

ACTIVITY GUIDE · VOL 01

### THINK YOU KNOW UTAH?

Think there's no vista left unphotographed? Think it has all been discovered?

In this guide, we will introduce you to the unexplored, places where you can experience the simple joy of riding the trail, pitching your tent, and building a campfire. Here we have mountains you can trek by foot, hoof, two wheels or four, and not see another soul.

From the lung-pumping trails to the summit of Delano Peak (a staggering 12,175 feet) to the scenic crests of the Indian Peak Range, the solitude and thrill of the Ramblers offers a bounty of experiences, memories and photo ops.

The cities and towns nestled amongst the ranges have all that you will need to enjoy your time here. From rich historical sites to restaurants serving regional favorites, our towns are centered around community and the love of the land.

This is Utah, pure and simple.



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WELCOME TO THE RAMBLERS

# WELCOME

The Ramblers are named after the basin and range topography found in the region. Each range has its own attributes and attractions, and together they ramble across the landscape, providing beauty and recreational opportunities for all skills and ages.

The Ramblers are known for their geographic diversity, many would say makes them an underappreciated gem in the southwestern region of Utah. From the alpine lakes amid the Fishlake National Forest to the east to the desert landscapes at the Nevada



border to the west, the county has many iconic Utah landscapes to explore. Outdoor lovers will find plenty to do throughout the county, including hiking, hunting, ATV riding, snowmobiling, backpacking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. There's also a lot of history to explore, with ghost towns helping to tell the story of the area's initial settlers. And no matter where you go in Beaver County, you'll find unforgettable views to enjoy.

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#### **TUSHARS**

Go big on the slopes or just chill on the shores of Puffer Lake. Topping out over 12,000 feet, the Tushars can get a little extreme. They host an annual bike race called the Crusher in the Tushar, for crying out loud. So push your limits, on foot, skis, or ATV.

#### WAH WAHS

You have to go WAY out there to experience the wilds of the Wah Wahs. And you'll have to go even longer before you might find the red emerald found in the mountains--the only place on earth where it's big enough to cut into gems.

#### **MINERALS**

They may look unassuming from the east, but around the western side of the Minerals cracked and jagged

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granite form what looks like the ruins of an ancient city of giants, a city that's all your to explore. (Oh, and the minerals? Smoky quartz and feldspar.)

#### **FRISCOS**

(Yes, short for San Francisco), The Friscos used to be the site of a huge mining operation, and you can still see remnants of the town of 6,000 and the conical charcoal kilns used for smelting. Or you can go to the top of Frisco Peak and hang glide to the other side of the state. Your choice.



FUN FOR ALL FOUR SEASONS



## FUN FOR ALL FOUR SEASONS

Here in the Ramblers we have four seasons of fun, and many of our attractions are open year round! Grab your gear and get out there!

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Many of the ranges in the Ramblers receive large quantities of snow in the winter season, which is not only beautiful, it is an invitation to get out there and have fun. From sledding to backcountry skiing, there are no shortage of activities out there for you to enjoy.

The Tushar Range is a winter playground the range receives an average of over 400 inches of snow each year. As the lakes freeze, and the snow piles up, here are some great places to play.

Eagle Point Ski Resort is a favorite destination, the resort is one of the region's top ski resorts - renown as the Steep and Deeper option. At an elevation of 10,450, the snow pack is hard to beat. If downhill skiing isn't your thing, there are a wide variety of trailheads accessible from the parkin lot for snowshoeing, cross country skiing and snowmobiling.

The highway patrol keeps Highway 153 plowed, which gives you access to other recreation areas like Puffer Lake and

Looking for a multi-day adventure, book a yurt and pack your way in! Learn more about guided adventures on page \_\_ of this guide.



#### **DOWNHILL SKIING**

High up in the Tushars is some of the best powder around. The range, whose name means "high white place or high white mountains" does not disappoint. For skiers, the high alpine environment has several protected powder stashes to be found. And better yet, it is a relatively unknown destination. The canyons and crags that the range is known for offers countless ski lines, i.e. untapped potential.

For those looking for the "steeper and deeper" options, the Tushars do not disappoint. Whether you are buying a lift ticket for Eagle Point or strapping on skins to set out on a backcountry ski adventure, you are sure to encounter some of the best powder in the state of Utah.

Not convinced yet? Eagle Point is only open Friday through Mondays which means if it snows during the week you will be guaranteed fresh powder on Friday. They also have a pretty intense terrain park, if that is your thing.

Ready to hit the slopes? Here are the best places to go Difficulty: Intermediate and where you can learn more about them: Trail #062

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#### **CROSS-COUNTRY & BACKCOUNTRY SKIING**

Adventure through the Ramblers as they are transformed into a winter wonderland. There is no better place to enjoy the peace and quiet of cross country skiing in Utah than in the Ramblers! You can travel into the picturesque Tushars and traverse through untouched powder by forging your own trail in the mountains. There aren't groomed trails, which gives skiers a genuine backcountry feel, and locals are often out breaking trail and helping chart a course for others.

The loop around Puffer Lake is a local favorite, as is the Kent Lake Scenic loop. For each skiers will be treated to views of the ice covered lakes and peaks of the Tushars as the trail weaves in and out of tree cover.

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#### **SNOWSHOEING**

High up in the Tushar's you can strike out on snowshoes and forge your own path through deep powder. When you close your eyes and picture snowshoeing in Utah, you are likely picturing a scene like the one you will find here in the Ramblers.

Traverse frozen alpine lakes, climb steep hills (and don't forget to bring a sled as an alternate way down...) and leave tracks in and amongst the animal trails from the critters that call the Ramblers home.

While the Tushars have the most established trails and get the most attention, the Minerals also offer fresh powder for the adventurous, strap on your snowshoes and work your way up toward Granite Peak, on a clear day, the views will not disappoint.

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#### **SLEDDING**

For those looking to enjoy the thrill of racing downhill in the snow, but not wanting to strap on skis or a snowboard, there are some great sledding destinations in the Tushars. A local favorite is Merchant Valley, located just off of Highway 153 up in the Tushars, bring your own sled or tube and join the locals as they climb the hills and rocket back down them.

Eagle Point Resort is another option with one of the longest tubing runs in Utah. And no need to tire yourself out by walking back up the hill, you can just hop on the double chair lift and it will take you back up to the top, making it a great activity for all ages. The resort charges a small fee and provides the tubes.

#### MERCHANT VALLEY

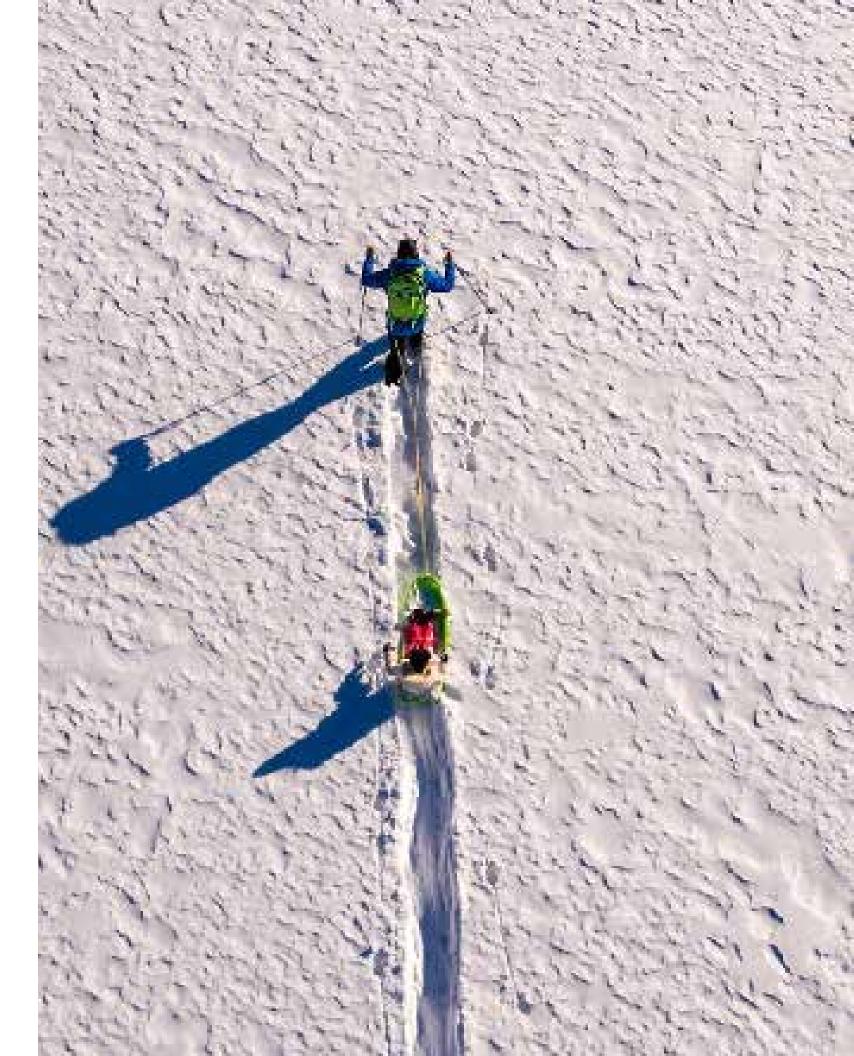
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## RING

The season where everything blooms - it is like no other here amongst the Rambling Ranges. Our spring is a mixed of alpine wildflowers, stunning sunsets and picnics amongst the budding trees.

The start of spring is often the best time to enjoy the last snowy adventures before the sun melts it all away. Our ski resorts are often open into early May, and as the crowds decrease, and the hours of sunlight in a day increase, there is no better place to be than on the slopes.

To see the Ramblers blossom and grow is truly not to be missed. Whether you are hiking the trails around Puffer Lake, enjoying a picnic at Rock Corral in the minerals, or getting out on your OHV in and around the Wah Wahs, make sure you bring your camera. The flowers... Getting out on the trail in springtime is one way to escape the heat of the summer months. Our annual ATV Jamboree helps us kick off the season - it is a 3 day guided tour of some of the best trail rides in the Ramblers.

#### HIKING

Home of rugged mountains, secluded desert ranges and beautiful horizons, the Ramblers offers a wide variety of spring hiking options. With trails for all ages and skill levels, all are welcome!

All along the Beaver Canyon Scenic Byway and at Big John Flat you'll find optimal spots to set up base camp so you can get settled and get hiking. The many fantastic, lower-elevation trails explore the scenic Mineral Mountains, which lead you over granite domes to awe-inspiring views.

Check out these attractions to learn more about our favorite spring hiking destinations:

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#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

This region is thought to be one of Utah's best undiscovered mountain-bike areas. Why is that? Well, it is simple, lots of great trails and few other riders.

While many of our trails climb high into the mountains, there are several at lower elevations to enjoy in the early spring. These trails that take you rambling through the basin and range topography are great ways to get out and see the area. While the Tushar trails are still buried under the snow, the other drier desert ranges are prime for the riding. The Minerals and the Friscos both feature spectacular rides. In the Minerals, there are over 40 miles of ATV trails that range from the technical to easy. While you may encounter the occasional ATV rider, these trails are seldom crowded and offer a great way to get to know this Rambling Range by bike. The Soldier Pass trail is great for beginners where the Lincoln Mine Trail is a harder ride that takes you on a nine-mile adventure through old mining lands.

Here is where else vou can hit the trail and Ramble around:

#### TWIN FLAT MOUNTAINS

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#### **BEAVER BENCH TRAILS**

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#### **ATV/OHV TRAIL RIDING**

Utah is known as a riders paradise and the Ramblers are home to some of the best trails in the state. While some are widely known, like the Paiute Trail, others are tucked away and less known. Whether your ride is an off-highway vehicle (OHV)or allterrain vehicle (ATV) we have trails that will lead you to vistas, alpine lakes and remote campsites best known for the starry skies that come after dark.

The arrival of spring marks the time to tune up your ride and head out on the trails. While the Tushar trails are often closed or inaccessible until later in the spring, many of the trails in the other rangers are open and packed full of adventures. Check out the forty plus miles of trails in the Minerals where routes vary from graded county roads to very rough, steep trails where intermediate to advanced skills are needed.

Looking to really get out there and Ramble? Head out to the Wah Wahs or Indian Peak. the two most remote ranges in the Ramblers. The Wah Wahs have trails that range from old Jeep trails to graded county roads, and offer great views of the neighboring valleys and mountain ranges as well as a diverse vegetation and wildlife that can be viewed from a safe distance. At Indian Peak, the same is true with easy and

moderate trails, some of which climb up over 8,000 feet. In addition to stunning views of the adjacent valleys and ranges, you may drive by remnants of past mining activities. For both of these ranges be sure you travel prepared as there are no services nearby and cell coverage can not be relied upon.

Looking to join a ride? Check out our annual ATV jamboree in May, a three day series of guided rides that take you around Beaver County. Riders will get to experience many of the best trails in the Ramblers. Each day features meals provided by local businesses and social events like ice cream socials and dutch oven dinners. Learn more at www.url.com.

Here are some of the best spring rides in the Ramblers

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#### ROCKHOUNDING

Before the summer heat really sets in, why not try your luck. Head out to the Mineral Mountains, a popular destination for rockhounders. The mountains are rich in a wide variety of treasures, just waiting to be discovered. As you hike around, be on the lookout for Smoky Quartz Crystals, Obsidian, Garnets, Feldspar, Pyrite, Blue Beryl among many others to add to your collection.

Throughout the region, there are old mine dumps and ghost towns, and the exceptional rockhounding areas extend throughout. From the Mineral Mountains head west, be on the look-out for the lookout for the abandoned mining towns of Frisco and Newhouse. The old mine dumps make for fun exploring if you know what to look for. Interested in learning more? Visit one of our local rock shops, they are always excited to introduce people to the wonderful world of geology, gemology and the thrill of the hunt .

#### HORSEBACK RIDING

One of our favorite ways to explore is on horseback. You will find that many of the residents here keep horses, and as a result there are ample trails that are well loved and ready for you and your four legged friend to explore.

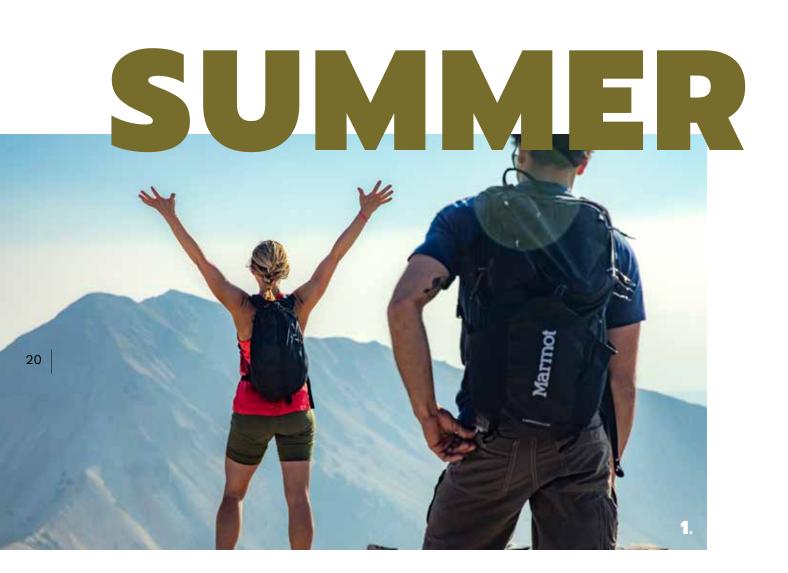
Explore the beauty of the Tushars on horseback as you catch the skyline trail. Or explore off the beaten path on smaller trails at Manderfield Reservoir and Merchant Valley. Manderfield Reservoir is the perfect spot for a leisurely ride, followed by a nice picnic next to the water where you and your horse can relax.

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Want advice on how to beat the midsummer heat in Utah... get elevated! With no shortage of peaks to climb, campsites to be claimed and cool alpine ponds, streams and lakes to dip your toes into, we know how to enjoy summer.

Hiking, biking, swimming, climbing, fishing, ATVing and the list goes on. Looking to check off a few items on your list? Grab your framepack and head out on a multi-day adventure. The Skyline trail is a great multi-day trek that takes you through dense spruce-fir forests and then out into open meadows with rolling terrain, and along the shorelines of the alpine lakes that are scattered across the landscape. Hoping for a quick trip and refreshing dip? Make your way to Minersville Reservoir, where you can rent a canoe or paddleboard. The thousand acre reservoir is popular with locals and visitors. Campsites scattered around the reservoir go quick in the summer months, so plan ahead! And don't forget your fishing pole, the reservoir is full of excellent trophy-sized trout!

Didn't get your fill of wildflowers in the spring? A little known fact is that it is in late July and early August that over 170 different species of flowers bloom high up in the Tushars. Head up to teh meadows at Big John's Flat to experience these blossoms.

#### HIKING

The Ramblers offer some of the region's best summer hiking adventures with trails weaving through towering peaks and traversing alpine meadows covered with summer wildflowers. The trails around here are seldom crowded, with so many paths to choose from, we have plenty to share.

If you are hiking in the Minerals or other western ranges, come prepared for the heat, lots of sunscreen, a good hat and ample water. Many of the hikes in the Minerals in particular will be up scree and that combined with a variety of bristly brush species leads us to one more recommendation wear long pants and a rugged set of boots.

Check out these trails, you won't be disappointed:

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#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

Our corner of Southwestern Utah features a variety of trailheads available to mountain bikers, it is at Eagle Point that really has our hearts. The Eagle Point Resort is a great starting point for some of the best mountain biking in the region. From here you can explore breathtaking terrain and vistas. Historica and new singletrack trails through open meadows, peaks, and valleys are popular with bikers of all ages and skill levels.

At Eagle point there are five different singletrack trails in the 11 miles of networked trails. For those looking to test their lung capacity and ability to pump and grind, you can work your way to the top of the mountain if you are more into the gravity filled descent, then take a shuttle to the top and enjoy the ride down.

A full-service mountain bike shop at the resort offers rentals for those who need a ride, and repairs for the gear that you have been grinding on.

Ready to really test yourself? Join us for the Crusher in the Tusher, an annual bike race that attracts some of the top cyclists in the country. This race from downtown Beaver up to Eagle Point resort is not only a great challenge for participants, but an awesome spectator event with opportunities to see best in class athletes, doing what they do best!

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#### **CLIMBING**

Utah is home to some of the best climbing in the United States, and the Ramblers boast some gorgeous and unknown gems to discover. Whether you enjoy the ultra-difficult limestone, the world-famous sandstone of the deserts, or the immense granite of the canyons, we have a place for you to climb.

West of Beaver lies the Mineral Mountains, an unexplored and undeveloped area of granite domes and walls with just a few fully developed climbing areas. . . so far. Unspoiled by tourists, there is unending terrain waiting for adventurous climbers to put the time and effort into scoping and developing.

High up in the Tushars there are ample opportunities to scramble, and a few chances to testing your timing skills. These pockets of climb-able rock are known by the locals, the best place to learn more is by contacting a local guide.

While out in the Friscos. Wah Wahs and at Indian Peak, the climbing trails are rugged... and remote. These climbs are best left to seasoned professionals with training in backcountry survival tactics.

Feeling adventurous? Grab your gear and head here:

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#### FISHING

The Ramblers are an angler's dream. From fly fishermen and spin casters to bait fisherman, all will find a spot in the many lakes, streams and reservoirs that are both tucked high up in the mountains and located just outside of town. These locations offer much more than excellent fishing, they offer mountain scenery, easy access and quiet time for contemplation.

Many of the popular fishing holes are known for trout; brown, rainbow, cutthroat and brook trout can all be caught here. Other species include arctic grayling, wiper and bass. In summer, the weather is perfect and the fish are drawn up from the deep to snack on the insects that rest on the water surface. Come and pitch a tent at one of the many campsites and make a weekend of it, or just sneak away for an afternoon.

If it is fly fishing you are looking for, make the trek to upper Beaver River, if calmer waters are what you desire, the locals would recommend the three Kents Lakes, Little Reservoir, LeBaron Lake, and Puffer Lake. the largest natural lake in the Tushar Mountains.

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#### SWIMMING

Splendid lakes and sparkling streams for swimmers and water enthusiasts of all types await you in the Ramblers. The area's major waterway, the Beaver River, begins on the range crest and tumbles west down a rocky canyon to a broad basin where it empties into Minersville Reservoir, the area's largest lake. The reservoir is over 900 acres when full, and is a great place to go for an afternoon of splashing and swimming.

While most of water recreation is in the Tushars, the western part of the Ramblers also offers springfed creeks hidden in remote mountain ranges.

See for yourself, spend some wet and wild time on the water:

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#### BOATING

Canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle-boarding are excellent ways to Ramble around and stay cool on a hot summer day. From tranquil lakes tucked high up in the mountains to the lively shores of the local's favorite reservoir, there are many ways to get out and boat here.

Exploring the lakes high up in the Tushar Mountains offers access to hidden shores, a tranquil vantage point for vistas and, if you are lucky, some of the wildlife that calls these mountains home. Many of the lakes are constrained to non-motorized watercraft, which makes them perfect for quiet paddles with friends and family.

Minersville reservoir is a popular, convenient spot for water sports and adventure. The public boat ramp gives access for all types of motorcraft, and the reservoir rents out peddle boats for visitors that didn't bring their own boats. Looking to get out on the water, here is a list of some of our favorite spots:

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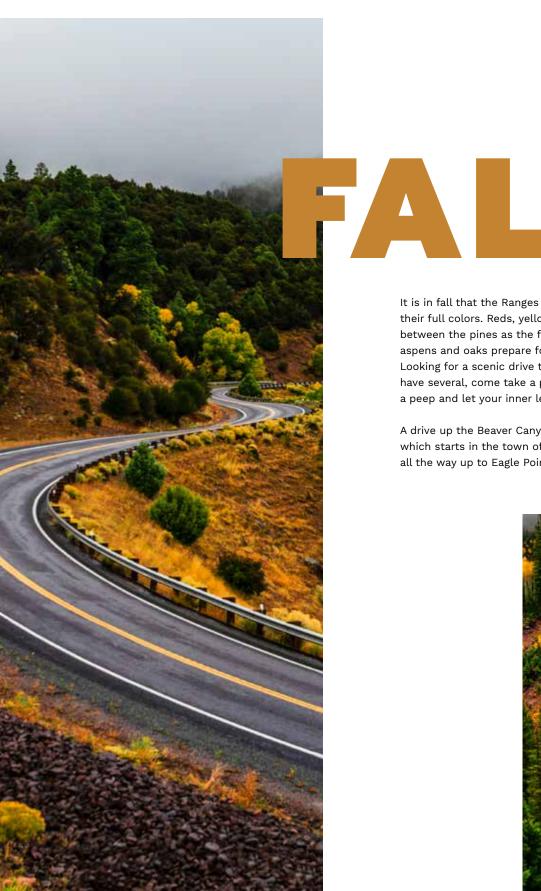
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#### GOLF

What better way to spend a warm summer afternoon than golfing? The city of Beaver has a nine-hole, treelined course with water hazards and other obstacles that come into play on several holes. More fun than challenging, this a great course for all skill levels. The signature hole is one that sets this course apart from the rest, the 7th hole, a par five, has a tee box that is inside the middle of the City's horse racing track.

Not to be out done, the city of Milford also offers up an opportunity to test your skills.





# FALL

It is in fall that the Ranges of the Ramblers show their full colors. Reds, yellows and oranges pop out between the pines as the foliage of the elms, maples, aspens and oaks prepare for the upcoming cold. Looking for a scenic drive to take in the beauty, we have several, come take a peak, or should we say a peep and let your inner leaf peeper out to play!

A drive up the Beaver Canyon Scenic Byway, which starts in the town of Beave and climbs all the way up to Eagle Point Ski Resort

#### **ATVING**

As the days get shorter and a little cooler, we love nothing more than going out for a ride. At this time of year, all the trails are open and ready for riding, and the options are many! Fall is a great time to ride up high into the Tushars and enjoy the view. As the leaves start to turn, the hills and valleys come to life in vast swaths of vibrant colors. The Paiute Trail is best in the fall, with several popular jamborees welcoming riders from all across the country to experience the switchbacks, climbs and vistas of the different mountain ascents.

As temperatures drop, trails that are too hot in the summer become enjoyable once again. Riding in the minerals or Wah Wahs is a popular way to spend the Sum asperum earchilit ut apiciet, consed eosa weekend, and by popular we mean you might see at si omni qui sum deles nectati con renimillitae most a handful of other riders out enjoying the trails. estrum que dolum corit et ipsa commolo rrumqui dolupic iatiur, optae simus ut vella ped et omnimi

Check out some of our favorite fall rides:



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#### HORSEBACK RIDING

All the reasons that make this a popular ATV and hiking destination in the fall hold true for horseback riding the Ramblers in the fall. Trails that most avoid in the summer due to heat and dust, become rideable again in the fall. If you are interested in experiencing the foliage on horseback, the \_\_\_\_\_ trail is not to be missed.

Here are some great fall rides

#### FISHING

It is always a good idea to get one more afternoon of fishing in before the weather turns, and we have ample options for you to do just that! Go alpine fishing with the family at Puffer lake or at Indian Creek Reservoir, test your luck at reeling in a trophy sized trout in Minersville Reservoir, or pull on your waders and cast a fly into one of the streams and rivers that move water down the mountains.

Most lakes and reservoirs are open for fishing year round, but if you are looking to head high up in the Tushars make sure you watch the weather as fall can feel like winter up at higher elevations.

Here are some of our favorite fall fishing spots:

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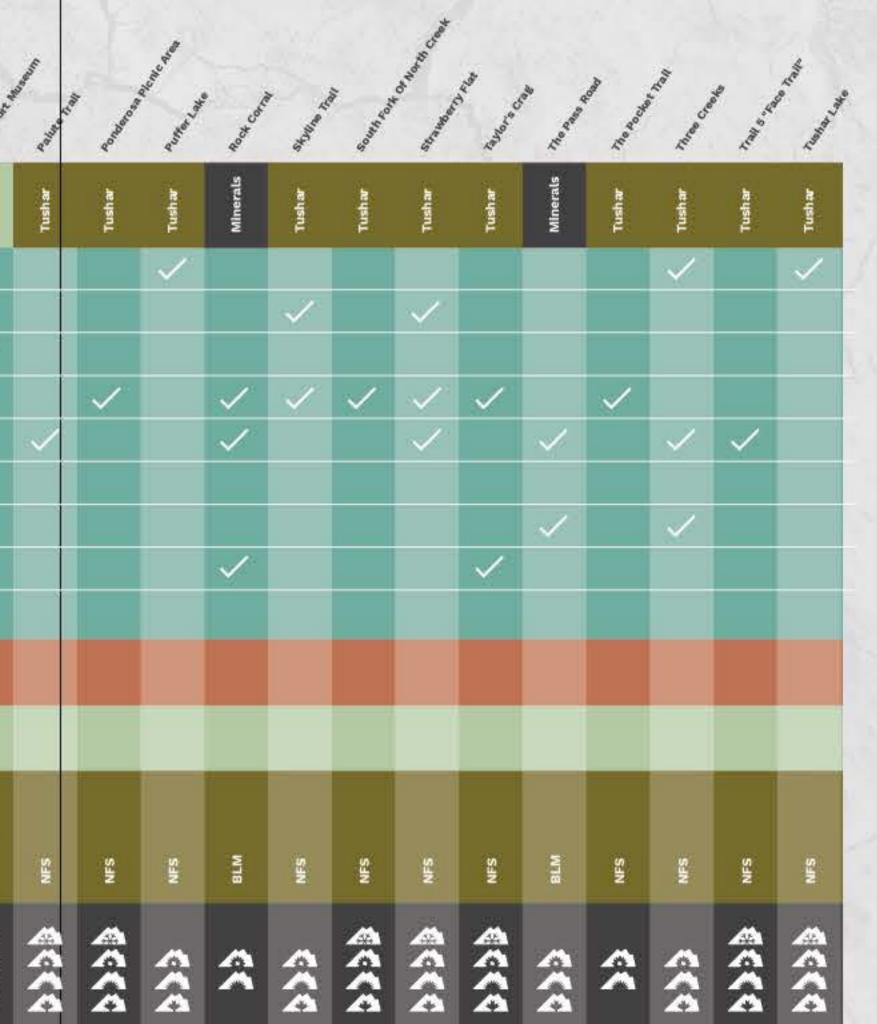
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GET OUT AND RAMBLE

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On these pages we have outlined some of the best places in our area to go escape the crowds, explore the trails and experience the beauty.

So get out there and ramble around.

AND EXPL ARAMBLE.



# TUSHARS

Definitely the best known of the Ramblers, The Tushars is an impressive range, the third highest mountain range in Utah. The Tushars feature alpine glaciated canyons, rocky buttes and forested pockets that surround crisp, blue alpine lakes. The mountains in this range are impressive both from a distance and up close. By far, the most well known of the rambling ranges, the Tushars have the most established and accessible recreation areas with ample options for single and multi-day adventures. In the pages that follow, we have highlighted many of the recreation areas along with the activities that you can do there, as well as camping options and amenities. So what are you waiting for, get out there and ramble on.





#### Anderson Meadow Reservoir

Looking to experience a small, secluded reservoir? This is the perfect one for you. Anderson Meadow Reservoir covers just eight acres. Make sure you pack your lucky fishing pole because you'll find the lake stocked with rainbow trout as well as a large population of wild brook trout.

#### Tushar Mountain Scenic Byway

Have time for a drive of epic proportions? Consider heading east on SR 153 and be transported back in time to an untouched view of the west similar to what you would've found in the late 1800's. This scenic byway is largely unspoiled and is abounding in beautiful pines and breathtaking vistas. Elk, deer, black bear and cougars live in the Fishlake National Forest as well as wild turkey and mountain goats. Experience one of the best mountain ranges in Utah without the bumper to bumper traffic, it truly is serene.

#### Mt. Belknap

This impressive Mountain may not have the title of tallest peak in the Tushars (Mt. Delano wears that badge) but it comes in at an impressive 12,137 feet and is considered by many to be the most impressive peak. This, like other mountains in the range, is composed of volcanic rock dating back roughly 23 million years. Looking for a difficult hike? Drop down the west face

of Mt. Belknap and follow the west ridge for over a mile to the base of Baldy Peak, another 12,000-foot peak. Climb up the east face (on extremely loose scree and talus) to the summit. To return, climb back over the summit of Belknap (making for three 12,000foot peaks in a day!) and return to the parking area. Collapse. Adding this wrinkle to the hike pushes the total elevation gain for the day to just under 5,000 feet in a roundtrip of approximately seven miles.

#### Big Flat

Big Flat is the perfect destination for those who want to experience the best Utah has to offer, without the crowds. Wake up at your campsite to see herds of deer and elk grazing in the meadow, with Mount Holly, Mount Belknap, and Delano Peak in the distance. Here campers can enjoy dispersed camping, and experience nature pure and simple.

#### Big John Flat

Big John Flat area is a favorite recreational spot because of its large meadows that have spectacular scenery - it is a great place to see the highest peak in the area, Mt. Deano. This area is open to ATV use on designated roads and trails, but you'll also find routes just for hiking, mountain biking, and other nonmotorized transportation. It's one of the area's most scenic destinations, yet rarely crowded. Be sure to get a picture of the mountain goats when you're there.

#### Blue Lake

Looking for an intermediate hike that leads to breathtaking sights? From Mud Lake take trail #172 and it will lead you to Blue Lake. This sixacre, cerulean blue lake lies below the tower heights of Mounts Baldy and Belknap.

#### **Britts Meadow**

Britts Meadow is the perfect spot for the whole family to come and enjoy a hike. From Britts Meadow you can hike to Big Flat, this hike is great for a group. The 3.5 mile trail (or 7 miles roundtrip) is a gentle incline through the Tushars.

#### **Bullion Canyon**

The canyon is located on the eastern slopes of the Tushar Mountains between Mount Belknap and Delano Peak. The name comes from the old gold, silver, lead and copper mines in the area. Today, the region is best known for a series of challenging trails that can be explored by on horseback or on foot. With beautiful pastures (Bullion Pasture), waterfalls (Bullion Falls) and breathtaking vistas, it is definitely worth the challenge (and challenge you the trails will)!

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#### Eagle Point Resort

If you are looking for year round adventure, look no further. Eagle Point is four seasons of fun. Winter at the resort offers wide, neatly groomed beginner terrain as well as steep powder filled slopes for the more adventurous. Perched high upon a stunning location in the Tushar Mountains, Eagle Point Resort is southern Utah's steepest and deepest ski and snowboard resort. Considered a perfect getaway from the crowded slopes and high prices of the mega-resorts, Eagle Point Resort is a scenic 17 mile drive from downtown Beaver City via Route 153. The independently owned resort averages 350 annual inches of Utah's Greatest Snow on Earth across 650 skiable acres and over 1,500 vertical feet.

There is also a professionally designed terrain park that is man-made design features to maximize creativity. Canyonside Lodge Bar & Grill with its high ceilings and rustic mountain ambiance serves casual and fine dining, and live music entertaining guests on weekend evenings. In the heart of the village is plentiful ski-in/ski-out lodging making your stay convenient and comfortable.

#### Fishlake National Forest

Looking for the best way to enjoy the views of Fishlake National Forest? Hop on an OHV and explore winding trails through the aspens as they shift colors during the fall, and bloom in the spring. No matter what time of year you come visit, you are sure to find breathtaking views.

#### Kent Lake

Traveling to Kent Lake is a three-in-one adventure. Kent Lake covers 48 acres at an elevation of 8,790 feet with a maximum depth of 30 feet. It's stocked with rainbow trout, brook trout, tiger trout and Bonneville cutthroat trout, so make sure you pack your lucky fishing gear. You'll find 17 campsites on the adjacent Forest Service land if you're looking for a place to spend the night.

#### Lebaron Reservoir

This beautiful high mountain retreat offers excellent fishing in LeBaron Lake and magnificent scenery. At 9900-foot elevation, alpine vegetation surrounds the serene and secluded LeBaron Reservoir. This remote haven is ideal for wildlife viewing, hunting in season, camping, and picnicking.

Formed by damming LeBaron Creek, the lake is an ideal spot for anglers to enjoy fishing for brook, rainbow trout, and native Arctic grayling from the shore or small non-motorized boat. Day-use fishing is free. The LeBaron ATV trailhead offers an ATV parking area and leads west of the reservoir on Forest Road #147 and is a jumping off point to numerous loop trails and ATV Forest Roads, including the Piute ATV trail. If you're looking for a serene and rustic camping experience in a beautiful lakeside setting, look no further. The remote camping area provides simple vault toilets for a truly off the grid experience. And, no motorized boats are allowed here, so bring your kayak and glide through the water, enjoying the pristine scenery in near-silence.

#### Little Reservoir

It may be called Little Reservoir, but get ready for BIG fun. The area boasts excellent hunting, fishing, bird watching, biking and spectacular mountain scenery. Visit in the winter and enjoy ice fishing, snowmobiling and cross country skiing.

The campground at Little Reservoir is tucked away in alpine mountains among a forest of ponderosa pine, pinion, juniper and scrub oak. A paved trail leads down to the reservoir, which is popular with anglers who will find a variety of fish including rainbow trout and brown trout here. Grab your favorite rod and reel - whether you're fly fishing, spinning or baitcasting your chances of getting a bite here are good. Come and explore the rugged mountain landscape by foot or bike and prepare to be captivated.

#### Manderfield Reservoir

There's so much to explore at Manderfield Reservoir practically any time of the year. From whitewater paddling, kayaking, swimming and golf in the summer, year-round hiking, fishing, and camping to skiing in the winter time. You'll need to stay a while to experience it all - come and enjoy all that Manderfield Reservoir has to offer.

#### Merchant Valley

A narrow, cliff-side route guides you to the placid surroundings of Merchant Valley, where, in winter, snowmobile tracks crisscross the open meadow and sparse white aspens meet lush ponderosas along the gently rolling hills. But Merchant Valley is just as gorgeous during the summer and maybe even more spectacular in the fall. With its abundant fishing streams as well as lake fishing at Merchant Valley Dam, it's an angler's paradise boasting some of the best fly fishing in the region. The dam is easily accessible most of the year along the main road – but it does freeze over in the winter months to create some of the best sledding and tubing around.



#### Mt. Baldy

Along with Belknap and Delano, Baldy Peak soars above the other mountains of the Tushars, an impressive monolith of rock. No trees grace the Peak's highest slopes, hence the name. Climbing Baldy is popularly combined with an ascent of Belknap Peak. The ridge from Belknap provides a straightforward route to the summit of Baldy. Hikers can also approach the summit from the shores of Blue Lake.

#### Mt. Delano

The tallest mountain in the Tushar Range and in two counties, Delano Peak offers the intrepid climber an incomparable view of Southern Utah, and bragging rights for summiting the 12,174 foot titan (over 6,000 feet higher than the city of Beaver). Despite its height, the Peak is non-technical, so just grab your hiking boots and ten essentials and go for it (though some may feel the effects of the altitude). If you're lucky you'll spy herds of mountain goats scrambling across the talus during your trek.

#### Paiute Trail

This 275 mile long loop is one of the best recreational rides in the state (and maybe beyond!). The trail takes you through stunning vistas, technical ascents and dense forest environments. In addition to the main trail, riders will find over 1000 miles of marked side trails and an estimated 1500 plus miles of side forest roads and trails. To ride the complete loop takes an estimated 25 hours, so it is often enjoyed in segments. If you are looking to do the complete loop, we recommend planning out a three to four day trip. The Paiute trail caters to ATV riders looking for relaxing, family-type riding as well as stretches that will challenge technical riders. To learn more about which segments may be best for your riding style, visit https://www.visitutah.com/ things-to-do/motorized-off-road/paiute-atv-trail/.

Looking to take an extended trip? There are many camping sites located near the path and areas for additional activities like fishing, hiking and wildlife viewpoints. The trail also has points of access to numerous cities with hotels, restaurants and other recreational activities.

The trail climbs high up in the Tushar Mountains and offers views that can't be beat. The riding season is dictated by mother nature with higher elevations often closed into July. Spring riding is often constrained to the lower portions of the trail and as the snow melts, high altitude portions will be opened. High altitude portions are popular in summer as they offer an escape from the heat in the valley. It is the fall that is widely recognized as the best time of year to ride. The days are brisk, the nights are cool, the trees are colorful, and there are typically clear skies, making the chance of catching a view that spans hundreds of miles possible. As winter storms roll in, watch the weather as trail segments will be closed.

#### Ponderosa Picnic Area

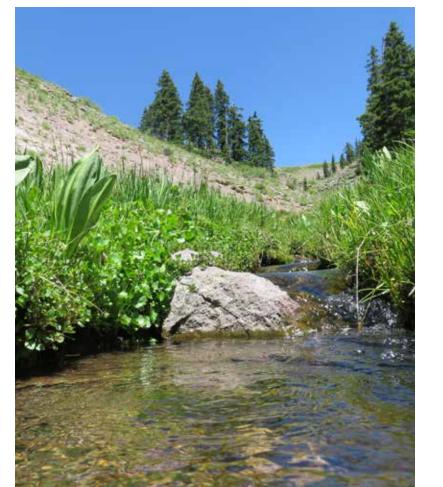
Looking to bring the whole family together and enjoy the peaceful scenery of the Ramblers? The Ponderosa Picnic area is perfect for large groups of up to 200 people. Make sure you bring horseshoes and a volleyball net and ball to enjoy some friendly competition!

#### Puffer Lake

While this 65 acre lake is a natural lake, a dam for irrigation storage enhances its capacity, which reaches a depth of 50 feet when it's most full. (At the end of the irrigation season, it's about half of that.) The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources stocks the lake with rainbow trout and brook trout, making it one of the most scenic fishing destinations in the region. This is a perfect spot for paddleboarders who are looking for smooth glass waters.

#### Skyline Trail

Skyline Trail offers some of the most panoramic views of the Tushars you can find. There are so many ways to enjoy this trail. Hikers can choose any length they would like to explore with this out and back trail. Backpackers can explore all of the trails 23 miles one-way views. This is also a perfect trail to bring horses or OHVs on. The elevation crests at 11,100 feet, while the route skirts multiple 12,000 foot peaks.



#### South Fork at North Creek

The South Fork of North Creek Trailhead is the access point for trail #062. This trail will lead you east into deep canyon country. Following this horse and foot trail 12 miles and it will lead you to the beautiful and serene Blue Lake. This is one of the best trails in the Ramblers for horseback riding, so pack your saddles and come explore!

#### Taylor's Crag

Taylor's Crag is a perfect spot to enjoy some of the best climbing in the Ramblers. Right off the Paiute Trail, beginners and experts alike can enjoy this climbing crag. This is a perfect stop for OHVs looking for a new kind of adventure. Experienced climbers can enjoy some of the 17 bolted climbs that are accessible from Three Peaks Reservoir.

#### The Pocket Trail

The Pocket Trail is perfect for those who are looking for a more challenging day hike, that pays off in spectacular views! Explore glaciated valleys, flower filled meadows, and even spot mountain goats. This trail is a u-shaped trail that runs six miles round trip, with an elevation change of +1,500 feet.

#### Three Creeks

Looking for a remote reservoir to enjoy some time on the water? Three Creeks is the perfect spot for you. Nestled high in the Tushars this destination is perfect for a day of family swimming, or bring the boat and head out on the water. Don't forget to pack your favorite fly fishing gear, this is a perfect spot to catch a bite!

Catch the nearby Three Creeks Trail at the junction of UT-153 and FR137. This trail is perfect for those who want a winding adventure on their OHV. This trail can lead you to the Paiute trail, or the Three Creeks Dam!



# THE NUMBER OF STREET

The Mineral Mountains are the largest exposed plutonic batholith in Utah. That is just a fancy way to say that the Minerals are a sight to see! It is these "exposed plutonic batholiths" or rock domes that the range is known for. The pockets and folds of the rock give them a shifting nature, they look different as the sun moves across the sky.

The range got its name for the interesting minerals mixed into the granite rock outcrops, quartz and pumice are common throughout the minerals, and other, much rarer minerals can be found if you have a keen eye.

While the peaks of the Mineral Mountains can't quite compete with the neighboring Tushars, the are several that top out over 9,000 feet.

The range is popular for hiking, climbing, ATVing and rockhounding. Mixed use trails will give you access to long abandoned mining areas where remnants of the past can be seen (from a safe distance). This is where you are likely to find the locals when other more popular attractions are busy, as there are many options with not as many people looking to experience them.

On the next page you can learn about some of the more popular routes, picnic spots and hidden characters naturally carved into the rock outcrops. So, grab a map, make a plan and get out and explore the Minerals.



#### Granite Peak Reservoir

A short 20 minute easy hike will lead you to the serene Granite Peak Reservoir. But make sure to climb around these rocks and explore the area, see if you can find the geocache hiding on the north side of the pool.

#### Granite Peak

From the east, Granite Peak may look like much, but the western side reveals breathtaking formations of rock and undiscovered canyons. The tallest peak in the Mineral Mountains, Granite Peak offers sweeping views of the mighty Tushars to the east and the sweeping desert ranges of the Great Basin to the west. Intrepid and experienced hikers can forge their own route to the summit, but most approach from the north. Only a faint climbers trail exists, so this is not for the inexperienced. Bring a map and a compass just to be safe.

#### Mags Brothel

Are you ready to heat things up? Mags Brothel is home to bubbling pools, boiling mud puddles, and hissing steam vents. Resting above what is believed to be a patch of cooling magma, this is Utah's hottest geothermal system. Make sure you pack your camera to capture the beautiful colors that the sulfur creates on the rocks.

#### Rock Corral

You will be amazed by the towering granite peaks that surround you at Rock Corral. This area provides a little bit of everything like hiking, picnicking, primitive camping, rock climbing, horseback riding, and rock hounding.

Rockhounders galore lies within the granite at Rock Corral. Some of the most common finds include smoky quartz and feldspar crystals. The best place to start looking is a half-mile radius around the picnic area, so don't forget to pack your lunch!

Looking for a geocachers paradise? This is the spot for you. You could spend hours hunting out a wide range of caches that are spread through the desert floor.

#### The Pass Road

This 18 mile road offers some of the most spectacular views in the Ramblers. This road will allow you to meander through beautiful canyons, catch glimpses of mountains adorned in granite peaks and domes, and explore breathtaking vistas. Keep your camera at the ready, you never know when you will find that perfect shot.



## THE SAN FRANCISCO RANG

You know the easiest way to let the locals know you aren't from around here? Start asking about the San Francisco Mountains... you see, here they are just called The Friscos.



### **FRISCO PEAK**

The purple quartzite slopes of Frisco Peak, the highest point in the Frisco Mountain, won't disappoint. Those with a good clearance vehicle and the patience to withstand lots of jolts and bumps can drive all the way to the top of the 9,660 foot mountain, where they'll find a radio tower and hang gliding launchpad. Gliders have reportedly touched down as far away as Wyoming! At an elevation of 9,600 feet, gliding enthusiasts report achieving altitudes of 18,000 feet and distances in excess of 150 miles.

### **FRISCO GHOST TOWN**



Take a step back in time by visiting the Frisco Ghost Town. With the mining boom occured, Frisco grew to a population of more than 6,000 people, with 21 saloons, hotels, gambling halls, and a red-light district that was on par with any other mining boomtown of the era. But when the mines went bust, so did the town. Now, you can still see the charcoal kilns that were used in the mining process. Have a picnic lunch at the kilns, and don't forget to hashtag your pictures there at #friscokilns. Explore the weathered old buildings that still stand, and visit the cemetery, which features tombstones dating back to the late 1800s. Legend has it that murders occurred daily when Frisco was in its hay day—which might explain why the Frisco cemetery became the biggest in the state at the time.

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This range runs north to south for over fifty miles. It's many peaks are divided into northern and southern sections by a Highway that runs through the range. Driving through the range takes you upto Wah Wah Summit which has an elevation of 6,500 feet.

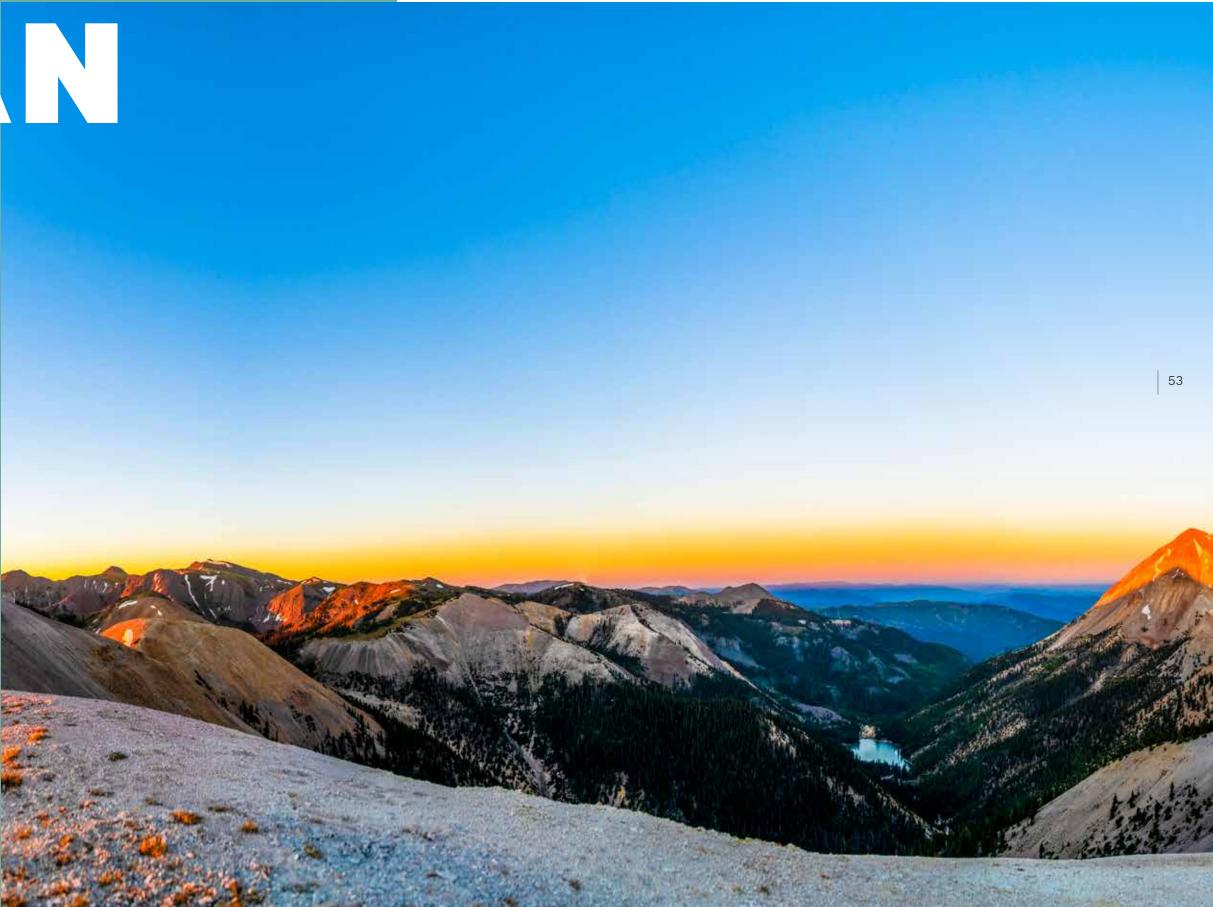
The range takes it's name from Wah Wah Springs on the easter slope of the mountain range, in the native language Wah Wah means "Good Clear Water."



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# SAFETY

### TREAD LIGHTLY

We have all heard the saying "take only pictures and leave only footprints" well here in the Ramblers we want to second that and encourage you to stay on the trail - whether you are on two legs or four, two wheels or four...

For motorized vehicles, many of the trails are unpaved and primitive and they can be a challenging ride even in the best weather conditions. To ensure your safety and the preservation of our trail system, please:

- Only ride where motorized vehicles are permitted, always respect the rights of others to enjoy their activities, know and obey the rules of the trail.
- Avoid streatmes, lakeshores, muddy roads and loose rock, travel on any of these can damage the environment and trails for others.
- Be respectful of wildlife and livestock, always keep your distance and remember they have the right of way.

For hikers and horseback riders, the trails are remote and may not be frequently used or well marked, always bring a map and aGPS is recommended. When heading out on the trail please:

- Help keep wildlife "wild" do not approach, and do not feed them
- If you are hiking with your dog, keep it leashed to protect it and any wildlife that you may encounter
- For your horse and dog, care only feed that is certified weed-free and try to make sure they have had a weed free diet for the three days before your adventure

#### **BE BEAR AWARE**

Seeing a bear can be a highlight of your trip if done right. If not, it can be quite a scary and dangerous experience. Black bears are known to roam the Tushars, and it is best to be prepared. Here are some tips:

- Keep a clean campsite, store food and garbage in closed vehicles out of sight
- Don't burn food scraps, if it doesn't bring a bear... it may bring a skunk, either way, this story doesn't end well
- Don't keep foot or other sweet smelling items (i.e. soaps and lotions) in sleeping areas
- When backcountry camping, hang food 10 from the ground and 5 feet out from the trunk

#### **FOLLOW FIRE WARNINGS**

Fire is necessary for the health of the forest. It helps maintain balance in the ecosystem, and as such, our policy is to manage rather than fight naturally ignited wildland fires. Fires managed in this way are often located in remote areas where they are not an imminent risk to human life and property. It is important that before you head out on a backcountry adventure you check on current fire conditions. You can call the forest offices or visit utahfireinfo.gov.

#### UNDERSTAND AVALANCHE RISKS

Winterer adventurers beware, avalanches can turn an exhilarating adventure into a dangerous one. Before you venture out into the backcountry in winter, visit the Utah Avalanche Center at http://utahavalanchecenter.org

#### **CAMP RESPONSIBLY**

Camp in designated areas whenever possible, new campsites kill vegetation and lead to soil erosion. Take care of your human waste by digging a hole 6 to 8 inches deep and at least 200 feet away from water, and please pack out used toilet paper.

When washing yourself, your dishes or whatever else you deem needs washing, do it away from natural water sources like rivers, streams and lakes using biodegradable soap.

Whenever possible, use established fire rings, keep your fires small and have bucket of water or shovel available to put out the fire if/when needed. Never leave your fire unattended.

#### PROTECT OUR PAST

Throughout the Ramblers there are remnants of the past, these historic sites hold clues to our heritage and it is illegal to damage or remove any remnants of past life. If you find remains that you think hold archaeological or historical significance document their location, leave them undisturbed and contact the local field office.



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