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.

ZION CANYON SHUTTLE
The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only through October 25 and on weekends in November. The buses are accessible and have room for backpacks, climbing gear, and at least two bicycles. Buses run all day. The shuttles are free and you may get on and off as often as you like. Pets are not permitted.

SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE
In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale. The closest stop to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center is located near the pedestrian entrance to the park. To avoid parking hassles, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the pedestrian entrance of the park.

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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 park. Street parking is available in many locations in Springdale. Improper parking is unsafe and damages park resources. Please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

AUTOMOBILES
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.

Shuttle Schedule

| Shuttle Schedule          | Summer   | Fall    | November
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-----------
|                           | 5/17 to 9/26 | 9/27 to 10/25 | Weekends |
| Zion Canyon Shuttle       |          |         |           |
| First Bus                 | 6:00 am  | 7:00 am | 7:00 am   |
| from Zion Canyon Visitor Center |         |         |           |
| Last Bus to Springdale Shuttle | 8:45 pm  | 6:45 pm | 6:15 pm   |
| from Temple of Sinawava  | 9:00 pm  | 7:00 pm | 6:30 pm   |
| from Zion Lodge           |          |         |           |
| Last Bus                  | 8:30 pm  | 6:45 pm | 6:00 pm   |
| from Zion Canyon Visitor Center |         |         |           |
| from Temple of Sinawava  | 9:15 pm  | 7:30 pm | 6:45 pm   |
| Last Bus                  |          |         |           |
| from Zion Canyon Visitor Center |         |         |           |
| from Zion Lodge           |          |         |           |
| Springdale Shuttle        |          |         |           |
| First Bus                 | 7:10 am  | 8:10 am | 9:15 am   |
| from Majestic View Lodge  | 7:30 am  | 8:30 am | 9:30 am   |
| from Zion Canyon Theatre  |          |         |           |
| Last Bus to Zion Canyon Shuttle | 8:00 pm  | 6:15 pm | 5:15 pm   |
| from Majestic View Lodge  |          |         |           |
| Last Bus                  | 9:30 pm  | 7:30 pm | 7:00 pm   |
| from Zion Canyon Theatre  | 9:45 pm  | 7:45 pm | 7:15 pm   |
| from Majestic View Lodge  |          |         |           |

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. Shuttles will also operate on weekends 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.
Accessibility
Many park facilities are accessible. Wheelchairs are available for loan at Zion Canyon Visitor Center for the visitor center area. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible. Mobile devices must be smaller than 30” x 46” and have a combined weight of less than 100 lbs. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.
Camper vans are available for people with disabilities. The Pinion 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 closed captions. Many ranger-led programs are accessible. 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.

Mountains Long
Mountains 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 watching 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 or injure any wild animal. Please report any sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

Emergencies
For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435-772-3122. The Zion Lodge is any Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435-772-3126. 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 cloud 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.

Step Cuts
Fall along cliffs or trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on areas 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 cliffs
• 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.

Drones
Drones and other flying objects, including birds, insects, kites, kites, and drones is prohibited in the park. Federal law allows drones, and toys is prohibited in the park. Federal law allows drones, and toys is prohibited in the park.

Remote-Controlled Equipment
Use of remote-controlled equipment, including but not limited to helicopters, quadcopters, and other drones is prohibited in the park.

Heat Exhaustion
Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses more heat than it can take in. Signs of heat exhaustion include nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headache, 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 cool. While suffering from heat exhaustion, drinking fluids without eating can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. Severe medical help in heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours.

Heat Stroke
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. It occurs when the body is unable to cool itself. Symptoms include confusion, disorientation, behavioral changes, and seizures. If you believe that a member of your party is suffering from heat stroke, it is imperative to cool them using any available means and obtain immediate medical assistance.

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, federal, and local 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 does allow open carry on shuttle buses. Concealed carry is allowed for only those individuals with a concealed carry permit.

Map and Guide
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Walks

Walks in Zion are presented on the park schedule. Zion National Park肖恩肖 163.56 miles. If you’re looking for a relaxing, scenic hike, try a stroll through the park’s lush landscapes. Enjoy the breathtaking views and explore hidden trails.

Experiences in Zion offers guided hikes and ranger-led programs at various locations throughout the park.

Geology of Zion

Discover the geological wonders of Zion National Park. Zion is home to some of the most stunning geological formations in the world. Join a ranger-guided tour to learn about the processes that sculpt the scenery.

River Trail

Experience the lush vegetation and geography of Zion National Park along the river. This easy 2.5-mile hike follows the Virgin River and offers a unique perspective of the park’s diverse plant life.

Rock and Stroll

Join a ranger-led hike to explore Zion’s rock formations and learn about the park’s geological history. This 2.5-hour, moderate hike is a great way to experience Zion’s impressive rock formations.

Visitor Center

Visit the Zion Visitor Center to learn about the park’s history and unique features. The center offers interactive exhibits and educational programs to help you plan your visit.

Ranger-led Programs

Ranger-led programs are a great way to learn more about Zion National Park’s diverse ecosystem and culture. Programs range from guided hikes to talks and discussions with park rangers.

Tours

Zion National Park offers a variety of tours, including scenic drives, guided hikes, and shuttle bus tours.

Shuttle Tours

Join a shuttle tour to explore Zion National Park’s scenic routes. Shuttles depart from various stops throughout the park, providing easy access to popular attractions.

Programs

Programs are offered year-round and include guided hikes, talks, and workshops. Check the park’s website or the visitor center for the latest program schedule.

Visitors can also purchase patches and other souvenirs at the park’s visitor centers. Visit park bookstores for patches and other items to commemorate your visit to Zion National Park.

Zion National Park

Discover the stories of the people who lived in Zion National Park and the animals that call it home. This ranger-led program will take you on a journey through time, exploring the history and culture of Zion.

Water, Rocks, and Time

Join a ranger-led hike to discover the importance of water in Zion National Park. Learn about the park’s geologic processes and the role of water in shaping the landscape.

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Weather

In the heat of the summer, when the air temperature reaches triple digits, it's important to prepare for changes in temperature. Along the Virgin River, cottonwoods turn golden yellow and bigtooth maples add splashes of scarlet to the canyon walls. Favorable conditions prevail for flash flood trails. Favorable conditions prevail for flash flood potential, and the temperatures of the night before exploring the park. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. For the best experience, plan a trip to visit Zion National Park.

Environmenal 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 the sanctuary of Zion 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

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

RESOURCE DAMAGE

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.

SOUNDSCAPES

Soundscapes, or sound environments, are an important natural feature of the park. Because of the noise that you make so that others may enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please listen quietly and limit use of flash photography.

WATER BOTTLE FILMING STATIONS

There are several water bottle filling stations located throughout the park. To reduce the waste, the sale of disposable plastic water bottles is prohibited in Zion Canyon. Support this initiative by bringing a reusable water bottle with you and using it after you leave. Water bottles

Zion Natural History Association

The Zion Natural History Association is a nonprofit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for 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 Pips Spring National Monument.

OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES

Hike to a hanging garden where vibrant columnar cactus grow next to scarlet monkey flowers. Relax while a geologist explains the wonders of Zion as a small group setting. Enjoy a discussion by the Virgin River about water ways 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 your visit.

SERVICE PROJECTS

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

PRIVATE WORKSHOPS

Our Custom Explore Zion program provides educational experiences for small groups based on your request.

REGISTRATION

Pick up the course schedule at any of the park’s bookstores. To register for a course, please visit www.ziopark.org, call 435-772-3284 or 800-435-1059, or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Bookstore. Fees for one-day workshops are $40 to $85 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.

To find out more about the programs and publications available through the Zion Natural History Association, visit www.ziopark.org or call 800-435-1059.
Information Centers

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER
Located near the South Entrance of the park, the Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent place to begin your exploration of Zion National Park. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time in the park. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the wilderness. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts.

ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM
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.

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.

Entrance Fees

Entrance fees at Zion National Park are $30 per vehicle, $25 per motorcycle, and $15 for bicyclists, pedestrians, and organized groups. All entrance fees are valid for seven days. Eighty percent of fees collected remain in the park for repair, maintenance and facility enhancement directly related to visitor enjoyment, health and safety.

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” tall or taller, 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 during a seven-day period. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic so that you may drive down the center of the road in the tunnel. We apologize for any delays associated with this safety precaution.

Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:
- May 4 to September 5 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- September 6 to September 26 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- September 27 to November 1 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- November 2 to March 2016 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

PROHIBITED VEHICLES
Bicycles and pedestrians are not permitted in the tunnel. Vehicles not permitted in the tunnel include the following:
- vehicles over 13’1” tall
- semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- combined vehicles or buses over 50’

Hours of Operation

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The Zion Wilderness Desk will be closed after Saturday, November 28. Starting Sunday, November 29, 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.

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

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

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. A seven-day entrance pass can be upgraded to an annual pass at any entrance station within seven days of purchase with receipt.