

San Juan County Happenings

Experience Utah's Canyon Country in the Fall



Don't pack away the camping and travel gear yet! Just because school starts again, doesn't mean that you have to give up traveling until next year! Spend fall break in Utah's Canyon Country where it's cooler and more colors are coming to life. These three experiences, in particular, are ideal for a long weekend of fall fun.

Take the Scenic Route | Utah's Canyon Country has scenic drives that provide stunning views of the mountain scenery including the Abajo Loop State Scenic Backway and the Elk Ridge State Scenic Backway. The Abajo Loop is a 30-mile drive that passes the base of Abajo Peak. The Elk Ridge Backway ascends through "Bears Ears" to the spine of Elk Ridge atop the Manti-La Sal National Forest. It is recommended to drive a high-clearance, stiff suspension vehicle for these roads. They are closed during winter and after rainy weather but that doesn't stop you from literally taking the "scenic route" on vacation while it's warm!

Stargaze for the Fall Equinox | The passing of seasons was important to the ancestral Puebloan people that lived in the area hundreds of years ago. The fall equinox on September 23 indicates the moving of the sun and its position with the earth as night and day are nearly the same length all over the world. The equinox is an opportunity to experience Dark Sky Parks in the area including Natural Bridges National Monument, Hovenweep National Monument and more. Many stargazing events are also hosted within the parks and county areas sure to amaze visitors.

Feast on Fry Bread in the Fall | Navajo fry bread is the perfect base for a delicious meal in Utah's Canyon Country. Navajo Tacos are made with fry bread and can be found at almost any event in the county as well as many local restaurants. Top the bread sky high with chili, cheese, lettuce, salsa and more to satisfy your cravings and leave you full and ready to continue experiencing the area in the fall.

Whether you take the scenic drive, feast on fry bread, look to the stars or do all three,

Utah's Canyon Country is the ideal fall experience. For more fall ideas, visit UtahsCanyonCountry.com.



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