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WHY THIS PLACE ROCKS

ONE OF THE **LONGEST** **SLOT CANYONS** IN THE WORLD

THE **LARGEST** CONCENTRATION

IN THE **WORLD** OF



HOODOOS

< BRYCE CANYON >

&

SLOT CANYONS

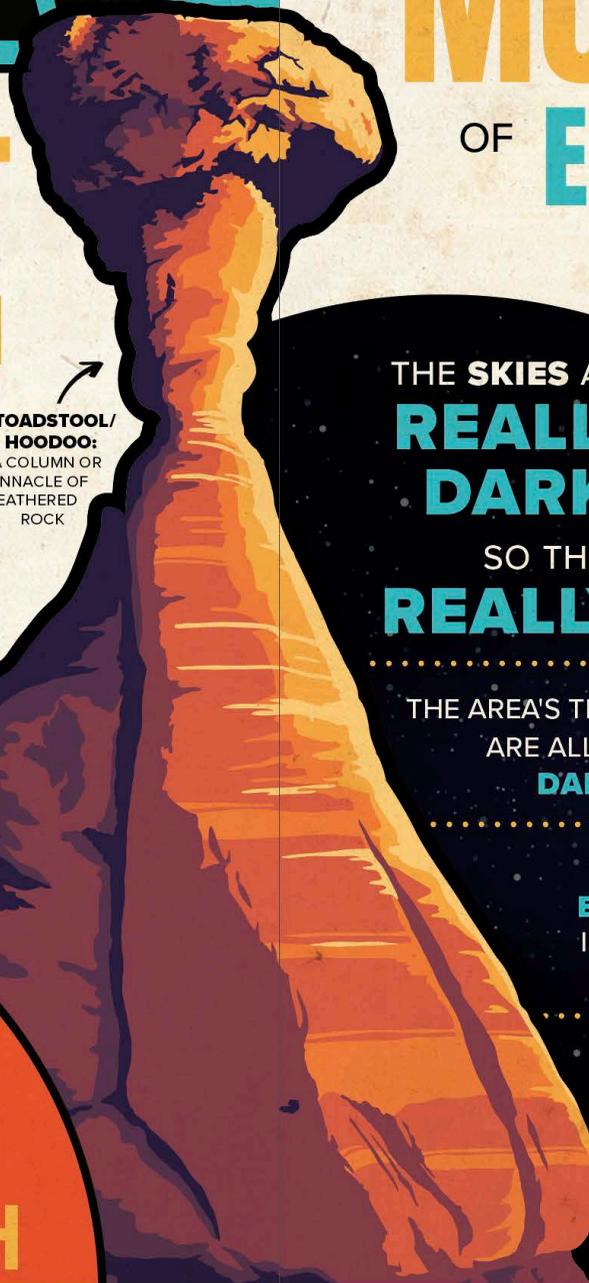
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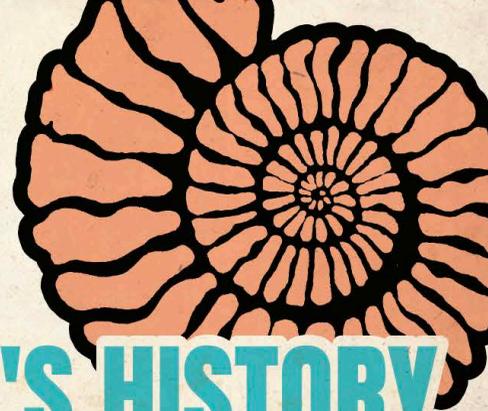
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TOADSTOOL/HOOOO:
A COLUMN OR PINNACLE OF WEATHERED ROCK



PRESERVES MORE

OF **EARTH'S HISTORY** THAN **ANYWHERE** ON **EARTH**



THE **SKIES** ARE **REALLY DARK**

SO THE **STARS** ARE **REALLY BRIGHT**

THE AREA'S THREE **NATIONAL PARKS** ARE ALL **INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY PARKS**

KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK IS AN INTERNATIONAL DARK-SKY PARK

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK IS RECOGNIZED AS A DARK-SKY LOCATION



< **GRAND STAIRCASE** >



THE **LARGEST NO-KILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY** IN THE UNITED STATES

< **BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY** >

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WELCOME!

THE COLORADO PLATEAU

Kanab is right in the **HEART** of some of Earth's greatness. It's easy to get lost in the beauty that surrounds Kane County.

Call Kanab home for a few days while you explore.
**WE ARE A GOOD
BASE CAMP!**

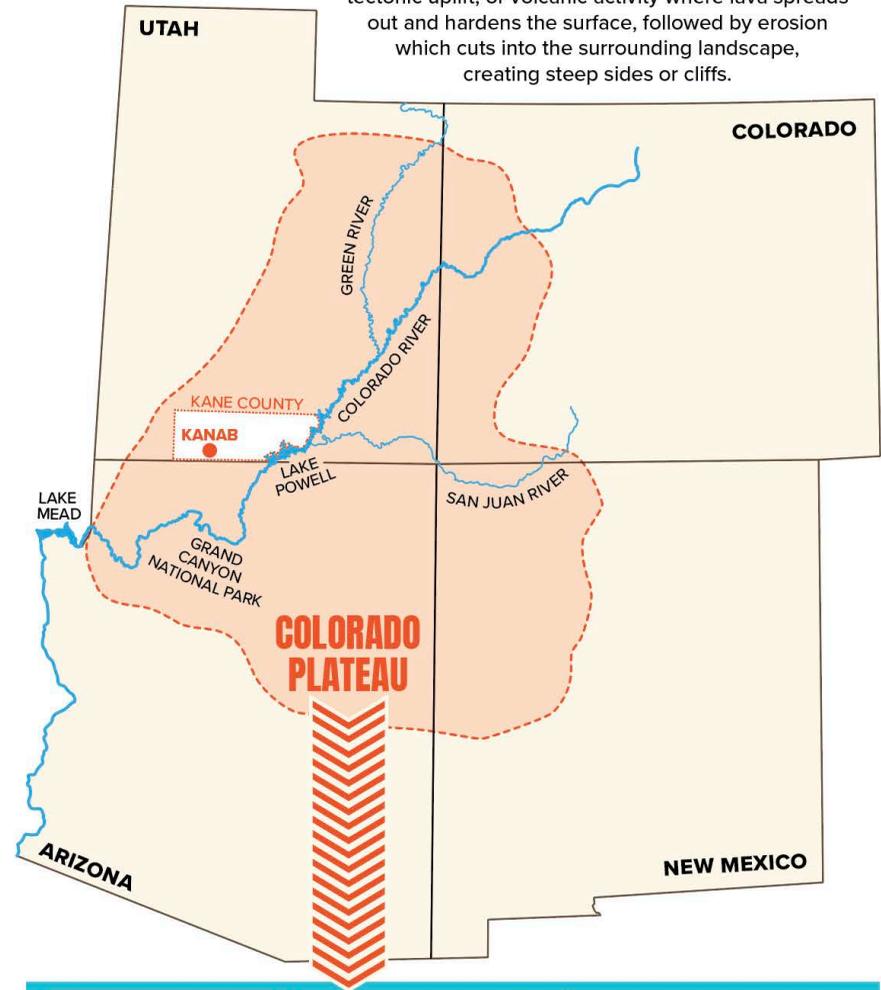
WITH THIS
GUIDE, WE
HOPE TO

INTRODUCE, EDUCATE & INSPIRE
Let's Get Started!

This part of Utah is on the edge of the Colorado Plateau. Due to the formation of the plateau, and the outcome from the elements, we are gifted with

**STUNNING
LANDSCAPES**

Generally speaking, plateaus are distinguished by their elevated position compared to the land around them, and their flat or gently sloping tops. They usually form from tectonic uplift, or volcanic activity where lava spreads out and hardens the surface, followed by erosion which cuts into the surrounding landscape, creating steep sides or cliffs.



**BY THE
NUMBERS**

**9 NATIONAL
PARKS**

The greatest concentration of national parks in the country outside of Washington, DC.

**18 NATIONAL
MONUMENTS**

including The Grand Staircase-Escalante Ntl. Monument and other protected areas.

**150,580
SQUARE MILES**

~90% of the Colorado Plateau drains into the Colorado River and its main tributaries.

THE GRAND STAIRCASE

An immense area of sequential sedimentary rock layers that form giant "steps" in geological time spanning millions of years.

Sedimentary rock remains mostly intact and looks the same as it did roughly 600 million years ago, whereas areas with rocks formed by more volatile rocks (magma, lava, metamorphic, etc.) have experienced change, often hiding aspects of Earth's history.

Due to its sedimentary rock formation, the Grand Staircase is a rare window into Earth's history—dinosaur fossils more than 75 million years old have been found here!

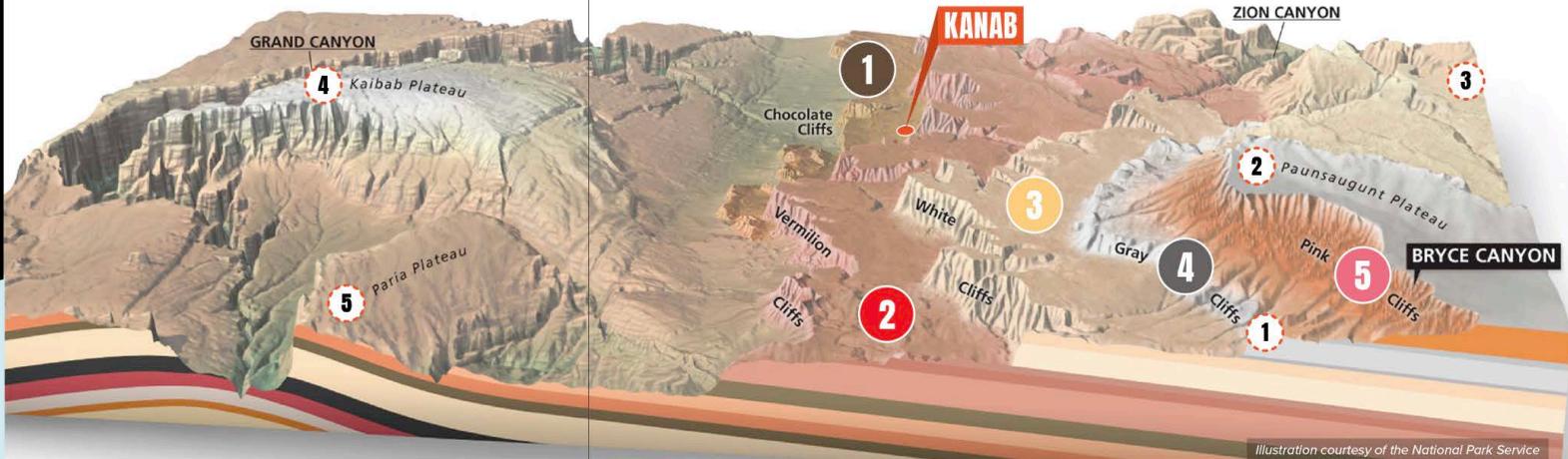


Illustration courtesy of the National Park Service

UNDERSTANDING THE "STEPS"

1 THE CHOCOLATE CLIFFS

Located just north of the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, these cliffs are the oldest of the steps—nearly 270 million years old.

FEATURE: Petrified Driftwood from Ancient Floods

2 THE VERMILION CLIFFS

Winding along the Colorado River at Lees Ferry and the Utah-Arizona border, these brilliant red cliffs were once rivers that deposited sand. Cemented minerals such as iron oxide create the rich red color.

FEATURES: Coyote Buttes • The Wave • Dinosaur Tracks

3 THE WHITE CLIFFS

Navajo Sandstone formations result in incredible vertical cliffs, often topped with massive rounded domes. The white color comes from a process called bleaching where groundwater containing reducing agents dissolved the iron which usually creates the red color. Erosion by wind and water formed the compelling hoodoos, buttes, and canyons.

FEATURES: Moqui Marbles

4 THE GRAY CLIFFS

Made up of gray/black mudstone, shale and sandstone, this area was once coastal. Oyster and mollusk fossils have been found in this layer.

FEATURES: Toadstool • Hoodoos Grosvenor Arch

5 THE PINK CLIFFS

The youngest "step." Not quite cliffs—mostly tall spires and hoodoos formed by "frost wedging," where water gets into the rocks, freezes, expands and eventually breaks the rock apart.

FEATURE: Bryce National Park

National Parks & National Monuments within the Grand Staircase area:

Vermilion Cliffs National Monument

Bryce National Park

Zion National Park

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Home to many bucket-list experiences. There is no main entrance, and the Kanab Visitor Center is the main visitor center.

THE GRAND STAIRCASE PLATEAUS

In this area, there are five plateaus within the Colorado Plateau. These plateaus are also a part of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

1 THE KAIPAROWITS PLATEAU • KAI-PAR-ROW-ITS

IN GRAND ESCALANTE • PART OF THE GREY CLIFFS

Primarily sandstone and mudstone and holds some of the most amazing and rare dinosaur fossils with fine details of bones, teeth, and even tracks of these ancient creatures. The sandstone has formed some incredible slot canyons, especially in the Escalante Canyons.

2 THE PAUNSAUGANT PLATEAU • PAWN-SUH-GANT

NEAR THE BRYCE AREA • PART OF THE PINK CLIFFS

The highest "step" in the Grand Staircase with an elevation of 7,000FT (2,134M) to 9,300FT (2,835M), this highly dissected plateau (severely eroded) along the eastern side includes the famous Pink Cliffs and the Bryce Canyon.

3 THE MARKAGUNT PLATEAU • MARK-AH-GANT

BETWEEN US HWY 89 AND I-15 • IN DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

The highest point in the Grand Staircase "steps," the Markagunt Plateau is characterized by its high elevation, volcanic field, with numerous canyons and mesas. The highest point is Brian Head Peak at 11,312FT (3,448M).

4 THE KAIBAB PLATEAU • KAI-BAB

ON THE NORTH RIM OF THE GRAND CANYON

A high-elevation area on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon and is the first major "step." Formed by tectonic uplift, the region has a higher elevation than other parts of the Grand Staircase. The plateau is home to much of the Kaibab National Forest with elevations ranging from 8,000FT (2,438M) to 9,215FT (2,813M).

5 THE PARIA PLATEAU • PA-RIA

PART OF THE VERMILION CLIFFS AREA

Characterized by broad, flat areas, steep escarpments, and deep canyons, including the dramatic Paria Canyon. This plateau is formed mostly from erosion by wind and water through the sandstone forming iconic places like The Wave and Buckskin Gulch.

FUN FACT

The Grand Staircase is home to more than **600 SPECIES** of **BEES**.

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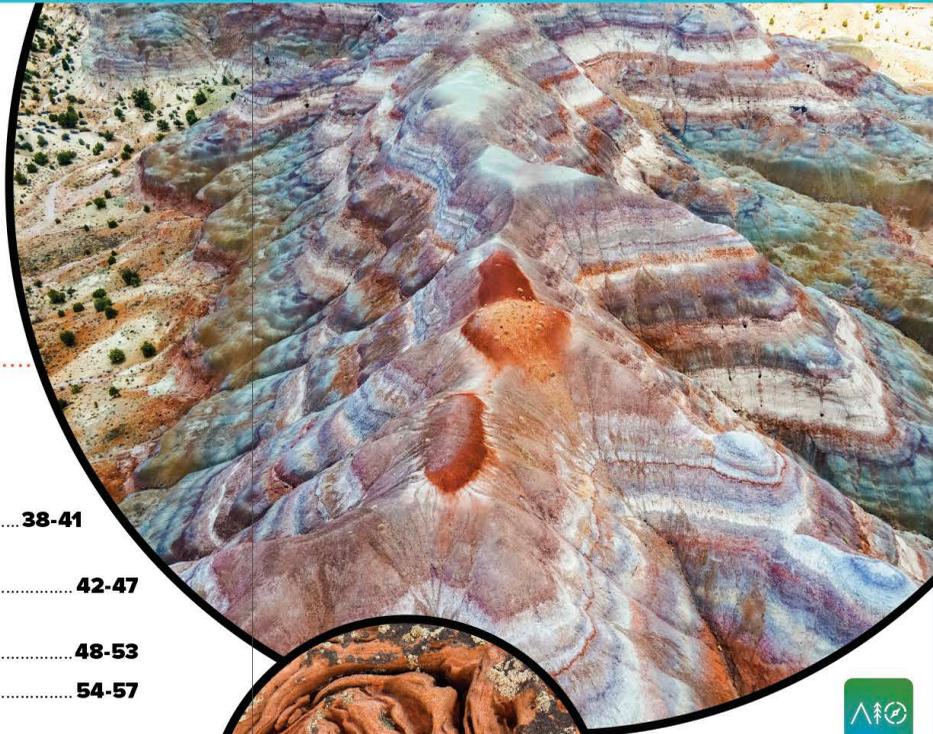
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NO PERMIT REQUIRED



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USED THROUGHOUT THE GUIDE



2 WHEEL DRIVE ACCESSIBLE

OFTEN APPLIES ONLY IF ROADS ARE DRY



2 WHEEL/ 4 WHEEL DRIVE

DIRT ROAD. CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS FIRST. MAY BE IMPASSABLE WHEN WET.



4 WHEEL DRIVE HIGH CLEARANCE REQUIRED

NO JOKE! DIRT ROAD, POSSIBLY DEEP SAND. CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS FIRST.



DARK SKIES



FEE REQUIRED



FLASH FLOODING POSSIBLE - CHECK LOCAL FORECASTS



GUIDED TRIPS AVAILABLE/SUGGESTED



SCENIC DRIVE



SLOT CANYONS



TOILET AVAILABLE

PIT TOILET. USUALLY **ONLY** AT TRAILHEADS/STAGING AREAS



DOGS ALLOWED IN MOST AREAS

BE AWARE:

RATTLESNAKES IN THE AREA

Watch where you step or place your hands.

VERY LITTLE SHADE

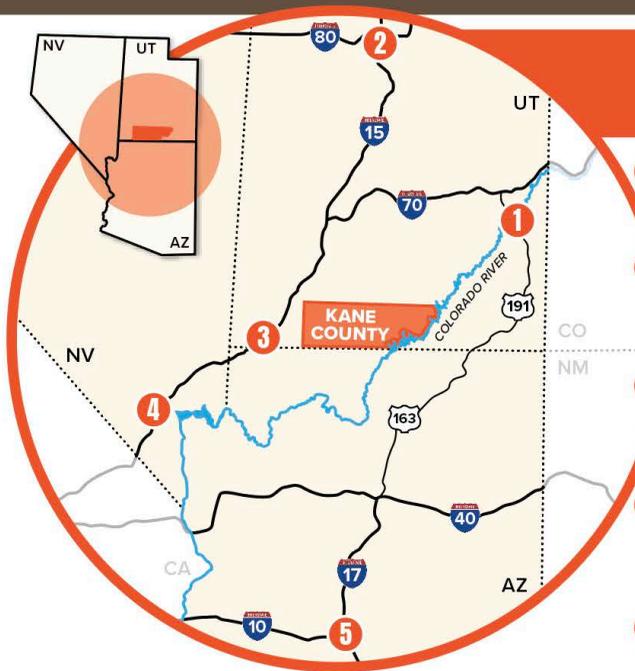
Plan your activities earlier in the day to avoid the sun.

BRING YOUR OWN WATER

Fresh water can be hard to find. Always carry all the water you will need.

WHERE IS KANE COUNTY?

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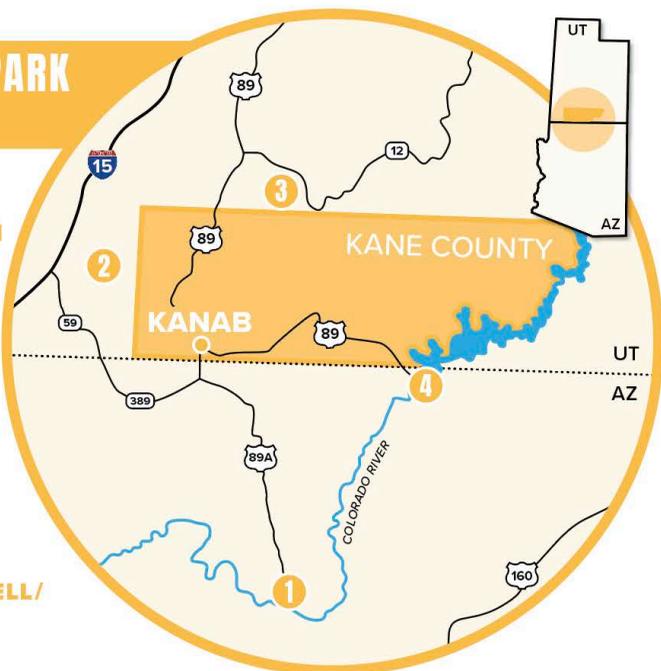


CITY & TOWN DISTANCES

- 1 MOAB, UT**
347MI (558KM)
5.5HRS
- 2 SALT LAKE CITY, UT**
317MI (510KM)
4.5HRS
- 3 ST. GEORGE, UT**
80MI (129KM)
1.5HRS
- 4 LAS VEGAS, NV**
200MI (322KM)
3HRS
- 5 PHOENIX, AZ**
350MI (563KM)
5.5HRS

FEATURE & PARK DISTANCES

- 1 GRAND CANYON'S NORTH RIM**
78MI (125KM)
1.5HRS
- 2 ZION NTL. PARK**
40MI (64KM)
.5HRS
- 3 BRYCE CANYON NTL. PARK**
77MI (124KM)
1.5HRS
- 4 LAKE POWELL/PAGE, AZ**
74MI (119KM)
1.5HRS



The communities of Kane County all have their own, unique personalities and are lovely places to stop. This area offers something for everyone. Whether you are an adrenaline junkie or prefer a gentler kind of day, this area will not disappoint.



Each community hosts a variety of events. Go to VisitSouthernUtah.com for a full calendar.

1 KANAB *Paiute word meaning "Place of the Willows"*

The largest town in Kane County with a charming small-town atmosphere and a friendly local community. The restaurants offer diverse and flavorful meals. There are a variety of lodging options, art galleries, and speciality stores. The town also has two full-service grocery stores, hardware stores, and filling stations. John Wesley Powell used Kanab as his headquarters as he mapped and explored the Grand Canyon. See all of Kanab's history in the various museums.

2 MT. CARMEL & MT. CARMEL JUNCTION

Mt. Carmel Junction is located at the junction of US Hwy 89 and Utah Hwy 9, the road into Zion Ntl. Park. This is a great spot to stop on your way into or coming back from the park. At the junction, there is a restaurant, gift shop, and filling station.

Mount Carmel is a small community just **1MI (1.6KM)** north of the junction and offers a variety of lodging and camping. The Mason Dixon Museum is a fascinating place to visit.

3 ORDERVILLE GLENDALE & ALTON

A small community located on the beautiful US Hwy 89 corridor. **Orderville** offers a variety of lodging options along with camping and glamping. There are several dining options, a coffee shop/bakery, a grocery store/hardware store. There are wonderful geocache specimens in the area. Visit one of the rock shops to learn more.

Glendale is north of Orderville and has a variety of lodging and camping options.

Alton is northwest of Orderville and offers some unique lodging options.

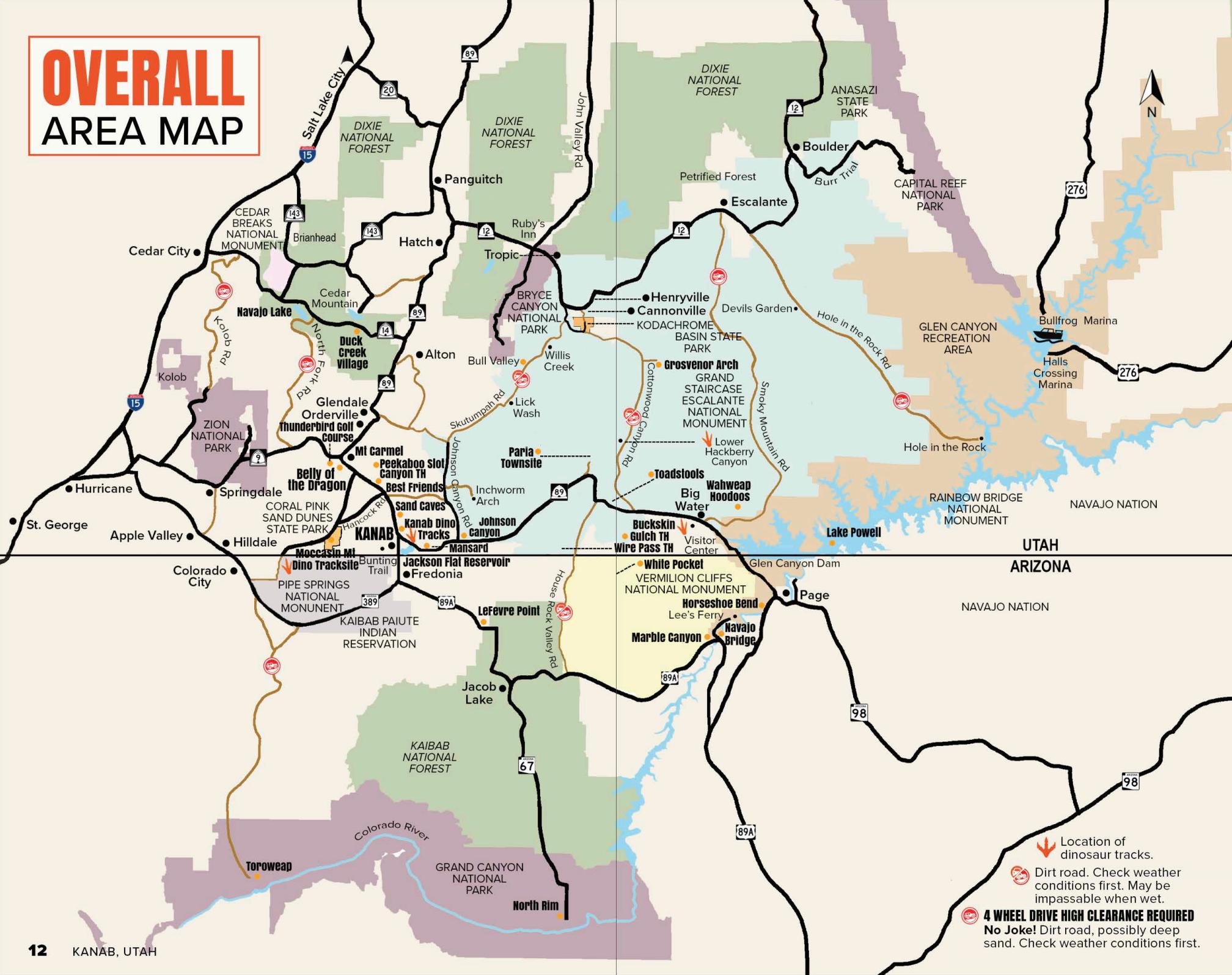
4 BIG WATER

Big Water is located between Kanab and Page, Arizona. The visitor center is also a BLM office and a great place to stop for information. There is a filling station and RV park with groceries. Fill up here before reaching Lake Powell.

5 DUCK CREEK VILLAGE

This little village, founded as a gathering place for local shepherders, has the highest elevation of the towns in Kane County. This community has shops, restaurants, lodges, inns, cabin rentals, fishing, and a campground. Boat, UTV, and snowmobile rentals available.

OVERALL AREA MAP



-  Location of dinosaur tracks.
-  Dirt road. Check weather conditions first. May be impassable when wet.
-  **4 WHEEL DRIVE HIGH CLEARANCE REQUIRED**
No Joke! Dirt road, possibly deep sand. Check weather conditions first.

GRAND CANYON'S NORTH RIM

The Grand Canyon is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the world. Artists of many forms have tried to capture this place that can render many speechless. One look into this beautiful canyon will stay with you forever.

Grand Canyon National Park attracts more than

FIVE MILLION
Annual Visitors

THE NORTH RIM

is a **QUIETER**, more **REMOTE** destination with only

500,000
ANNUAL VISITORS

Time on the North Rim has a different feel and vibe to it. This uncrowded experience is worth the time getting there.



78

MILES (125KM)
FROM KANAB

90MIN-2HR DRIVE

OPEN

Mid-May to
Mid-October

Wotan's Throne

7,721FT (2,353M)

A unique geological feature best seen from Cape Royal. Geographical features in the Grand Canyon are named after mythological deities. Wotan is the Germanic name for the god Odin.

The trails are a bit easier on the top of the plateaus than anywhere in the park, making it nicer for folks new to the altitude or who need easy trails to see the views.

There is no shuttle on the North Rim, so plan to hike or drive on your own.

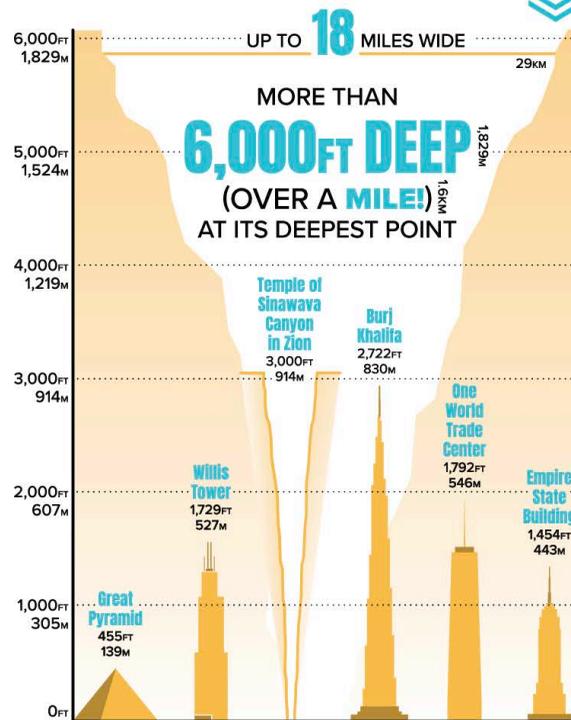


The Dragon Bravo Fire, started by lightning on July 4, 2025, burned more than 145,000 acres. The fire destroyed 113 structures, including the historic Grand Canyon Lodge and visitor center. Plans to re-build are underway and trails will start opening in 2026 as they are repaired.

For the full and up-to-date information on the status of the North Rim, visit [NPS.gov/GrCa/NorthRimStatus.htm](https://www.nps.gov/GrCa/NorthRimStatus.htm), or [VisitSouthernUtah.com](https://www.visitutah.com).

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THE GRAND CANYON BY THE NUMBERS



The North Rim is roughly **1,000FT** 305M

higher in elevation than the South Rim and is closer to the center of the uplift of the Kaibab Plateau.

Therefore, the canyon walls on the North Rim are almost vertical and offer some of the **MOST IMPRESSIVE VIEWS IN THE ENTIRE PARK.**

The full length of the Canyon stretches for **277MI** 446KM

From the North Rim, the Colorado River carves its way **4,440FT** 1,353KM down from Bright Angel Point.



Certain parts of the Grand Canyon are dog-friendly. Leashed dogs may be on the **Bridle Path** that connects the **North Kaibab Trail**, and the portion of the **Arizona Trail** north to the park entrance station.

THE SIX VIEWPOINTS

1



BRIGHT ANGEL POINT

Near the visitor center, with a **.25MI (.4KM)** paved walkway & spur trails.

A popular spot for sunrise or sunset with a classic view of the Grand Canyon.

2



POINT IMPERIAL

At the Y in the Cape Royal Road, the highest point on the North Rim is to the left at **8,803FT (2,683M)**.

It overlooks the Painted Desert and the eastern end of Grand Canyon.

3



VISTA ENCANTADA

Has picnic tables, which makes it a great spot to break for a meal while enjoying wide open canyon views.

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Zion National Park is Utah's first national park, established in 1909. This park is Utah's crown jewel with its amazing towering cliffs along the Zion Canyon. Zion is the most developed and the most popular of any of the national parks in Utah.

Zion has sweeping vistas, massive sandstone cliffs and mesas, narrow slot canyons, natural arches and amazingly clear waterfalls. The ecosystem is a delicate blend of desert, riparian, and forest life zones all relying on the Virgin River and its tributaries. A diverse array of plants and animals also make Zion their home.

With all the geological diversity, this park is hard to describe. You can spend your day simply staring at all the beauty.



FUN FACT

The name **ZION** is derived from the Hebrew word for "sanctuary" or "refuge."

BY THE NUMBERS

TOP 5

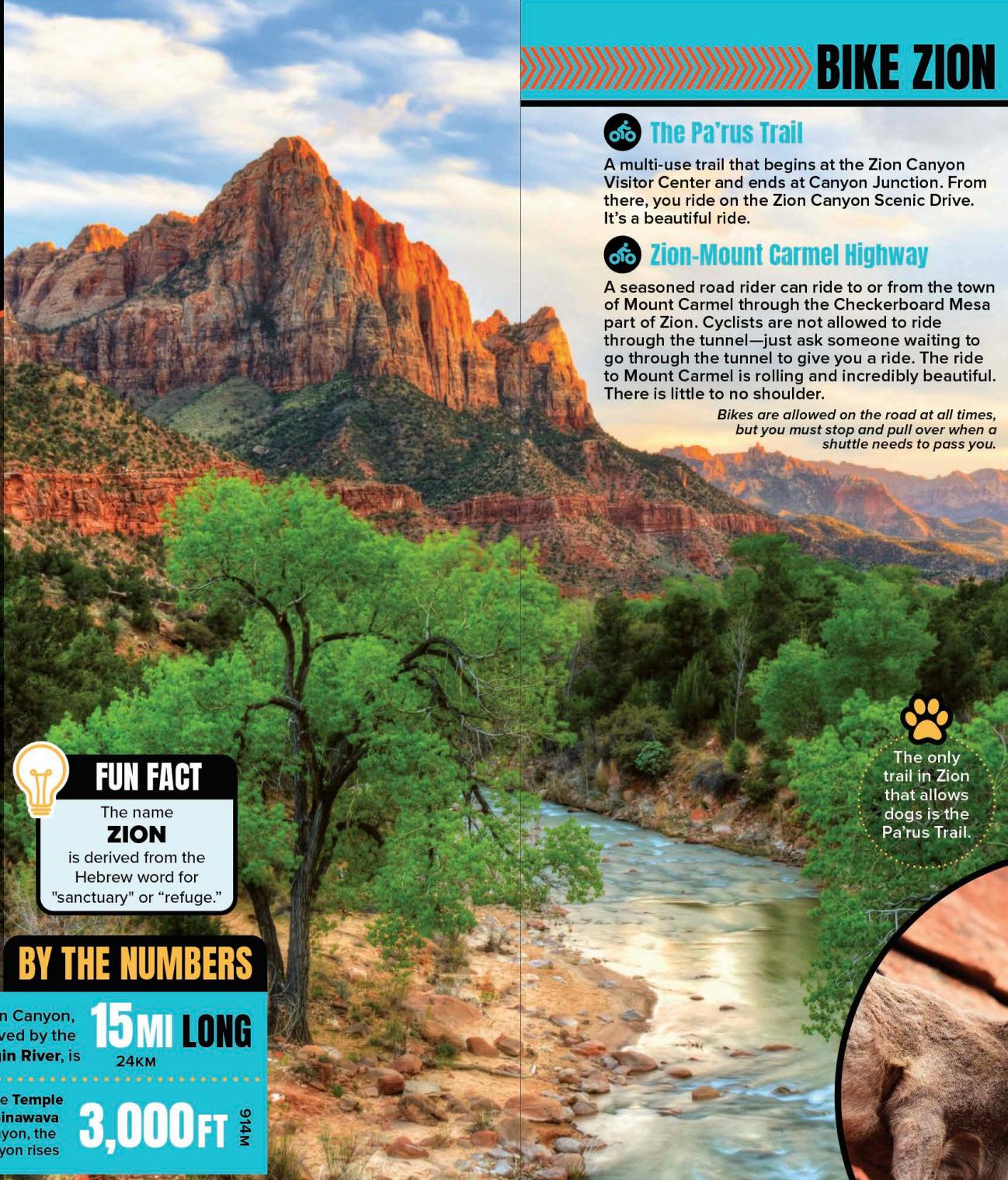
visited national parks in the country. Once you visit, you will understand why. Its striking beauty is not to be missed.

Zion Canyon, carved by the **Virgin River**, is

15 MI LONG
24KM

In the **Temple of Sinawava** canyon, the canyon rises

3,000 FT
914M



BIKE ZION

The Pa'rus Trail

A multi-use trail that begins at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and ends at Canyon Junction. From there, you ride on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. It's a beautiful ride.

Zion-Mount Carmel Highway

A seasoned road rider can ride to or from the town of Mount Carmel through the Checkerboard Mesa part of Zion. Cyclists are not allowed to ride through the tunnel—just ask someone waiting to go through the tunnel to give you a ride. The ride to Mount Carmel is rolling and incredibly beautiful. There is little to no shoulder.

Bikes are allowed on the road at all times, but you must stop and pull over when a shuttle needs to pass you.



The only trail in Zion that allows dogs is the Pa'rus Trail.

HIKE ZION

Trails range from easy interpretive trails to the adventurous treks to Angel's Landing or The Narrows.

100MI
161KM
OF
TRAILS

The Narrows

The narrowest section of Zion Canyon on the North Fork of the Virgin River, and one of the premier hikes in Zion. No permit is needed to do this hike from the bottom up. Be well-prepared and do your research.

Angels Landing

This 1,488FT (454M) tall rock formation is an epic hike up a renowned trail cut into the solid rock, leading to panoramic view of Zion. A permit is required to hike from Scout Landing to the summit. Visit Recreation.gov.

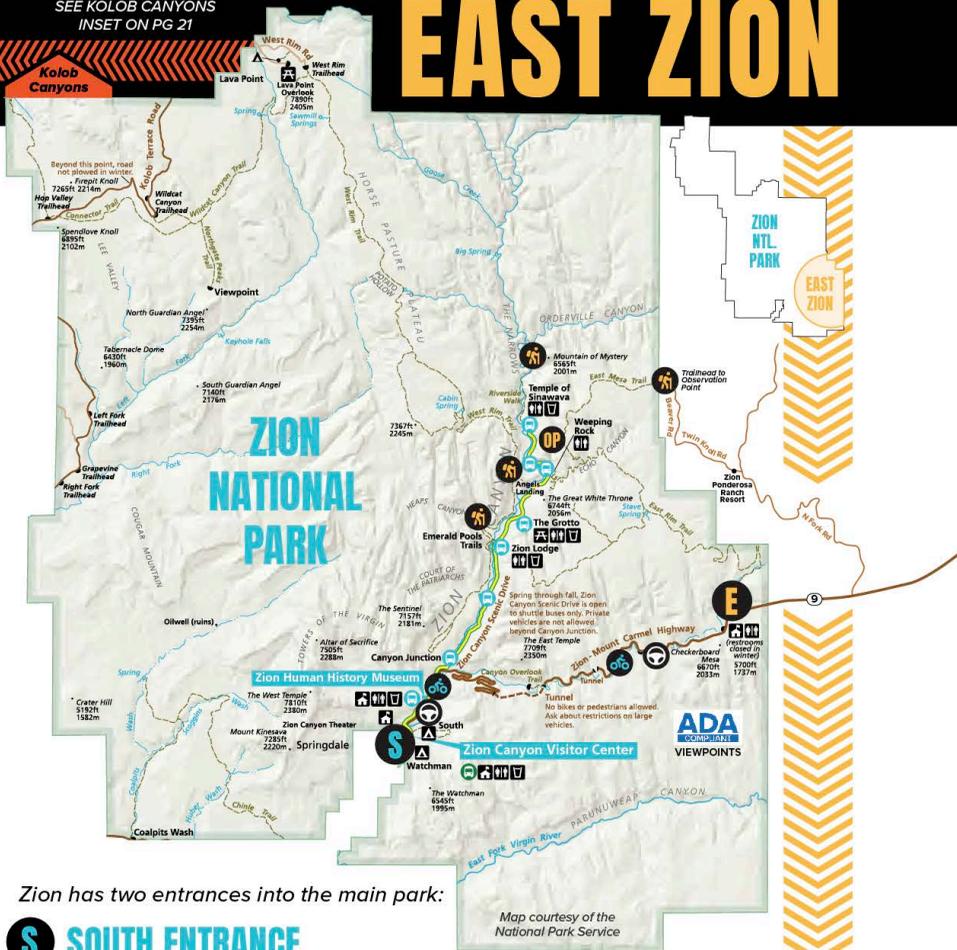
Emerald Pools

A short hike to a beautiful waterfall. Lower Emerald Pool has a paved, accessible path great for kids, strollers, and wheelchairs. The Middle and Upper Pools are only **1MI (1.6KM)** round-trip on a more moderate trail.



SEE KOLOB CANYONS
INSET ON PG 21

EAST ZION



Zion has two entrances into the main park:

S SOUTH ENTRANCE

This entrance borders the town of Springdale. This is the more developed part of the park and where the visitor center and campground are located.

ZION-MOUNT CARMEL TUNNEL

Over **1mi (1.6km)** long, the tunnel was completed in 1930 and connects the south part of Zion and US Hwy 15 with the town of Mount Carmel, Kanab, and Bryce Canyon Ntl. Park.

STARTING JUNE 2026, vehicles over the maximum safety size will need to use alternate routes:

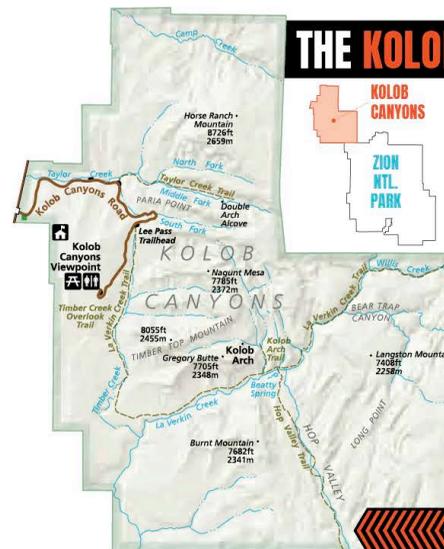
**35'9" LONG • 11'4" TALL
7' 10" WIDE • 50,000LBS.**

E EAST ENTRANCE

Outside of the small town of Mount Carmel, the east entrance is **30mi (48km)** from Kanab. Staying in Kanab is a great option to access the quieter side of Zion. You travel through the Checkboard Mesa area and the Zion-Mount Carmel tunnel to get to Zion Canyon.

East Zion highlights include: **Checkerboard Mesa scenic viewpoint**, **Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel** and hiking trails, **Observation Point**, **Cable Mountain**, and **Canyon Overlook**.

THE KOLOB CANYONS DISTRICT OF ZION



Located off I-15, **40mi (64km)** north of the main entrance, this district is home to the second-largest freestanding arch in the world.

This part of the park is not connected by roads to Zion. **The Kolob Canyons Road** is a **5mi (8km)** scenic drive that takes you to the top of the canyon at **Timber Creek Overlook**. This district has its own geological features and is quite peaceful compared to the main part of Zion.

FUN FACT

KOLOB ARCH is **287FT (87M)** in length—second only to Landscape Arch in arches National Park.



SHUTTLE SYSTEM

MARCH-OCTOBER • EVERY DAY
NOV.-FEB. • HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

The route runs **7.7mi (12.4km)** from the Zion Visitor Center down Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the Temple of Sinawava where The Narrows start.



9 STOPS

Amazing hikes start from each stop, and some take you from one stop to another. The shuttles also include informative narrations about the scenery.

When shuttles are running, cars are not allowed on Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.

You do not need a ticket or reservation to ride the shuttle. Parking within the park is limited. It's a good idea to go early—beat the heat!

DRIVE ZION

U Utah Hwy 9

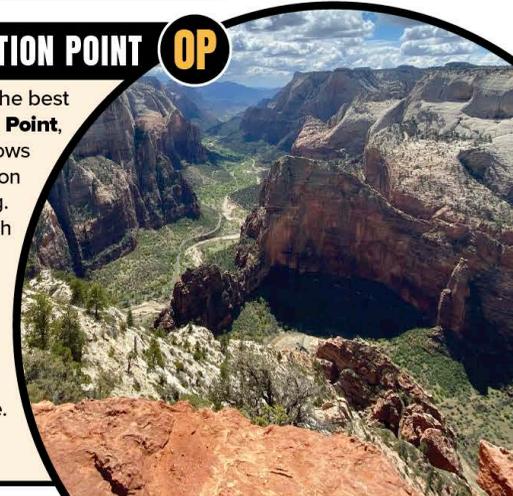
This highway connects Mount Carmel to Springdale through the park.

T The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive

Travel the length of the Zion Canyon. This is an out-and-back and is closed to driving most of the year.

HIDDEN GEM: OBSERVATION POINT **OP**

For a quieter hiking trail with one of the best views of the park, hike to **Observation Point**, from the East Mesa Trail. This spot shows off just about every major attraction Zion has to offer, and is simply breathtaking. The trail is **7mi (11km) out-and-back** with little elevation gain and travels mostly through Ponderosa Pine that opens up to incredible views. At the end, you are actually higher than Angel's Landing looking down at it. You can see the sharp walls of the canyon with its different colors of Navajo Sandstone. Your eyes will follow the river all the way down the valley.



BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Established in 1923, Bryce Canyon National Park is the smallest of Utah's national parks and is home to the highest concentration of hoodoos found anywhere on Earth.

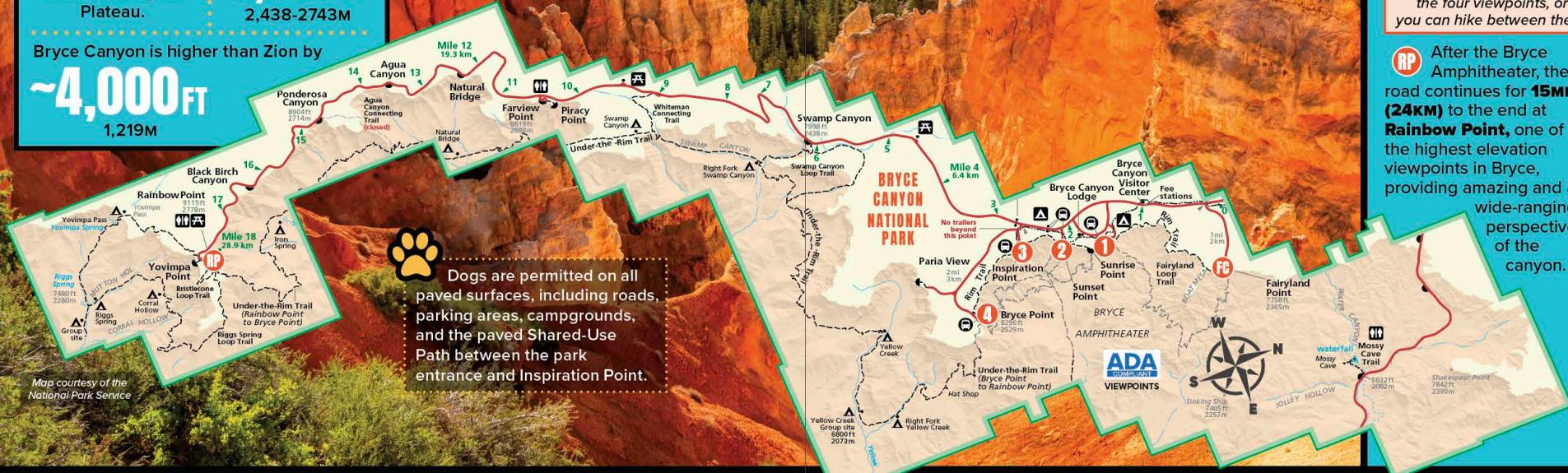


BY THE NUMBERS

Bryce Canyon is the **HIGHEST** national park in Utah, and is part of the Paunsaugunt Plateau.

Elevations range from **8,000-9,000FT**
2,438-2743M

Bryce Canyon is higher than Zion by **~4,000FT**
1,219M



Dogs are permitted on all paved surfaces, including roads, parking areas, campgrounds, and the paved Shared-Use Path between the park entrance and Inspiration Point.

HIKE BRYCE

From the main road, several trailheads are accessible for the Bryce Amphitheater with hikes of all levels. Hiking down into the amphitheater is well worth it—see the hoodoos and spires up close!

Bryce Amphitheater

Bryce Canyon National Park is a collection of natural amphitheaters, with the most famous being the Bryce Amphitheater, which is carved into the eastern slope of the Paunsaugunt Plateau. The "breaks" or pink cliffs are a prominent feature of this area. Bryce Amphitheater contains thousands of chiseled pinnacles, called hoodoos, delicate spires, and pink granite cliffs, which you can view as you hike the trails taking you around and among these natural wonders.

Navajo Loop

A favorite hike, starting from Sunset Point. This **1.3MI (2KM)** hike is a loop and passes by several popular landmarks. You can also combine this hike with the Peekaboo Loop or Queen's Garden Trail.

TIP: Do the loop clockwise, descending the Queen's Garden Trail and coming back up on the Navajo Loop.

GETTING TO KNOW BRYCE CANYON

There is one main entrance to the park with an **18MI (29KM), out-and-back** scenic road.

Bryce Amphitheater covers the first **3MI (5KM)** of the main road.

FC Just after passing the park boundary (and before the entrance/fee station), watch on your left for the road to **Fairyland Canyon**, offering a unique up-close view of the red rock spires.

- 1** There are **four main viewpoints**,
- 2** all overlooking the main amphitheater.
- 3** The views are stunning from any of the view points. They
- 4** all look east toward the amphitheater.

The western views show the plateau with its more treed landscape.

UT HWY 63 SHUTTLE

APRIL-OCTOBER
The shuttle runs between the four viewpoints, or you can hike between them.

RP After the Bryce Amphitheater, the road continues for **15MI (24KM)** to the end at **Rainbow Point**, one of the highest elevation viewpoints in Bryce, providing amazing and a wide-ranging perspective of the canyon.

LAKE POWELL



Lake Powell, named for John Wesley Powell, is a recreation hub for water activities. Known for houseboat rentals, this lake offers many ways to enjoy and explore.

BY THE NUMBERS

When the lake is full, the pool elevation is

3,700FT
1,128M

Currently, the pool is

3,556FT,
1,084M

143FT

44M
below full pool.

The lake holds more than

26 MILLION

acre-feet (the amount of water that would cover one acre of land) of water, and is

560FT

171M
deep at the dam. That amount of water would cover Ohio with

ONE FT

.3M
of water.

The shore length is

1,960 MI

3,154KM
which is roughly the same as driving from Kanab to Toronto, Canada.

Water levels fluctuate, and with recent drought conditions, the shoreline has offered more of the revealed canyon walls to explore. The water fills the niches of canyons that beckon to be explored. This is a unique perspective of this beautiful landscape.

Get on the water by renting a boat, jet ski, or paddleboard. Guided boat tours are also available.

Wahweap Marina, the largest marina on the lake, and **Antelope Point Marinas** are the closest marinas to Kanab. Both offer a variety of marina services and dining options.

LAKE POWELL HISTORY

John Wesley Powell and his crew were the first to navigate the Colorado River through Glen Canyon and the Grand Canyon in 1869. Now, both Glen Canyon and going down "The Grand" have changed.

Glen Canyon, on the Colorado River, was a series of gorges, cliffs, and 96 named canyons. Once the Glen Canyon Dam was built, those canyons were flooded with water, creating an opportunity to explore the windy shoreline and nooks and crannies of what is now Lake Powell.

The Glen Canyon Dam was built to create a reservoir to ensure the steady flow of water downstream for supplying water for agriculture and major cities such as Phoenix, LA, San Diego, and Native American tribes. The dam also produces hydroelectric power for about half a million cities in the West.

The Glen Canyon Dam

Construction began in

1956

The dam was completed in

1963

Lake Powell

The lake began to fill in 1963, and was considered to be at full pool in

1980

The lake stretches over

>180 MI

290KM of what used to be the Colorado River

It is the **2ND LARGEST** reservoir in North America

FUN FACT

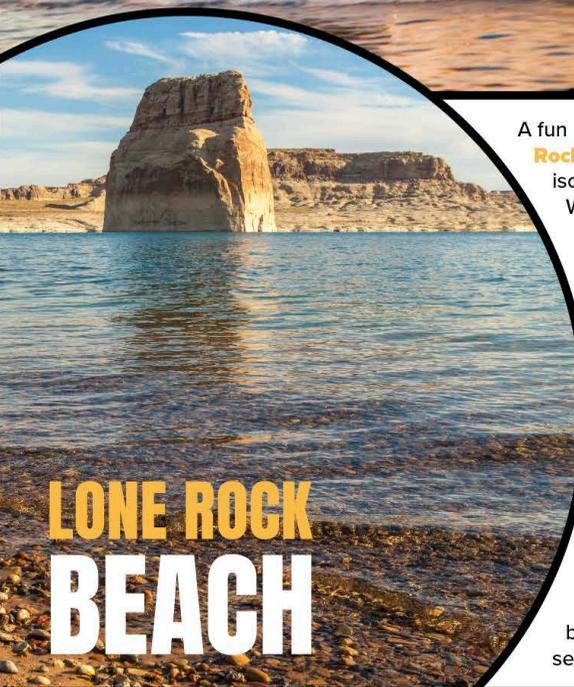
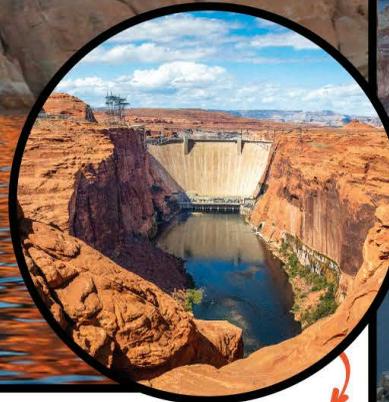
The **GLEN CANYON DAM** is the second highest arch-concrete dam in the United States. An arch-gravity dam is a hybrid design that leverages both the strength of an arch and the stability of a gravity dam, making it a suitable choice for a dam built in a canyon.

GETTING THERE:

From Kanab, it's **74 MI (119KM)** via UT Hwy 89. You can take US Hwy 89A which is **117MI (183KM)** and takes you over Navajo Bridge, the last place to cross the Colorado River by car.

LAKE POWELL

RECREATION & ACTIVITIES



A fun place to access a beach is **Lone Rock Beach**. Lone Rock is a large, isolated redrock formation in Wahweap Bay that dominates the landscape. The primitive campground with a great view of Lone Rock is located on the shore of Wahweap Bay and is a popular spot for swimming, boating, paddling, and camping. This spot is the only designated UTV area in the recreation area.

Lone Rock Beach is accessible off Utah Hwy 89, just **2MI (3.2KM)** south of Big Water. There is beach access and the ability to drive directly to the water's edge. There is no boat ramp. The campground has seasonal bathrooms.

The main visitor center for **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** and Rainbow Bridge National Monument is located on the west side of the dam, off of US Hwy 89, in Page. This is a great stop to learn more about the dam or take a tour of it. The visitor center is attached to the dam and offers exhibits, information, scenic views, and a gift shop. They also have a film on the construction of the dam.

Lake Powell is in the **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area**, so accessing the area and lake requires an entrance fee. National Parks have gone cashless, so plan to use your credit card, or use your America the Beautiful Pass. You can also pay for your entry fee on **Recreation.gov** before your trip. If you plan to use a motorized watercraft, there is an additional fee. Camping or ferry fees are extra.

A popular activity is to walk or drive across the **Glen Canyon Bridge**, which provides views of the **Glen Canyon Dam** and **Lake Powell**. There is a pedestrian walkway.

.5MI (.8KM) round trip.

DESERT TIPS

Spending time in this area where nature just won't stop creates memories that will last a lifetime. Please leave this area as pristine as possible for others to enjoy and to protect wildlife and artifacts. The goal is to have a good time, be properly prepared, and to be safe.

STOP AT A VISITOR CENTER!

Visitor centers are the most informative place you can stop before you begin your adventure. Visitor center staff and park rangers know so many facts, tidbits, and current conditions about the area you will be visiting. Visitor centers often have interpretive displays, short videos, maps, and other things you can purchase.

Try to plan time in one, or all.

Read the signs at trailheads—they will have current conditions and information about the trail.



EXTREMELY REMOTE

CELL SERVICE is incredibly limited, or non-existent.

FRESH WATER can be hard to find, or non-existent. Always carry all the water you will need.

All of this makes for part of the adventure. Being prepared and knowledgeable of the area is crucial.

HIGH ALTITUDES

The altitude in this area ranges from 4,295FT (1,309M) to more than 10,000FT (3,048M). Even the most fit person can be affected by altitude. Drinking plenty of water and avoiding salty foods can help. Dogs can be affected by altitude as well. Give them plenty of water and time to adjust.

The weather can be drastically different just a few miles away. Check local and regional weather before heading out. Rain in one area can cause flash flooding in another area.

DRINK WATER.

LOTS OF WATER.

This region is dry with relatively low humidity and an average range of 26% in the hottest months to 70% in January.

This means the air is dry and staying on top of your hydration is crucial! Finding a clean water source is not always

easy. Always have plenty of water. Depending on your activity, adults should drink a gallon of water a day, seriously! Kids are more likely to become dehydrated than adults as they have a higher metabolic rate. Kids should drink at least 32oz a day, depending on their weight and activity level. You lose water by exhaling and sweating. The more anyone is sweating, the more water they should drink.

It's important to replace minerals, so add electrolytes to one of your water bottles too. Summer months can see temperatures rise above 90°. Exhaustion, fatigue, and heat cramps could mean you are dehydrated. Drinking small sips of water regularly is better than chugging large amounts of water all at once.



SUN PROTECTION

Summer temperatures can exceed 100° and the rocks get even hotter. Shade can be hard to find, so plan your activities earlier in the day.

Protect yourself from the hot sun by wearing plenty of sunscreen, a brimmed hat, sunglasses, and loose clothing. You want to apply sunscreen 30 minutes before you head out to allow it to absorb with your skin. The atmosphere is a bit thinner at this altitude causing you to sunburn more easily than you might think.

Ultraviolet radiation is about 36% higher than at sea level, so a good pair of sunglasses is important. The wind can also dehydrate you and dry out your skin. Keep drinking water, apply lip balm regularly, and use moisturizer.



RECREATION.gov

Recreation.gov is the central platform for many federal agencies. All permits and national park reservations for this area use this site.

You have to have an account to make reservations using this site as your account serves as a unique identifier for managing reservations. It's easy to do and an easy site to use, especially once you get to know it better.



Put the app on your phone—if you are applying for a permit with geofencing, the app needs to know your location.



Utah State Parks uses this site for campground reservations.

You don't need an account to make reservations, but having one will help manage reservations.

DESERT TIPS

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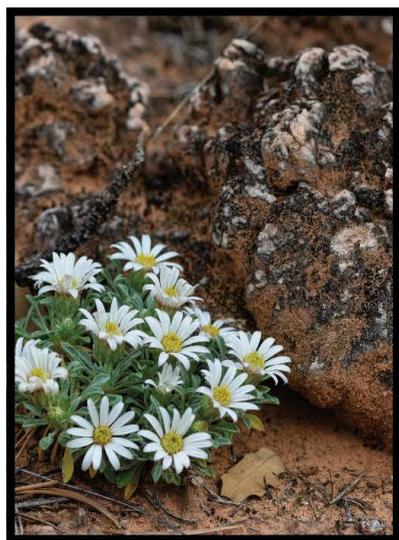
BE PREPARED HAVE YOU PLANNED WELL?

Do your research about the area you are going to visit. Have a good, paper map, downloaded maps on your phone, and study your route, keeping track of where you are at all times.

STICK TO THE TRAIL & HARD SURFACES

In the desert, a dark crust of lichen, mosses, algae, and bacteria holds the soil in place. This dark crust is called **biological soil crust** (or **biocrust**) and looks remarkably like dirt, but it's actually a self-sustaining biological unit that is essential to the health of the desert ecosystem.

This fragile soil can be destroyed by careless footsteps. Please bike, hike, and drive only on established trails and roads.



CHECK THE WEATHER & TRAIL CONDITIONS

Rain in one area can cause floods in a slot canyon in another area. Monsoon season is generally July-September. Rains can cause flash flooding. If you are hiking in a canyon and it starts to rain, you have to move to the highest ground. Roads can become impassable when wet.

CARRY OUT TRASH ALL TRASH

There are limited pit toilets in this area. It's essential that you carry out human waste. Using a **W.A.G. Bag (Waste Alleviation and Gelling Bag)**. These bags are double walled, spill proof, puncture proof, and zipper closed. They have crystals or gels to neutralize the dangerous pathogens in human waste. This all allows them to be disposed of into an approved WAG bag disposal bin. The bags are small and tuck easily into your pack, or in your car.



LEAVE NO TRACE®

While visiting, be sure to protect, and please—**DON'T TOUCH.**

Oils from our hands can damage Indigenous sites or rock art. Don't add any markings to anything. Sandstone is somewhat soft and easy to carve into—**DON'T.**

For more information about Leave No Trace visit LNT.org

BE SURE TO HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

A Garmin is a wonderful tool that helps if you need to call for help. Resources can be limited in this area, so **think twice**, or even **three times** to be sure you are making a wise decision. Use good judgement. Help can be very far away. There is no cell service in Coyote Buttes and limited GPS service due to the slot canyons.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CHOOSE TO BE SAFE & SMART

Plan your activity around the slowest member in your group and take into account everyone's abilities.



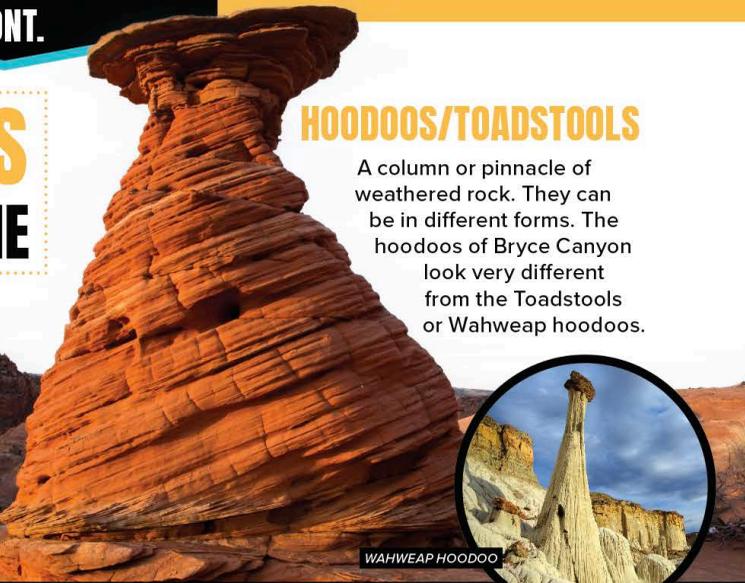
SHH!

Voices really carry and bounce off canyon walls, so keep track of how loud excited voices are. Travel quietly and respectfully, and give space to those around you.

DESERT TIPS

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TERMS TO DEFINE

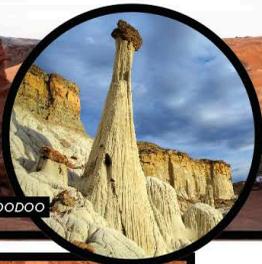


HOODOOS/TOADSTOOLS

A column or pinnacle of weathered rock. They can be in different forms. The hoodoos of Bryce Canyon look very different from the Toadstools or Wahweap hoodoos.



BRYCE CANYON HOODOO



WAHWEAP HOODOO

PICTOGRAPH VS PETROGLYPH



Pictographs are figures that were painted on rock surfaces, usually with a stick brush or fingers. The “paint” consisted of minerals, ash, charcoal, crushed plants, or a mixture of these.



Petroglyphs are images that were chipped, ground, scratched, or pecked into rock surfaces. Oftentimes you will see both methods used concurrently. Petroglyphs have survived the ravages of time since they are engraved and not drawn.

Both date back thousands of years. In the Kanab area, the oldest writings are painted in a style called polychrome. Avoid touching or damaging them.



FOUR WHEEL DRIVE (4WD)

Most of the backroads in this area are made of dirt and sand. When you see the 4WD icon for certain roads, take it seriously. These roads change drastically and are impassable when wet. The dirt will become sticky and clay-like. Be prepared with a shovel, traction plates, and patience if you get stuck. Knowing how to drive in deep sand is also important. If you have any doubt, don't go.



MOQUI MARBLES

These are small, brownish-black balls composed of iron oxide and sandstone that formed underground when iron minerals precipitated from flowing groundwater. These are a feature of the White Cliffs and can be found embedded in or gathered loosely into “puddles” on the ground near outcrops of Navajo Sandstone. They range in size from pea size to several inches in diameter, although some can be as large as grapefruits.



FLASH FLOODS

A flash flood is a sudden onset of water that can occur in minutes. They can carry debris including rocks and tree branches. They are particularly dangerous in slot canyons because the canyons are narrow with steep walls, therefore the water has no where to go but down the canyon.

It's crucial to check both regional and weather conditions where you are going before you venture into a slot canyon. It could be sunny where you are, but raining up canyon.

Rain miles away can cause flooding where you are.

FOOTWEAR

Sturdy hiking shoes are a must. No sandals. The terrain is always changing and you need to have your toes protected. Extra shoes and socks are a good idea as you may be hiking in and out of water. Trekking poles will help with stability, especially if you have to cross water where you cannot see the footing.

RATTLESNAKES

Rattlesnakes are in most areas. They are generally shy and would prefer not to encounter you. Watch where you step or place your hands, as one could be hiding under or near a rock. Wearing sturdy, closed-toe shoes and socks is a smart idea and defense if one strikes you. If you do get bit, get to an emergency room.



DOG SAFETY

Heat kills! Car temperatures rise quickly in the sun, even on cool days. Cracking the window will not prevent your pet from dying of heat exhaustion.

Always provide plenty of water during trips. Dogs can become dehydrated as well. Keep an eye on them. The rocks and cement are good absorbers of solar radiation so can be significantly hotter than the air and too hot for their paws. Be a good planner to keep your pet healthy.

Some national parks have a **B.A.R.K. Ranger Code**. This is good to follow wherever you go:

- B** Bag Your Poop
(AND THEN DISPOSE PROPERLY IN A TRASH CAN)
- A** Always Wear a Leash
- R** Respect Wildlife
- K** Know Where You Can Go



BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY



THE LARGEST NO-KILL ANIMAL SANCTUARY IN THE US

On any given day, Best Friends cares for up to **1,600 animals**, with veterinary care, nutritious food, training, and love. The Sanctuary's serene atmosphere helps animals heal both physically and emotionally with a goal of getting them adopted into loving homes. If not, they'll live out the rest of their lives at the Sanctuary.

Nestled in picturesque Angel's Canyon lies the nation's largest no-kill sanctuary.

The award-winning Best Friends Animal Sanctuary gives homeless dogs, cats, bunnies, pigs, horses, goats, birds, and wildlife the opportunity to live in a beautiful area, with well-designed communities like **Horse Haven**, **Cat World**, **Dog Town**, and **Piggy Paradise** built to meet their needs.



Best Friends is located **6M (9.6KM)** north of Kanab. Take US Hwy 89 north to Angel Canyon Rd and turn right.

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary is also the headquarters of **Best Friends Animal Society**, a leader in the no-kill movement. Best Friends Animal Society partners with shelters and animal welfare organizations across the nation to end the killing of dogs and cats.



Visitors can start a trip to the Sanctuary by stopping at the **Welcome Center**, where helpful staff can give you options for your visit. There are free, family-friendly guided tours for all ages offered daily, from grand tours of the entire Sanctuary to more focused visits to the different animal care areas.



GET INVOLVED BY VOLUNTEERING!

[BESTFRIENDS.ORG/SANCTUARY/VOLUNTEER](https://bestfriends.org/sanctuary/volunteer)

Volunteering is a great way to really interact with the Sanctuary animals, with morning and afternoon shifts available daily. There are several ways to volunteer, with options for all ages. From making toys for bunnies, feeding and grooming horses, giving parrots a shower, or rubbing the belly of a pig, volunteering is surefire way to create memories that'll last a lifetime.

To volunteer, you'll first need to sign up for your shift in our volunteer portal. After that, you'll need to fill out the outing sign-up form within 24 hours.



TRAVELING WITH YOUR DOG

Dogs are welcome in the Sanctuary's public areas, including Angel Village, on the hiking trails, and the Welcome Center. Please note, they need to be on a leash no longer than 6FT (1.8M).

Looking for the best place to stay while visiting Kanab? Check out the **Best Friends Roadhouse & Mercantile**, an award-winning, pet-centric hotel that allows guests to bring up to four pets of their own, at no additional cost, or host a Sanctuary dog or cat for a sleepover.



REALLY DARK SKIES REALLY BRIGHT STARS

Take advantage of our night skies! Unique and unusual geologic features such as slot canyons, hoodoos, and arches add to the dramatic appeal of the night sky.



ADD TO YOUR ADVENTURE: TOURS & STARGAZING PARTIES

All national and state parks offer **dark-sky programs**.

Visit their websites for more details.

Guided night-sky tours are also available by our local guide companies. Learn about the planets, constellations and celestial mythology, and how to take amazing night photos.

Every
INCREDIBLE
spot within
75MI
121KM
of Kanab has
**REALLY
DARK SKIES!**

Modern cell phones excel at **night photography** due to advancements in technology. Using night mode will capture more than your naked eye can see.

The **International Dark Sky Places** program is an independent, third-party review and certification of outstanding dark sky conditions and protection practices. Over 200 places around the world have been certified since 2001.

Utah has
NINE International Dark Sky Parks,
making it the state with the
HIGHEST CONCENTRATION
of such parks globally.

WHY SO DARK?

Southern Utah has **three** perfect components that make the skies really dark and the stars really bright:

1 DESERT REGION

Drier climates have a better chance of seeing the night sky clearer than climates with more humidity. Drier air is more transparent allowing the starlight to reach your eyes more directly. Humidity in the air is mostly water vapor which scatters the light, making the sky look hazy.

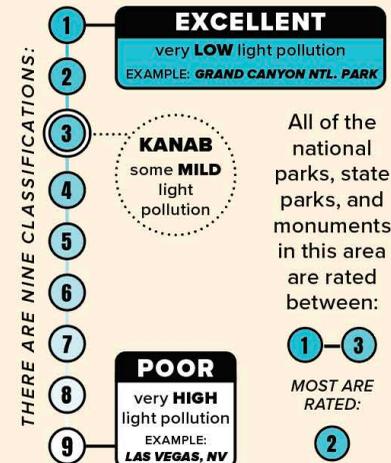
2 HIGHER ALTITUDE

The altitude in Kane County varies from 4,900FT (1,494M) to more than 9,000FT (2,743M), or moderate altitude. That means the air is less dense, or with less atmosphere, than lower altitudes. Less atmosphere minimizes atmospheric turbulence, allowing the stars to shine more brightly. Higher altitudes often have fewer clouds which further improves visibility.

3 LACK OF LIGHT POLLUTION

THE BORTAL SCALE

A system for rating the darkness of the night sky and the effects of light pollution.



NORTH OF KANAB REGION MAP

-  Dirt road. Check weather conditions first. May be impassable when wet.
-  Location of dinosaur tracks.



SAND CAVES OR MOQUI CAVERNS

These man-made caves are built into a sandstone face and are a nice stop for a short hike with a bit of spice.

The caves were created in a short-lived mining period for sand in the area.

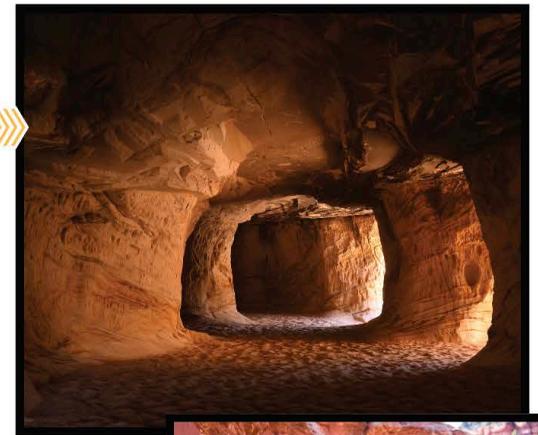
From the parking lot, the hike is about a **.5MI (.8KM) round trip**. Partway down the trail, you will begin to see the caves up on the wall.

There is a section where you walk up the sandstone face and hold onto a rope. The rock can be slippery when wet, and you come down this same section. Your level of comfort is the spice on this hike.

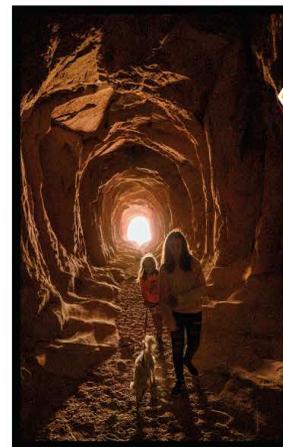
At the top of the little climb, you can access the caves. A series of caves extends about 200FT (61M) with several openings. Be really careful as the openings have big dropoffs. Keep kiddos and dogs close to you.

There is no shade on the trail to the caves. The best time to go is spring or fall when it's not so hot, and an hour or two before sunset to photograph awesome light.

*From Kanab, drive north on US Hwy 89 **5MI (8KM)** to the Best Friends Rd and turn right. The parking area is immediately on your left.*



BELLY OF THE DRAGON



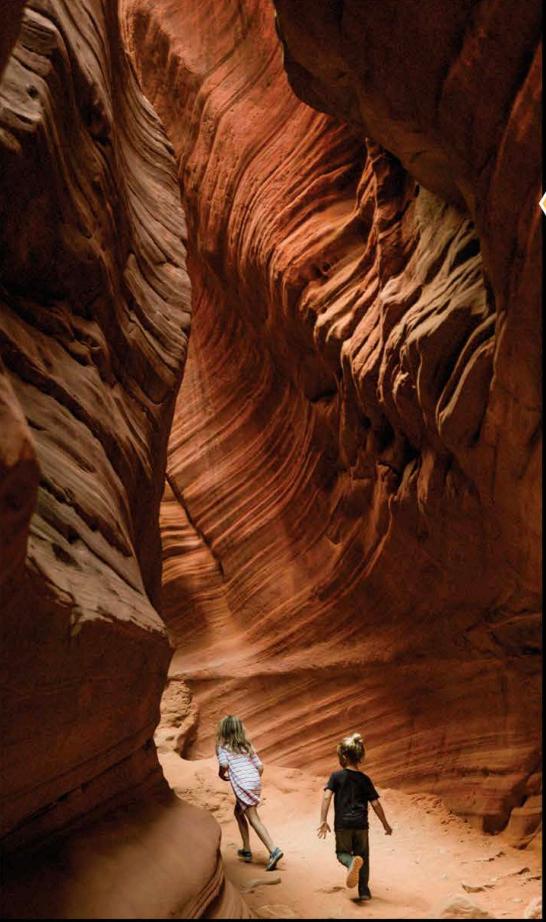
This man-made tunnel is an interesting thing to explore. The tunnel goes under US Hwy 89 and is used as a water diversion from the wash above. Water has eroded the sandstone, giving it a ribbed look, almost like you are looking down the throat of some giant creature. This unique look has made this water diversion a popular spot to take a short hike out of the sun. If it looks like it might rain, don't venture into the tunnel.

To get into the tunnel, it's a bit of a drop down, then it's a **1.8MI (2.9KM) round trip** journey.

Bring a flashlight as it can get dark in parts of the tunnel. Mid-afternoon offers the best lighting inside the tunnel.

Sound travels, so be conscious of other hikers and keep voices down. The sandstone is soft—please don't add any markings on the wall. On the other side of the tunnel is a pretty canyon hike in the wash and sandy creek bed with rock cliffs.

*Located **16MI (26KM)** north of Kanab, or **.5MI (1KM)** south of Carmel Junction along US Hwy 89. Look for a dirt road on the west side of the road by mile marker 80. Follow the dirt road and veer left. Park at the top of the hill. The tunnel opening is visible at the top of the hill.*



PEEKABOO SLOT CANYON



Peekaboo is a popular slot canyon to explore. This canyon, also known as Red Canyon, has breathtaking orange, brown, and red-hued fluted Navajo sandstone walls and some unique marbling that varies in hue. These colors are beautiful with the sun beaming down. The hike is just over **.5MI (.8KM) round trip**, and the canyon is wide enough to walk through. There are no technical spots, but there may be some obstacles to climb over. The depth of the sand may vary as well. Look for the Moki steps, carved into the wall by Ancestral Puebloans, climbing the canyon wall. The hardest part of this hike is getting to the trailhead.

There is no permit required for this hike. You do however need a 4WD, high-clearance vehicle for the **4MI (6.4KM)** road with deep sand from the staging area to the trailhead. It is not recommended

to hike in! No bathrooms except at the staging area so be prepared.

You can rent UTVs, however, this is a great trip to hire a local guide. Guides can safely get you to the trailhead while telling you about the area. Guided trips can include an UTV ride adding to the adventure.

*From Kanab, the staging area for Peekaboo is located about **9MI (14.4KM)** on US Hwy 89 between mile markers 72 and 73. The turnoff is on the east side of the road.*

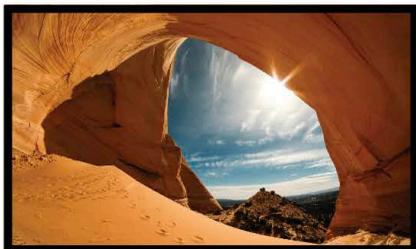
CONSIDER ADDING ON A NEARBY GUIDED TRIP TO:

THE GREAT CHAMBER



The Great Chamber is a massive, wind-swept sandstone alcove at the base of a sandstone formation called Culter Point. The alcove has a large sand dune at its entrance.

The hike up into the alcove and to the sand dune is short, yet challenging. This alcove, formed by erosion, offers stunning views of the valley from inside looking out.



SEE THE ADVENTURE CHART PAGES 80-81 FOR GUIDE COMPANIES



CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK



The Coral Pink sand dunes are the only major sand dune field on the Colorado Plateau in the Vermillion Cliffs. They were formed by a phenomenon called the Venturi effect—a gap between the Moquith and Moccasin mountains funnels wind to a high velocity, which then picks up grains of sand from erosion of the nearby Navajo sandstone cliffs and deposits them on the other side of the valley. The dunes are constantly shifting and evolving from the wind and erosion.

The result is now a 3,730-acre Utah State Park with soft, pinkish-orange sand dunes that are open to play in. The dunes are surrounded by red sandstone cliffs and juniper forests, making it a beautiful area.

You can explore the dunes by hiking, sledding, or sand-boarding down the dunes. Sand boards and sled rentals are available at the visitor center.

The park is also a really popular spot for UTVs with 90% of the 3,730 acres open to OHVs. There are options to rent UTVs and take a guided tour of the dunes.

Guided Via Ferratta and rappelling tours are also offered. This is a unique perspective and a thrilling experience.

In the day-use area, there is a family-friendly, paved trail to an overlook of the dunes. The trail is through the sand with signs with interesting information about the plants and animals that live in the dunes.

The visitor center has interpretive displays on the geology, wildlife, and history. The park offers two campgrounds with modern amenities like hot showers and flush toilets. Book online at UtahStateParks.ReserveAmerica.com.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes is open year-round. \$15 fee per vehicle or Utah State Park Pass.

*Located **25MI (40KM)** west from Kanab. Travel north on US Hwy 89 **8MI (13KM)** to Hancock Road and turn left. Drive **9.5MI (15KM)** and turn left at the stop sign. The park entrance is **5MI (8KM)** further on the left.*

ADD TO YOUR TRIP: Visitors to Coral Pink Sand Dunes may catch a glimpse of **Bigfoot!** A statue of him will be placed in hidden locations within the state park's boundaries and moved periodically, keeping the hunt for him an ongoing game. If you come across him, be sure to take a selfie!

FUN FACT

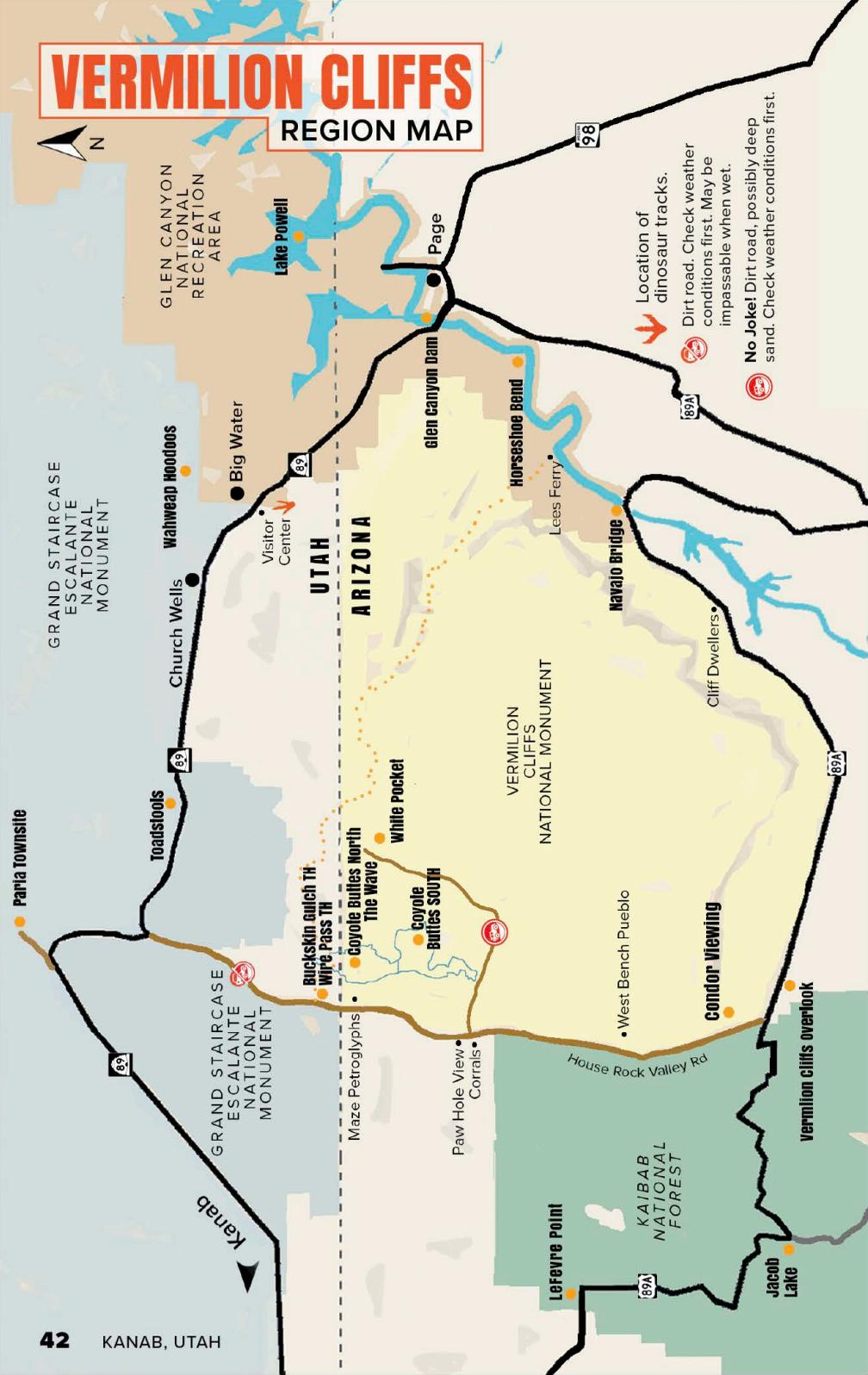
The Coral Pink Sand Dunes is the only place in the world where you can find the

CORAL PINK TIGER BEETLE,

one of the rarest insects in the U.S. This beetle has one of the smallest geographic ranges of any insect in the world.

VERMILION CLIFFS REGION MAP

REGION MAP



VERMILION CLIFFS NATIONAL MONUMENT

This national monument is home to some of the most spectacular trails and views in the world.

These cliffs are a prominent feature of the Paria Plateau, and are known for their vibrant red and orange colors, which are due to the presence of iron oxide. This unspoiled 280,000-acre monument is a geologic treasure and home to **Buckskin Gulch**, one of the longest slot canyons in the world, as well as **The Wave**, a coveted hike by many.

The monument borders **Kaibab National Forest** to the west and **Glen Canyon National Recreation Area** to the east. **The Paria Canyon-Vermilion Cliffs Wilderness** is designated as a specific wilderness area within the larger Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

4WD is highly recommended due to deep sand on some roads leading to popular trailheads. There are no paved roads within the monument. There is no water source. You need to bring plenty of water. Also carry a water filter for when you do find water.

Permits are needed for specific areas in the Vermilion Cliffs National Monument.

House Rock Valley Rd (BLM 1065), the main road within the monument, is 37MI (60KM) from Kanab heading east on US Hwy 89. You can also access House Rock Valley Rd from the south off US Hwy 89A. House Rock Valley Rd is a maintained dirt road, and may be impassable when wet, so check conditions before you go!

ADD TO YOUR ADVENTURE: CONDOR VIEWING SITE

The California Condor is one of the world's rarest bird species and is the largest bird in North America with a wing span of 9.5FT (3M). Their numbers were down to 22 birds living in the wild in the early 80s.



Important work has been done to breed these birds in captivity and then release them back into the wild. One of the locations they are released is Vermilion Cliffs Ntl. Monument. The region offers an ideal habitat as the location is remote with steep, eroded escarpments, caves suitable as nesting sites, desert thermal updrafts essential for flight take-offs, and ample food.

On-site facilities include interpretive panels, a view finder, picnic tables, a shade shelter, and one pit toilet.

The Condor Viewing Site is located along the House Rock Valley Rd (BLM 1065 in Arizona and BLM 700 in Utah). Viewing is best done with binoculars or a spotting scope.

Condors can often be seen from US Hwy 89A near the House Rock Valley Rd intersection.



HOW TO GET A PERMIT

THE WAVE 64 PERMITS A DAY
COYOTE BUTTES SOUTH 20 PERMITS A DAY

ALL PERMITS ISSUED ARE **DAY-USE ONLY**.

THERE ARE **TWO WAYS** TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT:

1 ADVANCED LOTTERY

Four calendar months before you plan to go

Visit the website: **Recreation.gov**

The website lists all details for the advanced lottery.

2 DAILY LOTTERY

Two days before you plan to go, between 6am & 6pm

On a mobile device, use the **Recreation.gov** app within the **Geofenced Area**

A virtual area, roughly from Page, AZ to East Zion, that you must **physically** be in to apply for the daily lottery.

Make sure your location services are on! Once you have applied for a permit, you can leave the geofenced area.

Lottery results are sent out at **7:15PM** the day you apply. You then have to accept the winning lottery permit at **Recreation.gov**.

YOU WON THE LOTTERY! WHAT NEXT?

ONE DAY BEFORE YOUR TRIP

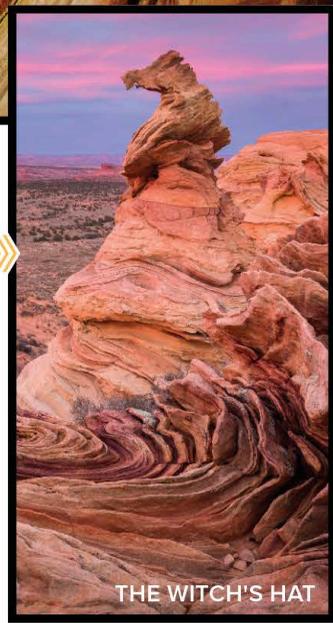
The permit holder must pick up the permit at **8AM in person**. Check your email from **Recreation.gov** for the permit location.

Don't Miss the Safety Briefing: The Wave **8:30AM**
 Coyote Buttes South **9AM**

Don't be late! You will lose your permit.

THE NEXT DAY IT'S TIME TO GO ON YOUR ADVENTURE!

Getting a permit for **The Wave** is harder than for **Coyote Buttes South**. If you don't get a permit for **The Wave** you can still experience the scenery of Coyote Buttes South.



THE WITCH'S HAT

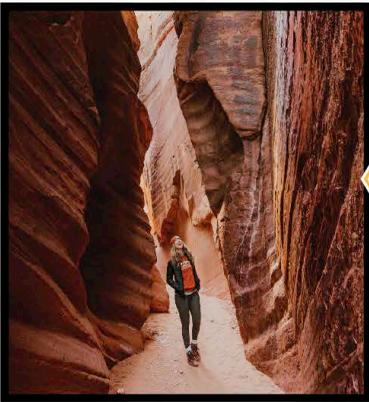
COYOTE BUTTES NORTH "THE WAVE" & COYOTE BUTTES SOUTH

A BIT OF PLANNING AHEAD IS NEEDED!

Both areas have the red, orange, and white Navajo sandstone that has formed into these amazing swirling patterns showing nature's art. **Coyote Buttes North** has some of the most striking, swirling sandstone formations in the world, including **"The Wave."** **Coyote Buttes South** is less crowded with wide, open spaces and no designated trails.

Both of these areas are remote and undeveloped, requiring you to be prepared for rough and possibly changing conditions. There are no (or limited) trail markers. Photo trail guides come with your permit; study them and stay familiar with where you are.

*The trailhead for The Wave is located at the Wire Pass trailhead, off of House Rock Valley Rd, about **8.3MI (13KM)** south of US Hwy 89. The hike is a **6.4MI (10KM)** round trip in a wilderness area with no marked trail.*



WIRE PASS TO BUCKSKIN GULCH



Obtain your permit before you go at **Recreation.gov**. Dogs are an additional \$6. There is a digital scanner at the trailhead to digitally get your permit. It's always safer to get one before you leave cell service.

Wire Pass (not an actual pass) is a nice hike in itself, and a popular access point for Buckskin Gulch.

The trail has some sandy washes and two slot canyons. Once you reach Buckskin Gulch, there are towering rock walls with some petroglyphs.

Round trip to where you meet Buckskin Gulch and back is about **3.5MI (6KM)**. With no elevation, this is a nice hike for kids as you can turn back when needed. The trail can be hot until you reach the slot canyons.

Wire Pass Trailhead is 8.4MI (14KM) south of US Hwy 89 on House Rock Valley Rd. The parking lot is on the right. The trailhead is across the road with bathrooms.

BUCKSKIN GULCH



Buckskin Gulch is **1.7MI (2.7KM)** from the trailhead. Once you reach Buckskin Gulch look for the petroglyphs along the rocks next to the arch-like rock. You can experience some or all of the longest slot canyon in the world. Turn right (downstream) and hike as far as you like. The conditions may determine how far you would like to go.



Depending on the time of year, there may be pools of (cold!) water, or really sticky mud to wade through. The terrain changes based on mud and obstacles. When it's dry, you can explore further. The canyon is **16MI (26KM)** in total, **12.5MI (20KM)** to the Paria River.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING:

A fair amount of the Grand Staircase drains into Buckskin Gulch. This means it could be sunny above you, but raining miles away upstream. Flood waters carry boulders and debris and can come fast. Always check the forecast in the surrounding area. Don't risk the gamble if there is a chance of rain.



FUN FACT

Buckskin is a tributary of the **PARIA RIVER**, which is a tributary of the Colorado River.

PARIA CANYON

Paria Canyon is usually experienced by doing a 3-5 day backpacking trip starting at Whitehouse or Wire Pass into Buckskin Gulch, and ending at Lees Ferry. This is a challenging trip, best for experienced hikers. Permit required.



WHITE POCKET



The stunning landscapes and unique rock formations similar to the Coyote Buttes area continues in this region, yet with even more personality. The most distinctive feature is the white layer on top of the Navajo Sandstone. The unique structure of the rocks have brain-like bulges, wave-like features with swirls and scoops.

No permit is needed for this area. Most people find this area better than The Wave for its solitude and beauty and larger area to explore. The road to the trailhead has deep sand, so be an experienced driver, and be prepared.

Hiring a local guide for this trip is a great idea. Guides know the best ways to explore this area and how to drive in the deep sand to get to the trailhead.

The remoteness of this area is one of the biggest draws. You won't see many people. It's also a fragile area so traveling gently is really important. Thin layers of sandstone form the most interesting shapes and delicate fins. Be very careful when touching them. Walking on the slickrock helps protect the vegetation.

There are no marked trails in this area so you can just explore. Dogs can be off leash. Be careful of their paws. Sand and rocks can be significantly hotter than the surrounding air by a considerable margin.

TIP: Carry a GPS mapping system.

Located off House Rock Valley Rd. Stop by the Kanab Visitor Center for detailed directions.

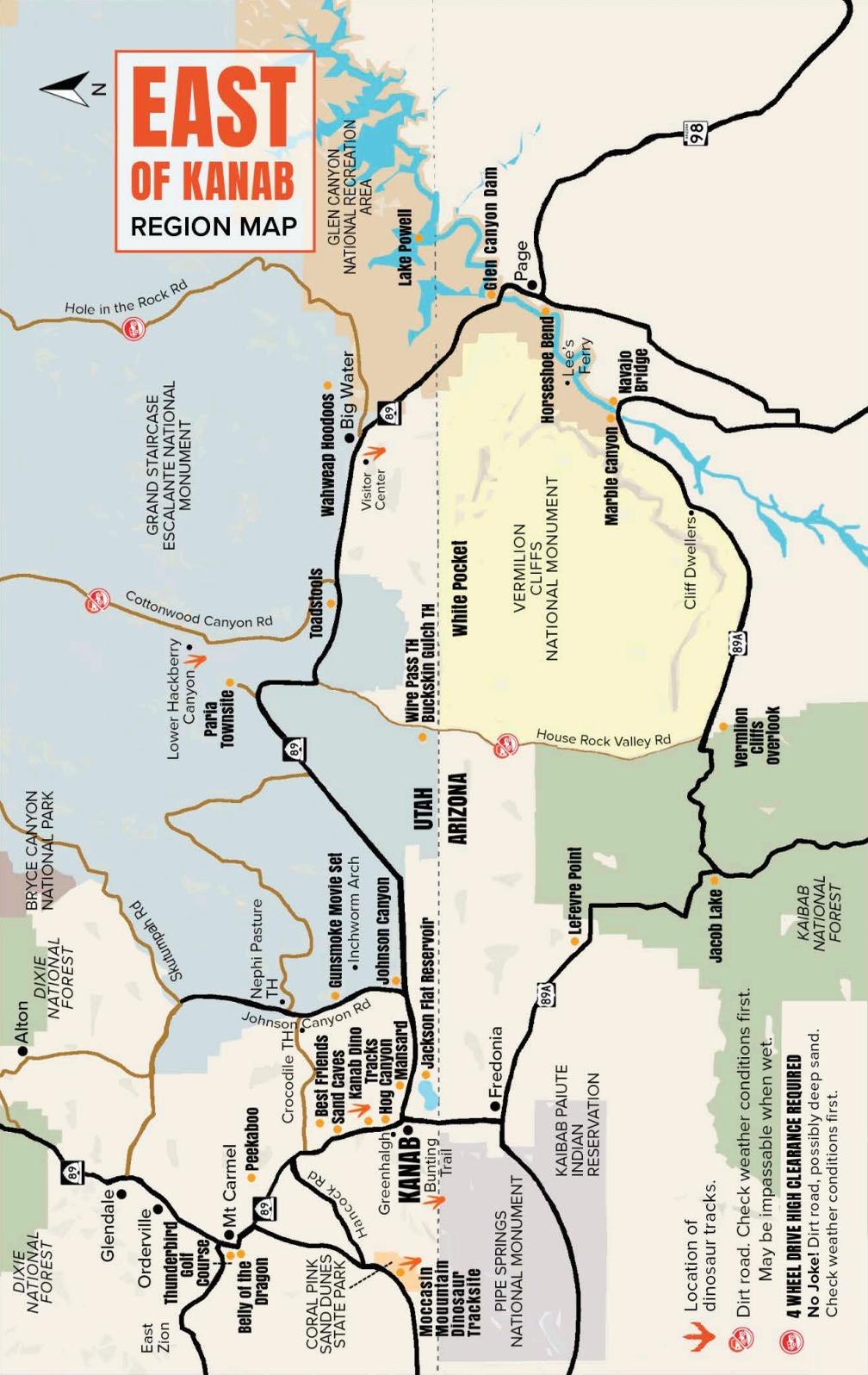


FUN FACT

The name **"WHITE POCKET"** comes from the white-colored sandstone dominant in this area. "Pocket" refers to a circular basin formed by erosion and the unique geologic process.



EAST OF KANAB REGION MAP



- Location of dinosaur tracks.
- Dirt road. Check weather conditions first. May be impassable when wet.
- 4 WHEEL DRIVE HIGH CLEARANCE REQUIRED**
No Joke! Dirt road, possibly deep sand. Check weather conditions first.



MANSARD TRAIL

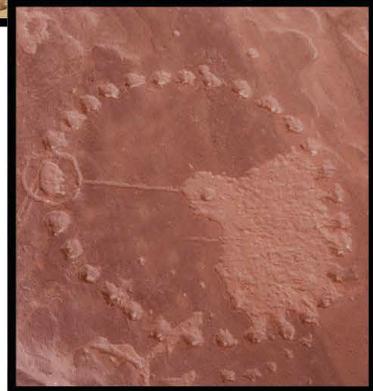
The Mansard Trail ascends the Vermilion Cliffs to a cove with some very unique petroglyphs that are thought to date back to the Pueblo II period, AD 950 to 1150. The petroglyphs are carved into the alcove's sloping, sandstone floor. Be very careful and don't walk on or touch any of the etchings.

This hike is about **6MI (9.7KM), round trip**, well-marked, and easy to follow. The trailhead is at 5,325FT (1,623M). You gain about 950FT (290M) in close to 2.3MI (3.7KM), and mostly all at once during the switchback section. There is a seven-foot sandstone ledge which may require a mild scramble, strenuous for some. The trail then crosses the sandy plateau to arrive at the base of the White Cliffs where you will see the alcove.

This hike offers some spectacular views of the Vermilion Cliffs and Kaibab Plateau. It can be very hot in summer months, with very little shade, and the sand can get hot. Go early and have plenty of water.

To the right of the alcove is a light colored sandstone wall with Dendritic streaks. These streaks are primarily formed by the water depositing minerals, mostly iron oxides which cause the reddish-brown or rust colored streaks coming down the wall. These streaks look close to vines or ferns growing down the rock and are quite interesting. They are caused when the minerals turn to a solid form within the rock's pores and fractures in a branching pattern down the rock.

Located past the Vermilion Cliffs Estates subdivision east of Kanab on US Hwy 89 just past mile marker 59.



FUN FACT

These **PETROGLYPHS** are unusual in that they are etched into the ground, rather than on a vertical wall. There are etchings that look like small channels or grooves going down the rock. One theory is that they are linked to water ceremonies. Markings like these have never been found at any other site. It is very rare to find markings on the floor of a rock shelter.



PAHREAH (HISTORIC SPELLING FOR PARIA) GHOST TOWN

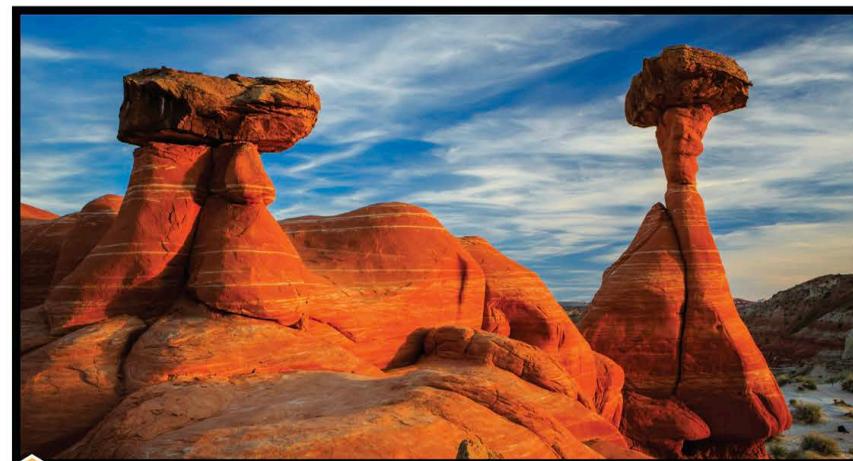


The Paria Townsite is a ghost town set below the beautiful canyon walls of the Gray Cliffs. In the 1870s, the community thrived from farming, yet frequent flooding in the area caused them to move on.

The 60s brought Hollywood to the area for the filming of *The Outlaw Josey Wales*. The movie set was all lost to fire in 2006.

There is a day-use area with picnic tables and a bathroom. No buildings remain, but you can hike to the old cemetery. The drive is stunning.

Located 33.5mi (54km) east of Kanab on US Hwy 89. Turn left after mile marker 31. There is a sign for Old Town Paria Rock. Turn left (north) and drive another 5mi (8km) to the day-use area, another 1mi (1.6km) for the ghost town.



TOADSTOOLS

The Toadstools are mushroom-shaped rock formations created when softer layers of Entrada sandstone that sit under a harder Dakota sandstone cap erode.

You can hike and explore this area filled with these unique shapes and colors. This easy hike is **1.5mi (2.4km), round trip** with no real elevation gain. The area is open so the kiddos can run around and explore. There is no shade on this trail so have plenty of water for everyone, sunscreen, and a brimmed hat.

Please do not touch or try to climb the Toadstools as they are fragile. Be careful to protect the vegetation and biosoil.

Located 44mi (71km) east of Kanab on US Hwy 89. There is a large parking lot on the north side of the road and a well-marked trailhead. You will follow the trail to an open area of Toadstools and rock formations.



WAHWEAP HOODOOS

These unworldly formations are formed the same way as the Toadstools with the softer Entrada sandstone eroding under the stronger Dakota sandstone. These formations however are white from the bleaching process of the iron oxide. The top cap is still red giving them a very distinct look.

The hike to these toadstools is **9.5mi (15km) round trip** up a wash. About 3mi (5km) in, you will start to see hoodoos on the left side of the canyon. The main group is another 1.5mi (2.4km) or so and are really impressive.

If the wash has running water in it, use extreme caution and choose another hike if the water is high. There is no shade on this trail so go early and have plenty of water.

Located out of Big Water. Stop at the Big Water Visitor Center for directions.



HORSESHOE BEND



MARBLE CANYON LOOP

 If taking a scenic drive on all paved roads sounds good, this is an extraordinary loop to explore. Or, if you're headed to an adventure, make sure to check out these spots en route.

Start in **Kanab** with a stop at their **visitor center**. Their friendly staff will have additional suggestions and current weather and road conditions.



Then head south on US Hwy 89A towards Fredonia to the **LeFevre Overlook, 25MI (40KM)** from Kanab. In the Kaibab National Forest and on the north end of the Kaibab Plateau, this popular overlook gives spectacular views of the Grand Staircase. The overlook has interpretive signs, viewing stations, and bathrooms.

The next stop is the **Jacob Lake Inn**. The little community is at the intersection of AZ Hwy 67 to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon. The Inn has world-famous cookies worth the stop for needed nourishment.

Continue on US Hwy 89A to the **House Rock Valley Overlook, 12MI (19KM)** from Jacob Lake. This overlook gives you incredible panoramic views of the Paria Plateau, the Vermilion Cliffs, House Rock Valley Road, the Kaibab Plateau, and Kaibab National Forest. If the road is dry, you can venture up House Rock Valley Road to the **Condor Viewing Site** (see more on page 43).



You will start to experience the wonder of the Colorado River at **Marble Canyon**. This is your first chance to see the depth and beginning of the Grand Canyon. Lees Ferry, the put-in for the Grand Canyon raft trips and campground, is just up Lees Ferry Road. Marble Canyon has a restaurant and gift shop. Park here to walk to the **Historic Navajo Bridge**, across the Colorado River. You will cross the bridge in your car to continue on this drive. Stop and take the time to walk across the pedestrian bridge.



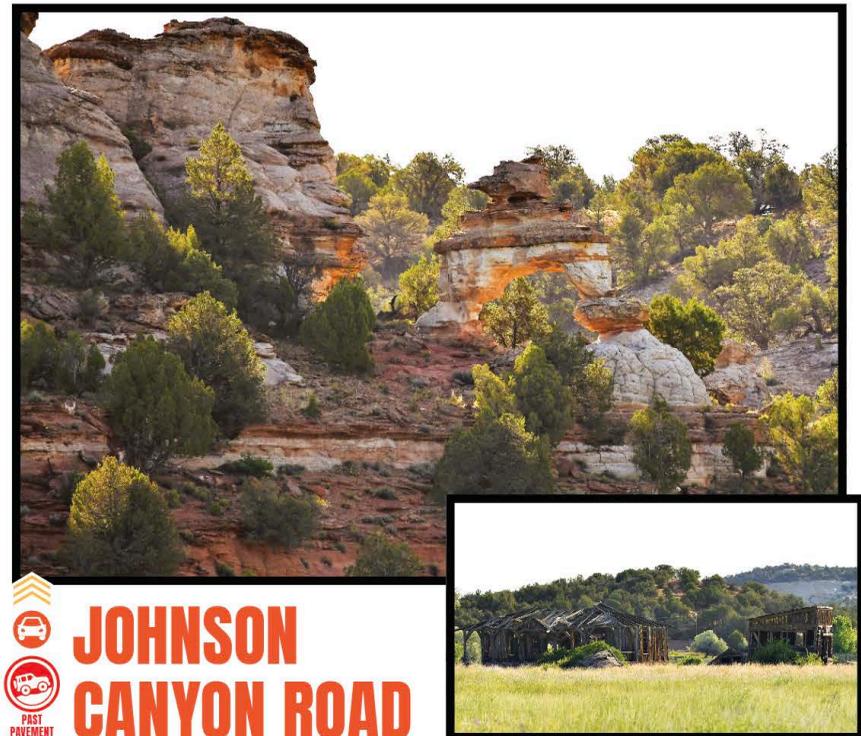
These two bridges, one historic and one new, represent one of only five highway crossings of the Colorado River for **750MI (1,207KM)**. To walk across the Navajo Bridge, you can park in Marble Canyon, or at the Navajo Bridge Interpretive Center on the west side of the bridge. There is plenty of parking, a visitor center, and a bookstore. Both the center and bridge are accessible. Boards with the history of the area are set up at both ends of the bridge.

US Hwy 89A ends near Bitter Springs. Turn left, or east onto US Hwy 89 through scenic Antelope Pass to **Horseshoe Bend**, one of the most popular features around. The meandering Colorado River makes a 270-degree turn around a beautiful red rock, 1,000FT (305M) in height. The overlook to this iconic spot will be on the left side, or east side, of the highway. The parking is managed by the City of Page, so there is a parking fee. NPS passes or Glen Canyon passes are not accepted. The overlook is accessible, and a short, easy **1.5MI (2.4KM) round-trip** hike.

Head through Page and cross the Colorado River again and stop at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center at the Glen Canyon Dam. See more in our Lake Powell section.

The **Big Water Visitor Center** is a great stop if you love dinosaurs. There are several paleontology exhibits from discoveries found locally in the Grand Staircase. Inside the visitor center, there is a full-length mural that depicts the Late Cretaceous landscape, paleontology and geology exhibits, and dinosaur bones.

You will pass by the trailhead for the Toadstools, the intersection of the Cottonwood Canyon Road, and the intersection of Johnson Canyon Road before coming back into Kanab. Make sure to check out one of our tasty restaurants for dinner.



JOHNSON CANYON ROAD

This drive offers several opportunities for exploring and vantage points to see parts of the Grand Staircase. There are several pullouts with dirt roads leading to some unspoiled and rarely-visited areas. If you have your mountain or gravel bike, this is a great place to explore.

The first **16mi (26km)** are paved and travel through some beautiful farm country against the deep red sandstone walls. Many of the points of interest are on private land but can often be seen from the road.

The popular western television show *Gunsmoke* (1955-1975) was filmed in this area. About **5mi (8km)** in, you can see some dilapidated buildings on the west side from the side of the road.

8mi (13km) in, the scenery changes from farm country to the White Cliffs. You will see the colorful cliffs of the Grand Staircase. There are pullouts and some two-track roads to explore.

The Hog Canyon OHV eastern access point, the Crocodile Staging Area, is on the left hand side of the road **8.6mi (13.8km)** in. The Hog Canyon OHV Trail System is a network of technical motorized trails with steep inclines, rocky surfaces, narrow passages, and deep sand and are suitable for four-wheel-drive vehicles, ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, and other off-highway vehicles. You can ride point-to-point to the western access point. Stop by the Kanab Visitor Center for a map of this trail system and detailed directions.

You will then come to Skutumpah Road (skut-um-pah), which is dirt for **32.5mi (52km)**. This road can be impassable when wet, so check road conditions before venturing down it. There are several hiking trails you can explore as well as Willis Creek Narrows. When you reach Cottonwood Canyon Scenic Backway head north for All-American Road Utah Scenic Byway 12 or south for Kodachrome State Park.

Located **11mi (18km)** east of Kanab on US Hwy 89 to Johnson Rd.



KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK



Camping Reservations:
ReserveAmerica.com
\$10/day per vehicle



FUN FACTS

In 1948, a National Geographic film crew photographed this area for a story that appeared in the September 1949 issue. In 1962 the area was designated a state park with a different name. However, Kodak granted the state permission to use the name **KODACHROME** and the park was renamed.

While there, the film crew discovered an arch. To honor the group's president, the arch was named for **GILBERT HOVEY GROSVENOR**

Named from the brand of Kodak film that was known for how it captured vibrant color, Kodachrome Basin State Park sits in a colorful and picturesque basin and is a popular park for its incredible beauty.

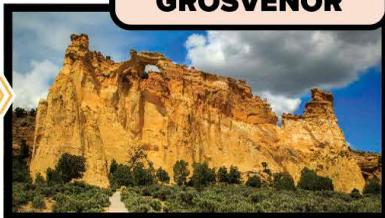
This 2,240-acre state park set in canyon country has 67 monolithic stone spires called sedimentary pipes. Red, brown, white, and yellow layers of sediment became exposed as the outer Entrada layer sandstone eroded. These sand pipes range from 6-170FT (1.8-52M).

There are hiking and mountain biking trails to go explore this beautiful park. Or, take a guided horseback ride.

The park has three wonderful campgrounds, group sites, and two bunk houses all with restrooms and showers. This is a popular spot, so make reservations up to four months in advance at **ReserveAmerica.com**.

Located 9MI (14.5KM) south of Utah Hwy 12 on Cottonwood Canyon Rd. Open year round.

GROSVENOR ARCH



Grosvenor Arch is really two distinct arches within the same sandstone formation. This tall formation is made from Henrieville Sandstone capped with Dakota Sandstone and has a whiteish-tan color, contrasting with many other red-colored arches in the area.

The two sandstone arches tower 150FT (45M) above the ground, and span 92FT (28M) across.

This arch is unique for several reasons. Utah is known for the many Entrada Sandstone arches which have a unique combination of features that make it ideal for forming arches. This arch is rare in that those same conditions to form an arch are less prevalent in Henrieville Sandstone.

Also, a double arch (two arch openings sharing the same base) is uncommon.

Lastly, an arch with this unique structure and location shows the power of erosion to sculpt the landscape and expose these geological layers.

All of these features make this one of the most impressive arches in the state.

There is a concrete sidewalk from the parking area to the base of the arch.

Located 7MI (11KM) south of Kodachrome Basin State Park on Cottonwood Canyon Rd.



COTTONWOOD CANYON ROAD



Named for the large trees found in this canyon, Cottonwood Canyon Road is **46MI (74KM)** in total and connects the town of Cannonville to US Hwy 89. The road is dirt from Kodachrome Basin State Park south to US Hwy 89. Like all dirt roads in this area, this one can be impassable when wet and has some deep washes. Check current road conditions before heading out.

The road follows many features including a geological feature called Cockscomb Ridge, a prominent, serrated ridge characterized by steeply tilted sandstone layers that resemble a rooster's comb. Nearby vertical sandstone beds show colorful layers that are exposed, making this a very interesting landscape. The eastern portion of this ridge is The Rimrocks where the Toadstools are found at the intersection with US Hwy 89.

The Cockscomb Ridge is part of the East Kaibab Monocline which is a gigantic wrinkle that bends the surface of the Colorado Plateau. You don't have to be a geologist to think this is all pretty fascinating.

The southern part of the road follows the Paria River and Cottonwood Wash where the valley opens up more with rolling, wide-open terrain. Springtime flowers against the red rock is a beautiful sight.

Several hiking trails are accessible from the road along with lots of narrow slot canyons to explore.

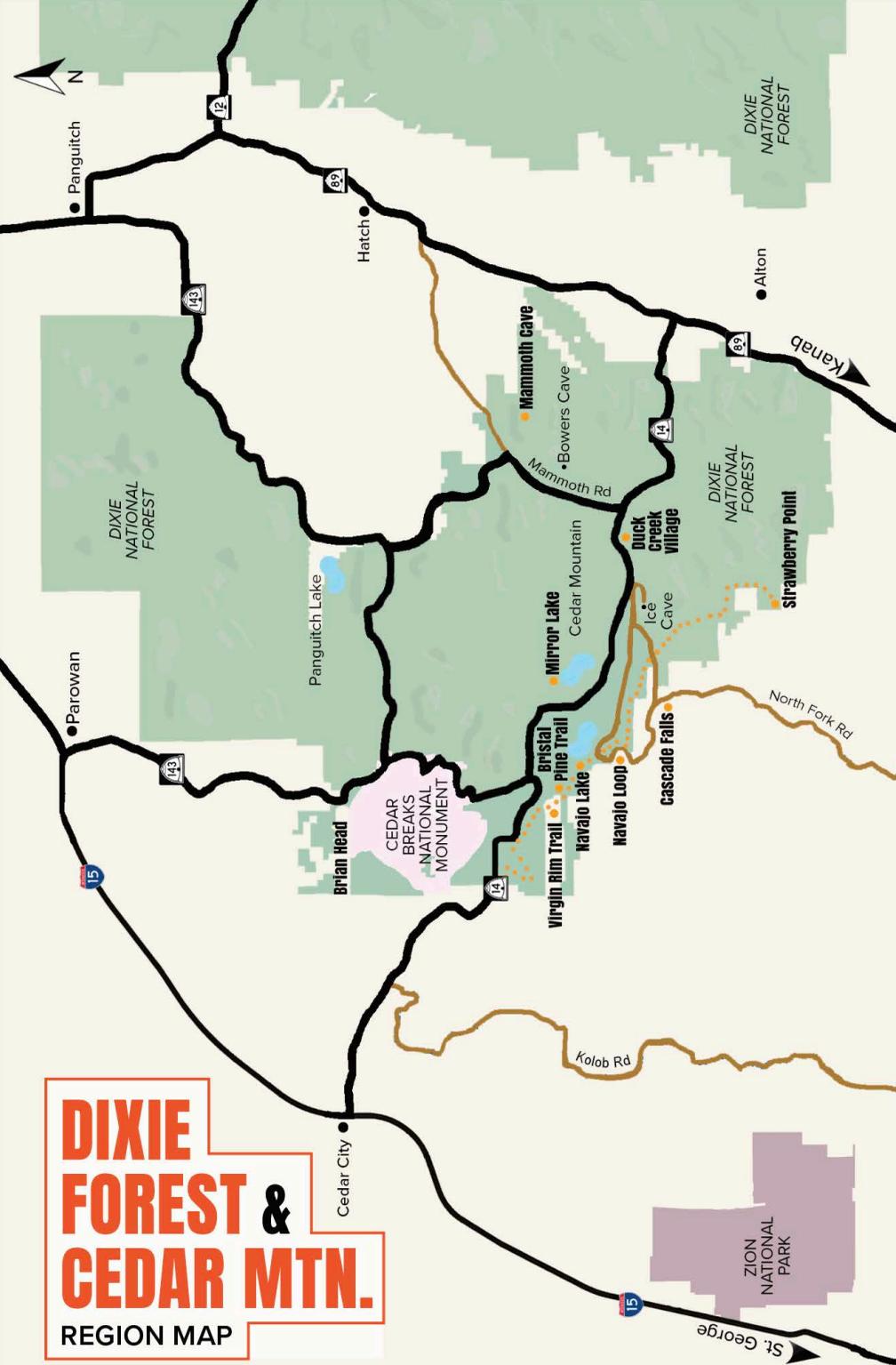
COTTONWOOD WASH NARROWS



The Cottonwood Narrows are **4.5MI (7.2KM)** south west of Grosvenor Arch junction and a popular slot canyon to hike.

This **3MI (5KM) round trip** hike leads through the final narrow gorge of Cottonwood Creek before the canyon opens up and begins its long, straight journey to meet the Paria River.

The canyon parallels the road and has both a north and south entrance. You can hike in either direction and both trailheads have small parking lots. This is a nice hike to take the kiddos on.



DIXIE FOREST & CEDAR MTN.
REGION MAP



DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST & CEDAR MOUNTAIN

For a different kind of scenery and adventures, head to Dixie National Forest and the Cedar Mountain area. The higher elevations offer cooler temperatures in the hot summer months.

Dixie National Forest is the largest national forest in Utah spanning close to two million acres and **170mi (274km)**. It stretches from near Torrey to the north and west to I-15 and down to Orderville. The elevation ranges from 2,800FT (853M) near St. George to 11,322FT (3,451M) at Blue Knoll on Boulder Mountain in one of the largest high-elevation plateaus in the United States.

Higher in elevation, this area is a jumping off point to a vast amount of recreational activities that tie into the mountain surroundings—hiking, fishing, horseback riding, UTV rides, biking, golf, and camping. Winter sports include downhill skiing at nearby Brain's Head Ski Resort, cross country skiing, and snowmobiling.

Utah Hwy 14 runs **40mi (64km)** between Cedar City on I-15 and Long Valley Junction on US Hwy 89. Known also as The Markagunt High Plateau Scenic Byway, this drive offers beautiful views of the mountains and forests, especially with the fall foliage. The name "Markagunt" means "highland of trees" in the Paiute language.

The highest point on the road is about 9,900FT (3,018M) at the Zion Overlook. Here, the dramatic drop in scenery shows the majestic canyons of Zion National Park.





Navajo Lake, formed by an ancient lava flow that dammed the natural surface drainage of Duck Creek, is 3mi (5km) long and about .5mi (.8km) wide. The **11.5mi (18.5km)** Navajo Lake Loop Trail circles the lake through dense pine, fir, and aspen, with parts crossing a lava field. This trail is open to hikers and bikers. The lake is shallow and only 25FT (7.6M) at its deepest spot. Navajo Lake has a campground located on the south shore of Navajo Lake, which provides a spectacular setting for lake activities and offers boat rentals and a boat dock. Cabin rentals are available at nearby Navajo Lake Lodge.

The **Virgin River Rim Trail** is accessible from the campground and offers panoramic views of Zion National Park, Virgin River Rim, and the Kolob Plateau. The trail is **32mi (51.5km)** long in total and is multi-use along the headwall of the Virgin River. There are shorter sections you can hop in and do. You can also set up a shuttle to do a point-to-point. There is a section near Duck Creek that is **5mi (8km)**.



DUCK CREEK VILLAGE

Duck Creek Village is a quaint little mountain community located on Utah Hwy 14, **14mi (22.5km)** from Long Valley Junction. At an elevation of 8,507FT (2,593M), this village offers year-round activities and is in the middle of this beautiful forest.

This community has restaurants, shopping, and an assortment of lodging options. Plan a mountain retreat and stay in a charming cabin in the woods.

Multiple businesses offer boat or bike rentals. And there are guide businesses for UTV tours. This is a great place to stay and explore the area. There are well-maintained trails for a variety of activities for all seasons.

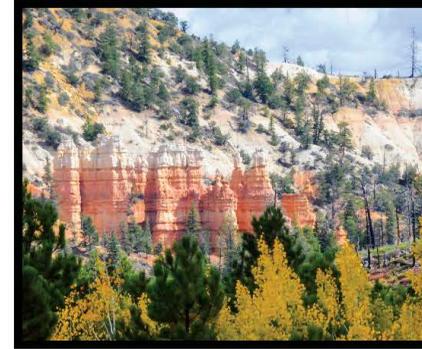
Aspen Mirror Lake and **Duck Creek Pond** are located right in the village, perfect for families with children. Both lakes offer excellent fishing for rainbow and brook trout. Spend your day kayaking, paddleboarding, or hiking scenic trails around these beautiful spots.

CASCADE FALLS



This is a nice, short hike leading to epic views of the Markagunt Plateau and Zion National Park. You are treated to a waterfall as well. The hike is **1.2mi (1.9km)** round trip with only 150FT (46M) of elevation gain. Water originates from Navajo Lake and flows through a cave system coming out on the Pink Cliffs as a waterfall. The water then joins the North Fork of the Virgin River.

STRAWBERRY POINT OVERLOOK



This overlook is located off Strawberry Point Road out of Duck Creek Village. It's a **.2mi (.3km)** hike to a stunning overlook showing red cliffs and hoodoos to forested hills. This is a great spot to watch the sunset. There are no railings and the dropoffs are sheer. Keep kids and pets close.

MAMMOTH CAVE



The Markagunt Plateau, within Dixie National Forest, is a volcanic field so seeing lava in this higher region is not uncommon. One way to experience this lava is to visit Mammoth Cave.

The cave is an old lava tube that is about **.25mi (.4km)** long with four chambers. The elevation is 8,050FT (2,454M), so it will be cool all year round. It can be pitch black in the cave so have a good flashlight or headlamp and wear sturdy shoes.

*Located east of Duck Creek Village off Utah Hwy 14. Turn north on Rd 067 and drive **5mi (8km)**. Turn right on Rd 064 for another **1mi (1.6km)** and watch for the sign to a **.25mi (.4km)** walk from the road. There is a pit toilet and picnic tables at the trailhead.*

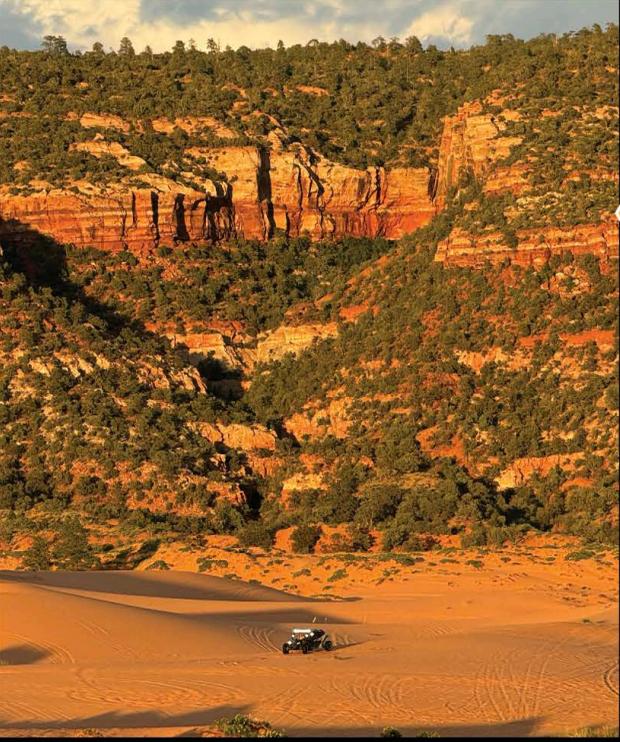


Mammoth Cave is one of the biggest **LAVA TUBES** in Utah with a total passage length of more than 2,200FT (670.5M).

PAUNSAUGUNT UNIT HUNTING

The Paunsaugunt Unit is a highly sought-after hunting area. The Utah Division of Wildlife manages the herd of mule deer in this area, contributing to the health and quality of the deer. This limited-entry hunting area is extremely popular and considered one of the premier trophy mule deer units in North America.

See our Adventure Chart page 80-81 for outfitters for a guided hunting trip.



UTV TRAILS & TOURS



This area is a dream for adventurous backcountry exploration with off-highway vehicles (OHV) or ultimate terrain vehicle (UTV). One of the best ways to navigate the many sandy trails and roads is in a UTV.

Get out and explore the backcountry and the incredible scenery this area has to offer such as slot canyons or the open desert.

If you are exploring on your own, always be prepared. Cell service is really limited so have a

map and GPS system to help navigate. Always have plenty of water, food, fuel, a first aid kit, and shovel. There are little to no pit toilets on the trails so carry and use a W.A.G. bag. Carry all of your trash out so the area is just as pristine for the next person. As always, watch the weather. Trails can be impassable when wet.

The Kanab Area OHV Trail System offers **200mi (322km)** of trails with loops varying in length from short to more than **60mi (97km)**. Several access points give you the opportunity to enjoy a variety of terrain and scenery. The trails range from graded county roads to old 4x4 trails. Hog Canyon has a few parts that are rated extreme so use caution and be an experienced rider with the right machine.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes is a fun place for UTVs. 90% of the 3,730 acres are open to UTVs. Four-wheelers generally check out the Sand Highway, which is a one-way narrow trail in a small canyon on the boundary of the dunes, and the South Boundary Trail, which is several miles long and continues along the eastern side of the main dune area. Stop in the visitor center for maps and trail conditions.



TOURS

Several guide companies offer tours ranging from beginner rides to more advanced. Tours are available in a variety of locations. A guided trip is a great way to do and see something you might not otherwise.

ADD TO YOUR ADVENTURE: Combine adventures by taking a UTV tour to a location you can't access in a car. Explore Peekaboo and The Great Chamber and not worry about the deep sand. There are lots of options!

SEE THE ADVENTURE CHART PAGES 80-81 FOR GUIDE COMPANIES



PHOTO TOURS

If you want to sharpen your skills in taking those breathtaking images, take a photo tour or workshop and learn how to capture the scenic beauty of the region.

Photo tours explore a location and how to best photograph it. Learn the tricks—which locations are best photographed at sunrise or sunset, or what is the best time to capture the light on canyon walls. Tours are fun, casual, and involve hiking and sightseeing as well.

Tours are generally smaller groups and taught by professional photographers with both local knowledge of locations and technical skills. Half- or full-day tours are available. You can also customize a tour to fit your needs.



ADD TO YOUR ADVENTURE: Consider a tour that involves **camping** or is **multi-day**. Sleep under the stars you just learned how to photograph.

If you want to take a deeper dive into your photography skills, **taking a workshop** is a good option.

Workshops are usually more structured and allow each participant to receive hands-on instruction with potential image review and one-on-one assistance.

See the Adventure Chart pages 80-81 for guide companies.

HORSEBACK RIDING TOURS

Take a guided trip and experience the landscape on horseback. Guided tours are suitable for all ages and riding abilities. Picture riding through slot canyons, lush meadows, or through a beautiful wash.

If your horse is on vacation with you, horse camping is available.

See the Adventure Chart pages 80-81 for outfitters.



GOLF Thunderbird Golf Course in Mount Carmel Junction is in a picturesque valley on the east side of Zion National Park. This executive nine-hole course is designed to cater to golfers of all skill levels. The course is well maintained and laid out so you experience the

beauty of the area on each hole.

The pro shop has club rentals. The course is part of the Thunderbird Resort, which also has a hotel and restaurant.

Located at the intersection of US Hwy 89 and Utah Hwy 9.



BUNTING TRAIL

KANAB LOCAL TRAILS

Kanab has a network of trails you can access right from town. Trails range from flat to steep offering views of Kanab and the area. All the trails are open to hiking, K-hill, Cottonwood, and Greenhalgh are nice horseback rides. Raven and Roadrunner are open for mountain biking.

Here are some quick descriptions to get you started. Stop by the visitor center for more trail suggestions and maps.

K-HILL 2.5MI (4KM)

An easy out-and-back trail for both hikers and equestrians that runs along the cliffs above Kanab.

BUNTING TRAIL 3MI (4.8KM)

This is a local favorite, best during cooler temps. Near the top of the trail, there are some petroglyphs.

Please see page 69 for more information.

MANSARD 6MI (9.7KM)

A nice hike to an alcove with unusual petroglyphs.

Please see page 49 for more details.



JACKSON FLAT RESERVOIR

ADA Cool off and play in or on the water at Jackson Flat Reservoir.

The 4,228 acre-feet reservoir has an average depth of 28FT (8.5M) and is stocked with rainbow and brown trout. The lake also has bass, catfish, and sunfish. Boating is allowed with electric trolling motors only.

There is a concessionaire that rents paddleboards, kayaks, E-bikes and even E-surfboards (who needs the big waves?).

The **Sherry Belle Trail** is a **3.2MI (5.2KM)** paved trail around the lake that is nice for walking or riding. Birds love the area, so the path is nice for birdwatching.

There is a well-maintained beach area with a red sand volleyball court for beach vibes, picnic spots, and a workout area with bars.

Test your skills on their 18-hole disc golf course along the south and eastern shores. Fair warning: some holes require throws across water hazards, so hopefully your disc floats if your shot lands short.

The water is open year-round and the lake is a great place to cool off. There is little shade so consider bringing a sunshade. There is a Snack Shack for small treats.

Located ~3MI (4.8KM) south of downtown Kanab on US Hwy 89A. Turn left on Kaneplex Dr and take the first left. Free parking is available.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

KANAB TRAILS Raven & Roadrunner

These are two fun trails at **.6M (1KM)** each that you can ride right from town. Raven has some tight turns with some steep ups and downs. Roadrunner is a gentle trail with a steep hill and some exposure, walkable if needed.

Ride both clockwise in a figure eight pattern for double the fun. E-bikes are allowed.

Located in Kanab off Main St at the north end of the baseball fields.



TILTED MESA TRAIL SYSTEM East of Kanab

This trail system consists of three connected mesas with **13MI (21KM)** of interconnected singletrack designed specifically for mountain biking. The area is a stacked-loop design, where the inner loops are typically easier to ride while the outer loops are more challenging and longer. You can mix up your ride as little or as long as you like by adding to a loop.

Located 9.5MI (15KM) east of Kanab .08MI (.13KM) past the road to Johnson Canyon.

APPLECROSS TRAIL SYSTEM East Zion

While you are in the area, don't miss these trails for incredible scenery. This system of trails offers **35MI (56KM)** of singletrack on the east side of Zion National Park. These trails run along the park boundary offering some views of the park not many see.

The area offers a stacked-loop design of well-built trails varying in difficulty and catering to all skill levels. The trails are flowy and fun with some features like jumps and berms. E-bikes are allowed.

Located along the North Fork Rd off of Utah Hwy 9 before Zion's East Entrance.



THUNDER MOUNTAIN TRAIL Near Bryce Canyon Ntl. Park

This scenic trail is located just outside of Bryce Canyon National Park with views of the backside of Bryce Canyon. This singletrack trail has lots of switchbacks with undulating and playful hills. The trail can be ridden as a downhill loop starting at the trailhead off Utah Hwy 12, and riding down to Forest Rd 113 to the Coyote Hollow Trailhead. Then hop on the Red Canyon Bicycle Trail for a **14.7MI (23.7KM)** loop and 3,000FT (914M) of elevation changes. You can do this as a shuttle if you have two cars.

RED CANYON BICYCLE TRAIL

This picturesque trail is a **8.6MI (14KM)** one-way, paved path that runs parallel to Utah Hwy 12 between Thunder Mountain Trailhead and S Main St in Bryce Canyon City.

RAINBOW RIM TRAIL OF THE GRAND CANYON

For those who want solitude and are self-reliant, this trail is an amazing adventure.

The singletrack is **22.5MI (36.2KM)** one-way on a remote rim of the north side of the Grand Canyon and the only singletrack on the rim of the Grand Canyon open to bikes. The trail travels along the rim through forest and meadows filled with wildflowers. The five overlooks have distinct views showing different perspectives of the canyon's features. The trail can be accessed along forest roads from various points. Primitive camping is permitted at the overlooks. There are no water sources so bring everything you need with you. This is a good bikepacking trip.



🔍 CANYONEERING

For a really cool experience and to see the sights from a different perspective, take a rappelling or canyoneering trip. Both might test your nerve, yet the reward (and the stories) will be worth it.

Generally, canyoneering involves navigating narrow canyons, often through rappelling, climbing, and scrambling with the chance of swimming or wading through water. It's a great adventure and a unique way to experience slot canyons and other hard-to-reach places. Guided trips can fit your skill level and are family-friendly.

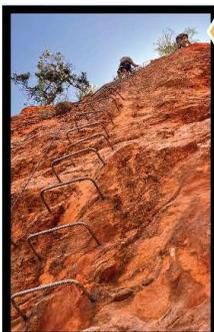
Guided trips will take you to the best canyons located in many places in Kane County, including East Zion's slot canyons with rappels up to 120FT (36.6M). Some trips involve UTV rides to get to the start of your trip.

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park offers guided rappelling, canyoneering, and Via Ferratta adventures.

RAPPELLING is descending a cliff with the use of a rope. You wear a harness on your waist and a guide lowers you down the cliff with the rope. The cliff faces can vary depending on skill and comfort level.

This is a fun way to get amazing views and then descend down a rock face you wouldn't hike down. Rappelling is completely safe and family-friendly.

Good for kids and adults. No experience is needed. Half- and full-day trips available. See our Adventure Chart on pages 80-81.



🔍 VIA FERRATTA

Italian for "Iron Way," Via Ferrattas originated in the Dolomites during World War I as a way for troops and supply lines to get around in the mountainous terrain.

A Via Ferratta is a protected climbing route, often on the face of a mountain, equipped with steel cables, ladders, and iron rungs. A course combines elements of hiking and rock climbing, making it accessible to a wider audience to experience than traditional climbing.

This system allows for even inexperienced

climbers to make their way onto ledges, vertical walls, and mountain peaks that they never knew were possible. Via Ferratta courses are quickly becoming very popular for the thrilling adventure and stunning views.

This area has three, award-winning Via Ferrattas.

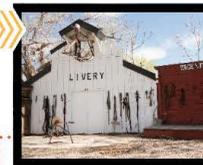
For a guided trip on one of these epic adventures, see our Adventure Chart on pages 80-81.



FUN FACT

Kane County is home to Utah's **TALLEST** Via Ferratta course with a vertical ascent of close to 1,000FT (305M) in three sections of the route.

LOCAL MUSEUMS



LITTLE HOLLYWOOD MUSEUM

Located on the back lot of the Trading Post, this museum features actual movie sets and

props and explores the stars and stories behind some of the movies made in this area. One of the most famous is *The Outlaw Josey Wales*, starring Clint Eastwood.

Located at 297 W Center St.

ONCE UPON A TIME IN AMERICA \$

This 40,000sq-FT (12,192sq-M), indoor venue will transport you to several different times and locations in America's history in their six different themed rooms. There is a collection of Hollywood memorabilia including cars, autographs, and historical artifacts as well as music legends and rare Old West treasures.

Located at 6746 E US Hwy 89.

KANAB HERITAGE MUSEUM

The exhibits show the path of the history in the area. View tools and textiles from Navajo and Paiute cultures, the hearty community that established Kanab, and the travels of John Wesley Powell after his historic run of the Grand Canyon. Powell and his men spent time in Kanab and produced the first maps of the Grand Canyon while recovering from their trip.

The museum also touches on the Hollywood era—locals helped build movie sets and handled livestock.

Explore what life was like for Ancestral Puebloans, Western explorers, pioneers, and early settlers.

Located at 13 North 100 East.

DAUGHTERS OF UTAH PIONEER MUSEUM

This museum is dedicated to preserving the unique history of the Mormon Orderville settlers, particularly the United Order system they established.

Located on N 100 E State St, Orderville.



KANAB HERITAGE HOUSE

This Museum is in a beautifully restored historic home complete with many original furnishings and other period pieces showing the daily life of the Kanab residents. The House is just a short walk from the Museum.

Located at 115 S Main St.

MOQUI CAVE MUSEUM \$

This natural cave was once used by Anasazi for shelter and food storage. It's now a privately-owned museum with Native American artifacts and a large collection of dinosaur tracks, many found within a **10-15MI (16-24KM)** radius of the cave.

They also have a large display of fluorescent rocks and minerals. The museum and gift shop are open during the summer season from 9AM-7PM, Mon-Sat.

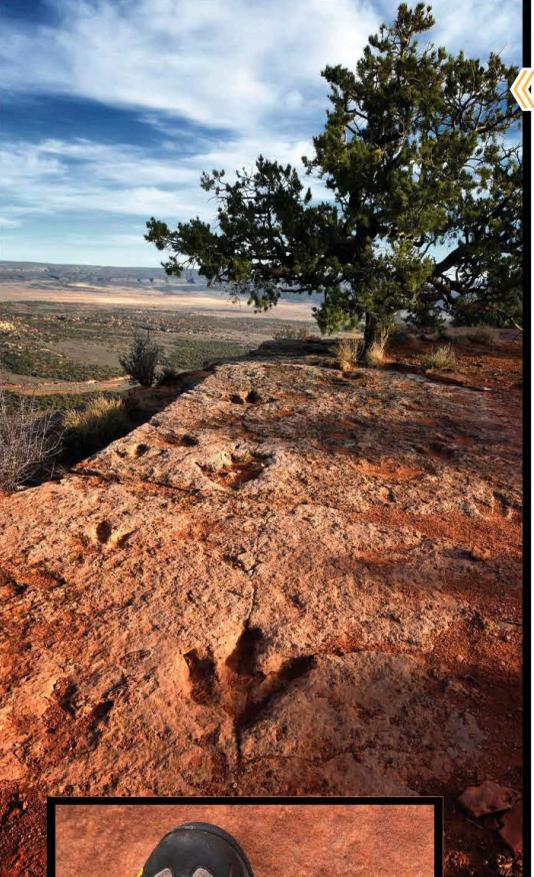
Located right off US Hwy 89 ~5.5MI (8.8KM) north of Kanab.



THE RED PUEBLO MUSEUM

A diverse collection of artifacts from Anasazi, Navajo, and Hopi, many found locally by the museum's owner who offers engaging tours. Displays include pottery that date back 1,000 years, arrowheads, medicine bags, moccasins, and jewelry. The museum also features outdoor exhibits, including a recreated dug-out home and pioneer settler structures, showcasing the history of the Arizona Strip. Donations welcome.

Located right off US Hwy 89 ~5.5MI (8.8KM) north of Kanab.



« DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs thrived in southeastern Utah because the area had a rich food source and diverse habitats. The area was more of a lush coastal area with the Western Interior Seaway. This created a rich marine ecosystem and protection from predators.

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is widely considered to be one of the largest and most important areas for dinosaur fossil discoveries in Utah, and possibly in the world. The monument is renowned for its abundant and well-preserved dinosaur fossils, including complete skeletons and soft tissue impressions, some found only in the monument and no where else on Earth.

Many discoveries have been made in the Kaiparowits Plateau, which is rich in sandstone and mudstone formations where the mud quickly buried the still-intact fossils.

Horned-faced dinosaurs, duck-billed dinosaurs, and a feathered meat-eating dinosaur have been discovered. Fossils of ancient turtles, small land-based crocodiles, shellfish, and plants are also found in the rock layers of the monument.

Today we can see their footprints and fossils which tell a story of their life in this area. There are several great spots to see their tracks and learn of their existence.



MOCCASIN MOUNTAIN DINOSAUR TRACKSITE



This site contains one of the highest diversities of tracks in North America. Hundreds of tracks from at least five different dinosaur species from approximately 180 million years have been revealed from erosion of the layers of sandstone and show how the area changed over millions of years. The tracks are located in a Navajo Sandstone wash and are accessible by hiking. There are informational panels near the parking area that provide details about the track types, the number of tracks, and the history of the area.

Located near Coral Pink Sand Dunes. Stop by the visitor center for the best directions.



KANAB DINOSAUR TRACKSITE

The Kanab Dinosaur Tracksite is one of the many places where you can see tracks or fossils in this area. The hike to this site is a **1.3MI (2KM)** out-and-back hike to a point on a cliff that overlooks the highway. The tracks are fairly close together and date back to the time of a carnivorous dinosaur.



The trailhead and parking are at the Utah Port of Entry about **3MI (4.8KM)** north of Kanab on US Hwy 89 on the north side. Head for the southeast corner of the lot and park. There is usually a porta potty at this trailhead. Head south on the trail as it meanders to the bottom of the ridge, then climbs the rocky ridge. Trail markers will help guide you. The views at the top show Hog Canyon and the surrounding area.

Be sure to have sturdy shoes. This trail can be rocky and the short climb can be a bit challenging.



« BUNTING TRAIL

The Bunting Trail is located on the Vermilion Cliffs on the southwest side of Kanab. This is a nice hike for kiddos to see tracks.

From the trailhead, start up the easy trail. About **.6MI (1KM)** from the trailhead, as the main trail crosses a wash, the signed dinosaur track trail leaves on the left. Follow the trail mostly in a wash for about **.25MI (.4KM)** to the end. A track is seen on a large boulder. Return the same way.

Once you've visited the dinosaur trail, return to the main trail junction and head up the main Bunting Trail for a **3MI (4.8KM)** round trip hike. The trail gets steeper and has some switchback taking you to the top of the ridge. Look for petroglyphs just before the top of the trail. The views are incredible from the top.

Located south on US Hwy 89A about 1.2MI (1.9KM). Turn right onto Kanab Creek Dr and drive for 2MI (3.2KM). Turn right onto Standfield Dr and park in the first lot on the right.

BIG WATER VISITOR CENTER



Big Water is known as "Dinosaur Town." The Big Water Visitor Center is a wonderful museum of paleontology. There are several great dinosaur fossil displays, and a 30FT (9M) mural depicting the Cretaceous Period. The building is shaped like an Ammonite, a fossil that has some resemblance to a nautilus. Visitors will be greeted by a replicated dinosaur dig in the courtyard where informative signs are on display. Inside you will find an impressive display of real dinosaur relics along with a large painted mural depicting the Late Cretaceous Period. Pamphlets describing the exact dinosaurs that once roamed the area are also available. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged to watch a short film that highlights the region and its fantastic history. You can see dinosaur bones, including those of species found in the monument.

Big Water is located 57MI (92KM) east of Kanab on US Hwy 89.



SCENIC ROAD TRIPS

Driving to or from Kanab from any direction is stunning. The many different land formations around each corner continue to impress even the frequent traveler of this area. From high alpine forests to deep slot canyons, the variety of the area adds to the allure. If you took one route to reach Kanab, explore a different route on your way out.

AROUND KANAB

Utah Hwy 12 an All-American Road 124MI (200KM)

This Scenic Byway connects Panquitch to Torry and is one of the most amazing drives you will ever take. You can access Bryce Canyon National Park, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Kodachrome Basin State Park, and much more.

The road is thoughtfully designed to bring out the best of the landscape it covers. In one stretch, the road travels through slickrock with expansive views, then reaches an elevation of 9,600FT (2,926M) on the edge of Boulder Mountain, the highest forested plateau in North America. Between the towns of Boulder and Escalante is a stretch called The Hogback where the road runs along the top of a steep ridge.

Take your time traveling this road. There are many stops along the way to explore.

To access this Scenic Byway from Kanab, you can take US Hwy 89 north and connect to Utah Hwy 12, **8MI (13KM)** north of Hatch.

If the weather has been dry, you can also take Johnson Canyon Rd or Cottonwood Canyon Road north to connect with Utah Hwy 12.



FUN FACT

There are 184 National Scenic Byways in America. One third, or 37, of them also have the designation of being an All-American Road. Utah Hwy 12 is **UTAH'S ONLY ALL-AMERICAN ROAD**, and every mile of the road shows you why.

US Hwy 89 or US Hwy 89A to Page

See the *Marble Canyon Loop Drive* page 53 for details and suggested stops.

If you are traveling to see Natural Bridges, from Page take AZ Hwy 98 to US Hwy 160 and turn left toward Kayenta. Then turn left onto US Hwy 163. This route takes you by Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. If you choose not to go into Monument Valley, you can still see some of the striking scenery from the road.

US Hwy 163 will take you to Mexican Hat, crossing the San Juan River. You can continue on US Hwy 163 to Bluff then US Hwy 191 north to Moab. Or, turn onto Utah Hwy 261 to Natural Bridges National Monument. This route takes you up the Moki Dugway, a **3MI (4.8KM)**, steep dirt road. RV's and trailers are not recommended on this road.

WEST OF KANAB

Utah Hwy 9 through Zion 65MI (104KM)

This is the most scenic route between Kanab and I-15. From Kanab, travel north on US Hwy 89 to Mount Carmel Junction and turn left onto Utah Hwy 9. You will need to pay the park's entrance fee. If you didn't have time to visit Zion, this route is a must. The beauty of the area is unsurpassed.

Utah Hwy 14 to I-15 80MI (129KM)

Utah Hwy 14 is a designated Scenic Byway and climbs to the top of the Markagunt Plateau at close to 10,000FT (3,048M) for panoramic views. This route passes through Cedar Canyon, known for its red rock formations and unique geology. Stop at Duck Creek Village for lunch or a walk around Navajo Lake. This route is incredibly beautiful during the fall when aspen and other foliage are turning golden yellow.

AZ Hwy 389 from Fredonia to Utah 59 to Hurricane 63MI (101KM)

This route is perfect if you want to stop at the Pipe Spring National Monument, a small and often overlooked monument. From Hurricane, take Utah Hwy 9 or Utah Hwy 7 to I-15. Depending on the time of year, you may be crossing time zones. Arizona does not follow daylight savings time.



PIPE SPRING NATIONAL MONUMENT

In the "Arizona strip" which is a section of land between Utah and the Grand Canyon, this National Monument preserves the story of human life, settlement, and struggle in the heart of the southwestern desert.

A natural spring was at the center of conflict and compromise on this western frontier. Explore twelve new exhibits and learn about the history of the Kaibab Paiutes, their interactions with other tribes and cultures, the movement of Mormon settlers into the area, as well as modern day Paiute culture.

The museum is open daily and includes a 25-minute introductory video.

The spring is still a working spring providing water for various uses.

Located **21MI (34KM)** from Kanab off of US 89A.



RESTAURANTS

KANAB

| RESTAURANT | PHONE # | WEBSITE | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | ALCOHOL | PET-FRIENDLY | PATIO |
|---|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Adria's <i>Family Style</i> | 435-644-7800 | AdriasRestaurant.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Angel Village Cafe <i>Vegan Cafe and Salad Bar</i> | 435-688-2327 | BestFriends.org | ● | ● | | | | ● |
| Asava Juice <i>Organic Juice, Toast, Salad</i> | 435-644-2637 | AsavaJuice.life | ● | ● | | | | ● |
| Big Al's Junction <i>Fast Food Burgers</i> | 435-644-8170 | Facebook: Big Al's Burgers | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Blu Taco <i>Build Your Own Mexican</i> | 435-644-5029 | TheBluTaco.com | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Brown Box Bakeshop <i>Soup, Salad, Sandwiches, Ice Cream, Cookies</i> | 435-644-2461 | BrownBoxKanab.com | | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Cave Cafe <i>Grilled Paninis, Smoothies & Acai Bowls</i> | 435-644-8525 | Moqui-Cave.com | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Don Beto's Mexican <i>Mexican Food</i> | 435-644-5592 | DonBetosMexicanFoodKanabUtah.com | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Escobar's <i>Family Run Mexican Food</i> | 435-644-3739 | EscobarsKanab.com | | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Fusion House <i>Asian/Japanese/American</i> | 435-644-8868 | FusionHouseKanab.com | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Glazier's Deli <i>Deli Chicken, Sandwiches</i> | 435-644-5029 | GlaziersMarket.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Giff's BBQ <i>BBQ</i> | 435-689-0706 | Facebook: Giff's BBQ | | | ● | | | |
| Honey's Deli <i>Deli Chicken, Sandwiches, Sushi</i> | 435-644-5877 | HoneysMarketplace.com | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Houston's Trails End <i>Home Style American</i> | 435-644-2488 | Houstons.net | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Havana Cabana <i>Cuban & Fusion Grill</i> | 435-879-9605 | LaHavanaCabana.com | | ● | ● | | | ● |

RESTAURANTS

KANAB, CONTINUED

| RESTAURANT | PHONE # | WEBSITE | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | ALCOHOL | PET-FRIENDLY | PATIO |
|--|--------------|--|-----------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|-------|
| Iron Horse & Saloon <i>American Steakhouse</i> | 435-644-2277 | IronHorseKanab.com | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Jakey Leigh's <i>Coffee, Breakfast Burritos, Sandwiches, Muffins</i> | 435-644-8191 | Facebook: Jakey Leigh's Coffee Shop | ● | | | | | ● |
| Lotsa Motsa Pizza <i>Pizza, Lunch Buffet, Salads</i> | 435-644-3388 | LotsaMotsaKanab.com | | ● | ● | | | ● |
| McDonalds <i>Fast Food/Drive-Thru</i> | 435-644-5563 | McDonalds.com | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Nomad Cafe <i>Coffee, Bakery</i> | 406-594-0294 | NomadKanab.com | ● | ● | ● | | | |
| Origin Breakfast Buffet at Sego <i>Breakfast Buffet</i> | 435-644-8661 | OriginBreakfast.com | ● | | | | | ● |
| Peekaboo Firewood Kitchen <i>Vegan, Vegetarian Pizza, Pastries</i> | 435-689-1959 | PeekabooKitchen.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Pizza Hut <i>Pizza, Pasta, Wings & American</i> | 435-689-1959 | PizzaHut.com | | ● | ● | | | |
| Parry Lodge Dining <i>Home-Style Breakfast/All American</i> | 435-644-2601 | ParryLodge.com | ● | | ● | | | |
| Rocking V Cafe <i>Upscale American-Southwest Bistro</i> | 435-644-8001 | RockingVCafe.com | | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Smoke Wagon Saloon <i>Cowboy Smoke Wagon BBQ</i> | 435-691-3452 | OnceUponATimeInAmericanMuseum.com | | ● | ● | ● | | |
| Soda Fountain <i>Soup, Sandwiches, Soda Fountain, Ice Cream</i> | 435-644-3401 | KanabUnitedDrug.com/ Soda-Fountain | ● | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Sego <i>Regional New American</i> | 435-644-5680 | SegoKanab.com | | | ● | ● | ● | |

RESTAURANTS

KANAB • DUCK CREEK VILLAGE • EAST ZION

| RESTAURANT | PHONE # | WEBSITE | | | | | |
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| | | | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | ALCOHOL | PET-FRIENDLY |
| Strawz Waterin Hole & Fixins <i>Specialty Drinks, Hamburgers, Cookies</i> | 435-644-5287 | KTownStrawz.com | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| Subway <i>Fast Food Sandwiches, Salad, Pizza</i> | 435-644-8800 | Subway.com | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| Vermillion 45 <i>French, Italian</i> | 435-644-3300 | Vermillion45.com | | ● | ● | | ● |
| Wild Thyme Cafe <i>Southwest & Cajun</i> | 435-644-2848 | WildThymeCafe.biz | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Wendy's <i>Fast Food</i> | 435-644-3707 | Wendys.com | ● | ● | ● | | |

DUCK CREEK VILLAGE

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|--|--------------|------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aunt Sue's Chalet <i>Home-Style American</i> | 435-682-2484 | AuntSuesChalet.com | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| DC Pub & Grill <i>Burgers & Other Comfort Grub</i> | 435-682-2502 | DCPubandGrill.com | | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Ground & Toasted <i>Coffee Shop, Artisan Bread & Baked Goods</i> | 702-219-7737 | GroundandToasted.com | ● | ● | | | |
| Hot Mama's Pizza & Brew <i>Italian-Style Pizza, Beer</i> | 435-682-4669 | VisitDuckCreek.com | | ● | ● | ● | |
| Martin's Corner Deli <i>American-Style Deli</i> | 435-682-2502 | AuntSuesChalet.com | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| Pinewoods Resort & Grill <i>American, Southwest</i> | 435-559-2555 | PinewoodsResort.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | ● |
| Trail Stop Sub Shop <i>Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches & More</i> | 702-630-5664 | Facebook: Krazy Mike's | | ● | ● | | ● |

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|--|--------------|-------------------|---|---|---|---|--|
| Cordwood <i>Organic Fine & Home-Style Dining</i> | 435-648-2555 | ZMR.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Ponderosa Eats <i>Home-Style American</i> | 435-648-2555 | ZionPonderosa.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | |

RESTAURANTS

MT. CARMEL/ORDERVILLE/GLENDALE

| RESTAURANT | PHONE # | WEBSITE | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---|-----------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|
| | | | BREAKFAST | LUNCH | DINNER | ALCOHOL | PET-FRIENDLY |
| Archies Food to Die For Food Truck <i>Burgers & Fries</i> | N/A | Facebook: Archies to Die For | | ● | ● | | ● |
| Brink's Grill & Country Store <i>All-You-Can-Eat Interactive Grill</i> | 435-648-3808 | Facebook: Brink's Grill & Country Store | | ● | ● | | |
| Co-Op Creek Cafe <i>Specialty Pizza, Salad, Cafe & Ice Cream</i> | 435-648-3004 | Instagram: @ZionMountainRanch | ● | ● | | | |
| The Shop Coffee Company <i>Coffee, Sandwiches, Salad, Soup</i> | 935-590-3938 | TheShopCoffee.com | ● | ● | | | ● |
| Soup Town Cafe <i>Salad, Sandwiches, Shakes</i> | 435-648-2370 | Facebook: Soup Town Cafe | | ● | | | |
| Subway <i>Build-Your-Own Sandwiches & Salad</i> | 435-648-3888 | Subway.com | ● | ● | ● | | ● |
| Thunderbird <i>American, "Ho-Made Pies"</i> | 435-648-2262 | ThunderbirdUtah.com | ● | ● | ● | ● | |
| Trailhead Treats <i>Gourmet Milkshakes, Ice Cream, Nachos, Acai Bowls</i> | 435-648-2700 | ZionPonderosa.com | ● | ● | | | |
| Sugar Knoll <i>Fast Casual Chicken</i> | 435-648-3393 | SugarKnollChicken.com | | ● | ● | | |

LODGING OPTIONS

KANAB

| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE | PETS |
|--|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| Aiken's Lodge 79 W Center St | 435-644-2625 | AikensLodge.com |  |
| Best Western Red Hills 125 W Center St | 435-644-2675 | BestWestern.com |  |
| Canyons Boutique Hotel 190 N 300 W | 435-644-8660 | CanyonsHotel.com |  |
| Canyons Lodge 236 N 300 W | 435-644-3069 | CanyonsLodge.com |  |
| Comfort Inn & Suites 150 W Center St | 435-513-3684 | ChoiceHotels.com |  |
| Days Inn & Suites 296 W 100 N | 435-644-2562 | DaysInn.com/Kanab |  |
| Flagstone Studios 223 W Center St | 435-429-1206 | TheFlagstoneInn.com |  |
| Hampton Inn 98 E 100 S | 435-644-8282 | Hilton.com |  |
| Holiday Inn Express & Suites 217 S 100 E | 435-644-3100 | IGH.com |  |
| Kanab Suites 57 W Center St | 801-671-6196 | KanabSuites.com | |
| La Quinta Inn 465 S 100 E | 435-412-6670 | WyndhamHotels.com |  |
| Parry Lodge 89 E Center St | 435-644-2601 | ParryLodge.com |  |
| Quail Park Lodge 125 N 300 W | 435-644-8700 | QuailParkLodge.com |  |
| Quality Inn 815 E 300 S | 435-644-8888 | ChoiceHotels.com |  |
| Red Canyon Cabins 843 E US-89 | 435-767-9593 | Hotels.com |  |
| Red Rock Country Inn 330 S 100 E | 435-644-8774 | RedRockCountryInn.com |  |
| Roadhouse & Mercantile 30 N 300 W | 435-644-3400 | BestFriendsRoadhouse.org |  |
| Springhill Suites 635 E 300 S | 435-644-7272 | Marriott.com | |
| Sun-N-Sand Motel 347 S 100 E | 800-654-1868 | KanabSunNSand.com |  |
| Travel Lodge 386 E 300 S | 435-644-5373 | TravelLodgeKanab.com |  |
| Traveler's Motel 544 E 300 S | 435-644-2228 | N/A | |
| Vermilion Inn Kanab 70 S 200 W | 435-644-5500 | VermilionInnKanab.com |  |

BIG WATER • BULL FROG • CANYON POINT DUCK CREEK • CEDAR MOUNTAIN • EAST ZION

| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE | PETS |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| BIG WATER • BULL FROG • CANYON POINT | | | |
| Amangiri Resort 1 Kayenta Rd, Canyon Point | 435-675-3999 | Aman.com/Resorts/Amangiri |  |
| Defiance House Lodge 100 Lakeshore Dr, Bullfrog | 888-896-3829 | LakePowell.com/Lodging |  |
| Rodeway Inn & Suites Big Water 605 Independence Dr | 435-288-1729 | ChoiceHotels.com |  |
| Under Canvas Lake Powell 555 S Jacobs Tanks Rd | 888-496-1148 | UnderCanvas.com/Camps/Lake-Powell |  |
| DUCK CREEK • CEDAR MOUNTAIN | | | |
| Duck Creek Village Inn 815 E Hwy 14 | 435-990-5488 | DuckCreekVillageInn.com |  |
| The Lodge at Duck Creek 885 Church Dr | 844-382-3297 | TheLodgeAtDuckCreek.com |  |
| Pinewoods Resort 1460 E Duck Creek Ridge Rd | 435-559-2555 | PinewoodsResort.com |  |
| EAST ZION | | | |
| 89 & Nine Motel 4475 S State St, Mt Carmel | 435-648-3383 | 89Nine.com |  |
| Arrowhead County Cabins 2155 S State St, Mt Carmel | 435-648-2569 | ArrowheadCountryCabins.com | |
| Best Western East Zion Thunderbird Lodge Junction SR 9 & US 89 | 435-648-2203 | ThunderbirdUtah.com | |
| East Zion Resort 490 E State St, Orderville | 833-378-9466 | EastZionResort.com | |
| Mt Carmel Motel & RV 3010 State St, Orderville | 435-254-5305 | StayNearZion.com |  |
| Parkway Motel 74 E State St, Orderville | 435-648-2380 | ParkwayMotel.blogspot.com | |
| Zion Mountain Ranch 9065 W Hwy 9, Mt Carmel | 866-648-2555 | ZMR.com |  |
| Zion Ponderosa Twin Knolls Rd, Orderville | 435-648-2700 | ZionPonderosa.com |  |

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR
VACATION RENTALS!

CAMPGROUNDS & RV PARKS

KANAB • DUCK CREEK

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| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE |
|--|--------------|---|
| KANAB | | |
| Best Friends RV Park <i>3740 Kanab Canyon Rd</i> | 435-644-2001 | BestFriends.org/Sanctuary/Book-Your-Visit |
| Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park Campground <i>12500 Sand Dunes Rd</i> | 435-648-2800 | StateParks.Utah.gov/Parks/Coral-Pink |
| Crazy Horse RV Park & Campground <i>625 E 300 S</i> | 435-644-2782 | CrazyHorseCampArk.com |
| Dark Sky RV <i>2270 E Mountain View Dr</i> | 435-819-0992 | DarkSkyRV.com |
| Grand Plateau RV Resort <i>2550 E US 89</i> | 435-657-6100 | GPRVResort.com |
| Hitch-N-Post RV & Tent Sites <i>196 E 300 S</i> | 435-644-2142 | HitchNPostRVPark.com |
| J & J RV Park <i>584 E 300 S</i> | 435-899-1956 | JandJRVPark.com |
| Kanab RV Corral <i>483 S 100 S</i> | 435-644-5330 | KanabRVCorral.com |
| Nomad Cafe & Campground <i>2150 US-89</i> | 406-594-0294 | NomadKanab.com |
| Ponderosa Grove Campground BLM <i>Hancock Rd</i> | 435-644-1200 | Recreation.gov |
| Starlight Camping <i>2277 E Mountain View Dr</i> | 435-339-6100 | StarlightCampingKanab.com |
| Stateline Campground <i>House Rock Valley Rd</i> | 435-688-3200 | BLM.gov/Visit/Stateline-Campground |

DUCK CREEK

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| Duck Creek Campground <i>Hwy 14, Duck Creek Village</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |
| Duck Creek Village RV <i>3765 N Movie Ranch Rd</i> | 435-580-8185 | DuckCreekVillage.com |
| Navajo Lake Campground <i>On Navajo Lake</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |
| Spruces Campground <i>On Navajo Lake</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |
| Te-Ah Campground <i>Duck Creek</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |

| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE |
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| EAST ZION | | |
| Bauer's Canyon Ranch <i>90 W Center St</i> | 888-648-2564 | BauersRV.com |
| Bryce - Zion Campground <i>Hwy 89</i> | 435-648-2490 | BryceZionCampground.net |
| Cliffside Cabin & RV Park <i>600 N State St</i> | 435-868-1020 | CliffsideCabinandRVPark.com |
| East Zion Riverside RV Park <i>Hwy 14, Duck Creek Village</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |
| Hi-Road Campground Zion Park RV <i>12120 Hwy 9</i> | 435-648-3302 | HiRoadNearZion.com |
| Mount Carmel Motel & RV <i>3010 S State St</i> | 435-648-2323 | StayNearZion.com |
| Thunderbird RV Park East & North <i>410 W State St</i> | 435-256-2103 | N/A |
| Zion Crest Campground <i>Twin Knolls Rd</i> | 435-648-2703 | ZionCrestCampground.com |
| Zion Family Ranch RV Campground <i>1680 Lydia's Canyon Rd</i> | 877-444-6777 | Recreation.gov |
| Zion Ponderosa Ranch Resort <i>Twin Knolls Rd</i> | 435-648-2700 | ZionPonderosa.com/Accommodations |

BIG WATER

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|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| Lake Powell Gateway RV Resort <i>25 S Ethan Allen Rd</i> | 435-899-8603 | LPGRV.com |
| Church Wells RV Park <i>4909 W Front Ave</i> | 435-619-0532 | ChurchWellsRVLLC.com |
| Bullfrog RV & Campground <i>UT 276, Lake Powell</i> | 435-572-8262 | LakePowell.com/RV-Camping |

ADVENTURE OPTIONS

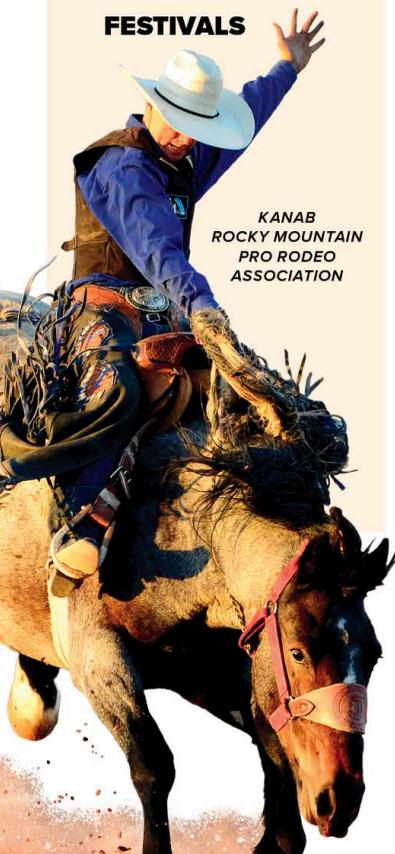
| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Action Photo Tour | 435-767-0222 | ActionPhotoTours.com | Photography Tours and Workshops |
| Adventure Tour Company | 435-899-1817 | Adventure-Tour-Company.com | Hummer Tours & Campfire Stars & S'Mores |
| Adventure Tours of Kanab | 435-689-2029 | N/A | Guided Vermilion Cliff Tours |
| All Ways Adventure | 435-899-9745 | AllwaysAdventure.com | Jeep Tours, Canyoneering Rappelling & Hiking |
| America West Scenic Adventures | 435-767-0220 | UtahGuidedTours.com | Driving, Hiking & 4x4 Tours |
| Big Foot Tours | 435-899-8150 | BigFootKanab.com | Jeep Tours, Half-Day, Full-Day or Sunset |
| Color Country Outfitters | N/A | ColorCountryOutfitters.com | Guided Hunting |
| Coral Cliffs Tours of Kanab | 435-414-9793 | Peekaboo-Slot-Canyon-Tours.com | Guided Hiking & Canyoneering Tours |
| Coral Pink ATV Tours | 435-862-5084 | CoralPinkATVTours.com | Coral Pink Sand Dunes Tours |
| Dreamland Safari Tours | 435-644-5506 | DreamlandTours.com | Driving, Hiking & Backpacking Tours |
| East Zion Adventures | 833-297-2712 | EastZionAdventures.com | Jeep, Hiking Canyoneering, UTV, & Horseback |
| Expedition Kanab | 435-334-3877 | ExpeditionKanab.com | UTV & Jeep Tours, Nightlife Adventures |
| Grand Circle Tours | 928-691-0166 | GrandCircleTours.net | Guided Hiking Tours |

| BUSINESS NAME | PHONE # | WEBSITE | DESCRIPTION |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Kanab Adventures | 435-644-5827 | KanabEBikes.com | E-Bikes Rental |
| Kanab Tour Company | 435-500-5008 | KanabTourCompany.com | Hiking, ATV & ATV Rentals |
| North Rim Outfitters | N/A | VirostkoHunts.com | Guided Hunting |
| Paria Outpost & Outfitters | 928-691-1047 | Paria.com/Tours-Shuttles | Hiking & Photography Tour |
| Razors Edge Tours | 435-689-2077 | RazorsEdgeTours.com | Off-road UTV Slot Canyon & Sandboarding Tours |
| Roads End Tours | 435-899-8385 | RoadsEndTours.com | Guided Tours on the east side of Zion |
| Roam Outdoor | 855-635-9100 | Roam-Outdoor.com | ATV, Hiking, Canyoneering, Rappelling, Via Ferrata & Horseback Tours |
| Seeking Treasure Adventures | 435-689-2182 | SeekingTreasureAdventures.com | Hiking, Photographic & Scenic Tours |
| Slot Canyon Tours | 435-668-5262 | SlotCanyonToursKanab.com | Peekaboo Slot Canyon |
| Staircase Stables | 435-689-0690 | StaircaseStables.com | Horseback Rides |
| Tory Brock Hunting | N/A | ToryBrockHunts.com | Guided Hunting |
| Zion Mountain Trail Rides | 866-648-2555 | ZMR.com | Horseback, Biking, Jeep, Canyoneering, Guided |

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING FUN TO DO IN KANE COUNTY:

WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKETS
FOOD TRUCK EVENTS
FESTIVALS



KANAB
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BALLOONS & TUNES

One of the favorite events of the year! Held in February, this three-day event has hot air balloons, bands, and vendors. The event includes a Lantern Festival, morning balloon launches, and a Balloon Glow one evening. This is a fun way to spend a weekend.

BalloonsAndTunesRoundUp.com



RODEOS

Kanab PRCA Rodeo

A classic rodeo action with the best in bull riding, barrel racing, bronc riding, steer wrestling, and more.

Jacob Hamblin Days Rodeo

Three days of rodeo including a youth rodeo, team sorting and roping, horsemanship, and barrel racing.

Kanab Rocky Mountain Pro Rodeo Association Finals Rodeo

Watch cowboys and cowgirls compete in the classic rodeo events.

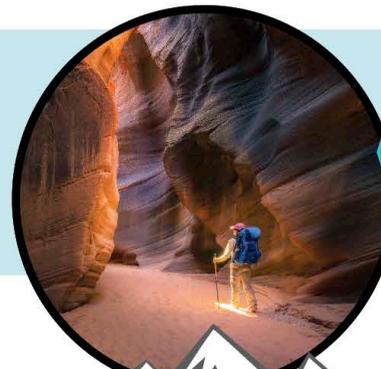


4TH OF JULY

Kane County hosts the best small town **Independence Day Celebrations**. Check out all the county has to offer.

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VISITSOUTHERNUTAH.COM/EVENTS



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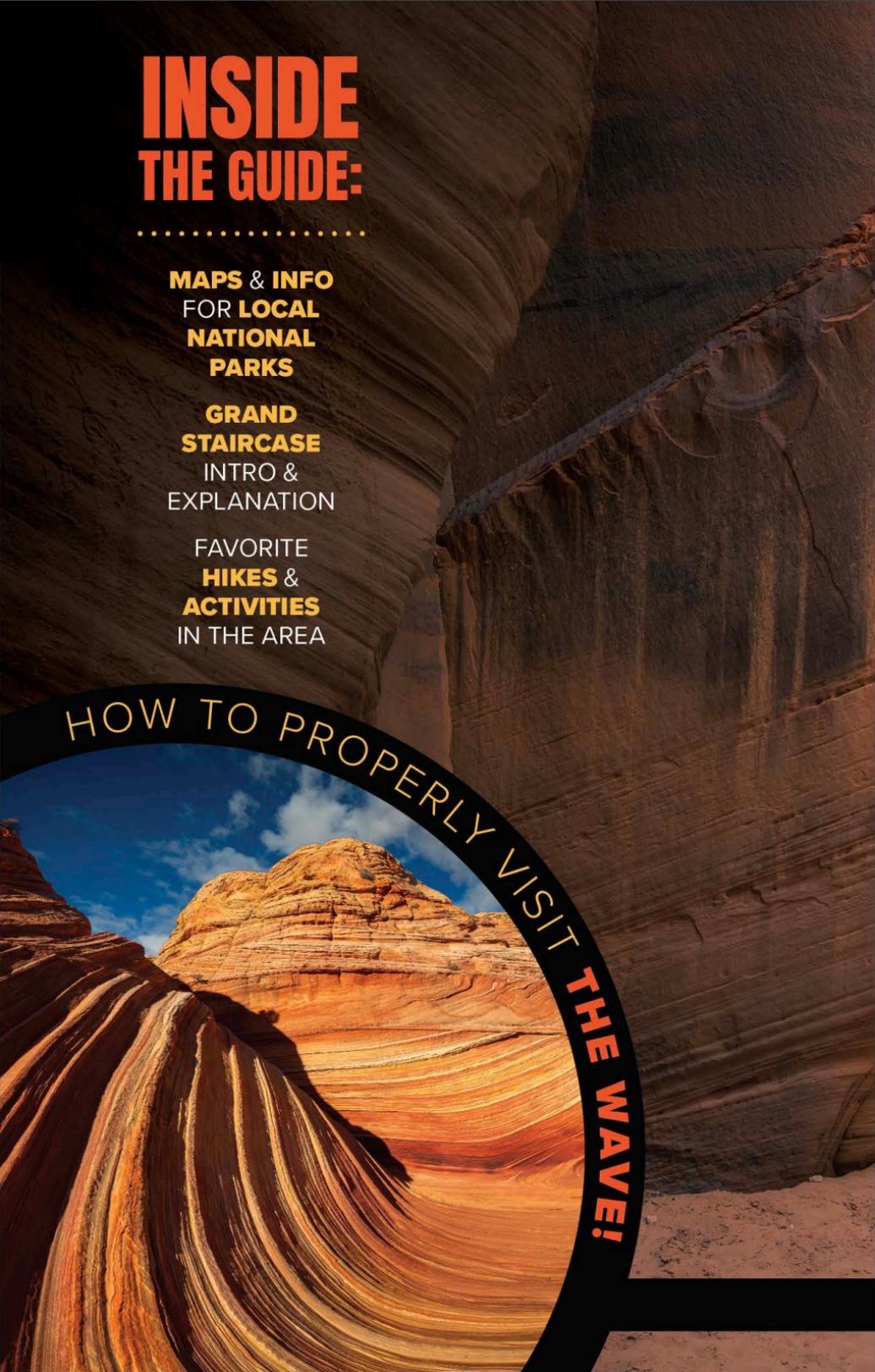
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