



## WINTER ITINERARY

Winter is one of the best times to visit Bryce Canyon Country. Bundling up to visit in the winter means fewer crowds, cooler temperatures and a blanket of fresh snow. In winter months, admire colorful sunsets as they reflect on the snow-capped hoodoos, cross-country ski through the snow-covered canyon or enjoy some of the best ice fishing nestled up against the pines.



## MOSSY CAVE • TROPIC, UTAH

Travel, short hike, eat and check-in

Located on Highway 12, approximately 4 miles east of the intersection of Highways 12 and 63 is a small 0.5-mile hike called Mossy Cave. Parking is located to the right, after crossing the bridge. This hike is perfect for stretching your legs after a long car ride. Short, but sweet, Mossy Cave has beautiful icicle formations created from summer streams. Although Mossy Cave has similar features to Bryce Canyon, it's actually not like Bryce Canyon at all. Previously known as Water Canyon, Mossy Cave was labored in by Mormon pioneers with picks and shovels to carve an irrigation ditch from the east fork of the Sevier River, through the Paunsaugunt Plateau, into Water Canyon. The canal, known as Tropic Ditch, on the Mossy Cave trail is still used for Tropic's and Cannonville's irrigation.

After enjoying a leisurely hike, make your way over to The Pizza Place, in Tropic. Fill yourselves with their hand-tossed pizza made from homemade dough. Finally, stay overnight near the entrance of Bryce Canyon or in the nearby, quiet town of Tropic.

### Alternate places to stay:

- Bryce Canyon Inn
- Bryce Trails Bed and Breakfast
- Best Western Ruby's Inn

### Places to eat:

- IDK BBQ
- The Pizza Place

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## BRYCE CANYON CITY, UTAH

### Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Ice Skating

Start your visit in Bryce Canyon Country at the Ruby's Inn Adventure Center. Ruby's Inn provides all the equipment and amenities you'll need to make your trip a success, including a full buffet breakfast every morning.

Enjoy the beauty of the hoodoos and the fresh snow, take advantage of the quiet winter mornings and rent out snowshoes or cross-country skis. All equipment can be found at the adventure center. Embrace the crisp morning air and hike along the Canyon 2 Canyon Trail beginning at Bryce Canyon Shuttle Parking. In the warmer months, the trail is used for bikers, but throughout the winter the trail is paved especially for cross-country skiers and snowshoers. Depending on parts of the trail you're on the difficulty can be easy to intermediate. Canyon 2 Canyon Trail will give you surreal views of Bryce Canyon and the beautifully sculpted hoodoos.

Other cross-country and snowshoeing trails include Rim Trail, Bristlecone Loop, Fairyland Road and Paria Road.

After a morning of adventure refuel at one of the suggested restaurants in Bryce Canyon City. Then, to start your afternoon, rent ice skates from the Adventure Center and take your talents to the rink. Located at the Winter Adventure Center is the ice skating rink. Skate for as long as you like amongst snow-capped mountains as the sun begins to set.

End your day at one of Bryce Canyon City's restaurants.

#### **Other places to eat:**

- Cowboy Buffet and Steak Room

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## PANGUITCH, UTAH

### Ice Fishing, Scenic Drive, and Departure

Start your morning by driving about 45 minutes to Panguitch Lake for some ice fishing. Although snowy, the lake is accessible by vehicle in the winter. Please check the conditions before going.

Ice fishing at Panguitch Lake has always been known for some of the best fishing. When the sun is shining, it's truly magical to see the icy reflections resting on the lake with a silhouette of pines surrounding you.

After you've caught a big catch, stop at C Stop Pizza in Panguitch before traveling back home. As you depart, make time to visit Utah's Patchwork Parkway, Highway 143, as you head back to Interstate 15. This road takes you through a trail of beautiful plateaus with elevations over 10,000 feet that descend again to 6,500 feet. The road is popular for its history of Native American clans moving from their winter lands to summer hunting grounds. The byway is named Patchwork after the popular Mormon pioneer story about how they saved themselves from starvation by using quilts to cross the plateaus in the deep winter snow.

#### **Alternate places to stay:**

- Countryside Cabins
- Blue Springs Lodge

#### **Places to eat:**

- C Stop Pizza
- Big Fish Family Restaurant

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