What have you discovered in American Fork Canyon? People have found value in the canyon for over 12,000 years, from a source of food and fuel, to discovering rich veins of ore, a place to graze livestock, or a place to recreate or seek solace amid a backdrop of spectacular scenery.

Early Peoples
For several thousand years, the first people of the area were heavily influenced by the climate. The Paleo-Indian people (12,000 BC) hunted large animals, and likely stayed near the shores of Utah Lake in the cool climate. As the climate warmed, Archaic people (~10,000 BC–AD 1) maintained a lifestyle of hunting and gathering. Excavations in American Fork Cave show that hunters used this cave as a base camp for hunting in the canyon. From AD 1 to 500, a cultural shift occurred, and the Archaic hunter gatherers were replaced by Fremont farming communities. The Fremont people built small farming villages across the valley where they grew corn, squash and beans. Excavations in American Fork Cave have found ceramics, cordage, ground stone and corn kernels associated with the Fremont people. As the climate cooled again around AD 1,300 the Fremont people abandoned their farming way of life. Those remaining returned to hunting and gathering, and are possibly the ancestors of the Utes. The Timpanogos Utes or Utah Valley Utes inhabited the valley using the nearby canyon to hunt big game and gather berries.

Explorers, Trappers and Mapmakers
While the Ute people flourished in the valley, Priests Fray Francisco Atanasio Dominguez and Fray Silvestre Velez de Escalante became the first recorded European explorers to enter Utah Valley in 1776. The priests recognized the natural richness of the area and recorded in their journal the promising future that this valley would offer for settlements. In 1820, fur trappers arrived, though they soon moved north as beaver became scarce by 1830. As more people began to travel through Utah, John C. Fremont led his first mapping expedition along the Wasatch Front in May of 1844. Fremont’s records, as well as those from other trappers and explorers, prepared the way for settlement in Utah Valley.

Pioneers, Miners and Loggers
Members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints (LDS), also called Mormons, became the first Europeans to settle in Utah Valley. The LDS people migrated to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, and by the end of the year, more than 17,000 people resided in the Salt Lake area. In late 1847, LDS President Brigham Young sent Parley Pratt south to explore Utah Valley for expanding settlements. By 1850, families were settled along the American Fork River. These settlers ventured up the canyon in search of building materials and established a road for transporting timber. Rich mineral deposits of silver, lead, and zinc were soon identified in the Wasatch Mountains. Many people knew of the ore deposits in the canyon, however, the high cost of shipping the ores for processing slowed mine development. Once rail lines running up the canyon connected to the transcontinental line, mining development rapidly followed. As mining claims and activity increased in the canyon, so did the need for lumber. Approximately eleven sawmills operated in the canyon to supply lumber to mining operations and nearby cities. By 1876, the veins of ore began to decrease. Yet there were other canyon treasures waiting to be discovered.
American Fork Canyon is a paradise of recreation opportunities, from scenic driving to hiking, biking, climbing and ATV riding. With your visit today you will join over 1.5 million yearly canyon visitors. We encourage you to write the next chapter of people in public lands, take a camping trip, discover something new in the canyon—or simply share canyon wonders with others.

Timpanogos Cave National Monument and the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest belong to us all, and as such, we have a shared stewardship role. Please be mindful of that as you spend time in YOUR national park and forest. We hope you will be refreshed and restored during your visit, and stay connected to this magnificent landscape long after you have returned home.

Sincerely,

Timpanogos Cave National Monument
Superintendent
Denis Davis

Portions adapted from Heart of the Mountain: The History of Timpanogos Cave National Monument by Cami Pulham.

The majority of fees collected remain in American Fork Canyon/Alpine Scenic Loop Area to improve visitor services, maintain recreation facilities, enhance wildlife habitat, and protect natural and cultural resources. The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Timpanogos Cave National Monument and our partners appreciate your support. The following passes are available at the fee stations and Forest Service and Park Service offices. Cave tour fees are additional.

Canyon Passes

The Bundy National Pass is available to U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity fee. Non-transferable.

The Interagency Senior Pass - $10.00
This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity fee. Non-transferable.

All Golden Access and Golden Age Passports will continue to be honored according to the provisions of the pass. Only paper Golden Age and Access Passports are exchanged free of charge for new plastic passes.

For more information or to purchase the National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass online, visit the Internet at http://store.usgs.gov/pass or call 1-888-ASKUSGS, Ext. 1.

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For more information about the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest, please visit www.fs.fed.us/r4/uwc/ or call (801) 756-5239.
What’s New?  
Your Canyon Fees at Work

American Fork Canyon is cared for today and preserved for future generations by the American people. Your fees help protect our natural and cultural heritage and ensure that everyone has a safe, enjoyable and educational experience.

American Fork Canyon Interpretive Plan

The American Fork Canyon- Alpine Scenic Loop Recreation Area Interpretive plan will guide current and future development of interpretive, educational, information, and developed site designs. The Interpretive Plan will enhance visitor experiences in American Fork Canyon and along the Alpine Scenic Loop.

Guided Timpanogos Cave Tours

2009 Improvements Made Possible by Your Fees

Construction of the new Lower Mill Canyon Trailhead and trail-access bridge.

• Completion of the upper Mill Canyon Trail reroute and reconstruction.

• Ranger guided interpretive programs at Cascade Springs.

• Rehabilitation of the Theater in the Pines Amphitheater (ongoing in 2010).

• Construction of Echo Picnic Area.

• Utah County Sheriff, for additional patrols and search and rescue operations.

• Groom snowmobile trails, in partnership with Wasatch Mountain State Park.

• Cross-country ski trail grooming in Little Mill and Granite Flat Campgrounds.

• Snow removal for winter camping and trailhead parking.

• Cleaning and maintenance of toilets at all picnic areas and trailheads.

• Maintenance of more than 90 miles of trails.

• Updated trail signs and trailhead information kiosks.

• Interpretive and evening programs in American Fork Canyon.

• Improved road and directional signing on the Alpine Scenic Loop, Cascade Springs and North Fork roads.

• Stream bank stabilization in Little Mill Campground.

Upcoming Projects

• Interpretive plan for American Fork Canyon and Alpine Scenic Loop.

• Reconstruction of the Timpooneke Trailhead.

• New information and interpretive kiosks at trailheads and historic sites.

Cave Tours and Ranger Programs

Timpanogos Cave National Monument now has five additional national park service rangers to meet the demands of serving over 130,000 visitors annually. Rangers provide interpretive cave tours, evening programs, junior ranger programs, walks and talks, and school outreach.

Need for Safety Tips

New, free ranger-guided tours of Cascade Springs will be available from June 7-August 12, 2010 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and free evening programs will continue this year on every Friday through Monday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Go take that hike!

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Safety Tips for Your Adventure

The Utah County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team is comprised of 30 volunteers, who dedicate their time and expertise to helping others and keeping people safe. They respond to over 120 rescue missions each year.

Many of those rescue efforts take place on Mt. Timpanogos, an impressive mountain peak which rises 11,750 feet above sea level. People may soon find themselves in trouble on Mt. Timpanogos if they are not prepared, you'll be happy to see you are not prepared, you'll be happy to see you are not prepared, you'll be happy to see you are not prepared, you'll be happy to see you are not prepared.

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Use the items below as a check off list before your hike.

Know your destination and how to get there. Plan your route and know the distance of your trip. Take a map.

Tell someone else of your plans, including your planned return time. Then, stick to your plan.

Take plenty of extra water, extra nutrition, a personal first aid kit, and a flashlight. Make sure you drink plenty of water during your hike.

Dress appropriately for the weather, but even in the winter you should take a hat, sunglasses and sun protection.

If you get lost, stay in one place or area. Don't "hide" under the trees or wander around in unfamiliar areas.

Have something bright, like a jacket, a pack, or a hat in a nearby tree.

Stay away from large rivers and lakes.

Stay away from steep ledges and narrow trails.

Carry a cell phone and a GPS. There are some areas of the canyon where a cell phone will operate in case of an emergency.

If you are in a group, stay together and do not separate.

Don't exceed your own limitations or the limitations of your group.

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Make the Most of Your Canyon Visit

A Few Hours
Take in an Evening Program or Junior Ranger Program. Join a Ranger at the Timpanogos Cave Visitor Center on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for presentations about the park and surrounding area. Topics change daily.

Pack a Lunch. Picnic areas with tables, grills, water, and restrooms are available at Swinging Bridge Picnic Site inside Timpanogos Cave National Monument, along Highway 92, and Route 144 to Tibble Fork Reservoir.

A Half Day
Drive the Loop. The 20-mile Alpine Loop offers terrific views of Mount Timpanogos and other glacier-carved peaks. The narrow, winding route connects American Fork Canyon to Provo Canyon. A drive during autumn colors is truly breathtaking. Motorhomes and trailers longer than 30 feet are not recommended.

Visit Cascade Springs. This beautiful site is located 7.5 miles off the Alpine Loop on Forest Service Road 114, and consists of boardwalks over springs cascading down the mountain slope in a series of limestone terraces and pools.

Hike to the Cave. Stop at the Timpanogos Cave Visitor Center and purchase your ticket to an underground wonderland. The Timpanogos Cave System is a series of three caves connected by two man-made tunnels. Panoramic views of the valley dazzle you as you climb the 1,065 feet to the cave entrance.

Ride a Bike or a Horse. Enjoy the multiple use trails available in the National Forest and enjoy a bike ride or horseback ride where no cars can go.

A Whole Day
Sleep Under the Stars. American Fork Canyon has four developed campgrounds. Each site offers a table, grill, and access to water and restrooms during the summer.

Take a Hike. Over 50 miles of hiking trails in the canyon range from level and easy to steep and arduous. Stop and ask a Ranger at the Timpanogos Cave Visitor Center or Pleasant Grove District Office for recommended hikes, maps and guides.

Volunteer. Numerous opportunities are available to volunteer your time for a day to help other visitors out, maintain trails and facilities, and protect our natural and cultural resources.

Making the Roadways Safe for Everyone
Whether you enjoy camping, bicycling, hiking or just an afternoon picnic with the family, the Utah Department of Transportation encourages you to be safe while driving through the canyon. Please take notice that the speed limit changes from 35 MPH to 20 MPH through the canyon and there are many people that use the roadway at the same time. Please be courteous to bicyclists, hikers and drivers pulling trailers. Being in a hurry and driving aggressively will not get you to your destination any faster and could cause a major accident as well as the loss of life.

Should you get behind a slow moving vehicle – Relax. Take a deep breath, chat with a companion or listen to some music. Trying to aggressively pass a slower vehicle won’t get you to your destination any faster. Remember driving is not a race. Please leave your competitive instincts at home.

Take a few minutes to enjoy the beautiful scenery of the canyon. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Courteous driving encourages other drivers to be courteous as well.

Always remember to wear your safety belt and make sure everyone in your vehicle is securely fastened in their safety belt as well. Studies have shown that at least fifty percent of traffic fatalities could be prevented if people were just wearing their seat belt.

As the stewards of Utah’s roads, safety for everyone on our roads is one of our top priorities. With your help we can all enjoy a safe and pleasant summer season in American Fork Canyon.

Interested in Government Employment?
Have you ever thought about spending a summer working in a national park or national forest? Summer seasonal positions are announced and recruited for during the winter months of December through February. A wide variety of positions provide unique challenges, and many rewards. Imagine yourself fighting wild fires, maintaining backcountry trails, conducting cave tours, selling passes in a visitor center or fee booth, leading guided hikes, or collecting resource management data.

To view and apply for vacancy announcements for all federal jobs visit www.usajobs.gov. Positions posted for Timpanogos Cave National Monument and the Uinta National Forest can be found under jobs listed in American Fork and Pleasant Grove, Utah.

To make a difference, consider a career in a veteran affairs agency. Timpanogos Cave visitors can all enjoy a safe and pleasant summer season in American Fork Canyon.

A Greener Visit to Timpanogos Cave
The monument is actively engaged in many green practices, including using energy-efficient LEED standards. Help us limit the use of plastic water bottles—bring your own reusable container. There is a new potable drinking water exhibit in the park featuring our own spring water. Refill your bottles as often as needed at the park visitor center.

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Visiting Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Cave Tours
Tours of the 3 adjoining caves are offered from early-May through early-October, weather permitting.

Guided by National Park Rangers, these 1-hour tours are limited to 20 people. Plan on spending about 3 hours round-trip to hike up, tour the caves, and hike back to the Visitor Center. For your safety and the safety of others, pets and wheeled vehicles (baby strollers, etc.) are NOT allowed on the cave trail.

Bring plenty of drinking water, as no water is available along the trail or at the caves. Come prepared with hiking shoes and a light jacket (cave temperature averages 45°F [7ºC]). Cameras and flashlights are welcome.

Inside the Caves
The three highly decorated limestone caves are known for their abundance of features average 45ºF [7ºC]). Cameras and flashlights are welcome.

Cave Access Trail
To reach the Timpanogos Cave System, which is located 6,730 feet above sea level, visitors must hike the 1.5-mile (2.4 kilometer) hard-surfaced cave trail. The trail, which rises 1,092 feet (325 meters), is considered a strenuous hike. Anyone with heart trouble or breathing problems should not attempt the hike. Those under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Introduction to Caving Tour
The Introduction to Caving Tour takes visitors back to Hansen Cave Lake. This off-trail tour is a strenuous hike that requires bending, crawling, and squeezing through tight passages. Group size is limited to 5. Participants must be at least 14 years old. For more information please call (801) 756-5238.

Junior Ranger Program and Patio Talks
Children who visit the caves can earn a Junior Ranger certificate and badge at the Visitor Center. Patio talks are on Saturdays and holidays. Memorial Day through Labor Day at the Visitor Center. These free ranger-programs are for kids of all ages!

New! Cascade Springs Walks
Meet a ranger for a free walk on Mondays and Wednesdays, June 7-August 12, 2010, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the gazebo in the lower parking lot at Cascade Springs.

Cave Tour Pricing
Tickets are sold at the Visitor Center and may be purchased up to 30 days in advance with a credit card by calling (801) 756-5238. 

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Dial and Discover Cell Phone Tour
(801) 216-3811

Your cell phone provides another opportunity to learn more about Timpanogos Cave National Monument. Dial in and listen to a narration over your cell phone at various points of interest along the cave trail.

Wherever you see one of the cell phone tour signs, dial (801) 216-3811 and enter the stop number. You will hear a ranger give a short message about the canyon—from geology to plants and animals or cave discovery.

There is no additional charge to listen to these messages. Please be aware that cell phone coverage can be spotty and not all providers offer service in the park.

Teacher's Tip
Cave tour fees may be waived for schools or other bona fide educational institutions. For more information and the application for educational waivers check out our website filled with helpful tips for planning your visit at www.nps.gov/tica or call the Timpanogos Cave Visitor Center at (801) 756-5238.

Evening Programs
Join a park ranger every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Visitor Center or Mutual Dell for free evening programs. These informative programs are educational and entertaining. Activities range from the study of local wildlife to canyon history and campfire singing.

Visitor Center Hours
The Visitor Center is open from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily during the cave tour season (May through Labor Day). Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. after Labor Day until the visitor center closes for the winter.

Picnic Area and Nature Trail
The Swinging Bridge Picnic Area is 1/4 mile west of the Visitor Center. A self-guided 1/4-mile Canyon Nature Trail will lead you there. Cooking grills, drinking water, and fire rings are available at the picnic sites. Parking is also available. A small, shaded, streamside picnic area is also located directly across the road from the Visitor Center.

New! Nature Walks
Meet a ranger for a free nature walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 7-August 12, 2010, from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center front steps. We will explore the 1/4-mile paved Canyon Nature Trail.

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Will Global Climate Change Affect Timpanogos Cave?

Global climate change is a complex and for some, a controversial topic. What scientific data clearly shows is that temperature and carbon dioxide are rising on the planet. There are still many questions and many predictions about the future, some of which are contradictory, but that doesn’t mean we should ignore the issue.

How will global climate change affect Timpanogos Cave? The short an- swer to that is “We don’t know.” Will Timpanogos Cave’s average tempera- tures increase? Will that happen in both summer and winter? Will daytime or nighttime temperatures change the most? Will rainfall increase or de- crease? Will the rainy season lengthen or shorten? Will there be less snow and more rain?

We also have some good data from three weather stations located in the park; one above the caves, one near the caves, and one below the caves, that includes temperature and rain- fall. Combined with newer data, we can start to put pieces of the puzzle together.

While it would be very helpful to have a complete puzzle with enough data to draw definitive conclusions and take decisive actions, for the most part, we aren’t there yet. So what should we do now?

No matter what the data shows, one decisive action each of us can take is to conserve. The American values that drove the creation of National Parks, and the National Park Service back in 1916 were the conservation and stewardship values for the benefit of all Americans.

Our conservation and stewardship values are just as important today. Reducing your personal use of resources, using less energy, and releasing less carbon will help. We can all make a difference.

Lend A Hand

The Pleasant Grove Ranger District and Timpanogos Cave National Monu- ment have hundreds of volunteers who come out and make a difference. We would like to recognize 4 groups who put forth exceptional volunteer contributions in 2009. Volunteers help reduce the cost of managing public lands, improve visitor facilities, and protect natural resources and recre- ational opportunities.

Utah Four Wheel Drive Association and Utah 4x4 Club

The Utah Four Wheel Drive Associa- tion (U4WDA) and Utah 4x4 Club have been helping manage off road vehicles in American Fork Canyon since 2000. Starting in 2005 they began organizing an annual National Public Lands Day (NPLD) volunteer event. For NPLD in 2009, they recruited over 80 4x4 enthusiasts who helped build 200ft of fence to close and rehabilitate illegal motorized routes, removed litter and improved signage. The Utah 4x4 Club has adopted the Shaffer Fork For- est Road #194 and Forest Lake area.

Utah Mountain Bikers Club

The Utah Rocky Mountain Bikers Club has been working on trails since 2003. They have currently adopted 17 miles of single track trails. They have been completing trail maintenance, noxious weed removal and educating other trail users. In 2009 they helped plan, recruit and host two volunteer work days to construct a turnpike on the South Fork Little Deer Creek trail #252. This work repaired a badly damaged section of trail.

Behind A Tour Specialist (B.A.T.S.)

The Behind A Tour Specialists at Timpanogos Cave have been helping to protect the cave system, provide visitor information, and assist the rangers since 1995. Over 55 youth ages 14-18 donated over 2,000 hours to preserving the caves for future generations.

If you see any of our great volunteers out working, please take the oppor- tunity to pass on a big thanks. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in 2009, your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

For more information about how to get involved please call: Pleasant Grove Ranger District 801-785-3563 Timpanogos Cave National Monument 801-756-5239

Fire Safety

American Fork Canyon has hot and dry summers and wildfire is always a concern.

- Don’t park in dry grass.
- Have water and a shovel nearby campfires during the fire season.
- Never burn trash.
- Don’t throw out or bury hot charcoal from your grill.
- Do not burn firewood larger than the width of your arm.
- Never leave your campfire unattended.
- Make sure your fire is dead out when you leave.

Remember, only you can prevent wildfires.
Canyon Kids

Fun in the Canyon
No matter where you are exploring in the canyon, take a moment to have some fun! Here are some ideas to get you started.

- Close your eyes for one minute-count how many different sounds you hear.
- Go on a hike.
- Hug a tree.
- Find something rough and smooth to touch.
- Play I Spy.
- Identify a plant or animal.
- Pick something rough and smooth to touch.
- Make up your own game to play.
- Become a Junior Ranger.
- Finish the Canyon Kids page activities.

Discover More Fun Canyon Activities

- ATV
- CAMP
- CAVE TOUR
- CLIMB
- CROSS COUNTRY SKI
- FISH
- HIKE
- PICNIC
- RANGER PROGRAM
- SCENIC DRIVE
- SNOWMOBILE
- VIEW WILDLIFE

Hint: Do you see the secret message in the word search? Remember this as you have fun!

Help the Mule Deer Escape the Wildfire!

Canyon Animal Match

- Mountain Goat
- Bat
- Least Chipmunk
- Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrel
- Hummingbird
- Peregrine Falcon
- Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep

Hint: How do I tell the difference between a least chipmunk and golden-mantled ground squirrel? Least chipmunks have black and white stripes on their faces and sides. Golden-mantled ground squirrels will only have stripes on their sides.

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Canyon Animal Match:

- Mountain Goat-F
- Bat-B
- Least Chipmunk-A
- Golden-Mantled Ground Squirrel-D
- Hummingbird-E
- Peregrine Falcon-C
- Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep-G

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Canyon Kids

Funny Bone

Q: What did the big flower say to the small flower?
A: What’s up Bud.

Q: What did the beaver say to the tree?
A: It’s been nice gnawing you!

Q: What bow can’t be tied?
A: A rainbow!

Q: What did the dirt say to the rain?
A: If this keeps up, my name will be mud.

Q: Why do hummingbirds hum?
A: Because they do not know the words.

Become a Junior Ranger

At Timpanogos Cave
Earn your choice of a badge or patch while you learn! Stop by the Timpanogos Cave National Monument Visitor Center and pick up your free Junior Ranger booklet.

Take a cave tour, watch the monument video, ask a ranger for help and work with your friends, brothers, sisters, parents or guardians to complete the booklet. Bring your completed booklet back to the Visitor Center for a ranger to review and sign. Take the Junior Ranger pledge and receive your badge or patch.

Junior Ranger Programs
Every Saturday and holiday from Memorial Day through Labor Day, free Junior Ranger programs are held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on the Visitor Center deck.

At Wasatch Mountain State Park
Earn your badge and certificate while you learn! Check with the park for more information.

Junior Ranger Programs
From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Junior Ranger programs are offered. Check with the park for more information.

American Fork Canyon

Answers:

Discover More Fun Canyon Activities

Take pictures and leave only footprints.

Canyon Animal Match:

American Fork Canyon - Recreation Map