Travel back in time hundreds of millions of years to explore the fascinating formations of Timpanogos Cave National Monument or the fossilized remains of the land’s ancient inhabitants at Dinosaur National Monument.

Explore the cool waters of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area or see how Golden Spike National Historic Site marks the point where railroad first united the coasts of a growing, young nation. Timpanogos and Golden Spike are easy stops along Utah’s Wasatch Front corridor while the prolific fossil digs of Dinosaur and trophy fishing of Flaming Gorge form an ideal separate itinerary in eastern Utah.

A large loop drive through the alpine northern part of the state can connect all four sites, as well multiple stops on the Mormon Pioneer and Pony Express national historic trails. Salt Lake City is the primary gateway to Utah’s national sites as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

GOLDEN SPIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

NEED TO KNOW*

- $7 vehicle or $4 individual on foot/bike
- Leashed pets welcome except in visitor center
- Visitor center every day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Reenactment 11 a.m. and 1:30 Saturdays in Summer
- Also enjoy auto tours and hike the Big Fill Loop Trail

From Salt Lake City (1.5 hours)
I-15 > S. R. 83 > Golden Spike Dr.

From Logan (1 hour)
S. R. 30 > I-15 > I-84 > S. R. 102 > Golden Spike Dr.

WHERE TO STAY

Brigham City is a primary gateway to Golden Spike. The city sits on Utah’s Famous Fruit Way, U.S. 89, and celebrates Peach Days in September. Check out the classic diners Bert’s Cafe or Idle Isle and Maddox Fine Food, Northern Utah’s premier steakhouse. There are hotels, RV parks and developed campsites near Brigham City and Mantua and dispersed camping on the Ogden and Logan ranger districts of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

WHAT’S NEARBY

- Robert Smithson’s Spiral Jetty earth art
- Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
- Kayaking and fishing at Willard Bay

MORE INFORMATION

visitutah.com/golden-spike | 435-471-2209
TIMPANOGOS CAVE NATIONAL MONUMENT

NEED TO KNOW*
- $4 (3–5) $6 (6–15) $8 (over 16) for cave tour
- Visitor center and caves 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., no pets
- Last tour starts 3:30 p.m. M–F, 4:00 p.m. weekends
- Mid-May to September reserve up to 30 days ahead
- 1.5 mile paved, strenuous hike + 55-minute tour

From Salt Lake City (45 minutes)
I-15 > S.R. 92 (Alpine Loop)
From Provo (30 minutes)
I-15/U.S. 89 > S.R. 146 > S.R. 92

WHERE TO STAY
Mount Timpanogos is the scenic backdrop to the populous Utah Valley, filled with hotels, museums and intriguing local dining like Provo’s Navajo-influenced Black Sheep Cafe and the farm-to-table ingredients of Orem’s Pizzeria 712. Camp at Utah Lake State Park or at private campgrounds and RV parks and at developed and dispersed camping up American Fork Canyon in the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

WHAT’S NEARBY
- Year-round outdoor recreation of Provo Canyon
- Skiing, dining and arts of Sundance Mountain Resort
- Fishing and boating at Utah Lake State Park

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/timpanogos-cave | 801-756-5238

NEED TO KNOW*
- $5 day, $15 for sixteens days, $35 annual
- Visitor center open daily. Tours April–Sept 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Leashed pets in campgrounds, picnic area and trailheads
- Campground fees vary by location: recreation.gov
- Trophy trout, boating, parasailing and camping

From Salt Lake City (3.75 hours)
I-15 > I-80 > I-84 > WY-414 > S.R. 43/44 > S.R. 191
From Grand Teton National Park (4.5 hours)
WY-390 > U.S. 189 > U.S. 191

WHERE TO STAY
Look for lodging in gateway towns of Manila and Dutch John. Comfortable rooms, cabins, and campgrounds encircle the area, ranging from handcrafted cabins with on-site recreation near the lake or rustic destinations on Forest Service roads in the nearby Uinta Mountains. Red Canyon Lodge, for example, features luxury log cabin lodging, fine dining and horseback riding.

WHAT’S NEARBY
- Ashley National Forest camping and trails
- Green River rafting and trout fishing
- Fly-fishing, birding and history of Browns Park

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/flaming-gorge | 435-784-3445

NEED TO KNOW*
- $10 vehicle $5 per person on foot/bike
- Camping $8 to $25 per night, free in backcountry
- Monument always open. Visitor center, quarry hours: May–Sept. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. winter
- Leashed pets permitted some trails on Colorado side

From Salt Lake City (3.5 hours)
I-15 > I-80 > U.S. 189 > U.S. 40
From Moab (4 hours)
U.S. 191 > I-70 > CO-139 > CO-64 > U.S. 40

WHERE TO STAY
Look for accommodations, supplies and the Vernal Brewing Company in nearby Vernal or tent and RV camping in the monument along scenic roads, the Green and Yampa rivers or remote backcountry. Check the park’s schedule for night sky programs at the Split Mountain Campground as well as other ranger-led discovery hikes in the Quarry Area on the Utah side of the monument.

WHAT’S NEARBY
- Utah Field House of Natural History
- Dinosaur tracks, camping, boating at Red Fleet
- Fishing, camping and boating at Steinaker

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/dinosaur | 435-781-7700

* National park admission fees typically last for seven days. Pedestrians under 16 typically admitted free. The $80 Interagency Annual Pass covers entrance fees at national parks and standard amenity fees at other national sites (camping and other fees excluded). Commercial and group rates apply and fees and hours are subject to change. No pets on most trails. Additional pet restrictions and considerations may apply. See official park website for most current schedules, holiday closures, information and nearby kennels.