

History Tour Site Descriptions

Cedar Breaks Lodge Site:

Share stories and memories with former Lodge employees. See pictures of architect Gilbert Stanley Underwood's beautiful lodge and where guest and employee cabins used to sit in the meadow. Hear from Utah Parks Company (UPC) employees as they describe their experiences working at the other UPC lodges at Bryce Canyon, Zion Canyon and North Rim, Grand Canyon.

Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Site (at Sunset Point):

Hear about the important work the CCC accomplished at Cedar Breaks and other nearby parks and areas. See where the old CCC encampment was located while they built the park visitor center (still in use today), caretakers cabin, and other significant features, overlooks and facilities. See pictures of local CCC'ers and hear about their stories which chronicled what it was like to work for the CCC during the great depression

"Gear Jammers" Site (at Chessman Ridge Overlook):

Hear from one of the local gear jammers who will tell their tales about what it was like to drive the busses and entertain those who rode them as they traveled from Cedar City to experience the "Grand Circle" of national parks. See pictures of the buses, color coded so travelers knew which route they were taking by their color. Hear about "sing-aways"... "even "kiss-aways" as Utah Parks Company staff sent off park visitors to their next destination.

Winter "Yurt" Site (at Upper Alpine Pond Trailhead Parking Area):

In the spirit of our "looking forward" theme, hear about what Cedar Breaks is like during a snow covered winter day at 10,000 feet elevation. The yurt is Cedar Breaks newest visitor facility, which is used during the winter as a ranger station to greet the many cross country skiers and snowmobilers who enjoy the park during this season. During the summer, the yurt is transformed into a junior ranger station, where kids can learn about nature, experience the park's outdoor classroom, and find answers to questions to become an official "junior ranger". See spectacular pictures of "the breaks" during the winter, and learn what it is like to staff a warming hut during the winter.

"Minnie's Mansion" Site (at North View Overlook):

Hear stories about Minnie and her mansion which was "the place" for dinner, dancing and socializing for sheep herders, ranchers and others who worked on the mountain during the late 1800's and early 1900's. See signs of the old wagon road which lead to the mansion, and pictures of Minnie and hear about her colorful character from Cedar Breaks past. Also learn about how humans have been living at the breaks for over 10,000 years and some of the things they left behind that help archeologists to tell their stories.