Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit, so 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
Zion National Park is constantly searching for new ways to connect with our visitors. Social media websites, like Twitter and Flickr provide the park with an opportunity to share information and create a place for visitors to learn more about Zion National Park. These sites encourage interaction and enable our visitors to experience the park in an entirely new way.

TWITTER
@zionnps
Twitter is a real-time information network that connects you to the latest information about the park. Sign up to follow @zionnps on Twitter to receive breaking news, severe weather warnings, closure updates, special event announcements, and other information.

FLICKR
ZionNPS
Flickr is a photo sharing website that provides a place for the park and our visitors to post images and videos. Visit ZionNPS on Flickr to view recent photos and learn more about the plants, animals, and areas that make Zion so special.

Are you interested in sharing your photos of Zion National Park? Visit the ZionNPS Group on Flickr to view photos from other visitors and share your own.

Entrance Fees

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All entrance fees are valid for seven days.

Hours of Operation

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The Zion Nature Center opens for the season on Saturday, May 28 from noon to 5:00 p.m.

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.
Wildlife
Zion National Park is home to 68 species of mammals, 207 birds, 29 reptiles, six amphibians, and nine 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 have been seen 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.

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. 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:

• 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.

“The squirrel bit me in less than a second.” Wild animals can hurt you. Do not feed them.
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.

- **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 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 35 mph (radar enforced).

Seat belts and 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. While suffering from heat exhaustion, drinking fluids without eating can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. If heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours, seek medical help.

**HEAT STROKE**
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. It is the body’s inability 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.

**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 help prevent additional heat loss.

**FIREARMS**
Firearms are permitted in Zion National Park. As of February 22, 2010, a 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

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

BIG BEND
Sweeping bend in the Virgin River with towering cliffs above
Ranger-led programs.
Views of the Virgin River, Angels Landing, and Great White Throne.

WEEPING ROCK
Dripping springs create hanging gardens
Restrooms. Ranger-led programs.
Access to the Weeping Rock Trail, East Rim Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail.

THE GROTTO
Shaded picnic area among cottonwood trees
Restrooms, picnic area, and water. Ranger-led programs.
Access to The Grotto Trail, Kayenta Trail, and West Rim Trail.

ZION LODGE
Historic lodge nestled in Zion Canyon
Lodging, restaurants, bookstore, restrooms, and water bottle filling station. Trail rides. Ranger-led programs.

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
Located near the South Entrance of the park, this is the place to begin your exploration of Zion Canyon. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the backcountry. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. Outside the visitor center, you can walk along the Virgin River in the shadow of The Watchman to the south.

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

ZION-MT. CARMEL HIGHWAY
This 10-mile scenic drive connects the South and East Entrances. From Zion Canyon, the road travels up steep switchbacks, through the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel, and emerges on the east side of the park. For large vehicle restrictions, please read page 12.

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 Timber Creek Overlook.

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 ARCH
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.

SHUTTLE STOPS
Travel on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive from April 1 to October 30 is limited to shuttle buses only. The shuttles provide access to some of Zion National Park’s most beautiful views and trails. A round-trip ride on the shuttle takes about 80 minutes.

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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 prohibited. When permitted, fires are only allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting any type of wood in the park is prohibited.

**BICYCLING**
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed off roadways or in construction areas. When riding from the South Entrance, use the Pa’rus Trail instead of the main road. Shuttles cannot 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 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 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 in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Some areas and routes are closed each year to climbing from early March through August to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed to climbing include the Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at 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 Guide 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. 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.

**Backcountry Permits**
Permits are required for overnight trips, 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 six people.

**The Narrows**
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 percent 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 may be cold and deep, 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 eight 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 the junction with Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from 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 Guide 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 Guide 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 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.

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<td>South Campground</td>
<td>$16 per night</td>
<td>First-come, first-served</td>
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<td>Lava Point Campground</td>
<td>No fee</td>
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<td>Group Campsites organized groups of 9 to 40 people</td>
<td>$3 per person per night</td>
<td><a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> 877 444-6777</td>
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Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. From late November to early March, South Campground is closed and Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served. The number of available campsites may vary throughout the year.
Zion National Park

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open April 1 through October 30. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open only. Private vehicles are not allowed beyond the shuttle bus stops. For shuttle service to the park, turn on Anasazi Way at Mt Carmel Junction, just south to Kanab, Grand Canyon National Park, and Page, Arizona. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle buses only. Park your car and ride the shuttle. Shuttle Information

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Springdale Shuttle
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Other Visitor Information

Zion Lodge
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EMERALD POOLS TRAILS

Wilderness

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<td>1. Parus Trail</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>3.5 / 5.6</td>
<td>Paved trail follows the Virgin River from South Campground to Canyon Junction.</td>
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<td>2. Archeology Trail</td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
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<td>Short, but steep. Starts across from the entrance to the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailside exhibits.</td>
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<td>3. Lower Emerald Pool Trail</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>1.2 / 1.9</td>
<td>Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. Connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail.</td>
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<td>4. The Grotto Trail</td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
<td>1.0 / 1.6</td>
<td>The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pools and Kolob Canyon Trails to create a 2.5-mile loop.</td>
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<td>5. Weeping Rock Trail</td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
<td>0.4 / 0.6</td>
<td>Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits.</td>
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<td>6. Riverside Walk</td>
<td>1.5 hours</td>
<td>2.2 / 3.5</td>
<td>Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits.</td>
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<td><strong>Moderate</strong></td>
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<td>1. Watchman Trail</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>2.7 / 4.3</td>
<td>Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.</td>
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<td>2. Middle Emerald Pools Trail</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>2.0 / 3.2</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Middle Emerald Pools. Loose sand and rocks on stone are slippery.</td>
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<td>3. Upper Emerald Pool Trail</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>1.0 / 1.6</td>
<td>Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff.</td>
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<td>5. Canyon Overlook Trail</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
<td>1.0 / 1.6</td>
<td>Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon.</td>
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<td>6. Taylor Creek Trail</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>5.0 / 8.0</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>7. Timber Creek Overlook Trail</td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
<td>1.0 / 1.6</td>
<td>Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.</td>
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<td>1. Angels Landing via West Rim Trail</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>5.4 / 8.7</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Last section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit.</td>
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<td>2. Hidden Canyon Trail</td>
<td>3 hours</td>
<td>2.4 / 3.9</td>
<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>3. Observation Point via East Rim Trail</td>
<td>5 hours</td>
<td>8.0 / 12.9</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap Mountain, and East Mesa Trails.</td>
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<td>4. The Narrows via Riverside Walk</td>
<td>8 hours</td>
<td>9.4 / 15.1</td>
<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>5. Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail</td>
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<td>Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. Connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches.</td>
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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.
WALKING THE WATCHMAN
2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike
Emerald Pools Trailhead
Explore the diversity and beauty of the landscape and life.

WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME
Uncover the geologic story behind the striking scenery.

WINDOWS INTO THE PAST
Discover past events or projects that shaped Zion National Park.

ZION ZOOLOGY
Explore the natural history of several of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants.

Evening Programs
Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium

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

CANAVERS OF CLIFFS
Big Bend Shuttle Stop
Search for peregrines, condors, climbers, and other life on the cliffs and discover the stories of the surrounding peaks. Weather permitting.

RIVER RENDEZVOUS
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Zion and discover its unique diversity. The program site is located one-third mile up the Riverside Walk.

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. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Junior Ranger Program
Junior Ranger Handbooks are available for $1.00 at visitor center bookstores. Children ages 6 to 12 can earn a badge or patch by completing the handbook, attending at least one ranger-led program, and reviewing their answers with a park ranger. Children under 6 can earn a pin by completing the Lil’ Junior Ranger Activity Sheet, available for free at visitor centers and the Zion Human History Museum.

Program Schedule

Walks

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
3:30 p.m. Walking the Watchman
4:00 p.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
11:25 a.m. Animal Icon
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta
8:30 p.m. Lodge Evening Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
10:30 a.m.-noon Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone
3:30 p.m. Riverside Ramble

MONDAY, APRIL 4
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Animal Icon
3:30 p.m. Walking the Watchman

TUESDAY, APRIL 5
10:00 a.m. Hiking the Kayenta
11:25 a.m. Footsteps in Time
2:25 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Desert Studies
4:00 p.m. Faces and Places in Time

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
3:00 p.m. Emerald Escape

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
11:25 a.m. Animal Icon
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
10:00-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone
11:25 a.m. Windows into the Past
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, APRIL 11
10:00 a.m. Faces and Places in Time
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone

TUESDAY, APRIL 12
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
3:30 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13
12:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
2:25 p.m. Desert Studies
4:00 p.m. From Cacti to Cottonwoods

THURSDAY, APRIL 14
10:00 a.m. Hiking the Kayenta
12:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time

FRIDAY, APRIL 15
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape

SATURDAY, APRIL 16
10:00-11:30 a.m. Canvas of Cliffs
11:25 a.m. Zion Zoology
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Rock and Stroll
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 17
11:25 a.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Footsteps in Time
4:00 p.m. Hiking the Kayenta
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

MONDAY, APRIL 18
1:35 p.m. Pioneer Glimpses
3:25 p.m. Zion Zoology
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

TUESDAY, APRIL 19
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Animal Icon
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Stories in Stone
3:30 p.m. Footsteps in Time
4:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Animal Icon
12:30-2:00 p.m. River Rendezvous
2:25 p.m. Water, Rocks, and Time
4:00 p.m. Emerald Escape
9:00 p.m. Watchman Evening Program

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
9:00 a.m. Ride with a Ranger
11:25 a.m. Stories in Stone
Weather

Be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. In spring, wet weather is not unusual, but warm, sunny weather is typical. Maximum temperatures rarely exceed 90°F/32°C, however 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. Mornings and evenings can be cool. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.

Precipitation peaks in March. High water levels due to snowmelt often continue into late May. Abundant wildflowers bloom from April through June and peak into late May. Abundant wildflowers can be cool. 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.

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 parking 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.

Soundscape, or sound environments, are an important natural feature of the park. Be aware of the noise that you make, so that others may enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent example of sustainable design. The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is a sustainable building that incorporates the area’s natural features and energy-efficient building concepts into an attractive design, saving energy and operating expenses while protecting the environment. Natural lighting and ventilation, passive downdraft cool towers, Trombe wall heating, and a roof-mounted photovoltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent and prevent the release of 181 tons of CO₂.

ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM

The shuttle system was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. Each full shuttle replaces 28 cars. The shuttles reduce the number of visitor vehicle miles traveled per day by over 50,000 and reduce CO₂ emissions by over 12 tons per day.

SOLAR POWER

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 Zion Headquarters. Zion now generates 25 percent of its power in the park through renewable means. Other solar systems power two remote ranger cabins and three park entrance stations.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

Zion National Park works closely with the community to provide recycling for visitors. With help from visitors, Zion kept over 90,000 lbs of waste from the landfills in 2010. The recycling program provides disposal for glass, plastic, aluminum, paper, and most other except material. Participate in recycling efforts by using the available recyclable bins inside the park and in local communities.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

There are several water bottle filling stations located throughout the park. To reduce waste, the sale of disposable plastic water bottles is prohibited in Zion Canyon. Help with this initiative by bringing a reusable water bottle with you and using it after you leave. Water bottle filling stations are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, Zion Lodge, and Temple of Sinawava.

Map and Guide
The Zion Natural History Association (ZNHA) 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**
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 bi-annual 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
- Lifetime $500

**ZION TRIP PLANNING PACKAGE**
Plan your vacation to Zion National Park with our hand-selected publications. Includes the books: Zion: Sanctuary in the Desert, Zion Shuttle Guide, Zion Adventure Guide, Introduction to the Geology of Zion National Park, and a Trails Illustrated Map. A $46.33 value for only $34.95. All books are also available for individual purchase.

**ZION NATIONAL PARK ORIENTATION FILM**
Enjoy the official Zion National Park orientation film in your own living room. Learn about plants, animals, geology, park history, and what to see and do in Zion National Park. DVD, 22 minutes, for $14.95.

**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.
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 sized 11’4” in height or 7’10” in width, or larger, require one-lane traffic control through the tunnel. Because of the dimensions, 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 good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period. An escort vehicle will not guide your vehicle through the tunnel. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic and you will drive down the center of the road. We apologize for any delays associated with this safety precaution.

Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:
- March 13 to April 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- April 24 to September 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 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 and commercial vehicles
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- Combined vehicles over 50’ long

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.

PARKING
Parking areas in the park are usually full from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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. Shuttles pick up and drop off at nine shuttle stops in town. If you are staying overnight in Springdale, leave your vehicle and take the shuttle. 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 and two people for $24. A group or family of three or more will not be charged more than the $25 per vehicle fee.

Improper parking is unsafe, can damage park resources, and is discourteous to other visitors. Please park in designated parking spaces only. 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. Please park responsibly.