Kanab: Adventure’s Base

Why Kanab is a hotspot for tourists / adventurers
Kanab is in the center of a spectacular outdoor recreation region.
Pictures help

FREE ONE NIGHTSTAND
The awkward moment when you thought they tested with a nasal swab.
Grand Canyon: North rim is 78 miles from Kanab
5 million + visitors / year to Grand Canyon; only 10% to the north rim. North Rim approximately 8,000’ elevation and has lodge and cabins built in the 1930’s.
Kaibab National Forest / N. Rim Grand Canyon
Hiking the network of canyons within GC National Park & Kaibab Forest
Water sources found in various locations within the lower canyons
Another water source
Kanab Creek Canyon
Kanab Creek Canyon with Brent Chamberlain and Ralph Becker
Many petroglyphs scattered on canyon walls
Coral Pink Sand Dunes
St Park
Zion National Park; 40 miles from Kanab
Bryce Canyon National Park;

77 miles from Kanab
Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument
Lick Wash Trailhead
Lick Wash
Wife shames me into carrying the dog back.
Willis Creek
Lake Powell is 73 miles east of Kanab; Coyote Buttes (Wave) and Buckskin Gulch about 46 miles from Kanab.
Lake Powell
The ‘Wave’ which is part of Coyote Buttes on Arizona state line is about 46 miles from Kanab.
Some planning issues Kanab is dealing with:

1. Protection of the night sky.
2. Vacation rentals.
3. Seasonal nature of tourism and maintaining a workforce and their housing needs.
4. Hwy 89 through town, and downtown street crossings.
5. Basic infrastructure needs.
7. Affordable housing.
Over half the Kane County workforce employed in Leisure & Hospitality Services
  • Vacation rentals allowed in all residential zones subject to certain standards
  • Allows Kanab residents to benefit financially from the tourism growth

• In 2020 Kane County had 692 vacation rentals, in 2021 that jumped to 911, which is a 31% increase in one year.
• Out of the county total (911) Kanab city had 381 vacation rentals.
• Main concern is how the vacation rentals will impact traditional neighborhoods (ie, know your neighbors, and possible problems with “party houses”). So far the problems are minimal.
• In Arizona, the state legislature precluded cities from regulating short-term rentals differently than long-term rentals. Flagstaff has had few problems, and when there is a problem it is handled under the city’s Nuisance ordinance by code enforcement.
• **Other issues**

• **Seasonal Nature of Tourism; Maintaining a workforce & Housing**
  - Solutions: better pay, and encouraging more apartments and long-term rental spaces in RV parks

• **Hwy 89 through downtown; more convenient crossings of Hwy 89 needed; goal is to convert “through-traffic to shopping-traffic”**.
  - Solutions; more convenient crossings, slower traffic through center of downtown.

• **Basic Infrastructure needs to keep up with growth**
  - Solution; impact fees to fund expanded infrastructure

• **Maintaining Kanab’s Western Character**.
  - Solutions; City’s streetscape improvements, and Design Guidelines for new buildings downtown (ie, materials, colors, scale, build to front property line, etc)
The training process was tedious, but now he knows he is not allowed on the couch.

PC training requirements; earning your seat on the couch (or at the table).