



DAY TRIP TO GRAFTON

From Springdale · Washington County, Utah



FARM AND
RANCH

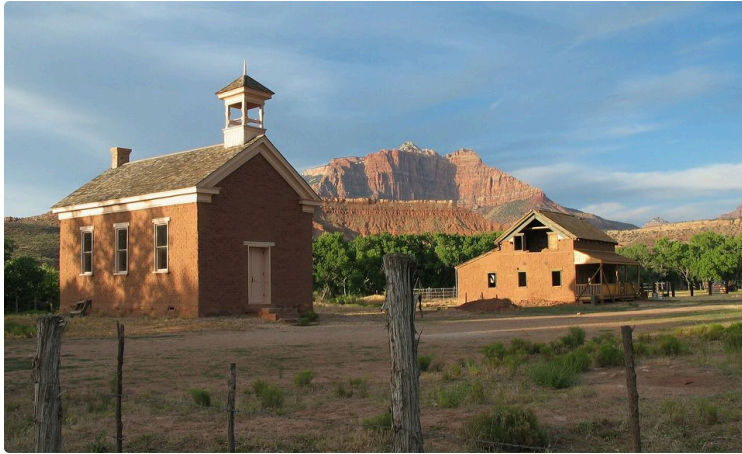


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RESTORED TOWNSITE

Preserved by the Grafton Heritage Partnership, which manages the cemetery under an agreement with the BLM. No hours or fee are posted, and there are no services.

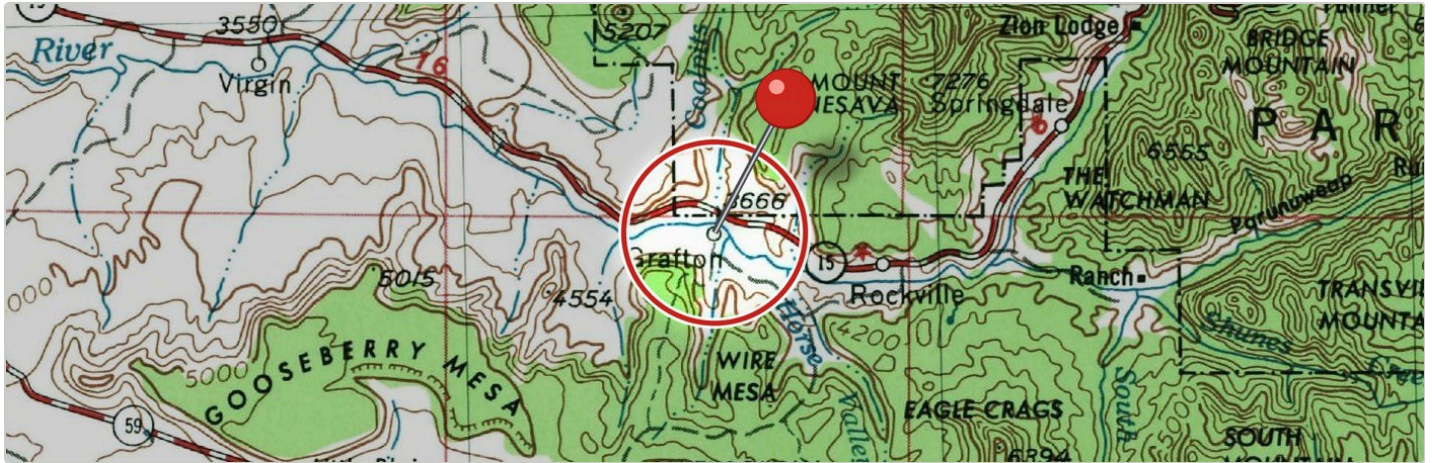
Grafton is about 20 minutes from Springdale, so it fits around a day in Zion. The site is small: a schoolhouse, a handful of homes and a cemetery. There are no services, so bring water and plan restroom stops in Springdale.

A SAMPLE DAY

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| ☐ Morning | Drive from Springdale through Rockville and across the Bridge Road bridge. |
| ☐ Morning | Walk the schoolhouse and the Russell, Wood and Ballard homes. |
| ☐ Late morning | Visit the cemetery, then head back to Springdale and Zion. |

WHAT TO PHOTOGRAPH

- **Schoolhouse and Russell home together.** From the road, the bell tower and the two-story adobe line up with the Zion peaks behind, as in the photo at the top of this page.
- **Fences and cabins.** Old cedar-post fences make a foreground for the log cabins and the Wood place's split-rail fence.
- **The cemetery.** Low light brings out the worn lettering on the old stones.



USGS topographic map, 1953 (public domain). The ring and pin mark the town.

DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

DRIVE	7 mi, about 18 min each way from Zion Park Boulevard in Springdale. From St. George: 40 mi, about 1 h 03 min.
HOURS	The heritage partnership's site doesn't list hours or a fee.
RESTROOMS	None. The partnership says there's no water, power or toilet.
FOOD AND WATER	None on site. Springdale has both.
ROAD	Dead end, partly unpaved. Impassable in a hard rainstorm.
WALKING	The cemetery is on the left of the road just before the town. The schoolhouse and homes stand along two short lanes, as the 1999 topo map shows.
RESPECT	The buildings and cemetery are being restored. Leave everything as you find it.
WEBSITE	graftonheritage.org

BEFORE YOU GO

- Check the status with the land manager before you go; conditions change.
- Keep out of unstable buildings and off fenced ruins.
- Leave artifacts where they lie. Removing them can be a crime.
- Carry water, a paper map and a charged phone; signal is often poor.

Coordinates 37.16722, -113.08000 • 37°10'02"N
113°04'48"W

Full guide abandonedtowns.com/utah/grafton/

Directions [Google Maps](#)

Details checked October 2026. Hours, prices and access change: confirm before you go.