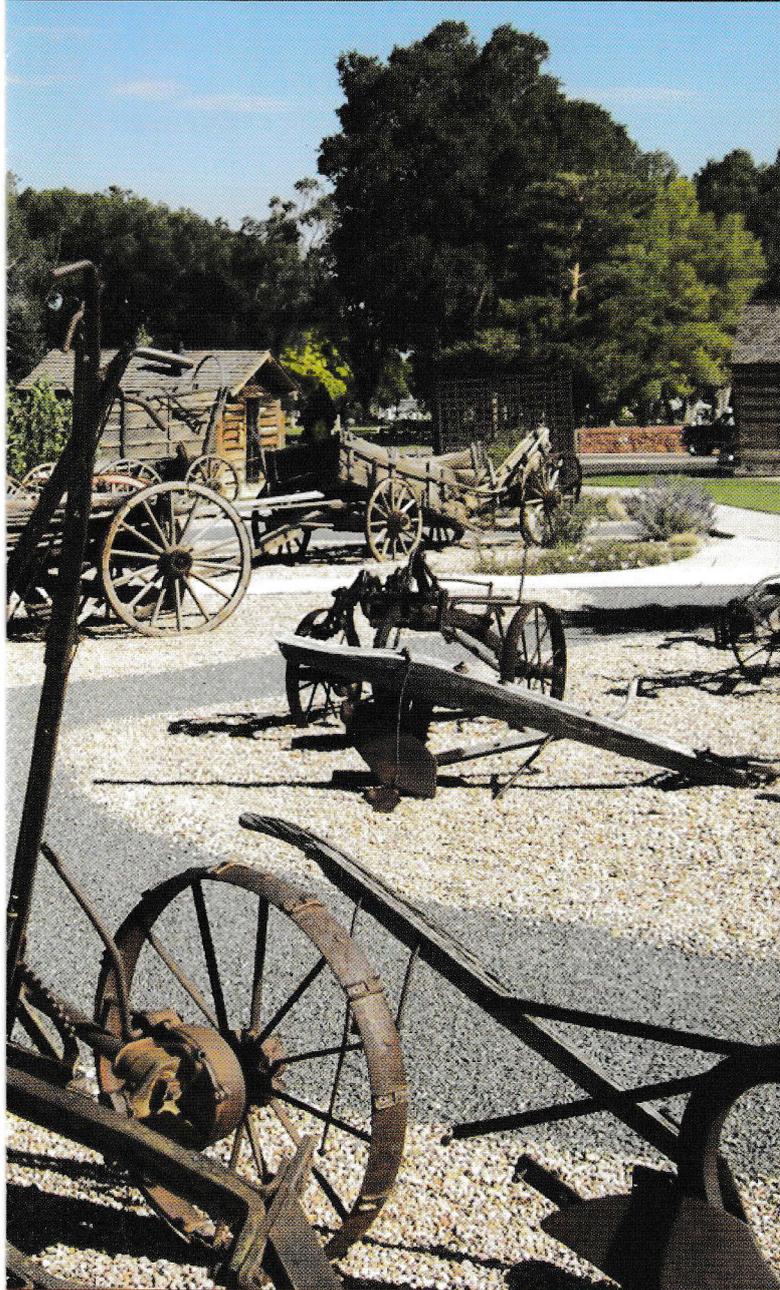


Iron Mission State Park Museum

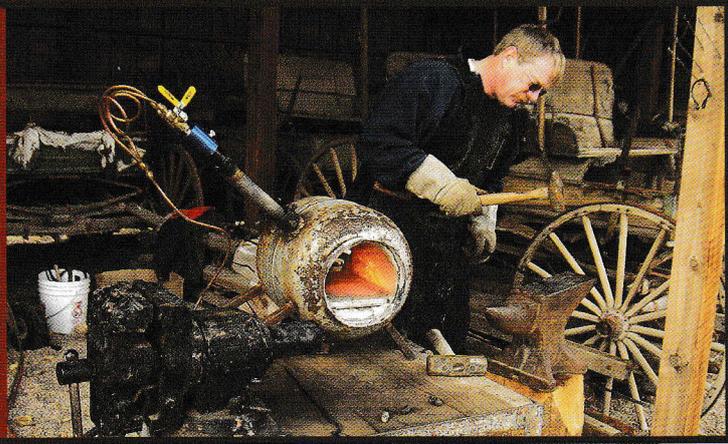


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Visit Iron Mission and experience living in a pioneer cabin, printing on a 19th century press, and rug weaving on a 100-year-old loom. Explore southwestern Utah's historic trails and hear the original 1850s Cedar City town bell.



History of Iron Mission

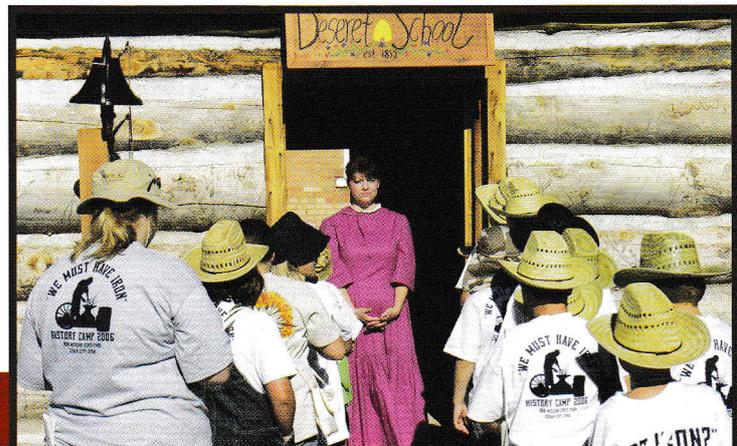
Lack of iron was a major concern to pioneers who began settling Utah in 1847. When iron ore was discovered in southern Utah, Mormon leader Brigham Young called for volunteers to colonize the Cedar City area in December of 1850. Ten months later, the colony completed a blast furnace and began operating an iron foundry. Despite its initial success, Iron Mission faced many difficulties and ultimately closed in 1858. A desire to preserve and interpret the history of this endeavor eventually led to the establishment of Iron Mission State Park in 1973.

Things to Do

Wander through time and experience the outdoor collection of horse-drawn farm equipment and wagons. Binders, mowers, reapers, scrapers, plows and manure spreaders are all on display, as well as early hay balers, a well drill, and a rare snow "tank." Anchoring the museum's backyard is a series of historic structures including the historic Hunter House - Cedar City's oldest remaining home, and the George Wood cabin - the fifth oldest structure still standing in Utah.

For the more adventurous, travel 20 miles west of Cedar City and enjoy the authentic ruins of a 19th century iron foundry and newly created nature trail, but be sure to call or stop by our front desk for directions.

Special programs include backroom curation tours, a Junior Curator kit for children, rotating art exhibits, and many video presentations covering the history and natural wonders of Utah and the American Southwest. Iron Mission also has a reference library and archives for those who wish to further explore the exciting history of Cedar City, Iron County and southwest Utah.



Iron Mission Days Festival

Each November, Iron Mission State Park Museum celebrates the founding of Cedar City with the Iron Mission Days Festival. Make pioneer crafts and treats at the museum's Community Night held during the weeklong celebration. The festival also includes special programs, school presentations, and guided walks of Cedar City's historic district.



The Gronway Parry Collection

Catch a glimpse into frontier travel from the Gronway Parry Collection — a rare and extensive set of wagons, buggies, sleighs and stagecoaches. Intriguing coaches include a bullet-scarred stagecoach, a replica Wells-Fargo Overland Stage, a classically luxurious Brougham, and a coach owned by Joseph F. Smith, former leader of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. View carriages, surreys, horse-drawn farm machinery, a rare white hearse, a Studebaker white top wagon, and even a “one horse open sleigh.” Industrial vehicles such as a milk wagon, water sprinkling wagon, low-wheeled dray, and various dump belly and freight wagons are also on exhibit.

