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2015 Spring Hours of Operation

Springtime at Capitol Reef is a wonderful time to notice changes. Though the weather is turning warm and dry, an occasional snowfall can occur. You'll notice the trees budding, flowers blooming, and critters coming out of hibernation, like our resident marmots, so please yield to wildlife on the roadways. "While planning your trip, don't forget the daylight-saving time change and spring ahead one hour on March 8," says park guide Ann Huston.

The Capitol Reef National Park **Visitor Center** will be open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily starting Sunday March 22, 2015. Enjoy the exhibits, park movie and the Capitol Reef Natural History Association bookstore. Starting Wednesday, March 25, daily geology talks will be offered at the visitor center at 10:00 am. Wildlife porch talks will occur at the visitor center at 10:00 am March 17 through March 20. Winter hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm are generally from October to March each year.

The historic Gifford House, located 1 mile (1.6 km) south of the visitor center on Scenic Drive, will be open 8:00 am to 5:00 pm daily starting Saturday March 14, 2015. The Gifford House, operated by the Capitol Reef Natural History Association, has pioneer history information on display and sells fresh baked pies (pies will be sold for \$3.14 on Pi day, March 14), breads and pastries. Learn about this non-profit park partner at www.capitolreefnha.org and enjoy a taste of Fruita's history!

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