

PANORAMA TRAIL IN KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK, BRISTLECONE LOOP TRAIL AND RAINBOW, YOVIMPA, PONDEROSA CANYON, AGUA CANYON, NATURAL BRIDGE, FAIRVIEW, AND PIRACY POINTS IN BRYCE NATIONAL PARK, ARCHES TRAIL IN RED CANYON (DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST), AND PA'RUS TRAIL IN ZION NATIONAL PARK

Our first hike of the day was the shorter loop of the Panorama Trail in Kodachrome Basin State Park. Hoodoos near the beginning of this trail:



Panorama of where this loop trail goes:



Ballerina Spire:



The place labeled “Secret Passage” on the trail map from the visitor’s center is a short not-quite-a-slot that curves back into the cliffs:



Panorama looking towards where the longer part of the loop trail takes off:



Zooming in on the Bryce cliffs:



Panorama looking back towards where the rest of the shorter loop trail goes:



Another spire typical of this park:



Panorama from the southern part of the Panorama loop trail:



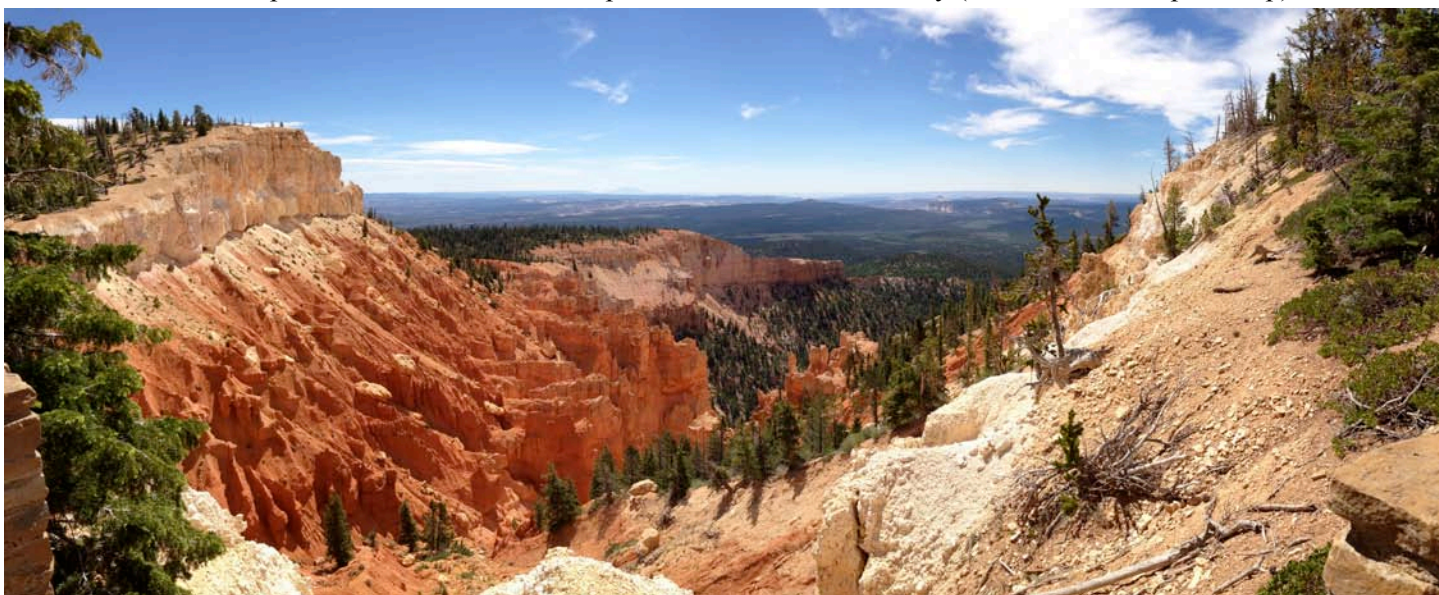
Looking towards the main part of Kodachrome Basin from near the end of the trail:



From here, we headed to Bryce National Park to check out some of the viewpoints; we did not have enough time to do any of the longer hikes as we were driving to Zion and still wanted to check out Red Canyon. Panorama from near Rainbow Point:



Panorama from a viewpoint on the Bristlecone Loop Trail, with The Promontory (as labeled on the park map) to the left:



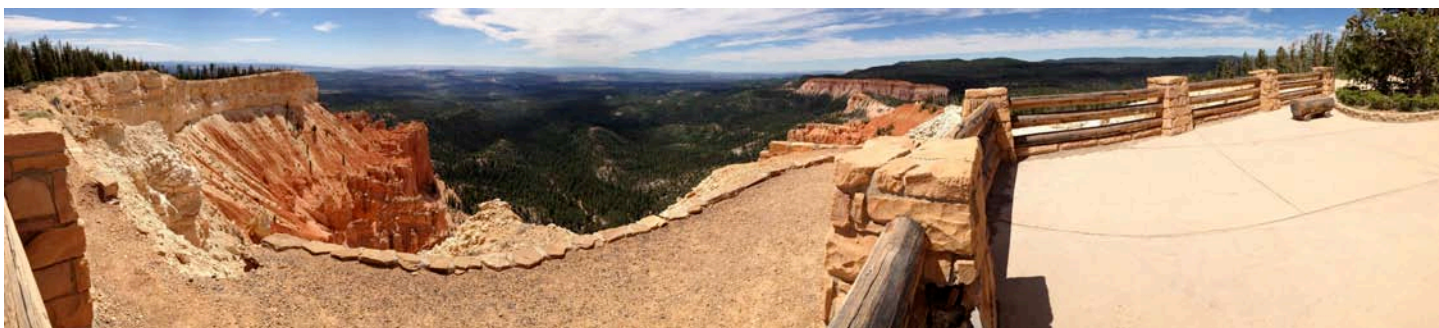
Panorama from another viewpoint on the Bristlecone Loop Trail, this one just below Yovimpa Point:



Panorama on the way to Yovimpa Point:



Panorama from Yovimpa Point:



From here, we started driving back down the main Bryce road, stopping at some viewpoints for panoramas along the way. Panorama from Ponderosa Canyon viewpoint:



Panorama from Agua Canyon viewpoint:



Panorama from Natural Bridge viewpoint:



Panorama from Fairview Point:



Panorama on the way to Piracy Point:



Panorama from Piracy Point:



Next, we drove to Red Canyon to check out the Arches loop trail. Panorama from the highest point reached by this trail:



Some small arches on this trail:



Zooming in on some of these arches:



A larger arch:



Finally, we headed to Zion. We decided to check out the Pa'rus Trail, as it was getting late and we didn't have much time for a longer hike. This is an excellent trail to walk during the summer in the evening, as it is near the river so it isn't as hot as the surrounding area, and it has incredible views of the lower Zion Canyon—I wish I had checked it out sooner. Panorama of the view down-canyon:



The Watchman (left) and another peak, north of the Watchman (right):



Panorama looking up Zion Canyon from the Pa'rus Trail. We turned around here and returned to where the car was parked near where the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive intersects the Zion-Mount Carmel Highway, as it was getting dark:

