Plan Your Trip

Welcome to Zion National Park. Visiting the park requires careful planning. Spring weather can be unpredictable, narrow canyons are subject to flash flooding, and dangerous cliffs are everywhere. Park rangers at the visitor centers can help you by providing planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant observation.

CONSTRUCTION
Major roadwork will occur in Zion National Park this year on the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from the junction with the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel.

The construction will affect travelers utilizing the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from Utah State Route 9 to U.S. Highway 89. Visitors using the South Entrance of Zion who are camping, accessing the shuttle system, or staying at the Zion Lodge or in the town of Springdale may experience traffic delays when entering the park. Travelers going through the park from the South Entrance to the East Entrance, or vice versa, should expect delays and temporary closures of up to three hours. Bicycles will not be permitted in the construction zone.

Alternate routes of travel from Springdale to U.S. Highway 89 include Utah State Route 59 from Hurricane to Arizona State Route 389 and Fredonia, Arizona or Utah State Route 14 from Cedar City to Long Valley Junction. Visitors may want to consider using one of these roads if traveling to Bryce Canyon or Grand Canyon National Parks from Zion.

More details and updates regarding this road construction will be posted on www.nps.gov/zion when available.

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The Zion Nature Center opens for the season on Saturday, May 29 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

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- ZION ANNUAL PASS: $50
- SENIOR PASS: $10
  - 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.

- ACCESS PASS: Free
  - Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. residents who are permanently disabled.

All passes are available at park entrance stations.

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Wildlife

Zion National Park is home to 67 species of mammals, 207 birds, 35 reptiles and amphibians, and six native fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found only in Zion.

Mountain Lions
Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been seen in the park. An attack is unlikely, and the park has never had a reported attack on people or pets. However, mountain lions have attacked in other areas.

- Watch children closely, and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
- Solo hiking is not encouraged.
- 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 and put your arms up.
- If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back.

Please report any encounters or sightings to a park ranger as soon as possible.

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 encounter with sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

Emergencies

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. 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. By entering a narrow canyon you are assuming a risk. Your safety is your responsibility.

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

- Any deterioration in weather conditions
- Build up of clouds or sounds of 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 twelve feet high or more.
Safety

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant attention. 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, there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Parents—watch your 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, the Zion Lodge, and some shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

**DRIVING**
Zion’s roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35mph (radar enforced).

Wear safety belts and use child safety seats. Seat belts, or child safety seats, are required for all occupants in a vehicle and failure to use them is a primary offense in the park.

Don’t drink and drive. For your safety, rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.

To protect the park’s vegetation, please park in designated or posted areas only.

**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. Drinking fluids without eating, while suffering from heat exhaustion, can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. If heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours, seek medical help.

**HYPOTHERMIA**
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is the number one killer of outdoor recreationists, even in summer, and it usually happens 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 help prevent further heat loss.

**HEAT STROKE**
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. It is the body’s inability to cool itself. Symptoms include confusion, disorientation, behavior 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**
Firearms are permitted in Zion National Park. As of February 22, 2010, a new 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; those places are posted with signs. If you have questions, please contact the park at 435 772-3256. The discharge of firearms and hunting within the park are prohibited. Utah State Law prohibits the open carry of loaded firearms on park shuttle buses.
Points of Interest

SHUTTLE STOPS
Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is by shuttle bus only. The shuttles provide access to some of Zion National Park’s most beautiful views and trails. A round-trip ride on the shuttle lasts about ninety minutes.

TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA
The gateway to the Narrows.
Restrooms and water. Ranger-led programs.
Access to Riverside Walk and Virgin River.

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Recreation

Camping
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, and dump stations. 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.

Fires
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be banned. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds and picnic areas. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting wood is not permitted.

Bicycling
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed on roadways or in construction areas. When riding from the South Entrance, please use the Pa’rus Trail instead of the main road. Shuttles will not pass moving bicycles, please pull over and allow them to pass. Do not pass a moving bus. The rules of the road apply to bicycles. Please ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear your helmet. Each shuttle has a rack for two bicycles.

Climbing
The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are world renowned for their big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in Zion 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 Backcountry Desk.

Some rock formations and routes are closed to climbing from early March through August each year to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed include the Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, the Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at the visitor centers or visit www.nps.gov/zion for current closure information.

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

Watercraft
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a backcountry permit. Permits are issued only 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.

Hiking and Canyoneering
Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Many hikes involve walking in water. Rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. River flow varies greatly depending on the time of year and weather conditions. Know the weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip. The forecasts are posted daily in park visitor centers.

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

Backcountry Permits
Permits are required for all overnights, through-hikes of the Narrows and its tributaries, the Subway and Left Fork, 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.

Backcountry 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 6 people.

The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2000 feet deep, and at times only 20 to 30-feet wide. The Narrows, with its soaring walls, sandstone grottos, natural springs, and hanging gardens can be an unforgettable experience.

It is not, however, a trip to be underestimated. Hiking the Narrows means hiking in the Virgin River. At least 60% of the hike is spent wading, walking, and sometimes swimming in the river. There is no maintained trail because the route is the river. The current is swift, the water is very cold, and the rocks underfoot are slippery. Flash flooding and hypothermia are constant dangers. Good planning, proper equipment, and sound judgment are essential for a safe and successful trip. Your safety is your responsibility.

There are three ways to hike the Narrows, weather and water conditions permitting:

Day Hike From the Bottom and Back
This round-trip hike can last up to five hours and is the simplest way to experience the Narrows. Ride the shuttle to the Temple of Sinawava, walk one mile to the end of the paved Riverside Walk, and begin wading up the river. There is no formal destination and you must return the same way you entered. Many hikers try to reach Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from the end of the paved trail. A permit is not required and group size limits do not apply. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited.

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 Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry 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 Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

The Narrows Checklist
• Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
• Wear sturdy boots with ankle support or closed-toe 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 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 sweater 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

Shuttle Information
- Springdale shuttle route and shuttle stop
- Zion Canyon shuttle route and shuttle stop
- Springdale shuttle route and shuttle stop

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

Wilderness
In 1980, Congress protected nearly 84 percent of the park as wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. Wilderness designation protects forever the land’s educational, and historical values.
**Hiking Guide**

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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 stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.
### Ranger-led Programs

#### Talks
- All talks are on the patio of the Zion Human History Museum, except the Ranger’s Choice at the Zion Lodge. 20 to 30 minutes in length.

**ANIMAL ICONS**
- Discover the habits and adaptations of one of Zion’s famous residents.

**DESERT STRUGGLES**
- Uncover the secrets of survival in the harsh desert environment.

**FOOTSTEPS IN TIME**
- Explore the history and culture of Utah’s native people.

**PIONEER Glimpses**
- Travel the lifestyles and history of Zion Canyon’s early residents.

**STORIES in STONE**
- Unearth the past by exploring the fossil record of Zion Canyon.

**ZION ZOOLOGY**
- Explore the natural history of some of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants.

**RANGER’S CHOICE**
- Join a ranger and explore a topic of their choice on the Zion Lodge lawn.

#### Walks
- **CANYON COUNTRY**
  - 2.5 hours, strenuous 2-mile hike
  - Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop
  - Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery.

- **WALKING THE WATCHMAN**
  - 2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike

- **WINDOWS into THE PAST**
  - 1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk

- **EMERALD ESCAPE**
  - 2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike

- **RIVERSIDE RAMBLE**
  - 1.5 hours, easy 2-mile walk

- **WHAT’S FLYIN’ in ZION**
  - 2 hours, easy 1-mile bird walk

#### Drop-In Programs
- Stop by anytime between the times listed. Stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

- **CANVAS of CLIFFS**
  - Big Bend Shuttle Stop

- **RIVERSIDE RENDEZVOUS**
  - Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop

#### Evening Programs
- **Watchman Campground Amphitheater & Zion Lodge Auditorium**
  - Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute evening programs addressing a myriad of topics are offered many evenings this spring. Parking is available at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for specific topics.

#### Junior Ranger Program
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### Program Schedule

| FRIDAY, APRIL 2 | 11:25 a.m. | Walking the Watchman | 2:25 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 3:30 p.m. | Walking the Watchman | 8:30 p.m. | Lodge Evening Program |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 3 | 9:30 a.m. | Desert Sojourn | 11:25 a.m. | Animal Icons | 2:25 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 8:30 p.m. | Lodge Evening Program |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 4 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Canvas of Cliffs | 11:25 a.m. | Pioneer Glimpses | 2:25 p.m. | Zion Zoology | 3:30 p.m. | Emerald Escape |
| MONDAY, APRIL 5 | 11:25 a.m. | Stories in Stone | 2:25 p.m. | Desert Struggles | 4:00 p.m. | Riverside Ramble |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Desert Sojourn | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology | 2:25 p.m. | Windows into the Past |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 | 2:25 p.m. | Stories in Stone | 4:00 p.m. | Faces and Places in Time |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 8 | 11:25 a.m. | Animal Icons | 2:25 p.m. | Desert Struggles | 4:00 p.m. | From Cacti to Cottonwoods |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 9 | 11:25 a.m. | Windows into the Past | 2:25 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 4:00 p.m. | Emerald Escape |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 10 | 9:00 p.m. | Lodge Evening Program | 9:00 p.m. | Watchman Evening Program |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 11:25 a.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 2:25 p.m. | Zion Zoology | 4:00 p.m. | Desert Sojourn |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Animal Icons | 2:25 p.m. | Footsteps in Time |
| MONDAY, APRIL 13 | 11:25 a.m. | Desert Struggles | 2:25 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 4:00 p.m. | Desert Sojourn |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 14 | 11:25 a.m. | Animal Icons | 2:25 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 4:00 p.m. | Faces and Places in Time |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 | 12:30 p.m. | Pioneer Glimpses | 2:25 p.m. | Zion Zoology | 4:00 p.m. | From Cacti to Cottonwoods |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | 10:25 a.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | 3:35 p.m. | Water, Rocks, and Time | 9:00 p.m. | Watchman Evening Program |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 11:25 a.m. | Animal Icons | 2:25 p.m. | Zion Zoology | 4:00 p.m. | From Cacti to Cottonwoods |
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| TUESDAY, APRIL 21 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 23 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 24 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| MONDAY, APRIL 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:25 a.m. | Zion Zoology |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 | 9:00 a.m. | Riverside Ramble | 11:30 a.m. | Zion Zoology |

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**Ride with a Ranger Shuttle Tours**

Enjoy a unique 2-hour experience on a morning or evening ranger-led shuttle bus tour as you travel the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Several stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited—make free reservations, in person, up to one day in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

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8 Map and Guide
Weather

Always be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. In spring, wet weather is not unusual, but warm, sunny weather is typical. Temperatures in the park can vary dramatically with changes in elevation and the time of day. Mornings and evenings can be cool. Day and night temperatures can differ by over 30°F/17°C. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.

Precipitation peaks in March. High water levels due to snow melt often continue into late May. Wildflowers bloom from April through June, peaking in May.

Leave No Trace

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 the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future. Please show respect for your national park.

Carry all of your trash out of the park, including toilet paper.

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

Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as $250.

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park. Leave the flowers, rocks, and anything else that you might find for others to enjoy.

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

Allow others to enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent example of sustainable design.

Sun and Moon

Date  Sunrise         Sunset
April 1  6:57 a.m.       8:07 p.m.
April 15 6:37 a.m.       8:21 p.m.
May 1   6:23 a.m.        8:34 p.m.
May 15  6:13 a.m.        8:47 p.m.
June 1  6:04 a.m.        8:58 p.m.

Full Moon
March 29
April 28
May 27

Additional solar projects are underway at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, Zion Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters.

RECYCLING AND TRASH
Zion’s recycling program recycles the park’s glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, and most other excess material. In 2008, Zion diverted 162,470 pounds of waste away from landfills. Participate in local recycling efforts by using the bins inside the park and in the local community.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS
There are several bottle filling stations located throughout the park. Help us reduce waste by bringing a reusable water bottle with you. They are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Lodge, and Zion Human History Museum.
Zion Natural History Association

The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for the benefit of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members, combined with sales from our bookstores, provides parks with approximately $600,000 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
Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep, capturing the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears behind the West Temple, finding the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash, or discovering and mapping an unrecorded archaeological site. These are the types of experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute participants 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 “Explore Zion” program provides private workshops for your small group or family scheduled at your convenience.

REGISTRATION
Pick up the course catalog at any of the park’s bookstores or call 435 772-3264 or 800 635-3959. To register for a course, please visit our website at www.zionpark.org or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Fees for one-day workshops range from $25 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 program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive 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 ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly newsletter, and special premiums. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS
- Individual $45
- Family $60
- Contributor $100
- Advocate $250
- Lifetime $500

MAPS OF ZION
The bookstore sells a wide variety of topographic maps, geologic maps, and maps on CD.

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.
Transportation

Shuttle Schedule

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The average wait for shuttle buses is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is usually shorter during peak hours. The summer shuttles run at thirty-minute intervals from 9:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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 much less common. Vehicles sized 7’10” in width or 11’4” in height, or larger, are required to have an escort through the tunnel. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel is a narrow passage that requires special permissions and fees.

An escort vehicle will not guide your vehicle through the tunnel. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic, when the tunnel is clear, you will drive down the middle of the road. We apologize for the delays that many visitors will encounter as a result of this safety precaution.

Oversize vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:

- March 14 to April 24  8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- April 25 to June 1     8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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
- Commercial vehicles
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- Single vehicles over 40’ long
- Combined vehicles over 50’ long

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

If your vehicle is 11’4” (3.4 meters) tall or taller or 7’10” (2.4 meters) wide or wider, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, you will need a tunnel escort.

Private Taxis

You may choose to start your hiking trip in a different location that is closer to your destination. Private shuttle and taxi services are available.

Other Vehicles

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