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**ATTRACTIONS**

Explore natural wonders in several national parks just a short drive from Mesquite. Along the way, you'll also discover many local sights you won't want to miss. You'll find hikes of all levels, shooting ranges, mountain bike trails, nature tours, and much more. If you prefer to play indoors, visit the Cosmic Bowling Center Complex or the Mesquite Recreation Center.

**Lost City Museum:** Established in 1935, the Lost City Museum has one of the most complete collections of artifacts of the early Pueblo Indians in the Southwest and is open daily. For more information, visit [www.museums.nevadaculture.org/index2f4d.html](http://www.museums.nevadaculture.org/index2f4d.html).

**Mesquite Fine Arts Center and Gallery:** The Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery and Center provides a venue for artistic culture and education in the Virgin Valley. The fine arts gallery promotes the arts for all age groups and cultures in the community and surrounding area. It also provides a place for all local artists, crafters and everyone with interests in the arts to learn, develop, share and display their talents. The gallery hours are Mon. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.mesquitefineartscenter.com](http://www.mesquitefineartscenter.com).

**Virgin Valley Museum:** The City of Mesquite's Virgin Valley Heritage Museum has various historical items such as the first slot machine brought into the Valley, photographs, quilts, wedding dresses, a 1945 TV, early telephones, a whiskey still and much more. Mesquite offers a self-guided walking tour of the most historically significant buildings in downtown Mesquite, some of which are only remembered by the placement of a historical marker. Each historical marker contains a photograph with interesting historical facts. Open Tues. through Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/facilities/museum](http://www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/facilities/museum).

**Recreation**

**Bryce Canyon National Park:** Thousands of delicately-carved spires rise in brilliant color from the amphitheaters of Bryce Canyon National Park. Millions of years of wind and water at work have etched out the pink cliffs of Bryce Canyon. Bryce Canyon National Park is 24 miles southeast of Panguitch, Utah. The visitor center is open year-round and there is a park entrance fee. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/brca/index.htm).

**Cathedral Gorge:** Experience the majesty that is Cathedral Gorge. Located in a long, narrow valley where erosion has carved dramatic and unique patterns in the soft bentonite clay, it is a photographers’ dream. A number of walking trails provide great views of the park. Children and adults alike love exploring the slot canyons. Moderate temperatures through the year make the park a great place to camp and explore. Fees are charged for entrance and camping. For more information, visit [www.parks.nv.gov/parks/cathedral-gorge](http://www.parks.nv.gov/parks/cathedral-gorge).

**Cedar Breaks National Monument:** Cedar Breaks National Monument is nestled high in the Cedar Mountains between Cedar City and Panguitch. Sudden contrasting landscapes come together to make one of Southern Utah's finest touring attractions. Many visitors from around the world enjoy the breathtaking beauty of Cedar Breaks annually. Grass fields, evergreen trees, wildlife and windblown sandstone make for a grand experience unique to only a few locations in the world. The area provides mild temperatures during the summer months. Cedar Breaks will become a favorite stop for those seeking the solitude and beauty of nature. Cedar Breaks National Monument is open from early June to mid-October and requires an entrance fee. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/cebr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/cebr/index.htm).

**Dixie National Forest:** The Dixie National Forest, with headquarters in Cedar City, Utah occupies two million acres and stretches for about 170 miles across southern Utah. The largest National Forest in Utah, it straddles the divide between the Great Basin and the Colorado River. Elevations vary from 2,800 feet near St. George, Utah to 11,322 feet at Blue Bell Knoll on Boulder Mountain. The southern rim of the Great Basin, near the Colorado River, provides spectacular scenery. Colorado River canyons are made up of many-colored cliffs and steep-walled gorges. For more information, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/dixie/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/dixie/).

**Grand Canyon National Park – North Rim:** You'll find that the Grand Canyon's North Rim, open from mid-May through mid-October, offers a unique experience from that of the South Rim. A mile deep and 18 miles wide in places, the 277-mile-long Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring destination for any visitor. An entrance fee is required. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm).

**Great Basin National Park:** From the sagebrush at its alluvial base to the 13,063-foot summit of Wheeler Peak, Great Basin National Park includes streams, lakes, alpine plants, abundant wildlife, a variety of forest types, including groves of ancient bristlecone pines, and numerous limestone caverns, including beautiful Lehman Caves. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/grba/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grba/index.htm).

**Mesquite Recreation Center:** The City of Mesquite's Recreation Center sports two full size gymnasiums, two racquetball courts, an indoor heated pool, showers, lockers, fitness room, aerobics/dance room, meeting rooms, youth and adult gathering areas with pool tables, foosball and ping pong tables, climbing wall and outdoor basketball courts. During the summer, guests can enjoy the outdoor pool and its exciting water slide. For more information, visit [www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/facilities/recreation-center](http://www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/facilities/recreation-center).

**Mesquite Sports Complex and Events Complex:** This facility has five full-size soccer fields, all of which are lit and can be used for a variety of sports. Other amenities include a concession stand, three pavilions, a playground, a small splash pad, two bathroom structures, a large vendor booth area with power and water to each site, and a large parking lot. Aside from hosting large scale events, guests can participate in various activities, including soccer and football games, archery events, golf club demo days, and various outdoor recreation. For more information, visit [www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/parks/sports-event-complex](http://www.mesquitenv.gov/city-government/parks-facilities/parks/sports-event-complex).

**Skydive Mesquite:** A member of the United States Parachute Association, Skydive Mesquite offers the largest full-service drop zone in Nevada. Whether your first jump or your 1,000th, the team at Skydive Mesquite is prepared to help your jump over the picturesque Nevada desert happen. For more information, visit [www.skydivemesquite.com](http://www.skydivemesquite.com).

**Valley of Fire State Park:** Valley of Fire is located about 45 miles from Mesquite and features scenic landscapes of hidden canyons and unique rock formations, petroglyphs and remains of ancient Indian civilization. Nevada Park Service visitor center open daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., tours are available and an entrance fee is required. For more information, visit [www.parks.nv.gov/parks/valley-of-fire-state-park](http://www.parks.nv.gov/parks/valley-of-fire-state-park).

**Virgin River Gorge Recreation Area:** Located off of I-15 about 20 miles northeast of Mesquite, Nev., the Virgin River Gorge Recreation Area is the only developed campground you will find on the Arizona strip. Whether you are having a picnic, or spending the night, don't neglect to hike the short trails leading to the Virgin River, and to a hilltop site where geology and history are explained. Keep a lookout for Bighorn Sheep who live on the rocky crags above the gorge. Day use and camping fees are required. For more information, visit [www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/recreation/camping/dev\_camps/vrg.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/prog/recreation/camping/dev_camps/vrg.html).

**Zion National Park:** One of the nation's oldest national parks, Zion, has a quiet grandeur that is unique. The six-mile drive into the heart of verdant Zion Canyon brings visitors past such scenic wonders as The Great White Throne, The Watchman, Grotto Picnic Area, Angels Landing, Weeping Rock, Emerald Pools and the fantastic gateway to the Narrows Trail. Park entrance fees are required. For more information, visit [www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/zion/index.htm).