

Site Information

Recommended Trail Users

Trails are open to non-motorized users. Equestrians are limited to the Chinatown Wash and the Rim Trail between Chinatown Wash and the Virgin Dam Trailhead. The Canal Trail is open to hikers only.

Camping

Dispersed camping is allowed on public lands. Use only sites where previous camping use is evident.

Campfires

Campfires are permitted, but discouraged. Use existing fire rings when possible and/or chose a durable site. Fire restrictions may apply at any time of year.

Designated Trails

The desert environment is fragile. Please use trails that are signed and marked as shown on this brochure.

Gates

Leave gates as you find them. If open, leave open. If closed, leave closed.

Livestock

Grazing occurs on public lands. Watch for and avoid livestock. Do not harass. Slow down and let them get out of the way.

Permits

Permits are required from BLM for commercial activities and group events on public lands.

Private Property

This area is comprised of federal, Washington County Water Conservancy District, and private lands. Users must stay on designated trails on non-federal lands.

Trail Etiquette

Bicyclists must yield to equestrians and hikers. Hikers must yield to equestrians.

Trash

There is no trash collection in the area. Do not burn, bury, or put trash in toilets. Please use the "Pack It In - Pack It Out" ethic.

Emergencies

Call 911 for life threatening emergencies. For search and rescue assistance and other law enforcement issues call Washington County Sheriff (435) 634-5730.

Vicinity Map



Directions

From City of St. George

From Interstate 15 Exit 16 head east on State Route 9 to Hurricane City. Turn right on Main Street. Take the first left onto State Route 59. From State Route 59:

Hurricane Hill Trailhead» At .75 miles turn left into the parking area.

Virgin Dam Trailhead» At 3.1 miles turn left on the gravel road. Travel 3.4 miles to the trailhead.

Jem Trailhead» At 5 miles turn left on the gravel road and travel .25 miles to the trailhead.

For more information about Hurricane Cliffs and other recreation sites contact:

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Hurricane Cliffs

Non- Motorized Trail System



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Welcome



Hurricane Cliffs trail system is located in southern Utah's red rock country. Sandwiched between Gooseberry Mesa on the east, the Virgin River on the north, and the Hurricane Cliffs on the west, the ten trails comprising the system traverse 31 miles of Mojave

Desert. Views of the surrounding geographic features are stunning. At a 4,000 foot elevation, scenes include the multicolored face of Hurricane Mesa, the spires of Zion National Park, and the chasms of the Virgin River and its tributaries.

All trails are managed by the Bureau of Land Management with the exception of the Canal Trail, which is managed by the Hurricane City Historical Preservation Association. The Canal Trail offers hikers a look back into the past as its route is the historic water canal completed in 1904. Only non-motorized users are permitted on the trail system with some restrictions for mountain bikers and equestrians on individual trails.



Canal Trail



Jem Trail

Hurricane Cliffs Trail System



Difficulty Ratings

Ratings are based on the IMBA Trail Difficulty System and categorize the technical challenge of the trail, not the physical exertion.

Easiest: Gravel or natural surface that is generally firm and stable. Trail grades average 5% or less with a maximum trail grade of 15%. May have unavoidable obstacles three inches tall or less and taller avoidable obstacles.

More Difficult: Mostly stable natural surface with some variability. Trail grades average 10% or less with a maximum trail grade of 15% or greater. Unavoidable obstacles eight inches tall or less and taller avoidable obstacles.

Tips

» The Canal Trail is narrow with exposed cliffs and tunnels; It is not recommended for those with a fear of heights or small children. Tunnels can be avoided by using alternative routes. A flashlight is recommended for tunnels.

» For safety, a section of Jem Trail is directional for mountain bikers. It is one-way (downhill) between the Jem Trailhead and Goosebumps Trail.

» Trails in this area are moisture sensitive. Please do not ride or hike when the ground is wet.

» Roads off State Route 59 may not be passable when wet.

Trail Markers

Trails are designated by markers as shown on the right. All trail intersections are signed. Some reassurance markers can be found along the trails. Note that trails segregate user groups due to trail conditions. Please stay on designated trails and use only those trails marked for your specific user group.

System Logo

Recommended Users

Direction

Trail Name

Agency Logo



Know Your Limits » The desert is a land of extremes: sun, heat, cold, and water. Never venture further than what your knowledge, experience, and supplies can handle. Be prepared, and know what to do in the event of lightning, flash flooding, a medical emergency, or other life threatening event.