

2023 SOITC Western Rally

THINGS TO DO IN HEBER, UTAH



Dark Sky Viewing

Jordanelle State Park

One of the most popular adventures on Jordanelle Reservoir is the fast-growing sport of stand-up paddle boarding, perfectly abbreviated as SUP. Rentals available at Hailstone Recreation Area. Hiking and biking trails throughout the park.

The park is also a certified **International Dark Sky Park**. Although closely situated to Park City, Midway, and Heber City — the surrounding hillsides and mountains provide a blockade for light pollution. The park hosts dark sky events, and its Rock Cliff Nature Area boasts the darkest skies in the park.

Getting there: 15 minutes north of resort on US 40 for Visitors Center. For the Rock Cliff Nature Area, take SR 32 east.



Homestead Crater

Homestead Farm, 700 N Homestead Dr, Midway UT

Nestled in Heber Valley lies one of Utah's best kept secrets. The crater at the Homestead Resort in Midway, Utah is a geothermal hot spring that was created over 10,000 years as melting snow went deep into the earth and percolated upward from being heated by the earth's interior. As the warm water rose to the surface, it picked up minerals – eventually creating the beehive-shaped limestone deposit now called The Homestead Crater.

The natural phenomenon attracts visitors from all over the world and truly is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Mineral rich water maintains a temperature of 90-96 degrees Fahrenheit year-round and you can relax in the water while the opening at the top of the dome lets in the crisp mountain air and sunlight. But don't worry, you don't have to propel 55 feet down from the opening of the dome. A tunnel was created in the side of The Crater for easy access.

Custom-built decks that go into the water make it easy to sit back and recharge in the magic of the volcanic waters. Lifejackets and snorkels are supplied by Homestead Resort so the whole family can experience the warm mineral water.

Reservations required. Call (435) 657-3840



Park City, Utah

No trip to Park City is complete without a stroll down historic Main Street. History buffs will appreciate the original structures, renovated but still standing, from the town's inception as a small silver mining operation in the 1860s. Main Street now boasts over 100 top-notch eateries and dozens of clothing boutiques, galleries, cafes and shops.



Golf Heber Valley

Cool temperatures. Unbelievable scenery. This is the Heber Valley golf experience, with five spectacular courses between its bounds. Each course is award-winning and situated against breathtaking back-drops rarely matched by courses elsewhere. Every course in Heber Valley has its own style, its own beauty, but all have beauty and quality in common.

Heber Valley is Utah's premier mountain golf destination, with five 18-hole championship golf courses — including the Homestead Golf Club, Soldier Hollow's Gold and Silver Courses, and Wasatch Mountain State Park's Mountain and Lake Courses.



Mirror Lake Scenic Byway

Mirror Lake Highway stretches 42 miles along state Route 150

and is one of the most popular mountain driving routes in the state. It begins in Kamas, Utah and ascends high into the Uinta Mountains cresting at 10,715 feet at Bald Mountain Pass, and then descends past Hayden Peak, Kletting Peak and Holiday

Park Peak before meeting with the Wyoming border. This scenic byway has many overlooks, picnic areas, waterfalls, lakes, trails and campgrounds. This mountain range is one of the few in North America that runs east to west rather than north to south.

The Mirror Lake Highway falls within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest Fee Area. It's free to drive the byway, but if you stop to use any of the recreation areas you are required to pay the park fee. 1-3 day pass is \$6.00.



Horseback Rides

There are numerous companies that offer horseback rides throughout the valley. Rates and duration of rides available range from 1 hour to half and full days - \$100 to \$500. Several of the options include: KB Horses, Sundance Stables, and Rocky Mountain Outfitters.



Timpanogos Cave National Monument (also Dark Sky

Designation) Hidden high in the cliffs of Mount Timpanogos are three valuable and irreplaceable treasures: the Timpanogos, Middle, and Hansen Caves. Following their discoveries between 1887 and 1921, these caves quickly became known for the profuse rock decorations of stalactites, helictites, and aragonite.

If "caving" isn't your thing...the Visitor Center and Nature Trail are great alternatives for visiting the monument. The 1.5 mile access trail to the caves is somewhat strenuous as well as the cave tours.

Getting there: Take State Highway 92, passing by Sundance Resort and over the mountainous yet beautiful route known as the Alpine Scenic Loop. This route is scenic but takes considerably more time and is not recommended if you are on a tight schedule. Because of the narrow and winding road, buses and large vehicles over thirty feet are not allowed to travel on the Alpine Scenic Loop. **-OR-** From Heber City on U.S. 189, drive through Provo Canyon (U.S. 189) then turning west onto Orem 800 North (UT 52), then after 2.4 miles turn right onto State Street (Hwy 89). After 3.8 miles, turn onto Pleasant Grove 100 East (UT 146). Stay on this road for almost five miles, as it turns in Canyon Rd and takes you to the mouth of American Fork Canyon. When the road ends, turn right into the canyon (UT92) and drive up the canyon to the visitor center.



Alpine Loop Scenic Byway

This is one of the most scenic drives in the Uinta Wasatch-Cache National Forest, connecting Provo Canyon and American Fork Canyon. The paved road winds through aspen groves to the summit (elevation 8,000 ft.) where there are stunning views of Mount Timpanogos, Utah's second tallest mountain (elevation 11,752 ft.), and is an incredible place to go as the fall colors start to

peak. Sites accessible from the highway include Robert Redford's Sundance Resort, Timpanogos Cave National Monument, and Cascade Springs.

- Directions: From Heber, drive on US-189 for 14 miles. Turn right onto UT-92 (Alpine Loop Scenic Byway). You will see Sundance Resort after 3 miles, Mountain Timpanogos, and through American Fork Canyon. If returning via Cascade Springs, the road turns to gravel where you'll travel 7.5 miles back down to Midway, where you can return to Park City. Although paved, trailers not recommended due to steep grade and narrow curves.
- Access: Open late May to late October. Must purchase a 3-day National Forest Pass that is also valid for the Mirror Lake Highway.
- Distance: Out-and-back from Park City is 87 miles. Loop returning through Cascade Springs is 80 miles.
- Average Drive Time: 2.5 to 3.5 hours



Hot Air Balloon Rides

Balloon rides daily (weather permitting) from Park City. Adult rate is \$400 and leaves at sunrise. Contact Skywalker Balloon Company.



Blue Water Fly Fishing

A short cast away from Heber City are two of the fishiest rivers in

the Rockies. The Provo River carves right through the Heber Valley and rolls down Provo Canyon. Across the valley, the Weber River connects the Echo and Rockport reservoirs. Both of these are blue ribbon fisheries: quality fly fishing locations where the state ensures that the water

is plentiful, the shores are accessible, and the fish keep jumping. There are numerous fishing guides and tackle shops in the area to help plan your adventure!!

Planned Events:

- Heber Valley Railroad Ride
- Cheese Tasting (Award Winning Creamery - Heber Valley Artisan Cheese)
- Catered Luncheon
- Meet for dinner at Back 40 (Farm to Table Restaurant)
- Progressive (Cocktails and Appetizers) Meet and Greet Activity
- Daily BYOCC Breakfast (aka Bring Your Own Coffee Cup)
- Plenty of “on your own” time to explore the area!

Amenities at the Resort:

- Pickleball / Bocce Ball / Basketball
- Game Room / Putting Green
- Heated Pool / Outdoor Fireplace
- ATV and Electronic Bike Rentals on-site
- Dog Park / Playground

October Weather

Day	High °F	Low °F	Prec/mo inch
1 Oct	73.4	39.7	0.04
2 Oct	73.0	39.4	0.12
3 Oct	72.6	39.1	0.16
4 Oct	72.2	38.8	0.20
5 Oct	71.7	38.5	0.24
6 Oct	71.3	38.2	0.28
7 Oct	70.9	38.0	0.35
8 Oct	70.5	37.7	0.39