

Call of the Canyon

Fall Calendar of Events

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Lava Tube Hike

Join park staff for a two-mile, roundtrip hike and the chance to explore the unique formations of a lava tube!

Sat., 9/27, 1:00-2:30 pm

Sunset Nature Sketch

Admire the changing colors of early evening and enjoy the magic of sketching nature on this 1.5 mile, roundtrip hike.

Fri, 10/3, 6:30-8:00 pm

The Dirt World of Archaeology

What is the archaeology of the area telling us? Join Steve Hall, of Bighorn Archaeological Consultants, for an evening presentation on native cultures.

Fri., 10/10, 7:00-8:00 pm

Sunrise Hike

BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) and welcome the sun—watch the magic of a new day unfold in the Canyon on this a.m. stroll.

Sat, 10/11, 7:00-8:30 am

Fri., 10/31, 7:15-8:45 am

Cinder Cone Hike

Learn about volcanoes and the volcanic activity responsible for the lava flows in the park. Hike to the top of the Snow Canyon cinder cone during this 1.5-mile, round trip hike.

Sat., 10/18, 5:00-6:30 pm

Star Walk:

The North Star

Join park staff for a one-mile, roundtrip hike and the opportunity to learn more about our north star and its neighboring constellations.

Fri, 10/24, 7:00-8:30 pm

Monsters in the Desert

Gila monsters are one of the most mysterious and endangered creatures of southwest Utah. Join Ann McLuckie, Wildlife Biologist, as she discusses the biology of these fascinating lizards. Find out how Gila monsters are studied using radio-telemetry and try radio tracking for yourself!

Sat, 10/25, 10:00-11:30 am

Owls Up Close

Meet Athena, a live Great Horned owl and learn more about these amazing birds during an evening program offered by guest naturalist, Kathy Donnell. Don't miss the chance to visit with them at our Sunday morning 'Meet & Greet'.

Sat., 11/1, 5:30-6:30 pm,

Program

Sun., 11/2, 10:00-11:00 am,
Meet & Greet

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike.

Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow!

Fri., 11/7, 7:30-9:00 pm

Sat., 11/8, 8:00-9:30 pm

Simple Campfire Desserts

Join us around a toasty fire to bake and sample some simple campfire desserts. Leave with recipes for your next camping trip.

Sat., 11/15, 7:00- 8:00 pm

Sunset Hike

Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike.

Fri., 11/21, 4:45-6:00 pm

Nature's Bounty

Learn to identify traditional uses of some of Snow Canyon's edible and medicinal plants during this 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike.

Sat, 11/29, 8:30-10:00 am

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike.

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Fri., 12/5, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sat., 12/6, 7:30-9:00 pm

All listed events are free and open to the public. Space is limited; registration required. Program registration is held two days preceding the scheduled event.

Register by phone or in person. For more information or to register for a program contact park staff at (435) 628-2255.

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The Humble Hackberry

Fall marks a departure for many species in the canyon. Bronze-yellow Indian ricegrass rustles empty husks in the cooler breezes; their black-tipped seeds long gone. Also departed is the copper flash of the rufous hummingbird that, along with other migrating birds such as the western tanager and turkey vulture, has set off for friendlier climes.



However, for one species—the gnarly hackberry tree—fall is a season of bounty. Tucked amid the gold accents of rabbit-brush and blankets of chinchweed, the hackberry offers an abundance of tiny berries. Small birds, squirrels and coyotes gorge on the tree's humble fruit; its weathered branches alive with an array of wildlife. Should you hear an agitated commotion from the birds above, look close and you may spy a grey fox veiled high in the shadowed branches competing for his share of tree's sweet fruit.

DID YOU KNOW?

The large Netleaf hackberry (*Celtis reticulata*) at Snow Canyon's wash crossing was recognized as the largest known of its type in the State of Utah in October 2007.

At that time it measured:

Height: 48-feet

Circumference: 97-inches

Spread: 48-feet

It is officially recognized on the National Big Tree Registry found at:

www.americanforest.org

The national big tree champion for Netleaf hackberry is located in New Mexico.



Soon, the busy fuss in the hackberry tree will be hushed by the approaching winter's chill. Except for a few missed kernels here and there, its wizened branches will be bare—evidence of this humble tree's generous offering.

The *Friends of Snow Canyon* has an official website. To check it out, go to: www.friendsofsnowcanyon.org

Learn more about how you can make a difference!