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Bryce Canyon N.P. announces the 2015-16 Winter Operations

Bryce Canyon National Park remains open year round and showcases some of its most striking vistas during the winter months. As snow increases and daytime temperatures decrease, hikers are encouraged to prepare by dressing warmly and hiking with snowshoes or under-boot traction devices when applicable. Trails dropping below the rim are open to snowshoeing and hiking, but hikers are encouraged to check with the Visitor Center for weather updates. Cross country skiing is permitted on top of the plateau (above the rim), but no skiing, snowboarding or other sliding is allowed below the rim.

During the winter season, some facilities and amenities will be closed or have their operating hours reduced. The park Visitor Center and Bookstore will be open 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from October 4th through October 31st and change to the winter hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday, November 1st.

Shuttle service hours within the park operated by McDonald Transit will cease operations for the season on Wednesday, September 30th.

The final day for horseback and mule rides operated by Canyon Trail Rides will be mid -October, weather dependent.

The concessions facilities, operated by Forever Resorts Inc., will begin closing for the season mid-October. This year, limited lodging facilities will remain open for park visitors all winter long. Valhalla Pizzeria will close on Sunday, October 11th with the General Store and public shower/laundry facility closing on Sunday, November 1st. The restaurant and gift shop located in the historic Bryce Canyon Lodge will close for the season after breakfast on Sunday, November 8th.

North Campground loop A will remain open throughout the winter season, but loops B-D, Sunset Campground, and the North Campground dump station will close in mid- October. Or earlier if overnight temperatures drop dramatically.

Bryce Canyon National Park's main road will remain open through the winter but subject to temporary road closures after heavy snowfall. The Fairyland Point and Paria View roads will be closed to vehicular traffic and left not plowed for cross-country skiers and snowshoeing.

Additional information can also be obtained by visiting the park's website at www.nps.gov/brca or by calling the park's main information line at (435)834-5322.

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