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The “D” on the Hillside - Trail Summary

Overlooking the town, the “D” stands as a historic icon for St. George. This short hike is great for families and features a great view. There is no trailhead or markers but the trail is clear and easy to follow. The single dirt path has a sharp incline and does get rocky but overall it isn’t too difficult. The area around the “D” is under 24 hour surveillance and a sign is posted to remind visitors that they are on camera. Like always, we ask hikers to respect this historic site by not leaving trash or vandalizing the area. With a leash, the hike is [dog friendly](#) as well.

Upon reaching the “D” and the white rocks is a plaque erected by Dixie State University that reads:

“Our “D” on the hillside so bold, cherished emblem of them all,’ A.K Hafen.
Composer DSU School Song.

On February 19, 1915, the students of Dixie Academy gathered to construct the “D” on the hill. Civil engineer Leo A. Snow had surveyed and laid the outline of the 75-foot wide and 100-foot tall “D.” In three hours the rock was laid and wagonloads of lime began to arrive. Skits were performed and speeches were given, and the iconic “D” was pronounced complete.

Whitewashing the “D” continues to be an annual tradition every spring during Dixie State University’s “D” Week.

The “D” continues to elicit strong emotions in the hearts and minds of students, alumni and Southern Utahns. This plaque was erected in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the “D” on the hill.

Property deeded by Rodger C. & Leona Cox Atkin and Bill & Lida Cox Prince families on December 13, 1949 to the Dixie College Alumni Association.”

Erected by DSU April 18, 2015

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hE9XMooA804>