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SCENIC BYWAY 12 UTAH'S FIRST ALL-AMERICAN ROAD

Take time to explore National Scenic Byway 12 and discover the scenery, culture, archaeology and recreational opportunities that have made it an All-American Road.

Utah's Scenic Byway 12 has been designated a National Scenic Byway and an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration. All-American Roads have one-of-a-kind features so exceptional that they qualify as a destination "unto themselves." Only a few byways achieve the status of an All-American Road, making Scenic Byway 12 one of the most unique roads in the United States.

Spanning a route of more than 124 miles, Scenic Byway 12 travels through some of the most diverse and ruggedly beautiful landscapes in the country. It winds past slickrock canyons, red rock cliffs, pine and aspen forests, alpine mountains, national parks, state parks, a national monument, and quaint rural towns. Numerous pull-outs located along the route provide opportunities to photograph, watch wildlife, or relax and enjoy the scenery.

This Scenic Byway 12 route guide travels from west to east through Garfield and Wayne Counties, home to three national parks, three state parks, a national recreation area, and a national monument. Scenic Byway 12 begins at U.S. Highway 89 (US 89), seven miles south of the city of Panguitch and eight miles north of the town of Hatch. From the junction, the byway quickly bisects the beautiful red rock formations of Dixie National Forest's Red Canyon. A Forest Service campground, visitor center, and hiking and biking trails are in the canyon. The route

continues eastward, crossing the top of the Paunsaugunt Plateau through the northern section of Bryce Canyon National Park. The main section of the park, with campgrounds, visitor center, overlooks and hiking trails, is just a short drive from Scenic Byway 12.

Continuing eastward, the byway passes through a combination of private and public lands including Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Spectacular views along Scenic Byway 12 include Powell Point and geologic formations like The Blues. Prehistoric stone storage structures called granaries can also be seen along the route. Travelers pass through the communities of Tropic, Cannonville, Henrieville and Escalante. Kodachrome Basin State Park and Grosvenor Arch in Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument are short drives from Scenic Byway 12. And Escalante Petrified Forest State Park is well worth

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