



TOWN OF BRIGHTON NEWS

MARCH 2024



Habit yourself to the dazzle of light. ~ Walt Whitman
Brighton and Solitude Resorts celebrated Presidents' Day with fireworks

TRI-CANYON TRAILS MASTER PLAN

It's out! It's excellent! Take a look, especially at the draft ideas for Big Cottonwood!
Forest Service would appreciate your opinions and suggestions!

[Tri-Canyon Trails Draft Plan](#)

BCCA will host US Forest Service Representatives at the meeting on Monday, March 11 at 7 pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. There are some exciting ideas in store for Big Cottonwood!

Want more Information? Attend one of these other public meetings:

- March 4** 5-7 pm ▪ Open House ▪ Viridian Library ▪ 8030 S. 1825 West
- March 13** 5-7 pm ▪ Open House Sandy Library ▪ 10100 S Petunia Way
- March 20** 6-7 pm ▪ Open House ▪ Wheeler Farm Education Center ▪ 6351 S 900 East
- March 20** 10am ▪ Trail Network Focus ▪ County Complex (State St & 2100 So.) ▪ Rm #S4726
- March 21** 1 pm - Trails & Environmental Focus Group – County Complex Room #S4726

Want to comment online? Click here: [Tri-Canyon Draft Plan Story](#) (scroll down to Survey buttons)

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES

Tri-Canyon Trails Draft Plan

Share your thoughts on the Draft Plan for trails in Big Cottonwood, Little Cottonwood, and Millcreek Canyons!

Draft Plan Release - March 1st

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Monday | March 4, 2024

The County Library | Viridian Event Center | 8030 S. 1825 W.

Wednesday | March 13, 2024

The County Library | Sandy | 10100 S. Petunia Way

Wednesday | March 20, 2024

Education Center | Wheeler Farm | 6351 S. 900 E.

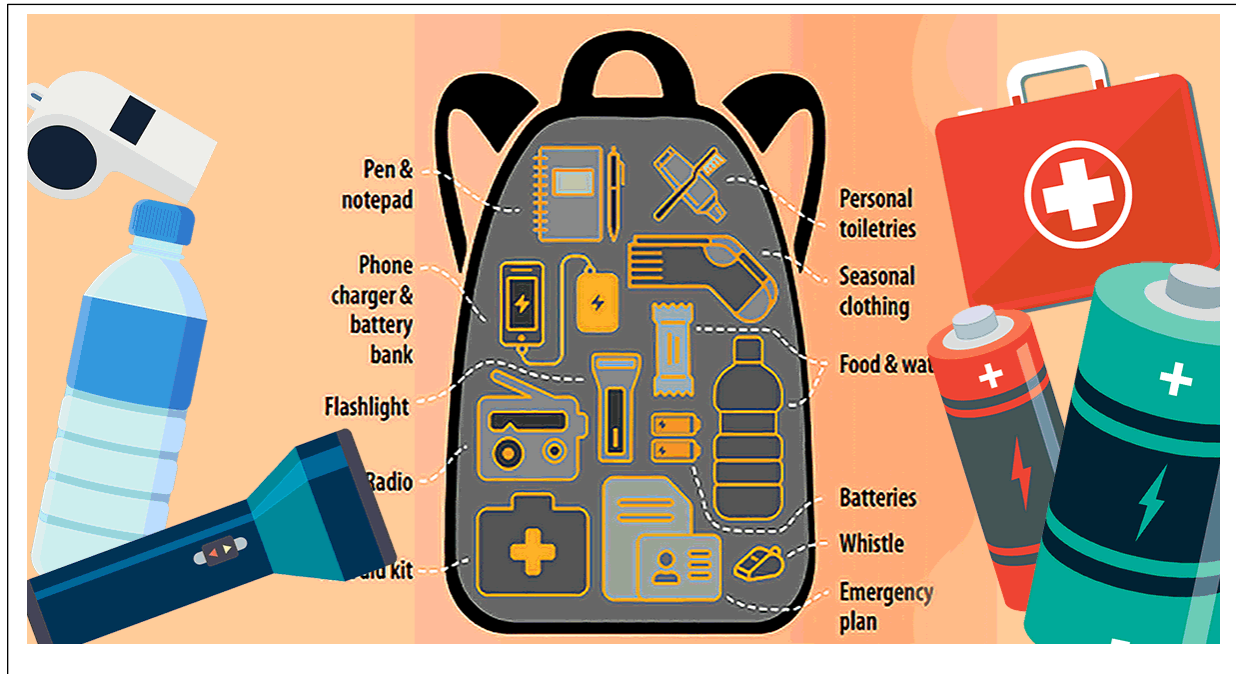


tricanyontrails.org

JOIN UTAH'S SHAKE-OUT DRILL ON APRIL 18, 2024

On April 18, 2024, thousands of Utahns will participate in the largest earthquake drill in Utah! Earthquakes can happen anywhere, but when only seconds count, you want to take quake-safe actions. Be in the know, register at www.ShakeOut.org/Utah to practice what to do and be ready.

PLAN YOUR DRILL Practice the **Drop, Cover, Hold On** technique. Crawl under a table and hold on to the leg. Look around to see what could fall on you. Update your emergency “Bug-Out Bag” this month.



RESPECT FOR PRIVATE PROPERTY

Recent events brought attention to private property rights in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Mayor Knopp has been meeting with Brighton Resort officials and private property owners to help manage the problem. Since permanent fences are not allowed under FCOZ regulations, it's a good idea for residents to post suitable No Trespassing signs if they wish. Work is being done to promote effective signage so both residents and visitors feel they are being respected.

POWDERKEG SKI RACES

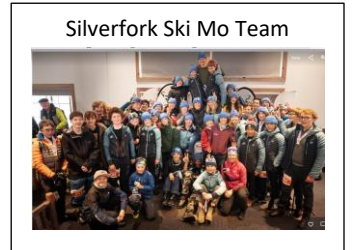
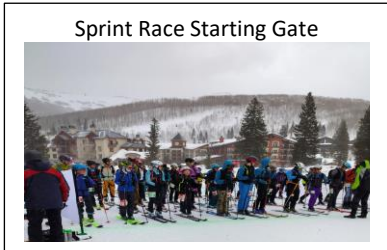
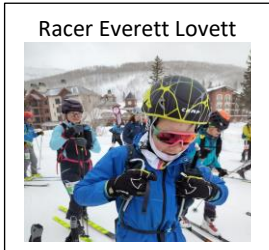
The Annual Wasatch Powder Keg Ski Races took place at Solitude on March 1-2. It was a huge event and a great weekend despite some challenging weather. Solitude Mountain Resort and community volunteers helped make it a success.

This was the USA Skimo National Championship and the North American Continental Championships, drawing top racers of all age groups from around the country and Canada. It was the biggest skimo race in North America with over 300 racers.

There were 3 events; the vertical race; a 1700 vertical foot climb to the top. The fastest time was 24 minutes from John Gaston (Aspen, CO). On Saturday the racers competed in the

individual race, climbing and descending all over the mountain, including into Honeycomb Canyon a couple of times. The Silver Fork Skimo team put a racer on the top of the podium in each age category, both men and women, from U-14 up to U-23! And Sunday was spent racing up and down Main Street with the technical and fast sprint race.

The sport of ski mountaineering "skimo" has gained increasing popularity in North America over the past few years. It's a popular sport in Europe where most of the world cup races take place. Skimo will make its debut into the 2026 winter Olympics in Italy, and some of our local Silver Fork Team racers are vying for Olympic team positions. (Photos by Eli Lovett and Sarah Cookler)



CALL FOR IDEAS IS OPEN!

SHORT-TERM PROJECTS GRANT

Open March 4th until March 25th



CENTRAL
WASATCH
COMMISSION

The Central Wasatch Commission has launched the 2024 *Call for Ideas* for the Short-Term Projects Grant Program! Submissions will be accepted from March 4th until March 25th, 2024. Proposed projects should be in Millcreek Canyon, Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons, or the Wasatch Back. This Call is for "shovel ready" projects focused on canyon transportation, environmental protection, recreational stewardship, or economic sustainability. Projects must be implemented within 12 months and not request more than \$20,000 from the CWC. Non-profits, community groups, and private citizens are eligible to apply. For more information visit: [Short-Term Projects – Central Wasatch Commission \(utah.gov\)](https://www.centralwasatchcommission.org/short-term-projects)



EVENTS

March 9 & 23 Solitude Nordic Nights ▪ Meet at Nordic Center on the Brighton Loop ▪ 6-9 pm ▪ Cost \$12 – Rental equipment available for \$16 ▪ Smores & Hot Chocolate ▪ Registration: [Nordic Nights | Solitude Mountain Resort](#) Check out other events at: [Events at Solitude](#)

March 22 & 29 Moonlight Snowshoe Tour at Spruces ▪ Guided Tour with Cottonwood Canyons Foundation ▪ 7-9 pm ▪ Meet at Spruces Parking Lot ▪ Cost is \$10 ▪ Registration Required: [Select a Date & Time](#)

MEETINGS IN TOWN

Brighton Town Council

Second Tuesday of each month – 6:30 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

OR www.utah.gov/pmn (You can subscribe to this website to receive automatic notifications.)

Brighton Institute Meeting

Second Monday of each month – 6 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295178468>

Meeting ID: 832 9517 8468 Passcode: 942455

BCCA Community Council

Second Monday of each month – 7 pm. Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83295178468>

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Big Cottonwood Historical Society Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month 10:00 am – Fire Station #108

Brighton Planning Commission Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month – 6:00 pm [Meetings | Brighton Utah](#)

RESOURCES

Big Cottonwood Historical Society

Check out stories about Big Cottonwood: [Historical Society](#) If you have pictures, stories, or documents, let us know! Join in the adventure to discover and share canyon history!

Environmental Dashboard

The Central Wasatch Commission's Environmental Dashboard has some great information about our canyon. Access the Environmental Dashboard at this link: [CWC Environmental Dashboard \(utah.gov\)](#)