The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only. Private vehicles are not allowed. 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 before dawn to after dark as often as every six 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 (less than 3 hours or more than 3 hours) and your interests (sightseeing, hiking, and more). Check the schedule of ranger-led activities 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 before 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.
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, museum, 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 who are permanently disabled.

Camping
Watchman Campground Open all year. Fees: $16 a night, $18 per night with electric hookups, $20 per night for river sites. Reservations are made for Watchman Campground six months in advance for April 1–October 24, on-line at www.recreation.gov, or call 877 444-6777.
South Campground Open March 6 through late October, sites first-come, first-served. Fee: $16 a 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 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.
• Bicycles are not allowed off roadways.
• Shuttles have racks for two bicycles.

Backpacking
Permits are required for all backcountry camping—the fee is $9. 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.

Groceries Grocery stores available in Springdale 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: 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 hour out and back, climbs 200 feet. Minoe 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. Trailhead: 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**

**Observation Point**
High on the east rim, the trail ends on a slender peninsula overhanging the valley floor offering spectacular views on three sides. Strenuous, 8 miles/5 hours round trip, climbs 1,418 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 10 am to closing 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.
Ranger-led Program Descriptions

Ranger-led activities are a great way to learn about Zion. Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more. All programs are free. Allow time for shuttle transportation to the presentation.

• Visitor Center to Zion Lodge: 20 minutes
• Visitor Center to The Grotto: 30 minutes
• Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava: 40 minutes

Talks (20–30 minutes)

Animal Icons

Canvas of Cliffs
Join a ranger, weather permitting, to look at life on the cliffs and the story of the surrounding peaks. Stop by anytime between the times listed. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour. Big Bend Shuttle Stop. Accessible.

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 National Park. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Zion Zoology
Explore the natural history of some of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Walks and Hikes
Canyon Country (3 hours, strenuous 2.5-mile hike) Uncover the beauty and hidden surprises in Zion’s narrow canyons. Not suitable for young children. Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop.

Canyon Overlook (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike) Enjoy the views from atop Canyon Overlook and gain a new perspective on Zion’s beauty. Canyon Overlook Parking Area.

Emerald Escape (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike) Experience the splendors found along an ever-changing trail. Emerald Pool Trailhead.

Faces and Places in Time (1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk) Follow a tree-lined route along the river as you explore the rich history of Zion Canyon. Zion Lodge Lawn.

From Cacti to Cottonwoods (2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike) Explore the fascinating world of wildflowers, trees, and other plant life. Watchman Trailhead.

Hiking the Kayenta (2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike) Hike along a trail with spectacular views and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history. The Grotto.

Riverside Ramble (1.75 hours, easy 2-mile walk) Discover the power of water in canyon country. Riverside Walk Trailhead.

Rock and Stroll (1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk) Follow the Virgin River and unravel the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery. Big Bend Shuttle Stop.

Walking the Watchman (2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike) Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life. Watchman Trailhead.

What’s Flyin’ in Zion (2 hours, easy 1-mile walk) Find some of Zion’s winged residents. Bring binoculars. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Ask about accessibility.

Where Are They Now? (2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike) Discover the influences of people on Zion—past, present, and future. Court of the Patriarchs.

Shuttle Tours
Ride with a Ranger (2 hours) Enjoy a unique experience as you travel along Zion Canyon Scenic Drive on a morning or evening ranger-led shuttle bus tour. Stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited—make free reservations up to one day in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Reservations are not required for the regular shuttle system. Accessible.

Evening Programs
Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute programs addressing a wide variety of topics at Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium. Parking at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Accessible.

Ranger-led Program Schedule April–May

April 2009
Saturday, April 4
9:30 am Emerald Escape
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
Sunday, April 5
11:25 am Pioneer Glimpses
3:00 pm Walking the Watchman
Monday, April 6
9:30 am Canyon Overlook
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
Tuesday, April 7
11:25 am Zion Zoology
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
Wednesday, April 8
9:00 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
Thursday, April 9
11:25 am Animal Icons
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
Friday, April 10
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
4:00 pm Where Are They Now?
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Saturday, April 11
10:00–11:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Sunday, April 12
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:25 am Animal Icons
2:25 pm Footsteps in Time
Monday, April 13
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Riverside Ramble
Tuesday, April 14
2:25 pm Animal Icons
Wednesday, April 15
10:55 am Zion Zoology
Thursday, April 16
9:00 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
11:25 am Zion Zoology
3:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
Friday, April 17
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Saturday, April 18
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Rock and Stroll
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Sunday, April 19
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:00–11:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Footsteps in Time
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Monday, April 20
2:25 pm Animal Icons
3:00 pm Where Are They Now?
Tuesday, April 21
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Wednesday, April 22
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Riverside Ramble
2:25 pm Windows into the Past
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Thursday, April 23
9:00 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Friday, April 24
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Rock and Stroll
11:25 am Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Saturday, April 25
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Sunday, April 26
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Footsteps in Time
4:00 pm From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Monday, April 27
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Riverside Ramble
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Desert Struggles
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Tuesday, April 28
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Faces and Places in Time
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Animal Icons
4:00 pm Canyon Overlook
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Wednesday, April 29
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
Thursday, April 30
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:30 am Riverside Ramble
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Desert Struggles
4:00 pm Faces and Places in Time
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program
May 2009

Friday, May 1
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Canyon Country
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Footsteps in Time
12:55 pm Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Desert Struggles
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Saturday, May 2
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Footsteps in Time
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
4:00 pm Where Are They Now?
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Sunday, May 3
9:00 am Emerald Escape
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Pioneer Glimpses
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Monday, May 4
9:00 am Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animal Icons
4:00 pm Faces and Places in Time
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Tuesday, May 5
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
9:30–11:00 am Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Footsteps in Time
4:00 pm Rock and Stroll
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Wednesday, May 6
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Canyon Overlook
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Windows into the Past
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Thursday, May 7
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Where Are They Now?
11:25 am Animal Icons
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Riverside Ramble
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Friday, May 8
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Walking the Watchman
11:25 am Stories in Stone
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Rock and Stroll
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Saturday, May 9
9:00 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Stories in Stone
4:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Sunday, May 10
9:00–10:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Monday, May 11
9:00 am Emerald Escape
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Animal Icons
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 pm Riverside Ramble
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Tuesday, May 12
9:00 am Emerald Escape
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:30 pm Faces and Places in Time
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Wednesday, May 13
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Riverside Ramble
11:25 am Pioneer Glimpses
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
5:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
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Thursday, May 14
8:45 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
5:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Friday, May 15
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
8:45 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am–10:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Footsteps in Time
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
4:30 pm Riverside Ramble
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:00 pm Watchman Evening Program

Saturday, May 16
9:00–10:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
5:30 pm Where Are They Now?
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Sunday, May 17
9:00 am Country Country
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animal Icons
5:30 pm Rock and Stroll
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Monday, May 18
8:30 am Walking the Watchman
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Animal Icons
5:30 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Tuesday, May 19
9:00–10:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Emerald Escape
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Zion Zoology
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
5:00 pm Faces and Places in Time
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Wednesday, May 20
8:30 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Desert Struggles
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
5:30 pm Where Are They Now?
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Thursday, May 21
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Riverside Ramble
11:25 am Stories in Stone
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
5:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Friday, May 22
8:30 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Stories in Stone
2:25 pm Pioneer Glimpses
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
6:00 pm Rock and Stroll
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Saturday, May 23
9:00–10:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Desert Struggles
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
5:00 pm Rock and Stroll
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Sunday, May 24
9:00 am Country Country
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:55 am Desert Struggles
12:55 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Footsteps in Time
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm Emerald Escape
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Monday, May 25
8:30 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
10:55 am Animal Icons
12:55 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Windows into the Past
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
5:30 pm Riverside Ramble
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Tuesday, May 26
9:00 am Faces and Places in Time
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
6:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Wednesday, May 27
7:30 am What’s Flyin’ in Zion
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
6:00 pm Rock and Stroll
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Thursday, May 28
8:30 am From Cacti to Cottonwoods
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Stories in Stone
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
6:00 pm Emerald Escape
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
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Friday, May 29
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
9:00 am Where Are They Now?
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
6:00 pm Emerald Escape
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
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Saturday, May 30
9:00–10:30 am Canvas of Cliffs
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 pm Zion Zoology
5:30 pm Where Are They Now?
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

Sunday, May 31
9:00 am Ride with a Ranger
11:25 am Windows into the Past
2:25 pm Water, Rocks, and Time
3:00 pm Ranger’s Choice
6:00 pm Hiking the Kayenta
6:30 pm Ride with a Ranger
9:00 pm Lodge Evening Program
9:30 pm Watchman Evening Program

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Gas station

To Cedar City, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Salt Lake City

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Trail Guide

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.

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Note: Distances shown are one way and do not include round trips. Elevations are approximate, and times are approximate. Times are for average conditions. Times may vary with weather, fitness, and difficulty of the hike. Trails are subject to change. For more information, please contact the park.
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.

Several 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 or jogging 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.
Junior Ranger Programs

Ranger-guided Programs

Who
These programs are developed especially for children 6 to 12 years old. For children under 6, see “Self-Guided Programs.”

What
Kids learn about Zion National Park and their world through hands-on activities, games, hikes, and lessons. Topics vary and range from plants and animals to geology and archeology.

When
Twice daily at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm, May 23 to September 6, 2009.

Junior Ranger Explorer
Daily at 9 am, 2 ½ hours long. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Kids earn a patch. Drop-off program.

Junior Ranger Discovery
Daily at 1:30 pm, 1 ½ hours long. Registration begins at 1:15 pm. Kids earn a badge. Designed for parental/guardian attendance.

Where
The programs are held at the Zion Nature Center, ½ mile north of the south park entrance, near the entrance to South Campground. The shuttle does not stop at the Nature Center. You may drive to the Nature Center or walk from the campgrounds, visitor center, or museum.

What to Wear
Many activities are outdoors, so dress comfortably and wear closed-toe shoes; no sandals. Bring water. Hats and sunscreen are good on hot, sunny days. Bring rain gear if the weather looks stormy.

Parents
Food is not available, so ensure children have eaten before coming. Bring water. Children must be with their parents or guardian between sessions if attending both morning and afternoon programs. Please be prompt dropping off and picking up.

Self-guided Programs

Ages 6 to 12
Children 6 to 12 years old can earn a badge by completing an activity booklet during their visit. Colorful Jr Ranger Handbooks are available for $1 at the visitor centers and museum year-round.

Ages Under 6
Children under 6 years old can earn a decal by completing an activity sheet available at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and Human History Museum year-round.

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.

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), but overnight lows are usually comfortable (65-70°F). Afternoon thunderstorms are common from 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.

Sky Watch

Date | Sunrise | Sunset
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April 1 | 7:17 am | 7:55 pm
April 15 | 6:57 am | 8:37 pm
May 1 | 6:37 am | 8:22 pm
May 15 | 6:23 am | 8:34 pm
June 1 | 6:13 am | 8:47 pm
June 15 | 6:11 am | 8:54 pm
July 1 | 6:16 am | 8:56 pm
July 15 | 6:24 am | 8:52 pm
August 1 | 6:37 am | 8:39 pm
August 15 | 6:49 am | 8:23 pm
September 1 | 7:03 am | 8:00 pm
September 15 | 7:14 am | 7:39 pm
October 1 | 7:28 am | 7:15 pm
October 15 | 7:40 am | 6:55 pm

Full Moon
- April 9 • May 9 • June 7
- July 7 • August 6
- September 4 • October 4

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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 RV’s, buses, trailers, 5th 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.

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

Spring & Fall
April 4-May 16 & Sept. 13-Oct. 25
Zion Canyon Loop
Visitor Center departures
first bus 6:45 am
15 minute service 7-8:30 am
7-10 minute service 8:30 am-8 pm
15 minute service 8-9 pm
last bus 9:30 pm
last departure from
Temple of Sinawava 10 pm

Springdale Loop
Express bus up-canyon leaves
Major View 6:30 am
Zion Canyon Theater departures
first bus 7:15 am
10-15 minute service 7:45 am-10 pm
last bus 10 pm
last departure from
Major View 10:15 pm

November
Voluntary shuttle on weekends; Zion Canyon Loop only. Check for schedule.

Summer
May 17-Sept. 12
Zion Canyon Loop
Visitor Center departures
first bus 5:45 am
10-15 minute service 6:30-9 am
6-10 minute service 9 am-8 pm
15 minute service 8-9 pm
30 minute service 9-10:30 pm
last bus 10:30 pm
last departure from
Temple of Sinawava 11 pm

Springdale Loop
Express bus up-canyon leaves
Major View 5:30 am
Zion Canyon Theater departures
first bus 7 am
10-15 minute service 7 am-10 pm
30 minute service 10-11 pm
last bus 11 pm
last departure from
Major View 11:15 pm

Avoid parking hassles—ride the Springdale Shuttle and walk into the park.

Shuttles take you to all trailheads and points of interest in Zion Canyon.

The Zion-Mt. 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 tunnel was built for cars like this 1930s model.