

Planning a Self-Guided Educational Visit to Snow Canyon State Park



Overview

Educational groups wanting to visit and learn about the park without the services of a naturalist. These visits are free with submission of a lesson plan and the Self Guided Educational Visit Request form.

Lesson plans should include a topic, objectives, information about your chosen topic, and a conservation message. Group size is limited to 50 participants (students, teachers, and chaperones included in this total).

Parking within the canyon is limited and not guaranteed. Bus parking is available at the following parking lots: Johnson Canyon/Scout Cave, Sand Dunes Picnic, Upper Galoot Picnic, Gila, Snow Canyon Scenic Overlook, and Chuckwalla. Buses are welcome to drop participants off, park at a lot listed above, then pick up after the hike.

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. 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 parking.

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

When can I book a Self-Guided Educational Visit?

Visits are available to book Sunday through Saturday and must be scheduled a minimum of two weeks in advance with a maximum of 3 months in advance. Visits occurring from April-May and Oct.-Nov. should be scheduled at least one month in advance. Please be prepared to provide three preferred dates when filling out the request form.

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

Details to consider before requesting a 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-May and Oct.-Nov. fill up the quickest.

ADA Accommodations

Visits to Snow Canyon are for everybody! There are multiple locations throughout the park that are ADA compliant. You can also email crwinchester@utah.gov for questions and detailed location information.

Weather

There is very little to no natural shade in the park. Temperatures can rise quickly between 11am and 5pm. Please take the season and weather into consideration when planning your visit.

Sounds Great! How do I book?

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

1. To book a Self-Guided Educational Visit, please use the link on the Educators tab of our website to complete the *Self-Guided Educational Visit Request Form*.
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/snow-canyon/educators/>
2. After the naturalist(s) review your request, they will email you confirming your date and time 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 confirmed, you will receive an email confirmation and the option to add the event to your calendar. You will also receive your fee waiver/printable park passes to show at the entrance booth the day of your visit.
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.