

Planning a Small Group Educational Visit to Snow Canyon State Park



Overview

Naturalist guided visits are available for smaller educational groups like homeschools, colleges and universities, school clubs, and other related groups who are wanting to visit the park to learn about its resources. These visits are intended for groups between 10 and 30 participants.

Naturalist guided educational visits are free for scheduled groups.

Visits are available to book Wednesday through Friday and must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance with a maximum of 3 months in advance. Visits occurring from April through May should be scheduled at least one month in advance.

These visits are customizable and can include a lecture, hike, or both!

What does a Small Group Ed Visit look like?

Our Small Group Educational Visits are 1.5-2 hour long events.

This time is spent with the naturalist(s) learning about the wonders of the park. These trips are highly customizable, and educators can request topics and activities in the request form.

Below is some examples of topics:

Geologic Wonders

Explore the park's fascinating geologic past

Desert Thunderstorms

Learn about weather patterns in the desert

Desert Detectives

Take a closer look at the little things that make the desert come alive

Animal Adaptations

Animals have special features to help them survive in this arid environment

Fossil Finders

Take a look into the past and learn about paleoenvironments and dinos

Outdoor Recreation

Learn about careers in the outdoor recreation world

Our Solar System

Sun, moon, planet, and stars all have a story to tell

We would like to hike, where can we go?

Snow Canyon has 35 miles of hiking trails ranging from accessible paved paths to difficult steep climbs. Picking a trail will be a collaborative effort between the educator and the naturalist depending on the topic(s) requested. Hiking is permitted on designated, mapped trails only. Below are some popular trails for educational visits:

Easy: Whiptail, West Canyon, Tortoise Walk

Moderate: Hidden Pinyon, Petrified Dunes, Butterfly,
Lava Flow, Chuckwalla

Difficult: Cinder Cone

Check out our park brochure for all of our hiking trails.

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2023/02/web-Snow-Canyon-Trail-Guide-Map-Brochure-2023.pdf>

We would like a seated lecture, where can we go?

There are multiple picnic areas in the park that are perfect for a seated lecture. These locations have bathrooms, water fill stations, and ample parking.

Sand Dunes Picnic, Campground Picnic,
Lower Galoot Picnic, Upper Galoot Picnic,
Chuckwalla (no water fill station)

When can I book a Small Group Educational Visit?

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Educational Visit Date	Booking Requests Open
August 14 th - October 31 st	August 1 st
Until November 30 th	September 1 st
Until December 31 st	October 1 st
January 14 th - March 31 st	January 1 st
Until April 30 th	February 1 st
Until May 31 st	March 1 st

Details to consider before requesting a ed visit...

Vehicles

Parking is limited in the canyon; particularly during busy spring and fall periods or holidays. Your pass does not guarantee access; parking; or special privileges in the canyon.

Dates

Preferred visitation dates may not be available. When filling out the Small Group Educational Visit form, you will need to list three visitation dates in order of preference. Visits between April and May fill up the quickest.

ADA Accommodations

Field Trips to Snow Canyon are for everybody! There is a section in the request form to let the naturalist(s) know of any accommodations. This can include physical (wheelchairs, crutches, low vision/blind, hard of hearing/deaf, etc.) or cognitive (personal aids, IEPs, etc.) accommodations. You can also email crwinchester@utah.gov with further questions. The naturalist(s) will do their best to provide accommodations during the field trip.

Sounds Great! How do I book?

Before requesting to book a Small Group Educational Visit, please ensure that you have read all the information in this packet.

1. To book a Small Group Educational Visit, please use the link on the Educators tab of our website to complete the *Small Group Educational Request Form*. This form helps the naturalist(s) understand the needs of your group and collect educator contact information.
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/snow-canyon/educators/>
2. After the naturalist(s) review your request, they will schedule your field trip date based on your request form. If none of your preferred dates are available, you will be emailed a scheduler to book another date that works for your group.
3. Once your date is booked, you will receive an email confirmation to the email listed on the request form and the option to add the event to your calendar.
4. Between the time you book and your scheduled trip date, you are more than welcome to email the naturalist with any questions or updates.
5. Approximately 1 week prior to the trip date, you will receive an email reminder with weather conditions, an overview of the trip, printable vehicle passes, and any other updates needed for a smooth and fun visit.