

If you know of locations not listed below, please add to this list. This will help to know what are the campsites and what to expect. Also, please make corrections and notes of your camps to help others.

Enterprise Reservoir

Honeycomb Rocks campground: Good fishing and exploring. You can no longer camp at the lake. Camping is at Honeycomb Rocks campground. The camping is good but rather public. There are many interesting rocks to explore Enterprise reservoir is located west of the town of Enterprise, Utah. *This is a public camp. There is a fee to camp here.*



Pine Park: This is a favorite place to camp! On the way out to the camp one always thinks there is no way that there will be ponderosa pine trees. Then you come around a bend and down a slope into a valley of tall ponderosa pines. There is a spring there and a wonderful stream. Just before you get to the park there are some interesting rock formations of white rhyolite. This is not a public camp - so no fee.

Pine Valley Mountain

We are blessed to have this mountain in our back yard! These hikes are somewhat hard but are beautiful, wonderful and well worth the efforts. Many of the hikes can be strung together to form long and interesting hikes. The plants and animals as well as the history of this historic mountain make it a great destination. The highest point in the range is Signal Peak at 10,365 feet. See NPS for trail maps and current conditions on the mountain. Use extreme caution - Be Prepared and take lots of water.



Mill Flat: This is my favorite hike on Pine Valley. It is also the easiest hike to get to the top of the mountain. You walk up a stream most of the way. It is five miles one way and takes you to the Summit Trail which can take you to many other trails on the mountain.

Whipple Valley: This valley is named after the Whipple family that ranched there many years ago. It is very beautiful with a small stream running through it. Whipple Valley can be reached via the Whipple Valley trail, the Summit trail, Mill Flat trail or Browns Point.

Anderson Valley: This is an interesting valley that can be reached from several directions. From Mill Flat it is just about two miles. From the Lone Sequoia on the Syler Springs trail it is about three miles. From New Harmony trail it is about seven miles.

Syler Springs: This hike starts at The Lone Sequoia Tree in the Brouse area, and goes to Anderson Valley, about three miles then to New Harmony about seven miles or Mill Flat about two miles where it joins The Summit Trail.

Blake and Gubler: This was a great trail then it was burned. The fire made the trail very hard to find. It starts behind Diamond Valley works it's way to The Summit Trail where the Forsyth Trail joins the Summit Trail. It is overgrown. I would suggest you wear long pants on this one.

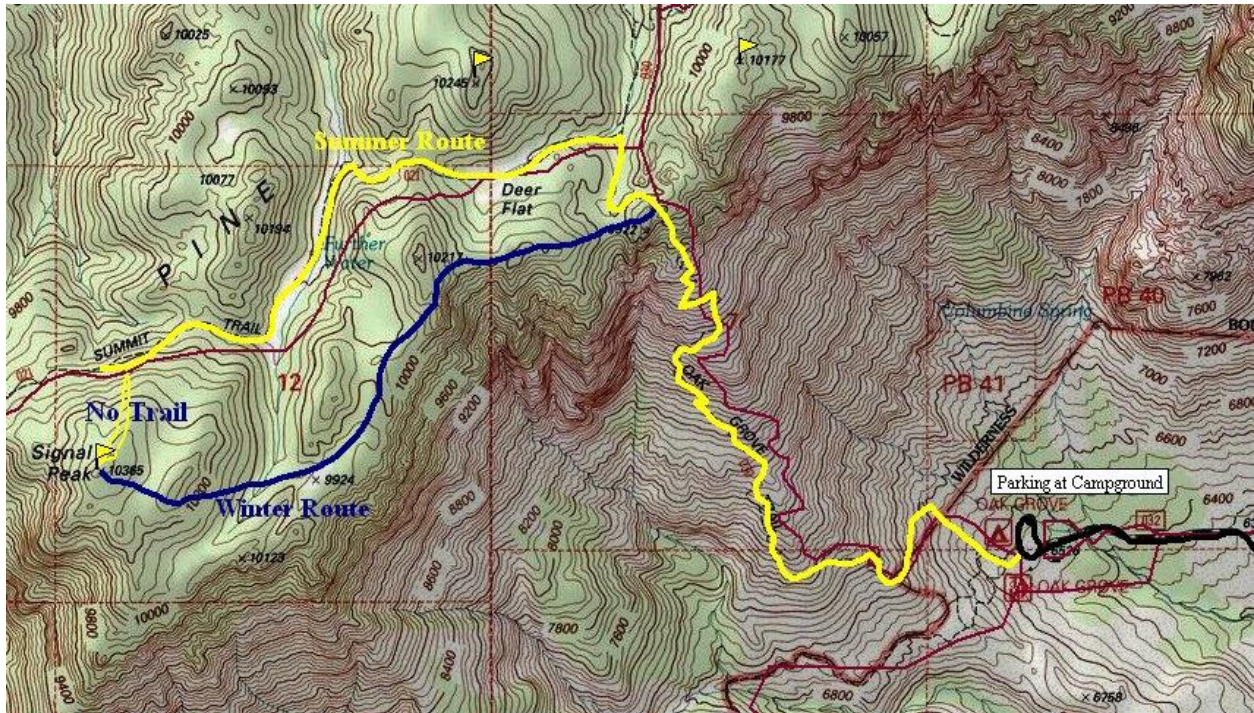
Forsyth Canyon Trail: This is many people's favorite trail on the mountain. It starts right in Pine Valley and goes right up the mountain it becomes the Summit Rim trail where Blake and Gubler meet it. This is the most direct trail to Burger and Signal peaks.

Brown's Point: This trail starts in Pine Valley and is about four miles long. It is located between Forsyth Trail and Whipple Trail, it terminates at Summit Trail. To the right is Further Water, Signal Peak, Burger Peak, and Forsyth Trail. To the left is South Valley, and Whipple Valley.

Summit Trail: This trail runs most of the length of Pine Valley Mountain. While it is seldom right on the summit it is on the upper reaches of the mountain and the top is not far away. Starting where Forsyth meets Blake and Gubler, this wonderful trail takes you through beautiful forests and wonderful meadows. There are streams that usually have water, however in late summer it can be hard to find water during drought years. This trail is thirty seven miles long from end to end but it can be reached from many of the other trails and enjoyed in short sections.

Cottonwood Creek Area: What a fun area to explore this area is. Located on the south side of Pine Valley Mountain on the road between St George and Leeds, Cottonwood Creek cuts a beautiful canyon that is interesting and easy to explore. There is also an interesting abandoned stone quarry that is fun to look though. Parking is at Trailhead that goes under the Freeway. Entrance is about 1 mile north of the Wal-Mart Distribution area, off of old Hwy 89.

Oak Grove: There is a good camp ground at the trailhead and it is a great place to camp. Because it is a public campground there is a fee to camp. The Oak



Grove Trail is three miles to the Summit Trail and just ---miles from further water on your right when you reach the summit. Because this trail is on the south side of the mountain it can be very hot hiking in the summer. This is a very steep and sun exposed trail not for the faint of heart.

The Lone Sequoia Tree, and Brouse Area Trail : Years ago a forest ranger who was familiar with the giant sequoia trees of California planted two sequoia trees thinking that they would be ideal on Pine Valley mountain. The trees thrived. Then others thought that the sequoia as a non-native plant would not be a good idea for the ecology of the mountain, and they cut down one of the trees. So we are left with a lone sequoia tree on the mountain. Near the tree is an old Forest service cabin, and an area where you can camp. Following the trail to the north you come to Slyer Spring Trail and three miles later you will reach Anderson Valley. A good springtime hike is to take the road to the cabin that is closed to vehicles in the winter, however if it is rainy the road can be very muddy.



Snow Canyon State

Park

A treasure in our back yard! Snow Canyon is full of great things for scouts to do. The thing to remember to take is plenty of water. There are many trails right in the park as well as some interesting lava caves to explore. The next four listings are part of the park but not on the main road and are often overlooked. To me they are some of the best of the park.

Red Mountain Trail: The Red Mountain Trail is a great hike that can be easy or hard depending on the weather and where you go.. The views from the rim are spectacular and there are some places to camp that are very nice. Any of the cliffs in Snow Canyon can be very dangerous.



There is a great look-off over Hell's Hole Canyon on the west side overlooking Kayenta on an impressive and exposed slickrock area. This is a great overnight backpack trip for St. George troops and is best done in March or April as you can find water in slickrock potholes for cooking. Because of the mild temperatures in spring, you usually can carry enough drinking water to get through the hike. Start at the trailhead between Diamond Valley and Dameron Valley (Red Mountain Trailhead) and end at the dike in Ivins (This is about 10 miles). The trail peters out on top in the sand but just keep heading south and you eventually peer over the edge directly over the city of Ivins. The trail down into Ivins is steep and slippery and is recommended for moderately experienced scouts.

Kayenta Canyon/Hells Hole: This canyon leads to Hells Hole. Starting in Kayenta you can walk north up a wash and into this slot canyon. It is about three miles in from the road. If you like to hike in the rain this is a fabulous trail to take because there are waterfalls off many of the cliffs. There is usually a small spring and pools of water with toads and other wildlife. This is a good half day hike. Not a good for camping.

Padre Canyon/ Fern Gulley/ Three Ponds: If you park at Tuachan and walk up the canyon behind the theater you are in Padre Canyon. You can follow the trail to the top and down the other side where you can follow another little side trail into a little slot canyon that often has water and lots of ferns. You can then follow the trail on around and to Three Ponds. Then follow the trail to the parking area in Snow Canyon.

Jackson's Flat: On the road to Matacqua there is a good place to camp call Jackson's Flat. There is a spring there and many good areas to explore. It has been a popular camping spot for many years. Because of the spring there are many frogs and toads.

Tiny Canyon / Helix Canyon: I did not know the name of this small slot canyon so I called it, "Tiny Canyon". It is a great place to go. Tiny Canyon is past Jackson's Flat and you will need four-wheel drive vehicle to get to it because you have to cross a large field of loose sand. There is not much of a trail so it requires some bushwhacking. Once you find the little slot it is great and down the wash is interesting. This is hard to find but well worth it. This is also known as the Helix Canyon.

Lower Sand Cove / The Vortex: On the road from Dammeron Valley to Gunlock there are two reservoirs Upper and Lower Sand Cove. The one closer to Gunlock is my favorite of the two. As the water makes its way down the mountain it is trapped and held making a great place to play. The surrounding area is also great. Once at the reservoir follow the stream up about a half mile where there is a trail down the canyon then follow that trail to the top of the hill, at the top you will find a large hole where people have carved their names. It is very interesting and the view is wonderful. There is good roadside camping on the dirt road between Upper and Lower Sand Cove Reservoir. The hiking on the slickrock is a great ½ day activity the next morning. Good spot even in the winter if the snows are still at higher elevations.

Dutchman's Draw: This limestone canyon is a great place to camp in cold weather; it is also a good place to climb. It is full of great sights and things to do. This canyon is several miles long and has several entrances. It would be hard to explore his canyon in one day so plan more than one trip to this camp spot.

Johnson Canyon: Length is 2 miles round trip. It is an Easy Hike. Johnson Canyon Trail is a short, but exciting hike at the mouth of Snow Canyon State Park. It

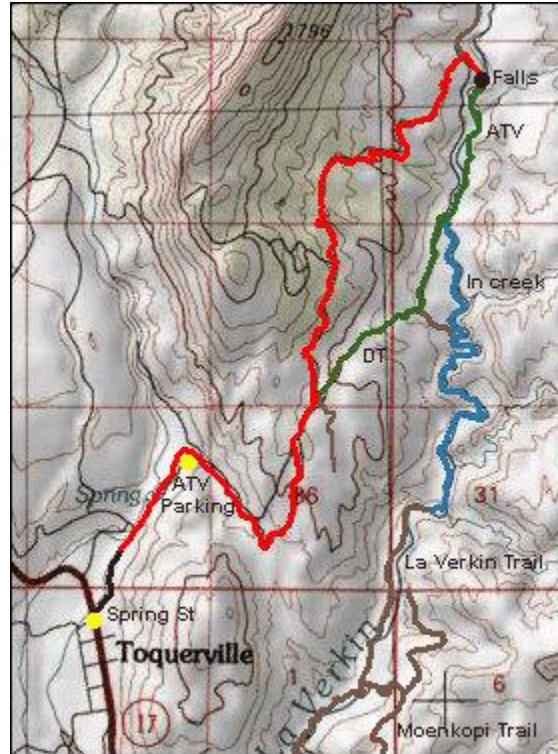


boasts a natural spring, black lava flows, red rock walls, cottonwood and willow glades, and an impressive arch near the end. There are only minor up-and-downs on this route; the trail gains almost nothing in elevation between the road and the arch. This trail is closed annually from March 15th - October 31st. The parking area is adjacent to the south entrance station, adjacent to the restrooms. The trailhead is on the east side of the road, but the parking area is across the street. The trail heads east from this point, approaching and then hugging the reaching walls of Snow Canyon, before it disappears into the depths of Johnson Canyon. **Johnson Canyon Arch:** With a 200-foot span, the Johnson Canyon Arch is one of the largest in the area.

ZION/Brian Head/Bryce Canyon NP



you like to camp near water? This may be a spot for you. The road is a bit rough, but it is a great place to camp. At times there are some party folks around so choose your wisely. The falls are about forty feet tall and wet years rather spectacular.



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Double Alcove Arch / Taylor Creek: This hike located the Kolob side of Zion National Park (located off of I-15 at Kolob Exit) is a lot of fun with great views. However, it is hiking only... no camping! As you hike up the canyon you cross the stream several times. There are restored cabins from a time when the canyon was privately owned when people lived and farmed the area. It is a fun hike!



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Kolob Arch: This is the second longest free standing arch in the world, and the hike to it almost as impressive. There are two main trails to the arch, one is from the Kolob side of Zion National Park through Hop Valley and the other trail head is called Lee's Pass found in the Kolob Finger section of Zion. This trail is seven miles long. A good way to do this hike is to spot a vehicle at one trailhead and start you hike at the other one.

There is good camping at designated camp spots along the Lee's Pass trail, but, you must make reservations with the park. The Hop Valley trail you can walk in the stream bed for some time, it's the way which I enjoy.

Camp Creek: This beautiful canyon hike is on the edge of Zion National Park. At the start of the hike there is a waterfall and the trail around it, when I last hiked it, was a little hard to find, however if you just follow the canyon you come to the where you want to be. Then it is just a matter of following the stream up this one is well worth the effort. Like all canyons and trails in Zion, an overnight permit is required and no groups larger than 12 persons are allowed.



Ashdown Gorge/ Rattle Snake Gulch: Starting just below Brian Head Peak at the Rattlesnake Gulch trail head this is a spectacular hike that is almost all downhill (great for scouts not so good for some of us older hikers). Or you can start at the landslide on SR 14 and hike up, whichever way you go you are in for a treat. If you are alert, you will see a great arch, a huge stone in the middle of the stream called Jack's head and (with a short detour) two waterfalls. The upper part of the trail gives you views of Cedar Breaks and the Twisted Forest. Then it's down into the gorge with great vistas. This is hiking at its best. This is a great overnight backpack trip for scout troops in St. George in summer and early fall.

High Mountain / The Twisted Forest: This is a good camping area across the Ashdown Gorge from Cedar Brakes and near the Twisted Forest. There is a large meadow bordered by aspen trees. I would camp in the trees as the meadow is always windy when I am there. The next day I would hike into the Twisted Forest, which is a large forest of bristlecone pine trees, the oldest living thing on the earth.

Mammoth Springs: There is a public campground at Mammoth Springs. The interesting thing about this beautiful place is the spring. This is not just a trickle of water but a large stream that just gushes out of the ground. Notes of caution...beware of poison ivy! There is a bit around.



ARIZONA STRIP AREA:

Mount Dellenbaugh / Grand Canyon: To reach this wonderful area you will have a hard drive, but once you get there this is a great place to camp. There is a pine forest and then access to the Grand Canyon. At this point, like many other areas of the canyon there are several overlooks. Usually there are few people in the area. Take plenty of water and be prepared for eighty miles of rough roads.

Wolf Hole Mountain: These mountains are on the AZ Strip and not too far south of St George. One interesting thing I like to do is visit the fire lookout tower located on a ridge where you can see a huge area. If you are there when a ranger is present they love to have company (it is a lonely job) and will tell you all about watching for fires.

Whitmore Canyon: This is a long drive across the AZ Strip and the last is very rough over basalt beds, however, if you want to see the Colorado river this is an easy place to get to. Once you get to the canyon there is just a short mile hike down a beautiful trail through very interesting rock formations to the river. Even here the water is very cold. I don't know that I would suggest swimming, but the views are spectacular.

The Kaibab Forest: This wonderful playground is teeming with deer and unusual squirrels that are found nowhere else. They have long white tails and pointed white ears while their bodies are black. The forest starts in Fredonia and stretches to the Grand Canyon. There are roads that lead to many lookouts over the canyon and there are endless places to camp in the forest. The trees range from low junipers to high fir, spruce, and aspen. Near Jacob Lake there is a fire watch tower that can be visited if arrangements are made in advance.

Toroweap Overlook: Located in the Grand Canyon National Park System and on the Az. Strip this is a great place to see the canyon at one of the narrowest and deepest locations. There is a 3000 foot almost straight drop to the river. Just down river there is Lava Falls, one of the wildest sections of whitewater on the river.



Dive of the Buckskin: This has been called one of the top ten hikes in the world. You must get a permit to hike this canyon, but it is worth it. This is not a hike to do if you do not know about canyoneering! Mistakes in this canyon can be life threatening. While it is not overly difficult it drains a very large area through a very narrow slot. The way all that water has carved the sandstone is almost unbelievable. This hike is for older boys. The most popular way to enjoy this canyon is to hike down the Dive of the

Buckskin and camp at the confluence with the Paria River and then hike upstream on the Paria to the trailhead near the State Highway on the second day.



Water Canyon: This is a great overnight hike for older boys or very well trained boys. It is located just north of the town of Hildale, Utah and requires driving through the town and on a dirt road for a couple of miles. It can get very muddy after snows or rains. This trail goes up a beautiful canyon with a high arch that must be looked for. There is one area of the trail that is rather steep and exposed. Extreme caution must be used, this is why I recommend older scouts for this hike. Once on top there are many great places to go explore including a small lake on the edge of a cliff and an old logging windless. These were a bit hard to find for me because I was only told of them, but with GPS coordinates you should find them easily. Just look them up on the net. The views north into Zion National Park are fabulous. Water is scarce on top of the plateau after the month of May except at Sawmill Springs. In lower Water canyon there are reliable springs that form beautiful cascades.