Plan Your Visit

Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit. It is important to plan carefully for your stay. Park rangers at the visitor centers can provide planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Are you looking for more information about Zion? Connect with your park on our social media sites for the latest news and information.

FACEBOOK
facebook.com/zionnps
Like Zion National Park to receive the latest information and to connect with the park.

Flickr
flickr.com/zionnps
flickr.com/groups/zionnps
Visit ZionNPS to view recent photos and learn more about the plants, animals, and places that make Zion so special.

INSTAGRAM
instagram.com/zionnps
Follow ZionNPS on your mobile device to receive beautiful photos and videos of the park.

TWITTER
twitter.com/zionnps
Follow ZionNPS to receive breaking news, weather warnings, closure updates, and other important information.

YOUTUBE
youtube.com/npszion
Subscribe to Zion National Park’s Channel for fascinating Ranger Minutes and short, relaxing nature videos.

Entrance Fees

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All entrance fees are valid for seven days.

Hours of Operation

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The Zion Wilderness Desk will be closed after Saturday, November 29. Starting Sunday, November 30, permits can be obtained at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Information Desk from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

ZION ANNUAL PASS
$50 Admission to Zion National Park for one year from date of purchase.

ANNUAL PASS
$80 Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.

SENIOR PASS
$10 Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. citizens 62 years or older.

ACCESS PASS
Free Admission to all federal fee areas for life, permanently disabled U.S. citizens.

All passes are available at park entrance stations. Information about interagency passes and participating agencies (NPS, BLM, FWS, FS, and BOR) is available online at store.usgs.gov/pass.
Services

ACCESSIBILITY
Most park facilities are accessible. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center for the visitor center area. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible. Mobility devices must be smaller than 30” x 46” and have a combined weight of less than 600 lbs. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

Campers are available for people with disabilities. The Parus Trail and the Riverside Walk are accessible trails with assistance. The Zion Lodge has several accessible hotel rooms and one accessible cabin with a roll-in shower. The Zion Lodge also has a wheelchair available for loan.

The orientation film offers captioning and the frontcountry trails video has an audio description. Accessible programs are indicated in the Ranger-led Program Schedule. Assistive listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs. Please visit the Zion Human History Museum for information about borrowing assistive listening devices.

LODGING
In the park, the Zion Lodge has rooms, suites, and cabins. To make reservations, please call 888-297-2757 or 435-772-7700, or visit zionlodge.com. There are other lodging options in surrounding communities.

RESTAURANTS
In the park, the Zion Lodge dining room and café serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dinner reservations are required; please call 435-772-7760. There are many restaurants in surrounding communities.

GROCERIES
There are grocery and convenience stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

MONEY
There is an ATM at the Zion Lodge. Banks and ATMs are located in most surrounding communities.

SHOWERS
There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.

LAUNDRY
There are laundry facilities located in Springdale, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.

MOUNTAIN LIONS
Mountain lions are present in the park. Attacks are unlikely and have never been reported in the park. Please watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind. More information is posted at trailheads. Please report any sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
Desert bighorn sheep are often seen on the east side of the park. Although they naturally shy away from people, some of these animals have grown accustomed to visitors in the park. Please do not approach or feed bighorn sheep.

RESPECT WILDLIFE
Please keep all animals wild and healthy by viewing them from a safe distance. Do not feed or touch wildlife. Store food and trash responsibly.

SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS
Be aware that wild animals can be unpredictable. Do not approach animals or attempt to move sick or injured wildlife. Please report any sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

Emergency Numbers

MONEY

For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435-772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435-772-3226. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Flash Floods

All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. You are assuming a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility.

Watch for indications of a possible flash flood. If you observe any of these signs, seek higher ground immediately:

- deterioration in weather conditions
- build up of clouds or thunder
- sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- floating debris
- rising water levels or stronger currents
- increasing roar of water up canyon

During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water over twelve feet high.
Safety

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness. Your safety is your responsibility.

**STEEP CLIFFS**
Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Please watch children.

**WATER**
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, Zion Lodge, and most shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

**DRIVING**
Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants of a vehicle. Please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

**AIRCRAFT-BASED REMOTE-CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT**
Use of remote-controlled equipment, including but not limited to helicopters, drones, and other aircraft-based equipment, is prohibited in the park.

**HEAT EXHAUSTION**
Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses more fluid than is taken in. Signs of heat exhaustion include nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headaches, pale appearance, stomach cramps, and cool clammy skin. If a member of your party begins to experience any of these symptoms, stop your hike immediately. Find a cool, shady area and rest with your feet up to distribute fluids throughout your body. It is important to drink fluids, but it is also important to eat. While suffering from heat exhaustion, drinking fluids without eating can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. Seek medical help if heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours.

**HYPOTHERMIA**
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is responsible for the greatest number of deaths among people engaging in outdoor activities. Possible even in warm weather, it often occurs without the victim’s awareness. It is a hazard in narrow canyons because immersion in water is the quickest way to lose body heat.

To prevent hypothermia, avoid cotton clothing, it provides no insulation when wet, and eat high energy food before you are chilled. The signs of hypothermia include:
- uncontrollable shivering
- stumbling and poor coordination
- fatigue and weakness
- confusion or slurred speech

If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately replace wet clothing with dry clothing. Warm the victim with your own body and a warm drink, and shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also prevent additional heat loss.

**FIREARMS**
Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Utah, and local laws, to possess firearms in the park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable Utah, local, and federal firearms laws. Federal law prohibits firearms in certain facilities in Zion National Park, which are posted with signs. The discharge of firearms and hunting within the park are prohibited. Utah state law allows open carry on shuttle buses. Concealed carry is allowed for only those individuals with a concealed-carry permit.
**Points of Interest**

**TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA**  
*The gateway to The Narrows*  

**BIG BEND**  
*Sweeping bend in the Virgin River with towering cliffs above*  

**WEERING ROCK**  
*Dripping springs create hanging gardens*  

**THE GROTTO**  
*Shaded picnic area among cottonwood trees*  

**ZION LODGE**  
*Historic lodge nestled in Zion Canyon*  

**COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS**  
*Short and steep trail to viewpoint*  
Views of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Peaks, Mount Moroni, and The Sentinel.

**CANYON JUNCTION**  
*The junction of the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive*  
Views of the Virgin River and Zion Canyon. Access to the Pa’rus Trail.

**ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM**  
*Explore the human history of Zion Canyon*  
Indoor exhibits focus on the human history of Zion National Park. A 22-minute orientation film highlights the dramatic landscapes of the park and examines the history of the canyon. Rotating art exhibits feature regional artists. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. There are dramatic views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain outside.

**ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER**  
*The starting point for any visit to Zion Canyon*  
Outdoor exhibits, information desk, wilderness permits, bookstore, restroom, picnic area, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs. Access to the Pa’rus Trail and Watchman Trail.

**KOLOB CANYONS ROAD**  
*This five-mile scenic drive starts at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area of the park, and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.*

**KOLOB TERRACE ROAD**  
*This steep 20-mile scenic drive starts in the town of Virgin and climbs north from the desert washes into the aspen-covered plateaus of the higher elevations of the park and provides access to Lava Point. Not recommended for vehicles pulling trailers.*

**KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTER**  
*This is the entry point to the Kolob Canyons area of the park. It is located 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City at Exit 40 on Interstate 15. Park rangers are available to answer questions and issue wilderness permits. Exhibits explore the geology, vegetation, and wildlife of this unique landscape.*
Camping

Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations, and recycling. All sites are half price for holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes. There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.

Bicycling

Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. All other park trails, off-trail routes, and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel are closed to bicycles. Bicyclists attempting to travel though the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel must obtain a ride through the tunnel. Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide, or arrange for, transport through the tunnel. Bicyclists must ride single file and stop to let shuttle buses pass. Do not pass a moving shuttle bus. Each shuttle bus has a rack for at least two bicycles.

Climbing

The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are famous for big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in the park requires appropriate hardware and advanced technical skills. There are few top roping areas and no sport climbs. Permits are not required for day climbs, but they are required for all overnight bivouacs. Climbing information and route descriptions are available at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Horseback Riding

Horses traditionally have been used to explore the terrain of Zion National Park. Guided trips are available starting at the corral near the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at visitor centers.

Watercraft

All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a wilderness permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 150 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.

Hiking and Canyoneering

Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Some hikes involve walking in water. Rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. Know the weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip. Daily forecasts are posted in park visitor centers. Many canyons require ropes, hardware, and advanced technical skills for rappelling and ascending.

Backpacking

Permits are required for all wilderness camping. There is a fee. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. Please read the Wilderness Guide for more information.

Wilderness Permits

Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of The Narrows and its tributaries, Left Fork (The Subway), Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Reservations are available online for many permits at www.nps.gov/zion. Permits must be obtained at the visitor centers before your trip.

Wilderness permit fees are based on the size of your group:

- $10 for 1-2 people
- $15 for 3-7 people
- $20 for 8-12 people

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 six people.

Day Hike from the Bottom and Back

To experience The Narrows, start at the Temple of Sinawava and hike one mile to the end of the Riverside Walk and wade into the river. In less than a mile, you will be hiking in one of the narrowest sections of the canyon. There is not a formal destination, and you will return the same way you came. Some hikers try to reach Orderville Canyon, a tributary roughly two hours upstream from the end of the trail. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited. No permit is required for this day hike. Group sizes limits apply beyond the junction with Orderville Canyon.

Day Hike from Top to Bottom

This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

Overnight Hike from Top to Bottom

This two-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Maximum stay is one night. Please see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

The Narrows Checklist

- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
- Wear closed-toe shoes or sturdy boots with ankle support, not sandals or water shoes.
- Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
- Children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
- Carry out all trash, including food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, and toilet paper.
- Carry one gallon of drinking water per person per day, food, sunglasses, sunscreen, and first aid kit.
- Take a fleece or windbreaker, The Narrows is much cooler than other areas in Zion Canyon.
- Pack your gear in waterproof bags.
- Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.
Zion National Park

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle vehicles and private vehicles through October 26 and on weekends in November. The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is not plowed in winter. Private vehicles are not permitted beyond Canyon Junction.

Shuttle Information
- Springdale Shuttle
- Kolob Canyons Shuttle

Other Visitor Information
- Ranger station
- Picnic area
- Drinking water

Wilderness
In 2009, Congress protected nearly 84 percent of the park as wilderness under designation as backcountry (designated wilderness includes designated wilderness, national recreation areas, and national forests).

Redrock formations, which dominate the park, have been shaped by wind, water, and ice over millions of years. These formations are made of sedimentary rock that was deposited in ancient lakes and rivers. These rocks include sandstone, shale, limestone, and conglomerate, which are also found in other areas of the Colorado Plateau.

Zion Canyon
Zion Canyon is the main attraction in the park and is accessible by shuttle or private vehicle along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. The drive is 12 miles long and takes approximately 30-40 minutes to complete.

Kolob Canyons
Kolob Canyons is a remote area of the park that can be accessed by shuttle or private vehicle along Kolob Canyon Road. The drive is 24 miles long and takes approximately 50 minutes to complete.

Visitor Center
Zion Canyon Visitor Center is located in Springdale, Utah, and offers information about the park, as well as maps and brochures. The center is open daily from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Restaurant
Zion Lodge is located near the entrance of the park and offers a variety of dining options, including American, Italian, Mexican, and Asian cuisine.

Other Visitor Information
- Family campgrounds
- Food services
- Drinking water
- Restrooms
- Trail maps
- Educational programs
- Ranger programs

Wilderness
Zion National Park is 84 percent of its total area designated as wilderness, which means that it is protected from disturbance by human activities and is managed to preserve its natural condition.
**Hiking Guide**

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<td>2. <strong>Archeology Trail</strong></td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
<td>1488 / 453</td>
<td>Commercial horse trail from March to October. Hike atop a massive landslide under the Sentinel. Deep sand and little shade.</td>
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<td>3. <strong>Lower Emerald Pool Trail</strong></td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>150 / 46</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. Mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. Parking lot is right-turn only.</td>
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<td>5. <strong>Kolob Arch via River Walk</strong></td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>80 / 24</td>
<td>Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.</td>
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<td>6. <strong>Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail</strong></td>
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<td>12 / 3.5</td>
<td>Limitation to 12 people per group. Follows Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.</td>
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<td>368 / 112</td>
<td>Moderate drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.</td>
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<td>4 hours</td>
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<td>Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Not section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit.</td>
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<td>3. <strong>Hidden Canyon Trail</strong></td>
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<td>Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon.</td>
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<td>1. <strong>Angels Landing via East Rim Trail</strong></td>
<td>6 hours</td>
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<td>Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertop Mountain, and East Mesa Trails.</td>
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<td>2. <strong>The Narrows via West Rim Trail</strong></td>
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<td>Read page 5 and check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. High water levels can prevent access to The Narrows.</td>
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<td>3. <strong>Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail</strong></td>
<td>8 hours</td>
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<td>Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch, one of the world’s largest freestanding arches.</td>
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**Map and Guide 7**

*Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Avoid cliff edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below.*
Ranger-led Programs

**Talks**

All talks in Zion Canyon are presented on the patio behind the Zion Human History Museum. Talks are 20 to 30 minutes long.

**ANIMALS OF ZION**
Explore the fascinating world of Zion’s wildlife and learn the secrets of their survival.

**SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY**
Discover the stories of the people who lived in and shaped Zion Canyon.

**WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME**
Uncover how this striking scenery came to be and the stories that are recorded in the rocks.

**Walks**

- **HIKING THE KAYENTA**
  2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike
  The Grotto Shuttle Stop
  Hike amidst the spectacular scenery and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history.

- **RIVERSIDE RAMBLE**
  2 hours, easy 2-mile walk
  Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
  Discover the striking power and varied influence of water in canyon country.

- **ROCK AND STROLL**
  1.5 hours, moderate 1-mile walk
  Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop
  Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery.

**Evening Programs**

**Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium**
Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute evening programs address a myriad of topics, including the geology, people, and animals of the park. Limited parking is available at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for program topics.

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**Program Schedule**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 29**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 11:55 am: Snapshots of History
- 12:35 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 30**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 2:25 pm: Snapshots of History
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:30 am: Rock and Stroll
- 11:55 am: Snapshots of History
- 2:25 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**
- 9:00 am: Hiking the Kayenta
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 2:25 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 am: What’s Flyin’ in Zion
- 11:55 am: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 8:30 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 8:30 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 2:25 pm: Snapshots of History
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 8:30 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 8:30 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**
- 9:00 am: Hiking the Kayenta
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 2:25 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 8:30 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 8:30 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 2:25 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Snapshots of History
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 2:25 pm: Water, Rocks, and Time
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 8:30 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 8:30 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**FRI, SEPTEMBER 15**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:00 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:30 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**
- 8:30 am: Walking the Watchman
- 9:00 am: Ride with a Ranger
- 11:55 am: Animals of Zion
- 10:30 am: Riverside Ramble
- 2:25 pm: Animals of Zion
- 6:00 pm: Ride with a Ranger
- 9:00 pm: Lodge Evening Program
- 9:15 pm: Watchman Evening Program

**Junior Ranger Program**

Visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger Handbook. The handbook is available for free at park visitor centers and the Zion Human History Museum. Visit park bookstores for patches and other items to commemorate your Junior Ranger accomplishment.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Hiking the Kayenta
11:55 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animals of Zion
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:30 am Riverside Ramble
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm Lodge Evening Program

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:00 am Rock and Stroll
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:30 pm Lodge Evening Program

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
11:55 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animals of Zion
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:30 am Riverside Ramble
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Hiking the Kayenta
11:55 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animals of Zion
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:30 am Riverside Ramble
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
6:00 pm Ride with a Ranger
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
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2:25 pm Snapshots of History
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:55 am Animals of Zion
2:25 pm Snapshots of History
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Snapshots of History
8:00 pm Lodge Evening Program

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
10:55 am Animals of Zion
1:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
8:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
10:55 am Snapshots of History
1:55 pm Watchman Evening Program

Program Locations
- Zion Human History Museum
- South Entrance
- Zion Nature Center
- South Campground
- Amphitheater
- Pa’rus Trail
- Zion Canyon Visitor Center
- Pedestrian Entrance
- Archeology Trail
- Watchman Campground
- Watchman Amphitheater

Ranger-led programs also meet at shuttle stops along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
Weather

In fall, the heat of the summer gives way to cooler temperatures and drier weather, making it an ideal time to visit Zion National Park.

Along the Virgin River, cottonwoods turn golden yellow and bigtooth maples add splashes of scarlet to the canyons and trails. Favorable conditions prevail for hiking and canyoneering, but be sure to check the weather forecast, flash flood potential ratings, and the temperature of the river before exploring the park. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.

Environmental Impact

Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources.

Conserving this heritage is a task that the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future. Please respect your national park and the experiences of others.

RECYCLING AND TRASH
Please do not litter. Carry out or recycle all of your trash, including toilet paper. The park recycling program provides disposal for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, and other materials. Zion National Park works closely with the community to provide many recycling options for visitors. With help from you, Zion kept nearly 200,000 lbs of waste out of landfills last year. Participate in recycling efforts by using the available recycling bins inside the park and in local communities.

WILDLIFE
Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

RENEWABLE ENERGY
Solar power provides clean energy for Zion National Park. In 2010, large photovoltaic systems were installed at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Emergency Operations Center, and the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters. Zion generates 12 percent of its power from onsite renewable sources and purchases renewable energy to offset other sources. Efforts to reduce energy use have resulted in a 10 percent decrease since 2008.
The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members, combined with sales from our bookstores, provides parks with over $650,000 in annual aid.

### ZION CANYON FIELD INSTITUTE
The Zion Canyon Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit cooperating association Zion Natural History Association. These workshops take place in and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

### OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES
Hike to a hanging garden where vibrant columbine grow next to scarlet monkey flowers. Relax while a geologist explains the wonders of Zion in a small group setting. Enjoy a discussion by the Virgin River about water issues in the West. Wade into The Narrows and plunge into a service project to keep it pristine. These are just a few of the experiences that you can enjoy during our workshops.

### SERVICE PROJECTS
Participants have the opportunity to get a backstage view of Zion, learn intensively about a single subject, and contribute to a project that benefits the park.

### PRIVATE WORKSHOPS
Our Custom Explore Zion program provides private workshops for small groups scheduled at your convenience.

### REGISTRATION
Pick up the course schedule at any of the park’s bookstores. To register for a course, please visit www.zionpark.org, call 435-772-3264 or 800-635-3959, or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Bookstore. Fees for one-day workshops are $45 to $60 per day.

### MEMBERSHIP
Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today, while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the educational outreach and the Junior Ranger programs for youth, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park ranger-led programs, and provides free visitor information about the park.

Join us as a member and receive a twenty-percent discount on all purchases at ZNHA bookstores and many ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly e-newsletter, and the biannual Sojourns publication. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

### MEMBERSHIP LEVEL OPTIONS
- **Individual Sojourns** $45
- **Family Sojourns** $60
- **Contributor** $100
- **Advocate** $250
- **Donor** $500

To find out more about the programs and publications available through the Zion Natural History Association, visit www.zionpark.org or call 800-635-3959.

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**Zion National Park**

**Plein Air Art Invitational**

November 3 to November 7
Watch artists paint from Thomas Moran’s 1873 sketchbook locations

November 8 to November 9
Wet Paint Exhibit and Sale at the Zion Nature Center

November 8
Paint Out and Silent Auction at the Zion Lodge

November 9
Artist Quick Finish Painting at the Zion Nature Center

Free lectures and demonstrations all week. Proceeds benefit the Zion National Park Foundation, Zion Human History Museum, and support art and youth education in the park. For more, call 800-635-3959 or visit www.zionpark.org.
Transportation

Shuttle Schedule

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The average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is longer in the morning and evening, but shorter during peak hours. Mandatory shuttles will operate each Saturday and Sunday in November, with additional service on Thanksgiving Day and Friday. The Shuttle Schedule is subject to change. Please check at the shuttle stops for current information.

Large Vehicles

The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park. It was built in the 1920s when large vehicles were less common. Vehicles 11’4” high or higher, or 7’10” wide or wider, require one-lane traffic control through the tunnel. Large vehicles cannot travel in a single lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.

TUNNEL TRAFFIC CONTROL

Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel must pay a $15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at the park entrance station before driving to the tunnel. The fee is valid for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Bicycles and pedestrians are not permitted in the tunnel. Vehicles not permitted in the tunnel include the following:

- vehicles over 13’1” high
- semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- combined vehicles or buses over 50’

Travel in Zion Canyon through October 26 and weekends in November is by shuttle bus only. Only the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, Kolob Canyons Road, and Kolob Terrace Road are open to vehicles.

Improper parking is unsafe and damages park resources. Please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped. Parking regulations are strictly enforced.

PARKING

Parking areas in Zion are usually full from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. To avoid delays at the entrance station, and limited available parking, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the pedestrian entrance of the park. Street parking is available in many locations in Springdale.

AUTOMOBILES

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OTHER VEHICLES

Other vehicles such as ATVs and OHVs are not permitted in Zion National Park.