



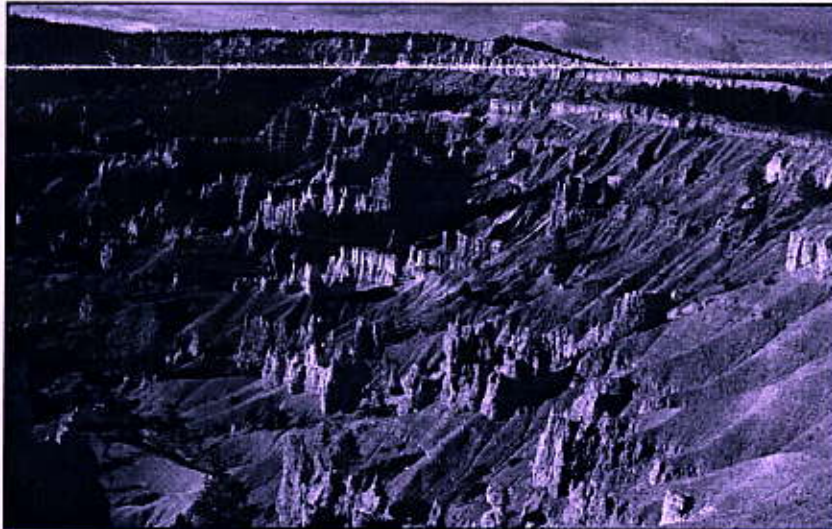
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Rim Trail and Red Canyon in Bryce Canyon National Park, a short distance from our conference site.

Photo by Jack Olson

Where to Stay on the Way to Bryce Canyon

by Don & Barb Laine

Since many of us will be traveling a fairly long way to get to the RMOWP conference at Bryce Canyon National Park this June, and because lodging in the park is a bit pricey, it's worth considering staying a few hours from the park the night before your arrival. Good choices include the communities of Kanab to the south, Panguitch to the northwest, and Escalante to the east.

Kanab, the largest of the three, is 80 miles from the park. It has a Super 8 (435/644-5500), with rates for two of \$50 to \$72; and a Shilo Inn (435/644-2562), which charges \$65 to \$99 for two. But our favorite is the somewhat funky Parry Lodge (800/748-4104 or 435/644-2601), which charges \$45 to \$70 double and was a favorite hangout of movie stars ranging from Frank Sinatra to Barbara Stanwick to Ronald Reagan from the 30s through the 60s.

Panguitch promotes itself as the place to stay while visiting Bryce Canyon, but, being 24 miles away, it's really too far from a park whose claim to fame is its wonderful sunrises. At least it's too far for those of us who savor every last minute of sleep. Panguitch has a Best Western (435/676-8876) with rates starting at about \$55 for two people. There are also a bunch of cheaper independents in the \$35 to \$50 range listed in the AAA Tourbook, but we don't have any firsthand knowledge of them. You might contact the Garfield County Travel Council at 800/444-6689.

Escalante, about 50 miles from the park, is along beautiful Scenic Highway 12, and practically in the middle of

Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a good choice for a side trip on your way to or from the conference. Choices here include the Prospector Inn (435/826-4653), an attractive modern motel built in 1994, which charges \$50 for two; and the Circle D Motel (435/826-4297), an older mom-and-pop facility that offers clean, well-maintained basic lodging for \$30 to \$45 for two. Probably the nicest lodging in Escalante is the Escalante's Grand Staircase Bed & Breakfast Inn (435/826-4890), which charges \$60 to \$130 double. This beautiful new B&B has private baths, full breakfasts, and rooms with modern country decor of lodge-pole pine beds, Southwest drum tables, and pictograph designs on the walls.

Those seeking additional Utah lodging information, or tips on other Utah side trips, can get a free copy of the Utah Travel Guide from the Utah Travel Council at 800/200-1160, or check out their Web site at www.utah.com.

Photo Workshop Gets 12 Students

The RMOWP Photo Workshop will have all 12 spaces filled for the first time since it began in 1997, reports workshop director John Catsis. For the third year it will be conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park at Estes Park, Colorado.

Originally the workshop was held for the membership under the leadership of Past-president Beto Gutierrez. The first one took place in October 1994 at Carlsbad, New Mexico. The board decided at the 1996 Las Vegas conference to turn it into a fund raising event, and Catsis agreed to run it. In the first three years under his direction it managed to break

even, with the high number of students being seven. This year, Catsis says it will make money for RMOWP.

Even in the years of only recovering expenses, it paid off through new members. Raylene Swanger, Lynn Witzten, Jim and Sue Baker, and Ruth Raupe are among those who joined after attending the workshop.

Instructors for the workshop this year are award winning photographers Jack Olson and Tom Ulrich. Olson reveals his secrets of landscape and wildflower photography, while Ulrich covers wildlife. Catsis, who is professor of journalism and photography at Oklahoma State University, handles class room instruction, and with the assistance of his wife Connie, gets the students' film processed for the daily critique. Cost of the workshop is \$795 and is open to all who want to enhance their photographic skills.

RMOWP Scholarship Recipient Graduates

Steve Bromby, son of Barbara and Russ Bromby and a past recipient of the RMOWP scholarship, graduated May 13 from Colorado State University with a degree in English, with an emphasis in Creative Writing. Steve's plans include getting a job in publishing and continuing to explore the freelance job market, including writing about outdoor subjects. Steve wants to thank all the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers members who have encouraged him to achieve his goals.

Their daughter, Sarah, graduated from Bear Creek High School May 20th. She plans to attend Colorado State University.

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CONFERENCE 2000 SCHEDULE

Bryce Canyon National Park
June 7 or 8 – 10, 2000

Wednesday 6/7

2 to 7 PM: Early registration & open house at the Laine's cabin – get your name tags and conference packets here

Thursday 6/8

8:00 AM: Hike into Bryce Canyon for a photography field trip with Jack Olson. The hike will likely follow the Queen's Garden-Navajo Loop trails, and finish around Noon – 1 PM

Noon to 4 PM: Conference Registration (lobby, Bryce Canyon Lodge Auditorium)

1:30 PM: Board Meeting

Guided hike (similar to morning hike), or time for scenic drive

5 PM: Happy Hour & late registration in Laine cabin

Dinner on your own

8 PM: Slide show of all contest submissions (Bryce Canyon Lodge Auditorium)

Friday 6/9

6 AM: Sunrise Bryce Rim photography workshop by Jack Olson, followed by

7:30 AM: Continental breakfast & discussion at Bryce Canyon Lodge

9 AM: Guided walk with park ranger on the easy one-mile Bristlecone Loop Trail to see the park's oldest living things

Noon: Meet at Bryce Canyon Lodge Auditorium for box lunch and talk on area's Wild West history

3 PM: Nap time

Dinner on your own

6 PM: Walk-and-Talk with the Park Service on Bryce Amphitheater Rim Trail

8 PM: Writing Critique session

Saturday 6/10

All activities in Bryce Canyon Lodge Auditorium

8:30 AM: General Membership meeting

9:45 AM: Break

10 AM: Workshop: The Digital World – Is It Time To Throw Away Our Nikons And Canons?

Lunch on your own

1 PM: Panel Discussion: How Can We Earn a Living as Freelancers?

4:30 PM: Happy Hour & Auction

7 PM: Banquet, with Speaker & Awards ceremony

Speaker: Barb Sharrow, BLM, topic: Grand Staircase-Escalante Nat'l Mon

Sunday 6/11

8:30 AM: Board Meeting (Laine cabin)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail _____

Costs:

What	Cost	X	No. Attending	=	Amount
Registration fee	\$25	X		=	\$
Fri. breakfast	\$6	X		=	\$
Sat. night banquet	\$18	X		=	\$

Total Enclosed \$

Please send your Registration Form & check (made payable to RMOWP) to:

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Conference 2000 Auction

Don't miss out on great merchandise

RMOWP Supporting Members have donated items of outdoor equipment every member needs. Come to Bryce and place your bid.

Bring an item to donate.

If you can't make it to the conference and auction,
send your donation to the return address on this newsletter

to arrive by June 5.

Proceeds help support the scholarship fund.