

# BRYCE PIONEER VILLAGE

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- Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m.

Free Continental Breakfast:

7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Phone: 435-679-8546

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- Showdowns Restaurant:

5:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

Phone: 435-679-8854

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- Pool and Hot Tub Hours:

8:30 a.m.– 9:30 p.m.

Additional Towels: 435-679-8546

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# Bryce Pioneer Village History

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Welcome to Bryce Pioneer Village! We are so glad you have decided to spend time with us while visiting Bryce Canyon National Park. Bryce Pioneer Village started in 1984 when Reed and Mary LeFevre decided to open up a fast food restaurant in Tropic. The restaurant was known locally as the “The Drive In” and was known for burgers, picadilly chips, and soft serve ice cream cones. Later, in 1990, Reed and Mary converted the dining area of the restaurant into a motel front office and two rooms in the back of the restaurant into Tropic’s first motel units. And thus the motel began.

In 1988, the LeFevre’s purchased 10 cabins from Bryce Canyon National Park and moved them down to their current location in Tropic. The cabins were expanded and remodeled to include enough room for queen sized beds and a bathroom. Around this same time the LeFevre’s started feeding bus tours authentic Dutch Oven cooking in the bottom of the creek bed. All of the food was served from cast iron pots and cooked over an open flame. The employees for the motel and cook out consisted of Mary and Reed and their six children: Laurie, Sandy, Mark, Sheila, Travis, and Jason, the kids’ spouses, and Grandma Davis. Labor was cheap and it took everyone working together to get the business off and running.

As the years progressed additions were made. Three modular motel units were purchased from a site in Delta and remodeled and the Dutch Oven cookout grew so popular that eventually we built a roof over the eating area, then added tent walls, then had to build real walls, and eventually had to expand the whole eating area to its current size to accommodate all of the hungry people that showed up to eat.

In 2016 the LeFevre's added a pool, the first one in Tropic! We currently have 58 rooms, 12 RV sites and many camp sites and continue to be a family run business. Even though Reed is getting a "little long in the tooth" as he describes himself, you can still see him mowing most of the lawns around the 13 acres. Mary still hemms and sews any new curtains and you'll find many grandkids running around the property working in whatever department they are needed.

Reed and Mary's second to youngest son, Travis, has taken over most of the day-to-day operations of the motel. A few of the other kids have moved off to the bigger cities of Utah to make a living, but chances are during your stay you'll run into more than a few LeFevre's! The LeFevre Family hopes you enjoy your stay with us and will come back again for another visit.



# SHOWDOWNS

## RESTAURANT

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
(435-679-8854)

Bryce Pioneer Village offers Showdowns Restaurant onsite and ready to help you relax after a long day of travel and hiking. Showdowns creates the LeFevre family's favorite dinner recipes and provides live entertainment every night of the week. Showdowns features the largest beer and wine menu in the county with everything from local favorites to the classics. No matter your taste Showdowns has something for everyone. Don't forget to roast a marshmallow around the campfire after dinner to finish off a great day in beautiful Bryce Canyon.

### SERVING

- Beer
- Wine
- Soups
- Salads
- Steaks
- Burgers
- Chicken
- Fish
- Sandwiches
- Wraps.

Kids Menu Available



Live Country Music: 6:30—9:30

# Bryce Canyon National Park Information

Park is Open 24-7

## Bryce Canyon Visitor Center

Location 4.5 miles south of the intersection of Hwy. 12 & Hwy. 63 OR 1.5 miles inside Bryce Canyon National Park's northern boundary. Short informational Video shown on the 1/2 hour and on the hour. Short Geology talks (usually held at Sunset Point) are held in the Visitor Center Museum during bad weather.

- **Sunday** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Monday** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Tuesday** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Wednesday** 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- **Thursday** 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
- **Friday** 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.
- **Saturday** 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

## Entrance Fees:

### **Per Private Vehicle Fee - \$35.00**

The entrance fee to Bryce Canyon National Park per private vehicle. Admission is for seven days and includes unlimited use of the Shuttle during its operating season.

### **By foot, Bicycle, Groups & CUA's Fee - \$20.00**

The fee for an individual entering by foot, bicycle, non-commercial group, or clients entering on a Commercial Use Authorization. Admission is for seven days and includes unlimited use of the Shuttle during its operating season.

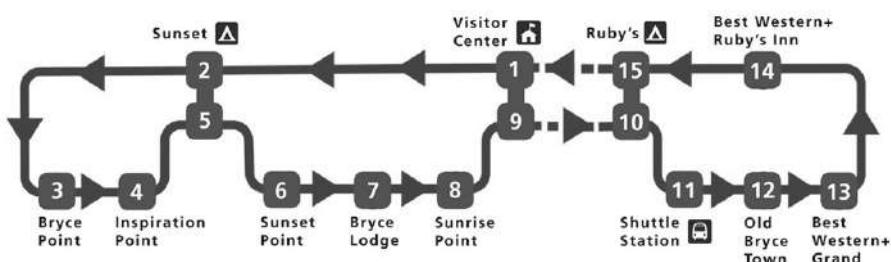
### **Motorcycle Entrance Fee - \$30.00**

Motorcycle entrance fee is per motorcycle. Admission is for seven days and includes unlimited use of the Shuttle during its operating season

## National Park Shuttle

With the exception of vehicles measuring 20 feet/6 meters or longer, which are restricted from the Bryce Amphitheater during shuttle hours, riding the shuttle is not mandatory. The shuttle brings visitors to areas of interest, viewpoints, and trail-heads within the Bryce Amphitheater area of the park.

April 12—May 7	8:00 a.m.—6:00p.m.
May 8—September 27	8:00 a.m.—8:00p.m.
September 28—October 21	8:00 a.m.—6:00p.m.



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## Private Tours:

### **Bryce Canyon Scenic Tours**

brycecanyonscenictours@gmail.com

(435) 690-9181

13500 East Highway 12, Bryce Canyon, UT 84764

## Easy Day Hikes

**Rim Trail:** (11 mi / 17.7 km round trip) & **Sunset Point to Sunrise Point Trail** (1 mi / 1.6 km round trip) Observe the amphitheater and its hoodoos along the rim and if planned right, visit all four main viewpoints. Sunset Point to Sunrise Point Rim Trail is paved and fairly level.

**Bristlecone Loop:** (1.0 mi / 1.6 km round trip) Hike through spruce-fir forests to cliffs with bristlecone pines and expansive vistas.

**Queens Garden:** (1.8 mi / 2.9 km round trip) This is the least difficult trail into the canyon. Using your imagination you may even see Queen Victoria at the end of a short spur trail.

## Moderate Day Hikes

**Navajo Trail:** (1.3 mi / 2.2 km round trip) The Navajo Loop begins at Sunset Point and goes down into Bryce Amphitheater through a "slot" canyon where large Douglas Fir trees are stretching to reach sunlight high above.

**Tower Bridge:** (3 mi / 4.8 km round trip) See Bristlecone pines and the China Wall. A shady 1/4-mile spur trail leads to the Tower Bridge.

**Hat Shop:** (4 mi / 6.4 km round trip) Descend to the Under-the-Rim Trail to see a cluster of balanced-rock hoodoos.

**Swamp Canyon:** (4.3 mi / 7.2 km round trip) Descend into one of the lesser-known areas of Bryce Canyon

## Strenuous Day Hikes

**Fairyland Loop:** (8 mi/12.9 km round trip) See the China Wall, Tower Bridge and tall hoodoos on this less-crowded trail.

**Peek-A-Boo Loop:** (5.5 mi/8.8 km round trip) Steep but spectacular hike through the heart of Bryce Amphitheater. See the Wall of Windows. (This trail is shared by the trail ride concession).

**Riggs Spring Loop:** (8.5 miles/14.2 km round trip) High elevation hike leaving from Rainbow point down through varied forests of Spruce, Fir and Bristlecone.

# Willis Creek

Distance: 15 Miles One Way

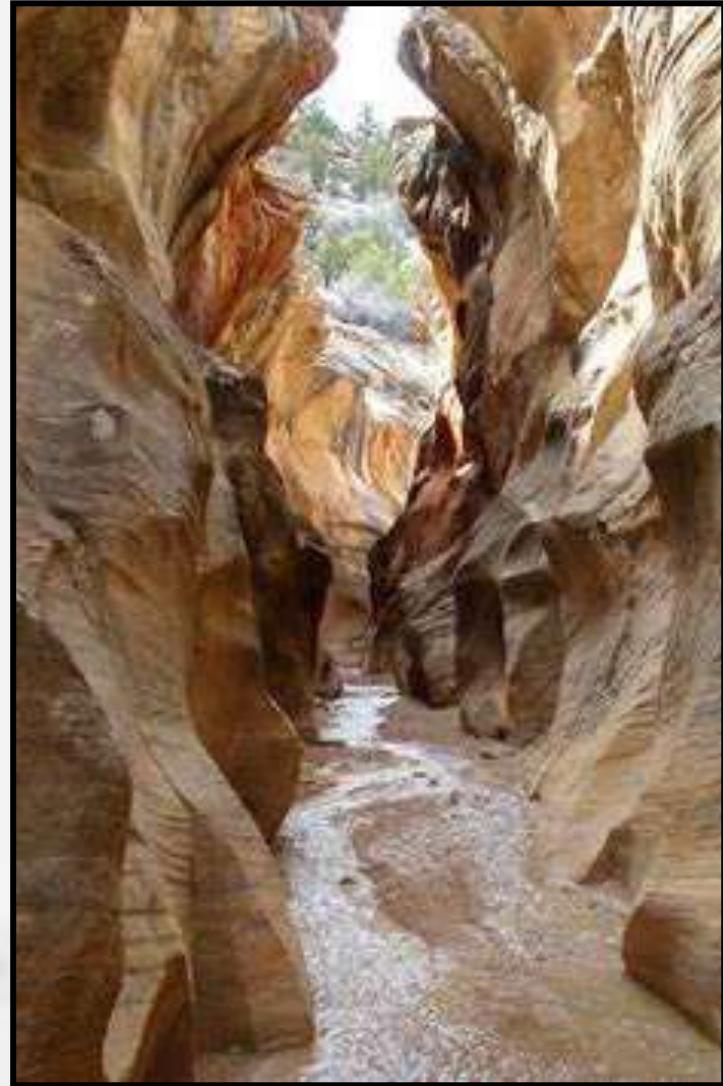
Drive Time: 30 Minutes

## What you'll see:

Willis Creek is a beautiful and amazing slot canyon. Traversing the small stream you will travel in and out of the wind carved rock and marvel at the colorful striations and curves. The hike is an easy one and can be as long or as short as you choose since you enter and exit at the same point. Whenever you feel like you have enjoyed enough, just return the way you came. If you travel far enough you can actually see where early pioneers wrote their names in axle grease on the rock walls and Native American petroglyphs. No matter how long you choose to hike the canyons, you will not regret the excursion.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 East towards Escalante for 5 miles then turn right onto Kodachrome Drive and follow the signs toward Kodachrome State Park. Continue for 5 miles until you see signs for BLM 500/Skutumpah Road. Continue down BLM 500 for 5.8 miles; the road is sandy and can be rough so expect a slow drive with amazing views. Look for signs for the Willis Creek Trailhead.



**Difficulty:** The initial drop down into the water is moderate, but after that the path is flat along the river bed.

**Hike Time:** Approximately 3 hours or all day!

**Caution:** The BLM 500 is not paved so plan on driving slowly and if it has rained recently it is not recommended without 4wheel drive. You will be in water the entire hike so plan accordingly with footwear. If it has rained or there is a chance of rain, beware, slot canyons are extremely dangerous during rain storms.

# Calf Creek Falls

**Distance: 58 Miles One Way**

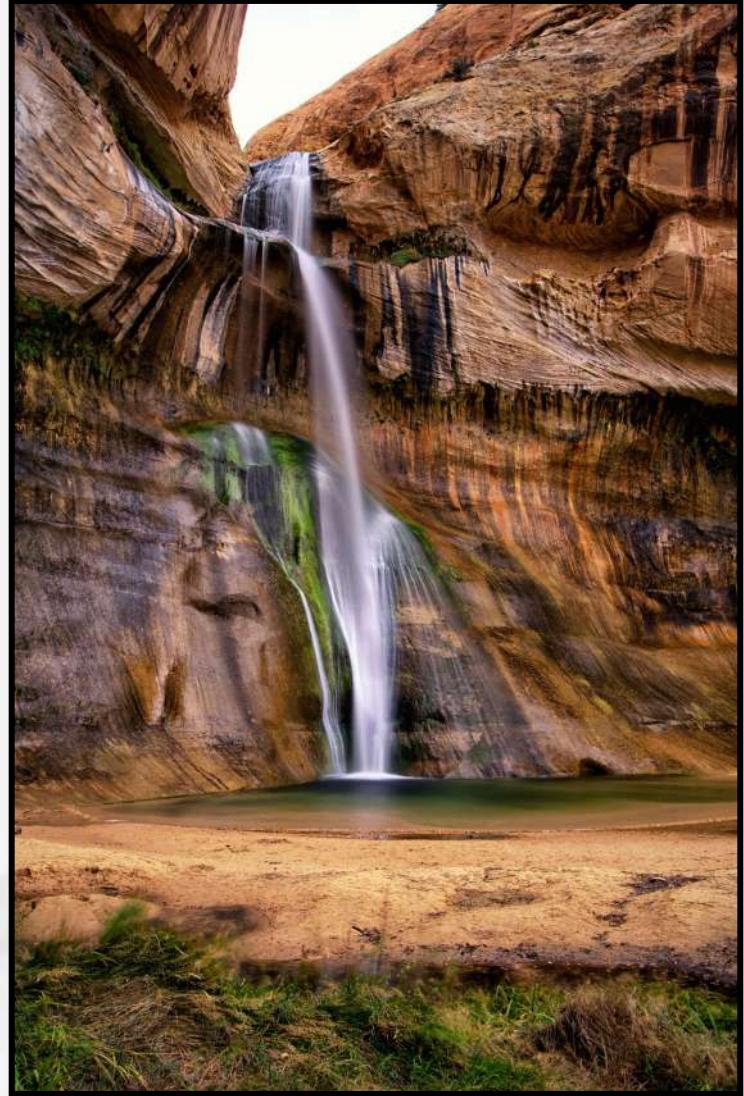
**Drive Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes**

## What you'll see:

The lower falls are 130 feet high, with a deep swimming hole underneath them. The entire creek is surrounded by greenery, but particularly underneath the spray of the waterfall. The lower falls are the most famous out of the two waterfalls on Calf Creek, and attracts many visitors every year.

The entire hike has numerous markers along the trail with information about the plants and history. Pay attention to the markers along the way as it will point out Native American food storage caves and petroglyphs .

This hike and view are one of the most amazing in southern Utah. The 50 mile drive to arrive there along the Escalante River is an experience in and of itself. If you find yourself with an extra day in the Bryce Canyon area or you can squeeze an extra day in, this is the trip to take.



**Difficulty:** Moderate, the hike is not very steep, but the soil is very sandy which can be challenging to walk in.

**Hike Time:** Approximately 4 hours.

**How to get there:** From Bryce Pinee Village take Highway 12 East towards Escalante and Boulder. It is approximately 50 miles to the Calf Creek Falls campground and parking area.

# Grosvenor's Arch

**Distance: 24 Miles One Way**

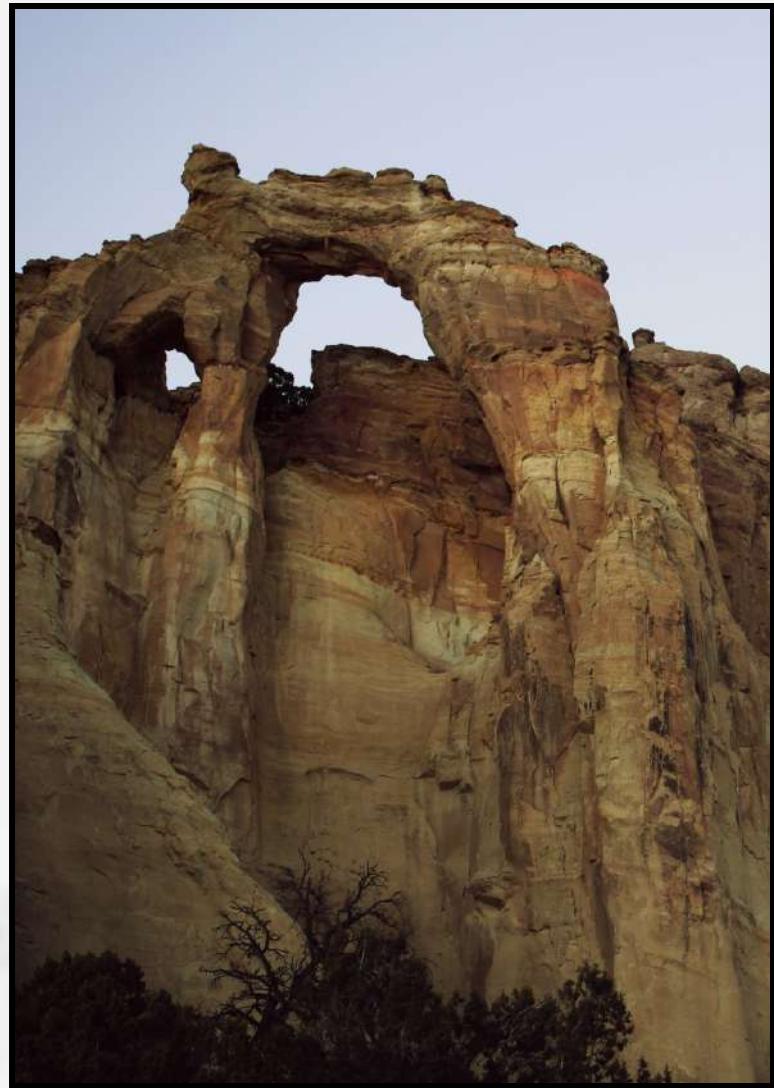
**Drive Time: 1 Hour**

## What you'll see:

Grosvenor Arch is actually two sandstone arches towering 150ft/45m above the ground located in the north western corner of the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument. The largest arch is nearly 100ft/30m in diameter. You can walk right up under the arches and look up into the sky.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 East towards Cannonville for 5 miles. Turn onto Kodachrome Drive in Cannonville for approximately 9 miles. This is a paved road to the Kodachrome State Park turnoff. Continue on Cottonwood Canyon Road, a graded dirt road, for another 10 miles. Look for the sign to Grosvenor Arch and turn left. Cottonwood Canyon Road continues through the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument.



**Difficulty:** Easy, to get to the arch requires a short walk, on a concrete sidewalk, from the parking lot. There are pit toilet restrooms available.

**Hike Time:** 5 minute hike and stay as long as you like!

**Caution:** The Cottonwood Canyon Road is an unimproved road. It may be impassable when wet. Before embarking on this trip, we suggest stopping at the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument visitor's center located in Cannonville along Kodachrome Drive.

# Red Canyon

Distance: 15 Miles One Way

Drive Time: 15 Minutes

## What you'll see:

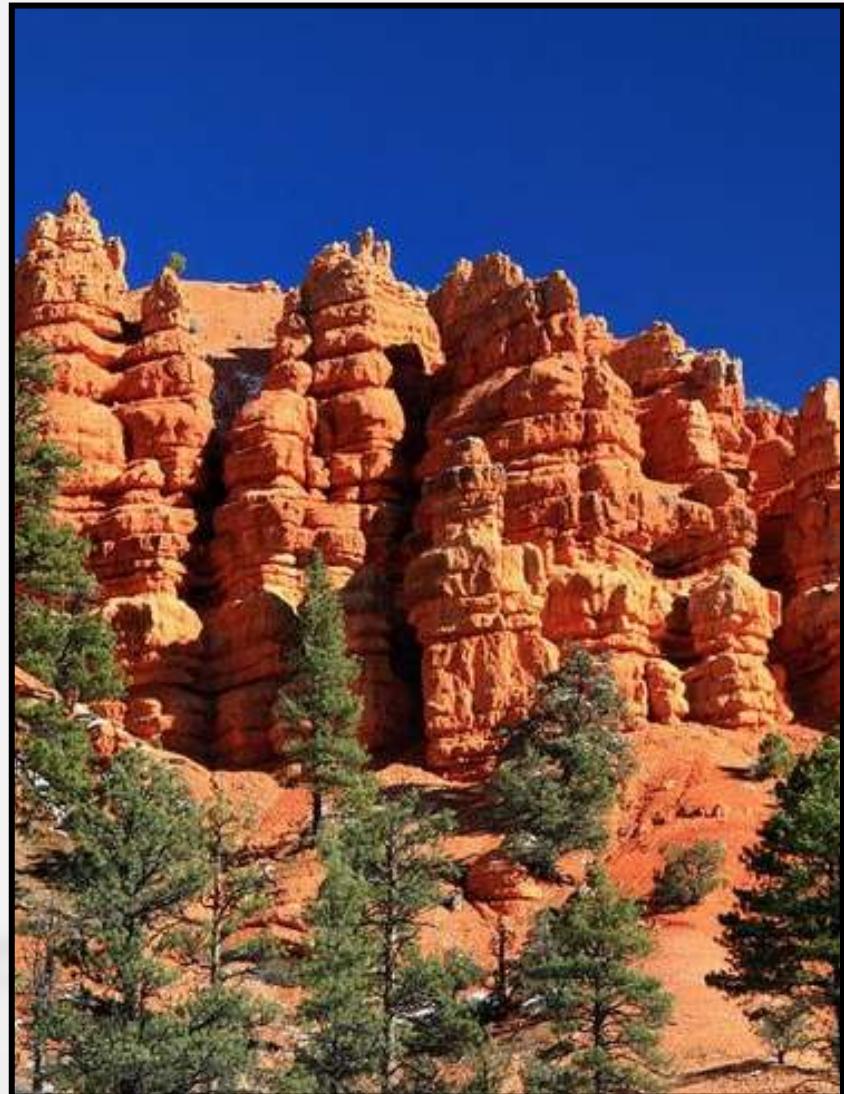
Located along Scenic Byway 12, Red Canyon offers the beautiful red rocks southern Utah is known for. Along the road you will drive through two tunnels; both of the tunnels are fantastic photo opportunities. Red Canyon offers a bike trail that will take you from the mouth of Red Canyon to the plateau on top along with numerous hiking tours. Plan on taking plenty of pictures of the Ponderosa Pines peaking through the vibrant red rocks.

## How to get there:

: From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 West towards Panguitch for 15 miles. Highway 12 runs through Red Canyon.

## Visitor Center:

A visitor center lies at the mouth of Red Canyon to provide information on trails. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**Difficulty:** Easy to moderate depending on the hike you choose or you can stop along the road to take photos.

**Hike Estimate:** Hikes in Red Canyon vary from 1 to 3 miles.

**Caution:** Red Canyon is susceptible to mudslides that may run across the road or make trails slippery. Use caution when planning for a hike with rain predicted in the forecast.

# Mossy Cave

**Distance: 4 Miles One Way**

**Drive Time: 7 Minutes**

## What you'll see:

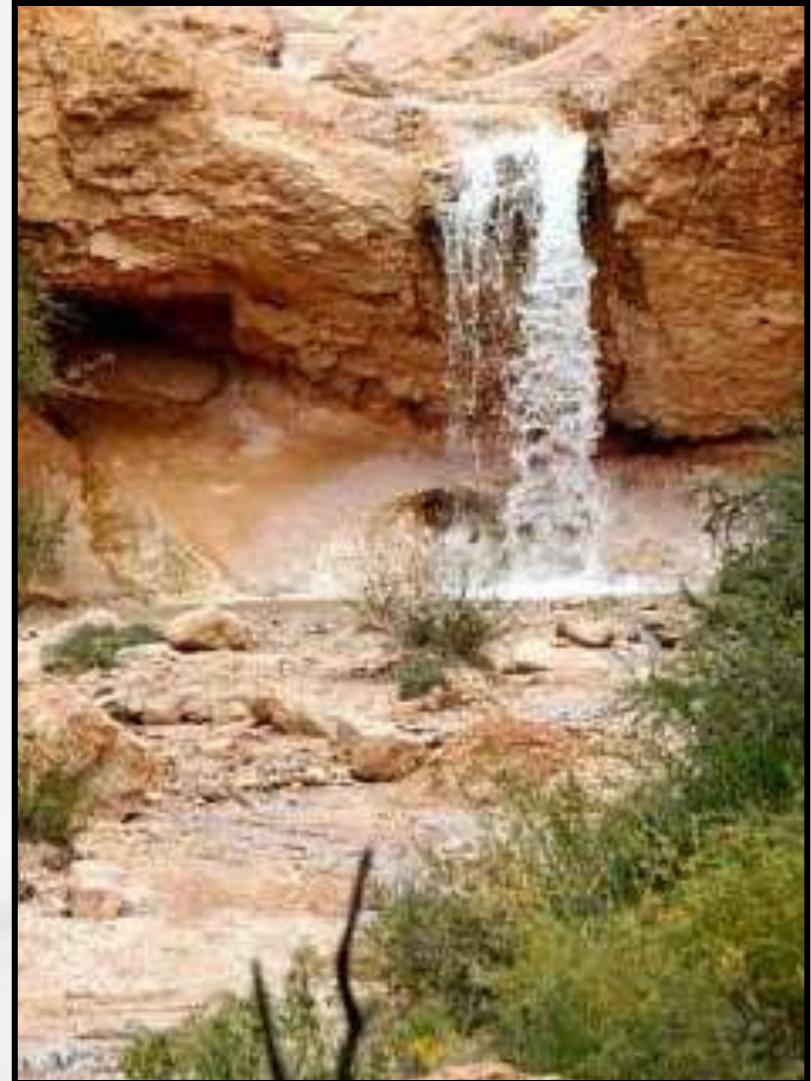
Although Mossy Cave is part of Bryce Canyon National Park, it is not accessed by the main park entrance. The "Mossy Cave" can be mossy or covered in icicles depending on the time of year and recent temperatures. Another fascinating feature of Mossy Cave is the waterfall that runs through the canyon creating a beautiful scene.

Mossy Cave is in the northern section of the park, located on Highway 12, approximately 4 miles north of Tropic. The Mossy Cave itself is at the end of a short trail. Here too you can see hoodoos and windows without having to hike a steep trail.

At first, this canyon known as Water Canyon, might look like any ordinary Bryce Canyon kind of canyon. It's not. From 1890-1892 Mormon pioneers labored with picks and shovels to carve an irrigation ditch from the East Fork of the Sevier River, through the Paunsaugunt Plateau, into this canyon.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 West towards Panguitch for 4 miles. Look for a small parking area on the left-hand side of the road, just before crossing a little bridge.



**Difficulty:** Easy, the trail to Mossy Cave is .9 miles round trip, but there are other trails that lead you to the waterfall and other beautiful rock formations.

**Hike Time:** Approximately 2 hours.

# Tropic Reservoir

Distance: 13 Miles One Way

Drive Time: 45 Minutes

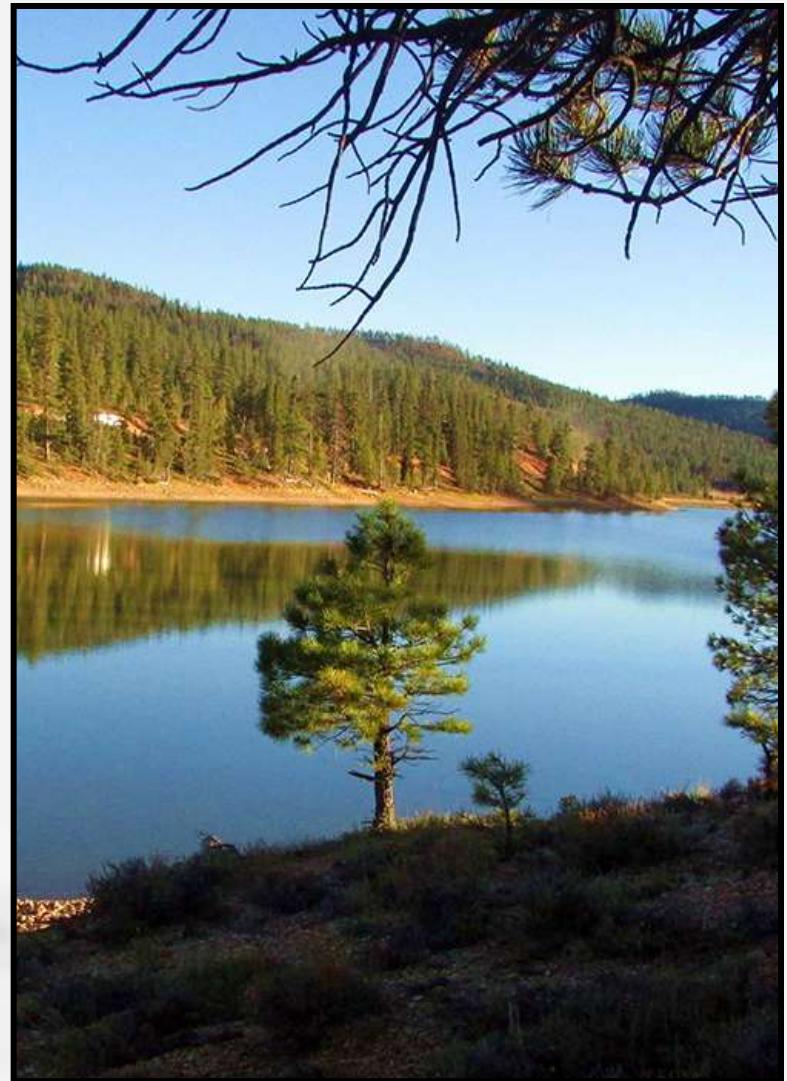
## What you'll see:

Tropic Reservoir is a beautiful lake set in a ponderosa pine forest atop the Paunsaugunt Plateau. It can be readily fished from shore or small boats. There is a boat ramp for launching motorized boats plus the lake is becoming more and more popular for canoeing, kayaking and paddle boarding. Maximum water depth is 29 ft and average depth is 10 ft. There are many ATV trails around Tropic Reservoir and there is an ATV rental located on Highway 12 just before the turn off to Tropic Reservoir with self-guided tours. There is also an improved campground with flushing toilets and potable water, but there are no gas stations or food establishments around Tropic Reservoir.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 West towards Panguitch for 10 miles then turn left onto FS-087. Continue for 8 miles on FS-087; Tropic Reservoir will be on the right side of the road.

**Caution:** The road, FS-087, that leads to Tropic Reservoir is a dirt road. After rain storms the road can become rough so drive slowly.



**Difficulty:** : Hiking down to the water can be a bit of a challenge as the shoreline tends to be rocky. If you struggle hiking, park by the boat ramp and walk down the cement ramp.

# Pine Lake

**Distance: 22 Miles One Way**

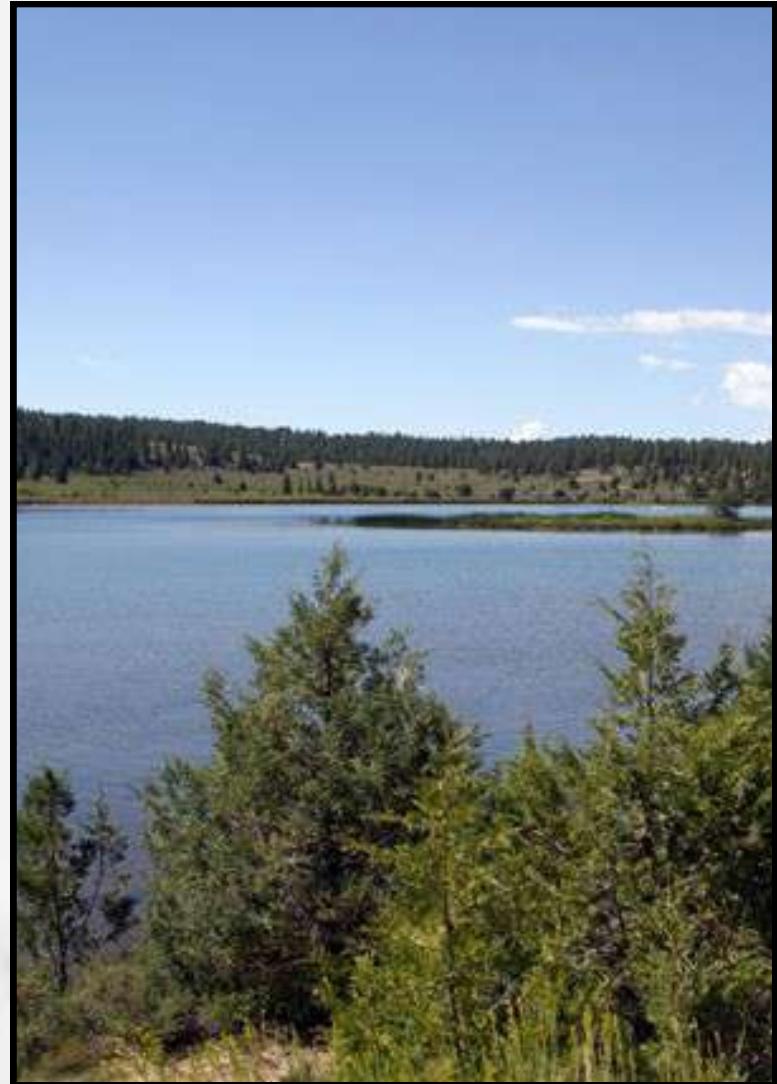
**Estimated Drive Time: 45 Minutes**

## What you'll see:

Pine Lake is located high on the Colorado Plateau at an elevation of 8,100 feet. Visitors enjoy canoeing, fishing and exploring local hiking and off-road vehicle trails. Pine Lake is situated at the foot of beautifully forested peaks banded with red and white layers of sandstone. Pine Lake is an exquisite location to enjoy nature and tranquility. For those wanting more adventure, continue on the road past the Pine Lake turn off and head up the mountain to Powell Point. This spectacular point, named after the famous explorer John Wesley Powell, allows for views for hundreds of miles.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 West towards Panguitch for 7 miles. Turn left at the junction of Highway 63 and CR 1660, following the signs towards Antimony. Drive for 10 miles until you see the signs for Pine Lake on the right side of the road. Turn right and follow the gravel road for 5 more miles until you see the sign on the right for Pine Lake.



**Difficulty:** Easy, you will drive the entire way to Pine Lake. Once there, you can hike, fish, or just relax. If venturing further up the mountain to Powell Point, be sure you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle.

**Estimated Time:** People stay here for an average of 2 hours

**Caution:** The last 5 miles to Pine Lake is gravel. Drive slowly .

# Dark Ranger Telescope Tours

**Distance: 11 Miles One Way**

**Drive Time: 15 Minutes**

## What you'll see:

Enjoy the world-class night sky of Bryce Canyon. Through BIG telescopes you will see the Universe as only the dark skies of this area can provide. The Dark Rangers have the largest collection of telescopes in the 4-corners region (Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado). This company also has a combined total of nearly a century of experience working with every kind of optical telescope imaginable. The company is locally family owned and operated.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 West towards Panguitch for 10 miles. Turn left at the junction of FS-0087, look for the brown signs to Tropic Reservoir. About 1 mile down the road on the left will be signs for Dark Ranger Telescope Tours

## Reservations:

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!**  
Book in advance by calling  
(435)-590-9498 or on the web at  
[www.darkrangertelescopetours.com](http://www.darkrangertelescopetours.com)



**Difficulty:** Easy, you will drive the entire way, but temperatures in southern Utah at night can be quite cold, even if the day was hot, so dress warmly.

**Hike Time:** Approximately 3 hours.

**Caution:** The last 1 miles Dark Ranger Telescope Tours is on a gravel road. Drive slowly.

# Escalante Petrified Forest State Park

**Distance: 38 Miles One Way**

**Drive Time: 1 Hour**

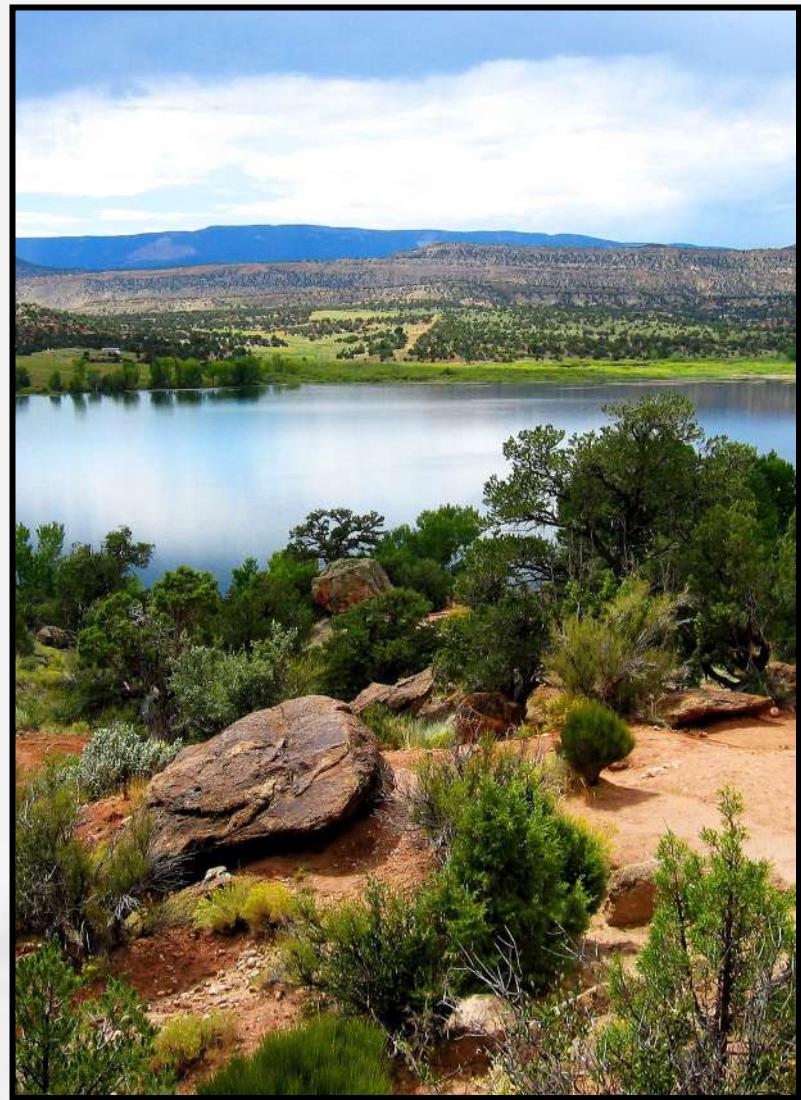
## What you'll see:

Located along the shores of Wide Hollow Reservoir, Escalante Petrified Forest allows for plenty of recreation and sightseeing. Rent a canoe, kayak, or paddle board on the lake's clear waters. Hike along park nature trails through a petrified forest, but remember to take only photographs. Some say the petrified wood is haunted and removing a piece brings the taker nothing but bad luck.

A visitor center was built in 1991, and features petrified wood, petrified dinosaur bones, ammonite, and shell fossils.

Visitors will enjoy several trails, which wind throughout the park. The Petrified Forest Trail is a one-mile loop, winding through lava flows and thousands of pieces of petrified wood. The Sleeping Rainbows trail is an optional .75 mile loop off the Petrified Forest Trail. This section is much steeper and requires scrambling and climbing over rocks.

**How to get there:** From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 East towards Escalante for 38 miles. Watch for the brown signs indicating the turn off to the Petrified Forest. The road will be on your left.



**Difficulty:** Easy unless you choose to take the Sleeping Rainbows trail.

**Hike Time:** The basic hike is a one mile loop.

# Kodachrome Basin State Park

Distance: 13 Miles One Way

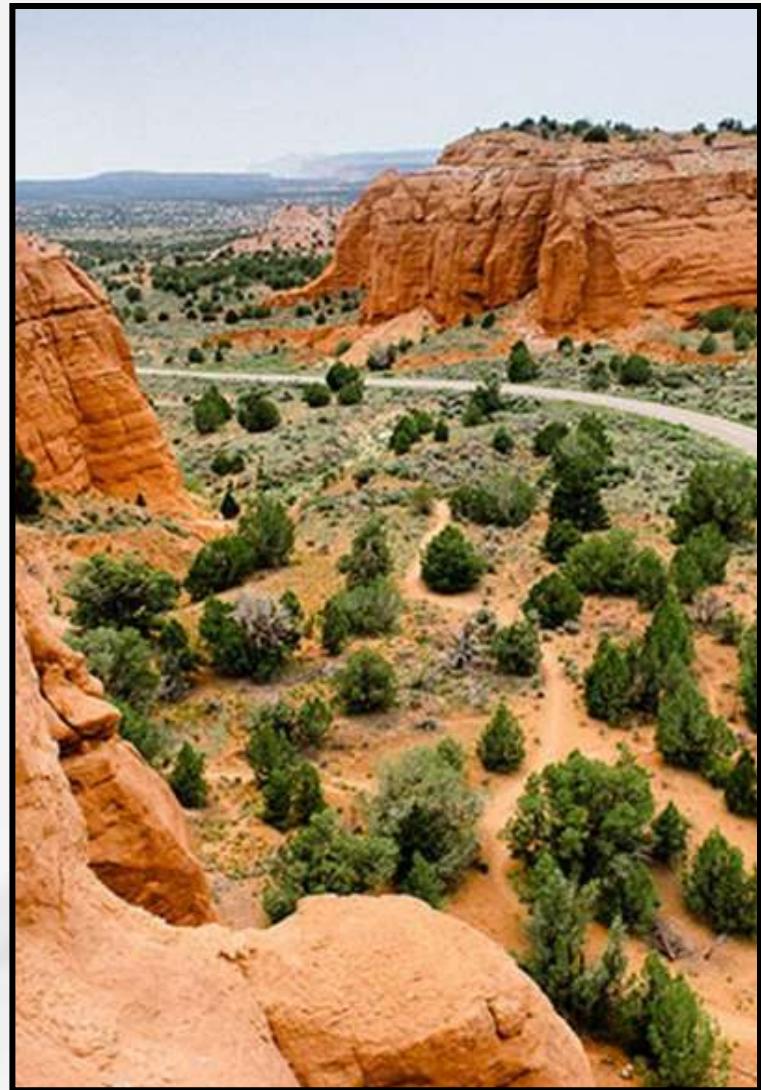
Drive Time: 20 Minutes

## What you'll see:

Kodachrome Basin State Park consists of 67 monolithic stone spires, called sedimentary pipes, accentuate multihued sandstone layers that reveal 180 million years of geologic time. The color and beauty found here prompted a National Geographic Society expedition to name the area Kodachrome, after the popular color film, in 1948. The rock here is a breath taking shade of red and against the beautiful sunsets of a southern Utah summer, the view can't be beat.

## How to get there:

From Bryce Pioneer Village take Highway 12 East towards Cannonville for 5 miles. Turn onto Kodachrome Drive in Cannonville for approximately 8 miles. This is a paved road to the Kodachrome State Park entrance.



**Difficulty:** Easy, there are many well-marked hiking trails in Kodachrome.



**Hike Time:** Approximately 2 hours up to all day depending on how much you want to hike.