

Kelly Goonan

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Dr. Goonan shares her outdoor recreation expertise with tips to stay safe while hiking, visiting national parks & exploring the backcountry.

Biography

Dr. Kelly Goonan is the program coordinator and assistant professor of outdoor recreation in parks and tourism at Southern Utah University. A self-described “hybrid recreation ecologist/recreation social scientist”, her expertise is in management of outdoor recreation, natural resources and protected areas.

Dr. Goonan’s research interests include recreation impact analysis, park sustainability and visitor disturbance projections. She has published academic papers in various national journals, including the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration and the Journal of Environmental Management. Dr. Goonan also teaches for Semester in the Parks, an SUU program where students can earn up to 18 general education credits in classes taught on-site at Bryce Canyon National Park.

Dr. Goonan earned her bachelor’s degree in environmental studies and Spanish with a minor in outdoor recreation from St. Lawrence University. She earned a master’s degree in natural resources from the University of Vermont and a Ph.D. in human dimensions of ecosystem science and management from Utah State University.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Environmental Services, Research

Areas of Expertise

Americans in the Outdoors, Climbing, Human Dimensions of Ecosystems, National Park Sustainability, Natural Resources , Outdoor Education, Outdoor Recreation, Outdoor Recreation Management, Recreation Ecology, Recreation Impact Analysis, Resource Management, Wilderness First Aid

Education

Utah State University

Ph.D. Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management

University of Vermont

M.S. Natural Resources

St. Lawrence University

B.A Environmental Studies

Accomplishments

Wilderness First Responder

Certified by the Wilderness Medicine Training Institute

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