



Access Guide

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Bryce Canyon National Park



SERVICES

VISITOR CENTER

Two moderately sloping ramps lead from the parking lot to the Visitor Center. The building is equipped with a fully accessible auditorium with a 22-minute captioned film. Restrooms have fully-accessible stalls.

RESTROOMS

Accessible restroom stalls are available at the Visitor Center, Bryce Canyon Lodge, the General Store, Sunset Point, Sunset Campground Loop A and Group Site, Farview Point, and Rainbow Point.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Optional shuttles are fully accessible and operate early May through early October. Buses stop at the Visitor Center, Bryce Canyon Lodge, North and Sunset Campground, and Bryce, Inspiration, Sunset, and Sunrise points. Guided bus tours to the southern viewpoints are also offered twice daily in summer.

CAMPING

Sites 223 and 224 in Loop A of Sunset Campground are reserved for visitors with mobility impairments. These sites offer pull-through access, picnic tables with extensions, and stand-up fire grills. The sites are located across from a fully accessible restroom. Sunset Campground is closed during winter months (typically mid-October through late-April).

LODGING

The Sunrise Unit of Bryce Canyon Lodge (877-386-4383 or 435-834-8700) has rooms designed for handicapped access with adjacent handicapped parking facilities. Motel rooms outside the park also offer accessible rooms. Specify that you would like these rooms when you make reservations.

HORSEBACK RIDING

The two-hour horseback ride below the rim is a great way to see the rock formations if you have a strong sense of balance and some upper leg muscle control. For more information, contact Canyon Trail Rides at the Bryce Canyon Lodge or call 435-834-5500 or 435-679-8665.

HEARING IMPAIRED

A captioned 22-minute film is shown daily in the Visitor Center auditorium.

RANGER PROGRAMS

During the summer, National Park Service rangers offer one guided walk and several interpretive talks which are accessible to visitors with mobility impairments. Some activities are listed below, but check the Ranger Program Schedule at the Visitor Center for exact times and locations.

GEOLOGY TALK - Join a ranger for a 30-minute talk on the geology of Bryce Canyon. Talks are held at Sunset Point, which has good access. Learn the story behind the scenery while enjoying a canyon view.

RIM WALK - Enjoy the afternoon colors and longer shadows as a ranger discusses Bryce Canyon's geology, and natural and cultural history. This 1½-hour walk follows the rim along a paved, relatively level section of trail.

EVENING PROGRAMS - Auditoriums in both the Visitor Center and Bryce Canyon Lodge are wheelchair-accessible. *North Campground Amphitheater is not recommended for wheelchairs.*

VIEWPOINTS

Most viewpoint parking lots provide handicapped parking spaces and ramps for visitors in wheelchairs. If you tire easily, you may want to have assistance to and from some overlooks as elevations range between 8,000 and 9,100 feet (2,440 and 2,777 meters).

FAIRYLAND POINT - Unpaved viewpoint, 97 ft (30m) from parking to overlook - **GOOD ACCESS** (road is closed to vehicles in winter).

SUNRISE POINT - Paved trail, approximately 515 ft (159m) to the rim - **GOOD ACCESS**. Additional 654 ft (198m) beyond horse trail sign to actual viewpoint, but, trail is steep and unpaved - **NOT RECOMMENDED**.

SUNSET POINT - Paved, level trail, about 515 ft (156m) to the viewing area - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**.

INSPIRATION POINT - Paved sloping trail, 267 ft (81m) to LOWER OVERLOOK - **GOOD ACCESS**. Additional 1225 ft (371m) to the MIDDLE AND UPPER OVERLOOKS along an unpaved, steep and rough trail - **NOT RECOMMENDED**.

BRYCE POINT - Paved viewpoint, 168 ft (51m) to first overlook - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**. Steep, 750 ft (230m) paved trail (without handrails) to the end of the viewpoint - **NOT RECOMMENDED**.

PARIA VIEW - Paved viewpoint, 129 ft (39m) to first overlook with viewing window. Additional 631 ft (247m) paved, sloping trail to the end of the viewpoint - **GOOD ACCESS** (road is closed to vehicles in winter).

SWAMP CANYON - Paved, level viewpoint, 40 ft (12m) to viewing window - **GOOD ACCESS**.

FARVIEW POINT - Paved viewpoint, 70 ft (21m) to overlook - **GOOD ACCESS**.

PIRACY POINT - Unpaved, fairly level trail, 1018 ft (308m) from Farview Point parking lot - **FAIR ACCESS** (when dry).

NATURAL BRIDGE - Paved, level viewpoint offers immediate viewing, 61 ft (19m) - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**.

AGUA CANYON - Paved, level viewpoint offers immediate viewing, 54 ft (16m) - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**.

PONDEROSA CANYON - Paved, level viewpoint offers immediate viewing, 32 ft (10m) - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**.

BLACK BIRCH CANYON - Unpaved, rough trail with slight incline, 141 ft (43m), no handicapped parking - **FAIR ACCESS** (when dry).

YOVIMPA POINT - Paved, level trail, about 790 ft (239m) to viewing area - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**. Also accessible from Rainbow Point - additional 408 ft (123m) along paved walkway.

RAINBOW POINT - Paved viewpoint, 139 ft (42m) to first overlook. Additional 321 ft (97m) along a paved, sloping trail to end of viewpoint - **VERY GOOD ACCESS**. Also accessible from Yovimpa Point.

HIKING TRAILS

RIM TRAIL - The ½-mile (.8 km) section of trail between Sunset Point and Sunrise Point is paved and relatively level. It offers exceptional views of the Queens Garden and Bryce Amphitheater (trail is snow-covered in winter).