

# Washington County & Surrounding Areas

## Ecosystems & Scenic Loops



### SCENIC LOOPS & ROADWAYS

Paved: St. George → Santa Clara → Old Highway 91 through Utah Mountains → Beaver Dam → I-15 through The Gorge → St. George

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Paved: St. George → Zion National Park → Highway 9 to Carmel Junction → Highway 89 to Kanab → Colorado City → St. George

Dirt: From St. George Industrial Park, go north on Old Dump Road, left at Turkey Farm turn-off, continue around base of Pine Valley Mountain. Dirt road comes out above Leeds, return to town on I-15

### ECOSYSTEMS

#### High Mountains

- Map: Dark green mountainous areas on map
- Locations: Cedar Mountains, Brian Head, Duck Creek, Navajo Lake, Pine Valley Campground & Summit Trails, Oak Grove Trailhead, Kaibab National Forest (North Rim of the Grand Canyon)
- Climate: Harsh winters with lots of snow, cool summers
- Ecosystem: Pine forests, aspen forests, deer (Idaho type environs)

#### High Plateaus

- Map: Black & dark brown areas of map
- Locations: Kolob Reservoir Area, Upper Zion National Park, Mount Carmel Junction
- Climate: Strong winters with fair snow fall, mild summers
- Ecosystem: Pine & Aspen forests, Juniper & Piñon forests (transitional between low & high)

#### Low Mountains & Mountain Valleys

- Map: Light brown & light green areas on northern half of map
- Locations: I-15 corridor from New Harmony to Parowan, northern Pine Valley backcountry, Central / Pinto Area, Enterprise Area, Pine Valley foothills, Road to Oak Grove, Seegmiller Peak, Little Creek Mountain
- Climate: Fair winter with light but regular snow fall, warm summer
- Ecosystem: Junipers, Piñon Pine, Scrub Oak

#### Upper Cliffs, Cliff Sides

- Map: Orange & white mountainous areas on map
- Locations: Red Cliffs, Sand Mountain, Red Mountain, Snow Canyon canyon hikes, Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Smith Mesa, Zion National Park main canyon, Fingers of Kolob, Kanarrville Fold, Hurricane Cliff
- Climate: Fair winter with light but regular snow fall, warm summer
- Ecosystem: sandstone cliffs (mostly Navajo Sandstone) with scattered Junipers, Piñon & Scrub Oak

#### Open Desert

- Map: Light brown, white & light green areas on southern half of map
- Locations: St. George & surrounding communities, Arizona Strip, Sand Hollow & Quail Creek Reservoirs, Apple Valley, Mesquite to Valley of Fire, Lake Mead, Snow Canyon valley floor, Warner Valley, Gunlock Reservoir
- Climate: Cool winters with little snow; hot, dry summers
- Ecosystem: cacti, sage brush, sand dunes, cottonwoods along river

#### Lower Cliffs / Gorges

- Map: Mountainous area in southwest corner of map
- Locations: Virgin River Gorge, Cedar Pockets, Grand Canyon
- Climate: Cool winters with little snow; hot, dry summers
- Ecosystem: cliffs and deep canyon, desert river system environments

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