

Achieving the Goals of the MPNHA



Built in 1850, this tithing office in Loa was the drop point for in-kind contributions to the LDS church. It is one of 10 remaining tithing offices built in the Greek Revival style. The MPNHA helped support preservation of the building.



A rider heads out on one of the loops in the Jacob Hamlin Heritage Bike Trail (also seen below) in Kanab, Kane County, a development project supported by MPNHA. Local volunteers have plans for an extensive network of bike trails in the colorful rock country outside the city.



Wayne County Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) Building: Built in 1897, the Wayne County DUP Building was originally the Loa Tithing Office. From 1850 to 1920, tithing offices supported the LDS church system of in-kind tithing, especially in cash-poor agricultural communities. They were centers of local trade and welfare assistance, as well as locations where church members could donate agricultural products and other goods to support the church.

The Loa building is architecturally significant as one of 10 tithing offices in the Mountain West designed in the Greek Revival style.

The building remained in church ownership until 1972, when it was sold to the local DUP for meetings and display of pioneer artifacts. In recent years, the structure has deteriorated. MPNHA funding has played a major role in restoring the building. Visitors can call a published telephone number to arrange a tour.

Under The Rim (Kane County)

Jacob Hamlin Heritage Park and Bike Trails: Jacob Hamlin was one of the most influential early settlers in Southern Utah. A sign in front of his home in Kanab, Kane County, describes him as a "pioneer explorer, missionary trailblazer and Indian peacemaker."

Kelly Stowell,, director of the Center for Education, Business and the Arts in Kanab, says, "He essentially shaped life in Southern Utah affecting our lives today."

His name is honored by a city park and now by two single-track mountain bike loops through colorful rock cliffs just outside Kanab. The MPHNA has supported development of both the park and bike loops. Plans are afoot to build a much larger bike trail system around Kanab.

The park has a picnic pavilion, additional picnic areas, fire pits, a playground and swimming pool. There is also a concessions building with kitchen equipment that can be rented for events.

In the past few years, determined volunteers have built the Roadrunner and Raven bike loops