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Why Go?

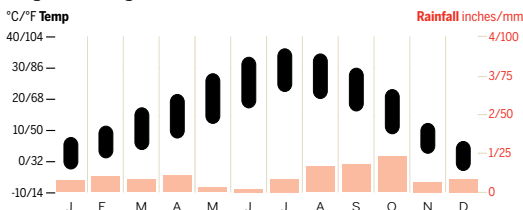
If you're looking for a base for visiting Bryce Canyon National Park, towns include the farming community of Tropic and tourist-friendly, old-fashioned Panguitch, the gateway to Bryce Canyon.

This is Butch Cassidy country, where legends of the outlaw abound. He's said to have ridden the trails in scenic Red Canyon, past the red limestone towers where a hiking route is named for him today. The gunslinger's boyhood home can be visited in tiny Circleville.

This is a great place to go cycling: unlike Bryce Canyon, Red Canyon has both paved bike paths and mountain-biking trails.

When to Go

Bryce Canyon National Park



May–Aug

Moderately hot; afternoon thundershowers common in late summer.

Sep & Oct

Mild days; you'll still need a warm coat.

Nov–Feb

Very cold, with snow on the ground.

Tropic

POPULATION 521 / ELEVATION 6309FT

Founded in 1891 by Mormon pioneers, the tiny town of Tropic is a satellite to Bryce Canyon National Park, located 10 miles east of the park on Hwy 12. The farming community got its start with the creation of Tropic Ditch, which diverted water from Bryce Canyon to irrigate fields.



Activities

Mecham Outfitters

HORSEBACK RIDING

(☎) 435-679-8823; www.mechamoutfitters.com; Tropic; half-day \$75) Long-time locally run outfitter leading highly recommended half- and full-day rides, including through slot canyons, in nearby Dixie National Forest and on Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument lands.



Sleeping

Bryce Pioneer Village

CABIN \$

(☎) 435-679-8546, 800-222-0381; www.brycepio.neervillage.com; 80 S Main St; tent/RV site \$15/30, cabins \$80, d \$85-95; (☎) On the edge of town in 14 acres of land, these cabins are standard and a little cramped. There's also an RV campground featuring full electrical hookup and showers included in the camping fee.

King Creek

CAMPGROUND \$

(☎) 435-676-2676, group reservations 877-444-6777; www.fs.usda.gov/main/dixie/home; site \$12; (☎) mid-May-Oct 1) Near Bryce's western boundary, 3 miles west of the Hwy 12/63 junction then 7 miles south via unpaved USFS Rd 087, this woodsy, well-maintained, first-come, first-served 37-site campground is adjacent to Tropic Reservoir and the Sevier River (bring bug spray). It's also popular with ATV riders (bring earplugs). Amenities include flush toilets, drinking water and a dump station.

KOA of Cannonville

CAMPGROUND \$

(☎) 435-679-8988; <http://koa.com/campgrounds/cannonville>; Hwy 12; tent/RV site \$31/45, cabin \$70; (☎) Mar-Dec; (☎) Particularly good for families, it provides lots of amenities (flush toilets, drinking water, dump station, electrical hookups, spotlessly clean bathrooms and showers). It's 5 miles east of Tropic, and has 80 sites and cabins.

Pine Lake

CAMPGROUND \$

(☎) Escalante Ranger District 435-826-5400, group reservations 877-444-6777; www.recreation.gov;

sites \$11; (☎) Jun-Sep) In a pretty pine forest near a reservoir, 11 miles north of the Hwy 12/63 junction then 6 miles east on unpaved Clay Creek. Powerboats aren't allowed, but expect ATVs. Only groups may reserve. There's no trash collection and amenities are limited to vault toilets and drinking water.

★ Buffalo Sage

B&B \$\$

(☎) 435-679-8443; www.buffalosage.com; 980 N Hwy 12; d incl breakfast \$120; (☎) May-Sep; (☎) Perched on a hilltop with sweeping views, this comfortable B&B features ample country-style rooms with separate entrances. Guests can join the llama and goat that can be found relaxing here. There's a full breakfast that accommodates vegetarians.

Bryce Country Cabins

CABIN \$\$

(☎) 435-679-8643, 888-679-8643; www.brycecountrycabins.com; 320 N Main St, Tropic; cabins \$99-149; (☎) Feb-Oct; (☎) Friendly and family-run, these well-designed pine cabins are centered around an outdoor fire pit, perfect for stargazing around a bonfire. The only drawback is they're right on the main street. Deluxe cabins have cozy furniture and vaulted ceilings. Perks include TVs, coffee makers, small porches and charm – it's among the best simple accommodations near Bryce.

Bullberry Inn

B&B \$\$

(☎) 800-249-8126, 435-679-8820; www.bullberryinn.com; 412 S Hwy 12, Tropic; r incl breakfast \$115-130; (☎) Though the home dates only to 1998, this farmhouse-style inn serves up traditional Utah, down to the Bullberry jelly, a recipe that's been in the family for generations. The family gives a warm welcome and the country-cozy theme goes far – from ample log and bear themed rooms to a full country breakfast.

Bryce Trails B&B

B&B \$\$

(☎) 435-679-8700, 866-215-5043; www.brycetrails.com; 1001 W Bryce Way; r incl breakfast \$115-180; (☎) Reticent toward walk-ins, this tidy lodging nonetheless offers bright and slightly kitsch Western theme rooms, some with deck or Jacuzzi. It's located 1 mile from Main St.

Bryce Canyon Inn

INN \$\$

(☎) 435-679-8502, 800-592-1468; www.brycecanyoninn.com; 21 N Main St; r \$84-90, cabin \$129-140; (☎) These immaculate, pine-scented, roadside rooms feature quilted beds and free continental breakfast. Cabins are tightly