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## Tips on Enjoying Bryce Canyon for Summer 2020

Bryce Canyon National Park has worked diligently to develop a phased re-opening plan following state, local, and CDC guidelines and recommendations. The park has taken measures to ensure the safety of its visitors and staff. To help us maintain the safest possible environment, we ask that you "Know Before You Go" by visiting the Alerts section of the park website at www.nps.gov/brca and by using the tips below to plan your visit.

## Ways to Enjoy your Visit, Reduce Parking Congestion, and Avoid Crowds

- Early bird gets the worm: sunrise and early mornings before 10 a.m. are a great time to visit and find less visitors along trails and at popular overlooks.
- Enjoy Bryce Canyon's Shared Use Path! Just beyond the park entrance, Bryce Canyon City offers plenty of vehicle parking. From there it's only a 4-mile bike ride or walk to the Bryce Amphitheater.
- Park in less busy areas. For example, consider an easy 15 minute walk or even quicker bike ride from the park Visitor Center to Sunrise Point on the rim. Park in the Additional Parking area across from the Visitor Center and enjoy the quiet, forested scenery along the Shared Use Path.
- Take a scenic drive to the southern end of the park during the busiest times between 10 a.m. 3 p.m. and enjoy some of the quieter overlooks and picnic areas. Visitors are encouraged to drive the entire 18-mile scenic drive to Rainbow Point and work their way back to the park entrance so that all overlooks will be on your right-hand (east) side of the road.
- There is plenty of daylight this time of year, consider visiting between 5 p.m. 8 p.m. and capture the last of the day's light. Great for dramatic photos of the Bryce Amphitheater.

## Bryce Canyon Also Requests That All Visitors:

- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet apart from other visitors and park staff).
- Practice Leave No Trace Principles. Take home what you bring.
- Avoid crowded trails and overlooks.
- Park in designated areas only and adhere to park closures and signage.
- Know your limits. Emergency response may be delayed and limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. The park's most common injuries result from improper footwear, lack of water, and altitude sickness.
- Don't forget your mask: We encourage the use of face coverings in situations where you cannot maintain social distancing (such as narrow trails, overlooks, restrooms, and indoor areas). Cloth masks are available for purchase at the Bryce Canyon Association Bookstore located in the Visitor Center.

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