



Hyrum State Park Collection
HCM_010
Accession # 2014.3
Collection Overview

Collection Date Range: 1960 to 2010?

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Extent: 9 boxes (4.5 linear feet)

Physical location: Hyrum City Museum Archival Storage Room

Provenance Note

The Hyrum State Park Collection was donated by Hyrum State Park in 2013. Museum staff members were pursuing knowledge concerning the park in for the completion of the exhibit, *The Hyrum Dam: Building a Dam, Building a Community* when the park rangers discovered a miscellaneous box of historical materials and offered it to the museum on a loan. In 2014 it was accessioned into the museum's permanent collection.

In 2021 this collection was moved to the Utah State Archives, as it came from a Utah State Park.

Historical Note

The Hyrum Dam was built during the 1920s and 1930s by the Bureau of Reclamation and Works Progress Administration in order to store water from the Little Bear River. Though the dam's main purpose was irrigation, the site quickly became a place of recreation for Cache Valley residents who, together with Hyrum City, Cache Chamber of Commerce, and Hyrum Lions flattened the beaches and got rid of drop-offs to make the spot more accessible to the community. Swimming, boating, ice skating, and picnics on the beach have long been popular activities, and on July 4th many Cache Valley residents came to the dam to see the fireworks sparkle over the water.

Over time, the South Cache Water Users Association began to worry about safety issues at the reservoir and wanted a local organization to take charge and regulate recreational activities. A committee of representatives from Hyrum drafted a proposal for this to the Utah State Parks Department, and in 1959, the Utah State Parks and Recreation Commission turned Hyrum reservoir into a state park.

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection contains photographs and negatives of photographs taken of recreational activities at Hyrum State Park. The photos were taken sometime between 1960 and 2013, when the collection was discovered by park rangers and donated to the museum.



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Collection Inventory

Box 1

Folder 1 35mm film roll worth of negatives* as well as (usually) photographic prints from each one of those rolls.

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Box 3

- Folder 1 Envelopes of assorted photo negatives in the envelopes they were in when from Utah State Parks
- Folder 2 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 3 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 4 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 5 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 6 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 7 Negatives in archival negative holders that were in a binder in the original collection
- Folder 8 A collection of slides in letter-sized archival slide holders. These are organized roughly by subject
- Folder 9 A collection of slides in letter-sized archival slide holders. These are organized roughly by subject
- Folder 10 A collection of slides in letter-sized archival slide holders. These are organized roughly by subject
- Folder 11 8x10 inch black and white photographic prints of fishing and beach activities
- Folder 12 5x7 and 8x8 inch black and white photographic prints of snowmobiling activities
- Folder 13 8x10 and 8x8 inch color photographic prints of winter activities* including ice fishing* ice skating* and a hot air balloon
- Folder 14 A contact sheet and several 8x10 black and white prints of tree branches resembling legs wearing a belt and cowboy boots

Box 4

A slide carousel and a small box of slides with photos of wintertime activities

Box 5

A slide carousel and a small box of slides with photos of summertime activities

Box 6

- Folder 1 photographs of park scenery
- Folder 2 Photographs of beaches and beach activities
- Folder 3 photographs of snowmobiling
- Folder 4 photographs of fishing and ice fishing
- Folder 5 photographs of boating
- Folder 6 smaller envelopes* each containing of several photos of different activities* including: July 4th Parade* Law Enforcement Torch Run* Bicycle Tours from HSP*Hyrum State Park Manager in July 4th Dunk Tank* Cross Marine -- Installing New Outlet Girth in Reservoir* Misc. Parade Photos
- Folder 7 photographs of misc. activities
- Folder 8 photographs of wildlife and cattle
- Folder 9 photographs of park camping facilities
- Folder 10 photographs of vandalism at the park
- Folder 11 photographs of accidents and vehicle damage
- Folder 12 photos of erosion control
- Folder 13 photos of park personnel

Box 7

- Folder 1 Polaroid photos of park signs
- Folder 2 Kodak Instant and conventional photo prints of park signs
- Folder 3 several envelopes* each containing photographs of various maintenance projects in the park: Concrete Work* Gas Line* Dirt Work* Retaining Wall* Water Line* Other Projects
- Folder 4 misc. photographs that fall outside of the other categories
- Folder 5 misc. photographs that fall outside of the other categories

Box 8

- Folder 1 Title and Maps
- Folder 2 Park Before Development
- Folder 3 Park Visitors
- Folder 4 Snowmobiling
- Folder 5 Other fishing and duck hunting areas
- Folder 6 Existing park Facilities
- Folder 7 As built: Water* elec.* sewer

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Folder 8	Dev. - Construction
Folder 9	Erosion
Folder 10	Vandalism

Box 9

Folder 1	A binder entitled State Park Board Park Information Report from October 1986* written by Bruce W. Olsen* Park Superintendent. This document contains information and photographs about the park
Folder 2	A document entitled Performance Report - Landscaping Project – Jobs – Bill Federal Grant