

Community Outreach

Iron Mission State Park Museum has a variety of in-house and outreach educational programs. Children's storytime is held each month. Children and their parents are invited to listen to a great tale and make a craft to take home. One Saturday each month, museum staff and volunteers engage visitors with pioneer skills and games.

Each summer, parents and children can attend Iron Mission's History Day Camp. Participants pack their belongings, travel and start a new home. The day camp provides an educational and entertaining experience for young and old alike.

Iron Mission also has a number of hands-on activities that can be brought to local schools, church groups or family reunions. For more information on scheduling these programs, call (435) 586-9290.



Events and Exhibits

In partnership with the Iron County Historical Society, Iron Mission hosts a variety of evening lectures addressing local and state history, and prominent events and individuals in the history of the American West. Thanks to the generosity of donors, Iron Mission State Park Museum continues to host a series of rotating art and history exhibits providing returning visitors a new experience with each visit. Call or come by the museum for a current schedule of events or check event listings online at stateparks.utah.gov



Iron Mission General Store

Visitors should also make time to visit the Iron Mission General Store where postcards, candy, pioneer games, books, craft kits, and hand woven rugs can be purchased. This is a great place to stock up on unique holiday and special occasion gifts along with a special memento of your visit. Can you conquer the horseshoe puzzle?

Your park fees provide for the care, protection and enhancement of this park.

Operating Hours

The museum is open year-round with the exception of Thanksgiving, December 25 and January 1.

Summer hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Winter hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Closed Sundays November through February

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Visit Iron Mission and experience living in a pioneer cabin, printing on a 19th century press, and rug weaving on a 100-year-old loom. Explore southwestern Utah's historic trails and hear the original 1850s Cedar City town bell.



History of Iron Mission

Lack of iron was a major concern to pioneers who began settling Utah in 1847. When iron ore was discovered in southern Utah, Mormon leader Brigham Young called for volunteers to colonize the Cedar City area in December of 1850. Ten months later, the colony completed a blast furnace and began operating an iron foundry. Despite its initial success, Iron Mission faced many difficulties and ultimately closed in 1858. A desire to preserve and interpret the history of this endeavor eventually led to the establishment of Iron Mission State Park in 1973.



Things to Do

Wander through time and experience the outdoor collection of horse-drawn farm equipment and wagons. Binders, mowers, reapers, scrapers, plows and manure spreaders are all on display, as well as early hay balers, a well drill, and a rare snow "tank." Anchoring the museum's backyard is a series of historic structures including the historic Hunter House - Cedar City's oldest remaining home, and the George Wood cabin - the fifth oldest structure still standing in Utah.

For the more adventurous, travel 20 miles west of Cedar City and enjoy the authentic ruins of a 19th century iron foundry and newly created nature trail, but be sure to call or stop by our front desk for directions.

Special programs include backroom curation tours, a Junior Curator kit for children, rotating art exhibits, and many video presentations covering the history and natural wonders of Utah and the American Southwest. Iron Mission also has a reference library and archives for those who wish to further explore the exciting history of Cedar City, Iron County and southwest Utah.

Iron Mission Days Festival

Each November, Iron Mission State Park Museum celebrates the founding of Cedar City with the Iron Mission Days Festival. Make pioneer crafts and treats at the museum's Community Night held during the weeklong celebration. The festival also includes special programs, school presentations, and guided walks of Cedar City's historic district.



The Gronway Parry Collection

Catch a glimpse into frontier travel from the Gronway Parry Collection - a rare and extensive set of wagons, buggies, sleighs and stagecoaches. Intriguing coaches include a bullet-scarred stagecoach, a replica Wells-Fargo Overland Stage, a classically luxurious Brougham, and a coach owned by Joseph F. Smith, former leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. View carriages, surreys, horse-drawn farm machinery, a rare white hearse, a Studebaker white top wagon, and even a "one horse open sleigh." Industrial vehicles such as a milk wagon, water sprinkling wagon, low-wheeled dray, and various dump belly and freight wagons are also on exhibit.



Park Guidelines

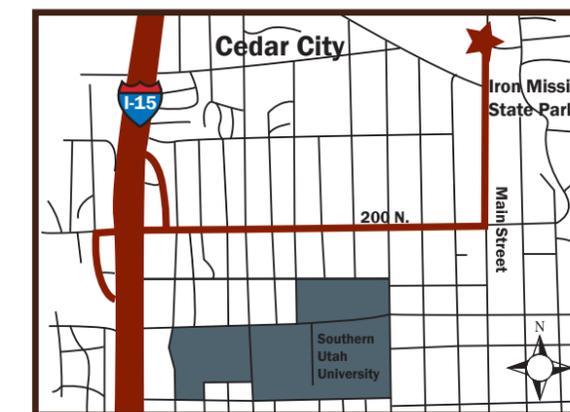
Please observe the following park regulations to ensure everyone's visit is pleasant.

Pets - Pets on park grounds must be on a maximum six-foot leash or carried. Service animals are allowed in the museum.

Supervision - Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Climbing - Climbing on farm equipment and wagons is dangerous and not permitted.

No outside food or drink.



Driving Directions

From I-15, take the exit for UT-56 toward Cedar City. Turn east at 200 North, and then left at Main Street. The park is on the left about one-half mile between the visitor center and cemetery.