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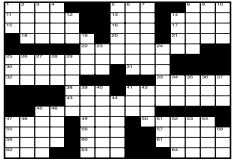


Photo courtesy St. Johns County
Support pylons underneath the St. Johns County
Ocean and Fishing Pier.

Ocean and fishing pier to close for repairs

NewsLine staff

The St. Johns County Ocean and Fishing Pier will temporarily close starting May 13 for a construction project to repair and strengthen the pier pilings, according to a recent release. The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of November 2026, a recent release stated.

During the repairs, visitors will experience minor parking impacts near the pavilion area, noted a recent release. Visitors are asked to follow all instructions on temporary traffic signage, and permitted events and activities at the nearby Ocean Pier Park will not be impacted, a recent release explained.

The northern St. Augustine Beach access point will be closed for the duration of the project, per a recent release. Beachgoers must use the south entrance to access the beach safely, the release added.

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BIKES & BREWS



Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside
Cathy Hagan (middle) stands with supporters near an Oceanside Rotary-sponsored bicycle rack, a community project she pioneered.

Jacksonville-Oceanside Rotary Bikes & Brews: Cathy Hagan Memorial Ride returns June 6

NewsLine staff

The Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside invites the community to saddle up for its sixth annual Bikes & Brews: Cathy Hagan Memorial Ride on Saturday, June 6, according to a

recent release. This year's event honors the memory of Cathy Hagan, a beloved Rotarian whose decades of service helped shape the club and the Beaches community she loved, a recent release stated.

Hagan joined the Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside in 1999 and gave more than 25 years of dedicated service. She led the Community Service

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Bartram Trail Newcomers install officers

NewsLine staff

The Bartram Trail Newcomers Club held its May luncheon on Tuesday, May 12, at St. Johns Golf and Country Club in St. Augustine, according to a recent release. The theme was "Have a Mamma Mia Mother's Day" and a Mamma Mia trivia contest was held, a recent release stated. The luncheon was preceded by an installation ceremony for the new club officers for the upcoming year, and this will be the last luncheon until September, noted a recent release.



Photo courtesy Bartram Trail Newcomers Club
Members of the Bartram Trail Newcomers Club hold up framed keepsakes during the "Have a Mamma Mia Mother's Day" themed May luncheon.

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The Bartram Trail Newcomers Club (BTNC) is an organization that provides an opportunity for women to learn about the community and find fellowship through monthly meetings and social and special interest activities, per a recent release. Membership is open to everyone, the release explained.

In addition to monthly meetings, BTNC has a wide variety of special interest groups including Bridge, Continental Rummy, Pennies Canasta, Mexican Chicken Train, Bunco, Mah Jong, Golf, Book Club, Nature Walk, Lunch Divas Girls Night Out and Special Events, a recent release stated.

Interested participants are invited to join, noted a recent release. For more details, visit the club online at facebook.com/btnc.1.



Photo courtesy Bartram Trail Newcomers Club

Incoming officers for the Bartram Trail Newcomers Club raise their right hands during an installation ceremony at the club's May luncheon.

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Committee, earned the David Harrell Rotarian of the Year Award and served as club president from 2021 to 2022.

Among her many lasting contributions was helping launch the Rotary Bike Rack Project, the club's first major branding initiative in the Beaches community. This ride carries forward



Photo courtesy Rotary Club of Jacksonville-Oceanside

Longtime Rotarian Cathy Hagan and her husband, Ken, at Jacksonville Beach.

Hagan's spirit of generous, tireless service, a recent release explained.

Rotary bike rack location, some of the Beaches' favorite microbreweries and beer purveyors, according to a recent release.

Bikes & Brews combines a casual bike ride, pub crawl and scavenger hunt through Jacksonville Beach, with stops celebrating local history, a unique

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BFF Best Furry Friend of the month

Meet Koda!



Breed:
Italian Greyador

Favorite activity:
Walking at the beach at Sawgrass and hiking in Guana

Favorite food:
Whipped cream

Favorite friend:
All of his buddies at doggy day camp

How did your BFF get his name:
He's picture perfect!

Do you have a cute pet? Send us your pet's picture and the answer to the five questions above before the 10th of the month. Also tell us you saw the BFF contest in First Coast NewsLine. Your pet could be our BFF of the month and appear in First Coast NewsLine! Email editor@floridanewslines.com to enter your pet.



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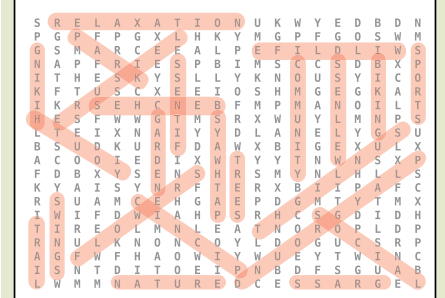
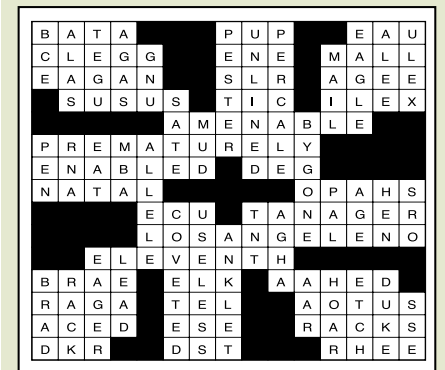


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Access under the pier will be restricted, and surfers and swimmers should stay 500 feet away from the pier during construction, according to a recent release. However, the Pier Gift Shop will remain open and accessible throughout the project, the release noted.

The county appreciates the public's patience and cooperation while these important repairs are completed to maintain the safety and longevity of the pier, a recent release stated.

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June

Community Calendar

What's Happening in St. Johns

To submit items for the Community Calendar, email editor@floridanewslines.com.

June 7

St. Augustine Film Society

The St. Augustine Film Society will screen "Portrait of a Lady on Fire" Saturday, June 7, at 4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. The visually stunning film depicts a forbidden romance between a young painter and her subject in 18th-century France.

June 12

Nocatee Food Truck Friday

Nocatee will host Food Truck Friday Thursday, June 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. Open to the public.

June 17

St. Augustine Film Society Special Event

The St. Augustine Film Society will film live the one-act play "When The Rabbis Came to Town" Tuesday, June 17, at 6 p.m. at The Waterworks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Written by filmmaker Roger Rapaport, the play discusses the civil rights demonstrations in 1964 St. Augustine as told by an actor portraying Rabbi Alan Secher, who will be in attendance. This is a free event; donations appreciated.

June 20

Nocatee Farmers Market Kick Off to Summer

Nocatee will host its Farmers Market Kick Off to Summer Friday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. Open to the public.

June 25

Hurricane Prep Presentation with Mike Buresh

Nocatee will host a Hurricane Prep Presentation with

meteorologist Mike Buresh Wednesday, June 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Nocatee Room in Crosswater Hall. Nocatee residents only.

June 26

Nocatee Food Truck Friday

Nocatee will host Food Truck Friday Thursday, June 26, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Nocatee Station Field. Open to the public.

June 27

Ponte Vedra Writers Open Mic

The Ponte Vedra Writers will host a special Summer Open Mic session Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. in the Media Room of the Ocean Grove Condominiums, 1 Arbor Club Drive. The meeting is open to writers of all genres, whether poetry, fiction or nonfiction. Depending on the number of participants, each person will have between eight and 12 minutes to read something new, old or a work in progress. Advance notice is required. Email group leader Vic DiGenti at vicdig@mac.com to participate.

June 28

St. Augustine Film Society

The St. Augustine Film Society will screen "Invisible Life" ("La Vida Invisible") Saturday, June 28, at 6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The Brazilian melodrama depicts two sisters in 1950s Rio whose lives are destroyed by one patriarchal lie. The film was Brazil's official submission for the Best International Feature Film category at the 92nd Academy Awards.

June 30

Elder Law Essentials for You and Your Family

River Garden will host a lunch and learn event, "Elder Law Essentials for You and Your Family," Monday, June 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cohen Auditorium on the River Garden Campus, 11401 Old St. Augustine Rd. Attorney Eliot

Safer will guide participants through key legal tools every family should understand, including wills, trusts, advance directives, powers of attorney and more. Whether planning ahead for yourself or supporting an aging loved one, this session will break down essential steps to help you stay organized, prepared and protected. The event is free and a light lunch will be served. Pre-registration is required. Contact Kari Bell at (904) 288-7855 or kbell@rivergarden.org.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

COA THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center

COA's THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center, 175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, offers a variety of programs and activities for seniors. Most activities are weekly and begin on June 2. The center is closed Friday, June 19, for the Juneteenth holiday. For more information, call (904) 209-3659 or visit coasjc.org/ponte-vedra-center.

Trout Creek Senior Center Activities

The Trout Creek Senior Center, 6795 Collier Road, Orange-dale, offers activities for seniors on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Cards, crafts and games begin at 9 a.m., followed by trivia, bunco or bingo before lunch at 11:30 a.m. Contact Jessica Curry at 904-209-3658 for details.

Playing HOOKie

This charity-focused knitting and crochet group meets every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Maple Street Biscuit Company, 1627 Race Track Road, St. Johns. For more information, email playinghookiecares@gmail.com.

Widow to Widow Support Group

A support group for widows is held at the COA River House, 179 Marine St., St. Augustine, on Wednesdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Call 904-209-3655 for more information.

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Participants will navigate the route at their own pace, collect clues and enjoy complimentary samples along the way.

The afternoon wraps up at Southern Swells with prizes, camaraderie and a grand prize drawing at 4 p.m., per a recent release. Prize categories include the most creative social media post using the event-day hashtag, along

with a variety of fun, beach-themed categories.

Event details

The ride will take place Saturday, June 6, according to a recent release. The ride runs from 1 to 5 p.m., with the after-party scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. and the grand prize drawing at 4 p.m., the release detailed. The ride starts at Engine 15, located at 1500 Beach Blvd., No. 217, in Jacksonville Beach,

and finishes with the after-party at Southern Swells, located at 1312 Beach Blvd., Jacksonville Beach.

Registration and tickets

Early bird registration is \$25 through May 14. Regular admission is \$30 from May 15 through June 5, and tickets are \$40 on the day of the event on June 6, the release stated. Registration includes a commemorative pint glass and one complimentary sample at each participat-

ing stop. Attendance is limited to 150 participants, and early registration is strongly encouraged, the release added.

Beyond a great afternoon with friends, Bikes & Brews supports Rotary community programs, including the club's community-wide bike rack initiative that Hagan herself helped pioneer. The project helps make the Beaches more connected, welcoming and bike-friendly for everyone, a recent release concluded.



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Q&A with St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Vicky Oakes

Q: The Aug. 18, 2026, primary election is only two months away. What is the Elections Office doing to prepare?

A: The Elections Office is entering a very busy period. Preparations this month include the start of poll worker training, the mailing of our publication, the Citizen's Guide to Registering and Voting, and the upcoming candidate qualifying period.

Candidate qualifying will take place from noon on June 8 through noon on June 12. Pursuant to Section 99.061(8) of the Florida Statutes, qualifying papers have been accepted since May 26.

Q: Have any offices qualified already?

A: Yes. The first qualifying period of 2026 ran from April 20 through April 24. During this time, candidates for U.S. senator and judicial offices filed with the Florida Division of Elections.

The filing period for U.S. representative was moved to June when Gov. Ron DeSantis called a special session to convene the legislature to redraw the state's congressional districts. These candidates do not file with the supervisor of elections. More information is available on the Florida Division of Elections website.

Following the completion of the special session, there were no changes to the congressional boundaries in St. Johns County. Congressional Districts 5 and 6 remain unchanged.

Q: What offices qualify with the St. Johns County Supervisor of Elections Office during the June qualifying period?

A: The Elections Office will qualify candidates for all county offices, special districts, municipalities and community development districts.

The Florida Division of Elections in Tallahassee will qualify candidates for



Vicky Oakes

federal and state offices, including U.S. representative, governor, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, chief financial officer, state representative and others.

Q: Can voters see which candidates are qualifying?

A: Yes. As local candidates file, their information is added into our system and posted on our website. Voters can visit votesjc.gov, select Candidate Information, then choose Candidate List and Reports to view the latest updates.

Q: Where can voters find more information about the 2026 elections?

A: In mid-June, the 2026 Citizen's Guide to the Primary and General Elections will be mailed to every residential address in St. Johns County. This publication provides all the information residents will need on how to register and participate in the 2026 elections.

Voters can also visit votesjc.gov any time for trusted election information. For additional assistance, please contact the Elections Office at 904-823-2238 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Vicky Oakes is the St. Johns County supervisor of elections.



Q&A with St. Johns County School Board Member Kelly Barrera, District 4

Q: As the school year ends, how is the St. Johns County School District honoring graduates and student achievements?

A: The district is celebrating our high school graduates through military, academic and athletic signing days, Take Stock in Children and school-sponsored awards. We also recognized the top 3% of seniors and their selected mentors at the STAR Awards reception. Additionally, we celebrated outstanding student achievements across all grade levels in the arts, sciences and academics, showcasing their varied successes.

Q: What is the new Compass program?

A: The district is launching the Compass program for state scholarship students seeking high-quality academic opportunities. Eligible students can use their scholarship funds to enroll in up to three courses at available district schools, successfully combining personalized learning with trusted public school instruction on a pay-for-course basis.

Q: What is the status of the district's newest school, Sabal Crest Academy?

A: Sabal Crest Academy, our newest K-8 school in Nocatee, is nearing completion. Principal Tiffany Cantwell and her staff are busy preparing programs, setting up schedules and enrolling students to begin the upcoming school year with great community enthusiasm.

Q: How is the district expanding pre-K offerings and involving older students?



Kelly Barrera

A: The district-wide expansion of pre-K programs has been warmly received by families who value having their children acclimate to a school setting. A unique benefit of this program is the involvement of local high school students, including those in teaching academies, who volunteer to lead small-group learning activities aligned with early learning standards.

Q: What leadership transitions are taking place this summer?

A: The district wishes the best to Gina Fonseca, principal at Allen D. Nease High School, as she retires after a successful career. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Kyle Dresback back as Nease's new principal, returning to the school where he originally began his career as a math teacher. We wish everyone a safe summer and look forward to welcoming families back for the new school year!

Kelly Barrera can be reached by email to kelly.barrera@stjohnsh.k12.fl.us or by phone at 904-547-7510.

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Proactively assisting property owners

By Eddie Creamer

Here at our office, we take a proactive approach to helping property owners receive the property tax exemptions they qualify for and deserve. One of the primary duties of our office is to grant exemptions to eligible homeowners.

This year, we looked at different ways to reach property owners who may be eligible for a homestead exemption, and a targeted mailing was determined to be the best way to directly reach the greatest number of people. A homestead exemption reduces the property tax burden for Florida homeowners by decreasing the taxable value of a homeowner's permanent residence by at least \$50,000. This total changes yearly because it is adjusted annually for inflation. This year's total is \$51,411.



Eddie Creamer

The annual deadline to apply for a homestead exemption is March 1.

To be eligible for a homestead exemption, the property must be the

homeowner's primary residence and the homeowner may not receive a residency-based exemption in any other state.

In early February, a mailing was sent to property owners who met specific criteria: they purchased a home during the current portability-eligible years, their property address matched their mailing address and they did not have a homestead exemption. Homeowners who purchased a home in 2025 did not receive the mailing because they are likely planning to file for a homestead exemption this year. If they do not file this year, they will receive the mailing next year.

The purpose of the mailing was to inform homeowners about the homestead exemption and how to apply if

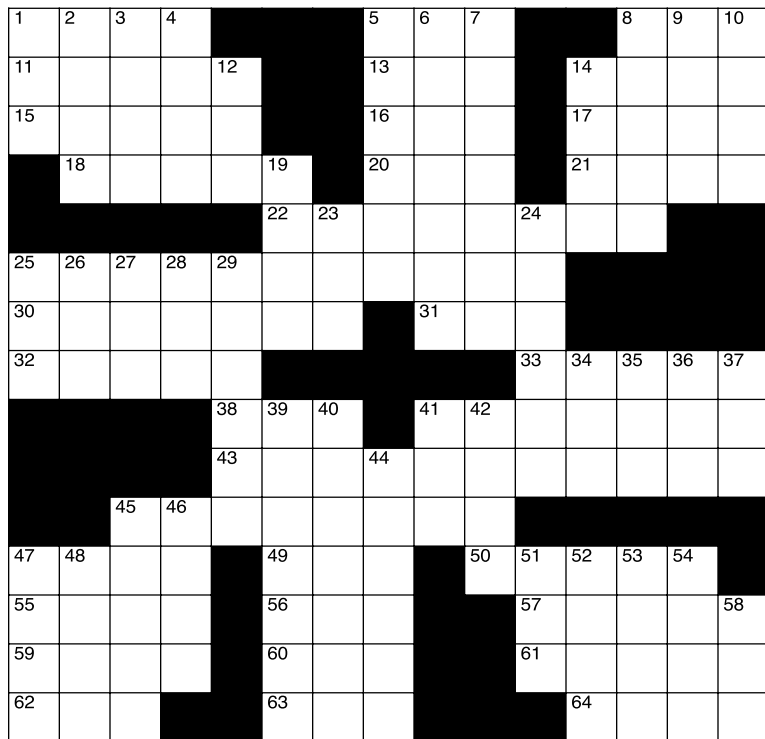
they qualify. The mailing was sent to 3,114 residences. As of April 30, 556 homestead exemption applications have been approved and an additional 187 applications are pending due to the mailing. Based on these numbers, we received a 24% response rate, which greatly exceeds the average direct-mail response rate. We plan to continue this mailing in future years as a reminder to apply.

Visit sjcpa.gov/homesteadportability for more information about the homestead exemption. I am available to answer questions or provide additional information at eddie@sjcpa.gov or 904-827-5500.

Eddie Creamer is the St. Johns County property appraiser.

Puzzles

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CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Egyptian bull-god | 38. Defunct European currency |
| 5. A young canine | 41. Small American songbird |
| 8. Cologne | 43. One from L.A. |
| 11. Fictional British P.I. | 45. After tenth |
| 13. Midway between northeast and east | 47. Hillside |
| 14. A place to shop | 49. Red deer |
| 15. Minneapolis suburb | 50. Partner to "ooled" |
| 16. Single lens reflex | 55. Indian musical pattern |
| 17. NY Mets great Tommie | 56. Israeli city __ Aviv |
| 18. Informal loan clubs | 57. Golden peas plant |
| 20. Habitual twitching | 59. Breezed through |
| 21. Holm oak | 60. Midway between east and southeast |
| 22. Willing to consent or submit | 61. Frameworks |
| 25. In an early way | 62. Danish krone |
| 30. Made possible | 63. Fall back |
| 31. Language in Ghana | 64. Influential Korean leader |
| 32. Relating to one's birth | |
| 33. Deep-bodied fishes | |

CLUES DOWN

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|---------------------------------|--|
| 1. Bridge building degree | 34. Buddy |
| 2. Expression of sorrow or pity | 35. We all do it |
| 3. Large, stocky lizard | 36. Chicken |
| 4. Turkish leader title | 37. No seats available |
| 5. Nag | 39. Yearned to possess |
| 6. Blank | 40. Ineffectual |
| 7. Closely woven cotton fabric | 41. Explosive |
| 8. A nice shot in golf | 42. Turkish title |
| 9. Away from wind | 44. Worn near the foot |
| 10. Evergreen shrub genus | 45. Impatient |
| 12. Large African antelope | 46. Set an example for others |
| 14. Something you receive | 47. Actor Pitt |
| 19. Satisfy | 48. Instrument of torture |
| 23. Wet dirt | 51. Swiss river |
| 24. No longer here | 52. Grayish white |
| 25. Writing utensil | 53. A way to print |
| 26. Ribonucleic acid | 54. Storied college hoops program |
| 27. Consume food | 58. Midway between south and southeast |
| 28. Licensed for Wall Street | |
| 29. Alternative forms of a gene | |

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Clue: Walking path

C. 16 24 7 7 23

Clue: Park fixtures

D. 25 15 7 11 26

Clue: Open outdoor area

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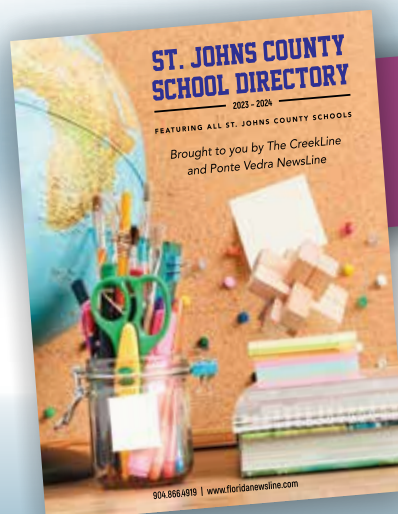
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The staff at Ocean Palms take off on week-long adventure



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It was blue skies for the staff at Ocean Palms Elementary School during this year's Staff Appreciation Week, where they were recognized for being "plane" awesome, according to a recent release. This week-long event featured food, prizes and fun for everyone who works at the school, a recent release stated.

On Monday, the staff fueled up for the journey with a coffee and bagel breakfast, noted a recent release. Tuesday brought a pit stop complete with a Jersey Mike's lunch, and Wednesday the staff was given an in-flight breakfast treat, a recent release explained. Thursday was a final-approach feast featuring Sierra Grille, and Friday consisted of a sweet send-off with Millie's ice cream, the release noted.

The staff members were also recognized with daily prizes, gift cards for all and a special e-card from the families at the school, per a recent release. Organizers noted it was a proverbial 30,000-foot journey worth taking, a recent release added.

Photos courtesy Ocean Palms Elementary School
OPE families celebrated the staff at the school with a week-long series of events.

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The entrance sign at Bryce Canyon National Park welcomes visitors.



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A natural stone arch highlights the eroding red rock landscape.

Travel

Bryce Canyon National Park: Hoodoos, sunrises and scenic walks

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After several memorable days in Zion National Park, I headed northeast toward another of Utah's natural treasures, Bryce Canyon National Park. Though the two parks are only about 85 miles apart, the landscapes could not feel more different. Zion surrounds visitors with towering canyon walls while Bryce opens outward in a dramatic display of colorful hoodoos (tall, thin spires of rock formed over thousands of years by erosion), pillars and natural amphitheaters.



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sent me hurrying back to the car with a soaked jacket and dripping camera gear.

Fortunately, Bryce Canyon rewarded me with better conditions once I arrived. One of the things I immediately appreciated about the park is how accessible the scenery is. Unlike some parks where major viewpoints require long hikes, many of Bryce's most famous overlooks are only a short walk from nearby parking areas. Even visitors with limited mobility can enjoy extraordinary views.

From Sunrise Point to Inspiration Point and Bryce Point, every overlook revealed a slightly different perspective on the vast amphitheater below. Thousands of hoodoos stretched into the distance like an ancient city of stone. Their colors shifted throughout the day from orange and rust to soft pinks and gold.



Photo by Debi Lander
A distinctive, towering hoodoo rock formation stands against a cloudy sky.

The drive itself became part of the adventure. Rain poured steadily much of the way, especially as I traveled through the historic Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel and climbed higher into the mountains. I stopped briefly at Red Canyon, just outside Bryce Canyon, where striking red hoodoos rise beside the highway. Normally, the area invites short walks and photography stops, but the weather

On my second morning, I woke long before dawn for a sunrise photography session. Driving through the dark park roads proved more challenging than expected. The signs can be difficult to read at night, and I found myself double-checking directions while carefully watching for wildlife along the roadside. Still, the early alarm was absolutely worth it.

As the first light crept across the canyon, the hoodoos slowly glowed to life. Shadows retreated inch by inch while the rising sun illuminated the delicate rock formations from above. Bryce Canyon is famous for sunrise photography and dark skies, and after witnessing it firsthand, I understood why photographers return again and again.

Later that afternoon, I enjoyed lunch at the historic Bryce Canyon Lodge Dining Room. The lodge has a relaxed national park atmosphere and provides a welcome break between scenic stops. Sitting among massive ponderosa pines while discussing the morning's photographs felt like part of the Bryce experience itself.

Before leaving the area, I also explored a fascinating site near the small town of Tropic where visitors can actually walk among hoodoos instead of simply viewing them from above. Along the Mossy Cave Trail, a shallow creek bed

winds through narrow canyon walls and unusual rock formations. This historic Tropic Ditch is an irrigation canal dug by Mormon settlers in the 1890s. Unlike Bryce's grand overlooks, this experience places you directly beside and inside the landscape, often walking right along the sandy riverbed.

Bryce Canyon may be smaller than some famous western parks, but its beauty is unforgettable. Between the colorful hoodoos, easy scenic access, dramatic sunrises and nearby adventures, it became one of the highlights of my Utah journey.

The drive back to the Las Vegas airport from Bryce takes between four and five hours, depending on traffic and your flight time.

For more information, visit nps.gov/brea.

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