

# DIXIE ARIZONA STRIP INTERPRETIVE ASSOCIATION

## TENTATIVE

### 2020 FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE

#### **JANUARY 23 – THREE RIVERS CONFLUENCE/PAH TEMPE/LAVERKIN OVERLOOK**

Confluence Park has a long and storied history. Evidence of Anasazi inhabitants, Native Americans, 16th Century explorers, and 19th Century pioneers can be seen and felt. Often praised for its cultural and historic value, Confluence Park also is home to a broad spectrum of wildlife species. We will depart at 9:00 a.m.

#### **FEBRUARY 27 – GOLD BUTTE/FALLING MAN**

The Falling Man Site is a fascinating petroglyph gallery that has seen many visitors over the years. Walking into the Falling Man panel, people may notice petroglyphs on crags and boulders along the trail. The trail is only about 0.3 miles, but the last bit of the route to the Falling Man petroglyph requires an easy scramble. Additional panels are found further down the trail. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended. We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

#### **MARCH 26 – MOUNTAIN MEADOWS/BAKER RESERVOIR**

The Mountain Meadows Massacre National Historic Landmark is located approximately 40 minutes north of St. George on state Route 18. It includes several different monuments and memorials all clustered within about a 2-mile radius. Baker Dam Recreation Area is open year-round and is used as a good base for hunters looking for deer, quail, and rabbit, as well as for highway vehicle users wanting to explore higher elevations. We will depart at 9:00 a.m.

#### **APRIL 23 – MODENA/HEBRON/STATELINE GHOST TOWNS**

Modena is the second most important railroad town located in the far western outskirts of Iron County. Hebron was established in 1868. By 1905 the town was deserted. Gold and silver were discovered at Stateline Canyon in 1894 and soon a town sprung up. But as with most mining towns the ore started to play out around 1910 and by 1918 there were only 18 people left. We will depart at 9:00 a.m.

#### **MAY 21 – DELMAR GHOST TOWN/OAK SPRINGS FOSSIL BEDS NV**

In the early 1890s Joseph Rafael De La Mar began development of a rich mining camp in the Delamar hills. The town boomed from 1895 into the twentieth century, finally becoming a ghost town at the beginning of World War II. The Oak Springs Trilobite Area is laden with fossil remains of six types of trilobites in the shale deposits near Oak Springs Summit. High clearance vehicles are recommended. We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

#### **JUNE 25 – NORTH SKUTUMPAH/COTTOWOOD ROADS**

Skutumpah captures the beauty of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument with its rugged dirt road that winds past some great slot canyons. We will also be exploring the Cottonwood Canyon backway which provides access to Kodachrome Basin State Park, Grosvenor Arch, the Cottonwood Narrows, and Hackberry Canyon. Grosvenor Arch, located about 10 miles south of Kodachrome Basin and 1 mile east of the backway on a side road, is a superb double arch named in honor of a former National Geographic Society president. This trip will be an extended, long day or perhaps an overnight opportunity. High clearance 4WD vehicles are strongly recommended. We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

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#### ★ AUGUST 27 – VIRGIN RIM TRAIL/CASCADE FALLS

★ The Virgin River Rim Trail winds through some of the most spectacular scenery southern Utah has to offer.  
★ From stunning pink cliffs, to verdant high altitude forests, the trail offers a little something for everyone. We  
★ will enjoy a short half mile hike down to Cascade Falls. As Navajo Lake slowly drains through the lava rock below it exits  
★ at Cascade Falls, the headwaters of the Virgin River. We will depart at 9:00 a.m.

#### ★ SEPTEMBER 24 – EAST ZION /NORTH FORK ROAD TO NAVAJO LAKE

★ The 36 mile-long North Fork Road ascends more than 4,000 feet from Highway 9 near the east entrance of Zion  
★ National Park to picturesque Navajo Lake which was originally known to the Paiute Indians as Pa-cu-ay, meaning  
★ "Cloud Lake." The lake came into being when a lava flow dammed the eastern end of the valley. High clearance  
★ 4WD vehicles are strongly recommended. We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

#### ★ OCTOBER 29 – NIXON SPRINGS/NAMPAWEAP/MT TRUMBULL/MT LOGAN

★ Nampaweap includes one of the largest petroglyph sites on the Arizona Strip. Inside the ravine, you walk on  
★ the rugged lava fields of the Uinkaret Plateau. Volcanism produced the cinders, cones and basalt flows that  
★ dominate the region. Beginning 150,000 years ago, seeping eruptions covered the ground. They formed  
★ multiple, thin beds of basalt. Slow cooling caused fractures that wind, water, and ice worked on resulting in  
★ huge chunks falling from the cliff. The scattering of boulders and the fragmented cliffs created perfect  
★ canvases for rock writing. High clearance vehicles are strongly recommended We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

#### ★ NOVEMBER 19 – LEES FERRY

★ Lees Ferry is the only place within Glen Canyon where visitors can drive to the Colorado River in over 700 miles  
★ of canyon country, right up to the first rapid in the Grand Canyon. A natural corridor between Utah and  
★ Arizona, Lees Ferry figured prominently in the exploration and settlement of northern Arizona. Lees Ferry is  
★ now a meeting of the old and the new. We will depart at 8:00 a.m.

#### ★ IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FIELD TRIPS:

★ Due to limited group size and high demand, you must register to participate in field trips. Sign up begins one  
★ month prior to each trip at approximately 1:10 p.m. on each Friday at the conclusion of the Brown Bag lecture.  
★ Participants must provide their own vehicles and fuel. Many trips will require a high clearance vehicle and  
★ four-wheel drive capacity. Registration, including lunch provided by DASIA, is \$15 per person for DASIA  
★ members and \$25 per person for others.

★ THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON WEATHER, ROAD CONDITIONS AND SAFETY  
★ CONSIDERATIONS. PLEASE CONTACT THE PUBLIC LANDS INFORMATION CENTER FOR ANY SCHEDULE OR  
★ LOCATION CHANGES.

★ Reservations may be made by calling the Public Lands Information Center at 435.688.3200