

to NV & CA



Bryce

Rainbow Pt.

Grand Arches Staircase - Escalante

Zion

pie

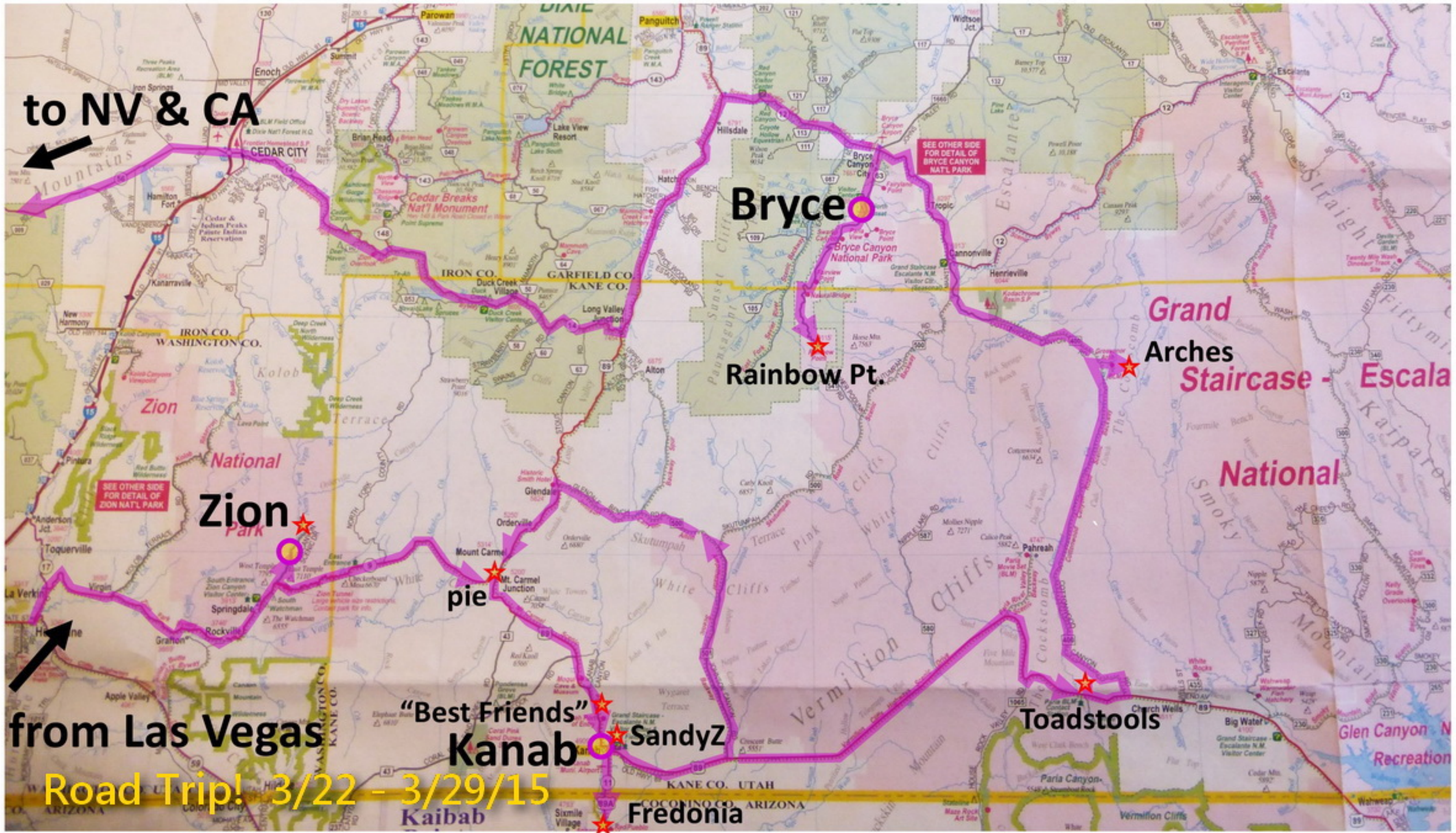
"Best Friends"  
Kanab

SandyZ

Toadstools

from Las Vegas

Road Trip! 3/22 - 3/29/15







the road to Vegas





Carson Ave  
Sarasota Beach Blvd Exit  
New Diamond Rd Exit

Golden Palace  
MAY 17-22

Mlife

MGM RESO  
BEST RI.WA

MGM RESORTS  
BEST RESORT!

topsworld  
CREATED BY

JOURNEY  
APRIL 29  
MAY 16









hollywood

Hilton Grand Vacations

adidas

Coca-Cola

OMNIMAX

ph

Hard Rock Cafe

USA





traffic 24/7 on "The Strip"









we stayed at the MGM Grand





WALKING DEAD

THE LORD OF THE RINGS  
\$841,516.51

\$841,608.46  
WILD

TICKET OFFICE

WALKING DEAD

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**even the bathrooms have video displays**





reflections of a casino





**I-15 thru the Virgin River Canyon**





approaching Zion





in Zion, even the road is red





Zion Lodge













































































**munch, munch!**





**Fred Flintstone's Space Rock-et**





bug





**lizard**





squirrel





deer





sign of beaver









another day, another hike...









river in the way?





... not a problem!





rock slide





rock towers

























Weeping Rock





white rock above the red









hole in the wall -- a vent to the tunnel within





hike to "Canyon Overlook"





hike over catwalk and under ledge





view from under ledge





we made it to Canyon Overlook!





Canyon Overlook





## Canyon Overlook

The vast space below was eroded away by the Virgin River and its sidestreams. If you stood here just after a storm, the flash flood roaring through Pine Creek Canyon would be a clue to the erosive, boulder-tossing power that gouged out this scenery.

Bridge Mountain  
9200' 2200m

The West Temple  
7900' 2200m

Altar of Sacrifice  
7900' 2200m

The Streaked Wall

The Sentinel  
7150' 2200m

ZION CANYON

PINE CREEK CANYON

overlooking "Canyon Overlook"





overlooking "Canyon Overlook"





on the way to Kanab





*Thunderbird*  
**RESTAURANT**

HOME OF THE  
HO-MADE PIES



*Thunderbird*  
HOME OF THE HO-MADE PIES  
**ENTRANCE**

Chevron  
269¢  
293¢  
ATM

Chevron



home of "Ho-made pies"





suburban Kanab





Sandy gave up a rental in the Bay Area to buy this?!  
(Yes, in a heartbeat!)





Chillin' and enjoyin' "CSI" reruns





Sandy volunteers at "Best Friends"





Best Friends Animal Sanctuary

Angel Canyon  
(435) 644-2001







one of the dog houses





home for wayward cats





cats are easily amused





go out for a drive in the country





a ghost fake-town, not a fake ghost-town  
(a former movie set)





our home is older than this, but it's not in a museum





... but our kitchen is newer.





Indian artifacts in Fredonia, AZ





hiking in Kanab





hiking in Kanab





the talking car drove us to leave town





... to the land of stone mushrooms

















a petrified  
slime monster?





Cottonwood Canyon Rd.





our car earned its dusty color





Grosvenor Arch





**Grosvenor Arch**





Grosvenor Arch





















open range





horn vs. horns





real cowboys









and cowgirl





"Welcome to Bryce"  
"Welcome to Bryce"





### **Shaping the Hoodoos**

A hoodoo is a rock pinnacle left standing by the combined forces of weathering and erosion. Bryce Canyon has thousands of hoodoos, in all shapes, sizes and colors.

These columns of rock are protected from erosion by a harder caprock called dolomite, a unique form of limestone reinforced by magnesium. Alternating hard and soft layers erode at different rates – a process known as differential erosion – which causes the varied hoodoo shapes. As the softer layers continue to erode, the hoodoos will eventually collapse.





cue the music: "Hoodoo you love"





an elvish tree?





**the Blackened Forest**





view from Rainbow Pt, elev. 9115'





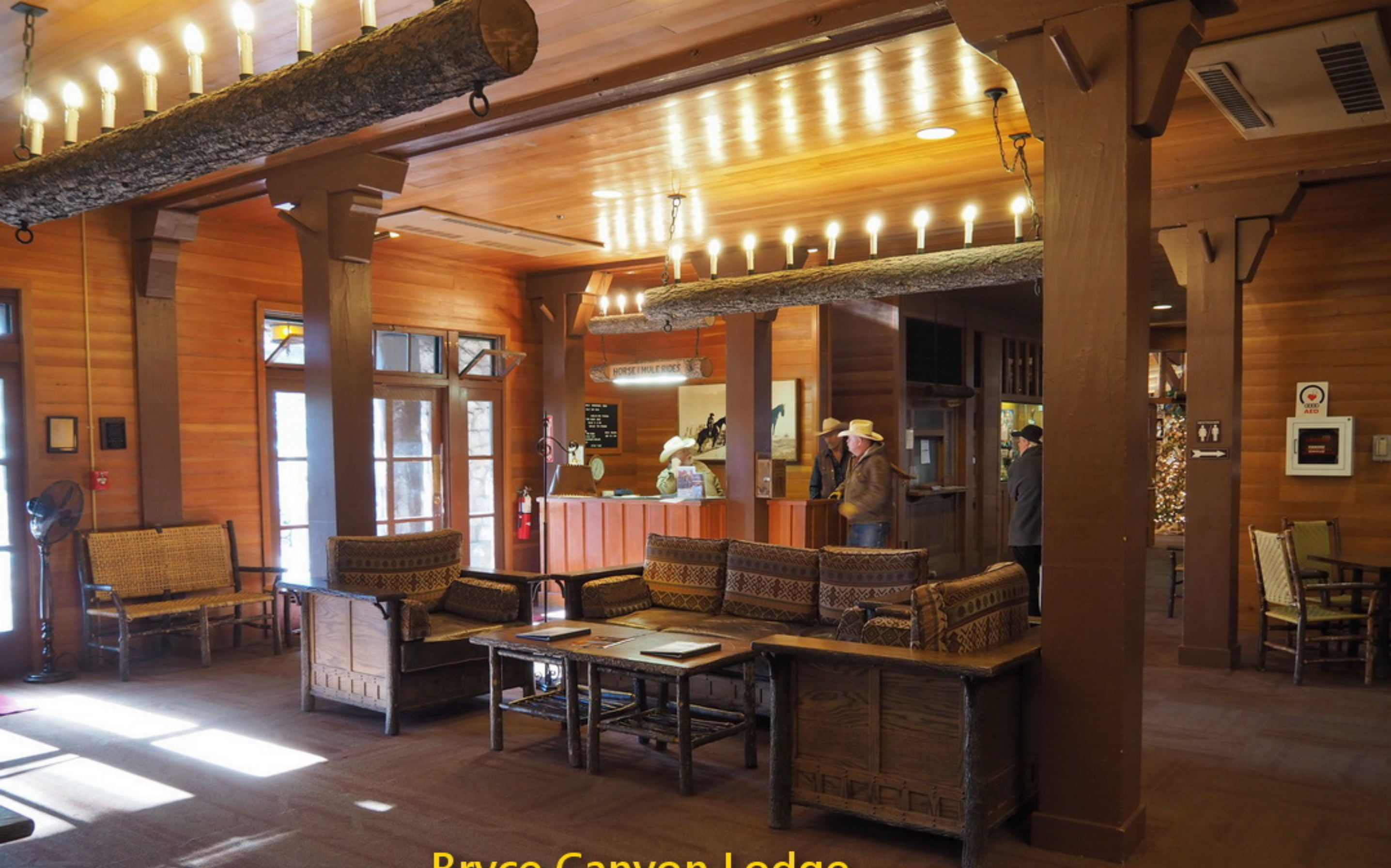












**Bryce Canyon Lodge**





DINING ROOM

EXIT

Grand Circle

Grand Circle

Grand Circle





watch your step: that's a 1,000' slide





































leaving Bryce









**Navajo Lake**









**a view of Zion in the distance**





**Cathedral Gorge, Nevada**





impressive!





going home!





NEXT GAS  
111 MILES

and 39 miles back to the nearest gas





cue the music: "The Long and Winding Road"





**Q: Why did the cow cross the road?**









a bicyclist? --is that a mirage?!





**no mirage: water puddles next to the road**





RESTAURANT  
BAR • MOTEL

EARTHLINGS  
WELCOME

LITTLE  
ALIEN









tufa in Mono Lake









eastern slope of the Sierras













and back to the green orchards of California