How to Use the Shuttle

The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only. Private vehicles are not allowed until October 26, 2009. It’s easy to visit this part of the park—just hop on a free bus and let us do the driving.

Two Routes
The Springdale route will take you from town to the park entrance and visitor center. The Zion Canyon route starts at the visitor center and goes up the six-mile-long Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. A round-trip lasts 90 minutes. Buses run from dawn to after dark as often as every seven minutes. See page 12 for shuttle schedule. Buses are fully accessible. Pets are not allowed.

Plan Your Time
Use the exhibits at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to plan your visit based on your time available (less than 3 hours or more than 3 hours) and your interests (sightseeing, hiking, and more). Check the schedule of ranger-led activities on page four and the park bookstore for maps and books to enhance your visit.

Climate Friendly
The Zion Canyon Shuttle System started in 2000 to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. It worked. Each full shuttle replaces 28 cars. In 2008, the shuttles reduced the number of visitor vehicle miles traveled per day by 50,385 and reduced CO2 emissions by 24,201 pounds (12 tons) per day.

Where to Park

Park in Springdale
Parking inside the park is limited, congested, and full between 10 am and 3 pm. To avoid wasting time searching for a parking space, simply park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the park. Shuttles run from sunup to late in the evening from nine shuttle stops throughout town. If staying overnight in Springdale, leave your car at your lodging and take the shuttle.

Save Time and Money
There is always a line at the vehicle entrance and waits can be long. Ride the shuttle to the pedestrian entrance where the line is short and you can enter the park faster. In addition, groups of one or two people can save on their entrance fee at the pedestrian entrance. One person gets in at the individual rate of $12 or two for $24. A group or family of three or more will not be charged more than the $25 per vehicle fee.

Park Responsibly
Improper parking is not safe, can damage park resources, and is discourteous to others. Please park in designated parking places. Because illegal parking is on the rise, parking regulations will be strictly enforced with citations based on violations of signed no parking areas, traffic obstruction, or damage to resources or government property. Park responsibly and avoid a ticket.

Visitor Center Hours
September 1 – September 7
Zion Canyon  8 am – 8 pm
• Permits  7 am – 8 pm
History Museum  9 am – 7 pm
Kolob Canyons  8 am – 6 pm

September 8 – October 12
Zion Canyon  8 am – 6 pm
• Permits  7 am – 6 pm
History Museum  9 am – 6 pm
Kolob Canyons  8 am – 5 pm

October 13 – November 29
Zion Canyon  8 am – 5 pm
• Permits  8 am – 4:30 pm
History Museum  10 am – 5 pm
Kolob Canyons  8 am – 5 pm

Nature Center
September 1 – September 6
Jr. Ranger Program  9 am & 1:30 pm

Emergencies
Call 911 or 435 772-3322 twenty-four hours a day or contact a park ranger.

Lost and Found
Report at any park visitor center or museum.
This Is Canyon Country

Steep Cliffs
Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of cliff edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.
• Stay on the trail.
• Stay back from cliff edges.
• Observe posted warnings.
• Parents-watch your children!

Flash Floods
All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often from storms miles away, present a real danger and can be life-threatening. By entering a narrow canyon, you are assuming a risk.

Judgment
Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant attention. Don’t ruin your vacation by having an accident. Your safety is your responsibility.

Water
The desert is dry. Carry enough water for everyone in your group. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, and Zion Lodge. Do not drink untreated water.

Information and Services

Emergencies
For 24-hour emergency response, call 772-3322 or 911. Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is in Springdale, 435 772-3226. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Accessibility
Restrooms, visitor centers, museums, and Zion Lodge are fully accessible. Several campsites are reserved for people with disabilities, and two trails are accessible.

Pets
Pets are not allowed on shuttles, in the backcountry, on trails, or in public buildings. They must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets may be walked on the Pa’rus Trail. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

Entrance Fees
Private Vehicle $25 per vehicle, good for 7 days in Zion National Park.
Individual $12 per person (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and organized group), good for 7 days in Zion National Park.
Zion Annual Pass $50, good for one year from date of purchase at Zion only.

Commercial Tours Ask for rates.
Interagency Senior Pass $10 lifetime pass for U.S. residents 62 or older.
Interagency Annual Pass $80, good for one year from date of purchase at all federal fee areas.

Interagency Access Pass Free lifetime pass for U.S. residents who are permanently disabled.

Camping
Watchman Campground Open all year. Fees: $16 a night, $18 per night with electric hookupts, $20 per night for river sites (half price for holders of Golden Age/Access Passports and Interagency Senior/Access Passes). Reservations may be made for Watchman Campground six months in advance for April 1-October 24; on-line at www.recreation.gov, or call 877 444-6777. Sites are first-come, first-served October 25-early April.
South Campground Open March 6 through late October, sites are first-come, first-served. Fee: $16 per night.
Group Campsites Available April 1 through October 24 by reservation to organized groups of 9-50 people for $3.00 per person per night; on-line at www.recreation.gov, or call 877 444-6777.
Facilities Restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations.
Other Campgrounds Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park.

Fires
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be banned. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates at campgrounds and picnic areas. Bring or buy firewood; collecting is not permitted. No fires are allowed in the backcountry at any time.

Bicycling
• Avoid cars by riding the Pa’rus Trail. Watch for pedestrians and leashed pets.
• Park shuttles will not pass bicyclists—stop in turnouts to allow them to pass.
• Don’t pass a moving bus—the driver cannot see you.
• Use caution passing a stopped bus.
• Ride single file.
• Children must stay with parents.
• Please wear your helmet.
• Automobile rules of the road apply to bicycling. A permit (fee) is required for overnight bicycling.
• Bicycles are not allowed off roadways.
• Shuttles have racks for two bicycles.

Backpacking
Permits are required for all backcountry camping—there is a fee. Maximum group size is 12 people. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. See the Zion Backcountry Planner for more information.

Climbing
Climbing on Zion’s sandstone requires appropriate hardware and technical skills. Climbing information is available at visitor centers. Some routes may be closed to climbing when peregrine falcons are nesting. A permit (fee) is required for overnight climbs.

Horseback Riding
Guided trips are available March 8 through October, 435 772-3810. For private stock use, see the Zion Backcountry Planner.

Watercraft
All watercraft use in the park requires a backcountry permit. Permits are issued when the river is flowing in excess of 140 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.

Food Service
Zion Lodge Dining room serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Cafe offers grab-and-go lunches. Dinner reservations are advised: 435 772-7760.
Other Food Service Restaurants available in Springdale, near east entrance, Mt. Carmel Junction, and Kanab.

 Lodging
Other Lodging Available in Springdale, Rockville, near east entrance, Mt. Carmel Junction, Kanab, and Cedar City.

Worship Services
Offered during summer; check bulletin boards for times.
Interdenominational Christian Zion Lodge and South Campground
LDS Springdale
Roman Catholic Zion Lodge
Making the Most of Your Time

Less Than 3 Hours
Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
The easiest way to see some of the park’s most beautiful sights in a limited time is to ride the Zion Canyon Shuttle. Round-trip will take a minimum of 90 minutes.

Weeping Rock Trail
Short but steep walk on a paved path where springs continually drip from overhead. .5 miles/.5 hours round-trip, climbs 98 feet. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Court of the Patriarchs
Short but steep trail leads to views of the Sentinel and the Three Patriarchs. 100 yards/.25 hours round-trip, climbs 40 feet. Shuttle stop: Court of the Patriarchs

Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway
The 10-mile road that connects the east and south entrances is a steep drive up switchbacks and through the mile-long tunnel. This is the main access to Bryce Canyon and the North Rim of Grand Canyon. Large vehicle restrictions see page 12.

More Than 3 Hours
Lower Emerald Pool Trail
One place where you’ll often find at least a small waterfall. Easy, 1.2 miles/1 round-trip, climbs 69 feet. Minor drop-offs. Shuttle stop: Zion Lodge

Riverside Walk
Beautiful, shaded walk meanders through forested glens, following the path of the Virgin River into a high-walled canyon. Easy, 2 miles/1.5 hours round-trip, climbs 57 feet. Shuttle stop: Temple of Sinawava

Watchman Trail
Views of the West Temple and lower Zion Canyon. Best hiked early or late in the day, often hot in summer. Moderate, 2.7 miles/2 hours round-trip, climbs 368 feet. Shuttle stop: Zion Canyon Visitor Center

Hidden Canyon Trail
Steep climb to the mouth of Hidden Canyon. Hikers may continue but there is no maintained trail. Strenuous, 2 miles/3 hours round-trip, climbs 850 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Angels Landing Trail
Steep trail climbs Walter’s Wiggles past Scout Lookout, with spectacular views of Zion Canyon. Strenuous, 5 miles/4 hours round-trip, climbs 1,488 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights or young children. Shuttle stop: The Grotto

Observation Point
High on the east rim, the trail ends on a slender peninsula overlooking the valley floor offering spectacular views on three sides. Strenuous, 8 miles/5 hours round-trip, climbs 2,148 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Visitor Centers
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
At the south entrance, near Springdale. It is the main access for the Zion Canyon Shuttle. Exhibits help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Books and maps.

Zion Human History Museum
First shuttle stop. Exhibits explain how humans have interacted with Zion. Orientation movie, information, and books.

Orientation Movie
Twenty-two minute film highlights the park. Shown daily on the hour and half hour in the Zion Human History Museum.

Kolob Canyons Visitor Center
Interstate 15 at Exit 40, 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Exhibits, books, and maps.

Use the exhibits at the visitor centers and the orientation movie to plan how to best use your time.
Ranger-led Programs

Ranger-led activities are a fun and rewarding way to learn about Zion. All programs are free. Allow time for shuttle transportation to meeting locations.

**Talks (20–30 minutes)**

**Animal Icons**

**Desert Struggles**

**Footsteps in Time**
Explore the history and culture of Utah’s native people. Museum Patio. Accessible.

**Pioneer Glimpses**
Unravel the history and lifestyle of Zion’s early residents. Museum Patio. Accessible.

**Ranger’s Choice**
Join a ranger and explore a topic of their choice. Zion Lodge Lawn. Accessible.

**Stories in Stone**
Unearth the past by exploring the fossil record left behind. Museum Patio. Accessible.

**Water, Rocks, and Time**
Uncover the geologic story behind the striking scenery. Museum Patio. Accessible.

**Windows into the Past**
Discover the events or projects that helped shape Zion. Museum Patio. Accessible.

**Canvas of Cliffs** (1.5 hrs, drop-in anytime)
Weather permitting, look at life on the cliffs and the stories of the surrounding peaks. Stop by anytime during the times listed. Big Bend Shuttle Stop. Accessible.

**Junior Ranger Programs**
Both programs meet at the Nature Center. Register 15 mins. before program start time.

**Explorer** (2.5 hrs) Kids 6–12 years old have an adventure in Zion. Drop-off program.

**Discovery** (1.5 hrs) Parents and their children discover Zion together.

**Walks and Hikes**

**Canyon Country** (3 hrs, strenuous 2.5-mi)
Travel along impressive terrain in search of Zion’s narrow canyons. Steep drop-offs. Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop.

**Discover Kolob** (2 hrs, moderate, 2-mi)
Uncover stories of history and nature as you take an intimate look at the beauty of Kolob Canyons. Make reservations in advance at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center or call 435-586-9548.

**Emerald Escape** (2 hrs, moderate 2-mi)
Experience splendors found along an ever-changing trail. Emerald Pools Trailhead.

**Faces and Places in Time** (1.5 hrs, easy 1-mi)
Follow the beautiful tree-lined route along the river as you explore the rich history of Zion Canyon. Zion Lodge Lawn.

**Hiking the Kayenta** (2 hrs, moderate 1.5-mi) Hike along a trail with spectacular views and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history. Grotto Shuttle Stop.

**Shuttle Tours**
**Ride with a Ranger** (2 hrs) Enjoy a unique experience as you travel along Zion Canyon Scenic Drive on a ranger-led shuttle bus tour. Stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited. Make reservations up to one day in advance at the Kolob Canyon Visitor Center. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. Accessible.

**Riverside Ramble** (1.75 hrs, easy 2-mi)
Discover the power of water in canyon country. Riverside Walk Trailhead.

**Rock and Stroll** (1.5 hrs, easy 1-mi) Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery. Big Bend Shuttle Stop.

**The Narrows** (4.5 hrs, strenuous 6-mi)
Surround yourself with towering cliffs, slot canyons, and hanging gardens on this epic journey through the Virgin River. Make reservations up to three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

**Walking the Watchman** (2.5 hrs, moderate 2.5-mi) Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life. Visitor Center Shuttle Stop.

**What’s Flyin’ in Zion** (2 hours, easy 1-mile walk) Find some of Zion’s winged residents. Bring binoculars. Make reservations up to three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

**Evening Programs**

Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45–minute programs address a wide variety of topics at Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium. Parking at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for topics. Accessible.

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**Fall Program Schedule**

**September 2009**

**Tuesday, September 1**

8:00 am  What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am  Jr. Ranger Explorer
11:25 am  Pioneer Glimpses
1:30 pm  Jr. Ranger Discovery
2:25 pm  Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Riverside Ramble
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm  Watchman Evening Program

**Friday, September 4**

8:30 am  The Narrows
9:00 am  Faces and Places in Time
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am  Jr. Ranger Explorer
11:25 am  Animal Icons
1:30 pm  Jr. Ranger Discovery
2:25 pm  Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Emerald Escape
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm  Watchman Evening Program

**Saturday, September 5**

9:00 am  Discover Kolob
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am  Jr. Ranger Explorer
9:30 am  Riverside Ramble
11:25 am  Water, Rocks, and Time
12:55 pm  Desert Struggles
2:00 pm  Zion Zoology
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
6:00 pm  Rock and Stroll
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm  Watchman Evening Program

**Sunday, September 6**

9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am  Walking the Watchman
9:00 am  Jr. Ranger Explorer
11:25 am  Water, Rocks and Time
12:55 pm  Windows into the Past
1:30 pm  Jr. Ranger Discovery
2:25 pm  Footsteps in Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Hiking the Kayenta
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm  Watchman Evening Program

**Monday, September 7**

9:00–10:30 am  Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am  Emerald Escape
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am  Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm  Animal Icons
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Riverside Ramble
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm  Watchman Evening Program

**Tuesday, September 8**

8:00 am  What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am  Water, Rocks and Time
2:25 pm  Pioneer Glimpses
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Hiking the Kayenta
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm  Watchman Evening Program
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program

**Wednesday, September 9**

9:00 am  Canyon Country
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am  Zion Zoology
2:25 pm  Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Riverside Ramble
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm  Watchman Evening Program
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program

**Thursday, September 10**

9:00–10:30 am  Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am  Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am  Stories in Stone
2:25 pm  Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Riverside Ramble
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm  Watchman Evening Program
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program

**Friday, September 11**

8:30 am  The Narrows
9:00 am  Faces and Places in Time
9:00 am  Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am  Animal Icons
2:25 pm  Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm  Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm  Riverside Ramble
6:00 pm  Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm  Watchman Evening Program
9:00 pm  Lodge Evening Program
Use the Shuttle to Access Trailheads
Access to trailheads along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is by shuttle only. Private vehicles are not allowed. Shuttles depart early morning from Springdale and the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and run late into the evening. Check page 12 for schedule. Plan your hike so you do not miss the shuttle.

For Your Safety
Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Always stay back from edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should turn around if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.

Trail Guide at right

Trail & Shuttle Stop
Zion Canyon
Round Trip
(Mi/km) (avg. time)
Ascent (ft/m)
Description
Map Location
Parus Trail
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
3.5/5.6
1-1/2 hrs.
50/15
Easy Paved trail follows Virgin River from South Campground to Canyon Junction.
1
Weeping Rock
Weeping Rock
0.5/0.8
1/2 hour
98/30
Short but steep Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alrove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits.
2
Archeology Trail
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
0.4/0.6
1/2 hour
80/24
Short but steep Trail climbs a small hill to the outlines of small prehistoric storage buildings. Trailside exhibits.
3
Riverside Walk
Temple of Sinawava
2.0/3.2
1-1/2 hrs.
57/17
Easy Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows Virgin River along bottom of narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits.
4
Lower Emerald Pool
Zion Lodge
1.2/1.9
1 hour
69/21
Easy Minor drop-offs. Paved trail to lower pool and waterfalls.
5
Middle Emerald Pools
Zion Lodge
2.0/3.2
2 hours
150/46
Moderate Long drop-offs. This is the access to the Upper Pools.
6
Canyon Overlook
Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway
1.0/1.6
1 hour
163/50
Moderate Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky, uneven trail ends at spectacular overlook of lower Zion Canyon and Pine Creek Canyon.
6
Watchman
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
2.7/4.3
2 hours
368/
112
Moderate Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of lower Zion Canyon. Oak Creek Canyon, and Springdale.
7
Hidden Canyon
Weeping Rock
2.0/3.2
3 hours
850/
259
8
Angels Landing
The Grotto
5.0/8.0
4 hours
1488/
453
Strenuous Long drop-offs and narrow trail. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Ends at summit high above Zion Canyon. Last 0.5 mi (0.8 km) follows steep, narrow ridge; chains have been added.
9
Observation Point
Weeping Rock
8.0/12.9
5 hours
2148/
655
Strenuous Climbs through Echo Canyon to Observation Point. Excellent views of Zion Canyon. Trail gives access to other East Rim plateau trails: Cable Mountain and Deertrap Mountain.
10
Kolob Caverns
Timber Creek Overlook
Kolob Caverns picnic area
1.0/1.6
1/2 hour
100/30
Moderate Follows ridge top to small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace and Pine Valley Mountains.
11
Taylor Creek
2 mi. east of Kolob Caverns Visitor Center
5.0/8.0
4 hours
450/
137
Moderate No drop-offs. Follows Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.
12
Kolob Arch
Lee Pass
14/22.5
8 hours
699/
213
Strenuous No drop-offs. Follows timber and La Verkin Creeks and ends at Kolob Arch, possibly the world’s largest free-standing arch.
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Zion Map & Guide 7
Hiking & Canyoneering

Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Many hikes involve walking in water, and the rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. River flow varies greatly depending on the time of year and weather conditions. Check the National Weather Service weather forecast and flash flood potential before entering any canyon; posted daily in visitor centers. See the Zion Backcountry Planner for additional information.

Permits
Permits are required for all overnights, through-hikes of The Narrows and tributaries, Left Fork of North Creek (the Subway), Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Permits are issued at visitor centers the day before your hike. Cost:
• $10 for 1-2 people
• $15 for 3-7 people
• $20 for 8-12 people
Reservations are available online for many permits: www.nps.gov/zion.

Group Size
The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. The limit for some canyons is 6 people.

Be Prepared
All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, cold water, and strong currents present real dangers that can be life-threatening. Your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant attention. By entering a narrow canyon, you are assuming a risk. Your safety is your responsibility.

Zion Narrows
Weather and water conditions permitting, there are three ways to hike The Narrows:

Short Day Hike Continue upstream beyond the end of the Riverside Walk up to Big Spring. 1 to 5 hours, round trip. No permit required.

Through Day Hike Hike downstream from Chamberlain’s Ranch. This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a private shuttle to the trailhead and a permit.

Overnight Hike Hike downstream from Chamberlain’s Ranch. This two-day hike requires a shuttle to the trailhead and a permit. Maximum stay is one night. Fires are not allowed.

Zion Narrows Checklist
• Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip.
• Wear sturdy boots or shoes with ankle support.
• Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
• Small children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
• Carry out all trash: food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, tissue paper—everything you carried in.
• Carry one gallon of drinking water per person for a full-day hike. food, sunglasses, sunscreen, and first aid kit.
• Take a sweater or windbreaker. The Narrows is much cooler than Zion Canyon.
• Pack gear in waterproof bags.
• Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk Trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.

Emergency Procedures
To call 911 from inside a canyon:
• Dial 911. You will be disconnected and reconnected.
• If you are in the river, get out and to a point where you can talk. The river is noisy and confuses the operator.

Emerald Pools Trails

This series of pools and waterfalls may be accessed by three different routes. These trails, as well as a short trail to the upper pool, connect and can be combined as a loop. There is always a small waterfall at the lower pool. If it rains, there may be larger waterfalls at both the upper and lower pools.

Lower Emerald Pool Trail
Easy, 1.2-mile out and back, 69-foot ascent. Paved trail to the pool, then continues behind the waterfalls that cascade from the middle pools into the lower pool.

Middle Emerald Pools Trail
Moderate, 1-mile one-way, 150-foot ascent. Unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge that parallels the lower trail but at a higher level. Do not go near the edge. Deaths have occurred from falling from the middle pools. Loose sand and pebbles on stone are very slippery.

Upper Emerald Pool Trail
Moderate, .5-mile from Middle Pool Trail one-way, 200-foot ascent. A sandy, rocky trail climbs to the base of the cliff.

Kayenta Trail
Moderate, 1-mile one-way, 150-foot ascent. Unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge, connects The Grotto to the Middle Emerald Pools.

Grotto Trail
Easy, .5-mile one-way, level. Trail connects Zion Lodge to The Grotto Picnic Area. Can be linked with Middle Emerald Pools and Kayenta Trails allowing a 3-mile loop hike.

Mountain Lions

Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been observed frequently in the park. An attack by one is unlikely—there is a far greater risk of being struck by lightning. Zion National Park has never had a reported attack on people or pets. However, mountain lions have attacked in other areas.

Some mountain lions are currently radio-collared in the Zion area as part of a multi-year study to learn more about the habits of these elusive creatures.

Recommendations for Your Safety
• Watch children closely, and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
• Solo hiking, jogging or biking is not recommended.
• Never approach a mountain lion. Most will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.

• Do not run! Try to look large. Put your arms up.
• If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
• If attacked, fight back.
• Report any mountain lion sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

This young male mountain lion was photographed with an infrared-triggered remote camera.
Maintaining Sanctuary

Please stay on marked trails. Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape.

“...The squirrel bit me in less than a second. It took 13 stitches.”—B.W. Wild animals can hurt you. Don’t feed them. Human foods are not healthy for wildlife. Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal.

Please respect the peace and quiet of the park and protect the subtle sounds of nature by traveling quietly.

Vegetation lives longer when cars remain on the pavement. Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as $250. Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources—a living museum for all the world. Conserving this heritage is a task the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future.
Weather and Climate

Be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. Temperatures vary with changes in elevation and day/night temperatures may differ by over 30°F/17°C.

Spring
Stormy, wet days are common, but warm, sunny weather may occur too. Precipitation peaks in March. Spring wildflowers bloom from April through June, peaking in May.

Summer
Days are hot (95–110°F/35–43°C), but night lows are comfortable (65–70°F/18–21°C). Afternoon thunderstorms are common mid-July through mid-September. Storms may produce waterfalls and flash floods.

Fall
Days are usually clear and mild; nights are often cool. Autumn color displays begin in September in the high country. Colors in Zion Canyon usually peak in late October.

Winter
Winters in Zion Canyon are fairly mild. Winter storms bring rain or light snow to Zion Canyon, but heavier snow to the higher elevations. Clear days can reach 60°F; nights are often in the 20s and 30s. Winter storms can last several days and cause roads to be icy. Zion roads are plowed, except the Kolob Terrace Road, which is closed in winter. Be prepared for winter driving conditions from November through March.

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Park Profile

Common raven

Collared lizard

Desert bighorn sheep

Canyon treefrog

Condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found nowhere else on earth.

Zion Canyon Shuttle

Includes 30 propane buses. In 2008, ridership was 3.5 million. Each bus/trailer combination replaces 28 cars.

Wilderness

On March 30, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law designating 124,406 acres of Zion National Park as wilderness. The bill also added 648 acres of Bureau of Land Management land into the wilderness. The bill also added 648 acres of Bureau of Land Management land into the park on the east edge of Springdale. Ninety percent of Zion is managed under the 1964 Wilderness Act. The wilderness is shown on the map on page 6.


**Educational Adventures in Zion**

Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep. Capture the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears against the West Temple. Find the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash. View a bat up close during a mist-net study. Discover and map an unrecorded archaeological site.

These are experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute (ZCFI) participants enjoy during their workshops. The Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit Zion Natural History Association, publisher and seller of books on Zion National Park and related subjects for over 70 years. The Field Institute sponsors outdoor workshops with expert and engaging instructors and challenging itineraries that immerse participants in the park and stimulate investigation of its many natural and cultural resources. These workshops take place at and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

All classes include hiking from moderate to strenuous. Most classes also include an indoor component such as a lecture, slide presentation, demonstration, or time to examine animal or plant specimens.

**Fall Course Schedule**

**SEPTEMBER**

5 Zion Narrows
5 Saturday Bird Watching
16 Wednesday Wildlife Walk
17 Thursday Trek
19 Zion Narrows
24-25 Autumn Photography
26 ZNP Foundation Annual Fall Fundraiser

**OCTOBER**

3 The Illustrated Journal
3 Saturday Bird Watching
8 Thursday Trek
16 Rim to Floor
17-18 Zion 101
19-20 Archaeology Service Project
21 Wednesday Wildlife Walk

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**Maps of Zion**

- From topo maps, to geologic maps, to maps on CD-Rom; call us for details on which map will fit your needs.

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**Private Workshops**

Our “Explore Zion” program provides private workshops for your small group or family scheduled at your convenience.

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**4TH ANNUAL FERN AND J.L. CRAWFORD LECTURE SERIES**

**NATIONAL PARKS & CONNECTIONS**

October 12 Craig Childs
Moving Water; Noted author and NPR commentator looks at the varied character of water in the Southwest.

October 30 Janet Seegmiller
Zion National Park: A View from the SUU Archive; SUU curator presents a talk on Zion ephemera from the university archive.

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**Zion Natural History Association**

The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization established in 1931 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for the benefit of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members combine with sales from our bookstores to provide parks with approximately $400,000 in aid annually. Join us as a member of ZNHA today and receive a 20% discount on Field Institute workshops and on purchases at ZNHA bookstores. Order books by phone at 800 635-3959 or our website: www.zionpark.org. Find hundreds of books, posters, t-shirts, and other Zion items at our web site.

**Zion Trip Planning Package**

Plan your vacation to Zion National Park with our hand-selected publications. Includes the books: Zion, Sanctuary in the Desert; Zion Shuttle Guide; Falcon Guide; Hiking Zion and Bryce Canyon; Introduction to the Geology of Zion National Park; and a Zion topographic map ($35.29 value). Only $25.95 (All books are also available for individual purchase.)

**Zion National Park Orientation Video/DVD**

Enjoy the official National Park Service orientation movie to Zion in your own living-room. Learn about plants, animals, geology, park history, and what to see and do in Zion. 23 minutes, color. VHS $4.95, DVD (plays worldwide, English subtitles) $14.95

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**Create a Lasting Relationship With Zion National Park**

Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the Junior Ranger program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive programs, and provides free visitor information about the park. Every year we provide thousands of dollars of aid to the National Park Service.

- **Sojourns Individual** $45
- **Contributor** $100
- **Advocate** $250
- **Sojourns Family** $60
- **Lifetime** $500

As a member you receive 20% discount on books and workshops, reciprocal discounts at participating associations, quarterly newsletter, and special premiums. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion.

Name __________________________
Address __________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

Make checks payable to ZNHA. Mail to: Zion Natural History Association, Zion National Park, Springdale, Utah 84767. We also accept credit cards. Call 800 635-3959 for details.
Large Vehicles

Vehicle Size
Vehicles sized 7’10” in width or 11’4” in height, or larger, are required to have an “escort” (traffic control) through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Vehicles this size are too large to stay in their lane while traveling through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats will require an escort.

Arranging an Escort
Visitors requiring an escort must pay a $15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at a park entrance before driving to the tunnel. The fee is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a 7-day period.

You will not be following an escort vehicle through the tunnel. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic and when the tunnel is clear, you will drive down the middle of the road. We apologize for the delays that many visitors will encounter as a result of this safety precaution. Oversize vehicles must travel through the tunnel during the hours listed below, when rangers are stationed at the tunnel:
- Sept. 1–Sept. 19, 8 am–8 pm daily.
- Sept. 20–Oct. 24, 8 am–7 pm daily.
- Oct. 25–Oct. 31, 8 am–6 pm daily.
- Nov. 1–Feb. 2009, 8 am–4:30 pm daily.

Prohibited Vehicles
- Vehicles over 13’1” tall. •Semi-trucks.
- Commercial vehicles. •Vehicles carrying hazardous materials. •Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs. •Single vehicles over 40’ long. •Combined vehicles over 50’ long. •Bicycles and pedestrians.

Shuttle Schedule

THE ZION-MOUNT CARMEL TUNNEL IS BETWEEN THE EAST ENTRANCE AND ZION CANYON. IT WAS built in the 1920s when cars were small and few in number. Some large modern vehicles will not fit without assistance.

THE ZION CANYON SCENIC DRIVE IS BY SHUTTLE ONLY FROM APRIL 4 TO OCTOBER 25, 2009. Private vehicles are not allowed. Plan your trip to include using the shuttle. There is room for backpacks and climbing equipment. Buses are fully accessible. Pets are not allowed.

Avoid parking hassles—park in town, ride the free shuttle, and walk into the park.

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1909-2009