



The Flyin' Solo VanLife on the Highways and Byways of North America

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Ride Along and Enjoy the People, Places, and Who Knows What



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Thor's Hammer



It was about a 90-minute drive to get to Bryce Canyon from Kanab. In 2006, I did a couple of long hikes here, doing the Navajo Trail and the Peek-A-Boo Trail on consecutive days. The perspective from down among all those cool hoodoos was terrific, but BCNP's biggest wows, in my opinion, are from up high and looking down.

This visit was just a quick pass-through, though. It just seemed wrong, on such a beautiful day, to drive right by the entrance to Bryce without going in. So, I picked one feature to grab some photos of. Portrait orientation was preferred; I had my annual calendar in mind.

The ride to get here on US-89 and UT-12 is scenic. Southern Utah, go figure. You even start to see colorful hoodoos before you even reach the park.













*Navajo Trail*

That last photo shows you something that the ones before it do not: *these hoodoos are huge!*

Look at the trees. These are full-grown evergreens that are 50-75 feet tall! The people on the trail look puny next to the trees. And look how puny the trees look compared to the hoodoos!

So, the feature that I specifically wanted to photograph was Thor's Hammer. It's a sandstone hoodoo that stands about 150 feet tall. The name comes from the shape. Erosion has worn away

Hiking down from Sunrise Point is the easiest way to get to it, but you can also hike the whole Navajo Trail to find it near the end. That trail in the photo on the previous page is only about 300 yards away from the Hammer. You'd climb up that long switchbacked trail to get to it.









