

Agenda at a Glance

Thursday, August 23:

- 1:30 p.m. Begin arrivals & set-up
- Afternoon Hiking, biking, sightseeing
- 6:00 p.m. Pot-luck appetizers (*BYO drinks*)
- ~9:00 p.m. Moon / star-gazing (weather dep.)

Friday, August 24:

- 8:00 a.m. Pot-luck breakfast
- 10:15 a.m. Capitol Reef NP - Optional hike

Cohab Canyon Trail (~3 miles round trip, mod. difficulty); meet at trailhead in Fruita inside NP

- 1:30 p.m. Lunch at Slacker's - Torrey, Utah

Everyone welcome for lunch - no need to go on the hike. Purchase your own lunch and enjoy the scenery from Torrey overlooking Capitol Reef.

- 6:00 p.m. Navajo Taco Dinners (*by UWAC*)

Saturday, August 25:

- ~7:30 a.m. Fishing Derby (*optional*)

Self-guided fishing. Hosts are renting a large pontoon boat that will accommodate 10 folks for 1/2 day. Contact Keith regarding interest in going on the boat (first-come, first-serve). Bring your own rod, tackle, and bait.

- 2:00 p.m. Fish Lake Scavenger Hunt
- 5:00 p.m. Happy Hour (*BYO drinks*)
- 7:30 p.m. Forest Service Program (*Twin Creek*)

Sunday, August 26:

- 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (*by UWAC*)

Logistics

Questions or need assistance?

Contact one of the UWAC rally co-hosts. Cell phone coverage, internet, and text messaging are limited (spotty) in most areas, but there are cell phone boosters near the major lodges, the closest being the Lakeside Resort just 1/4 mile away. Feel free to contact someone in-person.

Holly Jorgensen:

Ron Jorgensen:

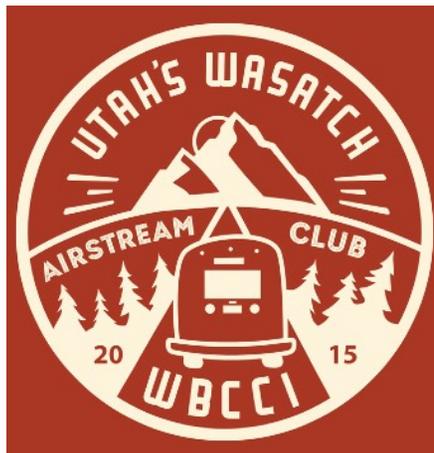
Jeanne Lund:

Keith Lund:



Doctor Creek Group Campsite B

This is a Forest Service campsite subject to normal restrictions - fires restricted to fire pits, dogs on leashes, etc. This is high elevation (9000') dry-camping; there are no hook-ups, so show-up with your freshwater tank full and holding tanks empty. There is a RV dump near the Doctor Creek exit for use at departure.



"Summer on the Old Spanish Trail"

Fish Lake Rally August 23 - 26, 2018

Rally Co-hosts: Jeanne & Keith Lund / Holly & Ron Jorgensen



Welcome to the Old Spanish Trail in Utah!

(photo by Conchita Marusich)

The metal sculpture is a whimsical site near Castle Dale, Utah. Between 1829 and 1848, this pack trail was a major transportation link between Sante Fe, New Mexico and Los Angeles, California. It was referred to as one trail but it had a series of shortcuts including the Fish Lake Cut-off. Goods such as blankets and other woolens produced in NM were traded for Spanish mules and horses. The route was one of the first and most difficult trading routes established in the West. The Old Spanish Trail was designated as a National Historic Trail in 2002. Our rally is held at the Doctor Creek group campground at Fish Lake located near one of the interpretive signs installed by the Old Spanish Trail Association; stroll over to it for a look — it's well worth the walk!



Fish Lake... a Utah favorite

Fish Lake is a high alpine lake (elevation ~8,800 ft) located in the Southern Wasatch Plateau region of south-central Utah, United States. It lies within its namesake, the Fishlake National Forest.

Fish Lake, six miles long and one mile wide, lies in a geologic structure known as a graben valley. It is bounded by the Mytoge Mountains on the southeast shore which sharply rise about 1,000 feet above the lake. Along the northwest shore, the lake is bounded by Fish Lake Hightop (summit ~11,600 ft). The lake has an average and maximum depth of 85 / 175 ft.

Fish Lake holds Rainbow Trout, Splake, Lake Trout, Kokanee Salmon, Brown Trout, Tiger Trout and Yellow Perch. Yellow Perch are regarded as an invasive species. The lake is stocked by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The region sees heavy snowfall in the winter, with snowfall occurring as late as June in any given year. For this reason tourist activity is at its peak in the summer months.

Note the prevalence of basalt rocks and geology in the area, as well at the many flat-top mountains.

Pando, a clonal quaking aspen stand that, according to some sources, is said to be the oldest (80,000 years) and largest (106 acres, 13 million pounds) organism on Earth, is located 1 mile southwest of Fish Lake on Utah 25 (next to the Doctor Creek campground.) *Source: Wikipedia*



Nearby Towns & Services

The nearest town is Koosharem, 15 miles to the west. A larger community, Richfield, is within a one-hour drive. Richfield is the best location nearby for shopping, auto service, or medical assistance (with an IHC hospital / emergency room.)

Loa is also nearby (Wayne County) with gasoline, groceries and limited other services.

There are three resorts at Fish Lake located along the west side. These have fishing licenses, supplies, limited groceries, and misc. supplies. The Fish Lake Lodge is definitely worth a visit, including the visitor center inside staffed by local volunteers. Check-out the brochure on the Legend of the Aspen Heart and the one on Pando. The best restaurant is at the Bowery Haven Resort on the north end.