

# Utah Bucket List

No endorsement intended.

**Farmer's Markets, Festivals, Fun Runs and Rodeos:** Most cities have farmer's markets, festivals and local city days which sometimes includes fun runs and rodeos. Check with the cities nearest you for more information.

**Utah's Mountains:** Since Utah has mountains there are a lot of hiking, biking, snowshoe and skiing opportunities. Check your local visitor's center for ideas and directions. There are many national parks, ski resorts and state parks to enjoy the great outdoors.

**Box Elder County (Northwest of Ogden):** <http://www.boxeldercounty.org/>

- **Crystal Hot Springs** – Crystal Hot Springs is the world's largest, natural hot and cold springs. Mixing water from the two springs allows for a variety of pools with temperatures ranging from 80°F to 105°F. The complex, which is about 8 miles north of Brigham City. The complex remains open year-round, but hours vary, so it's best to call ahead, 435-279-8104 or 801-547-0777. <http://www.crystalhotsprings.net/>

**Logan, Cache County and Rich County areas (Northeast of Ogden):**

<https://www.explorelogan.com/>

- **Bear Lake**– This is a natural freshwater lake on the border of Utah and Idaho. It has been coined the Caribbean of the Rockies. This area is known for its raspberries and every August they host Raspberry Days. You gotta try the famous raspberry shake! <http://www.bearlake.org/>
- **Logan Canyon Scenic Byway**– Deeply cut, nearly vertical limestone walls and rock formations laden with fossils greet travelers entering the canyon. This drive gets even better as autumn approaches, lush greens of this high mountain passage tipped with brilliant gold, red and yellow can be seen throughout the route.
- **Pickleville Playhouse** – A summer theater located on Bear Lake offers quality family entertainment including old-time melodramas and musicals. <http://www.picklevilleplayhouse.com/>
- **Utah State University** – Has theaters, museums, events and sporting events and camps for youth. <http://www.usu.edu/>

**Ogden and Weber County areas:** <http://www.visitogden.com/>

<http://www.webercountyutah.gov/>

- **Antelope Island State Park** – The largest of the Great Salt Lake's 9 islands. This State Park offers a marina, beach picnic area, and camping areas. Activities include hiking, biking, horseback riding and wildlife watching. Each year the park hosts a bison roundup in November. <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/>
- **Black Island Farms** – A working vegetable farm in Syracuse. Every fall, the farm hosts Harvest Festival which has corn mazes, hayrides and a haunted corn maze. This is a tradition for those of Davis County. The farm also hosts a farmers market. <http://www.blackislandfarms.com/>
- **Dinosaur Park** – The park consists of more than one hundred dinosaur sculptures. There are exploration activities and a dinosaur laboratory. Great place to take the kids. <http://www.dinosaurpark.org/>

- **FastKart Indoor Speedway** – The ultimate indoor racing experience! Race up to 8 of your friends at speeds in excess of 40mph! Locations in Ogden and Salt Lake City. <http://www.fastkartspeedway.com/>
- **Golden Spike Event Center** – This multi use facility is over 150 outdoor acres and 149,250 sq ft of indoor space and hosts an array of events. This location is well known to host horse and rodeo events and is home to the Weber County Fair. <http://www.goldenspikeeventcenter.com/>
- **Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street** – Experience Ogden’s 100 year old district where the independent spirit of old has not changed. Visit one of a kind shops, restaurants, galleries and lively nightlife. <http://www.historic25.com/>
- **Ogden Farmers Market** – The Farmer’s Market runs Saturdays July to Oct. 6. Farmers Market is from 8:00- 11:00 AM while the Art Market is from 9:00 AM to NOON. The music begins at 9:30 AM and runs to 11:00 AM. <http://farmersmarketogden.com/>
- **Ogden Nature Center** – Open year round, this 152-acre nature preserve and education center offers walking trails, picnic areas, tree houses, bird blinds and a birds of prey exhibit. The center offers a variety of classes and workshops for all ages. <http://ogdennaturecenter.org/>
- **Peery’s Egyptian Theater** – This theater is fully restored to its original condition from 1924. This is a venue for the Sundance Film Festival and showcases movies throughout the year. <http://www.egyptiantheaterogden.com/events>
- **Snowbasin Resort** – You can ski over 3,000 acres at this world class resort. The super-G events for the 2002 Olympics were held here. In the summer, Snowbasin hosts concerts and there are several trails for hikers and bikers. <https://www.snowbasin.com/>
- **Soloman Center** – Where adventure meets fun! Try out the indoor skydiving, surfing or rock climbing or grab some eats and a movie.
- **The Greenery** – This restaurant is located at the mouth of the Ogden Canyon. Enjoy the view overlooking the mountains while enjoying their famous Mormon Muffins. <http://www.rainbowgardens.com/greenery.html>
- **Treehouse Museum** – Treehouse Museum is a Children’s Museum that is located in Ogden whose mission is to be the magical place where children and families “Step Into a Story.” <http://www.treehousemuseum.org/>
- **Weber State University** – Has theaters, museums, events and sporting events and camps for youth. <https://www.weber.edu/>
- **Wiseguys** – Comedy venue with locations in Ogden, West Valley, and Trolley Square that host local and well-known comics. <http://www.wiseguyscomedy.com/>

**Layton, Bountiful and Davis County areas (South of Ogden):**

- **Adams Canyon hike** – This hiking trail is 3.5 miles round trip with moderate difficulty but it is all worth it to see the 40 foot waterfall at the top! <https://utah.com/hiking/adams-canyon-trail>
- **Cherry Hill** – Water park situated on 20 acres of a former fruit farm. Located in Kaysville, it contains waterslides, pools, a lazy river, and other water play features. <http://www.cherry-hill.com/>
- **Lagoon** – This amusement park is located in Farmington and has many rides, including 9 roller coasters. Also located at the park is Lagoon-A-Beach waterpark and Pioneer Village, an old west reconstruction. It opens in April and stays open until October. <http://www.lagoonpark.com/>

**Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County areas (South of Ogden):** <http://slco.org/>

- **Avenues Street Fair** – The Avenues is a pristine community area of Salt Lake. Every year, since the 1970's, they have a street fair which includes a parade, art displays, entertainment and food. <http://avenuesstreetfair.org/>
- **Clark Planetarium** – Located at the Gateway in Salt Lake, it contains a dome theater where there are many music entertainment shows are held, an IMAX theater and numerous exhibits focused around astronomy. <http://clarkplanetarium.org/>
- **Capitol Theater** – Salt Lake City theater built in 1913- Hosts ballets, operas, musicals and other theatrical shows. <http://capitol-theaters.com/capitol-theater-salt-lake-city.php>
- **City Creek Center** – Located in downtown Salt Lake, this outdoor shopping mall has over 90 stores and restaurants. Don't worry if the weather is not ideal, this mall has a retractable roof that can be closed for inclement weather. <http://www.shopcitycreekcenter.com/>
- **Discovery Gateway** – Children's museum located in downtown Salt Lake City which offers interactive, hands-on fun. The exhibits are interactive which inspires creative play and learning. <http://www.discoverygateway.org/>
- **Family History Library** – It is the largest genealogical library in the world and is open to the general public at no charge. The library holds genealogical records for over 110 countries, territories, and possessions. <https://familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library>
- **Gardner Village** – Offers 22 retail specialty shops, from furniture, home décor, art, quilts, jewelry, stitchery, and clothing with the ambiance and charm of an early Utah Village surrounding the historic Gardner Mill. <http://www.gardnervillage.com/>
- **Hogle Zoo** – This zoo was established in 1931 and has over 42 acres at the mouth of Emigration Canyon. Come see the hundreds of animals that call Hogle Zoo their home. <http://www.hoglezoo.org/>
- **Kingsbury Hall** – The University of Utah's Center for Performing Arts that features musicians, dancers and acrobats whose performance will amaze and inspire. <http://kingsburyhall.utah.edu/>
- **Liberty Park** – Second largest park in SLC, which has playgrounds, restrooms, bowery, concession stand, children's play areas, picnic areas, large grassy areas, horseshoe pits, a swimming pool, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, a jogging path, seasonal amusement rides and a greenhouse. <http://www.slcgov.com/cityparks/parks-liberty-park>
- **The Living Planet Aquarium** – We are a world-class aquarium that engages and educates people about their place in the global system of life by showcasing the world's ecosystems. The aquarium is in Draper, Utah just west of I-15. <http://www.thelivingplanet.com/>
- **Maverick Center** – Home to the Utah Grizzlies, professional ice hockey team in the ECHL - Also hosts other concerts and arena events. <http://www.maverikcenter.com/>
- **Natural History Museum** – located at the Rio Tinto Center on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. The museum shows exhibits of natural history subjects, specifically about Utah's natural history. <https://nhmu.utah.edu/>
- **Olympic Oval** – Go skate on the same ice that Olympic speed skaters used for the 2002 Winter Games located in Kearns. <http://utaholympiclegacy.org/>
- **Real Salt Lake and Rio Tinto Stadium** – Major League Soccer team plays at Rio Tinto Stadium. RSL won the MLS Cup 2009. <http://www.rsl.com/>

- **Red Butte Garden** – Has over 100 acres including display and natural gardens, walking paths and natural areas with hiking trails. Enjoy an outdoor summer concert at the amphitheater. <http://www.redbuttegarden.org/>
- **Ruth's Diner** – Established in the 1930, this is a classic eating establishment that was featured on the Food Networks, Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives television show. <http://ruthsdiner.com/>
- **Salt Lake Greek Festival** – Come enjoy everything Greek at this annual festival held in September. <http://www.saltlakegreekfestival.com/>
- **Seven Peaks Water Park** – Located in Salt Lake City, it is comprised of 16 water slides, 400,000 gallon pool, ¼ mile lazy river, kids swimming area, half pipe tube ride and free fall drop slides. <https://www.sevenpeaks.com/>
- **SLC Farmers Market** – Come see the 250 vendors offering a unique variety of farmers, growers, bakeries, prepared food and beverages, packaged foods and local artisans. <http://slcfarmersmarket.org/>
- **Snowbird's Oktoberfest** – Snowbird resort hosts this festival weekends August through October. Enjoy shopping, music, dancing and traditional German cuisine. There are plenty for kids to do as well. <http://www.snowbird.com/events/>
- **Salt Lake Bees & Spring Mobile Ballpark** – Home of the Salt Lake Bees, a triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t561>
- **The Gallivan Center** – This event center is located in downtown Salt Lake City. This venue has free lunchtime concerts and workout instruction daily during the summertime and an ice rink in the winter. Many other festivals are held here throughout the year. <http://www.thegallivancenter.com/>
- **Tracy Aviary** – There is always something going on at the Aviary, offering year-round exhibits, bird shows and educational experiences for all ages. <http://tracyaviary.org/>
- **Trolley Square** – Utah's premiere destination for incomparable shopping, dining, and entertainment with a multitude of shops, services, and eateries in the converted trolley carbarns and adjoining buildings. <http://www.trolleysquare.com/>
- **The Leonardo** – The Leonardo is a contemporary Sci+Tech+Art museum, where today's big ideas, questions, inventions and discoveries are connected in a whole new way. <http://www.theleonardo.org/>
- **University of Utah** – Has theaters, museums, events and sporting events and camps for youth. Also home to the 2002 Olympic opening ceremonies. <http://www.utah.edu/>
- **Utah Children's Theater** – Located in South Salt Lake, you can take your child to a play or sign them up for a drama class. <http://uctheatre.org/>
- **Utah State Fair** – The Fair starts the first Thursday after Labor Day and lasts 11 days and offers all typical state fair events. <http://www.utahstatefair.com/>
- **Vivint Smart Home Arena** – Home of the Utah Jazz and the Utah Blaze arena football team. Many other events, such as concerts, monster truck races and Disney on Ice. <http://www.vivintarena.com/> <http://www.nba.com/jazz/>
- **Wasatch Wildflower Festival** – Celebrating the summer flower season was just an excuse to have a block party. Enjoy hikes for all levels and then enjoy the block party afterwards. <http://cottonwoodcanyons.org/events/wasatch-wildflower-festival/>

### **Tooele County (West of Salt Lake City):**

- **Bonneville Salt Flats** – Home of the land speed record. <http://www.bonnevilleracing.com/>

- **Miller Motorsports Park** – Located in Toole, this venue offers something for almost every motorsports enthusiast. <http://www.utahmotorsportscampus.com/en/>

### **Park City and Summit County areas (East of Salt Lake City):**

- **Olympic Park in Park City** – This was the venue for ski jumping, Nordic combined, bobsled, skeleton and the luge. You can even try some of them for yourself! You can ride the bobsled, skeleton, or zipline. You can even watch some Olympic athletes in training. <https://www.visitparkcity.com/things-to-do/utah-olympic-park/>
- **Park City** – Go skiing at one of the world class resorts and then catch some nightlife on Historic Main Street. <https://www.visitparkcity.com/>

### **Heber and Heber Valley (Southeast of Salt Lake City, Northeast of Provo):**

<http://www.gohebervalley.com/>

- **Heber Valley Railroad** – They have themed train rides from Polar Express around Christmas to Murder mysteries, pumpkin, and wizard train rides. <http://hebervalleyrr.org/>
- **Swiss Days** – Labor Day weekend festival in Midway- Enjoy crafts, music, and food. There is also a 10K and parade available for your enjoyment. <https://midwayswissdays.com/>

### **Provo and Utah County areas (South of Salt Lake City):**

- **Brigham Young University** – Has theaters, museums, events and sporting events and camps for youth. <http://home.byu.edu/home/>
- **Thanksgiving Point** – Consists of beautiful gardens, the Children’s Discovery Garden, Farm Country, the Museum of Natural Curiosity, the Museum of Ancient Life, and the Emporium and restaurants that offer stimulating and engaging experiences. There is always something to do at Thanksgiving Point. <http://www.thanksgivingpoint.org/>
- **Timpanogos Cave** – The cave is known for its high abundance of helictites, its coloration in its formations, its display of fault-controlled passages, and its alpine surroundings. <https://www.nps.gov/tica/index.htm>
- **Utah Lake** – A popular place to boat, participate in water sports and to fish. The park offers nice campsites and picnic areas. <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/utah-lake/>

### **Southern Utah:**

- **Goblin Valley** – Journey to this strange and colorful valley, which is unlike any other in Utah. The landscape, covered with sandstone goblins and formations, is often compared to Mars. <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/goblin-valley/>
- **Moab** – It’s known for its beautiful red rock scenery and outdoor enthusiast activities. Here you can go ATV riding, hiking, mountain biking and much more. Moab is home to Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park. <http://discovermoab.com/>
- **Shakespeare Festival** – Over 130,000 visitors flock to the festival every year to watch classic and contemporary plays. In 2000, The Festival received the Tony Award for America’s Outstanding Regional Theatre. <http://www.bard.org/>
- **Tuacahn Amphitheater** – Located in St. George this arts center offers theatrical plays and productions throughout the year. <https://www.tuacahn.org/online/>
- **Nine Mile Canyon** – "Longest Art Gallery" Amazing Fremont Petroglyphs and pictographs throughout the entire canyon, many can be viewed from the paved road. Up Gate Canyon (heading north off of Nine Mile), there are historic inscriptions.

There are numerous prehistoric and historic sites along the canyon. Binoculars are suggested to see some of the sites located high in the canyon wall. There are several picnic areas and rest stops. The main paved road makes access easy. Best entrance is from Wellington, Utah (just south of Price). When visiting the sites, always remember "Take nothing but photographs, and leave nothing but footprints" - and never touch the rock art! <https://www.blm.gov/visit/nine-mile-canyon>

**Utah National Parks:** Utah has 5 National Parks all in Southern Utah.

<https://utah.com/national-parks>

- **Arches National Park** – Home to the world’s largest concentration of natural sandstone arches. Visitors of the park can take paved roads to many of the viewpoints or take the hiking trails to get up close to the arches. <https://www.nps.gov/arch/index.htm>
- **Bryce Canyon National Park** – Located in southwestern Utah. It is known for its red and orange colored rock geological structures. You can camp, hike and much more within the park. <https://www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm>
- **Canyonlands National Park** – This is the largest national park in Utah. It is known as The Island in the Sky. <https://www.nps.gov/cany/index.htm>
- **Capitol Reef National Park** – Is a 100 mile pinch in the earth’s crust. Hickman Bridge, and Cathedral Valley. <https://www.nps.gov/care/index.htm>
- **Zion National Park** – Utah’s First National Park- There is plenty of recreation activities to do at the park; camping, bicycling, horseback riding, hiking, climbing and much more. Even if you are not into physical activities, there still much to see and do. <https://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm>

**Vernal - Utah/Colorado Border:**

- **Dinosaur National Monument** – a 200,000 acre park located on the Utah/Colorado border. Contains the Carnegie Dinosaur Quarry - 1500 exposed dinosaur fossils along a quarry wall, all located within an enclosed Hall. Outside in the park - visit the Fremont petroglyphs and pictographs and other historic sites. There is also camping, hiking and river rafting on the Green River. <https://www.nps.gov/dino/index.htm>
- **Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum** – Discover the prehistoric world, dig for fossils, and explore the dinosaur garden. Within an 80-mile radius of Vernal, evidence of the entire Earth’s history is visible. Utah Field House reveals this geologic story with hands-on exhibits and activities. <https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/utah-field-house/>
- **Red Fleet State Park** – located just north of Vernal. A beautiful water reservoir. Boating, fishing, swimming, and hiking. On the edge of the water are dinosaur tracks within the rock. <https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/red-fleet/>
- **McCoy Flats** – For mountain biking enthusiasts. A series of 40 miles of biking trails located 10 miles west of Vernal, Utah on BLM land. Said to be some of the best biking outside of Moab - with fewer crowds. <https://www.blm.gov/visit/mccoy-flats-bike-trailhead>

**National Parks Service:** <http://www.nationalparks.org/>

**Utah State Parks:** There are over 30 State Parks in Utah. <http://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/>