Plan Your Visit

Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit. It is important to plan carefully for your stay. Park rangers at the visitor centers can provide planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Zion National Park is always searching for new ways to connect with our visitors. Social media websites, like Facebook and Twitter, provide the park with an opportunity to share information and create a place for visitors to learn about Zion National Park. These sites encourage interaction and enable our visitors to experience the park in an entirely new way.

FACEBOOK
facebook.com/zionnps
Facebook allows users to engage in conversations, upload photos, share links, and connect with others. “Like” ZionNPS to receive the latest information and connect with the park.

TWITTER
twitter.com/zionnps
Twitter is a real-time information network that connects you to the latest information about the park. Follow @ZionNPS to receive breaking news, weather warnings, closure updates, event announcements, and other information.

Flickr
flickr.com/zionnps
flickr.com/groups/zionnps
Flickr is a photo and video sharing site. Visit ZionNPS to view recent photos and learn more about the plants, animals, and places that make Zion so special.

Entrance Fees

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All entrance fees are valid for seven days.

Hours of Operation

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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 69 species of mammals, 208 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 National Park.

MOUNTAIN LIONS
Mountain lions are present in the park. Attacks are unlikely and have never been reported in the park. Please watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind. More information is posted at trailheads. Please report any sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP
Desert bighorn sheep are often seen on the east side of the park. Although they naturally shy away from people, some of these animals have grown accustomed to visitors in the park. Please do not approach or feed bighorn sheep.

RESPECT WILDLIFE
Please keep all animals wild and healthy by 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. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Flash Floods

All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. You are assuming a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility.

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

- deterioration in weather conditions
- build up of clouds or thunder
- sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- floating debris
- rising water levels or stronger currents
- increasing roar of water up canyon

During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water over twelve feet high.
Safety

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness. Your safety is your responsibility.

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 most shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

DRIVING
Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants in a vehicle.

To protect park resources, please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

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

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. Seek medical help if heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours.

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

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 prevent additional heat loss.

FIREARMS
Federal law allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, Utah, and local laws, to possess firearms in the park. It is the visitor’s responsibility to understand and comply with all applicable Utah, 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 on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive from March 24 through November 3 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.

**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 The 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.
Views of the Virgin River and Angels Landing.
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.
Views of Lady Mountain, Heaps Canyon, and the Virgin River.

**COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS**
Short and steep trail to viewpoint
Views of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob Peaks, Mount Moroni, and The Sentinel.

**ZION MOUNT-CARMEL HIGHWAY**
This 12-mile scenic highway 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 Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.

**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.

**ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM**
Indoor exhibits focus on the human history of Zion National Park. A 22-minute orientation film highlights the dramatic landscapes of the park and examines the history of the canyon. Rotating art exhibits feature regional artists. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. There are dramatic views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain outside.

**ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER**
Located near the South Entrance of the park, the Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent place to begin your exploration of Zion Canyon. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the wilderness. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. 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 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City at Exit 40 on Interstate 15. Park rangers are available to answer questions and issue wilderness permits. Exhibits explore the geology, vegetation, and wildlife of this unique landscape.

The Kolob Arch in the wilderness of the Kolob Canyons area of Zion National Park.
Recreation

CAMPING
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations, and recycling. 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 on 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 the park 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 Wilderness Desk at 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.

BICENTENNIAL CANYON
This 16-miles round trip hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

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. Group size limits apply past Orderville Canyon. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or past 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 Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness 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 Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

THE NARROWS CHECKLIST
• Observe 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.

Map and Guide 5
Zion National Park

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle buses only. Private vehicles are not permitted beyond Canyon Junction. Parking is available at the Zion Lodge and at the Springdale Shuttle Stop. Private vehicles are not permitted beyond the Kolob Canyons Road.

Springdale / Zion Canyon Shuttle and shuttle stops
Shuttle Information

Other Visitor Information

Zion Human History Museum

Zion Lodge

Emerald Pools Trails

Wilderness

In 2009, Congress protected nearly 80 percent of the park as wilderness under the 1964 Wilderness Act. Wilderness designation protects the park's natural conditions, opportunities for solitude, and scientific, educational, and historical values.
### Hiking Guide

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<td>1. Pa’rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center</td>
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<td>3.5 / 5.6</td>
<td>Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Zion Canyon Junction. Wheelchairs may need assistance.</td>
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<td>2. Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center</td>
<td>0.5 hour</td>
<td>0.4 / 0.6</td>
<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 Zion Lodge</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 Kayenta and Upper Emerald Pool Trails.</td>
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<td>4. The Grotto Trail Zion Lodge</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 Lower Emerald Pool and Kayenta Trails to create a 2.5-mile loop.</td>
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<td>5. Weeping Rock Trail Weeping Rock</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 Temple of Sinawawa</td>
<td>1.5 hours</td>
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<td>Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. Wheelchairs may need assistance.</td>
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<td>1. Watchman Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center</td>
<td>2 hours</td>
<td>2.7 / 4.3</td>
<td>Moderate drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.</td>
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<td>2. Sand Bench Trail Zion Lodge</td>
<td>5 hours</td>
<td>7.6 / 12.2</td>
<td>Commercial horse trail from March to October. Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. Deep sand and little shade.</td>
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<td>3. Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
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<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 Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy</td>
<td>1 hour</td>
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<td>Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. Parking lot is right turn only.</td>
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<td>6. Taylor Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
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<td>Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Kolob Terrace.</td>
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<td>7. Timber Creek Overlook Trail Kolob Canyons Road</td>
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<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 The Grotto</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>5.4 / 8.7</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit.</td>
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<td>2. Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock</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 Weeping Rock</td>
<td>6 hours</td>
<td>8.0 / 12.9</td>
<td>Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cave Mountain, Deertrap Mountain, and East Mesa Trails.</td>
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<td>4. The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawawa</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 Kolob Canyons Road</td>
<td>8 hours</td>
<td>14.0 / 22.5</td>
<td>Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. A side trail leads 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 overpasses 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 they may be hikers below.
Ranger-led Programs

Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of Zion National Park by taking part in a ranger-led program. Programs are offered in Zion Canyon and Kolob Canyons from April to November. Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more. All ranger-led programs are free. Check the schedules posted at visitor centers and bulletin boards throughout the park for times, places, and subjects.

Talks

All talks are on the patio of the Zion Human History Museum. Talks are 20 to 30 minutes long.

ANIMALS OF ZION
Explore the fascinating world of Zion’s wildlife and learn the secrets of their survival.

SNAPSHOTS OF HISTORY
Discover the stories of the people who lived in and shaped Zion Canyon.

WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME
Uncover how this striking scenery came to be and the stories recorded in the rocks.

Walks

A WALK INTO HISTORY
1.5 hours, easy 1-mile hike
Zion Lodge Flagpole
Immerse yourself in the rich history of Zion Canyon on a stunning trail along the Virgin River.

HIKING THE KAYENTA
2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike
The Grotto Shuttle Stop
Hike amidst the spectacular scenery and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history.

RIVERSIDE RAMBLE
1.75 hours, easy 2-mile walk
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Discover the striking power and varied influence of water in canyon country.

ROCK AND STROLL
1.5 hours, moderate 1-mile walk
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
Visitor Center Shuttle Stop
Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life as you walk up a scenic trail.

WHAT’S FLYIN’ IN ZION
2 hours, easy 1-mile bird walk
Zion Lodge Flagpole
Locate, identify, and discuss Zion’s winged wonders. Make free reservations, in person, no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Bring binoculars. Ask about accessibility options.

Evening Programs

Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium
Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute evening programs address a myriad of topics. Limited parking is available at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check the bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for program topics.

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.

Drop-In Programs

Join a park ranger at any point between the times listed in the program schedule to learn more about a variety of subjects. You are welcome to stop by for just a minute or stay for an hour.

CANVAS 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 on the Riverside Walk about halfway from the beginning of the trail.

Youth Programs

Youth programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while attending the programs. Please stop by anytime between the times listed. Stay for just a minute or stay for over an hour for these drop-in programs.

POOL PONDERING
Emerald Pools Trailhead
Discover Zion’s amazing animals and explore the secrets of Heaps Canyon and the Emerald Pools.

WEEEPING ROCK WONDERS
Weeping Rock Trailhead
Explore the forces of water and geology, and enjoy stories of early explorers.

Ranger-led Programs also meet at shuttle stops along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
Children ages 4 and older can become a Junior Ranger and earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger Handbook and attending at least one ranger-led program. The handbook is available for free at park visitor centers and the Zion Human History Museum.
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.

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.

RECYCLING AND TRASH
Please do not litter. Carry out or recycle all of your trash, including toilet paper. The park recycling program provides disposal for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, and other materials. Zion National Park works closely with the community to provide many recycling options for visitors. With help from you, Zion kept over 200,000 lbs of waste out of landfills last year. Participate in recycling efforts by using the available recycling bins inside the park and in local communities.

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

OBJECT COLLECTION
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.

SOUNDSCAPES
Soundscapes, 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.

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. Support 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 the Temple of Sinawava.

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

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER
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 cooling towers, Trombe wall heating, and a photovoltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent and prevent the annual release of 181 tons of CO₂.

RENEWABLE ENERGY
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 generates over 12 percent of its power from onsite renewable sources and purchases renewable energy to offset other sources. Efforts to reduce energy use have resulted in a 10 percent decrease since 2008.

Volunteer

Volunteers-in-Parks Volunteer with the National Park Service and help care for these special places. Volunteers-in-Parks work with National Park Service employees and partners across the country: in big cities, small towns, and even in remote wilderness areas. Whether you work behind the scenes or on the frontline with visitors, you can make a difference.

For volunteer opportunities at Zion, please contact 435-772-0184. To explore opportunities that may be available across the system, please visit www.nps.gov/volunteer.
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
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
- Donor $500

ZNHA BOOKSTORES
Be sure to pick up a copy of the award-winning Zion Adventure Guide for $16.99, available at the ZNHA bookstores located in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, and at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center. Visit the bookstores for a variety of interpretive products to enhance your experience in Zion.

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.
Transportation

Shuttle Schedule

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The average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is longer in the morning and evening, but shorter during peak hours. Shuttles will also operate on weekends in November, with additional service on Thanksgiving Day and Friday. The Shuttle Schedule is subject to change. Please check at the shuttle stops for current information.

Large Vehicles

The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park. It was built in the 1920s when large vehicles were less common. Vehicles 11’4” tall or taller, or 7’10” wide or wider, require one-lane traffic control through the tunnel. Large vehicles cannot travel in a single lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.

TUNNEL TRAFFIC CONTROL

Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel must pay a $15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at the park entrance station before driving to the tunnel. The fee is valid for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic so that you may drive down the center of the road in the tunnel. We apologize for any delays associated with this safety precaution.

Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:

- March 10 to May 4 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- May 5 to September 7 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- September 8 to September 28 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- September 29 to November 2 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

Bicycles and pedestrians are not permitted in the tunnel. Vehicles not permitted in the tunnel include the following:

- vehicles over 13’1” tall or taller
- semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- combined vehicles or buses over 50’

Large vehicles associated with this safety precaution.

PARKING

Parking areas in Zion are usually full from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. To avoid delays at the entrance station, and limited available parking, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the pedestrian entrance of the park. Street parking is available in many locations in Springdale.

Improper parking is unsafe and damages park resources. Please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped. Parking regulations are strictly enforced.

Vehicles over 11’4” (3.4 m) tall or 7’10” (2.4 m) wide, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, will require traffic control in the tunnel. Single-axle vehicles may not exceed 40’ in length.

ZION CANYON SHUTTLE

The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only from March 24 to November 3. The buses are accessible and also have room for backpacks, climbing gear, and at least two bicycles. Buses run throughout the day. The shuttles are free and you may get on and off as often as you like. Pets are not permitted.

SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE

In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale. The closest stop to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center is located near the pedestrian entrance to the park.

AUTOMOBILES

Travel in Zion Canyon from March 24 to November 3 is by shuttle bus only. Only the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, Kolob Canyons Road, and Kolob Terrace Road are open to private vehicles.

OTHER VEHICLES

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