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### **NEW STATE PARK PASS FOR UTAH'S VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES**

**Salt Lake City** – The Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation approved a new discounted pass for Utah veterans with disabilities effective February 1, 2011. Veterans with a service-connected disability of 50% or greater may purchase the Annual Pass for \$35, which is more than 50% off the regular price. Qualified veterans are asked to complete an affidavit and attach appropriate documentation.

“We’re pleased to offer this opportunity to those who have given so much to our state and country,” said Utah State Parks Director Mary Tullius.

The Annual Pass provides day-use access to most of Utah’s 43 state parks for the pass holder and up to seven guests in the same private vehicle. Annual passes do not cover the Davis County Causeway Fee at Antelope Island, entrance fees at This Is The Place Heritage Park, and are good for one machine/rider at Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area.

As part of another Utah State Parks program, the agency places free Annual Passes in 84 libraries statewide. Any library patron may check out a pass with their library card and visit the parks of their choice through the Check It Out Program. For more information, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov) or call 877-UT-PARKS.

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### **MAKE TRACKS, FIND TRACKS AT JORDANELLE STATE PARK**

**Francis** – Make tracks on a guided snowshoe hike at Jordanelle State Park’s Rock Cliff Recreation Area on Saturday morning, February 26. (Participants are given exact meeting place and time when they register.)

Hike with the park naturalist and learn about animals living in the park. Bring snowshoes or borrow a pair from the park. Learn how to identify animal tracks, and snowshoe through the park practicing the art of animal tracking. Pre-registration is required and the hike is limited to 25 participants. Registration for this activity is \$10 per family or group with up to eight people. Sign up by calling 801-537-3123 or email [rockin@utah.gov](mailto:rockin@utah.gov).

Rockin' Utah creates opportunities for families to explore the outdoors and learn skills to build their own connections with nature.

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### **BUILDING ZION YOUTH CAMP AT TERRITORIAL STATEHOUSE IN FILLMORE**

**Fillmore** -- Youth groups are invited to Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum to journey back in time and discover how early Utah settlers lived during the 1860s while accepting the call to build the Statehouse and Utah's first capital city.

Learn about Utah's pioneer history, sacrifices, and challenges through a three-day / two-night program with hands-on activities including cabin building, rope and candle making, weaving, and quilting. Enjoy recreational activities including pioneer dances and the game of Rounders, which is similar to baseball.

"Building Zion Youth Camp is a great way for museum visitors to actively learn Utah's history and gain an appreciation of the pioneer settlers," commented Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum Curator Carl Camp. "Today's youth should experience life before cell phones and iPods."

Participants receive Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum backpacks, water bottles, and tithing scripts redeemable in the gift shop. The cost is \$30 per person and group leaders are free.

Tent and RV camping are available with facilities including restrooms, multipurpose building with small kitchen, refrigerators, picnic tables, showers, and use of the swimming pool.

Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum is located in Fillmore off I-15, approximately 148 miles south of Salt Lake City. For more information, available dates or to make a reservation, please call 435-743-5316.

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### **SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Salt Lake City** -- Utah State Park Rangers remind snowmobilers to be aware of snow conditions and avalanche dangers before heading into Utah's backcountry.

- Check weather reports and avalanche advisories at [utahavalanchecenter.org](http://utahavalanchecenter.org)
- Wear a transmitting avalanche beacon, and carry a shovel and probe
- Allow one rider at a time on steep slopes and park in safe locations while watching riders
- Stop periodically to look for clues of instability and consider avalanche hazards

For more information and safety tips, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov). To find the latest snowmobile grooming reports, visit [snowut.org/groomingreports.htm](http://snowut.org/groomingreports.htm) or call 800-OHV-RIDE. Ride On!

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### **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

February 14 – 28 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
 Money of the U.S. Civil War Exhibit: Before the war, a wide variety of coins were in circulation, but as the war progressed, copper, gold and silver coins were hoarded and money changed to meet demands of the divided nation. Explore different types of emergency money such as demand notes and greenbacks, encased postage stamps, fractional currency and Civil War tokens, plus the first U.S. coin to feature the motto “In God We Trust.” Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person or \$6 per vehicle with up to eight occupants. 801-768-8932

February 17 Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum - Vernal  
 New Dinosaurs: Join us at 7 p.m. for a free lecture by Utah Museum of Natural History Paleontologist Mark A. Lowen on the newest discoveries of dinosaurs in Utah. 435-789-3799

February 18 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
 Full Moon Snowshoe Hike: Join Friends of Wasatch Mountain at 7 p.m. for their annual snowshoe hike under a full moon. Hikes for families with children, beginners, intermediate and advanced snowshoers are available. Cost is \$5 per person. Snowshoe rentals are available for \$5 a pair for non-members, and free for members of Friends of Wasatch. Registration is required by calling 435-654-1791.

February 18 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins  
 Join park staff for a moonlit, one-mile hike beginning at 8 p.m. Enjoy the unique opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow. Event is free and open to the public. Space is limited and registration required. 435-628-2255

February 19 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield

Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp: Take a step back in time to learn about the life and times of women of Camp Floyd. Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp teaches 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 a rag doll, learn dances, and more. Reservations and a \$15 fee per participant are required. 801-768-8932

February 19 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway

Snow Cave Building: Join us at 10 a.m. to learn the basics of building a snow cave. Knowing how to build a snow cave is not only fun, but can also be vital in any winter survival situation. Come dressed in layers with a waterproof outer layer. Meet at the Educational Yurt. 435-654-1791

February 19 Rock Cliff Nature Center/Jordanelle State Park - Francis

Moonlight Hike: Join us at 7 p.m. for a moonlight snowshoe hike. Registration is required and space is limited. Bring your own snowshoes or rent a pair from the park for \$5. Event costs \$5 per person or \$7 per family. 435-782-3030

Photos: Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum Youth Camp  
Snowshoeing at Jordanelle State Park

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