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May 2010

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April 29-May 2, 2010 – First Run Movies. Wayne Theatre. Bicknell. Call for movie and time 435-425-3123.

April 30, 2010 – Book signing for the new “Capitol Reef National Park, Hiking and Touring Guide” 7:00 PM at Capitol Reef National Park Visitor Center. Light refreshments will be served. The book signing will take place on Saturday May 1, 2010 also, with a guided hike with the author at 1:00 pm.

May 1, 2010 – Annual Spring Social at the Historic Gifford House in Capitol Reef National Park. Featuring pioneer craft demonstrations, pies, ice-cream, bread, and specially priced Gifford House sales items. 8am-5pm 435-425-3791 extension 106

May 6 – 10, 2010 - First Run Movies. Wayne Theatre. Bicknell. Call for movie and time 435-425-3123.

May 13-17, 2010 - First Run Movies. Wayne Theatre. Bicknell. Call for movie and time 435-425-3123.

May 15, 2010 – Musical performance by the David Williams Band. Rim Rock Patio. Torrey 435-425-3389. Free admission.

May 20 – 24, 2010 – First Run Movies. Wayne Theatre. Bicknell. Call for movie and time 435-425-3123.

May 26, 2010 – Musical performance by David Gains. Rim Rock Patio. Torrey. 435-425-3389. Free admission.

May 27-31, 2010 – First Run Movies. Wayne Theatre. Bicknell. Call for movie and time 435-425-3389

May 29, 2010 – WCBA sponsored Wayne County Farmers Market “Kick – Off” celebration with music, balloons, and face-painting for the kids 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. Held at the Big Apple on Main Street in Torrey.

May 29, 2010 – Entrada Institute’s 9th Annual Cowboy Music & Poetry Gathering 4:30 pm-6:30 pm. Held outside at Robber’s Roost Bookstore. Gathering highlights include: Hal Cannon and Teresa Jordon, Music and Poetry by Ray Conrad, and crowd pleasers The Blue Sage Band. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. For more information and tickets call 435-275-5996 or visit www.entradainstitute.org

Upcoming Events in July

Torrey Big Apple Days – July 3, 2010 Breakfast, parade, swap meet, lunch, kid games, patriotic program, dance. For more information please call 435-691-1820

Capitol Reef Classic – July 16-17, 2010 A 2 day/3 stage high desert sanctioned stage race. www.capitolreefclassic.com or call 435-691-1696

15th annual Bicknell International Film Festival (BIFF) July 23 and 24
Swap meet and parties www.TheBiff.org

Upcoming Events in August

Watch for developing schedule for the Women’s Redrock Music Festival – August 6-7,2010
For information write info@redrockwomensfest.com

Wayne County Fair – August Exhibits, art show, quilts, rodeo, small fry rodeo, parade, dancing, cowboy poetry, chili cook-off and demolition derby.

All Times and Entertainment subject to change. Please call to confirm.

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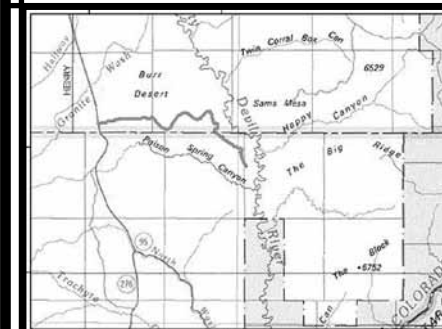
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Activities Calendar

Weather in May:

Average High 75° F

Average Low 47° F



Featured Scenic Drive – Burr Point Trail

The Burr Point at the end of this tour is one of the great overlooks in Utah. The Dirty Devil River Canyon is 1,400 feet deep here. It is a very remote and lonely place but easily accessible with your vehicle (RVs may have some difficulty). Head South from historic Hanksville on Utah 95 which is the Bicentennial Highway. At mile marker 15.5 make a left hand turn onto Burr Point Road. This is a maintained dirt road. Follow signs east 11 miles to a looped dead end. There are numerous spots to park and provides several places for a picnic lunch. Return the same way you came in from Utah 95. Please remember the roads may become impassable during inclement weather.



Featured Hike – South Caineville Mesa

This trail climbs to the top of Caineville Mesa on the south side of the Fremont River. It is an elevation gain of approximately 1200 feet! Parking is located off Highway 24 East of Caineville between mile post 100 and 101. Look for an old gate by the hill on the south side of Highway 24.

Walk through the gate to the west side of the gully. Walk south and ford the Fremont River to pick up the trail on the other side. Follow the track/trail into this canyon of south mesa. It will twist and turn to a narrow crack in the capstone which puts you on top. Once on top, hike to the south to reach The Steele Shepherders Cabin. There are great unobstructed views all around. Return the way you came up. This is a good spring or fall hike, very hot in the summer. Plan to get your feet wet fording the Fremont River.

Distance: 5 miles round-trip to the top of the Mesa.

Annual Spring Social at Historic Gifford House

On May 1, 2010, from 8 am – 5 pm, the Capitol Reef Natural History Association, a non-profit group supporting historical, cultural, scientific, and interpretive and educational activities at Capitol Reef, will hold their Annual Spring Social. The celebration will include a number of pioneer craft demonstrations, and specially priced Gifford House sales items. Tom Batty, a potter from Salt Lake City will be demonstrating making pottery. This is a hands on demonstration for all ages. All events will be free and open to the public.

As part of the park's historic district of Fruita, the Gifford House depicts the typical spartan nature of rural Utah farm homes of the early 1900's. The house was initially constructed by Calvin Pendleton in 1908. He and his family occupied it for eight years. The second residents of the home, the Jorgen Jorgenson family, lived there from 1916 until 1928. Jorgenson sold the homestead to his son-in-law, Dewey Gifford in 1928. The Gifford family resided there for 41 years. Dewey and his wife, Nell, were the last private residents to live in what is now a national park.

Mark your calendars now and watch for future announcements regarding what is sure be a fun and memorable time. For more information, call 425-3791 extension 106.

For Kids at Capitol Reef National Park

Visit the Ripple Rock Nature Center located a short walk or drive from the Visitor Center. It is open May 25, 2010 through September 6, 2010. Check Park bulletin boards for facility hours and scheduled activities.

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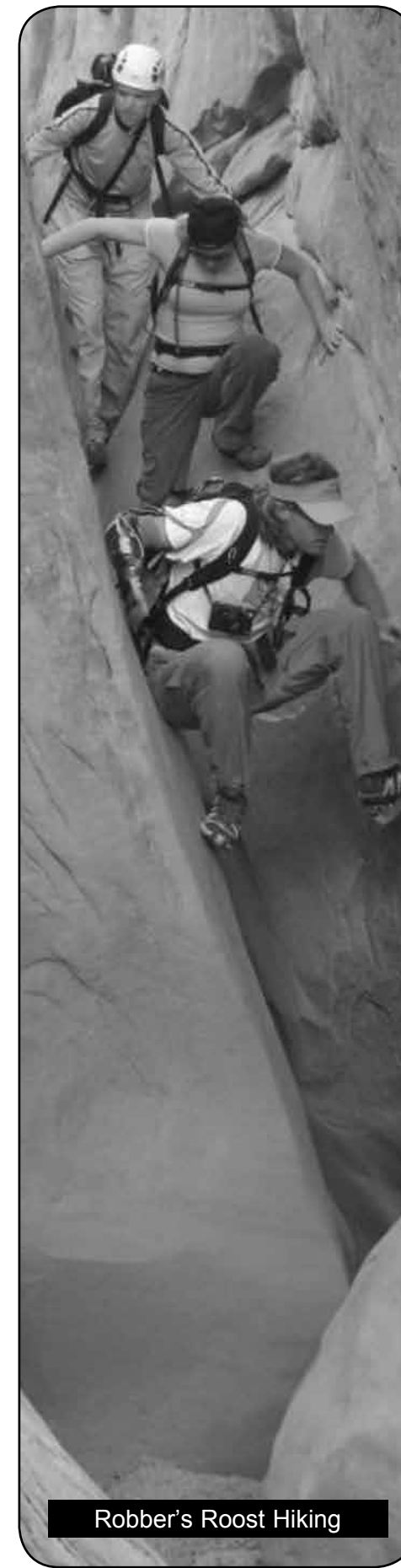
Local Church Services

First Baptist Community Church:
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 435-425-3272

Sunday: 10:00am – Sunday school
 1:00am – Worship
 Wed: 7:00pm – Bible Study

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Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints:
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Word Scramble

Here are some of the things you may see in Capitol Reef Country! Can you unscramble the words?

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Torrey Log School & Church

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints established this ward (similar to a parish or branch) in Torrey in 1898. On September 18, 1898, a meeting house for the ward was started. The one room log structure, twenty-one by thirty-seven feet in plan, was constructed, with the local settlers furnishing labor, cash or materials. Logs were cut and hauled, shingles supplied by a local mill, the doors and windows were donated. On the night the doors and windows were installed in the building, in order to celebrate the event, the people of Torrey and surrounding ranches spent the night dancing to violin and accordion music. According to local legend, "When dances were held in the log meeting house, it was necessary for the men to take turns in dancing. So when a man bought a ticket, he was given a number, and the floor manager would call, "Numbers one to ten fill the floor for a waltz," then later, "Ten to twenty fill the floor."

By November 1898, the building was completed and proceeds from the public dances then went to purchase the bell for the tower. The building was heated by a pot-bellied stove which apparently remained in use until a remodeling in 1947. The building began another life as a school in December 1898. Prior to state aid, the teachers were hired and paid by the parents. Students attended class for five months each year. When state revenue came to the school in 1910, the school year was extended to seven months. Early makeshift desks and chairs were slowly replaced by individual desks with inkwells. Slates were replaced by blackboards and paper.

As the town of Torrey grew, the log church/school house was no longer adequate. For decades, it was used for meetings of the Relief Society (the LDS women's organization), as an extra church classroom, for voting and for meetings of the local Daughters of Utah Pioneers.

The building as it now stands has been moved and renovated. It has been placed on the National Register as a historical building. The Torrey Log Church/School House is a unique structure. Few unaltered examples of log construction remain in Utah, perhaps none that were specifically built for the multiple religious/civic, educational functions as was this building. The continued use of this early, initial phase type meeting house is also uncommon. It remains a significant building, both locally, and in Utah. The Torrey Log School and Church is located at 89 East Main Street, Torrey, Utah.

Featured Bike Ride

Capitol Reef National Park Scenic Drive

The scenic road starting at the park visitor center leads you to Grand Wash, Capitol Gorge, and Pleasant Creek, the first 10 miles of this ride are paved, Grand Wash is dirt and gravel, the road is narrow with no shoulders, so ride with caution. You must return on the same road so the length of your ride depends on where you turn around. Vehicle traffic can be heavy during the summer months, creating dusty conditions. You might consider this as a morning or evening ride, or during the off-season. The main road has some moderately steep grades and there are some sandy areas on the spur roads going into the canyons.

Rating: easy
Skill Level: novice
Length: 1 to 25 miles
Surface: asphalt, dirt and gravel
Location: Capitol Reef National Park



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Capitol Reef National Park Activities

The summer season at Capitol Reef National Park will kick-off in late May with activities, presentations and extended visitor center hours.

The Visitor Center will be open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM daily beginning late May. The historic Gifford Farmhouse is open every day from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

A regular schedule of daily ranger-led interpretive services and programs will begin in late May and will continue throughout the summer. The historic Fruita schoolhouse will be open from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Geology talks will be offered in the visitor center at 10:50 AM and 1:50 PM. Ranger programs will be given at the petroglyph panel on Highway 24 at 3:00 PM. A ranger-guided walk will be available daily. Check at Visitor Center for schedule. Programs at the campground amphitheater will be held nightly. Times and topics will be posted at the Visitor Center and on campground bulletin boards. Special programs at the Gifford House and the Ripple Rock Nature Center are planned throughout the summer season.



Visitor Center



Craft Demonstration

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Capitol Reef Country Wildlife

Utah Prairie Dogs



The Utah Prairie Dog is fawn colored, sprinkled with black on the back and sides with white bellies and small ears. They can be seen spring to fall at higher elevations in Wayne County, on the Aquarius Plateau. As you hike or drive by, look for the obvious mounds around the burrow. Sit and wait quietly for five minutes and you may see him stick his head up! The Utah Prairie Dog is endangered and is protected by federal law.

Black Billed Magpie

The magpie is a common bird throughout Wayne County. It is recognized by its large size, long tail and black and white coloration. The magpie is loud, social and very smart. They have one partner and usually stay in one general area



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**Sonnet for Wayne County
 Ray Conrad**

New to Wayne County? Let me show you ways.
 To notice the alpine glory on every hand,
 To be ripe for the look of loose red desert sand,
 Or the high range where the antelope still plays.
 The cowboy and farmer moved here in the olden days.
 They settled in place of the ancient Indian bands.
 Motel, now, and second-home residence stands,
 But the forest and mountain and red-rock remain here always.
 The land is immense, but inhabitants tend to be few.
 Water is scarce, and the state laws on booze are a riddle.
 There's a string of small towns as you notice when you're passing through,
 And the one with the liquor store, well, that there's in the middle.
 I live in Grover. You missed it? Lots of folks do.
 But if you seen it, I was the old guy, playing the fiddle.

Poems by Ray Conrad can be found on his blog,
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