

# *Planning a Guided Small Group 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 students (teachers and chaperones not included in this total).

Guided 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-May and Oct.-Nov. should be scheduled at least one month in advance.

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

## **What does a Guided Small Group Visit look like?**

Our Guided Small Group Visits are 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 parking.

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

## **When can I book a Guided Small Group Visit?**

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Educational Visit Date	Booking Requests Open
August 21 <sup>st</sup> - October 31 <sup>st</sup>	August 8 <sup>th</sup>
Until November 30 <sup>th</sup>	September 1 <sup>st</sup>
Until December 31 <sup>st</sup>	October 1 <sup>st</sup>
January 21 <sup>st</sup> - March 31 <sup>st</sup>	January 8 <sup>th</sup>
Until April 30 <sup>th</sup>	February 1 <sup>st</sup>
Until May 31 <sup>st</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup>

## **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 *Guided Small Group Visit Request 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 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](mailto:crwinchester@utah.gov) with further questions. The naturalist(s) will do their best to provide accommodations during the visit.

## **Sounds Great! How do I book?**

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

1. To book a Guided Small Group Visit, please use the link on the Educators tab of our website to complete the *Guided Small Group Visit 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 visit 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. 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 visit date, you are more than welcome to email the naturalist with any questions or updates.
5. Approximately 1 week prior to the visit date, you will receive an email reminder with weather conditions, an overview of the visit and any other updates needed for a smooth and fun visit.