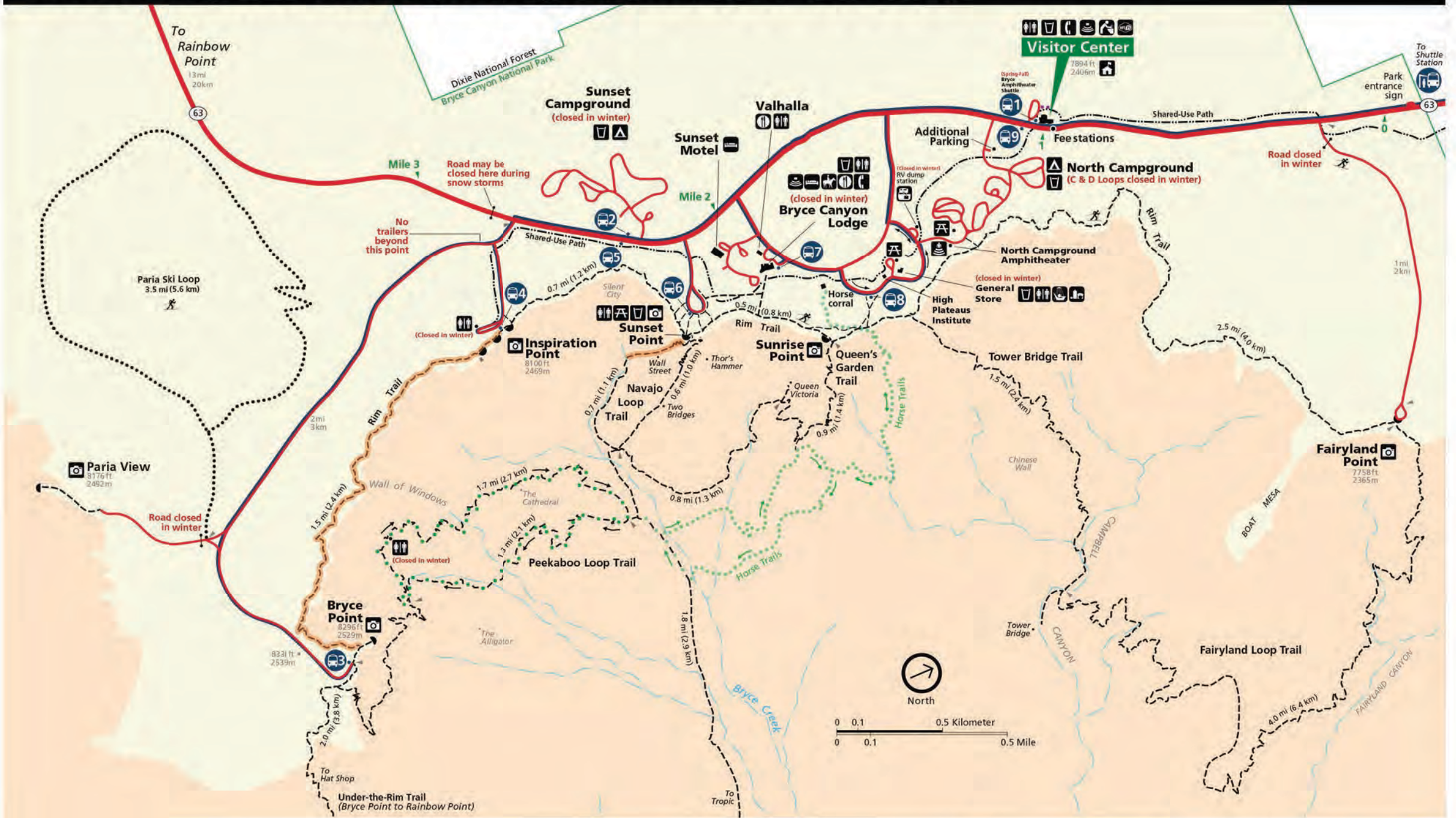
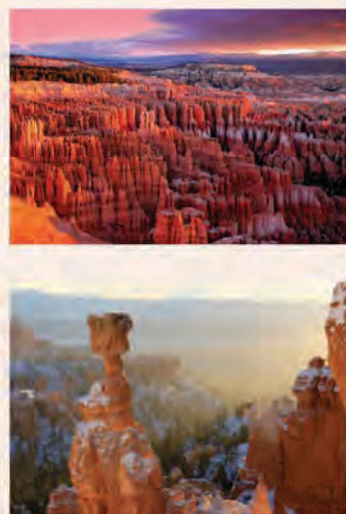


# BRYCE AMPHITHEATER (Hiking Guide below the fold)



MAP KEY		



**Viewpoints**  
Experience the Bryce Amphitheater from all four of its overlooks: Bryce Point, Inspiration Point, Sunset Point, and Sunrise Point.

**Thor's Hammer**  
Found balancing below Sunset Point to the northeast. Best views along the upper switchbacks on the Two Bridges side of the Navajo Loop Trail.



**Tower Bridge**  
This feature reminiscent of a London landmark stands at the end the Tower Bridge Trail--a segment of the Fairyland Loop. Depart from the Rim Trail, north of Sunrise Point.

**Queen Victoria**  
Located at the end of a spur at the bottom of the Queen's Garden Trail. Find the trailhead on north side of Sunrise Point.

## HIKING GUIDE

Easy to Moderate Hikes (gentle grades & minimal elevation change)				Moderate Hikes (steep grades with greater elevation change)				Strenuous Hikes (steep grades with multiple elevation changes)			
Trail Name	Round Trip	Elevation Change	Description	Trail Name	Round Trip	Elevation Change	Description	Trail Name	Round Trip	Elevation Change	Description
<b>Mossy Cave</b> North end of park, 4 mi East on Hwy 12 (not a loop)	0.8 mi 1.3 km 1 hour	200 feet / 61 meters	Streamside walk up to a mossy grotto that fills with spectacular icicles winter. <b>See map on front page</b>	<b>Navajo Loop</b> Sunset Point *Not a loop in winter	1.3 mi 2.2 km 1-2 hours	550 feet / 168 meters	See Thor's Hammer, Two Bridges, and the bottom of Wall Street on this short but steep trail. <b>Clockwise direction recommended.</b>	<b>Fairyland Loop</b> Fairyland Point or north of Sunrise Point	8.0 mi 12.9 km 4-5 hours	1716 feet / 523 meters	See the Chinese Wall, Tower Bridge, and tall hoodoos on a picturesque, less crowded trail.
<b>Sunset to Sunrise</b> Sunset Point	1.0 mi 1.6 km 1 hour	34 feet / 10 meters	Paved portion of Rim Trail; easiest hike with views of the scenic Bryce Amphitheater.	<b>Queen's/Navajo Combination Loop</b> Sunset / Sunrise Point <b>Most Popular Trail!</b>	2.9 mi 4.6 km 2-3 hours	600 feet / 183 meters	Combine Queen's Garden & Navajo Loop to form a 2.9-mile loop. <b>Clockwise direction recommended; use Two Bridges in winter.</b>	<b>Peekaboo Loop</b> Bryce Point	5.5 mi 8.8 km 3-4 hours	1571 feet / 479 meters	Steep, spectacular hike through the heart of the park. See the Wall of Windows. <b>Clockwise direction required!</b>
<b>Rim Trail</b> Walk the rim of the scenic Bryce Amphitheater (not a loop)	1.0-11.0 mi 1.6-17.7 km 1-7.5 hours	1177 feet / 359 meters	View the hoodoos from above. Trail paved between Sunrise and Sunset Points. <b>*Bryce Point to Inspiration Point closed in winter</b>	<b>Tower Bridge</b> North of Sunrise Point (Portion of the Fairyland Loop)	3.0 mi 4.8 km 2-3 hours	802 feet / 245 meters	See Bristlecone pines and the Chinese Wall. A shady 1/4-mile spur trail leads to the bridge.	<b>Navajo / Peekaboo Combination Loop</b> Sunset Point	4.9 mi 7.8 km 3-4 hours	1581 feet / 482 meters	Combine Navajo and Peekaboo Loop Trails into a mini figure-8.
<b>Bristlecone Loop</b> Rainbow Point or Yovimpa Point	1.0 mi 1.6 km 1 hour	200 feet / 61 meters	Hike through spruce-fir forests with bristlecone pines and expansive vistas. <b>See map on opposite page</b>	<b>Hat Shop</b> Bryce Point (not a loop)	4.0 mi 6.4 km 3-4 hours	1075 feet / 328 meters	Descend the Under-the-Rim Trail to see a cluster of balanced-rock hoodoos.	<b>The Figure 8 Combination</b> Sunrise / Sunset Point	6.4 mi 10.2 km 4-5 hours	1631 feet / 497 meters	Combine Queen's Garden, Peekaboo Loop, and Navajo Loop into one ultimate hike!
<b>Queen's Garden</b> Sunrise Point (not a loop)	1.8 mi 2.9 km 1-2 hours	357 feet / 109 meters	The least difficult trail that descends into the canyon. See Queen Victoria at the end of a short spur trail.	<b>Sheep Creek / Swamp Canyon</b> Swamp Canyon Loop	4.0 mi 6.4 km 3-4 hours	647 feet / 198 meters	A beautiful hike through a section of the park's quiet backcountry. <b>See map on front page</b>	<b>In winter, portions of the park's trails are closed for safety. These include the Wall Street Section of the Navajo Loop and the Rim Trail between Bryce and Inspiration Points.</b>			

## RIDE THE SHUTTLE

Free to ride; arrives every 15 minutes

**Additional Stops in Bryce Canyon City at Ruby's Inn, Grand View Hotel, and Ruby's Campground**

<b>Shuttle Station</b> Purchase your pass, park, and ride into the park from here.	<b>Visitor Center</b> Gift Shop, park film, exhibits, and additional parking.	<b>Sunset Campground</b> Campground Access; walk to Sunset Point.	<b>Bryce Point</b> Iconic overlook; access to Rim Trail, Peekaboo Loop, and Hat Shop.	<b>Inspiration Point</b> Iconic overlook; access to Rim Trail. Restroom in summer.
<b>Rainbow Bus</b> Free twice-daily tour along the 18-mile scenic drive. Reserve: (435) 834-5290	<b>Sunrise Point</b> Visit the General Store; access to Rim Trail, Queen's Garden, Tower Bridge, and Fairyland.	<b>Bryce Lodge</b> Gift Shop, lodging, restaurant, Valhalla (eatery).	<b>Sunset Point</b> Iconic overlook; access to Rim Trail, Navajo Loop. Restroom year-round.	<b>Sunset Campground</b> Campground Access; walk to Sunset Point

## "HIKE THE HOODOOS" PROGRAM

Hiking is great exercise and Bryce Canyon's "I Hiked the Hoodoos!" program is not just hiking, it's also a scavenger hunt intended to encourage youth to enjoy the great outdoors.

- In order to qualify for the reward, hike a minimum of 3.0 miles, or find at least 3 benchmarks and complete steps 2 through 4 below.
- Each individual must have either a pencil rubbing of the benchmark (see back of Jr. Ranger Book) or a "selfie" with the benchmark.
- Only special "I Hiked the Hoodoos" benchmarks qualify for the reward. USGS benchmarks found at various locations within the park do not qualify.
- Rewards are available at the Visitor Center, so bring your photos or pencil rubbings to the front desk!

Benchmark	Distance miles	Distance km
Mossy Cave	0.8	1.3
Rim Trail	2.5	4.0
Tower Bridge	3.0	4.8
Queen's Garden	1.8	2.9
Navajo Loop	1.3	2.2
Peekaboo Loop	2.4	3.9
Wall of Windows	1.6	2.6
Sheep Creek	4.0	6.4
Bristlecone Loop	1.0	1.6



## EMERGENCY

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**  
for 24-hour emergency response call **800-582-4351** or **911**.  
\*Garfield Hospital: 435-676-8811  
\*Garfield Clinic: 435-676-8842

**\*NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY**  
Garfield Hospital and Clinic is located in Panguitch, UT. Return to Highway 12 and head West 13.6 mi to US-89 N. Travel 6.5 mi to Panguitch, turning right on N 400 E St.

<b>When thunder roars, go indoors!</b> If you hear thunder, a storm is within 10 miles. Move to a building or vehicle, avoiding trees. Lightning has claimed 4 lives and injured 6 in the past 23 years at Bryce Canyon.	<b>Most injuries can be avoided.</b> Ankle injuries, dehydration, and altitude sickness are the most common emergencies responded to in the park. Don't ruin your vacation with an unnecessary trip to the hospital!	<b>Pets are restricted to paved areas.</b> Pets must be leashed, cleaned up after, and are restricted to park viewpoints, campgrounds, the Shared-Use Path, and the Rim Trail between Sunset and Sunrise Points.	<b>Drone operation is not permitted.</b> All unmanned aircraft is restricted from use in Bryce Canyon National Park. Violators are subject to legal action in accordance with 36 CFR 1.5.
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