

CALL OF THE CANYON

SPRING 2022

Spring Calendar of Events

Scorpion Hike

Join the Park Naturalist to find the hidden world of one of our more notorious nocturnal residents. Debunk some myths and get to know your friendly neighborhood arachnids.

Fri 5/6, 8:30pm-10:00pm

Moonlight Hike

Watch moonrise over the sandstone cliffs as you learn about Earth's only satellite. Explore a whole new side of the park by moonlight to discover the nightlife of Snow Canyon.

Fri 5/13, 8:30pm-10:00pm

Deep Space Special

Event

Snow Canyon welcomes a special guest for a night of star gazing. Learn about the deep space objects found in the spring night sky. We will be staying beyond regular day-use hours for this one-time special event.

Fri 5/27, 9:00pm-10:30pm

Johnson Canyon Guided

Hike

Discover an arch, a spring, and one of the beautiful box canyons of Snow Canyon as you learn about the wildlife and human history of Snow Canyon.

Fri 5/20, 9:00am-10:30am

Fri 6/3, 9:00am-10:30am

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.

SSSLITHERING INTO SPRING

Can you ssspot the difference?



Gopher Snake, *Pituophis catenifer*
Photo courtesy of the Utah DWR



Great Basin Rattlesnake, *Crotalus lutosus*
Photo courtesy of the Utah DWR

Snakes are some of our most infamous wildlife residents, sstriking fear in the hearts of many. The Gopher snake (left) and the Great Basin Rattlesnake (right) are often mixed up. Gopher snakes range from 30-72in in length, have a round body with alternating dorsal and side stripes, round pupils, and a bullet-shaped head that blends into the body. Great Basin rattlesnakes range from 36-60 in, have a flat body with distinct sides, dorsal blotches or spots, a diamond-shaped head with vertical pupils, and a rattle. Interestingly, Gopher snakes uses the similarity to its advantage. When threatened, they will shake their tail, imitating a rattle in order to deter predators.

Even when confident in the identification, snakes should be given respect and space when found in the park.

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