

The Utah State Parks

Explorer

Fall / Winter 2010

ROCKIN' In A Winter Wonderland

New this year, we've extended our ROCKIN' Utah program to include winter activities. Enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas, be a lady of Camp Floyd, build a snow cave, and more.

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Old Time Christmas

Territorial Statehouse State Park and Museum, Fillmore

Bring your family and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas, the old fashioned way. Warm up next to the wood stove, make homemade ornaments and string popcorn for your tree. Play games, make candles and create simple pioneer toys. This is a joyful event for the entire family and a great way to begin the holiday season. Activities begin at noon and conclude at 4 p.m. Registration is \$10 per family with up to eight participants.

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp

Camp Floyd State Park and Museum, Fairfield

Take a step back in time to learn about the lives and times of women at Camp Floyd. Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp teaches the everyday activities completed by women of Camp Floyd. Participants wear period dresses, meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, learn etiquette of the period, construct rag dolls, learn period dances and more. This program is designed for youth eight to 11, and an adult must accompany participants. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person and is limited to 24 participants.

Saturday, January 15, 2011

A Day in the Snow = Fun - Wasatch Mountain State Park, Midway

Despite the cold and snow, winter is more accessible than you might think. Strap on snowshoes (we'll provide them) and head out on a short trek to an open field where we build snow caves, play snow games and enjoy Dutch oven soup. Later, we'll head back to the visitor center and warm up and wind down in front of a warm fire. Activities begin at the visitor center at 9 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. Space is limited to 35 participants, and registration is \$10 per family.

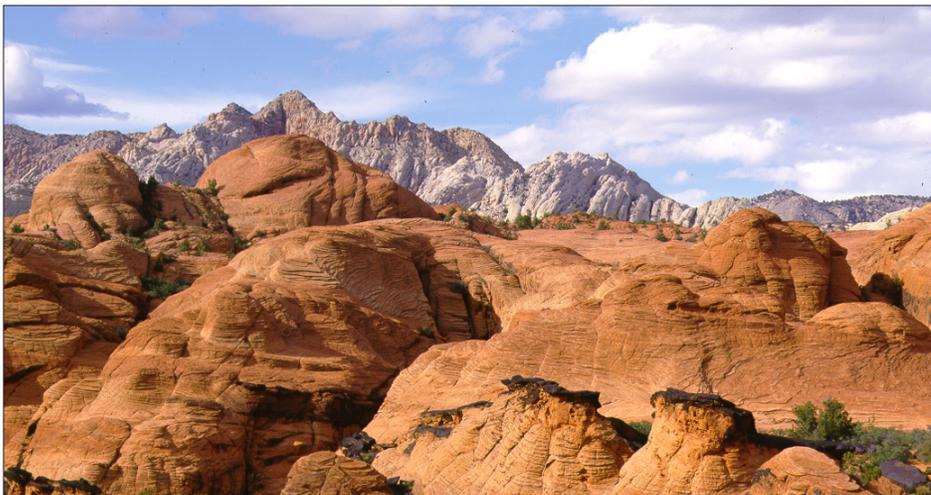
More events are planned this winter, check out stateparks.utah.gov/rockin-utah or call 801-537-3123 for more information. ROCKIN' Utah creates opportunities for families to explore the outdoors and learn skills to build their own connections with nature, and gain a greater appreciation of Utah's natural and cultural resources.

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Reaching Out Connecting Kids In Nature





Hike the Gila

New Gila Trail Opens at Snow Canyon State Park

Experience another facet of Snow Canyon State Park on the new Gila Trail. This newly-constructed, 5.7-mile trail lies within Snow Canyon and the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve and connects with approximately 3.6 miles of existing trail. A moderately difficult route, hikers traverse rugged slick rock terrain, ancient sand dunes, lava flows, and desert scrub communities. Due to the rugged terrain, equestrian and bike access is limited.

“Visitors now have the opportunity to hike the entire east rim of Snow Canyon via the Gila Trail, a one-way distance of more than nine miles,” commented Park Manager Kristen Comella. “There are currently three access points, Paradise Canyon, Snow Canyon Overlook, and the Snow Canyon Drive/SR-18 parking lot. Park managers are also pursuing a future access point in the vicinity of The Trails development.



As with all park trails, no off-trail use is permitted. The park and trails are open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Camping and fires are permitted only in the campground. For more information, please call 435-628-2255.



Talk About Take-Out!

Out-of-Town Hollie Brown's Dutch Oven Pizza

Hollie's Tip: This recipe tastes best when you're on a river trip, but any campground makes a great pizza place.

1 jar pizza sauce
 1 can crescent rolls
 2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 cup mozzarella cheese
 Toppings of your choice-
 Ideas: pepperoni, precooked chicken, onions, olives, green onions, mushrooms, pineapple.
 For a fun twist, use barbecue sauce instead of pizza sauce.

Heat a 12-inch Dutch oven using 18 to 20 briquettes underneath until hot. Pour olive oil into Dutch oven and distribute evenly, then line bottom of your oven with a layer of flattened rolls. Spoon pizza sauce over crescent rolls and load up your favorite toppings and mozzarella cheese.

Cover and bake using 8 to 10 briquettes underneath and 16 to 18 briquettes on top for 20 to 30 minutes until crust is browned and cheese is bubbly. Serves two to four.

Our Mission:

Providing opportunities to enhance the quality of life by preserving natural, cultural, and recreational resources for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.



Featured Park

Fremont Indian State Park and Museum

For hundreds of years, the valleys near Sevier, Utah were home to a large community of Fremont Indians. View the petroglyphs and pictographs they left behind on canyon walls. View a film and artifacts, or try hands-on activities that reveal the lives of the Fremont Indians. More than a museum, Fremont Indian State Park and Museum also offers camping and access to the Paiute ATV Trail.

According to Park Manager Bob Hanover, a short film in the visitor center describes the Fremont people and how the village at Five Finger Ridge was discovered during construction of Interstate 70. Thousands of artifacts excavated from the village are on permanent display. Special programs enhance museum collections, and include rock art tours, atlatl competitions, pottery-making workshops, and art exhibits

featuring works of local artists. The museum store carries high quality books, maps, and American Indian-themed crafts.

Camp at Castlerock

Located in a quiet canyon surrounded by towering geologic formations, Castlerock Campground provides 31 campsites each with a picnic table, fire pit, and barbecue grill. A small stream flows year-round, nourishing thousands of trees that provide shade to campers. Culinary water is available near all campsites and modern restrooms are open April to September. Off-highway vehicles are allowed in the campground, which offers direct access to the Paiute ATV Trail.

Stow away at Sam Stowe Group-Use Area

Secluded from the rest of the park, the Sam Stowe Area is open to groups up to 200 people.

Numerous tent sites are available and seven RV sites provide full hook-ups. Two pavilions offer lights, electricity, barbecue grills, modern restrooms, and showers. Visitors may also enjoy a basketball and volleyball court, amphitheater, archery range, and horseshoe pits. Hiking trails, petroglyphs, and fishing access are also nearby. Sam Stowe Group-Use Area offers direct access to the Paiute ATV Trail.

Take a hike

Numerous trails lead visitors to hundreds of rock art panels, viewpoints, and geologic wonders located throughout Clear Creek Canyon. Petroglyphs, pictographs, hoodoos, and bubble caves are all easily accessible. Pick up a trail guide at the visitor center, then, hike any number of trails, which range from one-quarter mile to five miles in length. Hiking trails are for non-motorized use only.

A Hint From Hanover: Cave of a Hundred Hands

Park Manager Bob Hanover offers these trip recommendations when you visit the park: After enjoying the visitor center, Cave of a Hundred Hands Trail is a family-friendly walk along the banks of Clear

Creek that is sure to appeal to your sense of nature and beauty. The trail is level and easy, and passes through lush vegetation such as native grasses, rabbit brush, and sagebrush and a natural spring

gives life to shady trees near the cave. Hundreds of swallows make their homes along the bridges and towering cliffs. Cave of a Hundred Hands contains 31 handprints and other pictographs made by

the Fremont people who lived in the cave more than 1,000 years ago.

After your hike, enjoy lunch at the Centennial Picnic Grounds and wade in the refreshing waters of Clear Creek.



Get Ready for Next Summer Now — On Board, On Track, Online

Utah's off-highway vehicle (OHV) and personal watercraft (PWC) youth education courses are now available exclusively online at stateparks.utah.gov. Study at your own pace and take a course in the comfort of your own home.

Utah law requires youth eight to 16 to complete the Utah State Parks Know Before You Go! OHV Education Course before operating a machine on public lands, roads or trails. It is illegal for any child under age eight to operate an OHV on public land.

Youth 12 to 17 years of age are required to complete and pass the Utah PWC Education Course in order to operate PWC (Jet Ski, Wave Runner, Sea-Doo) without an adult on board. Children younger than 12 may not operate a PWC without a responsible adult onboard.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov, call (800) OHV-RIDE or (800) RIDE PWC.

Check It Out!

Did you know Utah State Parks partners with libraries statewide to provide free Annual Passes? Use your library card, check out an Annual Pass and take a road trip to one or more state parks. For a list of participating libraries, check out the Rockin' Utah page at stateparks.utah.gov.

The Gift of Play

Give or enjoy the gift of the great outdoors this holiday.

Discover dinosaurs at the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum, explore Snow Canyon State Park, or hike through goblins at Goblin Valley.

Passes for the 2011 season are available in early December. Annual passes are \$75, while Senior Adventure Passes for Utah residents 62 years and older are \$35.

Passes allow the cardholder and up to seven guests in the same vehicle, day-use access. Passes are honored at all state parks except This Is The Place Heritage Park, and do not cover the Davis County Causeway fee at Antelope Island State Park. Passes are valid for one person/machine only at Jordan River OHV State Recreation Area.

Passes may be purchased at all state parks, region offices, online at stateparks.utah.gov and our Salt Lake office at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City.



More Gifts of Play

Get your golfer a punch pass or gift certificate for the links at Soldier Hollow, Wasatch Mountain, Green River or Palisade golf course. Gift certificates are available in any amount and prices for punch passes vary for each course. Get more information online at stateparkgolf.utah.gov or call our courses directly to order:

Soldier Hollow Golf Course
435-654-7442

Wasatch Mountain Golf Course
435-654-0532

Green River State Park Golf Course
435-564-8882

Palisade State Park Golf Course
435-835-4653

Wet Your Waders

Fall Fishing in Utah's State Parks

Whether you're casting a worm from shore, trolling in a boat, or throwing a fly from a float tube, Utah's state parks offer great fishing opportunities statewide.

This time of year, anglers flock to Rockport Reservoir and enjoy trolling for rainbow, bass and perch. During winter, Rockport is a popular destination for ice anglers and has a reputation for producing large schools of perch. If fishing is slow, view bald eagles nesting nearby or deer meandering through the pinyon pines.



Fishing at Scofield State Park

The cold waters of Scofield Reservoir, a Blue Ribbon Fishery, provide great fishing for rainbow and cutthroat trout. Bordering the Manti-La Sal National Forest, this area offers spectacular mountain views. At an elevation of 7,600 feet, Scofield Reservoir is one of the first reservoirs to freeze in the winter. Don't miss their annual ice fishing tournament, typically held the last week in December.

Otter Creek State Park rests between the Sevier Plateau and Parker Mountain area in central Utah. Otter Creek Reservoir is rated one of Utah's best fisheries for rainbow trout, but anglers can also find cutthroat, brown trout and smallmouth bass.

Quail Creek State Park, located just north of St. George, is a popular recreation destination especially in late fall and winter due to its warmer temperatures. With water depths reaching 120 feet, this reservoir is home to both cold and warm water fish. Rainbow trout, bullhead catfish, and crappie are found closer to the bottom of the reservoir, while largemouth bass and bluegill thrive in the warmer, upper layers.

For more information on fishing in Utah's state parks, visit stateparks.utah.gov.

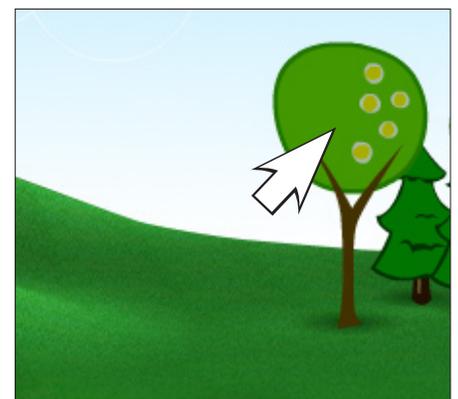
Point, Click, Plant

Odwalla donates more than 1,500 trees to Utah's state parks

There's still time to plant a tree! If you haven't voted to plant a tree or even if you've already voted, please vote to plant more trees with code UT2000 at www.odwalla.com/plantatree

As of today, Utah's state parks will get 1,577 trees in 2011. For a second year, the Odwalla juice company committed to plant trees in our nation's state parks. They provide trees and park visitors choose where to plant them.

Utah State Parks and Recreation thanks everyone for voting and to Odwalla for their support.



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