Welcome to Bryce Canyon National Park! As a part of the larger Colorado Plateau, you are no doubt mesmerized by the kaleidoscope of rock layers and formations. In addition to the geologic features, the park’s fundamental resources and values include natural soundscapes, clean air and stellar night skies.

Bryce is one of over 400 units of the national park system. Each unit preserves a unique slice, or story, of this nation’s natural and cultural heritage. During 2016, the National Park Service celebrates its 100th Anniversary. We wish to remain relevant in your lives and invite your families and friends to be the next generation of visitors, supporters and advocates. Thank you for supporting your national parks - we are glad you are here and we commit to facilitating a safe and enjoyable visit.

Lisa E. Eckert
Park Superintendent
Information and Services

**Entrance Fees**
- **Private Vehicle:** $30 per vehicle
- **Pedestrian / Bicycle:** $15 per person
- **Motorcycle:** $25 per motorcycle
- **Organized group:** $15 per person
  *(Valid for 7 days at Bryce Canyon only.)*

- **Interagency Annual Pass:** $80 12 month pass from the month of purchase in all federal fee areas.
- **Interagency Senior Pass:** $10 lifetime pass for U.S. residents 62 or older.
- **Interagency U.S. Military Pass:** Free 1 Year Pass for current U.S. military members w/proper ID.
- **Interagency Access Pass:** Free Pass Lifetime pass for U.S. residents who are permanently disabled.
- **Commercial Tours:** Inquire

**Camping**
- **Tent Site:** $20 a night per tent site.
- **RV Sites:** $30 per RV site.
  *(Half price for Senior / Access Pass holders.)*
- **First-come, first-serve Sept 28 – May 5.
- **RV sites may be reserved May 6 – Sept. 25 Call 877 444-6777 or www.recreation.gov. Reservations can be made 240 days in advance.
- **North Campground:** A & B Loop campsites
- **Sunset Campground:** Open late spring to late September, 102 campsites, 20 tent sites are available for reservation, all others first-come, first-served.
- **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 dependent on group size. Reserve 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 other National Parks, call 877 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov.
- **Backcountry Area:** Bryce Canyon has a backcountry area designated for backpacking, which includes the 9-mile Riggs Spring Loop, and the 23-mile Under-the-Rim Trail.
- **Fees:** are $5/person.
- **Backcountry permits are on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Permits may be purchased at the Visitor Center.
- **There are two group sites available with a limit of 15 people per site.

**Showers & Laundry**
- Coin-operated shower and laundry facilities are available at the General Store during Spring, Summer & Fall. Closed during Winter.

**Recycling**
- Bins are located at North Campground and Sunset Point.
- Please rinse all containers.
- Recycling for small propane cylinders is available at North Campground, or seasonally at Sunset Campground.

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

**Pets**
- Pets must be leashed at all times.
- You must clean up after your pet.
- Pets are permitted at park viewpoints, campgrounds, and on paved surfaces or the paved trail between Sunset and Sunrise Point.
- Pets are not permitted in buildings or on unpaved surfaces.

**Horseback Riding**
- Guided 2 hr and half day horse rides are available Spring – October.
- Contact Canyon Trail Rides, P.O. Box 128, Tropic, UT 84776; 435 679-8665. www.canyonrides.com.

**Wireless Internet (WiFi)**
- Wireless Internet access is available all year at the Visitor Center. Internet services are available outside the park.

**Bicycles**
- Bicycles are restricted to paved roads & the Shared Use Path. The Dixie National Forest has a paved bicycle path through Red Canyon, and many miles of mountain bike trails.

**Water Refill Stations**
- Water refill stations are available at the Shuttle Station, Visitor Center, General Store, North Campground and Sunset Point. Water is NOT available at Rainbow Point. Reusable water bottles are available for purchase at the Visitor Center bookstore.

**Please Do Not Feed Wildlife. Thank You.**

**Park Roads**
- The main park road is open year-round, except after a heavy snow.
  - Fairyland Point and Paria View roads are intentionally NOT plowed for the enjoyment of winter activities.

**Visitor Center**
- Open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day
  - Interpretive exhibits, park publications, and orientation film, backcountry permits, U.S. Post box, and lost-and-found services available.

**Accessibility**
- Restrooms, the Visitor Center, Bryce Canyon Lodge and General Store are fully accessible when open.
  - The ½-mile section of Rim Trail between Sunset and Sunrise Points is paved and fairly level.
  - Inquire at the Visitor Center to obtain an Access Guide.

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- The Hoodoo Shuttle Station, Visitor Center, General Store, North Campground and Sunset Point.

**Food Services**
- The Bryce Canyon Lodge dining room, and the General Store are open late-March – early-November.

**Post Office / ATM**
- A Post Box for outgoing mail is located at Visitor Center. ATM is available at the Lodge when in operation.

**Telephone & Wireless Service**
- Public pay phones are available year-round in Bryce Canyon City. Cell Service is not always available in many areas within the park.

**Picnic Areas**
- Picnic areas are available year-round at Sunset Point.
- April – October at the south end of North Campground and Mile 4.5 of the park road.
- Across from Whiteman Bench overlook.
- Fire grates are available only at the North Campground Picnic Area.

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**Aircraft-based Remote-controlled Equipment**
- Use of remote-controlled equipment within Bryce Canyon is prohibited. Visit http://www.nps.gov/fire/aviation/safety/unmanned-aerial-systems.cfm for more information.

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

**Other Food Services:** Restaurants are available Bryce Canyon City, Tropic, Panguitch, and Junction of Highway 12 and 89.

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**Ranger Morris’s Safety Tips**

**How many people die at Bryce?**

Fortunately, Bryce averages less than 1 fatality per year. In order of decreasing occurrence, fatalities are caused by:

- Heart attacks
- Falling off cliffs
- Lightning
- Vehicle accidents

Unfortunately, hundreds of serious injuries have also needlessly occurred, often from ignoring park safety warnings.

**Top 10 Causes of Bryce Injuries**

**#10 Unsafe Driving**

Winter roads at Bryce Canyon are often snow-packed and icy! Poor visibility is common!

- Speeding (posted limits are 15 to 45 mph)
- Failure to wear seat belts.
- Passing on a double yellow line.
- Auto vs. animal, Watch for wildlife
- Rear-ending. Never slam on the brakes on icy roads.
- Not reducing speed on wet or icy roads. Adjust your speed for road conditions! Black ice is a common surprise!
- Please remove ALL snow from your vehicle! This includes all windows and lights!

**#9 Climbing / Sliding Down Cliffs**

The rocks at Bryce are crumbly cliffs and steep gravelly slopes. Climbing the rocks and sliding on the slopes is not only illegal, but also dangerous.

**#8 Feeding Animals**

Fed animals become aggressive. Even small animals can inflict bites requiring stitches and transmit disease. Watch wildlife from a distance, and discourage animals that approach you.

**#7 Ignoring Extreme Weather**

At Bryce it is possible for the difference between the daily high and low to be as much as 50° F / 27° C! Lightning is a year-round danger! If you can hear thunder, lightning is within 10 miles (16 km) and you need to seek shelter in a building or your vehicle immediately.

**#6 Dehydration**

Drink 1 quart / liter every 1-2 hours. A well hydrated body is better able to regulate body temperature and is more resistant to heat exhaustion. Sunburns also lead to dehydration. Wear a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses to protect from the sun overhead and reflected UV light. **Hydration Stations to fill your water bottles are found throughout the park - look for this symbol on the map in this newspaper.**

**#5 Leaving the Trail**

Stay on designated trails and away from cliff edges, it can be impossible to keep your footing. Bring the maps on page 4 and 5 to avoid getting lost.

**#4 Over-exertion**

Park elevations reach 9115 ft (2778 m) subjecting you to 70% of the oxygen you might be used to. Bryce's trails start at the top, and if you hike down, you must hike up! Turn back BEFORE you become tired. Know and respect your own physical limitations.

**#3, #2, & #1 Bad Choice of Footwear**

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**“Don’t Get Caught Out In The Cold!”**

Winter hiking has its own unique challenges. Exposure to cold, wet, or windy conditions can lead to hypothermia, a life-threatening condition with a 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! Overnight low temperatures is well below 0 and winter storms can produce more than 2 feet of snow in 24 hours!
Hiking Trail Guide

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.

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<td>Mossy Cave*</td>
<td>Hvy 12 North end of park</td>
<td>0.8 mi</td>
<td>200 ft</td>
<td>Streamside walk up to a mossy overhang and small waterfall. (Waterfall flows May-October.)</td>
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<td>Sunset to Sunrise</td>
<td>Sunset Point</td>
<td>1.0 mi</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>
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<td>Outstanding views of hoodoos from above. 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</td>
<td>200 ft</td>
<td>Hike through sparsely forested area with bristlecone pines and expansive vistas.</td>
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<td>Queens Garden*</td>
<td>Sunrise Point</td>
<td>1.8 mi</td>
<td>357 ft</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>
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<td>1.8 mi</td>
<td>550 ft</td>
<td>See Two Bridges, Thors Hammer and the bottom of Wall 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</td>
<td>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>To Tower Bridge*</td>
<td>North of Sunrise Point (A portion of the Fairyland Loop - not a loop)</td>
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<td>See Bristlecone Pines and the China Wall. A shady 1/2-mile spur trail leads to the bridge.</td>
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<td>Sheep Creek/ Swamp Canyon Loop*</td>
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<td>Fairland Loop*</td>
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<td>Peekaboo Loop*</td>
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<td>Sleep in spectacular hike through the heart of Bryce Amphitheater. See the Wall of Windows.</td>
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<td>Navajo/Peekaboo Combination Loop*</td>
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<td>Combine Navajo and Peekaboo Loop Trails into a mini-figure-8.</td>
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<td>The Figure 8 Combination*</td>
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<td>Combine Queens Garden, Navajo Loop and Peekaboo Loop into one ultimate hike!</td>
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<td>Hat Shop</td>
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<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 Hoodoos!" adventures. Ask about them at the Visitor Center.

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.

Trails with this symbol are used by horses Apr-Oct. Horses have right-of-way. Stand on uphill side of trail to let horses pass. Give them warning of your presence.

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.

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.

Most Popular Viewpoints on the Southern Scenic Drive

- Swamp Canyon
- Natural Bridge
- Agua Canyon
- Rainbow Point
- Yovimpa Point
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 is 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 layer 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 layer 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 river systems and have yielded one of the best records of late Cretaceous terrestrial vertebrates, including ceratopsian, hadrosaur, tyrannosaur dinosaurs.

Claron Formation actual thickness: 1000 ft (305 m)

Kaiparowits Formation actual thickness: 100 ft (30.5 m)

Tropic Shale actual thickness: 1000 ft (305 m)

Dakota Formation actual thickness: 100 ft (30.5 m)

Where can I cross-country ski or snowshoe?

Snow depth at Bryce varies, 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 Bryce Canyon Shared Use Path, Ruby’s Inn, the Shared Use Path and the roads to Fairyland and Paria View.

Bryce Canyon Shared Use Path

Ruby’s Inn

Paria View

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Snowshoers are allowed to follow the hiking trails below the rim. On the popular trails, where the snow quickly becomes packed and icy, hiking boots with traction devices are often more helpful than snowshoes.

Winter Activities Cross-Country Skiing & Snowshoeing

Snowboarding, downhill skiing, sledding, etc. are NOT permitted off the rim.
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 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.

Stay Connected

Stay connected with Bryce Canyon on social media platforms.

You Can Make a Difference
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