Bryce Canyon, Grand Staircase–Escalante and Zion form a transitional landscape of “steps” from the alpine and high plateau conditions of Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks down through dramatically colored cliffs of pink, cream and vermillion, all bursting with orange and red sandstone whimsy. A triangular journey on the scenic byways through southwestern Utah can easily hit all three on a single itinerary, spending a weekend, or several days, getting to know the cusp of the Colorado Plateau and the surprisingly lush Zion Canyon in Utah’s desert southwest.

The monoliths, arches and domes of Capitol Reef and its 100-mile-long warp in the earth’s crust called the Waterpocket Fold are the closest national park splendor to Salt Lake City. Utah’s All-American Road, Scenic Byway 12 connects Bryce Canyon to Capitol Reef with 125 miles of continuous scenic grandeur made up of Grand-Staircase–Escalante’s stunning red rock and Dixie National Forest’s high-contrast blend of juniper, pinyon, pine and aspen trees. Each is a destination unto itself or part of an extended stay in Southern Utah. Both Las Vegas and Salt Lake City are gateways to southwestern Utah.

and is near the established Whitehouse Campground.

WHAT’S NEARBY
• Camping and hiking at Kodachrome Basin State Park
• Native heritage at Anasazi State Park Museum
• Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Lake Powell

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/grand-staircase-escalante
Kanab (Western region): 435-644-1300
Escalante (Eastern region): 435-826-5499
Cannonville (Central region): 435-826-5640
Big Water (Southern region): 435-675-3200

NEED TO KNOW*
• Water is very limited in monument so carry plenty with you
• Leashes are required on dogs in Lower Calf Creek. Dogs are prohibited in Conyote Gulch.
• Leashed pets only along roads, orchards and campground.
• Gifford Homestead open seasonally
• Fee on Scenic Drive only (south of visitor center)
• Visitor center open year-round
• Fruita Campground is first come, first served, including a developed campground in Fruita. Primitive campgrounds in the backcountry with permit.

WHERE TO STAY
The welcoming town of Torrey is the primary gateway to Capitol Reef. Along S.R. 24, towns from Hanksville to Loa also offer great motel and bed and breakfast accommodations. Capitol Reef campgrounds are first come, first served, including a developed campground in Fruita. Primitive campgrounds in the backcountry with permit.

WHAT’S NEARBY
• Journey down All-American Road Scenic Byway 12
• Notom-Bullfrog/Burr Trail Scenic Backway (check conditions)
• Scenic hikes of Calf Creek Recreation Area

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/capitol-reef | 435-425-3791
Additional information on dogs in Utah’s National Parks at visitutah.com/NPS-dogs
NEED TO KNOW*
• Park open year-round
• Bryce Canyon Lodge open in season
• Leashed pets only in campgrounds and on paved trails

From Salt Lake City (4 hours)
From Las Vegas (4 hours)
I-15 > S.R. 20 > U.S. 89 > S.R. 12

WHERE TO STAY
Lodging in Bryce Canyon City ranges from economy to rustic Western to upscale. Bryce has two campgrounds, Sunset Campground and North Campground, and both have drinking water and pull-through sites, but no hookups. Both campgrounds also accept reservations — a good idea, because these campgrounds are popular and fill up fast. There’s also camping with permits in the backcountry and at private campgrounds along Highway 12.

WHAT’S NEARBY
• Camping and hiking at Kodachrome Basin State Park
• Mountain biking and hiking in scenic Red Canyon
• Historic Panguitch and Patchwork Parkway Scenic Byway

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/bryce-canyon | 435-834-5322
Additional information on dogs in Utah’s National Parks at visitutah.com/NPS-dogs

NEED TO KNOW*
• Campsites are available first come, first served and by reservation. Reservations at recreation.gov
• Road closures in winter with no restroom access
• Snow sports and weekend ranger station weather permitting
• Leashed dogs only on Campground trail and paved areas

From Salt Lake City (3.75 hours)
I-15 > S.R. 143 > S.R. 148
From Las Vegas (3 hours)
I-15 > S.R. 14 > S.R. 148

WHERE TO STAY
With plenty of outstanding accommodations, Cedar City has long billed itself as “gateway to Utah’s National Parks.” One excellent itinerary is to follow the loop from Cedar City, southeast to Zion, then north to Bryce Canyon and back through Cedar Breaks to Cedar City. Once back in town, enjoy the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespeare Festival then dine at one of dozens of great restaurants. Drive to 10,000 feet and camp at Point Supreme near Cedar Breaks or relax in style in the lodging and spas at Brian Head.

WHAT’S NEARBY
• Fishing, hiking and camping in the Dixie National Forest
• Brian Head Resort mountain biking and winter skiing
• Frontier Homestead State Park Museum in Cedar City

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/cedar-breaks
Year-round: 435-586-9451
Spring to fall: 435-586-0787 (ex. 4031)

NEED TO KNOW*
• Park open year-round
• Shuttles vary by season
• Zion Lodge is open year-round
• Leashed dogs only on Pa’rus Trail, in paved lots and developed campgrounds

From Salt Lake City (4.5 hours)
I-15 > S.R. 17 > S.R. 9
From Las Vegas (2.5 hours)
I-15 > S.R. 9

WHERE TO STAY
Springdale is the primary gateway to Zion and serves up world-class accommodations, art, spas, dining, coffee, local brewing and outfitting. There are nearly three dozen restaurants in the small town. Gateway towns on S.R. 9 — La Verkin, Virgin and Rockville — or nearby St. George have accommodations ranging from campgrounds and RV parks to upscale hotels. Campsites within Zion fill up early. Reserve a spot early for the Watchman Campground or hit the first come, first served sites at the South Campground. Zion also offers backcountry camping with permits.

WHAT’S NEARBY
• The Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park
• Warm-water boating and angling at Quail Creek
• Off-road fun at Sand Hollow and Coral Pink Sand Dunes state parks

MORE INFORMATION
visitutah.com/zion | 435-772-3256
Additional information on dogs in Utah’s National Parks at visitutah.com/NPS-dogs

* National park admission fees typically last for seven days. Pedestrians under 16 typically admitted free. 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.

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