

Field Trip to Confluence Park

The public is invited to join members of the Washington County Historical Society on a field trip to Confluence Park on Saturday, November 21. This 344 acre Regional Park, opened in 2012, is located within both Hurricane and LaVerkin city limits at the convergence of Ash Creek and LaVerkin Creek with the Virgin River. Participants in the field trip will learn about the history of the area and visit the ruins of a pioneer hydroelectric plant in the canyon.

Several trails in the park offer opportunities to explore a riparian area which has been significant to travelers and local inhabitants area for hundreds of years. In pioneer times the canyons of the park contained a pecan orchard, pastures and small crop fields, a dairy farm, and popular picnic sites.

The field trip will begin at 10am on November 21 from the parking lot just north of the SR-9 bridge over the Virgin River in LaVerkin. The access trail descends from here. Alternatively, participants who wish to carpool from St. George will meet at 9am in the parking lot of the BLM. There is no charge for the field trip but it will require ability to walk down a somewhat steep trail.

Information about the mission and activities of the Historical Society can be found on its website: <http://wchsutah.org> This site is an unparalleled source for historical information about Southern Utah.