

What Else Should I do While I am in Utah?

If you're planning on making a longer trip out of your time in Utah, here are some recommendations from the locals. Also, check out the [Visit Utah](#) website for hundreds more activities and sights to visit – too many to list here!

Salt Lake City Area

Ski Resorts – these resorts offer summer activities, food spots with a view and a beautiful drive to get there!

- [Snowbird](#) – mountain coaster, alpine slide, zip line, tram ride to the summit, and other summer activities
- [Solitude](#) – chair lift rides, mountain biking, hiking, disc golf, and other summer activities

[The Great Salt Lake](#) – the largest natural lake west of the Mississippi and largest salt water lake in the Western Hemisphere. While it's not exactly a place to spend a day at the beach, the heavy salt content makes for easy floating and a pretty surreal experience. Take some extra time and visit Antelope Island in the Great Salt Lake – home to the largest and oldest publicly owned bison herd in the nation.

[Park City](#) – mountain town with an active and entertaining main street featuring breweries, shops, restaurants, galleries, and museums. Before you get to downtown Park city though, stop at the [Utah Olympic Park](#) to visit the bobsled, luge, and ski jump venue for the 2002 Olympic Games (and will be again for the 2034 Olympic Games). The venue offers a fascinating tour and free admission to the Olympic museum. If you're lucky, you'll catch summer ski jumping or bobsled practice!

[Temple Square](#) – the most visited “attraction” in Utah. Although some areas are closed for renovation, the Tabernacle is open and walking through the grounds is still lovely. Plan to catch the [Mormon Tabernacle Choir](#) rehearsal on Thursday evening and/or the Choir's live broadcast Sunday morning.

Check out the [Visit Salt Lake](#) website for more activities and sights to see during your stay. Also, stop by the [Visitors Center in the Salt Palace Convention Center](#).

Five National Parks in Utah

If you want to hit all five national parks in Utah, check out this [Mighty Five Itinerary!](#)

The highest concentration of [International Certified Dark Sky Parks](#) is in Utah; four of the five national parks are included

[Zion National Park](#) – one of the most favorite national parks for us locals that live in Utah. For our more adventurous visitors, check out [Angel's Landing](#) (reservations required) and [The Narrows](#) hikes

[Moab](#) – small town with western hospitality on the Colorado River, surrounded by stunning red rock landscapes and the gateway to two national parks.

- [Arches National Park](#) – see Delicate Arch, one of the most iconic natural wonders in the US. Reservations required.
- [Canyonlands National Park](#) – some wild expansive views of the red rock canyons. More of a driving national park really to get the full feel. Check out [Dead Horse Point State Park](#) (another certified Dark Sky Park) on the way for a driveable viewing point of Canyonlands, and a fascinating story!

[Bryce Canyon National Park](#) – see some hoodoos (weird rock columns in the greatest numbers on Earth!) and do some awesome hiking or horseback riding through the park.

[Capitol Reef National Park](#) – a bit of a hidden gem and the least visited national park in Utah, so you're not fighting large crowds. Filled with cliffs, canyons, domes, and home to towering sandstone structures and impressive canyons, but also holds many ancient petroglyphs.

Other Recommendations Within Driving Distance of Salt Lake

[Golden Spike National Historical Park](#) – happened in Utah - completion of the first transcontinental railroad across the US, where the two railroads met and the last spike (golden spike) was driven home. Victorian era locomotives, railroad construction features, and museum

[Timpanogos Cave National Monument](#) – beautiful hike past stunning vistas to an underground world to experience the thrill of caving.

[Dinosaur National Monument](#) – dinosaur remains are still visibly embedded in the rocks. Inside the Quarry Exhibit Hall over 1,500 dinosaur fossils are exposed on the cliff face. In addition, several petroglyph sites are easily viewed. Want more dinosaurs? No matter where you go in Utah, you aren't far from a museum, former home, or archaeological dig, so check this out: [Dinosaurs in Utah](#) and follow the [Dinosaur Diamond Prehistoric Highway](#)

[Jackson, Wyoming](#) – resort town mixing western heritage with high-end experiences, and gateway to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks

- [Yellowstone National Park](#) – what defines the American National Park system. Rivers, gorges, mountains, waterfalls, random boiling pools of water, geysers and so much more!
- [Grand Tetons National Park](#) – some of the most beautiful stunning mountains in the country. Almost guaranteed a moose or elk sighting

[Four Corners Monument](#) (Navajo Nation) - trying to check off four states all at once? With your two hands and two feet, you can stretch out to touch four states simultaneously!

[Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park](#) (Navajo Nation) - vast, wild, and sunbaked, with deep canyons and towering buttes. You'll see the sky, bigger and bluer here than you have ever seen it! Familiar vistas where hundreds of westerns were filmed starting in the 1930s. And as you drop down into the valley, you will be traveling a long straight stretch of road that will probably look familiar – the iconic view from Forrest Gump Point!