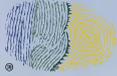




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*Southern Utah's High Country*

DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST



FISHLAKE NATIONAL FOREST



MANTI-LA SAL NATIONAL FOREST



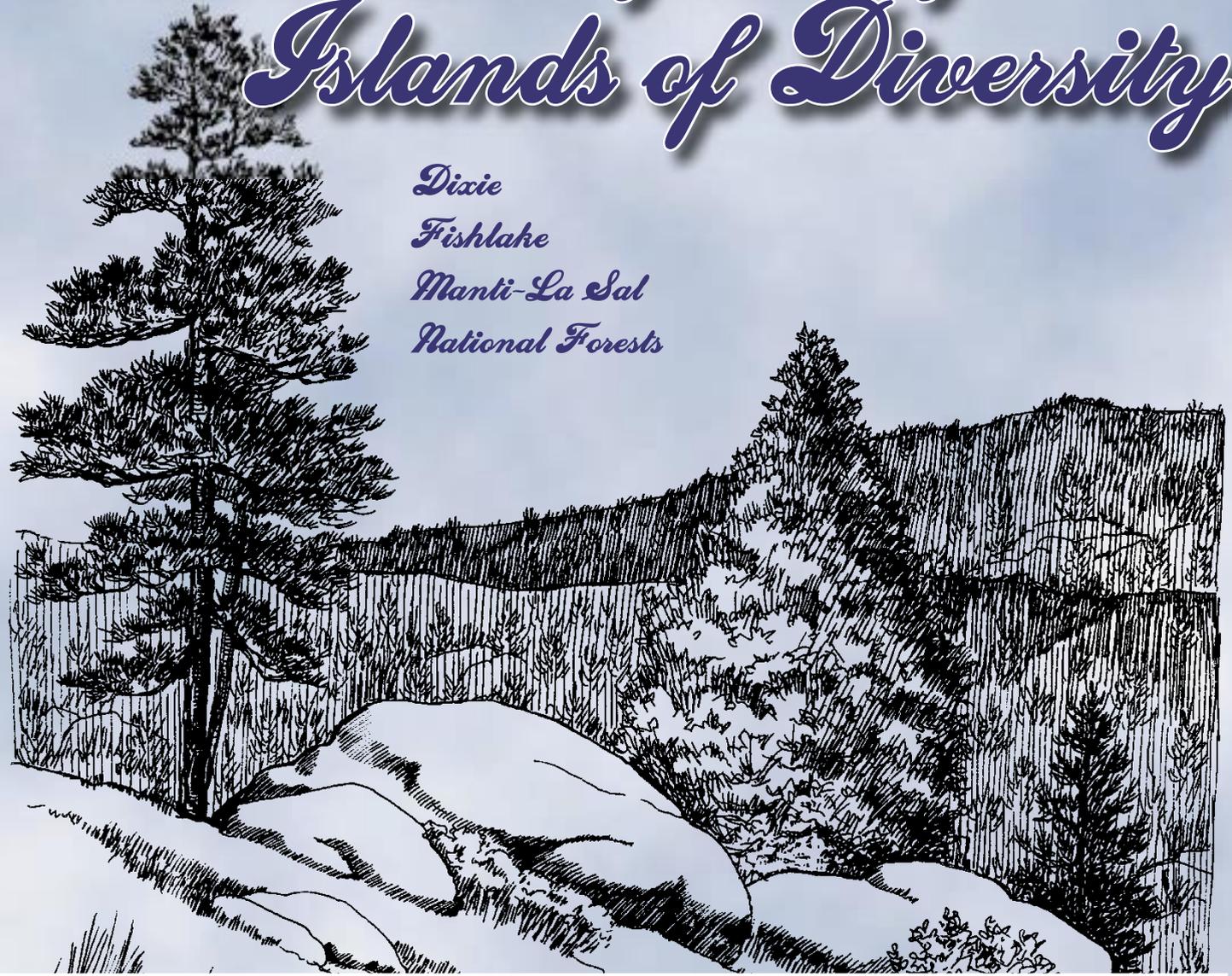
## *Southern Utah's High Country: Islands of Diversity*

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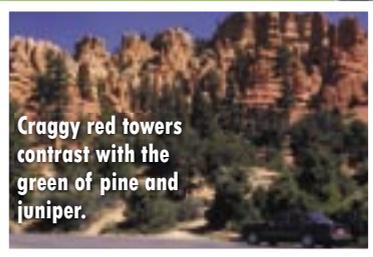
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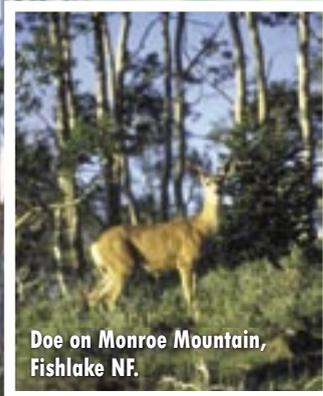
Southern Utah's high country is made up of three national forests: the Dixie, Fishlake, and Manti-La Sal. From rugged brush covered foothills to mature forests with dense stands of timber and lush alpine meadows, the forests' natural wonders are the essence of the high country. These forests contain 5 million acres of America's public land.



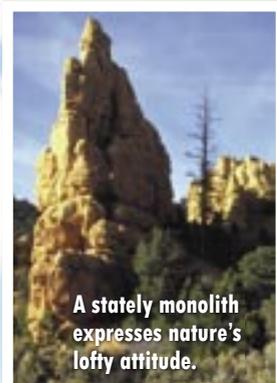
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Craggy red towers contrast with the green of pine and juniper.



Doe on Monroe Mountain, Fishlake NF.



A stately monolith expresses nature's lofty attitude.



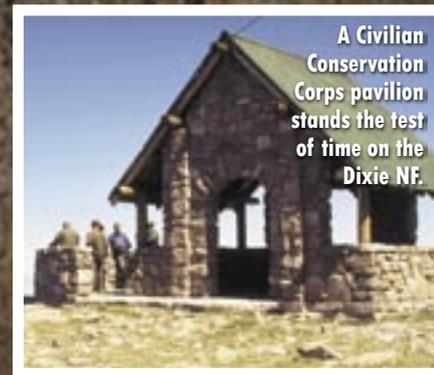
A red-tailed hawk alert for his prey on the Fishlake NF.

# *A rich heritage of natural and human history in Southern Utah's High Country*

Long before humans left their mark upon the land, wind and water shaped the face of the forests. Geological giants rose from the valley floors where erosion exposed unique characters of stone. Spectacular multi-colored cliffs and steep walled gorges lined the southern rim of the Great Basin. Crystal blue lakes formed on mountain tops. Rivers and streams carved out canyons and deposited fertile soil below where trees and other vegetation flourished. Animals filled the forests with new life. Today the National Forests in Southern Utah are rich in nature's heritage.



Quiet solitude on a mountain lake.



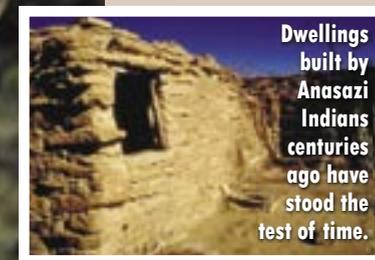
A Civilian Conservation Corps pavilion stands the test of time on the Dixie NF.



CCC workers place a campground stove circa 1933.



Trappers found abundant game in the Southern Utah forests.



Dwellings built by Anasazi Indians centuries ago have stood the test of time.

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Pioneers blazed trails westward in the 1800's.

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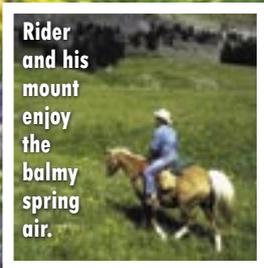
A history of human influence is readily apparent in the National Forests in Southern Utah. Spanish explorers, trappers, mountain men, miners and western pioneers followed in the footsteps of the Native Americans who occupied the land for centuries. This historic heritage is preserved in Native American ruins, mines, pioneer homes and cabins and structures built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the Great Depression.



The new life of spring; a mule deer fawn.

Nothing is more beautiful than late spring in Southern Utah's High Country. It is heralded by rushing streams, green aspen, brilliant sun and clean crisp air. Elk and deer return to the high country from their winter range. It's time to begin fishing, hiking to the snowline, or driving the Scenic Byways. Visitors may choose to ride horseback, spend a day with the camera, take a sprint on a mountain bike or a spin in their all-terrain vehicle.

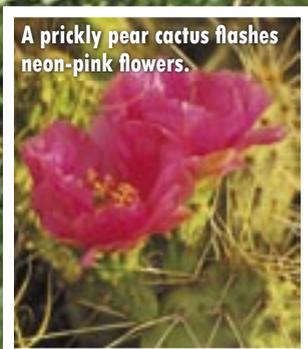
# Spring . . . a forest awakening



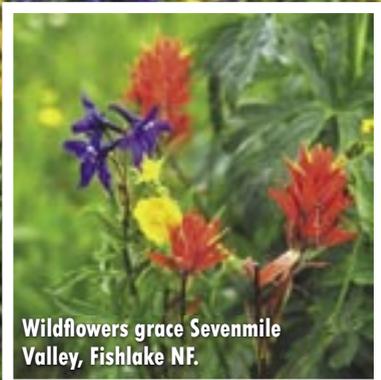
Rider and his mount enjoy the balmy spring air.



Spring sunshine coaxes pine tree buds into bloom.



A prickly pear cactus flashes neon-pink flowers.

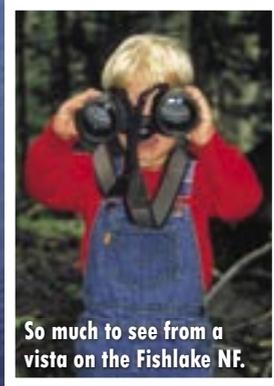


Wildflowers grace Sevenmile Valley, Fishlake NF.

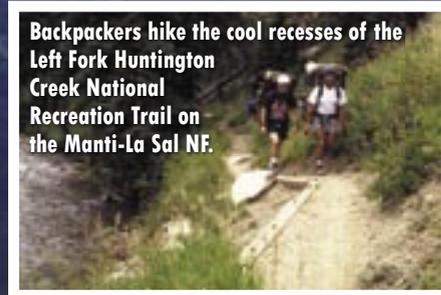
# Sensational . . . high country summer



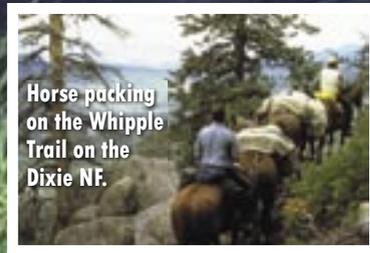
Tent camping in the Southern Utah forests.



So much to see from a vista on the Fishlake NF.



Backpackers hike the cool recesses of the Left Fork Huntington Creek National Recreation Trail on the Manti-La Sal NF.



Horse packing on the Whipple Trail on the Dixie NF.



Canoeing in Salina Reservoir, Fishlake NF.

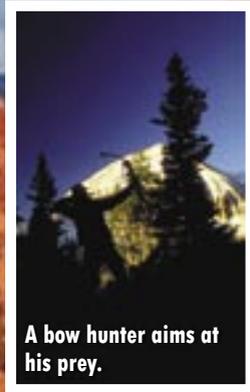


Summer in the high county offers a myriad of outdoor delights. Rock climbing, "ATVing," and mountain biking are favored activities. Other visitors enjoy photography and watching the abundant wildlife. Summer is the busiest time of year on the Dixie, Fishlake, and Manti-La Sal National Forests with trails, campgrounds, recreation residences, picnic areas, lodges and resorts receiving extensive use. Reservations may be made for some campgrounds (see map page). A list of outfitters and guides is available from the Forests. Using the land safely and respectfully helps keep these recreation opportunities available for the future.

# Hot Color - Frosty Nights . . .

Autumn nights bring freezing temperatures and spectacular fall colors to Southern Utah's High Country. The forests are renown for their display of incandescent red, gold and orange leaves of the oak and aspen. Weekdays are fairly quiet in the campgrounds but trails and roads remain busy with hunters, fuelwood gatherers, hikers and adventurers on all-terrain vehicles. Weekends are active as visitors take advantage of the pleasant fall days.

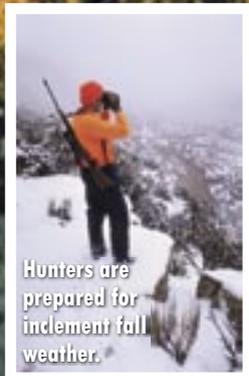
*fall in the forest*



A bow hunter aims at his prey.



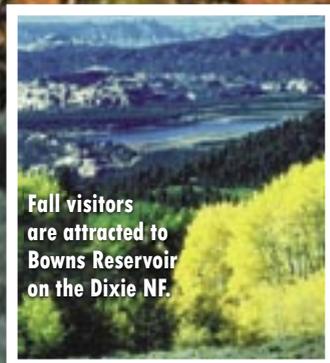
Fall colors begin with gold in the canyons.



Hunters are prepared for inclement fall weather.



All-terrain vehicles "Tread Lightly" on the Fishlake NF.



Fall visitors are attracted to Bowns Reservoir on the Dixie NF.



Snow and ice turn Southern Utah's High Country into a winter wonderland. Ice fishermen, down-hill and cross country skiers, sledgers, snowmobile and snowshoe enthusiasts can indulge in their favorite "cool experience" in the versatile terrain of the forests.



Downhill skiing at Brian Head on the Dixie NF.



Cross-country skiing offers exhilarating sights on the Manti-La Sal NF.



Snowmobiling in Daniel's Pass, Fishlake NF.



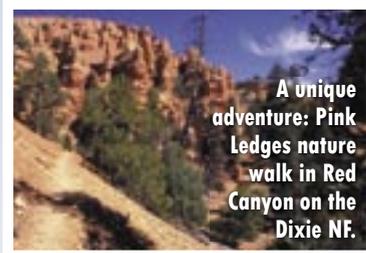
Ice fishing on Fish Lake.

*Winter . . .  
time for cool experiences*

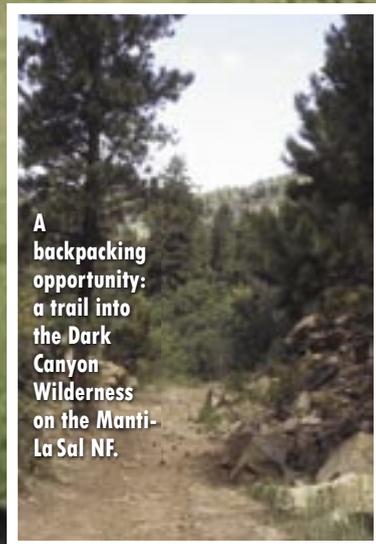


“Getting away from it all” takes on new meaning in the pristine beauty of the wilderness and back country areas of the Dixie, Fishlake and Manti-La Sal National Forests. Enjoy nature’s grandeur and “Leave No Trace” of your visit. Take only pictures and a sense of wonder from this place of perfect solitude.

# *The paths less traveled*



A unique adventure: Pink Ledges nature walk in Red Canyon on the Dixie NF.



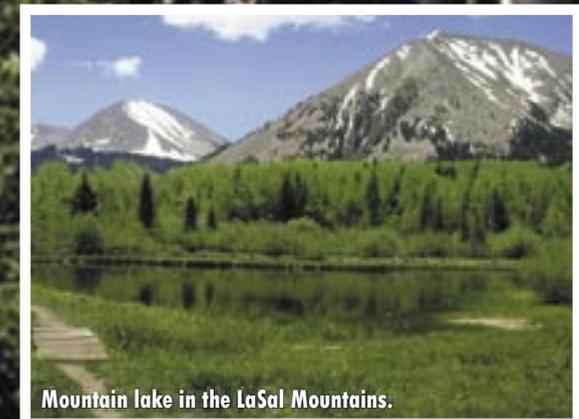
A backpacking opportunity: a trail into the Dark Canyon Wilderness on the Manti-La Sal NF.



Camp in solitude in the wilderness and backcountry.



Horseback explorers surrounded by pristine forest on the Fishlake NF.



Mountain lake in the LaSal Mountains.

# Taking the high road

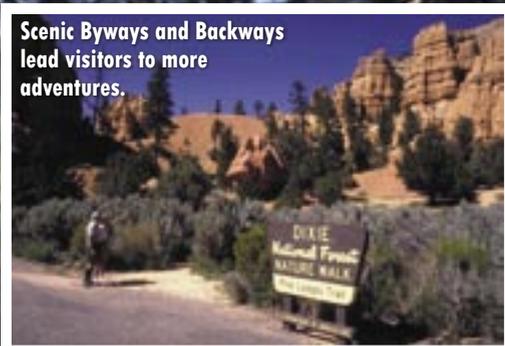
Leisure driving to amazing places via car, or recreational, or all-terrain vehicle is a pure pleasure in Southern Utah's High Country. Scenic Byways and Backways cross the forests, allowing an unsurpassed view of nature's diverse offerings. Off road and all-terrain vehicles must "Tread Lightly" on unpaved forest roads and trails. Call ahead for road conditions. Campgrounds and picnic areas are conveniently located along these travelways.



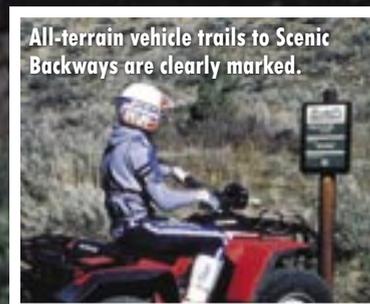
Fall colors attract photographers on scenic drive.



Mountain biking in Taylor's Flat, Fishlake NF.



Scenic Byways and Backways lead visitors to more adventures.



All-terrain vehicle trails to Scenic Backways are clearly marked.



Rock tunnel in scenic Red Canyon on the Dixie NF.



## SCENIC BACKWAYS

Designated back-country roads. Conditions may vary from pavement to unmaintained dirt roads. Most can be driven by passenger car. Be prepared and check road and weather conditions before starting.



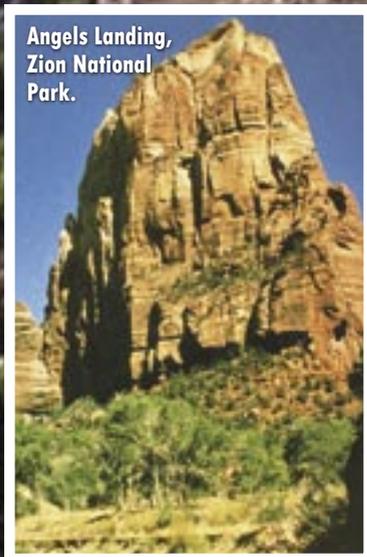
## SCENIC BYWAYS

Regularly traveled major roads that offer a unique combinations of recreational adventures and scenic attractions.

# *Southern Utah's high country neighbors*

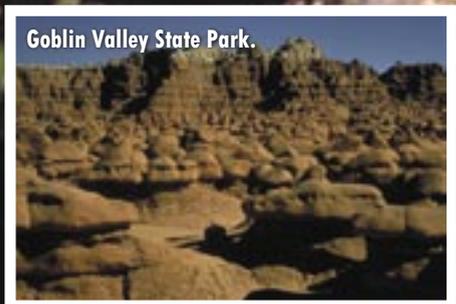
## *State and National Parks and Monuments*

The Dixie, Fish-lake and Manti-La Sal National Forest's high country is surrounded by a neighborhood of national and state parks and monuments, rugged plains, high deserts and pastoral low country. A visit to this Southern Utah neighborhood, where everyone feels welcome, is a feast of outdoor adventure.



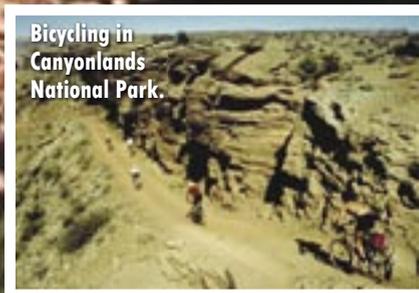
Angels Landing,  
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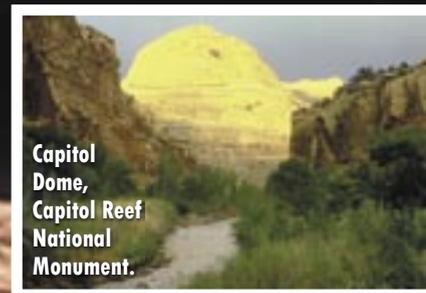


Goblin Valley State Park.

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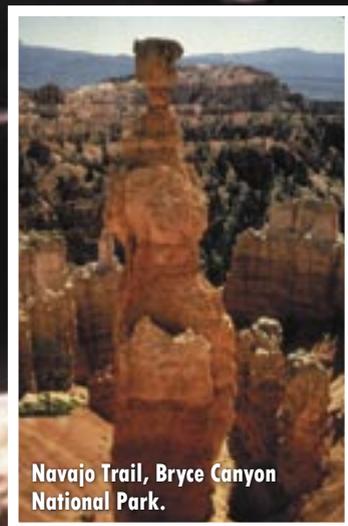


Bicycling in  
Canyonlands  
National Park.



Capitol  
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