



Call of the Canyon

Winter Calendar of Events

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New Year Reflections Hike

Join us for a two-mile, round trip hike and take this opportunity to reflect on the passing of the old year and the arrival of the new!

Sun., January 1
10:00-11:30 a.m.

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, one-mile hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow!

Sat., January 7
7:00-8:30 p.m.

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., January 21
10:00-11:30 a.m.

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 cold, February skies!

Fri., February 3
8:00-9:00 p.m.

Sunset Sketch Hike

Admire the changing colors of early evening on this 1.5-mile, round trip hike and 'preserve the moment' through sketching.

Fri., February 17
5:00-6:30 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.



The color of springtime is in the flowers, the color of winter is in the imagination.

~Terri Guillemets

- *Snow Canyon Winterscape*, 2011 photograph by Maria Werner

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Feel the Heat this Winter

Let thoughts of fiery, volcanic eruptions and glowing lava flows warm your winter hikes in Snow Canyon State Park. All you need is your imagination to re-animate the drama of a long-ago eruption that left jumbled basalt piles and yawning caves along Lava Flow Overlook Trail.

From the Lava Flow Overlook parking lot, take a journey back through time. More than 27,000 years ago, lava erupted from a now extinct volcano to the north-east—the Santa Clara Cone. This is the most recent eruption in the park. In the lava field that stretches across the canyon floor is the not-so-obvious underground world of Snow Canyon. Here a lava tube formed when the surface of the flowing lava cooled and hardened to a solid crust, but the molten lava beneath



continued to flow. Since the flow was on a slope, the lava drained out leaving a hollow tube.

Though the tube is mostly collapsed due to weathering, there are two access caves along the trail where you may enter. In order to explore the tubes safely please: Never go alone, let others know your plans, and always bring two additional light sources (see park staff for more information).

Once warmed up with a hike along the Lava Flow Overlook Trail, take your adventures from Snow Canyon's underground up to higher elevations with the ranger-led Cinder Cone Hike being offered this season (see event schedule on first page). Take this opportunity to hike to the top of the cinder cone where the story of Snow Canyon's lava tube began.

As the frost and chilled winds of winter settle on the canyon, bring your imagination and warm the blood by hiking the trails of our lava landscape and possibly 'feel the heat' of Snow Canyon's volcanic past.

~JDS

