Welcome to Bryce Canyon, home to the largest collection of hoodoos (irregularly eroded rock spires) in the world! Situated along the east edge of a plateau, the park has more than 3000 miles of trails to explore. As you enter the park, all viewpoints and trails are on the left.

BRYCE AMPHITHEATER (First three miles of main park road)

The most iconic and popular views of Bryce Canyon are found along the 3.5-mile Bryce Amphitheater. Bryce, Inspiration, Sunset, and Sunrise Points. To enjoy this area as early as possible, try a free shuttle bus or a more challenging hike below the rim. Most visitors like to begin with the wonderful diversity found along the 2.9-mile Queens’/Navajo Loop Hiking Guide on reverse page.

SCENIC DRIVE (Entire length of main park road)

Drive the main road 18 miles (55 min) until it ends at the park’s highest elevations at Rainbow and Yovimpa Points. Consider the 1-mile Bridge Loop to stretch your legs. Stop at viewpoints like Natural Bridge and Agua Canyon on your return trip north. Often enjoyed later in the day or during busy times.

SEE MORE ON THE SHUTTLE (APRIL – OCTOBER)

Over two million people visit Bryce Canyon National Park every year, leading to congestion in some of the park’s busiest areas. To help you avoid these areas and see more, we offer free shuttle bus operations through Spring Fall in the Bryce Amphitheater. Boarding the shuttle (free opposite side for parking locations) will soon bring you to the 4 most popular viewpoints in the park. Once aboard, you can hop on and off the bus or walk along the rim trail to connect viewpoints. Especially if you choose Bryce Point, this will give you as much of the park as possible in the least amount of time!

Vehicles 20 ft/16 m or longer are restricted from parking in the Bryce Amphitheater (Sunrise, Sunset, Inspiration, Bryce, and Paria Viewpoints, as well as the Lodge and Visitor Center) during shuttle hours. Park at shuttle station, the additional park lot across the main road to the Visitor Center, or your campsite.

RECREATION

BICYCLING

Bicycles are restricted to paved surfaces, campground roads, and the Shared-Use Path (see map). Bicycles are not permitted on any hiking trail. The Dixie National Forest has a paved byway that travels over 17 miles through Red Canyon to connect to the park path, along with many miles of mountain bike trails within the park. Mountain bikes are restricted to paved routes and travel only on the paved routes. Mountain bikes are restricted to paved routes and travel only on the paved routes. Mountain bikes are restricted to paved routes and travel only on the paved routes. Mountain bikes are restricted to paved routes and travel only on the paved routes. Mountain bikes are restricted to paved routes and travel only on the paved routes.

VIEWING NATURE

Species lists for flora and fauna may be obtained at the Visitor Center, and we welcome your question and comments during your time in the park. Citizen Science apps such as eBird and iNaturalist are excellent ways to help track bird, butterfly, and wildlife, too. Only view wildlife from paved pull-offs. Never approach or feed wildlife.

BACKCOUNTRY Areas include the 9-mile Ricks, Spring Loop, and the 25-Mile Under-the-Rim Trail. Fees are $5/person. Backcountry permits are required on a model to enjoy the backcountry. First-come, first-served basis at the Visitor Center. Fee includes $6 to park. 2 group sites available with a limit of 15 per night. Mikes available at the Visitor Center and park website.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Wrangler-led trail rides are provided within the park. Spring-Fall and range BPS to $90 dollars for 1 to 3 hr rides. Inquire at the Bryce Canyon Lodge or call 435-834-5000. The use of privately-owned stock is permitted. Please e-mail us or call 435-834-4736 to book at least 72 hours in advance to schedule a reservation inspection for your stock.

HIKING

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YOUR FEES AT WORK

Learn more about how Bryce Canyon and other parks use your fees at work at www.nps.gov/bryce.

BECOME A JUNIOR RANGER

Ranger talks and walks are available every day. Join us for an exploration of how hoodoo’s happen at a Geology Talk, or explore the many sides of Bryce along a guided ranger walk. All ranger programs are typically followed by night sky-viewing, weather-dependent. See schedule in the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/bryce/jroutlook/calendar.html

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Volunteers work with park employees to preserve park resources, play a vital role in educating and engaging our visitors, and get to live in one of the world’s most beautiful environments. For more information on how to get involved, please call 435-834-5332 or e-mail brca_information@nps.gov

WORK WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The National Park Service doesn’t just hire rangers. We employ archaeologists, museum curators, data analysts, landscape architects, engineers, educators, law enforcement and more. All jobs are posted on www.usajobs.gov.

WIFI

Public Wi-Fi connection available at the Visitor Center.

Wildland Fire Reporting: 435-865-4611

LEAVE A COMMENT

See Visitor Center for materials and instructions on completing the comment form. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

CHRONOLOGY OF HOODOOS

Hoodoos form during the early Cenozoic Era, approximately 65 to 25 million years ago.

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