



# Call of the Canyon

## Winter Calendar of Events

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**Nature Sketchwalk**  
Explore the fun of sketching nature on this 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike. Sat., 12/28, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**First Day Sunrise Hike**  
BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee) and welcome the sun as it climbs the red rock walls of Snow Canyon State Park. Join us on this early morning two-mile, roundtrip hike to watch the

magic of the 'first day of the new year' unfold in the canyon! Wed., 1/1, 7:00-8:30 a.m.

**Moonlit Hike**  
Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile hike. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow! Fri., 1/10, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Fri., 2/14, 8:30-10:00 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! Sat., 1/25, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Sat., 2/22, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Sunset Hike**  
Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike. Fri., 2/7, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Fri., 3/7, 6:00-7:30 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.*



Check out the Park's Bookstore for your holiday shopping!  
We have hats, shirts, magnets, books, pottery and more... and lots of great gifts for under \$10!

*A Snowflake is Winter's Butterfly.*

- Author unknown

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As 2013 draws to a close I would like to thank you for another great year at Snow Canyon State Park. Whether you frequent the park trails, cycle the road, attend one of our great ranger guided hikes, volunteer your time, or experience the park in other ways you are part of what makes this such a special place. Here are a few highlights from this past year:

- We were host to more than 2,100 cyclists as part of Ironman 70.3 St. George.
- A new double vault restroom was installed at Upper Galoot, replacing the single composting vault originally installed in 1999.
- Four new exhibits were put in along the Lava Flow Trail detailing the fascinating volcanic features that are visible.
- Friends of Snow Canyon hosted a great National Public Lands Day project along the Lava Flow Trail (and in the lava tubes).
- We expanded our park bookstore merchandise and boosted retail sales.
- More than 2,546 Washington County students participated in on-site ranger-led programs.

As we look towards 2014 we are particularly excited for several new projects and partnerships:

- Beginning in late December a new culinary waterline and storage tank will be installed, replacing our existing 40-plus year old system.
- Friends of Snow Canyon are working hard to raise funds for trail expansion projects with emphasis on the Gila Trail; we hope to build more than 1-mile of new trail in March.
- Friends of Snow Canyon is also partnering with the park to help expand and manage our Trail Steward program.

You, the visitor, are part of what makes the park so great. If you would like to support the Friends of Snow Canyon or find out more about the great work they are doing please visit them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/friendsofsnowcanyon](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofsnowcanyon) or go to [www.friendsofsnowcanyon.org](http://www.friendsofsnowcanyon.org)

For general park updates and information please visit: [www.stateparks.utah.gov](http://www.stateparks.utah.gov)

*~Kristen Comella, Park Manager*

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