



## Safety

Who said safety isn't fun?? Below are some safety tips to keep in mind when recreating on or near the river to ensure the good times keep rolling!

- ▽ Be aware of possible weather changes that could impact the river's speed and strength
- ▽ Watch out for quick moving currents and obstructions, some of which are under water
- ▽ Avoid rock hopping, as rocks may be slippery
- ▽ Enter unknown or shallow water feet first
- ▽ Bring plenty of drinking water and sunscreen

## Stewardship

Those recreating in and along the Virgin River also have the responsibility to act as stewards of the river.

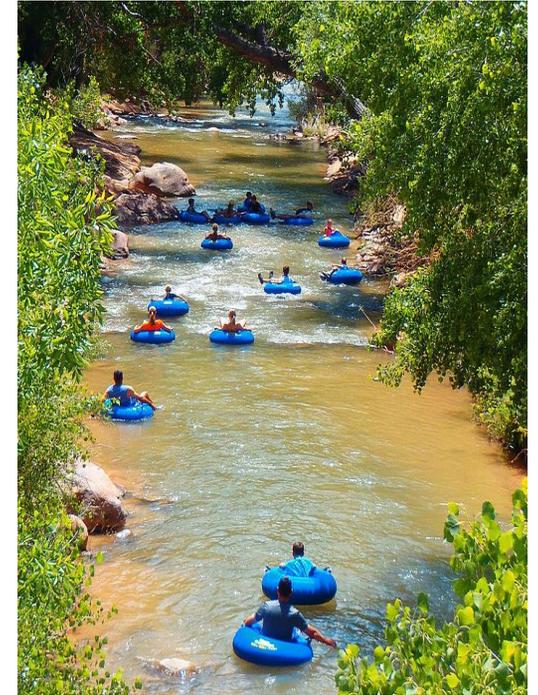
Having stewardship over the river means to enjoy the river responsibly in order to keep it preserved for future generations to enjoy as well. Protection and restoration of the delicate river environment are just some of the different ways we can do our part.

### DID YOU KNOW???

Zion Canyon began forming thousands of years ago as the north fork of the Virgin River cut down into the sandstone, creating the beautiful scenery we have today.



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## Our Mission

Our mission for the Virgin River, as stated in the Town of Springdale General Plan, is...

*“To preserve and protect the natural character of the Virgin River and its corridor, while accommodating appropriate uses by visitors and residents.”*

We want to protect the river while at the same time encourage people to enjoy it!

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## River Access

As recreators along the Virgin River, it is our responsibility to know the appropriate areas where we can access the river.

Much of the land along the river’s edge is privately owned, and encroaching on that land is trespassing.

The George Barker River Park provides people and dogs with public access to the river, walking trails, and a location for tubers to pull out. All other access points in town are on private property and should NOT be used to get to the river.



## The Virgin River

As the lifeblood of Zion Canyon, the Virgin River provides residents and visitors of Springdale the opportunity to enjoy all that the river has to offer. Not only does the river provide drinking water and irrigation for the town, but also supports plant and animal life all throughout the corridor.

### DID YOU KNOW???



Endangered species like the Virgin River Chub and Woundfin Minnow are found

only in the Virgin River! COOL!!!



*Temporary dams, like the one seen above, disturb the natural flow of the river and can be destructive to the aquatic community*

## Leave No Trace

As a community, we adhere to the Leave No Trace principals and encourage all recreators to do the same. Leave No Trace was established to help to minimize the impact of those visiting the outdoors. Below are some different ways we can help to Leave No Trace.

- ▽ Refraining from littering (pack out what you pack in)
- ▽ Staying on designated trails
- ▽ Allowing the river to run its natural course (no temporary dams)
- ▽ Respecting wildlife from a safe distance
- ▽ Using the bathrooms at the park instead of “relieving yourself” in or around the river