Street for a Balloon Glow followed by a Lantern Festival and live bands playing into the night!

Don't forget, there will be one last Balloon Launch on Sunday morning (weather permitting), so be sure to stay all weekend!

Worried about the possibility of "Bad Weather"? No need to worry, in the case of "Bad Weather" the event will still go on without a hitch! Balloons flying are never guaranteed at an event like this but there is so much more to do if there is "Bad Weather". Stay for the entertaining bands, vendors, and more! If inclement conditions strike, there will be no lantern launch on Saturday night, but there will be a candlestick show from our balloon pilots on Center Street the same night. Stay the whole weekend for tons of Balloons and Tunes fun! You won't be disappointed.

### WESTERN LEGENDS

The character of Southern Utah is most definitely shaped by our "real" and "reel" Cowboys and nothing celebrates that better than our signature event, Western Legends Heritage & Music Festival.

Join us as we remember and celebrate our western heritage of old tough and true cowboys, movie history and the stars that come with, as well as music old and new that keep our western hearts alive. Western Legends Roundup has been an event that generations have attended and loved for the last 20 years. Throughout those 20 years there has been a celebration and remembrance of the movies and stars that were a pivotal part of creating "Little Hollywood" in our scenic Southern Utah community.

Western Legends features a two-day battle of country and western bands called, "Country Battle USA." There will be six bands allowed to compete, and \$15,000 in prize money – winner takes all. The winner will perform during a street dance finale on Saturday night and don't forget to join us for the wildest rodeo in all of Kane County! Find more information at [KanabWesternLegends.com](http://KanabWesternLegends.com)

### DUCK CREEK DAYS

Duck Creek Days annual festival on Cedar Mountain is held during July at the charming mountain escape of Duck Creek Village. Expect live music and dancing, entertainment, kid's games and activities. A chili cook-off and vendors selling everything from barbecue sandwiches to local art draws flocks of people every year. There is even a Duck Creek Derby in the nearby creek! The chili cook-off is guaranteed to toast your tongue; local chili cooks take this hot stuff competition seriously. The best part of this festival is that you can take time off to go on a scenic ATV group ride, fish, hike, go mountain biking and then come back to have more festival fun.





# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RED ROCK COUNTRY!

Annual Events & the Best Parades in America

Every month holds a special surprise, whatever time of the year you come visit. Be sure to visit [VisitSouthernUtah.com](http://VisitSouthernUtah.com) and click on "Calendar." You don't want to miss that special outdoor performance, parade, art show, or whatever else is going on around town. Southern Utah calls for celebration, and we do our best to oblige. By the way, our **parades** are simply the best in the USA!

*Dates on many of our annual events change, check our calendar or their sites to confirm and find details.*

**FEBRUARY**  
**BALLOONS & TUNES**  
**MARCH**  
**LUCKY LANTERNS**  
**APRIL**  
**ATV JAMBOREE**

**JULY**  
**4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**  
**KANAB MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**AUGUST**  
**WESTERN LEGENDS**  
**HERITAGE & MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
**OCTOBER**  
**HALLOWEEN**  
**SPOOKTACULAR**

**NOVEMBER**  
**RMPRA RODEO FINALS**  
**KANAB HOLIDAY KICKOFF**  
**DECEMBER**  
**POLAR EXPRESS**  
For dates and information on these events and more, please visit [VisitSouthernUtah.com/events](http://VisitSouthernUtah.com/events)



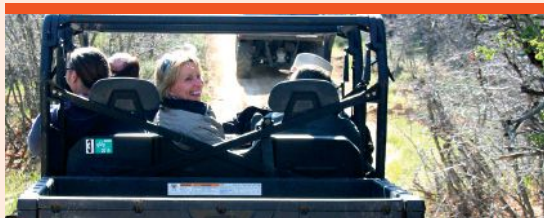




# A TASTE OF ADVENTURE

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

COMPANY	PHONE	WEBSITE & E-MAIL	FEATURES	DESCRIPTION
<b>ACTION PHOTO TOURS – DAVID SWINDLER</b>	208.789.5899	actionphototours.com info@actionphototours.com	A photographic tour expert caters to enthusiasts and professionals, single & multi-day journeys	Specializing in small group tours and customized experiences to Southern Utah National Parks, Coyote Buttes, The Wave, Grand Staircase.
<b>ADVENTURE TOUR COMPANY</b>	435.899.1817	adventuretourcompany@gmail.com	Adventure hikes • Movie sets Stars tour • Jurassic tour	Exclusive private canyon tours. Large groups and buses welcome. A variety of tour options are available including a dinner tour, cowboy breakfast tour, campfires s'mores and stars tour, and Jurassic dinosaur tour.
<b>ALL WAYS ADVENTURE</b>	435.899.9745	allwaysadventure.com	Zion canyoneering, Family adventures, Off-roading, Hiking	Specialize in taking guests on privately guided canyoneering off-roading hiking, rock climbing, and family adventures. Unique and custom tailored to meeting your needs.
<b>AMERICAN WEST SCENIC ADVENTURES</b>	435.767.0220	awsatours.com jeff@awsatours.com	Adventure hikes • Photography White Pocket/Wave • Buckskin National Parks	Guided tours, photography tours, and shuttle services to some of the most scenic and photogenic areas of the southwest. Visit the most amazing geological formations.
<b>CORAL CLIFFS TOURS OF KANAB</b>	435.899.0697 801.631.3500	cctoursandtownhomes@gmail.com cctoursandtownhomes.com	Jeep tours • Hiking Dinosaur Tracks • Petroglyphs	
<b>CORAL PINK ATV TOURS</b>	435.862.5084	coralpinkatvtours.com Coralpinkatvtours@gmail.com	ATV/4x4	Specializing in first-time riders, provides highly rated trips across the glorious Coral Pink Sand Dunes.
<b>DETOURS ADVENTURES (GRAND CIRCLE TOURS)</b>	866.438.6877	detoursofthewest.com tours@detoursaz.com	Slots • Adventure hiking • Photography White Pocket/Wave • Overnight trips	Customized tours specializing in hiking, photography and motorcycle tours; overnight adventures available.
<b>DREAMLAND SAFARI TOURS</b>	435.644.5506	dreamlandtours.net dreamlandsafari@gmail.com	Slot canyons • Adventure hikes ATV/4x4 • Photography • Petroglyphs White Pocket/Wave • Overnight trips	Small groups, 4x4, Outdoor Adventure Holiday Tours uniquely showcase the national parks, well-known natural wonders, and best kept secrets of the Southwest.
<b>DUCK CREEK HORSE RIDES</b>	435.704.1404	dhorserides1@gmail.com	Guided horseback rides	Guided rides in the Dixie National Forest near Duck Creek Village. Groups up to 20.
<b>EAST ZION EXPERIENCES</b>	855.635.9100	eastzionexperiences.com	UTV/Rappelling, Canyoneering, Slot Canyon Tours, Rentals	Access to various slot canyons on the east side of Zion. Hike, canyoneer, or rappel the remarkable slot canyons. All equipment provided. Rentals available.
<b>FOREVER ADVENTURES</b>	435.644.5700	foreveradventuretours.com	4x4 adventures, hiking, photography	
<b>KANAB TOUR COMPANY</b>	435.644.5525	kanabtourcompany.com kanabtourcompany@gmail.com	Slots • Adventure hiking • ATV/4x4 White Pocket/Wave • Overnight trips Canyoneering	Special ATV Tours to Peek-A-Boo Slot Canyon, White Pocket & other famous sites - also sight-seeing, hiking, and sand board rentals for Coral Pink Sand Dunes.
<b>KANAB WESTERN ADVENTURES</b>	435.690.0220	kanabwesternadventures.com kanabwesternadventures@yahoo.com	Slots • Adventure hikes • Horse ATV/4x4 • Photography White Pocket/Wave • Peek-a-Boo Slot	Personalized adventure-oriented guided hikes, ATV & photography tours. Specializes in horsemanship clinics and horseback rides.



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<b>KANE COUNTY OFF ROAD</b>	435.648.3802	Kanecountyoffroad.com	UTV Rentals	Explore the vast ATV trail network in southern Utah by UTV.
<b>JACOB LAKE TRAIL RIDES</b>	970.389.2977	jacoblaketrailrides.com	Horseback trail rides • guided wagon tours	Horseback trail rides and guided wagon tours in the majesty of the Kaibab Plateau, on the way to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. Take the opportunity to see stunning panoramic views and watch a diverse selection of wildlife living in their natural habitat.
<b>MULEY CRAZY</b>	435.644.2486	muleycrazy.com sales@muleycrazy.com	Big game hunts • Deer hunts	Specializing in Trophy-class hunting trips: Mule deer, elk, sheep, and other big game species.
<b>NIPPLE MOUNTAIN RANCH ATV TOURS</b>	435.899.9167	nmrtrous.com	ATV/4x4 • Adventure Hikes Historic sites • Ranch	Located in Kanab/Kane County, the heart and home of the living west. Join us on a real working ranch, surrounded by the beautiful cliffs of the Grand Staircase, ancient native sites, cabins, the historic Monkey House, and of course Mollie's Nipple!
<b>PARIA OUTPOST &amp; OUTFITTERS</b>	928.691.1047	paria.com outpost@paria.com	Slots • Adventure hike • Horse • ATV/4x4 White Pocket/Wave • Photography • Overnite	Tours, shuttle service to Wire Pass and great horse treks as well as lodging in cowboy style cabins; horse boarding available.
<b>PARIA RIVER RANCH</b>	970.778.0442	pariariverranch.com pariariverranch@gmail.com	Horseback rides	Scenic trail rides into the Grand Staircase-Escalante & Paria Wilderness area.
<b>PIONEER AVIATION</b>	435-644-2523	flykanab.com flykanab@gmail.com	Scenic Flights	Take a scenic flight over regional scenic wonders such as Zion National Park, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Grand Canyon, and Grand Staircase in a Waco Biplane or Cessna 195.
<b>ROADS END SCENIC TOURS</b>	866.656.6664	roadsendtours.com Rest@kanab.net	Slots • ATV/4x4 • Petroglyphs	Jeep tours on the east side of Zion specializing in slot canyons; ride and find arches, petroglyphs, and Indian ruins.
<b>ROAM OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CO.</b>	435.319.0472	roam-outdoor.com	ATV Tours, Horseback, Via Ferrata, Rappelling	Founded by locals who know and love the area, who grew up exploring and have passion for adventure. Variety of tour options available.
<b>SEEKING TREASURE ADVENTURES</b>	435.689.2182	seekingtreasureadventures.com yermo@seekingtreasureadventures.com	Slots • Adventure hikes • Photography White Pocket/Wave • Petroglyphs	Exceptional hiking, photographic, and scenic tours suited to your abilities and led by an artist/archaeologist.
<b>STAR PARTY TONIGHT</b>	435.899.9092	kanabstars.com kanabstars@gmail.com	Photography • Stars	#1 Nighttime Attraction in Kanab – view the stars with lasers, optics, music & dancing.
<b>ZION EAST ADVENTURES</b>	435.648.2262	zioneastadventures.com thunderbirdrestaurant@yahoo.com	UTV Rentals • Slingshot Rentals	Closest UTV/ATV rentals to Kanab. Rent 4-seaters or 2-seaters depending on your needs. Polaris Slingshot UTVs are available as well.
<b>ZION MOUNTAIN RANCH</b>	435.648.2555	zmr.com stay@zmr.com	Horseback rides	Guided horseback tours for guests of any riding ability. Choose from 1, 2 or 4 hour rides through the mountain surrounding Zion National Park.
<b>ZION PONDEROSA RANCH</b>	435.648.2700	zionponderosa.com resort@zionponderosa.com	Horseback Riding • ATV Jeep Tours • Canyoneering	This 4,000 acre ranch located just outside Zion National Park offers a wide variety of adventures.

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# PLACES TO STAY

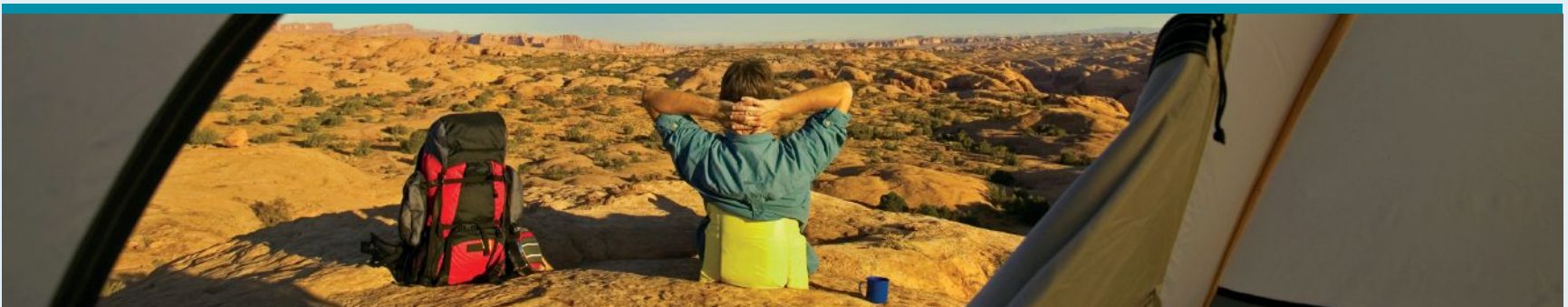
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<b>KANAB</b>									
<b>HOTELS &amp; MOTELS</b>									
AIKEN'S LODGE	79 W Center St	435.644.2625 • aikenslodge.com		\$\$	*				*
BEST FRIENDS ROADHOUSE	30 N 300 W	435.644.3400 • bestfriendsroadhouse.org	*	\$\$\$	*				*
BEST WESTERN RED HILLS	125 W Center St	435.644.2675 • bestwesternredhills.com	*	\$\$\$	*	*			*
CANYONS BOUTIQUE HOTEL	190 N 300 W	844.322.8824 • thecanyonscollection.com	*	\$\$\$	*		*		*
CANYONS LODGE	236 N 300 W	844.322.8824 • thecanyonscollection.com		\$\$\$\$			*		*
COMFORT SUITES	150 W Center St	877.424.6423 • choicehotels.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*	*			*
DAYS INN & SUITES	296 W 100 N	435.644.2562 • daysinn.com/kanab	*	\$	*	*			*
FLAGSTONE STUDIOS	223 W Center St	844.322.8824 • thecanyonscollection.com	*	\$\$\$					*
HAMPTON INN	98 S 100 E	435.644.8282 • hamptoninn.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*	*			*
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS & SUITES	217 S 100 E	435.644.3100 • holidayinn.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*	*			*
KANAB SUITES	57 W Center St	801.671.6196 • kanabsuites.com	*	\$\$	*				*
LAQUINTA INN AND SUITES	465 S 100 E	435.412.6670 • wyndhamhotels.com	*		*	*			*
PARRY LODGE	89 E Center St	888.289.1722 • parrylodge.com	*	\$\$	*		*		*
OVAL PARK LODGE	125 N 300 W	844.322.8824 • thecanyonscollection.com	*	\$\$\$					*
QUALITY INN	815 E 300 S Hwy 89	435.644.8888 • choicehotels.com	*	\$\$\$	*	*			*
RED CANYON CABINS	843 E US-89	435.767.9593	*	\$\$	*				
RED ROCK COUNTRY INN	330 S 100 E	435.644.8774 • redrockcountryinnkanab.us		\$					*
RODEWAY INN	70 S 200 E	435.644.5500 • choicehotels.com	*	\$\$	*				*
SUN-N-SAND MOTEL	347 S100 E	800.654.1868 • sun-n-sandmotel.com	*	\$					*
TIMBER AND TIN	320 S Main St	435.668.3955 • timberlandtinkanab.com info@timberandtinkanab.com	*	\$\$\$	*				*
TRAVELER'S MOTEL	544 E 300 S	435.644.2228		\$					
TRAVELODGE	386 E 300 St	435.644.5373 • travelodgekanab.com	*	\$\$					*
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST/INNS</b>									
BEST FRIENDS COTTAGES	5001 Angel Canyon Rd.	435.644.4858 • bestfriends.org	*	\$\$					
COWBOY BUNKHOUSE HOSTEL	210 W 300 N	435.644.8224 • thecowboybunkhouse.com	*	\$\$					
GRAND CIRCLE B&B	250 N 100 W	435.644.8008 • grandcirclebnb.com		\$\$\$					*
PURPLE SAGE INN B&B	54 S Main St	877.644.5377 • purplesageinn.com	*	\$\$\$					*
SAVAGE POINT B&B	53 S200 E	435.644.2799 • savagepointbedbreakfast.com	*	\$\$\$					*
<b>BIG WATER/LAKE POWELL/BULL FROG/CANYON PT.</b>									
<b>HOTELS &amp; MOTELS</b>									
AMANGIRI RESORT & VILLAS - BIG WATER/CANYON PT.	1 Kayenta Rd	435.675.3999 • amanresorts.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*	*	*		*
DEFIANCE HOUSE LODGE - BULLFROG MARINA	100 Lakeshore Dr	888.896.3829 • lakepowell.com/lodging	*	\$\$\$	*		*		*

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RODEWAY INN - BIG WATER	605 Independence	888.987.6343 • high-desert-lodge.com	*	\$			*		*
UNDER CANVAS LAKE POWELL - GRAND STAIRCASE	555 S Jacob Tank Rd	888.496.1148 • undercanvas.com/camps/lake-powell reservations@undervanvas.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*		*		*
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST/INNS</b>									
DREAMKATCHERS - BIG WATER	66 S American Way	435.675.5828 • stay@dreamkatchers-lakepowell.com	*	\$\$\$					*
<b>DUCK CREEK / CEDAR MOUNTAIN</b>									
<b>HOTELS &amp; MOTELS</b>									
PINEWOODS RESORT	1460 Duck Creek Ridge Rd	435.463.2222 • alpineforestlodge.com	*	\$\$	*		*		*
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST/ INNS / CABINS</b>									
ALPINE FOREST LODGE - CABINS	705 Movie Ranch Rd	435.691.2500 • duckcreekvillage.info	*	\$\$					
ASPEN HOLLOW BED & BREAKFAST	2860 N Dead Horse Loop	435.648.3800 • aspenhollowbb.com		\$\$\$					
DUCK CREEK VILLAGE INN & CABINS	815 E Hwy 14	435.682.2565 • duckcreekvillageinn.com	*						
FALCON'S NEST CABINS	755 Movie Ranch Rd	435.682.2556 • falconsnest.com	*	\$\$					*
NAVAJO LAKE LODGE - CABINS	PO Box 1239	702.646.4197 • navajolakelodge.com		\$\$					*
<b>GLENDALE</b>									
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST/INNS/CABINS</b>									
APPLE HOLLOW	100 N Main St	435.690.0355	*	\$\$					
HISTORIC SMITH HOTEL	295 N Main St	800.528.3558 • historicsmithhotel.com		\$\$					*
T LAZY 7 CABINS	290 N Main St	435.648.3157	*	\$\$					
<b>MT. CARMEL JUNCTION/EAST ZION</b>									
<b>HOTELS &amp; MOTELS/RESORTS</b>									
BEST WESTERN EAST ZION THUNDERBIRD RESORT	4530 State St	888.848.6358 zionnational-park.com/east-zion-park-lodge.htm	*	\$\$					
CLEAR CREEK FAMILY RANCH - ORDERVILLE	#1 N Fork Rd	866.292.1460 • theranchatzion.com info@staynearzion.com	*	\$\$					
GOLDEN HILLS MOTEL	125 State St	800.648.2268 • goldenhillsmotel.com	*	\$\$			*		*
MOUNT CARMEL MOTEL AND RV	3010 S State St	435.648.2323 • staynearzion.com	*	\$					*
ZION MOUNTAIN RANCH RESORT	9065 W Hwy 9	435.648.2555 • zmr.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*		*		*
ZION PONDEROSA RESORT	N Fork Canyon Rd	800.293.5444 • zionponderosa.com	*	\$\$\$\$	*		*		*
<b>BED &amp; BREAKFAST/INNS/ CABINS</b>									
ARROWHEAD COUNTRY INN & CABINS - MT. CARMEL	2155 S State St	888.821.1670 • arrowheadbb.com	*	\$\$\$					*
CLIFFSIDE CABINS & RV	600 N State St	435.868.1020 • cliffsidecabinsandrvpark.com	*	\$\$	*				*
<b>ORDERVILLE</b>									
<b>LODGING</b>									
EAST ZION RESORT	490 E State St	833.378.9466 • eastzionresort.com info@eastzionresort.com	*	\$\$\$	*				*
PARKWAY MOTEL	74 E State St	435.648.2380 • parkwaymotel.blogspot.com	*	\$					*

**PLACES TO STAY**  
 Choose rustic, historic, or luxury

COMPANY	ADDRESS	PHONE # & WEBSITE
Dispersed, primitive camping is available throughout the national forests, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, and the state parks. Be prepared to bring your own supplies and "what you bring in, you must bring out."		
<b>KANAB</b>		
<b>CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK CAMPGROUND</b>	12500 Sand Dune Rd	435.648.2800 • stateparks.utah.gov/parks/coral-pink
<b>CRAZY HORSE RV PARK &amp; CAMPGROUND</b>	625 E 300 S	435.644.2782 • crazyhorscampark.com
<b>DARK SKY RV</b>	2270 E Mountain View Dr	435-819-0992 • darkskyrv.com
<b>GRAND PLATEAU RV RESORT</b>	2550 E US-89	435.657.6100 • gprvresort.com
<b>HITCH-N-POST RV &amp; TENT SITES</b>	196 E 300 S	435.644.2142 • hitchnpostrvpark.com
<b>J&amp;J RV PARK</b>	584 E 300 S	435.899.1956 • jandjrvpark.com
<b>KANAB RV CORRAL</b>	483 S.100 E	435.644.5330 • kanabrvcorral.com
<b>PONDEROSA GROVE CAMPGROUND (BLM)</b>	Hancock Rd, close to Kanab	435.644.1200 • recreation.gov
<b>DUCK CREEK</b>		
<b>DUCK CREEK CAMPGROUND</b>	Hwy 14	877.444.6777 • recreation.gov
<b>DUCK CREEK VILLAGE RV</b>	3765 N Movie Ranch Rd	435.580.8185 • duckcreekvillager.com
<b>NAVAJO LAKE CAMPGROUND</b>	On Navajo Lake	877.444.6777 • recreation.gov
<b>SPRUCES CAMPGROUND</b>	On Navajo Lake	877.444.6777 • recreation.gov
<b>TE-AH CAMPGROUND</b>	Close to Duck Creek	877.444.6777 • recreation.gov
<b>EAST ZION</b>		
<b>EAST ZION RIVERSIDE RV PARK</b>	4530 State St	435.648.2203 • zionnational-park.com/rvpark
<b>HI-ROAD CAMPGROUND (ZION PARK RV)</b>	12120 Hwy 9	435.648.3302 • hiroadbasecamp.com
<b>MOUNT CARMEL MOTEL AND RV</b>	3010 S State St	435.648.2323 • staynearzion.com
<b>ZION CREST CAMPGROUND AND RV PARK</b>	Twin Knolls Rd	435.648.2703 • zioncrestcampground.com
<b>GLENDALE</b>		
<b>BAUER'S CANYON RANCH</b>	90 W Center St	888.648.2564 • bauersrv.com
<b>BRYCE-ZION CAMPGROUND</b>	Scenic Hwy 89	435.648.2490 • brycezioncampground.net
<b>LAKE POWELL</b>		
<b>BULLFROG RV &amp; CAMPGROUND</b>	Bullfrog	435.684.3032 • lakepowell.com/rv-campin
<b>COTTONWOOD RV PARK</b>	4920 W Front Ave	435.675.5803
<b>WAHWEAP MARINA &amp; RV CAMPGROUND</b>	Lake Powell	888.896.3829 • lakepowell.com/rv-campin
<b>ORDERVILLE</b>		
<b>CLIFFSIDE CABIN AND RV PARK</b>	600 N State St	435.868.1020 • cliffsidecabinsandrvpark.com



## GETTING HERE...

### INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Three major International airports serve Southern Utah.

- **Las Vegas/McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada (LAS)**

*Drive time to Kanab is three hours.*

- **Salt Lake City (SLC)**

*Drive time to Kanab is five hours.*

- **Phoenix Arizona (PHX)**

*Drive time to Kanab is five and a half hours.*



- Connecting flights to **St. George, UT (SGU)** bring you closer to Kanab. Drive time from St. George to Kanab is 90 minutes. Private transportation is available between St. George and Kanab.

For driving directions, visit:

**VisitSouthernUtah.com/Getting-here.**

- Car rentals are available at the airports. If you expect to do any backcountry driving you will want to rent a 4x4 with high carriage.

*Set Your Clock! Kanab located in the Mountain Time Zone, one hour ahead of Las Vegas.*

### LOCAL VISITOR & TOURISM CENTERS

For all the help you need planning your trip, finding maps and brochures, contact the **Kane County Office of Tourism**. We'll get your adventure off to a good start.

#### **Kane County Office of Tourism**

78 S 100 E, Kanab, UT 84741

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#### **VisitSouthernUtah.com**

Hours year-long: Monday – Friday  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM with extended summer hours and during special events.

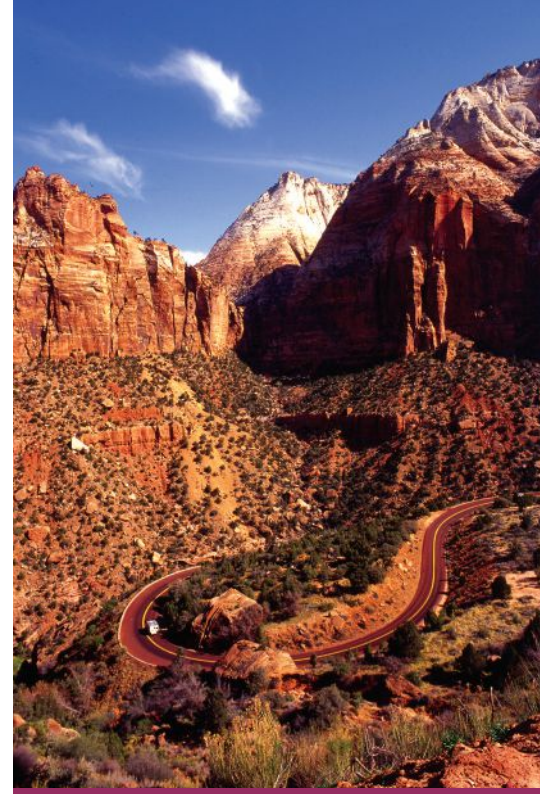
**BLM Visitor Centers** are also a wealth of information. Rangers will provide detailed information on trails and hiking conditions.

#### **Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center** (Archaeology & Geology theme)

745 E Hwy 89, Kanab, UT 84741

435.644.1300

Hours year-long: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM;  
Closed weekends during the winter.



#### **Big Water Visitor Center**

(Paleontology theme with real dinosaur fossils)

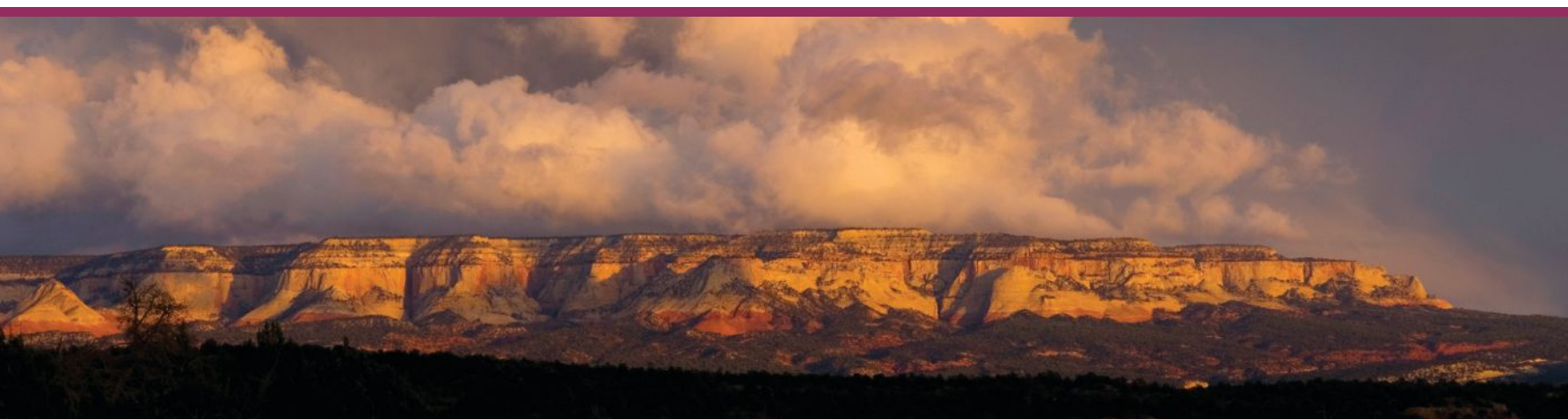
20 Revolution Way, Big Water, UT 84741

435.675.3200

Summer Hours: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM


Winter Hours: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

(Tuesday - Saturday)



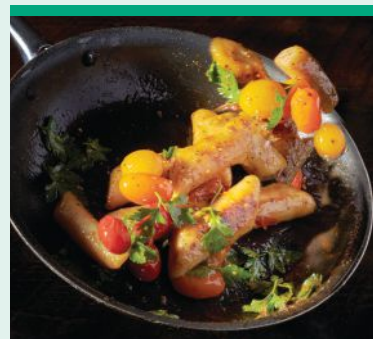
# RESTAURANTS

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RESTAURANT	ADDRESS	PHONE #	WEBSITE	TYPE OF FOOD	MEALS SERVED	BEER	WINE	ALCOHOL	PETS
<b>KANAB</b>									
ASAVA JUICE & SMOOTHIES	176 S 100 E	435.644.2637	asavajuice.life	Organic Juices and Smoothies made in house	B,L,D				
BIG AL'S JUNCTION DRIVE-IN	185 E 300 S	435.644.8170		Sandwiches, burgers, specialties	L,D				*
CAVE CAFE	4581 US-89	435.644.8525	moqui-cave.com	Grilled panini's, smoothies and açai bowls	B,L,D				*
ESCOBARS	373 E 300 S	435.644.3739		Family-run Mexican menu	L,D				*
FUSION HOUSE	18 E Center St	435.644.8868	fusionhousekanab.com	Asian/Japanese/American	L,D				
HAPPY TRAILS FAMILY BBQ	150 S 100 E	801.915.4894	happy-trails-bbq.business.site	BBQ	L,D				*
HAVANA CABANA	89 & 89A Junction	435.879.9605	lahavanacabana.com	Cuban style	L, D				
HOUSTON'S TRAILS END	32 E Center St	435.644.2488	houstons.net	Home-style American	B,L,D				
IRON HORSE RESTAURANT & SALOON	78 E Center St	435.644.2277	ironhorsekanab.com	American Steakhouse	L,D				
JAKEY LEIGH'S	4 E Center St	435.644.8191		Coffee shop	B				*
KANAB CREEK BAKERY	238 W Center St	435.644.5689	kanabcreekbakery.com	Artisan Bakery	B,L				*
LOTSA MOTSA PIZZA	164 E 300 S	435.644.3388		Pizza style Italian	L,D				*
LUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT	365 S 100 E	435.644.5592	luoscafechinese.com	Chinese	L,D				
MCDONALD'S	159 E 300 S	435.644.5563	mcdonalds.com	Fast food	B,L,D				*
THE MOON SALOON	150 S 100 E	435.644.2350	crescentmoonkanab.com	Home-style American	B,L,D				*
PEEKABOO WOOD FIRED KITCHEN	233 W Center St	435.689.1959	peekabookitchen.com	Vegan, vegetarian	B,L,D				*
PIZZA HUT	421 S 100 E	435.644.2513	pizzahut.com	Pizza, pasta, wings & American	L,D				
ROCKING V CAFÉ	97 W Center St	435.644.8001	rockingvcafe.com	Upscale American-southwest bistro	L,D				*
SEGO	190 N 300 W	435.644.5680	segokanab.com	Regional New American	B,D				*
THE SODA FOUNTAIN	176 W Center St	435.644.3401	kanabuniteddrug.com/ soda-fountain	Soup, sandwiches, soda fountain	B,L,D				*



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<b>KANAB</b>									
SUBWAY	295 E 300 S	435.644.8800	subway.com	Fast food sandwiches, salad, pizza	B,L,D				*
SUNNY CREEK COFFEE	181 W Center St	435.212.3839		Coffee, smoothies, tea, breakfast, salads, sandwiches, sodas, baked goods	B,L				*
VERMILLION 45	210 S100 E	435.644.3300	vermillion45.com	French/Italian	L,D				*
WENDY'S	301 S Fairway Dr	435.644.3707	wendys.com	Fast food	B,L,D				
WILD THYME RESTAURANT	198 S 100 E	435.644.2848	wildthymecafe.biz	Southwest and Cajun	L,D	🍷	🍷	🍷	*
<b>DUCK CREEK VILLAGE</b>									
AUNT SUE'S CHALET	63 Movie Ranch Rd	435.682.2484	auntsuechalet.com	Home-style American	B,L,D				*
HOT MAMA'S PIZZA & BREW	745 Movie Ranch Rd	435.682.4669		Pizza style Italian, beer	L,D	🍷			
MARTIN'S CORNER DELI	815 E Movie Ranch Rd	435.682.2502	auntsuechalet.com	American-style Deli	B,L,D				*
PINEWOODS RESORT RESTAURANT	1460 Duck Creek Ridge Rd	435.682.2512	pinewoodsresort.com	American, Southwestern	B,L,D	🍷	🍷		*
<b>EAST ZION</b>									
RAY'S RESTAURANT/ ZION PONDEROSA RANCH	Twin Knolls Rd	800.293.5444	zionponderosa.com	Home-style American	B,L,D	🍷	🍷		
CORDWOOD/ZION MOUNTAIN RANCH	9065 W Hwy 9	435.648.2555	zmr.com	Organic fine & home-style dining	B,L,D	🍷	🍷		
<b>MT. CARMEL/ORDERVILLE</b>									
THUNDERBIRD RESTAURANT	Junction of SR-9 & US-89	435.648.2262	zionnational-park.com	American; "ho-made pies"	B,L,D	🍷	🍷		
GOLDEN HILLS RESTAURANT	4475 S State St	435.648.2602	goldenhillsmotel.com	Homestyle, Salad Bar & Intl.	B,L,D				
SUBWAY	4490 S State St	435.648.3888	subway.com	Sandwiches, salads, pizza	B,L,D				



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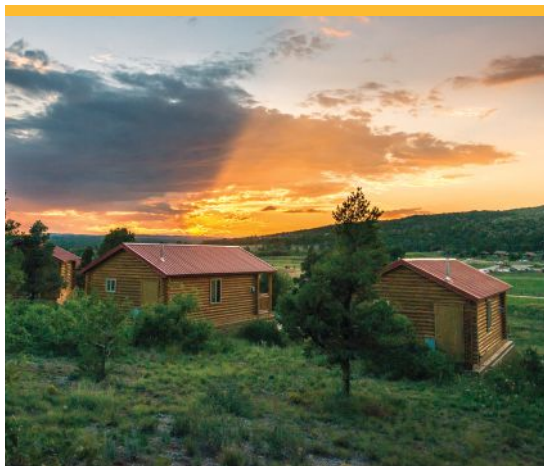
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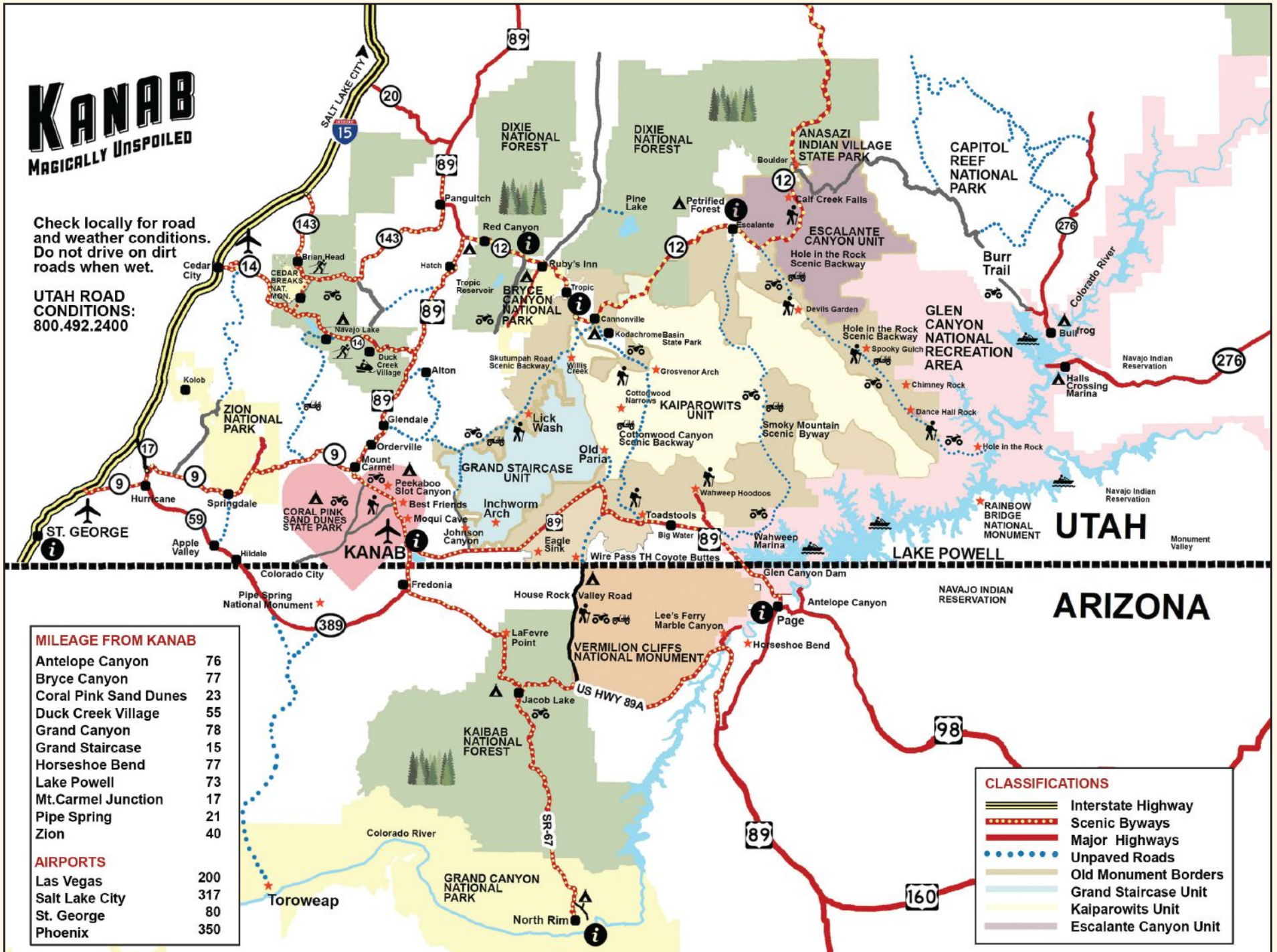
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Phoenix	350



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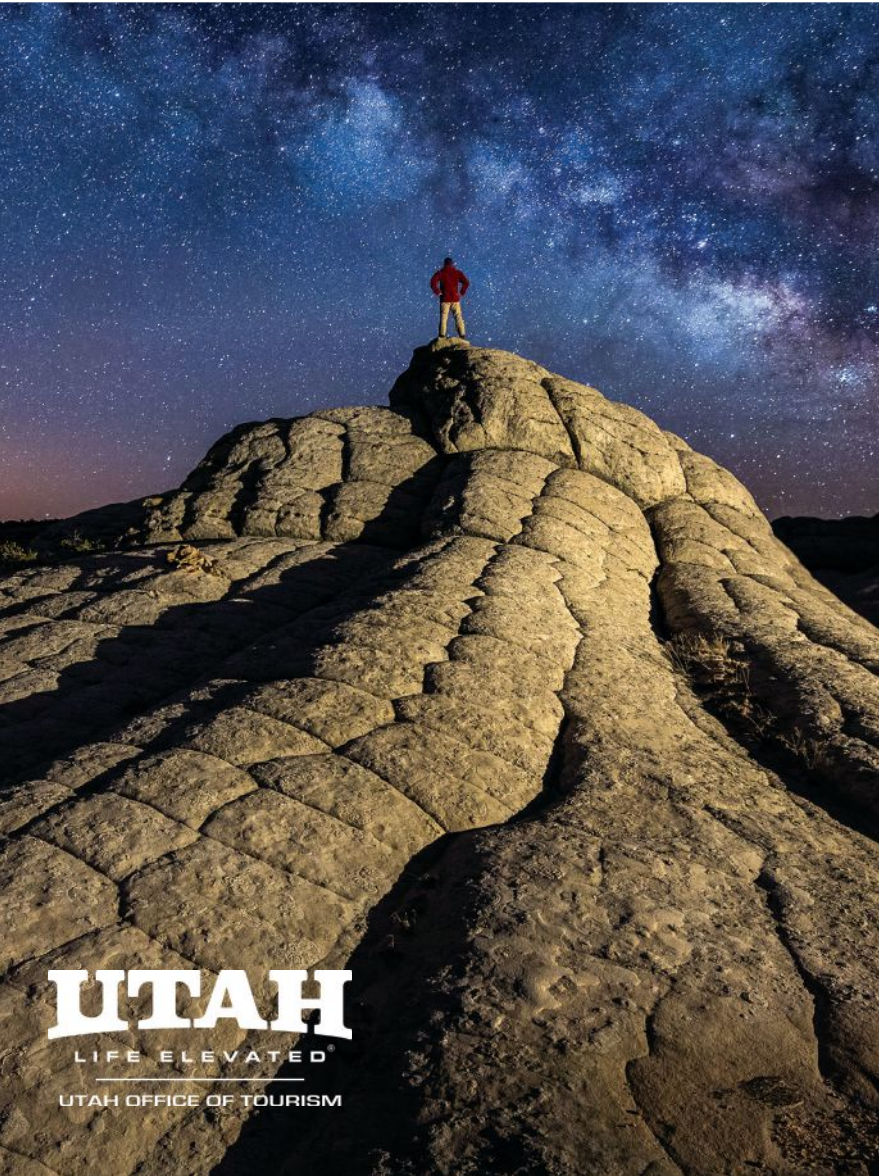
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