



BT's Guide to Havin' Fun in Southern Utah

*** Quail Creek State Park -**

Straight up the road about 2 miles as you exit our range. You'll need a State Park Pass and prices vary by Resident, non-resident, Senior, Veteran / Military. Each pass allows the buyer plus up to 8 people in their vehicle. Swimming, fishing, hiking, paddle boarding and boating are available. There are full hookup RV sites available as well.

*** Sand Hollow State Park -**

A bigger version of Quail Creek including RV sites, plus Sand Hollow is a huge SxS / ATV / Off Road venue. Winter to early spring brings some Bald Eagles in the early morning. Hawks and Owls can be found year round although the off road crowd has made seeing them scarce.

Pioneer Park / Red Hills Desert Gardens

375 Red Hills Parkway, St. George. FREE! -

One of the top St. George sites only about 15 minutes from our range. A beautiful view of St. George awaits you from this location. Short hike will take you to the top of "Dixie Rock", a mini slot canyon and next door.....beautiful Red Hills Desert Gardens. All free.

***Snow Canyon State Park**

1002 N. Snow Canyon Dr., Ivins, UT -

A Gem in the desert! About 35 minutes from our range. Hiking, biking and beautiful scenery abound along with "Jenny's Canyon" - a small slot canyon taking only a quarter mile easy hike to reach. State Park Fees apply.

Grafton Ghost Town

284 W. 250 S., Rockville - FREE!

Off SR 9 just south of Zion National Park, Grafton was established in 1859 by Mormon settlers. It's said to be one of the most photographed Ghost Towns in the west and was the scene of Paul Newman and Katherine Ross' famous Bicycle ride in 'Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid'. It was known for cotton farming and helped coin the name "Dixie" for our southern Utah area. Take SR 9 to Rockville, then look for Bridge Rd on your right. Go across the bridge and take a right on Grafton Rd. That will take you past the old cemetery and then to the ghost town.

Zion National Park -

A must see and if you go, go early if you want to get a parking spot at the Visitor Center (arriving 7-730 am is recommended). With the shuttle running, you cannot drive through Zion Canyon. For a day trip, I'd recommend:

- Shuttle stop 4 Court of the Patriarchs. (The Visitor Center where you get on is stop 1) Get off the shuttle and walk across the road. There's a sign that says something like 'Do Not Enter' but it refers to vehicles only. Walk down the dirt path for approximately 1/8 mile and you'll see the bridge that goes over the Virgin River. If you have trail or hiking shoes and a hiking stick, scramble down to the left till you reach the river and you'll have an even better view than from the bridge. If it's early morning, keep an eye out for wild turkeys!
- Shuttle stop 5 Zion Lodge. Hike the upper (or lower) Emerald Pools Trail. Easy and well worth it.
- Stop 8 Big Bend. On a rare occasion you may see a California Condor or two.
- Stop 9 (last stop) Riverside Walk to the Narrows. The best scenic and family friendly hike in the park. About 2.2 miles and easy.

Zion tips:

- Wear hiking/trail shoes or shoes with "grippy soles". The sandstone rock looks nice, but is very slippery. A hiking stick won't hurt if you have one.
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and bring a water bottle. It's a desert here no matter how green it may look. **Stay Hydrated**. There are restrooms and bottle filling stations throughout the park.
- When you return to the Visitor center, take your car and drive to Canyon Junction (Shuttle stop 3). Stay to the right and go up the hill. Once you get through the big tunnel keep your eyes peeled for Bighorn Sheep. They blend in and there's no guarantee you'll see 'em, but if you see folks stopping, staring and/or looking up, that's a clue. If you're lucky, they may be right on or off the road.
- There are lots of great restaurants in Springdale. One of my favorites is Oscar's Cafe. Too many great things on the menu to pick just one; burgers, sandwiches, salads, fish tacos.....along with great guacamole, salsa and chips!
- Lastly, on your way to/from Zion you'll pass the River Rock Roasting Co. (394 S. State St., LaVerkin). Good coffee, breakfast sandwiches, pastries, burgers, pizza & beer.....all with an outstanding view of the Confluence.

Have fun!

