

Celebrate 60 Years of Adventure

Explore, Discover, Learn at Snow Canyon State Park

Snow Canyon State Park turns 60! Originally called Dixie State Park, Snow Canyon was established in 1959 and was one Utah's earliest state parks. In celebration of this milestone, we invite you to visit the canyon throughout 2019. Select and complete at least six activities from the list below. Once you have accomplished your activities of choice, bring your checklist to Park Headquarters to receive a free, limited edition, commemorative pin.

From inspiring scenery and cool wildlife, to more than 38-miles of trails, take time to explore, discover, and learn about this cherished park. Celebrate 60 years and create memories you and your family will treasure for a lifetime.



EXPLORE

- Bike West Canyon Road.
- Hike to the Pioneer Names.
- Explore Jenny's Canyon slot.
- Explore a desert pothole after a rainstorm. Can you identify any creatures?
- Hike the entire Gila Trail (9-miles one way).
- Roll down the sand dunes or bury a friend up to their knees.
- Bike Snow Canyon Drive from the south gate to the north. That's a 1000' elevation gain over four-miles!
- Bring a friend or family member who has never been to Snow Canyon before and teach them about the canyon during your visit (be their guide).
- Hike to the top of the Snow Canyon Cinder Cone; take a photo of the crater.
- Help take care of this amazing place. Pick up at least five items of litter in the canyon and dispose of them in the appropriate trash receptacles.
- Try the Arch Canyon canyoneering route. For more information go to: <https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/snow-canyon/permits/>

DISCOVER

- Build a sand castle in the Sand Dunes.
- Take in the sunset from the Snow Canyon Overlook.
- Become a member of the Friends of Snow Canyon; Do some good – Have some fun.
- Take a moonlit hike in the canyon (day use hours end at 10p.m.).
- Roast marshmallows over a fire (fire pits are available in the day use picnic area by park HQ). You can also download some

fun campfire dessert recipes at stateparks.utah.gov.

- Camp in one of the park's 31 campsites. Reserve your site today at: stateparks.utah.gov.
- Visit the park during a rainstorm and look for waterfalls; How many did you see?
- Find a peaceful place in the park and sit quietly for 5-minutes; make a list of all the different natural sounds you hear. What was your favorite?
- Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy a meal at one of the park's four picnic areas.
- Get inspired! Write a poem or short story about your park adventure.
- Take a picture of the three different rock formations visible in the canyon: Kayenta Sandstone, Navajo Sandstone, and basalt. Which was your favorite?
- Look for shooting stars during the many meteor showers beginning in August and occurring through the Fall months (day use hours end at 10p.m.).
- Take in a supermoon: The next supermoon occurs on March 21st.
- Describe your favorite canyon smell? Least favorite smell?
- Photograph your favorite colors of the canyon.
- Record a sound in the canyon after dark (day use hours end at 10p.m.).
- Look for these Pioneer Names from the Johnson Canyon Trail (E. Hafen; F. Snow; O. Bentley); you don't need to leave the trail to see them.
- Take a drive through the canyon then go home and rent/download one of these movies: Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid; Jeremiah Johnson; High School Musical 2. Do you recognize any locations?

LEARN

- Take part in a ranger guided hike. View our current calendar of events at stateparks.utah.gov.
- Photograph and identify at least three different lizards.
- Photograph at least three different colors of wildflowers. Can you name the flowers?
- Learn three birds that call Snow Canyon home; photograph your favorite.
- Take in the night sky and learn three different constellations.
- Become a ROCKIN' Jr. Ranger and earn your custom park badge.
- Hike the Lava Flow Trail; read all four interpretive panels.
- Learn three different medicinal plants found in Snow Canyon.
- Visit the geology patio at Park Headquarters. Describe one thing you learned that you didn't know before.
- Sketch a drawing of a park feature you are fascinated by (either geologic, plant or wildlife).
- Photograph at least three different types of animal tracks. Can you identify them?
- Locate two different tactile objects and compare their feel. What are the objects? Describe the differences in texture, temperature, size, and shape.
- Identify three types of animal scat (i.e. poop).
- Share your old park photos or stories with a park ranger. We'd love to see and hear them! You can also e-mail them to: snowcanyon@utah.gov