



Call of the Canyon

Fall Calendar of Events

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Canyon Sunrise Tribute

From stars to sun's first ray, watch the magic of a new day unfold! Catch Orion before he retires and welcome the sun as it begins its climb above our canyon walls.

Sat. 9/14, 6:00-7:45 am

Lava Land

Join park staff for an explosive afternoon discussing cinder cones and the effect lava flows have made on shaping our canyon. Gain a deeper understanding of our park as you discuss the canyon's volcanic past.

Sat. 9/21, 10:00-11:00 am

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. 9/27, 7:45-9:15 pm

Sunset Hike

Explore the twilight sights and sounds of the canyon during a 1.5-mile, roundtrip hike.

Fri. 10/4, 6:30-8:00 pm

Fri. 11/1, 6:00-7:30 pm

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile round trip hike. Enjoy the opportunity to see the canyon by moon-glow.

Fri. 10/11, 8:00-9:30 pm

Sat. 10/12, 8:30-10:00 pm

Orionid Meteor Shower

Join us on this early morning adventure as we scan the pre-dawn sky for signs of the Orionid meteor shower! BYOC (Bring Your Own Cocoa/Coffee).

Sat. 10/19, 5:30-7:00 am

Monsters in the Desert

Gila monsters are one of the most mysterious and endangered creatures of southwest Utah. Join **Ann McLuckie**, Wildlife Biologist, as she discusses the biology of these fascinating lizards. Find out how Gila monsters are studied using radio telemetry and try radio tracking for yourself!

Sat. 10/26, 10:00-11:30 pm

Moonlit Hike

Join park staff for a moonlit, two-mile round trip hike. Enjoy the opportunity

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Fri. 11/8, 6:30-8:00 pm

Sat. 11/9, 7:00-9:30 pm

Playing With Fire

Knowing how to start and build fires is an essential part of any survival situation. Learn about and try your hand at different techniques. Not recommended for children under 10.

Sat. 11/16, 10:00-11:00 am

West Canyon Discovery Hike

Join us on this two-mile, roundtrip walk with a ranger and talk about the discoveries we make along the way—you can even bring your canine pal!

Sat. 11/23, 8:30-10:00 am

Nature's Bounty

Learn to identify traditional uses of some of Snow Canyon's edible and medicinal plants during this 1.5-mile, round trip hike.

Sat. 11/30, 9:00-10:30 am

*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.

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When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

- Benjamin Franklin

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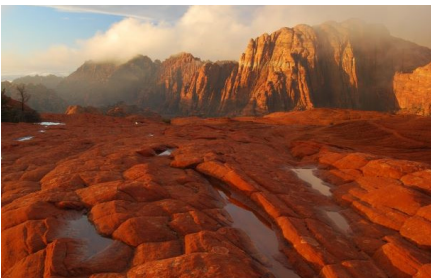
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Water is the driving force in nature.

~ Leonardo da Vinci

Bone-dry

As summer makes way for cooler fall temperatures, the canyon will once again bustle with hikers, bikers, and other adventurers. Many visitors are returning from a season away—avoiding the notorious summer heat—to reconnect with our beautiful canyon. What may *not* be expected, however, is the unusually brown vegetation, lack of flowers, and crunchy canyon conditions. This exceptionally arid state is due to the absence of this region's monsoon season, which sadly has not arrived.

“Monsoon season” usually occurs from early July through September when, with a shift in wind patterns and moisture drawn from the tropical coast of Mexico, seasonal rainstorms travel across the canyon. Normally, these summer rains effect just the right conditions leading to a fall wildflower bloom, and increased wildlife activity. For example, ephemeral pools (often observed at the Petrified Dunes area after a thunderstorm) host an assortment of life, such as tadpoles and fairy shrimp. But, dusty, quiet stillness is what is found there now.

Combine these exceptionally parched, current conditions with the dried weeds left-over from our record breaking wet spring, and you may not be surprised to learn that fire danger levels are extreme.

Fall visitors should be especially mindful that the landscape is bone-dry and the wildfire risk is high. Things you can do to combat this hazard are:

- * Park in designated lots only-avoid vegetated road shoulders.
- * If you're planning a camping trip check fire restrictions before you go. Campfires are currently banned in Snow Canyon. Where fires are allowed, keep campfires small and extinguish them completely (embers should be cold to the touch).
- * Properly extinguish and dispose of cigarettes.
- * Keep trailer and safety chains secure to avoid sparks caused by dragging metal on the ground.
- * Call 911 to report smoke or wildfire.
- * Join the statewide initiative to prevent wildfires and go to SparkCange.Utah.gov and learn more steps you can take to protect Snow Canyon and Utah's other amazing sites.

