

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club
St George, Utah
April 9-11, 2019

St George, Utah is the fastest growing city in the United States and one of the most scenic with perhaps the most accessible hikes of any city with Snow Canyon State Park, Red Cliffs, and Zion National Park minutes away. The trip will include a wide cross-section of hikes at all levels of difficulty in a variety of locations. There are many things to see and do for non-hikers, as well, with everything from golf to viewing dinosaur tracks. April weather is usually mid 70s for highs to overnight lows in the 50s. St George is at the same elevation as SaddleBrooke so the weather is similar.

Dave Sorenson is the overall trip organizer and Rob Simms is in charge of maintaining the hiker database and overall communication.

Schedule

Monday, April 8: drive to St George

Tuesday – Thursday, April 9-11 hikes in the area.

Driving to St George

The distance is 525 miles from SaddleBrooke requiring approximately 8 hours driving time. The shortest route is the following:

I-10 to Phoenix

I-17 to the 303

The 303 to the 60, then 93, all the way to Las Vegas

I-15 Las Vegas to St George

Lodging

The Best Western Coral Hills will be home base. All hikes will leave from the motel parking lot. The Coral Hills is located at 125 E St George Blvd, St George, Utah. The boulevard is the dead center of St George and just off I-15. I negotiated a group rate of \$89/night exclusive of taxes, which is way under market. The motel has 93 rooms and has recently been renovated. It scored #7 out of 50 motels in St George on Trip Advisor.

Reservation Procedure for the Best Western Coral Hills

Participants should call the Lodge reservations at 435-673-4844, tell them you are with the SaddleBrooke Az Hiking Club and are reserving a group rate. Alternatively, you can click on the following link and this will allow you to book your reservation at the group rate. The group rate pertains only to April 8, 9, & 10. It increases for the 11th if you plan on staying that night.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.45023.html?groupId=E60YP4T2

It is recommended to call as soon as possible to reserve a room of your choice, king bed or two queens. We are currently holding a block of 30 rooms at the group rate, which we can increase if

needed, but we encourage booking as early as possible. There is no booking deposit, and cancellation without penalty is accepted up to 24 hours.

Once your reservation is made, email Rob Simms at spartan7375@gmail.com and provide him with your name(s), where you will be staying, email(s) and a cell contact number(s).

A master list will be kept to provide participants and guides contact information and a mail list will be generated for future updates.

Alternative Lodging and Camping

There are 50 motels in the area. If you choose a different motel make sure it's near St George Blvd. Three outstanding campgrounds are listed below.

QUAIL CREEK 1-800-322-3770 Mon-Fri 3 miles E of I-15 1-435-879-2378 www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks	23 Sites	\$15 \$12 second vehicle	OPEN ALL YEAR	Some of the warmest waters in the state for boating, fishing, swimming. Drinking water, restrooms, fish cleaning station, group pavilions, picnic areas. No RV hookups. Leashed pets. Boats: Summer - 7am-9pm. Winter hours vary.
SAND HOLLOW RESERVOIR 1-800-322-3770 4 miles E of I-15, 2 miles S on 4300 West 1-435-680-0715 www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks	48 RV Sites 30 Sand Sites 50 Primitive	\$28-Full hook up \$18-Showers, bathrms. \$15-No amen.	OPEN ALL YEAR	Swimming, boating, fishing, and OHV trails on Hurricane Sand Dunes. Reservations recommended. Boat ramp, dumpsters, showers, restrooms, dump station. Leashed pets. Boats 6am-10pm except during winter. Group sand sites available. (\$15 2nd vehicle)
SNOW CANYON 1-800-322-3770 1002 Snow Canyon Dr., Ivins 1-435-628-2255 www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks	29 Sites + 2 group sites	\$20 RV-Elec & water \$16 Tents-No amen.	OPEN ALL YEAR	Fabulous red rock setting with covered group pavilion, showers, disposal station. Water & electric hook-ups, drinking water, restrooms. Advanced reservations recommended. Leashed pets with restrictions - check with park ranger.

Hiking Venues

- April 9: Snow Canyon State Park and Red Cliffs
- April 10: Zion Park via Kolob Terrace Rd (mostly)
- April 11: Zion Park via Kolob entry (mostly)

A complete list of hikes and their guides will be published 3 months prior to the trip at which time hikers can sign up directly with the guides for the hikes they wish to take.

Pre-trip Potluck

A pre-trip potluck will be held at least a week before the trip. Guides will review their hikes and answer questions. Sign up sheets will be available for review and late changes accommodated.

Group dinner on the trip

We are planning a group dinner for the middle evening of April 10 at a local venue.

Miscellaneous

Zion Park (Golden Eagle pass required) has grown exceedingly busy so I have devised a schedule that avoids entry through the main tourist canyon. I have used lightly used roads that are paved to gain access to the park. Snow Canyon (fee required) advertises itself as a national park in any other state. Red Cliffs has undulating red rock formations like the famous "Wave".