A&WMA Visibility Conference Bryce Canyon National Park Excursion
Wednesday, October 21

The National Park Excursion is included in the full conference registration fee and all attendees are welcome to attend. A box lunch will be provided and transportation will be provided by the Park shuttle and will leave from Ruby’s Inn about 12:15 pm.

The group will first be taken to the North Campground Amphitheater for a Park Ranger fireside at 12:45 pm. Following the fireside, individuals may elect to participate in a variety of hiking and sightseeing options. After the fireside, buses will rotate with stops at Sunrise Point, Lodge at Bryce Canyon, Bryce Point, Inspiration Point and Sunset Point (see map) arriving at these stops about every 15-20 minutes. You may elect to take one of the suggested options below or to just walk at leisure along the Bryce Amphitheater rim trail and meet the shuttle at the Sunrise Point, Sunset Point or Inspiration Point shuttle stops.

Also, see the interactive [Bryce Canyon Park Map and Hiking Options](#).
Option 1. Visit to IMPROVE site and hike to Mossy Cave. (This is the only option that requires a headcount up front so be sure to check the box during registration if you would like this option). Participants will first travel in a dedicated bus to Bryce Point (10 min from the fireside) where they will look at the view and then visit the IMPROVE site where they will review the history of IMPROVE sampling at Bryce Canyon. The group will then travel by bus to the Mossy Cave Trail head (40 min) and hike the EASY short trail to a mossy grotto and water fall at the northern edge of the Bryce Amphitheater (about 1 mile, 1 hr, with 200 ft elevation change) before returning to either Ruby’s Inn or the Lodge at Bryce Canyon.

Along the Mossy Cave, Hidden Falls trail

Option 2. Tower Bridge hike. Participants will first take the short walk to from the Amphitheater to the rim to meet the Rim Trail and turn left until they meet the Tower bridge trail (see map). They will hike down this long loop trail about 1.5 mi (802 ft elevation change) past Bristlecone Pines and the Chinese Wall to a ¼-mile shady spur leading to the bridge. They will then return the way they came back to Sunrise Point. They will meet the shuttle at the Sunrise Point Shuttle stop. Total distance on this MODERATE hike is 2.9 miles and expected time is 3 to 4 hours.

Tower Bridge
Option 3. Queen’s Garden/Navajo Combined Loop hike. Participants will walk 0.5 mile from the Amphitheatre to Sunrise Point where they will start down the Queen’s Garden trail, hike in a clockwise direction on this loop trail. At the bottom of the loop (a drop of 357 ft) they will take the connector trail to the Navajo Loop trail and follow that loop trail clockwise up Wall Street to the Sunset Point (a climb of 550 ft) to the shuttle stop, Total distance on this MODERATE hike is 2.9 miles and expected time is 3 to 4 hours.

Option 4. Bryce Amphitheater Traverse hike. Participants will first travel by bus from the Amphitheater to Bryce Point (10 min from the fireside) where they will start down the Peekaboo Loop trail going in a clockwise direction around the loop to the connection to the Navajo Loop Trail. This will take them about 2.8 mi (1010 ft elevation change) past the Wall of Windows. They will then take the connection trail to the Navajo Loop trail and follow that loop trail clockwise up Wall Street to the Sunset Point (a climb of 550 ft) to the shuttle stop, Total distance on this DIFFICULT trail is 4.7 mi and expected time is 4 hours.

At either Sunrise Point or Sunset Point, you may either take a bus to Ruby’s Inn or the Lodge at Bryce Canyon. Those who wish may have an elegant dinner at the Stone Hearth Grill in the Lodge at Bryce Canyon [https://www.stonehearthgrille.com/](https://www.stonehearthgrille.com/). Reservations are recommended, (435) 679-8923. A shuttle will be available for the return to Ruby’s Inn until 9:00 pm.