



# SOUTHERN UTAH LOCATION GUIDE 2024





# WHAT IS A LOCATION GUIDE?

If you've booked a casual session with me, you will have also received a Style Guide from me. The Style Guide goes over the importance of coordinating outfits with location, so let's think of this as the preface. Where do you want to shoot? What season is it? Are you willing to hike? What about travel?

There are so many factors when choosing the perfect location for your session! Unless if there's a location you've always dreamed of having your photos taken, you likely aren't even sure where to begin when choosing a location. Many of my couples don't live in Utah at all and have no idea what locations are even out here. But have no fear. I have put in the work so you don't have to. I have spent hours upon HOURS driving around, looking at maps, going off roading and even popping tires at times trying to find the best locations for my couples. And I have compiled this guide of my favorites for your benefit.

Look at the pictures of each location and see what you like! For each location, I go over best times of the year to shoot there, is it better at sunrise or sunset, are there any permit fees, and any other things you might need to know.

Once you've picked out your favorite location, let me know what you've decided and I'll send you the exact pin and what time we should meet there.

**\*Disclaimer\*** The information in this guide is based on my experience and the research that I have found, however, I always recommend doing your own research on a location you like - especially if you're planning on getting married there. Permits and entrance fees may change without me knowing, so doing a bit of research beforehand may help you decide where exactly you want to shoot.

## NOW LET'S LOOK AT SOME PRETTY PLACES

Please respect the time that I have spent searching for and researching these locations and do not share this guide with anyone else. This also helps protect the lands and keeps them beautiful and less populated. And when you visit these locations, please practice Leave No Trace. Thank you!





# KOLOB CANYONS/ TIMBER CREEK OVERLOOK

In the Northeast part of Zion, not in the main park. Easily accessible. You'll park at the Timber Creek Overlook parking lot, then it's about a half mile easy walk/hike to the best views.

City: New Harmony, UT

Distance from St. George: 35 min

Travel Fee: \$15 hiking fee

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 entrance fee

Hiking: 1 mile round trip easy hike

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



# RED CANYON

This is the location that made me fall in love with Southern Utah and want to move here. The road goes through a beautiful red rock/forested canyon with lots of areas to pull off. Beautiful hikes, unique rock formations, and arches.

City: Hatch, UT

Distance from St. George: 2 hr

Travel Fee: \$125

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes, 20 people or less





# TAYLOR CREEK TRAIL

A hiking trail in Kolob Canyons in the Northeast part of Zion. Follows a beautiful creek and looks amazing in Fall.

City: New Harmony, UT

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 entrance fee

Hiking: Park at the trailhead, the spot we shoot at is about 1/4 mile into the hike.

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# CANYON OVERLOOK

This is the most popular location that I shoot at in Zion. It has those classic Zion views, but *lots* of people. It has become increasingly more populated over the years and parking is extremely limited. It is the busiest on weekends and close to holidays. Bring hiking shoes and water. Some brides do the hike in their dress, but I have a changing tent I can bring for you so you can change at the top if you prefer. The shuttle does not go to this location, so you will take your own car to this location. Do not choose this location if you are afraid of heights.

City: Springdale, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 15 min

Travel/hiking Fee: \$55

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 park entrance fee

Hiking: 1 mile moderate hike roundtrip

Time of year: All year (extremely crowded in Summer)

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# ZION SOUTH CAMPGROUND

Another one of my popular Zion spots. Gorgeous views and lots of variety. You don't have to take the shuttle for this location. This is the perfect location if you want Zion views but don't want to hike.

City: Springdale, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 park entrance fee, \$100 WEDDING permit fee

Hiking: No hiking, just walking along a paved trail

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes, you can hold a ceremony at the South Campground Ampitheater





# SNOW CANYON OVERLOOK

Overlooks Snow Canyon State Park. Not usually busy.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes. Go to this link for details:  
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/2023-wedding-packet-scsp/>





# UPPER GALOOT

Petrified dunes in Snow Canyon State Park. Beautiful views of the whole park.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: N/A. Parking lot is close, then just walk up the petrified dune!

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No, but you can get married at the Lower Galoot which is right below the petrified dune.







# JENNY'S CANYON



A gorgeous slot canyon in Snow Canyon State Park. Can be busy with other hikers. There's not a lot of room for a whole session here, so I recommend spending half our time here and finishing up at another location in Snow Canyon.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: Very short easy hike.

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No



# SNOW CANYON PETRIFIED DUNES

Petrified dunes in Snow Canyon State Park. One of my favorite spots in the state park with amazing views.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: N/A. Parking lot is close, then just walk up the petrified dune!

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes. Go to this link for details:  
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/2023-wedding-packet-scsp/>





# SNOW CANYON SAND DUNES

Sand dunes in Snow Canyon State Park.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes. go to this link for details:  
<https://stateparks.utah.gov/2023-wedding-packet-scsp/>





# TONAQUINT PARK

This is a beautiful park with open grass, palm trees, and pathways. A great option if you want greenery. We will shoot in the area called The Garden.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: N/A

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall (but my favorite time is mid April because that's when the flowers are blooming)

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# FALLS CREEK PARK

A secluded park on the outskirts of Zion National Park. It's beautiful year round, but especially in the Fall and Summer. It's the perfect riverside spot with Zion views in the distance for a small ceremony or session.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 40 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes, groups of 30 or less







# PIONEER PARK

Super pretty red rocks, great views of Downtown St. George. Easily accessible and great for any session. Lots of areas to walk around and shoot at, including some slot canyons! This location tends to have lots of people, but occasionally there aren't as many.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: N/A

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Not necessarily hiking, just a short walk up and around some big red rocks

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes! Go to this link to make the reservation: <https://www.sgcity.org/parkreservations/>



# YANT FLAT/CANDY CLIFFS

Dirt road to get there. Relatively easy hike, the trail is just very sandy. The views at the top are beautiful. This is an iPhone photo of me at the top in December. If it has rained, the road will be too muddy to get to the location.

City: Leeds, UT

Distance from St. George: 40 min

Travel Fee: Not a travel fee, but \$60 hiking fee to cover the additional time.

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Moderate hiking. About 2 miles round trip. Very sandy until the end.

Time of year: Spring, Fall, Winter (if no snow)

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes







# LONE ROCK LAKE POWELL

Typically the rock is surrounded by water, but this is an iPhone photo that I took during a pretty severe drought. Lone Rock is a camping area at Lake Powell.

City: Big Water, Utah

Distance from St. George: 2 hr 15 min

Travel Fee: \$150

Entrance fees/Permits: \$30 entrance fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year, however will be the most crowded during Summer months

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No



# COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS

One of my favorite spots in Zion. For the majority of the year, we will have to meet at the visitor's center and take the shuttle to this spot. In January and February, the shuttles aren't running most days - in which case you can drive your car directly to the location.

City: Springdale, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 10 min

Travel Fee: \$30

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 park entrance fee

Hiking: There is an area where we can shoot right by the river that doesn't require hiking, but we can go about 1/2 mile up the trail for more views if we choose.

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset (best at sunrise)

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# BRYCE CANYON

Bryce Canyon National Park has absolutely breathtaking scenery. These photos were taken on the Navajo Loop Trail.

City: Bryce Canyon, UT

Distance from St. George: 2 hr

Travel Fee: \$125

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 entrance fee, \$100 WEDDING permit fee

Hiking: Moderate hiking

Time of year: Spring, Summer (busiest time), Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# SAND HOLLOW STATE PARK

Sand Hollow State Park is a gorgeous park with red rocks, water, a beach, and sand dunes. It can get crowded in the Summer but is usually less busy at the times we will be shooting.

City: Hurricane, UT

Distance from St. George: 15 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$15 - \$20 entrance fee

Hiking: N/A, just walking around rock formations

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No, however you can get married at the Sand Hollow Resort across the street from the park.



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# CORAL PINK SAND DUNES

Not usually crowded, mostly people with ATVs driving around. Parking lot is close, then we just walk all around the dunes!

City: Kanab, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 10 min

Travel Fee: \$40

Entrance fees/Permits: \$8 entrance fee, \$50 WEDDING permit fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes, email [utknmail@blm.gov](mailto:utknmail@blm.gov) to apply for a wedding permit





# MOQUI CAVES

These are sand caves carved into the mountainside in Kanab, UT. We'll park in a dirt area on the side of the road then hike up. It's a super unique area where we can get some creative shots. This is a great location to pair with the Coral Pink Sand Dunes.

City: Kanab, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 30 min

Travel Fee: \$100

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: 1/2 mile round trip hike. It's easy, but there's a portion that's really steep without much to hold onto, so I strongly recommend shoes with good traction.

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset





# TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA

This is my favorite spot for a wedding ceremony inside Zion National Park. From March - Nov, we'll meet at the visitor's center and take the shuttle to the last stop. From Dec - Feb, you can drive your car directly to the location. Then it's a short walk to the river.

City: Springdale, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 15 min

Travel Fee: For sessions, the travel fee is \$35. For weddings, shuttle time counts towards your hours of coverage.

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 park entrance fee, \$100 WEDDING permit fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes







# KOLOB TERRACE

A gorgeous field location on the edge of Zion. Not inside the park so there's no entrance fees. There's a dirt area to park across the street. And the drive up to this location is stunning.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 50 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall (best between May - Oct)

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# CONNECTOR TRAIL

This is a grassy field on the outskirts of Zion with gorgeous Zion views in the distance. It's also right by Kolob Terrace, so we can go to both locations easily which is actually what I recommend!

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: 55 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes, groups of 25 or less





# KANAB TOADSTOOLS

One of my favorite locations in Kanab. It's not as well-known, but there will be other hikers there. Bring water! Can get muddy if it recently rained.

City: Kanab, UT

Distance from St. George: 2 hr

Travel Fee/hiking: \$150

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: 1.8 miles roundtrip easy hike, but no shade.

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# COUGAR CLIFFS

This is one of my most popular locations in St. George. Park on the side of the road and it's a short walk down to the spot. Beautiful views and big rock formations you can climb on. There's even a small slot canyon. This is one of my favorite locations for sessions and ceremonies.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: N/A

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# CEDAR POCKET WASH TRAILHEAD

This is a secluded location on the UT/AZ border. Amazing joshua trees and gorgeous views on the edge of a cliff. This is one of my favorite locations and it's usually not very populated.

City: Littlefield, AZ

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Most of the area we will shoot in is just a short walk from the parking lot, however we can take the trail about 1/2 mile farther for more views if we choose.

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset  
(but BEST at sunrise)

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



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# GRAPEVINE TRAILHEAD

This is a lesser-known trailhead on the edge of Zion. It's not inside the park so you don't have to pay any entrance fees. A gorgeous overlook view without a long hike. The drive up is stunning. This is a more private alternative to the Canyon Overlook.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 40 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Short walk on dirt path

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# RED CLIFFS RESERVE

A beautiful hike through the red rocks in Leeds, UT. The hike is easy and follows a creek to these beautiful pools. This is a great option if you want those classic red rocks of Southern Utah. This sight is unlike anything you'll find anywhere else and I always have so much fun taking reflection photos here.

City: Leeds, UT

Distance from St. George: 15 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$5 entrance fee

Hiking: 1 mile round trip, easy

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# HORSESHOE BEND

A dreamy view you won't forget! It can be very populated, though, especially during the Summer. Wear shoes that you won't trip in because the ground is very uneven.

City: Page, AZ

Distance from St. George: 2 hr 45 min

Travel Fee: \$200

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 entrance fee, \$300 WEDDING permit fee

Hiking: 3/4 mile walk on a dirt path

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



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# WHITE ROCKS AMPITHEATER

A really unique white rock location in Snow Canyon State Park. Lots of open space and beautiful views. Might see a few other hikers there.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: N/A

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee, \$50 permit fee

Hiking: Short, easy hike. 1/2 mile round trip

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK

An open area of dirt roads, trails, and Joshua trees for miles. Located outside the gorge on the UT/AZ border. Beautiful mountains in the background. This is another one of my favorite locations because of the 360 views and it's pretty private.

City: Ivins, Utah

Distance from St. George: 45 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes







# DALTON WASH ZION VIEW

This is another location just outside of Zion National Park so you don't have to pay entrance or permit fees. I recommend an SUV with some clearance to get to this location. The road to get here is very dusty and bumpy. It is not entirely private (people camp and drive their ATVs here), however, there is enough space that everyone can be spread out.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# CINDER CONE

Black lava rocks, green bushes, and an open grassy field with white rocks and red mountains in the background. Just outside of Snow Canyon State Park.

City: Ivins, UT

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$50 permit fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# VIRGIN RIVER CANYON RECREATION AREA

There is a trail that starts in the campground that leads down to the river. There's a field area with beautiful views and a sandy beach. Lot's of variety here and it's great in the morning or evening. The hike is not difficult, but it is pretty rocky so wear good shoes.

City: Littlefield, AZ

Distance from St. George: 25 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: \$2 day pass

Hiking: 1/2 mile round trip

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# THE CRACKS

This is a hidden gem on BLM land on the way to Zion. I came camping here with my friends (hence the tents in the photo) and all I could think was how stunning of a ceremony location this would be. You'll want a high clearance vehicle to get here. We nicknamed this place "Stonehenge" because of the unique rock layouts. There are TONS of slot canyons all over this whole area and gorgeous views of the Virgin River.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



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# PINE VALLEY FIELD

Pine Valley is a great area if you want some greenery. This open field is gorgeous with lots of space to roam around and little trails to follow. Park at a pull-off area on the side of the highway and it's right there!

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 50 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# SANTA CLARA RIVER

Another great spot in Pine Valley that's close to the one on the page above, so we could hit both spots easily. If you have a vehicle with higher clearance, you can drive right to the river access point, otherwise I can meet you on the main road and give you a lift. It's only about a minute drive on the dirt road from the main road to the spot.

This is the perfect location for a picnic shoot, playing the guitar for your lover, or any similar vibes. There's 2 rope swings, a log to cross the river, and big boulders to climb on.

City: Pine Valley, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# CATHEDRAL GORGE STATE PARK

A small state park on the edge of Nevada with unique white rock formations caused by erosion. Creates a really beautiful and interesting backdrop. The formations are right by the road, so there's no hiking.

City: Panaca, NV

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 45 min

Travel Fee: \$100

Entrance fees/Permits: \$10 park entrance fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







## E 400 ST.

This is a street on the edge of a neighborhood in Ivins, UT with views of Snow Canyon in the distance. A beautiful location that's close by, has red rock views, and doesn't require hiking. Also has trails to venture on.

City: Ivins, Utah

Distance from St. George: 20 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

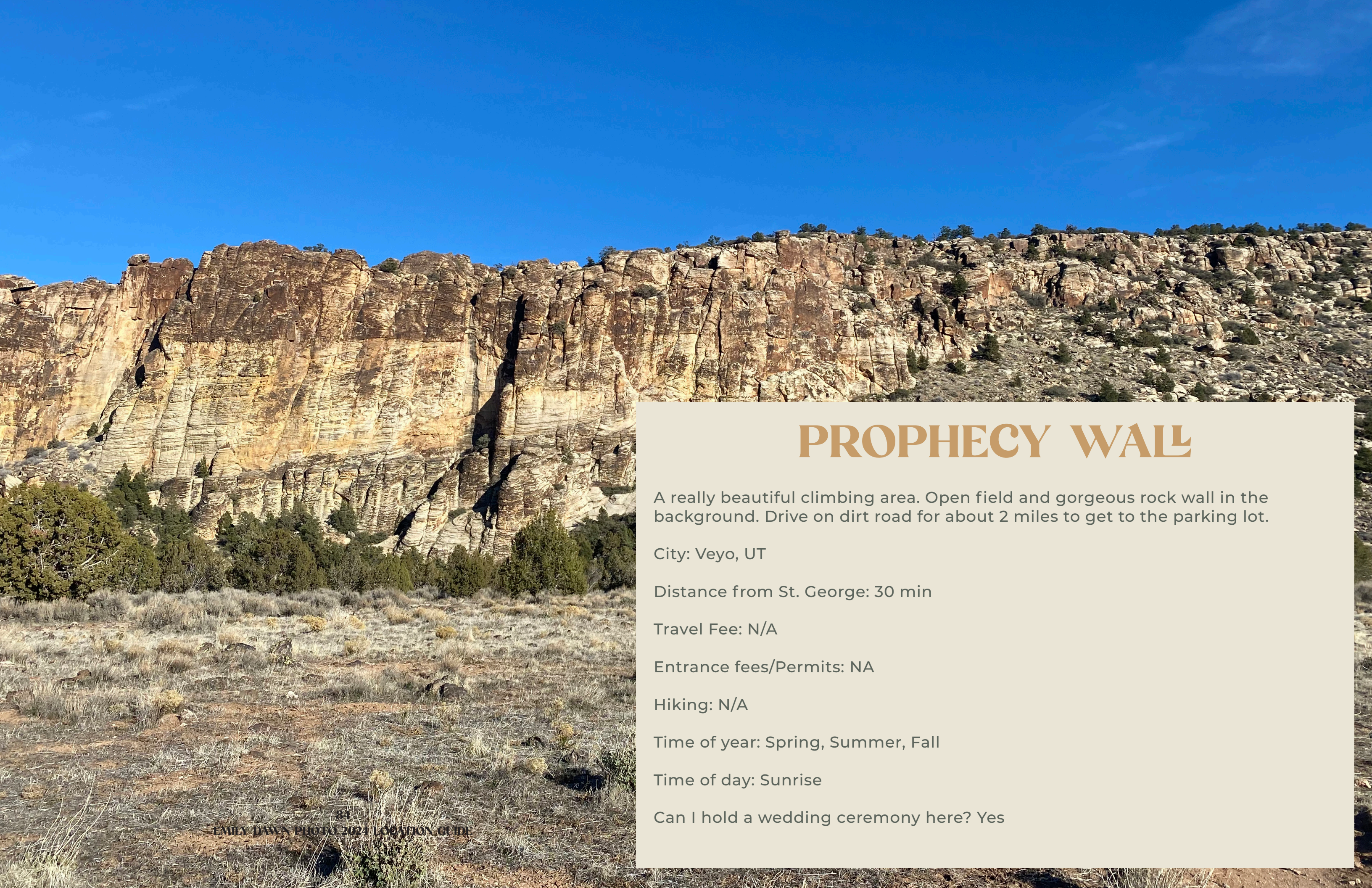
Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







# PROPHECY WALL

A really beautiful climbing area. Open field and gorgeous rock wall in the background. Drive on dirt road for about 2 miles to get to the parking lot.

City: Veyo, UT

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: NA

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



# WOOD RANCH PARK

This park is located in Cedar Canyon. It is perfect all year long and offers a lot of variety. There's trees and an open field.

City: Cedar City, UT

Distance from St. George: 50 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes



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# HOG CREEK WASH

A secluded ATV trail in Kanab. We turn off the main road onto a dirt road for 1/4 mile. My Honda Accord coupe made it just fine. 360 degree views and a perfect place for a wedding ceremony just East of Zion.

City: Kanab, Utah

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 20 min

Travel Fee: \$40

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset (best at sunrise)

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# KOLOB TERRACE MILE MARKER 9

Right on the outskirts of Zion. Park on the side of the road and enjoy distant views of Zion and incredible red rocks. These are just iPhone photos, but imagine this view with dreamy sunrise lighting!!

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 45 min

Travel Fee: N/A

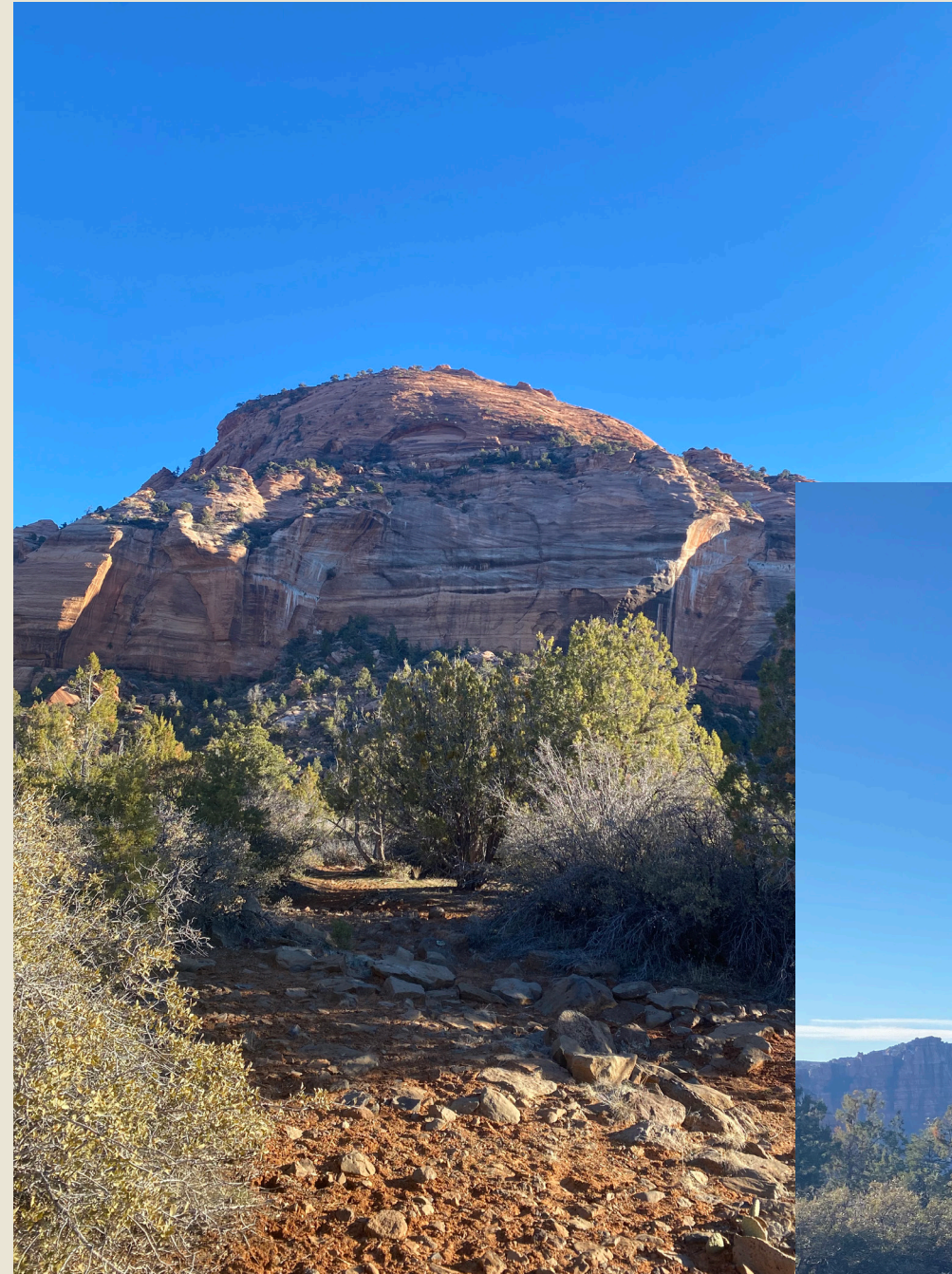
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Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# NORTH CREEK SUNSET SPOT

Right on the outskirts of Zion. Dirt area to park. Super unique red rock backdrop. Lots of room to move around. We could get some fuuuun shots here! This would be a great location to pair with the Connector Trail if you wanted to go to 2 spots for your session.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 35 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes







# VIRGIN BMX TRACKS

An open area on the edge of Zion with a stunning red mountain backdrop. Dirt area to park, open field with lots of space and gorgeous views in the distance.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No







## SMITH MESA

This is a cliffside on the outskirts of Zion National Park that overlooks those classic Zion views. The perfect place for a sunrise wedding ceremony. It's private and has the coolest rock formations for you to stand on for epic shots. A great option if you want to avoid the crowds and traffic in the park.

City: Virgin, Utah

Distance from St. George: 50 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes





# VIRGIN ZION VIEW CAMPGROUNDS

A campground area outside of Zion with open fields to run around in. Views of Zion in the distance.

City: Virgin, UT

Distance from St. George: 30 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? Yes







# BIG BEND

This is an open field right below Angels Landing in Zion National Park. We will meet at the Visitor's Center and take the shuttle. We will get off at the weeping rock stop and cross the street to this field. This is close to the Court of the Patriarchs and the Temple of Sinawava, so we could easily pair it with one of those locations. This is the perfect location to run around with lots of space, have some privacy, and get beautiful views. In the wintertime when the shuttle isn't running, you can drive straight here in your own car.

City: Springdale, Utah

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 10 min

Travel Fee: \$30

Entrance fees/Permits: \$35 park entrance fee

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

Can I hold a wedding ceremony here? No





# KANAB CREEK TRAIL

These are some iPhone photos that I snapped on this trail. There is a small sandy area by the creek, a cute bridge, and a beautiful mountain backdrop.

City: Kanab, Utah

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 20 min

Travel Fee: \$40

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Short walk down dirt path

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunset

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# KIRKLAND FARMS

This is a pretty park with open grass, trees, and pathways. This is a great option if you don't want red rock and if you want something that won't require any hiking. The ground is even so you won't need to worry about climbing over rocks during your session.

City: Washington, UT

Distance from St. George: 5 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunset

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# VALEY OF FIRE

Unique red and white rock formations. Can get very hot in the Summer months.

City: Overton, NV

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 45 min

Travel Fee: \$100

Entrance fees/Permits: \$15 park entrance fee

Hiking: Just short walks from the parking lot to the rocks

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

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# YELLOW KNOLLS

Moderate hiking area in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. Red sand and black, white, and red rocks.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: N/A

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: Moderate hiking. The whole trail is 4 miles round trip, but we won't do more than a mile.

Time of year: All year

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

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# OAK GROVE RECREATION AREA

This is a secluded camping area in Pine Valley with foresty trees and greenery. BLM land.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: 45 min

Travel Fee: N/A

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Spring, Summer, Fall

Time of day: Sunset

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# GOOSEBERRY MESA

Gooseberry Mesa is a mountain biking trail that overlooks Zion. The road is a little bumpy in areas, but is accessible to practically any car. We can get some breathtaking shots right on the cliffside with Zion in the distance.

City: St. George, UT

Distance from St. George: 1 hr 10 min

Travel Fee: \$20

Entrance fees/Permits: N/A

Hiking: N/A

Time of year: Accessible year round, except when muddy

Time of day: Sunrise or sunset

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Whew! You made it through the whole guide! I hope you found a location you love! Just shoot me an email and let me know which one you chose. And if you have any additional questions, don't hesitate to ask!

I'm so excited to shoot with you!

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