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The Dixie Arizona Interpretive Association (DASIA) held a field trip to Powell Point in the Dixie National Forest on August 23, 2018. "Powell Point on Table Cliff Plateau offers unique Wasatch Limestone Formation soils that provide habitat for rare plant species that are locally endemic to southern Utah. The ancient bristlecone pines at Powell Point have weathered in this unique cushion plant community surrounded by steep cliffs, open escarpments and spectacular views."

This trip lasted from 8:30 am to 7:15 pm. We took the I-15 freeway up to the Hwy 20 exit. There we waited until 9:59 am when we had all 12 vehicles. Then we took UT Hwy 20 east to US Hwy 89 and took that down through Panguitch and to UT Hwy 12. See the map at

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/2018-08-23-dasia-field-trip-map.jpg>

We stopped at the Red Canyon Visitor Center before continuing up Hwy 12. At the turnoff for Bryce Canyon National Park, we went north instead of south (turned left) and headed up Hwy 22 towards Antimony. This is County Road 1660, locally know as Johns Valley Road. 10.7 miles up Hwy 22, we turned right onto Forest Service Road 132, signed for Pine Lake Campground. We continued on FR 132 for 5.43 miles to the Pine Lake Campground. There we turned left and followed the road (still FR 132) east 5.08 miles to the junction of FR 143. There we turned south (right) and drove 3.5 miles on FR 143 to the Powell Point Trailhead.

At the trailhead, there is a turnaround and places for cars to park. When we arrived, it was raining lightly with low clouds and fog. Within a half hour, the rain had subsided enough that we could proceed with lunch and muddy walks down to some view points. But here is how it looked on radar:



Here are some photos from various contributors:

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03877.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03878.php>

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See an aerial view of the parking area at the trailhead and the trail down to Powell Point at

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/2018-08-23-dasia-field-trip-aerial.jpg>

We are continuing to solicit additional information about the subjects of these field trips. Please contact me if you can add anything to the photo or subject webpages. DASIA Executive Director, Ken Sizemore, and trip leader, Milt Hokanson, have agreed to offer a free field trip lunch for the best photo submitted from each trip. This month's winner is Larry Cazier for his photo:

<http://wchsutah.org/photos3/wchs-03939.php>

This and previous trip reports can be found as links in the Calendar History and Flyers webpages on the WCHS website:

<http://wchsutah.org/calendar-history-2017.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/calendar-history-2018.php>

<http://wchsutah.org/flyers/flyers.php>

The next DASIA field trip is on 9/27/2018 to see the Cedar Mountain Burn Rehabilitation. Approximately 111 square miles across both Iron and Garfield counties were consumed by the June 17 wildfire. The wildfire still affects the nearby communities of Brian Head, Panguitch and Parowan even though the immediate threat has subsided. We will view rehabilitation efforts after a summer of regrowth.

This and future trips are listed on the WCHS online calendar,

<http://wchsutah.org/calendar.php>