Zion National Park

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Parking and Driving

The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles while the shuttle is running. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, Kolob Canyon Road, and Kolob Terrace Road are open to vehicles year-round while road conditions permit.

Important information for parking in Zion:
- Park in designated lots only.
- To avoid crowds, arrive before 9:00 a.m. Parking lots are usually full from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., park in the town of Springdale and take the free shuttle into the park.
- Pull-outs along State Route 9 should not be used as shuttle access parking.
- Consider parking in Springdale to avoid delays at the entrance station. If you park in Springdale you can catch the free town shuttle to the pedestrian entrance at Zion.
- Do not park on vegetation or in roadways blocking traffic.
- Do not walk on roadways, road shoulders, or social trails.
- Pedestrians must use established walkways.
- Pets are not allowed beyond Canyon Junction.

For Your Safety

- Bring and drink plenty of water. Zion is a desert.
- Water bottle refilling stations are shown on the map. Lay off designated trails. Zion's sandstone erodes easily from foot traffic. Desert soils and plants recover slowly (or not at all).
- Take responsibility for your own safety. Listen to your body and recognize its limitations. Do not take undue risks such as jumping off rocks or climbing unaided. Remember, your safety is your responsibility.
- Do not feed or approach wildlife; it is dangerous and illegal.
- Human food is bad for animals, and can make them aggressive (even the squirrels and chipmunks). Wild animals can carry harmful diseases; keep a safe distance.
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Leave No Trace

- Practice “Leave No Trace” principles to protect Zion for future generations. Report graffiti and littering.
- Place trash in designated receptacles only.
- “Go Before You Go.” Use the restrooms at the trailheads. You must remove your human waste from the Narrows. Disposable bags are available at local shops and the park bulletin boards.
- Dogs on leashes and bicycles are allowed on the Pa’rus Trail. All other trails are closed to pets and bikes.

Trail Etiquette

- Be considerate of other visitors.
- Hike quietly and enjoy the sounds of nature.
- Hike in a single file line to let other hikers pass.
- Ascending hikers have the right of way.

Kolob Canyons

Located in the northwest corner of the park off Interstates 15 and 40, the Kolob风景区 scenic drive climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.
**Tunnel Traffic Control**

Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel must pay a $15 fee per vehicle, except as shown below. Add 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 incoming 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.

### Vehicles that can travel through the tunnel:
- **Vehicles over 13’ tall**
- **Semi-trucks and commercial vehicles**
- **Vehicles carrying hazardous materials**
  - Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs.
  - Combined vehicles or buses over 50 ft.
  - Bicycles and pedalcycles are also not permitted in the tunnel and must obtain a rider permit. Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide or arrange for transport through the tunnel.
- **Vehicles 11’ 6” tall or smaller**
- **Vehicles weighing 2,000 lbs. or less**
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**Flash Floods Can Kill**

- **Zion experiences monsoons from mid-July to September that result in an increased risk of flash floods. Always be aware of the threat of thunderstorms and lightning and be prepared for a wide range of weather changes.**
- **Temperatures in the park can vary dramatically with changes in elevation and the time of day. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.**
- **If bad weather threatens, do not enter a narrow canyon. Whether hiking, climbing, or canoeing, your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and instant attention to your surroundings.**
- **Before starting your trip, pay close attention to the weather forecast and the Flash Flood Potential Rating for the park (please see below).**

### Signs of Flash Flooding
- **Deterioration in weather conditions**
  - Build up of clouds or thunderheads
  - Ripping, churning, white water
  - Bank full or over bank flow

### Hours of Operation

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### Ranger-led Programs

Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of Zion National Park by participating in a free ranger-led program. Programs are offered depending on ranger staffing and availability.

- **Check park information centers and bulletin board for times, places, subjects, and information about youth-oriented programming.**
- **Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more.**
- **Junior Ranger Handbook:** Visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger handbook. The handbook is available for free at information centers within the park.
- **Zion Canyon Visitor Center:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Zion Lodge:** 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **Temple of Sinawava:** 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**The Zion Forever Project** makes it possible for you to experience and enjoy the park in a more meaningful way and address that stronger sense of stewardship and responsibility that falls on all of us to protect and sustain the park for future generations. Whether you simply round up your change at the sales counter, or make a large contribution to a specific park project listed in our Field Guide to Park Project Priorities, you will make a difference now and forever.