

1-1/2 Hour Ride (Year round)

# Snow Canyon State Park



**Description:** **Snow Canyon** is named after early Mormon settlers, Lorenzo and Erastus Snow. It was designated as a Utah State Park in 1959.

Two canyons, West Canyon and Snow Canyon, begin side-by-side at the north gouging deeply into the sandstone of the Red Mountains, each canyon then running southward, slowly converging then finally meeting in the middle of the park. From there Snow Canyon continues south-by-southeastward as a single, larger canyon. Near the park's southern entrance, the canyon ends, its mouth opening out onto the Santa Clara bench near Ivins, Ut. You can ride in from the south entrance to Three Ponds—literally 3 cascading ponds (usually only water in the bottom, though).

**Directions:** Take Bluff Street to Snow Canyon Parkway west. Go approximately 5 miles. Turn right at the signs for Tuacahn. Continue up the road to the South Parking Lot. You must walk to the Ranger's booth and pay the \$5.00 per rig fee. (Not on horseback, please) Ride over the stepover and continue on the trail—go through the next parking lot, bearing right towards the exit—you'll see the trail continue off to the left. When you come to the wash—stay in the wash until you come to a very definite exit out of it on the left. (Ignore possible right exits) You'll ride on a road for a bit, then back on trail to a huge wash. Three ponds is located down that huge wash about a mile. Very pretty. Riding back—at the point where you're about to leave the huge wash, you can continue north on the trail for a bit—riding up to see the lava tubes. This part of the trail is very rocky—lava rock. Most all the trail below the Three Ponds wash is sand/deep sand. Though not a long ride, this is a very scenic and easy ride. As always, please help preserve our right to ride—Leave No Trace. Make sure you throw all manure back in your trailer.

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