

Call of the Canyon

Spring Calendar of Events

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Winter Circle Hike

Join park staff for a one-mile, round trip hike and the opportunity to explore the 'Winter Circle'—a bright pattern of stars adorning our winter skies!
Fri., Mar. 9
8:30- 9:30 p.m.

Wildlife Fact or Folklore

Can you get warts from a toad? Do bats really get tangled in people's hair? Learn to distinguish fact from folklore regarding some of the more intriguing wildlife species living in our area during this 45-minute lecture and presentation.
Sat., Mar. 17
6:30- 7:30 p.m.

Sunset Hike

Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5 mile, round-trip hike.
Fri., Mar. 23
7:15- 8:45 p.m.

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow!
Fri., Apr. 6
9:00- 10:30 p.m.

Lifeline in the Desert

Springs, potholes, and seeps serve as a "lifeline" in our desert environment. Join park staff on a two-mile, roundtrip hike and discover what creatures rely on these water sources.
Fri., Apr. 13
6:30- 8:00 p.m.

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., Apr. 21
9:00- 10:30 a.m.

Scorpion Search

Have you ever wanted to see a scorpion up close? Join us to learn more about these amazing creatures and search for resident scorpions!
Fri., Apr. 27
8:45- 9:45 p.m.

Evening Nature Sketch

Admire the changing colors of early evening and enjoy the magic of sketching nature on this 1.5 mile, roundtrip hike!
Fri., May 4
7:00- 8:30 p.m.

Desert Reptile Awareness

Are you aware that Southern Utah has the greatest number of reptiles in the state because it is in a transition zone between the Mojave Desert, Great Basin Desert, and the Colorado Plateau? Join Ann McLuckie, Wildlife Biologist, and learn more about their unique desert adaptations during an evening slide show. Next day, join us on a morning hike and look for signs of reptiles!
Fri., May 11
7:00- 8:00 p.m., Slideshow
Sat., May 12
9:00- 10:30 a.m., Hike

Sunset Hike

Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5 mile, round-trip hike.
Sat., May 19
8:00- 9:30 p.m.

Lava Tube Hike

Join park staff for a two-mile, roundtrip hike and the chance to explore the unique formations of a lava tube!
Fri., May 25
11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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.

Johnson Canyon
ranger-guided hikes offered twice weekly.

Program times vary—please call (435) 628-2255 for current weekly schedule.

Springtime in Snow Canyon

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***It's spring fever.
That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!***

~Mark Twain



Western Scrub Jay

Did You Know:

- Jays have no blue pigments in their feathers. Instead, each feather barb has a thin layer of cells that absorb all wavelengths of color except blue. Only the blue wavelength is reflected and scattered, resulting in their blue appearance to our eyes.
- The Western Scrub-Jay's calls are a hallmark sound of the West—some 20 call types are known.
- Western Scrub-Jays have a mischievous streak, and they're not above outright theft! They've been caught stealing acorns, pine cones, and seeds from other birds' caches. Some scrub-jays steal acorns they've watched other jays hide. When these birds go to hide their own nuts, they check first that no other jays are watching.