

# Close-cations in Utah:

Trips with little planning, can be done in one or two days and are within about 3-4 hours.

What	Cost	Where	Extras	Website
Mona Rope Swings	Free	Mona, Utah	Bring your swim suit and some tubes or kayaks. Stop at GayDean's Sweet Art Bakery on way home	<a href="https://roadtrippers.com/us/mona-ut/nature/mona-rope-swings">https://roadtrippers.com/us/mona-ut/nature/mona-rope-swings</a>
BYU Campus	\$20 or less	Provo, Utah	Bowling, Varsity theater, campus bookstore (for a treat) and then the Duck Pond (800 N. 400 E.). Try out the Bean Museum too.	<a href="http://www.wilk.byu.edu">www.wilk.byu.edu</a>
Antelope Island	\$10 per vehicle	Antelope Island	Bridger Bay Beach, Bison Roundup, Cowboy Legends (all free)	<a href="https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/park-fees/">https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/antelope-island/park-fees/</a>
Pineview Reservoir	Free	Ogden Valley	Sandy beaches, water skiing, fishing	<a href="https://utah.com/pineview-reservoir">https://utah.com/pineview-reservoir</a>
Crystal Hot Springs	\$7/adults, \$5 kids 3-12 yrs old	Honeyville, Utah	Natural hot springs, water slides, camping available, stop at Smith & Edwards	<a href="http://www.crystalhotsprings.net/">http://www.crystalhotsprings.net/</a>
Meadow Hot Springs	Free	Meadow, Utah	Natural hot springs in the middle of nowhere.	<a href="http://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/meadow-spring.html">http://www.utahoutdooractivities.com/meadow-spring.html</a>
Lava Hot Springs	Prices vary	Idaho	Geothermal hot springs, water slides, camping	<a href="http://www.lavahotsprings.com/">http://www.lavahotsprings.com/</a>
St. George	Free	St. George, UT	Children's Museum, Glitter Mountain, Pioneer Park (try out "The Crack")	<a href="http://www.saltproject.co/blog/crack-pioneer-park-st-george-roadtrippin">http://www.saltproject.co/blog/crack-pioneer-park-st-george-roadtrippin</a>
LDS Pageants	Free	Manti, Clarkston & Castle Valley	Mormon Miracle Pageant (June), Martin Harris-The Man Who Knew (August), Castle Valley Pageant (August)	<a href="https://www.lds.org/locations/pageants?lang=eng">https://www.lds.org/locations/pageants?lang=eng</a>
Logan Getaway	Prices vary	Logan, UT	Includes 1-night hotel stay and dinner voucher. Stop by USU/Logan Canyon	<a href="http://www.getawaypackage.com">www.getawaypackage.com</a>
Fronrunner to SLC	\$5/person	Salt Lake City	Temple Square, City Creek, explore Gilgal Sculpture Garden, Em's Restaurant	<a href="http://www.downtownslc.org/">http://www.downtownslc.org/</a>
Goblin Valley	\$13 entrance fee	Green River, UT	Just over 3 hours away, worth the drive, flashlight hide and seek	<a href="https://utah.com/goblin-valley-state-park">https://utah.com/goblin-valley-state-park</a>
American West Heritage Center	Prices vary	Wellsville, UT	Self-guided tours, activities throughout the year	<a href="https://www.awhc.org/">https://www.awhc.org/</a>
Bluff	Free	Bluff, UT	Hole in the Rock Trail, Bluff Fort, one of coolest small towns in Utah	<a href="http://bluffutah.org/">http://bluffutah.org/</a>
Alpine Loop	Free	Utah County	Hike to Stewart Falls at Sundance then stop by Cascade Springs. Beautiful!	<a href="https://utah.com/hiking/stewart-falls">https://utah.com/hiking/stewart-falls</a> <a href="http://www.gohebervalley.com/Cascade-Springs">http://www.gohebervalley.com/Cascade-Springs</a>
Cecret Lake	Free	Little Cottonwood Canyon	1.5 miles round trip, catch a salamander in the lake, amazing wildflowers	<a href="https://utah.com/hiking/cecret-lake">https://utah.com/hiking/cecret-lake</a>
Silver Lake	Free	Big Cottonwood Canyon	Easy boardwalk stroll around lake, pack a lunch, watch out for moose	<a href="https://utah.com/hiking/silver-lake-trail">https://utah.com/hiking/silver-lake-trail</a>
Sand Dunes	Free	Nephi, UT	Hours of fun, with or without an OHV	<a href="https://utah.com/little-sahara-sand-dunes">https://utah.com/little-sahara-sand-dunes</a>
Wall Lake	Free	Uintahs	Backpack in just 1 mile, next day continue to Notch Mountain or just hang out, fish/swim	<a href="http://www.utahoutside.com/2010/09/backpacking-to-wall-lake-in-the-uinta-mountains/">http://www.utahoutside.com/2010/09/backpacking-to-wall-lake-in-the-uinta-mountains/</a>
Zion National Park	\$30 entrance fee	Springdale, UT	Angel's Landing (not for kids), walk along Virgin River, explore the Narrows or other slot canyon	<a href="https://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm</a>
Spiral Jetty	Free	Great Salt Lake	If water levels are low, check out this work of art, stop by Golden Spike National Historic Site too	<a href="http://tipsforfamilytrips.com/utah/spiral-jetty/">http://tipsforfamilytrips.com/utah/spiral-jetty/</a>
Bryce Canyon	\$30/vehicle	Bryce Canyon	Hike the Hoodoos. Beautiful. So much to see	<a href="https://www.nps.gov/bryce/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/bryce/index.htm</a>
Factory tours	Free	Utah	Mrs. Cavanaugh's, Sweet's Candy Co., Week's Berries of Paradise, Crumb Brothers, V Chocolates, Bee's Honeyland, Heber Valley Artisan Cheese, etc	<a href="https://www.newscastic.com/news/9-free-utah-factory-tours-you-never-knew-you-could-take-2285358/">https://www.newscastic.com/news/9-free-utah-factory-tours-you-never-knew-you-could-take-2285358/</a>
Dinosaur Land	Free	Vernal, UT	Visit Dinosaur National Monument, petroglyphs, scence drives, hiking trails	<a href="http://www.dinoland.com/">http://www.dinoland.com/</a>
Arches	\$25/vehicle	Moab, UT	Delicate Arch, Balanced Rock, Fiery Furnace, etc.	<a href="https://www.nps.gov/arch/index.htm">https://www.nps.gov/arch/index.htm</a>