

Recreation Update

Logan Ranger District,
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Logan, UT 84321
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Updated 10/07/11

Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway delays: none

CAMPGROUNDS/PICNIC AREAS – Campgrounds are concessionaire operated under a Special-use Permit by American Land & Leisure, home office is in Orem, Utah (801) 226-3564 or visit them at www.AmericanLL.com.

After the concessionaire turns the campgrounds back over to us (see chart below), we will keep the following ones open without any services (pack in/pack out) until Oct. 30: Preston Valley, Lodge, Wood Camp, Lewis M. Turner, Tony Grove, Red Banks, Sunrise, Friendship, and Spring.

| Site Name | Fee \$ | Open ? | Water ? | Reservations | Unit types reservable | Comments |
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| LOGAN CANYON SCENIC BYWAY (HWY 89) | | | | | | |
| Second Dam Day Use Area | -- | Yes | No | No | | no services after 10/16 |
| Bridger CG | \$.00 | No | No | No | | gated – closed for season |
| Spring Hollow CG - group | varies | No | No | Yes | Group | gated – closed for season |
| Spring Hollow CG | \$.00 | No | No | Yes | Single | gated – closed for season |
| Spring Hollow CG | \$0.00 | No | No | Yes | Double | gated – closed for season |
| Dewitt Picnic Area | -- | No | No | No | | no services after 10/16 |
| Guinavah-Malibu CG - group | varies | No | No | Yes | Group | gated – closed for season |
| Guinavah-Malibu CG | \$.00 | No | No | Yes | Single | gated – closed for season |
| Guinavah-Malibu CG | \$.00 | No | No | Yes | Double | gated – closed for season |
| Card Picnic Area | -- | Yes | No | No | | no services after 10/16 |
| Chokecherry Picnic Area | -- | Yes | No | No | | no services after 10/16 |
| Preston Valley CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no toilet or services |
| Lodge CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no services |
| Wood Camp CG | \$15.00 | Yes | No | No | | no services after 10/16 |
| Lewis M. Turner CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no toilet or services |
| Tony Grove CG | \$.00 | Yes | NO | Yes | Single | no services |
| Tony Grove CG | \$.00 | Yes | NO | Yes | Double | no services |
| Red Banks CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no services |
| Sunrise CG | \$.00 | No | NO | Yes | Single | no services |
| NORTH OF LOGAN CANYON | | | | | | |
| Green Canyon CG | -- | Yes | No | No | | No services |
| Smithfield CG | \$.00 | No | No | No | | gated – closed for season |
| High Creek CG | -- | Yes | No | No | | No services |
| BLACKSMITH FORK CANYON | | | | | | |
| Shenoah Picnic Area | -- | Yes | No | No | | No services |
| Pioneer CG | \$.00 | No | No | No | | gated – closed for season |
| LEFT HAND FORK OF BLACKSMITH FORK | | | | | | |
| Friendship CG - group | \$0.00 | Yes | No | Yes | Group | no services |
| Friendship CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no services |
| Spring CG | \$.00 | Yes | No | No | | no services |
| WELLSVILLE CANYON (HWY 89-91 Between Wellsville and Brigham City) | | | | | | |

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| Box Elder CG - group | varies | Yes | Yes | Yes | Group | closing 10/16 |
| Box Elder CG | \$17.00 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Single | closing 10/16 |

RECREATION RESERVATIONS

Reservations for the group sites at Guinavah-Malibu CG (3 overnight areas), Spring Hollow (1 day use and 1 overnight), Box Elder CG (4 overnight areas) and Friendship CG (1 rustic overnight area) can be made by contacting **the National Recreation Reservation System (NRRS)** and are available up to 12 months in advance (877-444-6777 or on the Internet at www.recreation.gov). The reservation period for group areas is from the end of May through late-September. **Group sites are by reservation only.**

Reservations for selected individual sites (single & double units) at Spring Hollow CG, Guinavah-Malibu CG, Tony Grove CG, Sunrise CG, and Box Elder CG can be made by calling the National Recreation Reservation Service at 1-877-444-6777 or on the Internet at www.Recreation.gov. These sites can be reserved up to 6 months in advance but no less than 5 days in advance.

ROADS

All our seasonal road gates are open and our Motor Vehicle Use Map for summer is in effect. It is available online under Maps & Publications at www.fs.usda.gov/uwcnf

Please TREAD LIGHTLY and avoid traveling on roads when muddy.

| Road Name | Conditions |
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| ROADS NEAR LOGAN CANYON SCENIC BYWAY | |
| Logan Canyon Scenic Byway (Hwy 89) | Paved – wet |
| Card Canyon (FR 024) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Right Hand Fork (FR 081) | paved – wet |
| Cowley Canyon - Herd Hollow (FR 047) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Marie Springs (FR 147) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| (Adams Corral Road) Logan Peak via White Bedground Spring (FR 052 & 168) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Temple Fork (FR 007) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Long Hollow Road (FR 056) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Twin Creek/Bubble Spring Road (FR 005) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| West Hodges/Forestry Camp (FR 174) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Tony Grove Road (FR 003) | Paved – snowcovered, slushy & icy up high |
| Franklin Basin Road (FR 006) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Beaver Creek Road (FR 011) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Swan Flat Road (FR 014) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Sinks (FR 055) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| ROADS NORTH OF LOGAN CANYON | |
| Green Canyon (FR 050) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Smithfield Canyon (FR 049) | Open to motorized travel when dry. |
| High Creek Canyon (FR 048) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| ROADS SOUTH OF LOGAN CANYON | |
| Providence Canyon (FR 090) | CLOSED to motorized wheeled vehicles - Impassable |

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| Millville Canyon (FR 168) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Blacksmith Fork Road (SR 101) | Paved – |
| Left Hand Fork of Blacksmith (FR 245/231) | Open to motorized travel when dry – Recommend 4x4 - high clearance above Gray Cliff Springs. |
| Pole Hollow/Mahogany (FR 150/254) | Closed yearly to all motorized vehicles - September 15 to June 1 |
| Dip Hollow (FR 056) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Temple Canyon (FR 008) | Open to motorized travel when dry |
| Hells Hollow & Saddle Creek (FR 105) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |
| Maple Bench (FR 086) | Open to motorized travel when dry - Recommend 4x4 - high clearance. |

TRAILS

Please follow your Leave No Trace skills. Not all trails are listed.

| Trail | Conditions |
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| Card West (064) | wet & muddy |
| Cherry Peak Trail (024) | wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Coldwater East Trail (038) | wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Crimson Trail (015) | wet & muddy |
| Deep Canyon Trail (037) | wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Green Canyon Trail (000) | wet & muddy |
| High Creek North Fork Trail (towards double top (002) | difficult passage due to deadfall - wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Jardine Juniper Trail (014) | wet & muddy |
| Left Hand Fork (pig trails) (021,022,121) | significant erosion - wet & muddy |
| Limber Pine Nature Trail (004) | snowcovered |
| Logan Dry Trail (016) | wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Naomi Peak National Recreation Trail (005) from High Creek Canyon to Green Canyon via Tony Grove | wet & muddy then snowcovered up high |
| Naomi Trail (136) from Naomi Peak NRT to the Peak | snowcovered |
| Richards Hollow Trail (019) | difficult passage on motorcycle but OK by foot - wet & muddy |
| Ricks Canyon (127) / Steel Hollow Trail (013) | inaccessible to motorcycles due to flood damaged segment on Right Hand Fork Trail Impassible erosion on motorcycle - difficult passage on bicycle but OK by foot - wet & muddy |
| River Trail (603) | flood damage between Bridger and Gus Lind Flat - wet & muddy |
| Riverside Nature Trail (052) | wet & muddy |
| Smithfield Canyon Trail (007) | impassable at first stream crossing - snowcovered up high |
| Temple Fork Sawmill Trail (062) | wet & muddy |
| Tony Grove Nature Trail (604) | snowcovered |
| White Pine Lake Trail (out of Tony Grove) (025) | snowcovered |
| Willow Trail (056) | likely impassible or difficult by bicycle, due to |

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| | flooded section on Right Hand Fork Trail - wet & muddy |
| Wind Caves Trail (032) | wet & muddy |

LOGAN CAVE

The **cave is gated closed**. The cave was closed to the public on Oct. 1, 1997 to ensure the viability of a rare and special biological community of Townsend's Big-Eared Bats that is located in Logan Cave. The bats are particularly vulnerable to human disturbance during their periods of mating, hibernation, and maternity colony, which runs from about October to August each year. The Big-Eared Bat is listed as a sensitive species by both the Forest Service and Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. To aid with protecting this species during their vulnerable period, it is prohibited to go into or within 250 feet of the mouth of Logan Cave.

LAKES & STREAMS –

Blacksmith Fork River –

Logan River - special fishing restrictions above the Card Canyon Bridge (check fishing proclamation) –

Tony Grove Lake –

TONY GROVE DAY USE AREA

This area includes a paved parking area adjacent to Tony Grove Lake and 3 picnic sites on the south and 3 on the east shores of the lake. There is also a short 1.3 mile nature trail around the lake. Parking is provided for visitors to the lake as well as hikers and mountain bikers traveling the trails in the area. There is no loading or unloading of livestock at this paved location and campfires are not allowed in the day use area. Toilet building is open but there are no services.

TONY GROVE BACKCOUNTRY TRAILHEAD

This trailhead is a parking area for both day use and extended backcountry use. It is managed to provide parking for visitors with livestock who are not allowed to use the campground or the Tony Grove Day Use Area. Overnight equestrian camping is allowed on the west side with a limit of 2 vehicles per horse trailer. Campfires are not allowed until after September 30. Toilet building is open but there are no services.

FALL COLORS

High & mid elevation maples are still showing off their reds and oranges in big pockets above the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway (Hwy 89 between Logan & Bear Lake) and just starting down low along the byway and in Wellsville Canyon (Hwy 89/91 from Brigham City to Wellsville) and Blacksmith Fork Canyon (Hwy 101). This winter like storm dropped the snow level to about 6500 feet and some say that the colors dulled with the snow. Fall color driving will probably be good for the a few weeks here in Northern Utah. The aspens up near the Bear Lake overlook and between Beaver Creek and the State Sheds are at peak. The maples near the Tony Grove turn off are past peak but a side tour up the Tony Grove Lake Road (FR 003) at least to the highway overlook is well worth the trip. As of Friday afternoon (10/7) there is slush/snow on the Tony Grove Road up at the top that will probably turn to ice overnight. Many side canyons are also displaying splotches of color but most routes are not recommended for passenger vehicles.

FIREWOOD PERMITS

We will not be issuing any personal use firewood permits this year.

DEVELOPED AREA USES - In our developed areas (ie: campgrounds, picnic areas, and trailheads), campfires are only permitted in forest service constructed permanent cement or metal fire rings.

PALLET CLOSURE – The closure prohibits any firewood material containing nails, screws, or other metal hardware on the forest.

HARDWARE RANCH – (435-753-6206 for Wildlife Resources personnel) Check out their web page at

www.wildlife.utah.gov/hardwareranch. The Visitor Center and rides are closed for the season.

NORTHERN UTAH WELCOME CENTER and AMERICAN WEST HERITAGE CENTER (435) 245-6050 – Check out their web page at www.americanwestcenter.org or <http://www.awhc.org/> Located in Wellsville, Utah, on US Highway 89/91, just 6 miles south of Logan. The Welcome Center is open year-round. The Living History Site is open seasonally. Visit their web site for hours of operation.

CACHE VALLEY TOURISM & VISITOR CENTER (435-755-1890) is located inside the Historic Cache County Courthouse on the corner of 200 North and Main. Office hours are 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Mondays through Fridays, closed Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Check out their web site at www.tourcachevalley.com

BEAR LAKE OVERLOOK AND REST AREA is located 32 miles east of our office and 5 miles west of Garden City. It serves as the east portal to the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway. A small information booth is located inside the building and staffed by the Bear Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau. Their web site is www.bearlake.org.

STOKES NATURE CENTER (435-755-3239) is located in Logan Canyon, east of Logan, Utah, on Highway 89. Office hours are Wednesday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on upcoming programs and activities, visit www.logannature.org.

OFFICE LOCATION - The Logan Ranger District is located at the mouth of Logan Canyon and serves as the west portal for the Logan Canyon National Scenic Byway. Our office hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. We are closed weekends and holidays.