



(photo courtesy Kane County Office of Tourism & Film Commission)

golf, horseback ride, snowmobile, dine at four-diamond restaurants, and pamper yourself with a spa treatment. The combinations are unlimited.

Sixty-three percent of Wasatch County is dedicated public lands. Uinta National Forest, Jordanelle, Deer Creek Reservoir, and Wasatch Mountain state parks provide numerous campgrounds, hiking trails, visitor centers and activities.

Consequently, Wasatch County is a four-season outdoor recreation mecca. From family-friendly to the all-or-nothing experience, Wasatch County has something for everyone. At Soldier Hollow, the 2002 Olympic venue for Nordic competitions, you can ski in the tracks of legends or swoosh down the longest tubing runs in Utah. Soldier Hollow is also the site of the Pow Wow and Moun-

tain Man Rendezvous and the world-famous Soldier Hollow Classic Sheepdog Trials. Kick up the volume a notch and try out the summer Olympic Biathlon Experience – this will test the limits of your marksmanship and stamina!

Midway is Wasatch County's own "Little Switzerland." Nicknamed for the number of Swiss immigrants who settled on the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains in the mid 1800s, Midway is the very definition of European charm. To peek into Midway's past, visit the historic Huber Farm, a preserved homestead located at Wasatch Mountain State Park. Midway's Town Square is home to Swiss Days, the annual arts & crafts fair. In the winter, the town square is turned into a winter wonderland when the city opens the Midway Ice Rink, Utah's only Olympic-

sized outdoor skating rink.

If it is the "cowboy way" that brings you to Wasatch County, step over to Heber City, home to Heber City's Cowboy Poetry Gathering & Buckaroo Fair to relive the traditions of the Old West. The Mountain Valley Stampede PRCA Rodeo is an up close look at competition cowboy-style. Wasatch County Fair Days blends the old with the new – as is evident with its kick-off event, the Demolition Derby!

Rumble down the tracks inside one of the passenger cars pulled by the historic Heber Valley Railroad's 100-year-old steam engine, No. 1068. One of the most popular train rides is the Polar Express which runs from Thanksgiving to Christmas.

Wasatch County is conveniently located only 48 miles southeast of Salt Lake City and

only 15 miles south of Park City. For more information about Wasatch County and the **Heber Valley** visit the **Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce / Convention & Visitors Bureau** website www.hebervalleycc.org or call toll free at 1-866-99HEBER (1-866-994-3237).

KANE COUNTY

Discover the Hidden Treasures of Southern Utah as you travel to **Kane County** to witness some of nature's true gems. Legend has it that Montezuma's Treasure is still buried in one of three lakes near the southern Utah town of Kanab. The true treasure could very well be the gems of nature that surround this southern Utah community.

Zion National Park is full of splendor and jagged cliffs full of white and red colored rocks. The park also offers a variety of hiking trails that are perfect for families and hikers of all levels of ability. The emerald pools will amaze you along with wild turkeys and herds of deer wandering carefree through this national treasure. Experience the less-traveled east side of Zion and see some sights overlooked by most visitors.

The red rocks of Bryce Canyon have inspired visitors for years. Red hoodoos spring up from the ground and form spheres and arches that will amaze all who enter this National Park. Experience the wily old Bristle Cone Pine that has endured the elements to survive as one of the oldest living plants in the nation despite freezing temperatures, drought conditions, and bug infestations. The Bristle Cones can be seen clinging to the smallest crack in the rock to easily withstand the test of time.

The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is spectacular among the ponderosa pines of the northern edge of this natural canyon, which has been carved out by the Colorado River, the elements of nature, and time. Nature abounds with wildlife and vegetation along the



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northern edge of this less-traveled section of one of the natural wonders of America. Walk to the northern rim and look out over the edge, thankful that you have escaped the crowds and hot and arid temperatures of the southern rim. President Clinton dedicated the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in the late 90's to insure that future generations of Americans will be able to witness this miracle of nature. The "staircase" is so named because of the gradual staircase-like ascent of different colors of rock formation that go from chocolate brown at the lowest level, to red rocks at the middle level and topping out with brilliant white.

Plan a stop on the highway near Jacob Lake to witness this colorful staircase consisting of over one million acres of protected public lands. The GSENM also features one of the largest paleontology discoveries in the world.

Have you ever been to a slot canyon? Slot canyons are in abundance in southern Utah and showcase rock formations that form canyons so narrow and steep that you can touch the sides of each of the walls of the canyon with your own outstretched arms. Some of these natural wonders

have been carved by the elements of sand, wind, and water for billions of years to produce the brilliant contrast in colors and lighting. Some of the walls of these slot canyons reach heights of fifty feet or more.

The Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park offers a multitude of activities in the red colored sands that drift among the ponderosa pines. This state park has a campground to compliment a system of trails designed for ATV enthusiasts from around the globe. The tiny town of Kanab is ATV friendly with laws that allow ATV'ers to use public roads to make their way to a host of ATV trails that roll on for miles.

Lake Powell is the perfect spot for a water-filled getaway. Houseboats are available for rental and can sleep up to 12 people. Personal Water Craft offer adventures galore and families can escape to their own private beach on this huge man-made lake. Venture up the lake and witness petroglyphs situated along these canyon walls for centuries.

Southern Utah's **Kane County** is also home to some of the most popular locations for making western movies having had over 200 feature films done in the



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county. Kanab has been nicknamed "Little Hollywood" after hosting over 70 production crews during the filming of such classic Western movies as *The Outlaw Josie Wales* and the *Gunsmoke* television series. Some of the old movie sets are still open for public tours.

Discover the hidden treasures of southern Utah. Bring the entire family along and experience the wonders of nature in **Kane County**, Utah. There are over 1,000 hotel rooms in the vast

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