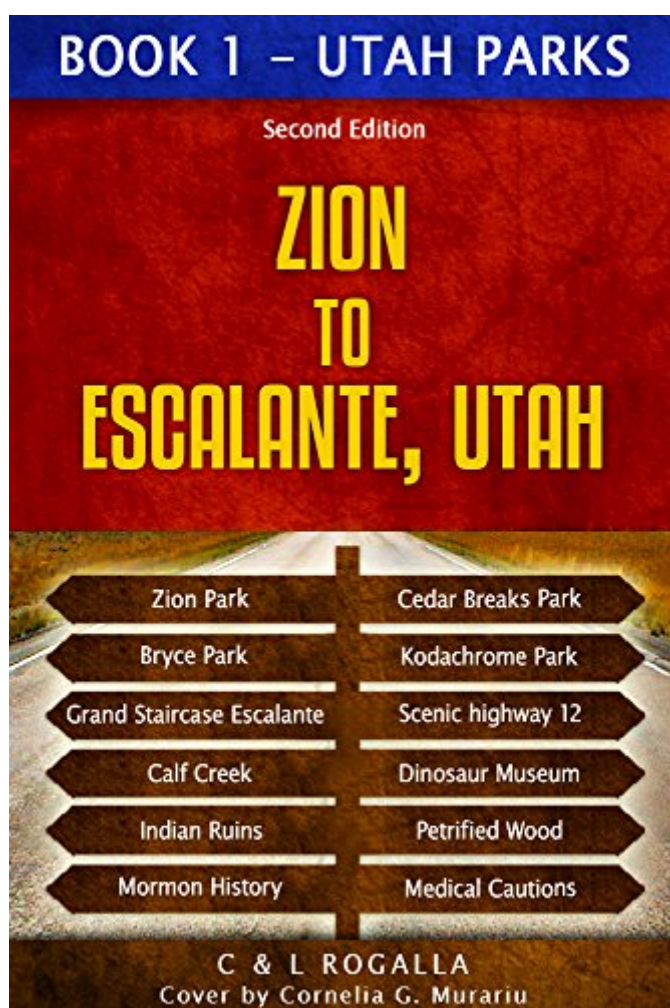


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Where applicable, we have included free camping areas. History Embedded in this land is the enduring history of pioneers who settled here when it was barren except for native Indian occupation. In 1848, when the Mormons arrived from eastern U.S. and England, Utah belonged to the Mexican government who inherited from Spain by revolution. It was raw land. After a war with Mexico, the land became U.S. property. That lured more eastern pioneers from gold prospectors and outlaws to vast herds of cattle ranchers. Also included are native Indian ruins that are hundreds of years old and their rock art are visited.

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Book organization starts with the Table of Contents. Under each of the 5 major Trips there are individual Tours. For example, Trip 1, From St. George, Utah to Zion. Below that trip, there are 12 individual

tours. Clicking on a Table of Contents Trip or Tour, quickly leaps you to that selection. In that Tour, under 1.0 Information , there are Hyperlinks to other sections within that tour: 2-Visitor Center; 3-Services; 4-Lodging; 5-Camping, 6-Hiking; 7-Other Tours (Biking, Horse, Rafting, etc.) and 8-Driving Tours. Two appendixes are crucial to understanding travel location and tour sites. Appendix 1 – Road maps for each trip. Appendix 7 – Tour sites and location map. Use these maps as a guide for each Trip and applicable sub-tours. Most of these road maps were created by GPS tracking; therefore, very accurate. Abbreviated Table of Contents Trip 1 – From St. George Utah To Zion Trip 2 – From Zion To Bryce Canyon Trip 3 – Bryce To Cedar Breaks Nat. Mon. & Cedar City Trip 4 - From Bryce National Park to Boulder, Utah

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Customer Reviews

This book make your journey through southwestern Utah enjoyable. The author has done a comprehensive tour of the area and describes, sometimes at too great length, what you are seeing very thoroughly. I love traveling to Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks and thought that I might be becoming well-versed on the area and its history. No way! There is so much in this book that I never knew or imagined. One thing that jumps out from the book is the intricate history of the

pioneers who settled this area. There is so much more to it than just the scenery. Scenic areas, such as Ireland which so many people had to leave, were hard places to make a living before they were "saved" by tourism. It is the same story in the fantastic scenery of the deserts and mountains of the southwest. The author guides you along just about every road in the vastness of southwest Utah, and, by reading roadside memorials and visiting local court houses, tells you the story of the European Americans who settled here, warts and all. It is fascinating stuff. This book is not just about local history, though. The author travels roads which, sadly, tourists such as myself who travel by rental car cannot drive on. Now I know what I am missing, and I do miss it after reading this book. The book describes great places to camp and hike and how to get there. This book might ruin things for future visitors. If enough people read it, they'll be flocking to Strawberry Point and Red Canyon, which might appear different when a tour bus rolls up and 40 chattering tourists disembark. Get this book; read about these places; and visit them before they are "discovered". Why did I award four stars instead of five, or even six? I had to take away one star because I found the author's advice on tipping to be erroneous, misleading, and harmful to the anonymous but essential work done by people who work in restaurants and lodging facilities. In fact, it was personally offensive to me because I used to work in a restaurant in the middle of a national park. It is not true that only tips by credit card are reported to the IRS. The greedy tax collectors have come up with ways to estimate, overestimate I would say, the cash tips earned by those who serve tourists. Also, understand that visible recipients of tips, waitresses and waiters, are usually required to share their tips with people the customer does not see. Those people, in the kitchen, behind the bar, busing the dirty dishes, and generally helping out, are part of a team with the server. They are all working together to deliver your meal or your hotel stay and are entitled to a piece of your tip. Be aware, especially if you are a foreign visitor to whom the author dispenses his (non)tipping advice, that hotels and restaurants are legally authorized to pay less than the going minimum wage under the assumption that the employee's income from the job is based more on tips than wages. This is how these folks make a living. If you do not tip them generously, and here I mean the server and the members of the team who work with the server, you are stealing their labor. Places like Zion and Bryce Canyon have short seasons because of climate and the availability of free time for the tourist to visit. During those short seasons hordes of visitors descend on the area's lodging and dining venues. These places must do their annual business within a few months. That means their employees are working extra hard for their money. During the peak season there is no such thing as down time for the staff. They work long shifts. They go back to the tiny room for which they are renting for about what a tourist would pay, collapse into bed, and then get up a few hours later to

face another day. Why begrudge them the chance to earn more than what it costs them to do their job? Other than that, I like the book and admire the author's attention to detail.

I've just completed an initial read of the book and was impressed by the inclusion of many beautiful pictures and maps of each trip. It is perfect for anyone wishing to spend a vacation exploring various locations in those wonderful national parks. The book suggests the best scenic routes to its many destinations, usually supplemented with local history. The extensive Internet and YouTube links will be exceptionally beneficial in planning my visit. It's so much more than a travel book. It's a driving and hiking companion. I'll be making a trip to the parks this fall and this ebook won't be far from my side.

I won an iPad in a drawing 2 days before going to Zion, Bryce and the North Rim. I was able to buy the book, download it to my iPad, and found the information highly valuable during my trip. Not only was there a great deal of detailed information in the book, but there were links to much more online information as well.

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