Be aware that Bryce Canyon’s roads may sometimes be snow covered and/or icy with poor visibility—drive with care!

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly - when accelerating on snow or ice, take it slow to avoid slipping or sliding. Brake early, brake slowly, and never slam on the brakes.
- Remove all snow from your vehicle’s windows, lights, brake lights and signals. Make sure you can see and be seen.
- Adjust your speed to the current conditions and, even though you may think the road is completely fine, the possibility of encountering “black ice” exists.

Park roads are plowed and sanded after each snowstorm but may be temporarily closed during and following winter storms. In winter, the roads to Fairyland Point and Paria View are NOT plowed and become trails for cross-country skiers and snowshoers.

Where is the Best Overlook? There are 14 viewpoints along Bryce Canyon’s 18-mile road (one-way distance) and everybody determines his or her favorite for a multitude of reasons. Furthermore, for every 15 minutes you extend your visit you can see another overlook. If you drive to the southern end first and stop at the overviews as you return to the north, the entire park can be seen in as little as 3-4 hours. The northern overviews have the most hoodoos, but the southern overviews offer the most expansive views.

Getting Around the Park

Visitor Center
Stop at the Visitor Center for information, museum exhibits, and a 22-minute award-winning orientation film.

See Our Famous Overlooks
Drive to Bryce, Inspiration, Sunset and Sunrise points first. If you still have more time, visit overlooks in the southern portion of the park as described below.

Short Walk
Hike a short segment of the Rim Trail or select one of the other hikes from the “Easy to Moderate” group in the hiking table on page 5.
Park Roads
The main park road is open year-round but may be temporarily closed immediately following a heavy snowfall. The Fairyland Point and Paria View spur roads are intentionally NOT plowed in winter to provide a surface for cross-country skiers.

Visitor Center
Open daily except Thanksgiving (November 27), Christmas (December 25), and New Year’s Day (January 1) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours during the spring, summer and fall. Information, museum, publications, an award-winning film, backcountry permits, and lost-and-found services are available here.

Emergencies
24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435 676-2411. Garfield Hospital, 435 676-8811, and Emergencies are in Panguitch.

Accessibility
Restrooms, the Visitor Center, Bryce Canyon Lodge and General Store (lodge & store November 9 - March 25) are fully accessible. The ½-mile section of Rim Trail between Sunset and Sunrise points is paved and fairly level. Inquire at the Visitor Center for information on accessible ranger-led programs, and to obtain an Access Guide.

Restrooms
Available year-round at the Visitor Center, North Campground, Mossy Cave, and Sunset, Farview, and Rainbow Points. Restrooms are also available late March – mid November at Inspiration Point, Bryce Canyon Lodge, General Store, and Sunset Campground.

Pets
Pets must be leashed and under control; you are required to clean up after your pet. Pets are permitted at park viewpoints, campgrounds, and on paved surfaces or trails. Pets are not permitted in buildings or on unpaved surfaces.

Horseback Riding
Wranglers lead 2-hour and 4-hour horse and mule rides Spring – October (weather and trail conditions permitting). For same-day reservations, inquire at Bryce Canyon Lodge or call 435 834-5900. For advance reservations, contact: Canyon Trail Rides, P.O. Box 128, Tropic, UT 84776; 435 679-8665. Information: www.canyonrides.com.

Religious Services
Available in the park during summer months and outside the park year-round. For information, inquire at the Visitor Center or Bryce Canyon Lodge.

Entrance Fees
Private Vehicle: $25 per vehicle, good for 7 days at Bryce Canyon only.
Individual: $12 per person (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and organized group), good for 7 days at Bryce Canyon only.
* Interagency Annual Pass: $80, good for one year from date of purchase in all federal fee areas.
* Interagency Senior Pass: $10 lifetime pass for U.S. residents 62 or older.
* Interagency Military Pass: Free Pass, good for one year, for current military members with proper ID.

Commercial Tours
Ask for rates.

Camping
North Campground: Open all year, 101 campsites (only one loop open in Winter). First-come, first-served Oct 1 – May 9. RV sites may be reserved May 8 – Sept. 22 by calling 877 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. Reservations can be made up to 240 days in advance.
Sunset Campground: Open late spring to late September, 102 campsites. 20 tent sites are available for reservation up to 6 months in advance, all others first-come, first served.
Fees: Camping is $15 a night per campsite (half price for Senior / Access Pass holders).
Group Campsite: One site available by reservation only, late spring to early fall. Group size is limited to 7-30 people and 8 vehicles. Cost is $55-100 per night, dependent upon group size. Campsite may be reserved by calling 877 444-6777 or visiting www.recreation.gov.

Dump Station: No hookups are available in the park, but a fee-for-use dump station is available in summer near North Campground. Year-round dump stations may be available outside the park.

Other Campgrounds:
For camping reservations at Zion and Grand Canyon National Parks, call 877 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov. Public campgrounds are available on US Forest Service, BLM, and Utah State Park lands nearby. Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park.

Showers & Laundry
Coin-operated shower and laundry facilities are available at the General Store, open April – mid November, and outside the park at some nearby establishments.

Recycling
Bins are located at North Campground and Sunset Point. Please rinse all containers. Recceptacles for recycling small propane cylinders are available at North Campground or seasonally at Sunset Campground.

Wireless Internet (WiFi)
Wireless Internet access is available all year at the Visitor Center.

Lodging
Bryce Canyon Lodge: Open late-March – early-November; has cabins, motel rooms and suites, a restaurant, and gift shop. For lodging reservations call 877 386-4383, or on the internet visit www.brycecanyonforever.com.

Post Office / ATM/ Internet
Ruby’s Inn has a post office open Mon – Sat (Bryce, UT 84764), an ATM, and internet services. Personal mail addressed to park visitors will not be accepted at Bryce Canyon National Park.

Telephone & Wireless Service
Public pay phones are available year-round in Bryce Canyon City. Wireless carriers have towers in the region, however service is not always available in many areas within the park.

Bicycles
Bicycles are restricted to paved roadways in the park. The nearby Dixie National Forest has a paved bicycle path through Red Canyon, and many miles of challenging and spectacular mountain bike trails. Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument has countless miles of dirt roads suitable for mountain biking.

Picnic Areas
Picnic areas are available year-round at Point, and from April – October at the south end of North Campground and Mile 4.5 of the park road. Water faucets are available seasonally at all locations except Mile 4.5 and Rainbow Point. Fire grates are available only at the North Campground Picnic Area.

Backcountry Hiking
Bryce Canyon has two trails designated for overnight hiking: the 9-mile Riggs Spring Loop, and the 23-mile Under-the-Rim Trail. Backcountry permits are on a first-come, first-served basis; fees range from $5 – $15 depending upon group size. Permits may be purchased at the Visitor Center. There are two group sites available with a limit of 15 people per site. Backcountry hiking in winter at Bryce Canyon has its own unique challenges. Overnight low temperatures can reach significantly below 0°F and winter storms can produce 2 feet or more of snow in 24 hours.
### Weather & Climate

#### Temperature (°F)

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#### Precipitation (in)

- **Normal H₂O**: 1.8 1.4 1.5 0.8 0.8 0.6 1.6 2.0 1.8 2.0 1.3 1.2
- **Maximum H₂O**: 7.4 6.0 4.9 5.8 3.5 3.3 5.7 7.7 5.4 6.4 7.3 3.7
- **24 Hour Maximum H₂O**: 3.3 2.3 1.8 1.2 1.2 1.4 2.2 2.1 2.6 1.4 3.3
- **Normal Snowfall**: 17 18 17 8 2 0.1 0.1 0.0 0.0 1 3 10 14
- **Maximum Snowfall**: 82 55 48 62 18 2.5 Trace Trace 2 16 36 50
- **Days with Measurable Precip.**: 6 6 7 5 5 4 7 10 7 5 5 5
- **Thunderstorms**: 0 0 0 1 3 11 12 4 1 0 0

#### Don’t Get Caught Out In The Cold!

Exposure to cold, wet, or windy conditions can lead to hypothermia, a life-threatening lowered body temperature. Hypothermia symptoms include uncontrollable shivering, disorientation, apathy, slurred speech, loss of coordination, followed by unconsciousness and death.

The best treatment for hypothermia is prevention. Wear warm clothing in layers which can be added or removed, especially when exerting yourself in cold weather. Wear a hat and gloves. Drink lots of water and eat high energy foods.

Most importantly, when you feel cold, it’s time to go inside and warm up!
The Hoodoo

Most Popular Viewpoints on the Southern 16 Mile Scenic Drive

Swamp Canyon

Natural Bridge

Agua Canyon

Rainbow Point

Yovimpa Point

Hiking Safety & Reminders...

CAUTION! Rocks occasionally fall on most hiking trails. If you see or hear active rockfall, leave the area.

Wear hiking boots with lug soles and ankle support.

Carry plenty of water; drink a quart/liter for every 2 to 3 hours of hiking.

Park elevations reach over 9115 feet (2778 m). Even mild exertion may leave you feeling light-headed and nauseated. Know and respect your own physical limitations.

Be respectful of others; keep noise levels down. Talk, don’t shout.

Stay on maintained trails. Do not take short cuts.

Do not throw anything, anywhere, at any time.

Pack out all trash including tissue paper and cigarette butts.

Do not feed the wildlife.
Bryce Canyon has 8 different day-hiking trails. Because many of these trails are interconnected, our most popular hikes are combinations of two or more of these basic trails. If you can only do one hike, the Queen’s/Navajo Combination Loop might be the best choice.

### Bryce Amphitheater Region

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<th>Trail Name</th>
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<td>Mossy Cave*</td>
<td>Hwy 12 North end of park</td>
<td>0.8 mi 1.3 km 1 hour</td>
<td>200 ft</td>
<td>Streamside walk up to a mossy overhang and small waterfall. (Waterfall flower show May October)</td>
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<td>Sunset to Sunrise</td>
<td>Sunset Point</td>
<td>1.0 mi 1.6 km 1 hour</td>
<td>34 ft</td>
<td>Outstanding views of hoodoos from above. Rim Trail is paved and fairly level between Sunset and Sunrise Points, and open to pets.</td>
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<td>Rim Trail*</td>
<td>Anywhere along rim (not a loop)</td>
<td>1.0-1.1 mi 1.6-1.7 km</td>
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<td>Outstanding views of hoodoos from above. Rim Trail is paved and fairly level between Sunset and Sunrise Points.</td>
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<td>Bristlecone Loop*</td>
<td>Rainbow Point</td>
<td>1.0 mi 1.6 km 1 hour</td>
<td>200 ft</td>
<td>Hike through spruce-fir forests to cliffs with bristlecone pines and expansive vistas.</td>
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<td>Queens Garden*</td>
<td>Sunrise Point</td>
<td>1.8 mi 2.9 km 1-2 hours</td>
<td>357 ft 109 m</td>
<td>The least difficult descent into the canyon. See Queen Victoria at the end of a short spur trail.</td>
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<td>Navajo Trail*</td>
<td>Sunset Point</td>
<td>1.8 mi 2.9 km 1-2 hours</td>
<td>550 ft 168 m</td>
<td>See Two Bridges, Thors Hammer and the bottom of Vail Street on this short but steep trail.</td>
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<td>Queens/Navajo Combination Loop*</td>
<td>Sunset or Sunrise Pt.</td>
<td>2.9 mi 4.6 km 2-3 hours</td>
<td>600 ft 183 m</td>
<td>Combine two trails described above with the Rim Trail to form a loop. Clockwise direction recommended.</td>
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<td>Tower Bridge*</td>
<td>North of Sunrise Point (A portion of the Fairyland Loop - not a loop)</td>
<td>3.0 mi 4.8 km 2-3 hours</td>
<td>802 ft 245 ft</td>
<td>See Bristlecone Fins and the China Wall. A shady ¼-mile spur trail leads to the bridge.</td>
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<td>Sheep Creek/</td>
<td>Swamp Canyon Loop*</td>
<td>4.0 mi 6.4 km 3-4 hours</td>
<td>647 ft 198 m</td>
<td>Start at Swamp Canyon viewpoint for a beautiful hike through a section of Bryce Canyon’s backcountry. Good route-finding skills a must.</td>
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<td>Navajo/Peekaboo Combination Loop*</td>
<td>Sunset Point</td>
<td>4.9 mi 7.8 km 3-4 hours</td>
<td>1581 ft 482 m</td>
<td>Combine Navajo and Peekaboo Loop Trails into a mini-9eme.</td>
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<td>The Figure 8 Combination*</td>
<td>Sunset or Sunrise Point</td>
<td>6.4 mi 10.2 km</td>
<td>1631 ft 497 m</td>
<td>Combine Queens Garden, Navajo Loop and Peekaboo Loop into one ultimate hike!</td>
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<td>Hat Shop</td>
<td>Bryce Point</td>
<td>4.0 mi 6.4 km 3-4 hours</td>
<td>1075 ft 328 ft</td>
<td>Descend the Under-the-Rim Trail to see a cluster of balanced-rock hoodoos.</td>
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*Trails marked with an asterisk(*) are part of Bryce Canyon’s “Hike the Hoodoo!” adventures. Ask about them at the Visitor Center.

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**Hiking Safety & Reminders Continue.**

Pets are not permitted on any unpaved surface or trail, including all trails below the rim.

Uphill hikers have the right of way.

Remember, you are entering a wild setting. Ultimately, you are responsible for your safety and the safety of those around you. Take what you bring; leave what you find.

In order to reduce the environmental impact of single-use plastic bottles, water filling stations are available in the following locations in Winter: Visitor Center and Sunset Point (restrooms). Stations are available Spring – Fall at the General Store, High Plateau Institute, and Bryce Canyon Lodge. Reusable water bottles are available for purchase all year at the Visitor Center bookstore and seasonally at the Lodge and General Store.
**Bryce Canyon Geology with Dr. Larry Davis**

**Bryce Canyon National Park**, in association with the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association, is proud to welcome Dr. Larry Davis as the park’s first Geoscientist-in-Residence. Formerly a professor at College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University in Minnesota, Dr. Davis will be helping to expand our – and, in turn, your – knowledge of Bryce Canyon’s geology, as well at that of the surrounding area.

**Claron Formation** Beginning about 55 million years ago, the lower pink member was deposited as muds and silts in meandering streams and shallow lake systems. The sediments are highly disturbed by soil-forming processes with plant fossils and animal burrows. The upper white member represents a limestone deposited in a shallow lake system. Gastropods and bivalves occur but are rare.

Uplifting of Utah’s High Plateaus contributed to formation of the Grand Staircase, with Bryce Canyon at the top. World famous for its concentrations of colorful hoodoos, these odd-shaped pinnacles and spires form primarily due to freezing and thawing cycles within fractures in the rock.

**Kaiparowits Formation** Approximately 75 million years ago, muds and sands were deposited in lakes and meandering rivers systems and has yielded one of the best records of late Cretaceous terrestrial vertebrates, including ceratopsian, hadrosaur, tyrannosaur dinosaurs.

**Straight Cliffs and Wahweap Formations** As the seaway shoreline began to fluctuate, sands and muds were deposited in marine, coastal plains, and alluvial plains. Coals formed in coastal swamps. Marine fossils include bivalves and shark teeth, while dinosaurs and early mammals, including the Bryce Mouse, are found in terrestrial units. The Wahweap consists of interbedded mudstone, siltstones, and sandstones deposited in a vast fluvial plain. Petrified wood, vertebrate teeth, and gastropods are common fossils.

**Tropic Shale** Approximately 90 million years ago, dark muds were deposited in a vast interior seaway. Ammonoids, bivalves, and gastropods are common invertebrate faunas, while sharks, turtles, and plesiosaurs represent large vertebrates.

**Dakota Formation** Beginning approximately 100 million years ago sands and muds were being deposited in coastal areas as an ancient sea began to encroach across the area. A variety of oysters are common fossils. These are the oldest rocks exposed at Bryce Canyon.

Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing

Where can I cross-country ski or snowshoe?

Snow depth at Bryce can be variable, so it’s important to make back-up plans. With 3-4 feet of snow the entire park is skiable. The only area that is always “Out-of-Bounds” is skiing off the rim. If you want to slalom through hoodoos, you will have to go to Red Canyon. When snow depth is less than 1 foot, the only skiable surfaces are the groomed trails at Ruby’s Inn, the Red Canyon Bike Path and the roads to Fairyland and Paria View.

Unlike skiers, snowshoers are allowed to follow the hiking trails below the rim. When snow depth is less than 1 foot, the awkwardness of snowshoes outweighs any “flotation” advantage. On the popular trails where the snow quickly becomes packed and icy, hiking boots with traction devices are often more helpful than snowshoes.

Some winter sports equipment rentals may be available in Bryce Canyon City. Traction devices for hiking boots can be purchased at the Visitor Center or in Bryce Canyon City.

Snowboarding, downhill skiing, sledding, etc. are NOT permitted off the rim.
Bryce Canyon Natural History Association

Providing Memories, Inspiring Stewardship

The Bryce Canyon Natural History Association (BCNHA) is the educational nonprofit partner assisting Bryce Canyon National Park and Dixie National Forest in furthering their scientific, educational, historical, and interpretive activities.

Since 1961, BCNHA has provided over six million dollars in support. This has been accomplished in part by creating educational publications and interpretive materials available for purchase or free distribution, and supporting popular interpretive activities like the Junior Ranger Program, Adopt-a-Prairie Dog Program and numerous special events and festivals.

You Can Make a Difference

You can preserve and protect the park for future generations by becoming a BCNHA member today!

Your tax deductible membership dues will support the work of BCNHA. Members receive a 15% discount in BCNHA stores and online, a one time free gift, and discounts at most cooperating association bookstores in national parks and other public lands across the country.

Ask about membership at the Visitor Center, call us at 888-362-2642 or visit www.brycecanyon.org/membership

Stay Connected to Your Park! Follow us at:

Thank You to Our Donors & Partners

Bryce Canyon National Park is grateful to its generous donors and partners who help improve park programs and services.

Since 1961 the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association has contributed more than $6 million by providing the park with funds that support:

- The Junior Ranger Program
- This Hoodoo newspaper and other publications
- The Geology Festival, Astronomy Festival and other special events and interpretive programs
- A full-time Education Outreach Specialist and, new in 2014, the Geo-scientist-in-Park

Since 2008, the Geologic Society of America has funded two Geo-scientist-in-Park interns. These interns assist with:

- Research
- Present public geology programs each summer
- Provide training for park staff on the geology of the Colorado Plateau

The Lodge at Bryce Canyon and Ruby's Inn Resort have implemented a Dollar Donation Program. Hotel guests have the option of donating a dollar to the park each night of their visit. Nearly $500,000 has been contributed to fund:

- Seasonal employees for interpretation and the trail crew
- Projects such as the recent addition of restrooms at Inspiration Point

Thanks! We couldn't do it without you!

Bryce Canyon National Park works with our local partners to help create memories that last a lifetime. For example, if you've hiked a trail or attended a ranger program, then you have benefited from the Dollar Donation Program, a partnership between the park, Bryce Canyon Natural History Association, Ruby's Inn Resort, Forever Resorts, and visitors like you.

Funds from the Dollar Donation Program help to support Bryce Canyon National Park in many ways, including: visitor information and exhibit panels, trail maintenance and restoration, summer ranger programs, special events, wildlife research, search and rescue equipment, free publications, and more.

Hoodoo You Love?
Regional Map

Driving Distances

Capitol Reef National Park
121 miles northeast via UT 12 & 24
Visitor Center: 435-425-3791
www.nps.gov/cre

Cedar Breaks National Monument
83 miles west via UT 12, UT 89 & UT 14
Headquarters: 435-586-9451
www.nps.gov/cbbr

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
South and west via UT 12 & US 89
Cannonville: 435-679-8881
Kanab: 435-644-4600
www.ut.blm.gov/monument

Red Canyon/Scenic Byway 12
124-mile route between US 89 & UT 24
www.scenicbyway12.com/

Kodachrome Basin State Park
25 miles southeast via UT 12 and Cannonville to Kodachrome Way
Headquarters: (435) 679-8562
stateparks.utah.gov/