



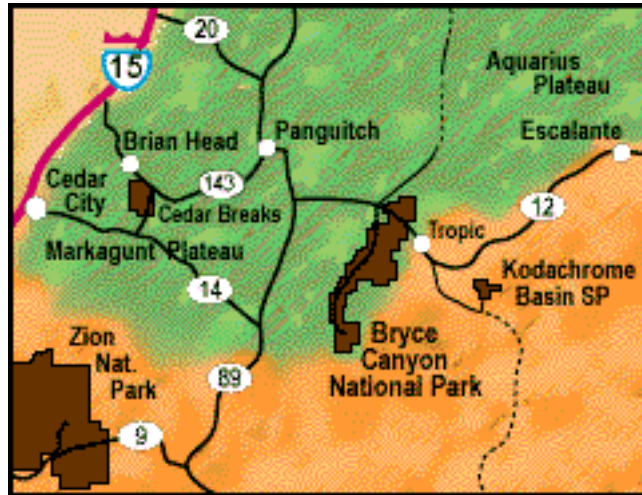
Travel and Recreation Guide

Guide to Bryce Canyon National Park

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Introduction

Bryce Canyon National Park contains a spectacularly beautiful series of "amphitheaters" filled with colorful, eroded rock forms. It can not be adequately described in words and is only somewhat better represented with photos. It's a place where you can spend hours at any number of overlooks staring in wonder. You will undoubtedly find after a visit that you've taken many more pictures than you had thought in an attempt to capture its brilliance. A trip through southwest Utah must include a stop at Bryce Canyon.



Bryce has an easy scenic drive to great lookouts and a number of hiking trails down into the amphitheaters and among the "hoodoos" -- the name given the eroded rock pinnacles and spires that fill the park. Horseback trips are also available. In winter, cross-country skiers can enjoy the park on several ungroomed trails.

Bryce is located off Hwy. 12, about 14 miles east of Hwy. 89 in south central Utah. The nearest substantial town is Panguitch about 23 miles northwest.

Main Scenic Drive / Hiking Trails



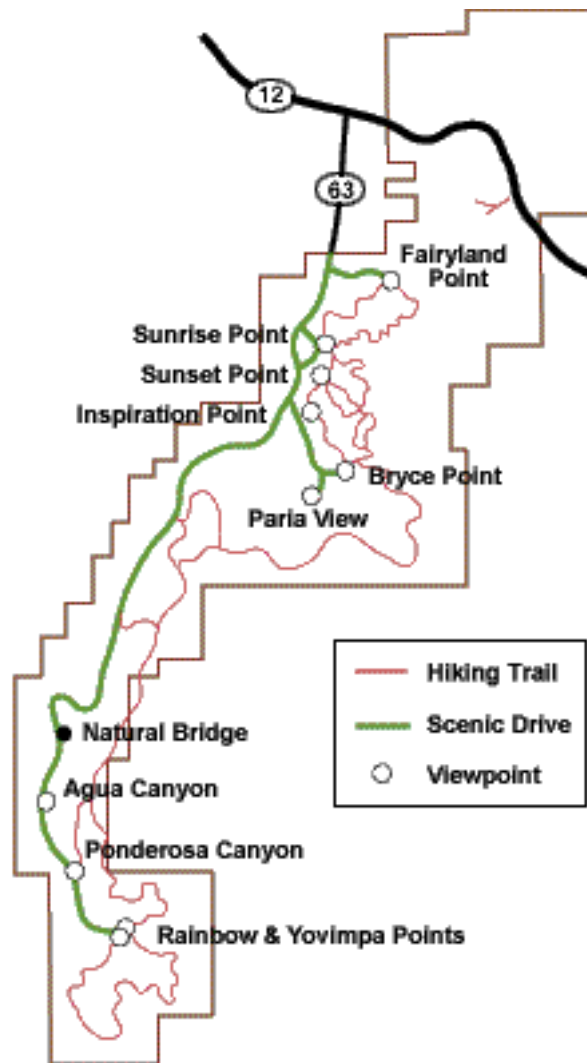
OVERLOOKS & SCENIC DRIVE

Bryce Canyon is not really a canyon, but rather a series of amphitheaters carved by erosion from the edge of the Pausaugunt Plateau. The park's main scenic drive runs atop the plateau connecting various lookouts over the amphitheaters. Hiking trails run along the rim and down into the amphitheaters.

The park is relatively small, stretching just 18 miles north to south and 6 miles across at its widest point. You can experience it adequately in a day, though longer stays will be rewarded. While Bryce Canyon is beautiful anytime of the day, it is most spectacularly colorful near sunrise and sunset. Special effort should be made to be at the rim for either (or both).

The best views in the park are from Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. They form a semi-circle around the Bryce Amphitheater, which is the largest and most spectacular in the park. Nearby Fairyland Point offers a view almost as good over the adjacent Fairyland Amphitheater. The easy Rim Trail runs along the edge of the plateau and connects each of these lookouts.

Beyond Bryce Point to the south are numerous lookouts over other amphitheaters in the park. Each affords a little different view of the wonderful geology and distant landscapes. Each are worthwhile though none are as dramatic as the views over the main Bryce Amphitheater. Of these Paria View, Aqua Canyon, Ponderosa Canyon, and Rainbow and Yovimpa Points provide the best views. Also worth a stop is Natural Bridge, which is really a large arch. You can (kind of) look through it to the scenery below.



HIKING

There are numerous hiking trails within Bryce running more than 50 miles. You should try to take at least one down into an amphitheater to get a different perspective on Bryce's beauty. (You'll find them well marked on the official park map handed out at the entrance to the park.)

	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elev. Change</u>	<u>Time</u>
Rim Trail	Easy	5.5 mi. oneway	540 ft.	2-1/2 hrs.

The Rim Trail runs along the edge of the plateau above Fairyland and Bryce amphitheaters. It connects Fairyland Point, Sunrise Point, Sunset Point, Inspiration Point and Bryce Point. It is 5-1/2 miles long in total but can be picked up at any of the lookouts and traveled just as long you want. It is paved between Sunrise and Sunset Points and provides wonderful views all along. Think about strolling it early in the morning or just before sunset.

Fairyland Loop Trail

Moderate

8 mi. loop

950 ft.

4 hrs.

The Fairyland Loop Trail descends 900 feet from Fairyland Point, meanders through the hoodoos of Fairyland Amphitheater and climbs back out at Sunrise Point. It is made a loop by hiking 2.5 miles back along the Rim Trail (a segment you can omit by taking the park shuttle back to Fairyland Point). This trail tends to be less crowded than trails in Bryce Amphitheater (i.e. Queens Garden, Navajo Loop and Peekaboo, described below).

As the map to the right shows, the next three trails -- Queens Garden, Navajo Loop and Peekaboo Loop -- are interconnected within Bryce Amphitheater, giving you the ability to combine trails in several different ways. One of the most popular is to combine a descent on the steep Navajo Loop Trail with an ascent up the easier Queens Garden Trail, and then return along the Rim Trail to create a 3-1/2 mile loop.



Queens Garden Trail

Moderate 1.5 mi. roundtrip 320 ft. 1-1/2 hrs.

The popular Queens Garden Trail descends from Sunrise Point through fabulous hoodoos into Bryce Amphitheater. It is the easiest trail down into the amphitheater.

Navajo Loop Trail

Moderate

1.5 mi. loop

520 ft.

1-1/2 hrs.

The Navajo Loop Trail begins at Sunset Point. Take the right fork just below the rim through a steep, narrow canyon to the even narrower Wall Street canyon, where tall pines grow among taller hoodoos. At the bottom of the trail is a short side trail to the Twin Bridges, a pair of thin natural bridges in a narrow canyon. The trail returns up sharp switchbacks to the same fork in the trail.

Peekaboo Loop Trail

Easy

3-1/2 mi. loop

240 ft.

2 hrs.

The Peekaboo Loop Trail winds about the bottom of the Bryce Amphitheater. It is full of ups and downs and interesting sights. It can be accessed from Bryce Point via the a connector trail from the Under-the-Rim Trail (making a 5-1/2 mile roundtrip), from Sunset Point via the Navajo Loop Trail (a 5-1/2 mile roundtrip) or from Sunrise Point via the Queens Garden Trail (a 7 mile roundtrip). You have to share the Peekaboo Trail with horses, so watch your step.

Under-the-Rim Trail

Moderate

22-1/2 mi. oneway

1,500 ft.

2-3 days

The Under-the-Rim Trail travels through numerous amphitheaters from Bryce Point to Rainbow Point with overnight backpacking opportunities. Four connecting trails from the main scenic drive allow you to break it into segments. Overnight camping is permitted along the trail at designated sites only. Permits may be obtained at the visitor center. (See Bryce-Camping for additional details.)

Riggs Spring Loop Moderate 8.7 mi. loop 1,650 ft. 4-1/2 hrs.

The Riggs Spring Loop Trail is a challenging 8-1/4 mile loop that descends from the pine forests of Rainbow Point past hoodoos into wooded canyons below. You'll encounter great panoramas south and pretty scenery all along. It can be tackled in a day with some effort or can be made into an easy overnighter. Overnight camping is permitted along the trail at designated sites only. Permits may be obtained at the visitor center. (See Bryce-Camping for additional details.)

Bristlecone Loop Easy 1 mi. loop 100 ft. 1/2 hr.

The Bristlecone Loop Trail is an easy walk along the rim starting at Rainbow Point. It offers numerous nice views and takes you past the extraordinarily hardy bristlecone pines, some of which have withstood the elements for over 1,700 years.

Winter Hiking

Snowshoes can be borrowed at no charge from the visitor center. Just leave a driver's license or credit card. Descents into the amphitheater are discouraged, but you can stomp along the Rim Trail.

Mountain Biking

Biking within Bryce Canyon itself is limited to the main scenic drive. The road is narrow and has no shoulders, so it can be a bit hazardous at busy times. The drive runs for about 20 miles (including all spurs). There are some better options in areas surrounding the park.



TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

You'll want to supplement the following brief descriptions with information from one of the bike outfitters or one of the publications listed after the descriptions.

<u>Skill/ Endurance</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elev. Change</u>	<u>Time</u>
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1 Powell Point Trail	Intermediate/ Strenuous	20 mi. out/back	2,400 ft.	1/2 day
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Powell Point Trail takes you through alpine scenery to the tip of the highest plateau in North America (10,188 feet). The Powell Point Trail follows a dirt road as it climbs steeply from Pine Lake Campground to the crest of the plateau and then along the crest towards the point. Near the point the road ends and a great but short singletrack trail takes you to Powell Point and its awesome views over southwest Utah. The first six miles of the route involve a steep 1,900 foot climb to the crest of the plateau. You can omit this portion by driving to the point where the road turns south towards Powell Point making this a moderate 8-mile trip.

2 Casto Canyon Trail

Alternative 1	Intermediate/ Intermediate	10 mi. out/back	900 feet	2-1/2 hrs.
Alternative 2	Intermediate/ Strenuous	20 mile loop	1,550 feet	4 hrs.

Casto Canyon Trail leads through pine forests and past the incredibly vivid and colorful rock formations of Red Canyon. (See Other Things to Do for a description of Red Canyon.) The very best riding is on a 5 mile single track segment along the floor of Casto Canyon. For Alternative 1, you turn around at the end of this segment for a 10 mile out and back. For Alternative 2, you continue on a dirt forest service road back to Hwy 12 for a 20 mile loop.

3 Skunk and Badger Trail	Intermediate/ Intermediate	18 mile loop	1,400 feet	3-1/2 hrs.
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Skunk and Badger Trail begins in a valley along Tropic Reservoir and climbs gradually along Badger Creek to the colorful Sunset Cliffs and their multi-colored rock. At the summit close to the cliff's edge (about Mile 9), you'll want to walk a bit to take in the great views. The return is a nice gradual descent through aspen and pine along Skunk Creek. The entire route is along dirt forest service roads.

4 Pink Cliffs	Easy/ Intermediate	15 mi. loop	1,500 ft.	3 hrs.
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You'll follow forest service roads up to great panoramas of southern Utah and views of eroded cliffs similar to Bryce Canyon. On the return you'll cruise through deep forests.

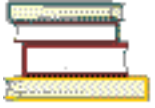


Bikes can be rented from the following outfitters in the area.

Best Western Ruby's Inn
Mountain Bike Heaven

Hwy 63 at Bryce; Box 1
25 E. Center St.; Box 592

800-528-1234
435-676-2880



HELPFUL PUBLICATIONS

To supplement the foregoing information, see [Bryce-Publications](#) online for a list of books and maps covering activities and other things near Bryce Canyon.

Other Recreation



HORSEBACK RIDING

Guided horseback rides are available into Bryce Canyon (and nearby areas) from as short as an hour up to a half day. Rides in the park follow the Peekaboo Loop Trail in Bryce Amphitheater. For more information contact:

Best Western Ruby's Inn
Black Mountain Outfitters
Bryce-Zion Trail Rides
Red Canyon Trail Rides
Rockin 'r Ranch
Scenic Rim Trail Rides

Hwy 63 at Bryce; Box 1
2200 N. River Ln.; Box 169
280 W. Bryce Way; Box 128
Box 43
775 N. Main St.
Box 58

800-528-1234
435-676-2664
435-679-8665
800-892-7923
800-767-4386
800-679-5859



FISHING

There is some good fishing to be had in a few streams and small lakes in the Bryce Canyon area. The East Fork of the Sevier River runs past Bryce to the west and into Tropic Reservoir, a popular fishing hole. Further west on the Markagunt Plateau are a few larger lakes. To the east are opportunities in the Escalante Mountains and in the Grand Staircase National Monument.

The following outfitter(s) lead guided trips in the area and are great sources of information:



J.F. Parker Flyfishing

Box 32 - Cannonville

435-679-8664

"Southern Utah, Boulder Mountain, and Bryce Canyon Area Flyfishing Specialists!"



CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Scenic cross-country skiing is available along the drive to Fairyland Point and on the Rim Trail that runs along the edge of the amphitheaters. Both are ungroomed. Best Western Ruby's Inn also maintains over 30 miles of trails (18 miles of which are groomed) in nearby areas. They rent skis, give lessons and lead tours.

Best Western Ruby's Inn

Hwy 63 at Bryce; Box 1

800-528-1234

Snowshoes can be borrowed for free from the Bryce Canyon visitor center. Just leave a driver's license or credit card. (Snowshoes can also be rented from Ruby's Inn.) Descents into the amphitheater are discouraged, but you can hike the Rim Trail.

Other Things to Do



RED CANYON

Red Canyon features some vibrant, bright red rock forms strikingly set amid a forest of deep green pines. You'll get a pretty good look from Hwy 12 about 11 miles west of the turn-off for Bryce. You can also take a short hike or two in the area for some better views.

	<u>Difficulty</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Elev. Change</u>	<u>Time</u>
Pink Ledges Trail	Easy	1/2 mi. loop	100 ft.	1/2 hr.

Pink Ledges Trail starts at the visitor center and loops through interesting erosional forms of Red Canyon.

Tunnel Trail	Easy	1.5 mi. out/back	300 ft.	45 mins.
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Tunnel Trail begins at a pull off along Hwy. 12 just west of the pair of tunnels that Hwy 12 goes through. The trail crosses a streambed and climbs to some nice views.

Buckhorn Trail	Easy	2 mi. out/back	_____ ft.	1 hr.
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Buckhorn Trail climbs through heavy pine forests for some good views of Red Canyon from the other side of the highway. The trailhead is near site #23 in the Red Canyon Campground.

For more information, stop at the visitor center located between Mileposts 3 and 4 on Hwy. 12, or contact the Powell Ranger District, Panguitch, UT 84759; 435-676-8815.



POWELL POINT

At 10,188 feet, Powell Point offers superb panoramic views of much of southern Utah. It's a bit difficult to reach, however, and thus remains relatively unknown. You'll need a high clearance vehicle to get within .6 miles of the peak. A hiking trail there leads through wonderful limber and bristlecone pine to the peak. Without a high clearance vehicle, you'll need to hike about 4.3 miles to the top.



SCENIC FLIGHTS

The following operators offer small plane flyovers of Bryce. Trips can be combined with flyovers of Zion National Park, the Grand Canyon and Lake Powell.

Aladdin Air Service	450 N. Airport Rd.; Box 2	800-914-3215
Bryce Airlines/Helicopters	Box 41	800-979-5050
Cedar City Air Service	2281 W. Kittyhawk Dr.	435-586-3881
Scenic Airlines	St. George Airport	435-628-0481

Scenic helicopter tours over Bryce are available from:

Bryce Airlines/Helicopters	Box 41	800-979-5050
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Scenic Drives

The main scenic drive through Bryce Canyon is, of course, the premiere drive in the area. It is described in the Main Drive & Hiking section. There are also a few other routes worth considering.

Hwy. 12 Scenic Byway

Hwy. 12 runs from Hwy. 89 south of Panguitch east for 122 miles to Torrey, just west of Capitol Reef National Park. It passes through pretty Red Canyon just west of Bryce and then through some impressive red rock scenery east of the park to Escalante. Some 30 miles past Escalante Hwy. 12 climbs north along the edge of the heavily forested Boulder Mountains providing some nice views east over Capitol Reef and the Henry Mountains.

The entire route is paved and opened year round. Plan on spending about 3-1/2 hours with some stops.

East Fork of the Sevier River

This graded gravel road runs along the Sevier River for 30 miles through a pretty, broad valley west of Bryce. It passes through stands of ponderosa pine and includes some nice views. At mile 7 is pretty Tropic Reservoir. Plan on spending 1-1/2 to 2 hours to go out and back. The route is not advised when wet.

Cottonwood Canyon Road

Cottonwood Canyon Road travels for 46 miles through rugged and remote areas of the Colorado plateau from Cannonville to near Lake Powell. The route passes the interesting eroded rock forms of Kodachrome Basin State Park and runs through wonderfully colored Cottonwood Canyon. At about mile 20 is large Grosvenor Arch.

The entire route is graded dirt and can become dusty and washboarded. It is impassable when wet. Plan on spending a couple hours.

Lodging

Presented below is information on lodging in Bryce Canyon and on highways outside the park's boundaries. On additional pages are your lodging options in these nearby towns:

- Panguitch
- Hatch
- Tropic/Cannonville
- Duck Creek Village



LODGING IN THE PARK

The Bryce Canyon Lodge provides the only lodging within the park. It consists of an attractive rustic lodge with 4 upstairs suites, 40 rustic pine cabins with gas fireplaces, and two motel style buildings with 70 rooms that have balconies or porches. The lodge is open from Apr. 1 to Oct. 31 and reservations *well in advance* are advised. The lodge is run by Amfac Parks and Resorts. 14001 E. Hliff Ave., Suite 600, Aurora, CO 80014; 303-297-2757; fax: 303-237-3175.



LODGING NEAR THE PARK

Along Hwy. 63 and Hwy. 12 (Mailing address includes Bryce Canyon, UT 84717)

Best Western Ruby's Inn	Hwy 63 at Bryce	800-528-1234	369 rooms	\$\$\$
Bryce Canyon Hostel	Jct. of Hwys. 12 & 63	435-834-5351	9 rooms	\$
Bryce Canyon Pines Motel	Hwy. 12	800-892-7923	51 rooms	\$\$
Bryce Canyon's Western Twn.	Jct. Hwys. 89 & 12	435-676-8770	56 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$
Bryce Junction Inn	Jct. Hwys. 12 & 63	800-437-4361	32 rooms	
Foster's Motel	Hwy. 12 (4 mi. west)	435-834-5227	39 rooms	\$\$
Pink Cliffs Village	Jct. Hwys. 12 & 63	800-834-0043	53 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$

Panguitch is the most significant town in the Bryce Canyon area. It is located on Hwy. 89, 23 miles northwest of Bryce. It has numerous motels, several cafes and restaurants, a few grocery stores/mini marts and a bank. (Zip Code: 84759)

Hotels, motels and bed & breakfasts in Panguitch are listed below.

Adobe Sands Motel	390 N. Main St.	800-497-9261	33 rooms	\$25-59
Angel's Home Inn	Box 826	888-590-1695	2 rooms	
Best Western New Western	180 E. Center St.	800-528-1234	55 rooms	
Blue Pine Motel	130 N. Main St.	800-299-6115	21 rooms	\$\$-\$\$
Bryce Canyon Int'l Hostel	190 N. Main St.	435-676-2300		\$\$
Bryce Way Motel	429 N. Main	800-225-6534	26 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$

Cameron Motel	78 W. Center St.	800-537-9212	17 rooms	\$\$
Canyon Lodge	210 N. Main	800-440-8292	10 rooms	\$\$
Color Country Motel	526 N. Main St.	800-225-6518	26 rooms	\$\$
Deer Trail Lodge	Clear Creek Canyon Rd.	435-676-2211	9 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$
Hiatt Lamp Lighter Inn	581 N. Main St.	800-322-6966	13 rooms	\$39-69
Horizon Motel	730 N. Main St.	800-776-2651	16 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$
L&L Bed & Breakfast	1026 N. 700 West	435-676-2228	3 rooms	
Mae Mae's Bed & Breakfast	501 E. Center St.	800-550-2388	3 rooms	\$\$
Marianna Inn Motel	699 N. Main St.	800-331-7407	24 rooms	\$\$
Nelson Motel	308 Main Street	435-676-8441	13 rooms	\$\$
Outdoorsman Inn	413 N. Main St.	435-676-2782	2 rooms	
Panguitch Inn Motel	50 N. Main St.	800-331-7404	24 rooms	\$\$
Purple Sage Motel	104 East Center St.	800-241-6889	13 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$
Rocking Horse Inn	2762 North Hwy 89	435-676-2287	6 rooms	\$
Sportsman's Paradise Cabins	Hwy 89	435-676-8348		
Todd's Travel Center	445 E. Center St.	435-676-8863		
William Prince Inn	185 S. 300 East	888-676-2525	5 rooms	

Tropic is a small town on Hwy 12 some 8 miles east of Bryce Canyon. (Zip Code: 84776)

Bryce Country Cabins	320 Hwy. 12; Box 141	435-679-8643	7 rooms	
Bryce Pioneer Village	80 South Hwy. 12	800-222-0381	18 cabins	
Bryce Point	61 N. 400 West; Box 96	435-679-8629	5 rooms	
Bryce Valley Inn	200 North Hwy. 12; Box A	800-442-1890	65 rooms	
Canyon Livery	660 W. 50 South; Box 24	888-889-8910	5 rooms	
Cowboy Dreams	80 S. 100 East; Box 57	435-679-8734	2 rooms	
Doug's Place Country Inn	141 North Hwy 12; Box 157	800-99D-OUGS	28 rooms	
Fox's Bryce Trails	1001 W. Bryce Way; Box 87	435-679-8700	5 rooms	
Francisco's Farm B&B	51 Francisco Ln.; Box 3	800-642-4136	3 rooms	
Stepping Stone Inn	21 South Hwy 12; Box 112	435-679-8796	4 rooms	
Under the Rim Inn	21 North Hwy 12; Box 100	435-679-8502	6 rooms	

Cannonville is an even smaller town on Hwy 12 some 13 miles east of Bryce. (Zip Code: 84718)

Fletcher's Canyon Country	95 N. Redrock Dr.	435-679-8570	2 rooms	
Galloping Tortoise	250 North Hwy 12	435-679-8664	2 rooms	\$45-95
Grand Staircase Inn	105 N. Kodachrome Dr.	800-679-8401	26 rooms	

Hatch is a small town on Hwy. 89. It is about 24 miles west of Bryce Canyon towards Zion National Park. Accomodations in Hatch are listed below.

Bryce Zion Midway Resort	244 South Hwy. 89	435-735-4199	4 rooms	\$\$-
Calico House B&B	98 Main Street; Box 552	800-313-9780	3 rooms	\$\$
Galaxy Motel & Restaurant	216 N. Main St.; Box 576	435-735-4327	9 rooms	\$\$-
Mt. Ridge Motel & RV Park	106 S. Main St.; Box 454	800-870-4258	7 rooms	\$\$
New Bryce Motel	227 N. Main St.; Box 458	435-735-4265		\$\$
Riverside Motel	594 ___ Hwy 89; Box 521	800-824-5651	13 rooms	\$\$-\$\$\$
Sunset Cliffs Motel	177 S. Main St.; Box 578	800-662-5152	18 rooms	\$
Wild Bill's Bryce Inn	227 N. Main St.	435-735-4265	20 rooms	

Duck Creek Village is a a small town along Hwy 14 on the Markagunt Plateau. It is 45 miles southwest of Bryce Canyon towards Zion National Park. (Zip Code: 84762)



Pinewoods Resort

"Endowed with the primitive beauty and solitude of the inner forest"

121 Duck Creek Ridge

800-848-2525

11 units

\$60-85

Duck Creek Village Inn

Hwy. 14

435-682-2568

\$\$

Falcon's Nest

60 Movie Ranch Rd.

435-682-2556

\$\$

Meadeau View Lodge

Movie Ranch Rd.

800-332-0568

The Inn at Cedar Mountain

116 Color Country Rd

800-897-4995

\$\$\$

Pricing Code: \$ = under \$50; \$\$ = \$50-75; \$\$\$ = \$75-125

Camping



CAMPING IN THE PARK

North Campground (107 sites) and Sunset Campground (111 sites) are attractively set among tall pines along the park's main scenic drive. Both have flush toilets and cold running water and are available on a first-come first serve basis only for \$10 a night. They generally fill up nightly from May to September so arrive early for a chance at a spot. Both are near a general store that has shower and laundry facilities. A sanitary dump station adjacent to the North Campground is usable by RV's from either campground, though it is inoperable in winter. North Campground has a heated bathroom and is open all year.

Camping is also available to backpackers at eleven designated sites along the Under-the-Rim Trail and Riggs Spring Trail. Each site is simply a cleared area for tents. Parties of six or fewer may camp at any of the sites; parties of 7 to 10 may camp only at the Yellow River and Riggs Spring sites. Permits are required and may be obtained for \$5 at the visitor center (no later than 2 hours before sunset).



PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS

On Highways near the Park

Bryce Canyon Pines

Hwy. 12; Box 43

800-892-7923

24 sites

Bryce Village Resort

Jct. Hwys. 12 & 22

435-834-5351

26 sites

Double W Campground

85 South Hwy. 89

435-577-2557

30 sites

Pink Cliffs Village Campground

Jct. Hwys. 12 & 63

435-834-5303

28 sites

Red Canyons RV Park

Hwy 12 E. of Hwy 89

435-676-2690

40 sites

Ruby's Inn Campground
Town and Country RV Park

Hwy. 63 at Bryce
Hwy. 63

435-834-5301
435-834-5341

200 sites
127 sites

In Panguitch (23 miles northwest)

Big Fish KOA
Hitch-N-Post Campground
Sportman's Paradise RV Park

555 S. Main St.
420 N. Main St.
2153 North Hwy. 89

800-562-1625
800-282-9633
435-676-8348

75 sites
76 sites
60 sites

Mt. Ridge Motel & RV Park
Riverside Motel & Campground

106 S. Main St.
594 ___ Hwy 89

800-870-4258
800-824-5651

18 sites
125 sites

In Antimony (30 miles north)

Otter Creek Marina & Campgrd.

10 mi. E on Hwy 22

435-624-3292

24 sites



PUBLIC CAMPGROUNDS

U.S. Forest Service Campgrounds near Bryce

- King Creek Campground sits in a well wooded area next to Tropic Reservoir, 15 miles from the entrance to Bryce. 36 sites; modern restrooms w//flush toilets; drinking water; elev. 8,000'; open Jun.-Sept.; first-come, first serve; \$8.
- Red Canyon Campground is located on Hwy. 12 about 11 miles west of Bryce Canyon. It sits attractively in a tall pine forest across the highway from brilliant Red Canyon. 36 well spaced sites; modern restrooms w//showers; drinking water; elev. 7,400'; open Apr.-Oct.; first-come, first serve; \$9.
- Pine Lake Campground is located next to Pine Lake in a remote, heavily timbered area 20 miles northeast of Bryce. 30 sites; vault toilets; drinking water; elev. 7,700'; open Jun.-Sept.; first-come, first serve; \$_____.

Kodachrome Basin State Park Campground

- Kodachrome Basin State Park has a campground that is pleasantly situated among interesting rock formations about 25 miles southeast of Bryce. 24 well spaced sites; modern restrooms with showers; drinking water; disposal station; elev. 5,800'; open year-round; reservations accepted: 800-322-3770; \$12.
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Dining

Dining in the Park

Bryce Canyon Lodge is the only dining choice in the park (though there is a small grocery mart that sells some prepared foods). The lodge is situated among tall pines along the edge of the Bryce Amphitheater between Sunrise and Sunset Points. Bryce Canyon, UT, 435-834-5361. Reservations required.

Dining near the Park

Presented below are your dining options along the highways and in small towns near Bryce Canyon.

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Transportation



GETTING THERE

By Car or RV

Bryce is located off Hwy 12, about 14 miles east of Hwy 89 in south central Utah. The nearest substantial town is Panguitch about 23 miles northwest. The maps at the back will help you get oriented.

By Plane

Air Nevada Airlines (800-634-6377) offers flights from Las Vegas to Bryce Canyon airport as long as at least four people are flying. Bryce Air Service (435-834-5208) at the airport rents cars and vans by the day or half day and also provides a shuttle service to the park. Once at the park you can get around by shuttle or tour van. Cedar City is the nearest town with regular air service. See Cedar City-Practicalities for details.

By Tour Motorcoach

If you want to leave the transportation to someone else, numerous outfitters will oblige. Motorcoach and van tours of Bryce Canyon are available from the following outfitters. Trips can often be combined with trips to Zion National Park and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon as well as other destinations in southern Utah.

American National Park Tours	Box 808 - St. George	888-652-9960
Bryce Canyon Scenic Tours	Hwy. 63 - Bryce Canyon	800-432-5383
Executours of SLC	2554 W. Sharron Dr. - Salt Lake	801-898-8564
Gray Line Motor Tours	553 W. 100 South - Salt Lake	800-309-2352
One If By Land	St. George	800-572-3849
R & R Tours	135 N. 900 East - St. George	800-765-7710
SacosTours/Her Majesty's Van		888-410-8687
Utah Trails Resort & Tours	Box 125 - Kanab	888-874-8687

Weather



WHEN TO GO/CLIMATE

At an elevation of 6,000 to 9,000 feet, Bryce enjoys relatively mild summers. July is the warmest month, but it is still chilly at night. With the pleasant weather comes lots of visitors. About 75% of Bryce's yearly visitors come in June, July and August. You should make reservations for motels and be prepared to share the scenery with others.

In fall the crowds thin but the weather remains pleasant, making it the ideal time to experience Bryce. In winter, the park is mostly deserted, though the brightly colored rock formations frosted with thick snow is a sight to see on a crisp clear day. Spring is chancy. Rain and snow are unpredictable and temperatures are often below freezing well into May. Average daily highs and lows are set forth below.

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
High	39	41	44	53	63	74	80	77	71	60	44	39
Low	11	12	17	23	30	38	46	44	36	27	17	12

Practicalities



PARK DETAILS

There is a \$10 entrance fee per vehicle for a seven day pass. There is no charge for those with a National Park Pass. The visitor center is open daily from 8 to 8 during the summer, 8 to 6 in spring and fall and 8 to 4:30 in winter. It is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. The park itself never closes.



USEFUL ADDRESSES & PHONE #'S

Bryce Canyon National Park	Bryce Canyon; Box 1	435-834-5322
Bryce Canyon Lodge		435-834-5361
Color Country Travel Region	Box 1550 - St. George	800-233-8824
Garfield County Travel Council	55 S. Main St. - Panguitch	435-676-8826
Powell Ranger Dist. - Dixie Nat. For.	225 E. Center; Box 80 - Panguitch	435-676-8815

Nearby Attractions

Presented below are summary descriptions of destinations near Bryce Canyon. Click on any name for complete information.

- Panguitch is a small ranching town in a valley between the Markagunt and Pausaugunt Plateaus. It serves primarily as a base for those visiting Bryce Canyon and/or exploring the Markagunt Plateau. It is 33 miles northwest of Bryce Canyon.
- Markagunt Plateau is a heavily forested highland of peaks, rolling hills and broad meadows. It contains two splendid scenic drives, a couple of large natural lakes, and good opportunities for hiking and mountain biking. Within it is Cedar Breaks National Monument and the resort town of Brian Head. The plateau's eastern edge is roughly 35 miles west of Bryce Canyon.
- Kodachrome Basin State Park is a small, attractive park surrounded by colorful cliffs. Its most distinctive feature is unique rock pillars that rise up to 170 feet above the ground. Several short hiking trails wind through the park. It is 20 miles southeast of Bryce Canyon.

- Escalante is a small, sleepy ranching town along scenic Highway 12. To the north is the alpine wilderness of the Aquarius Plateau, in all other directions lie miles and miles of rugged, pristine red rock desert. It is 48 miles east of Bryce Canyon.
- Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument is the nation's newest national monument. It encompasses a huge area of rugged desert and remote canyons. It has some interesting scenic drives and challenging hiking opportunities. It is southeast of Bryce Canyon.
- ★ Zion National Park is Utah's most popular park. The massive cliff walls of granite that tower above the canyon floor are truly inspiring. Great day hikes and good backpacking opportunities are numerous. Easy scenic drives take you to the best views. It is about 85 miles southwest of Bryce Canyon.

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