

# **Spectator Locations**

Greater Zion is your front-row seat to all the action. Scout Out a Location or Two to Catch the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship

**SWIM:** *Plunge Into a Desert Oasis* Roka Swim – Sand Hollow State Park, Hurricane



Sand Hollow Reservoir in Hurricane is one of most unique and scenic swim venues on the IRONMAN circuit. The crystal blue waters make ideal swim conditions for athletes. Sunrises here can be indescribable, and the desert scenery is unlike anywhere in the world.

Watching the start of the race is exciting, but it requires detailed planning. There is only one entrance into Sand Hollow State Park and the bike course limits access in and out. Because of this, the only way to access the starting area is by riding the mandatory shuttle. Shuttling to the Swim Start is mandatory; access by personal vehicles is prohibited on race day.

Spectators board the shuttle to Sand Hollow at the Dixie Center. Return shuttles will drop off spectators back at the Dixie Center. Spectator shuttles will continue to run into St. George and the Dixie Center starting shortly after the start of the race, till the last athletes exit the water and start their bike.

**Note:** To view the Pro Start, we estimate that spectators must be on board a shuttle at the Dixie Center prior to 5:30 a.m. To view the Pro Finish at Town Square, spectators must be on board a return shuttle at Sand Hollow before 8:30 a.m. Arrival times for spectator shuttles are not guaranteed. Please account for traffic congestion, parking and walking distances when planning your day.

Once you've arrived at Sand Hollow, make your way to the main boat ramp where athletes start and finish the swim. You can line the transition area and the shoreline to watch the athletes enter and exit the water. As they exit the water, athletes run from the ramp to where their bikes are mounted in a fenced transition area (T1), toward the north end of the parking lot, then walk their bike to the starting shoot before mounting for the bike course.

Spectators can line the transition area and the beginning section of the bike course from the reservoir to the Park Entrance Station to watch the cyclists depart. As they exit the park, athletes make a left turn onto Sand Hollow Road, then turn left onto a brand new section of the Southern Parkway (State Route 7), which cuts through a mile-long stretch of brilliant orange sand dunes as it heads toward Hurricane City.



#### Spectator Areas in Hurricane Turnaround at 3000 South 1100 West (Bike)

The turnaround at 3000 South and 1100 West in Hurricane is a great spectator location for those coming from Hurricane City on the East side of the course. The Southern Parkway will be closed to vehicle traffic, so access this viewing location via 700 West (Airport Road) from any location east of the Southern Parkway. Note: Traffic on SR9 west of the Southern Parkway is not recommended on race day. Please adjust your travel plans accordingly.

## **Spectator Areas in Washington**

## Turnaround at Main Street and 100 South (Bike)

The 70.3 World Championship course brings cyclists under I-15 and right down Main Street, right to the center of town, where they will turn around and head back to Buena Vista Boulevard. The turnaround at Main Street and 100 South in Washington is an ideal spectator location. It is right next to Veterans Park and the City Offices where Washington City officials are hosting a celebration event. Access to this viewing area is available from Telegraph Street anywhere east of Washington Parkway and there is ample parking nearby.

## Spectator Areas in St. George

## Red Hills Parkway near Pioneer Park (Bike & Run)

Red Hills Parkway plays a major role in the race. Cyclists ride east to west from 1000 East to Bluff Street. Runners will be coming the opposite direction from Bluff Street to approximately 600 East before heading back west on the trail above the city. In this area, spectators can see cyclists pass one way, while the runners pass four times before they head down Skyline Drive, toward the finish line. This is an ideal viewing location for pedestrians who don't mind walking up to the area. During the race, Red Hills Parkway is accessible only by foot via 200 East/Skyline Drive, or from 900 East. Red Hills Parkway from 900 East to Bluff Street will be completely closed for vehicle traffic during the race. We recommend parking on surface streets between Main Street and 200 East then walking up Skyline Drive to the viewing area. Note: Main Street will be closed from 400 North to 100 South on race day.

## Main Street from 400 North to 100 South (Bike & Run)

Main Street will be bursting with energy on race day. Cyclists turn onto Main Street from Diagonal Street at 200 North as they return to the transition area on Tabernacle Street (T2). Runners turn onto Main Street as they leave T2, on their way up to Diagonal Street, then return down Main Street at 400 North after coming down Skyline Drive from Red Hills Parkway. Spectators can see the runners four times in this section. We suggest walking up from Town Square. Parking is available on surface streets and in all public lots.

## **Spectator Areas in Ivins**

## Snow Canyon Drive (Bike)

At mile 41, the course turns right onto Snow Canyon Drive to take athletes up the signature climb on the course. The stunning four-mile climb through Snow Canyon State Park features nearly 1,100-feet of elevation gain. The road is closed, but spectators can watch the cyclists by walking along the paved trail alongside Snow Canyon Drive. Park on surface streets in lvins and make your



way to the path. Entrance to the park is free for pedestrians during the race. No vehicles are allowed.

#### **About Greater Zion**

Located in the southwest corner of Utah, Greater Zion is a destination that offers more than 2,400 square miles of adventure and inspiration. Zion National Park, the fourth most visited National Park in the United States, is the premier attraction, but Zion is only the beginning. Four state parks and a multitude of year-round recreational lands set the stage for a burgeoning mountain biking scene, some of the best off-highway vehicle riding in the country, scenic and challenging play at 13 top-rated golf courses, world-class cultural performances at Tuacahn Center for the Arts and so much more. The vibrant communities of St. George, Springdale, Hurricane, Ivins and towns in between offer a wide range of lodging options, dining experiences and access to outdoor pursuits through local outfitters and tour companies. Home to the 2021 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships, Greater Zion also is a world-class destination for sporting events, conferences and meetings. The Greater Zion Convention and Tourism Office is a transient-room-tax-funded entity of Washington County, Utah. For more information, please visit GreaterZion.com.