

# Walking Tours 2020

(Meet at Confluence park, south of Dixie Center, check in 8:45am, depart at 8:55 am M.S.T)

## **Monday, Oct. 5 – Pioneer Rim Trail (Moderate)**

Enjoy beautiful views of St. George as we hike around the north rim of Pioneer Park. Walk across the local favorite “Crack in the rock” by Dixie Rock. You can walk across the top of the narrows while people are hiking through the narrows below you. Flat portions of the trail with lots of scenic views. We will be walking up and down on sandstone and walking in some sand. A moderate hike due to the uneven terrain and sand – walking sticks suggested if you need them for balance.

- 2.2 miles roundtrip apx.
- Moderate
- 2 ½ hours apx.
- Uneven walking terrain and sandy portions of the trail.

## **Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Sandstone Quarry Historic Trail (Easy to Moderate)**

Enjoy a short fun trail next to St. George’s oldest golf course. See where they quarried sandstone rock for the many historic buildings in early St. George (Old Courthouse, Tabernacle, Temple, Cotton Mill and more). This short .6 mile round trip only takes about 45 min but allows you to see how the early pioneers quarried the rock.

- Less than a mile round trip (apx .6-.8)
- Easy to moderate walk (due to uneven terrain)
- Uneven terrain, up and down sandstone, some sand.
- 1 ½ hours apx.

## **Wednesday, Oct. 7 - Historic St. George Live City Walk (Easy)**

Visit with some of the old pioneers as you see the historical buildings in down town St. George. Meet Brigham Young, Jacob Hamlin and more! We will first travel to Santa Clara to take a brief tour of Jacob Hamlin’s home and then drive over to the St. George historical district. We will see the Tabernacle, Court house, Opera house, and Brigham Young’s winter home!

- 2 miles rt apx.
- Easy (some stairs in the historic sites)
- All Paved Walking
- 3 – 3 ½ hours apx.
- Places to sit in the buildings while we listen.

## **Friday, Oct. 9th – Pine Valley Reservoir and Historic Chapel**

Travel 45 min north of St. George to beautiful Pine Valley Mountain. Elevation apx 6,000 feet. Enjoy a leisurely walk around the Pine Valley reservoir and day use area and a stop by the historic Pine Valley chapel. Bring a jacket and your camera!

- 2 miles rt apx.
- Easy (some stairs in the chapel)
- 4 – 4 ½ hours apx.
- All paved walking

### **Monday, Oct. 12th – Owens' Loop (Moderate to Difficult)**

Be prepared to see some incredible views of St. George, Santa Clara, and Ivins! A hidden gem above the north-west edge of St. George. The single-track trail meanders along the cliff edge of the Red Hill. As you loop to the north you will look down on Dixie Red Hills Golf Course. A great hike to see scenic views of the area. (The loop itself is very short)

- 4 ½ miles apx. roundtrip.
- Moderate to difficult walk due to uneven terrain and climbing up and down a short crevasse
- 3 ½ hours apx.
- Walking along sandstone and at times very uneven terrain. You will have to climb up and down some sandstone slots.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 13th - Virgin River Trail - Old Bridge (Easy)**

Enjoy a leisure walk up a small portion of the Virgin River Trail system to see the remnants of the old bridge that was washed away. Trail follows north along the Virgin River from the Confluence trail head to the river road bridge. This is a down and back walk on a paved trail. If you would like more of a walk (apx 1 ½+) when we get to the bridge, on your own, you can continue the trail and do a loop ending back at the confluence. We are just doing the up and back. We will be walking from the check in station.

- 4 Miles rt
- Easy
- 2 hours apx.
- All Paved Walking

### **Wednesday, Oct. 14th - Historic St. George Live City Walk (Easy)**

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- 2 miles roundtrip apx.
- Easy (some stairs)
- All Paved Walking
- 3 – 3 ½ hours apx.
- Places to sit in the buildings while we listen.

### **Thursday, Oct. 15th – Johnson's Arch Snow Canyon (Easy to Moderate)**

This is a great hike on an easy trail that passes through a lava flow field, dry stream bed and ends in a canyon. There is a little spring off to the right as you enter the canyon. Look up and you will see Johnson's arch above spanning 200ft.

- 2 miles roundtrip apx.
- Easy to moderate hiking in sand and rock
- 2 – 2 ½ hours apx.
- Rocky trail with some sand.