



## Hiking At Bryce

Bryce Canyon is best known for its hoodoos— intricately-carved rock spires left standing by erosion. Hoodoos are best experienced from our day-hiking trails, which offer an up-close and intimate look at these beautiful and bizarre rock formations. Day-hiking trails are relatively short, moderately difficult, and very popular. If you've come to hike among the

hoodoos, be sure to take a day hike. Check your Hoodoo newspaper for day-hiking information. Bryce Canyon's backcountry trails offer forests and meadows, stunning views of distant cliffs, solitude, but fewer hoodoos.

**Backcountry camping is permitted only in designated backcountry campsites.**

## Backcountry Trails

The Riggs Spring Loop is an 8.6-mile (13.9 km) loop which begins and ends at the Rainbow/Yovimpa Point parking lot. Either the Yovimpa or Rainbow Point trailhead may be used to access this loop.

The Under-the-Rim Trail is approximately 22.9 miles (36.9 km) from Rainbow Point to Bryce Point. Three connecting trails intersect the Under-the-Rim Trail at Agua Canyon, Whiteman Bench, and Swamp Canyon trailheads.

In summer months, the Bryce Canyon Shuttle provides optional transportation to and from Sunrise, Sunset, Inspiration, and Bryce Points, but does not serve the southern end of the park. You must provide your own transportation to/from those locations. At the time of publication the Rainbow Point Tour is available (when the shuttle system is operating) to transport hikers to/from Rainbow Point. However, this service may be discontinued at any time without notice - inquire at the Visitor Center.

**Please note that hitchhiking is not allowed in Bryce Canyon National Park.**

The Under-the-Rim Trail may be broken into sections as follows:

Trail sections	Distance (one-way)	Elevation change
• Rainbow Pt to Agua Canyon T.H.	6.4 mi / 10.2 km	1365 ft / 416 m
• Agua Canyon T.H. to Whiteman T.H.	4.4 mi / 7.0 km	1460 ft / 445 m
• Whiteman T.H. to Swamp Canyon T.H.	1.6 mi / 2.5 km	848 ft / 259 m
• Swamp Canyon T.H. to Bryce Point	10.5 mi / 16.8 km	1294 ft / 394 m

T.H. = Trailhead



## Water in the Backcountry

We recommend you carry at least one gallon (4 liters) of water per person per day into the backcountry. Water sources are intermittent and unreliable.

Water from backcountry sources must be purified by boiling (10 minutes), filtering, or iodine treatment.

Please check at the Visitor Center for the most current information on water availability. Water filling stations are located at the Visitor Center, Bryce Canyon Lodge, General Store, High Plateaus Institute, and Sunset Point.

You **MAY** find water at the following locations:

- Yovimpa Spring (below Yovimpa Pass campsite)
- Riggs Spring (inside log fence area)
- Iron Spring (trail near campsite)\*
- Sheep Creek (near campsite)
- Yellow Creek (near all campsites)

\* Note: Water in Iron Spring has substantial sediment



## Bears and Other Wildlife

Bryce Canyon is home to many wildlife species, including predatory mammals such as Mountain Lions, Coyotes, and Black Bears. In addition, squirrels and other small mammals may be encountered along the trail or attracted to your campsite. Following proper storage techniques for food and other scented items is *your* responsibility. Also, it is important to remember that feeding or harassing wildlife in the park is a violation of federal law (36 CFR 1002.2).

Due to the presence of Black Bears within Bryce Canyon National Park, use of bear-resistant food canisters on overnight backcountry hikes is strongly recommended. Hikers who choose not to use a canister are still required to follow safe food storage practices. However, please note that during periods of high bear activity, the park may, at its discretion

and without prior notice, *require* use of bear-resistant canisters for all overnight hikes into the backcountry. Bear-resistant canisters are available for loan, free of charge, at the Visitor Center.

- Store all food, deodorants, toothpaste, sunscreen, or anything else with an odor in the canister.
- Store any food scraps in a sealed air-tight container.
- Never cook, store food and food scraps, or keep scented items in your tent. Do not sleep in the clothes you were wearing as you prepared your meal.

**• REPORT ALL BEAR AND MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTINGS TO THE VISITOR CENTER INFORMATION DESK!**

**• After hours, canister can be left by Visitor Center front door.**



## Backcountry Guidelines

**Permits.....**A Backcountry Permit is required for all overnight stays in the backcountry. Permits may be purchased at the Visitor Center from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**Water.....**Carry plenty of water and check water availability with a ranger at the Visitor Center before you leave. Purify all water from backcountry sources.

**Hygiene.....**Wash dishes and bathe at least 100 feet (30 m) from water sources, trails and campsites. Collect and bag food scraps and pack out as trash.

**Waste.....**Dig "catholes" 6 to 8 inches (15 cm) deep at least 200 feet (60 m) away from water, trails and campsites to bury human waste. Pack out all trash and any you find that has been left by others. Pack out toilet paper in zip-type bags.

**Fires.....**NO OPEN FIRES are allowed in the backcountry. Camp stoves are permitted.

**Safety.....**Carry a detailed topographic map, compass, extra clothing, food and water, rain gear, hat and sunscreen. Check the weather forecast prior to departure. Always let a friend or family member know your plans.

**Travel.....**Prevent unnecessary and unsightly erosion — stay on designated trails. Shortcutting trail switchbacks is illegal and also dangerous.

**Camping.....**Camp only in designated sites as reserved on your backcountry permit. Leave no trace of your visit.

**Groups.....**Backcountry campsites are limited to 6 people per regular site, and 15 people per group site.

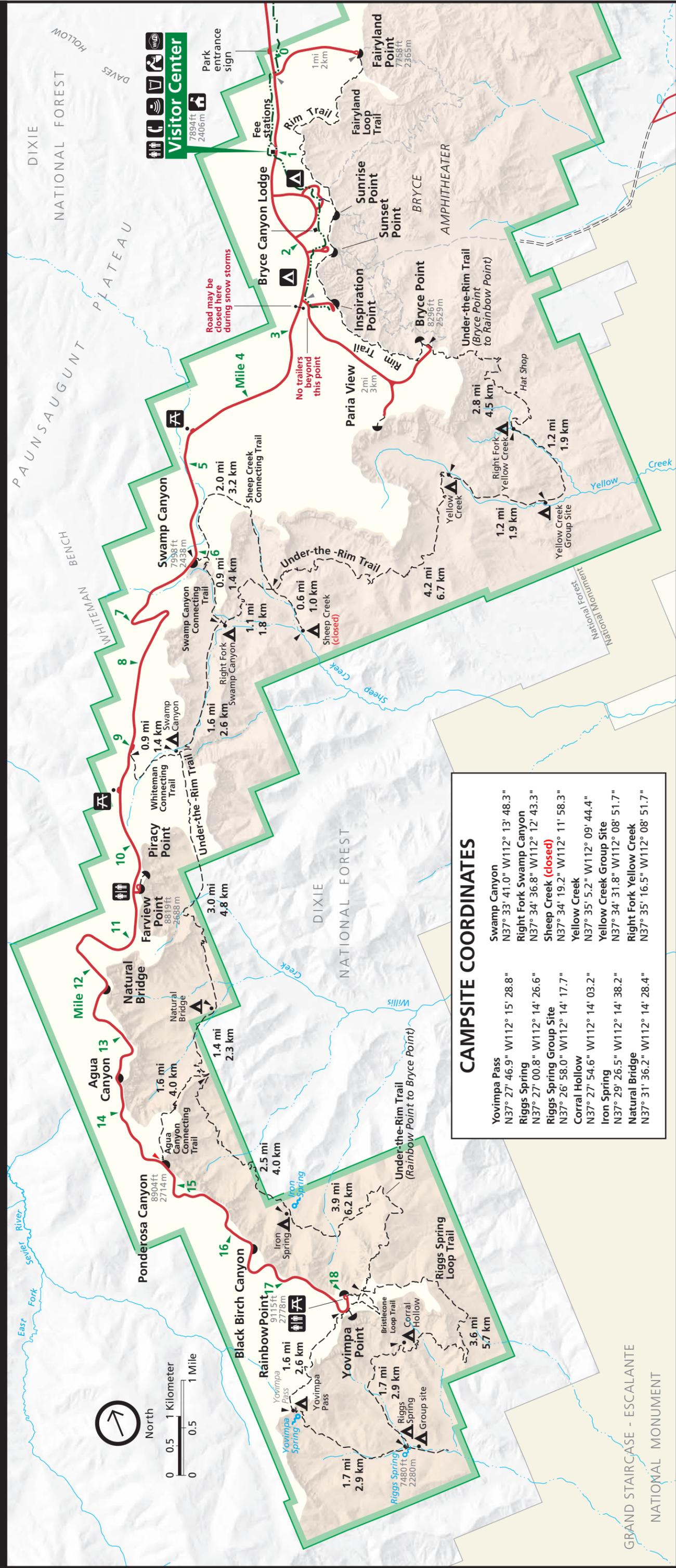
**Cell Phones.....**Wireless communication in the backcountry may work in some areas, but should not be relied upon.

**Immediately report emergencies and resource violations to a ranger, call 800-582-4351 or 911.**



# Under The Rim Trail

## Backcountry Hiking Guide



### CAMPSITE COORDINATES

Yovimpa Pass	N37° 27' 46.9" W112° 15' 28.8"
Riggs Spring	N37° 27' 00.8" W112° 14' 26.6"
Riggs Spring Group Site	N37° 26' 58.0" W112° 14' 17.7"
Corral Hollow	N37° 27' 54.6" W112° 14' 03.2"
Iron Spring	N37° 29' 26.5" W112° 14' 38.2"
Natural Bridge	N37° 31' 36.2" W112° 14' 28.4"
Swamp Canyon	N37° 33' 41.0" W112° 13' 48.3"
Right Fork Swamp Canyon	N37° 34' 36.8" W112° 12' 43.3"
Sheep Creek (closed)	N37° 34' 19.2" W112° 11' 58.3"
Yellow Creek	N37° 35' 5.2" W112° 09' 44.4"
Yellow Creek Group Site	N37° 34' 31.8" W112° 08' 51.7"
Right Fork Yellow Creek	N37° 35' 16.5" W112° 08' 51.7"

