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.

**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE**
During much of the year, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is only accessible by shuttle bus. See the shuttle schedule for times and dates of this free service. The buses are wheelchair accessible and have room for backpacks, climbing gear, and three bicycles. While in Zion Canyon you may get on and off the shuttle as often as you like. Only service dogs are permitted on the shuttles.

**SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE**
The park operates a free shuttle in Springdale. You can leave your vehicle at your hotel or park in one of the approved parking areas in Springdale and catch the shuttle at one of the nine stops in town. The shuttle will drop you off at the pedestrian entrance and it’s just a short walk across the Visitor Center Plaza to pick up the Zion Canyon Shuttle. Leaving your vehicle in Springdale will help you avoid long lines at the South Entrance.

**PARKING**
Important information for parking in Zion:
- Do not walk on roadways, road shoulders, or social trails.
- Pedestrians must use established walkways.
- Park in designated lots only.
- Parking lots are usually full from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. so plan accordingly.
- Pull-outs along State Route 9 should not be used as shuttle access parking. Consider parking in Springdale to avoid delays at the entrance station. If you park in Springdale you can catch the town shuttle to the pedestrian entrance at Zion.

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

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**Shuttle Schedule**

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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.

Services

ACCESSIBILITY
Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center for use in the visitor center area. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible. Mobility devices must be smaller than 30” x 46” and have a combined weight of less than 600 lb. to be on the shuttle. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

Campsites are available for individuals with disabilities. The Pa’rus Trail and the Riverside Walk are accessible hikes with assistance. The Zion Lodge has several accessible hotel rooms and one accessible cabin with a roll-in shower. The Zion Lodge also has a wheelchairs available for loan. The orientation film offers closed captioning and the front-country trails video has an audio description. Assisted listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs.

Riverside Walk: It is 1-mile long one way, paved, and is accessible for the first 0.4 miles. This section has typical slopes of 1%-2% and maximum slope of 5%, cross slopes vary from 1% to 2%, and it is 5′ wide on average. There is an accessible resting / turnaround area identified with signage at the 0.4 mile point. Beyond the resting area, short sections of the trail exceed a 20% slope, the trail varies in width from 3’-5’, and sand on the trail may make the surface slippery.

Pa’rus Trail: It is a 1.5-mile one way, paved, 8′-wide multi-use trail between the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and Canyon Junction with minimal grade change. The 0.25 mile closest to the Visitor Center is asphalt and may have cracking, but the remainder is concrete and mostly smooth and level. The majority of the trail has between a 2%-5% slope, but one 30′ section of the trail has an 18% slope and the ascent into Canyon Junction has a 14% slope for 60′. Most of the trail is exposed to direct sunlight throughout the day, and bridge surfaces may be slippery.

GROCERIES
There are grocery and convenience stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

MONEY
There is an ATM at the Zion Lodge. Banks and ATMs are located in most surrounding communities.

SHOWERS
There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springfield and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.

LAUNDRY
There are laundry facilities located in Springfield, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.

PETS
Leashed pets may be walked on the Pa’rus Trail. However, pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles, in public buildings, or in the wilderness. Pets must be under physical control on a leash less than six feet long at all times. The interior temperature of a vehicle can quickly warm to dangerous levels. Avoid leaving animals in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Cedar City.

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 can result 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 you.
- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Please watch children.

WATER
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry one gallon of water 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 of a vehicle. Park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

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

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. 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, and eat high energy food before you are chilled. The signs of hypothermia include uncontrollable shivering, stumbling and poor coordination, fatigue and weakness, and confusion or slurred speech. If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately change into 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.

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.

HEAT STROKE
Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. 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.

REMOTE CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT
Use of remote controlled equipment, including but not limited to helicopters, drones, and toys, is prohibited in the park.

In 2016 there were 107 search and rescue missions in Zion National Park, compared to 71 in 2011. Don’t be a statistic.

EXPLORE 5 MORE

Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park
(50 minutes)

Red Cliffs Recreation Area
(50 minutes)

Pipe Spring National Monument
(1 hour)

Snow Canyon State Park
(1 hour)

Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument
(1.5 hours)

Map and Guide
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.

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
Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. All other park trails, off-trail routes, and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel are closed to bicycles. Bicyclists attempting to travel though the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel must obtain a ride through the tunnel. Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide or arrange for transport through the tunnel. Bicyclists must ride single file and stop to let shuttle buses pass. Do not pass a moving shuttle bus. Each shuttle bus has a rack for at least two bicycles. Motorized bikes are prohibited throughout the park.

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 Wilderness Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

HORSEBACK RIDING
Guided trips are available starting at the corral near the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at visitor centers.

WILDERNESS PERMITS
Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of The Narrows and its tributaries, Left Fork (The Subway), 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.

WATERCRAFT
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a wilderness permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 150 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, technical equipment, and advanced skills for rappelling and ascending, and a Wilderness Permit.

BACKPACKING
Permits are required for all wilderness camping. The maximum group size is 12 people in the wilderness. Please read the Wilderness Guide for more information.

Wilderness permit fees are based on the size of your group:
• $15 for 1-2 people
• $20 for 3-7 people
• $25 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 Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2,000-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. Hiking from the top to the bottom can be done as a day hike or an overnight hike. These hikes are through wilderness and require a permit. Visit the park website at nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/thenarrows.htm for further information.

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.

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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.

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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.
• Carry out all trash, including food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, and toilet paper.
• Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.
• 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 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.
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Some areas and routes are closed each year to climbing March through August to protect nesting peregrine falcons. 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.

Campgrounds

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Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. South Campground is closed from December 1 through February 28. Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served from December 1 through February 24. The number of available campsites may vary throughout the year.

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Zion National Park

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KOLOB CANYONS ROAD
Located in the northwest corner of the park off of Interstate 15, this five-mile scenic drive climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.

ZION-MT. 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. Delays are possible. For large vehicle restrictions, read page 12.

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.

Map and Guide 5
Riding the shuttle is the easiest way to see some of the park’s most beautiful sights in a limited time. A round trip ride on the shuttle takes about 80 minutes, and the average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. Some of the most scenic shuttle stops are the Court of the Patriarchs, the Zion Lodge, and Big Bend. If you are interested in hiking, choose one of the easy hikes. Some easy hikes include Weeping Rock, the Pa’rus Trail, and the Riverside Walk.

ZION IN THREE HOURS OR LESS

In addition to riding the shuttle, visit the Zion Human History Museum and watch the park orientation film or attend a ranger-led program. If you are interested in hiking, choose trails based on your ability level from the Hiking Guide. Some moderate hikes include the Upper Emerald Pools Trail and the Watchman Trail. Strenuous hikes include Observation Point, The Narrows, and Angels Landing.

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**Hiking Guide**

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Points of Interest

ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM
Explore the human history of Zion Canyon, including exhibits, orientation film, art exhibit, restrooms, bookstore, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs. Views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain. Access to the Pa'rus Trail.

WEPPING ROCK

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.

THE GROTTO

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

ZION LODGE

TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA

BIG BEND

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER
The starting point for any visit to Zion Canyon. Outdoor exhibits, information desk, wilderness permits, bookstore, restrooms, picnic area, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs. Access to the Pa'rus Trail and Watchman Trail.

TRAIL CLOSURE INFORMATION
The Lower Emerald Pool Trail is closed due to ongoing active rock falls. The Upper Emerald Pool Trail is only accessible via the Kayenta Trail. The Sand Bench Trail is closed near the Zion Lodge because of river undercutting and debris slides. The open portion of the trail can be accessed at the Court of the Patriarchs. The closed trails continue to have active rock falls and debris slides, and are impassable and unsafe for visitors. Please do not enter areas that have been blocked off.
Ranger-led Programs

Programs are offered depending on ranger staffing and availability; check park information centers and bulletin boards for times, places, and subjects.

Programs as Staffing Allows

RANGER TALKS
20 to 30 minutes
All talks in Zion Canyon are presented on the patio behind the Zion Human History Museum. Topics include:

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.

Ranger Guided Walks
See bulletin boards for dates
Up to 2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike
Meet at the Zion Lodge Flag Pole
Explore a diverse landscape teeming with life as you walk up a scenic trail.

WHAT’S FLYIN’ IN ZION
Tuesdays from April - June 13
2 hours, easy 1-mile bird walk
Identify and discuss Zion’s winged wonders. Free reservation required in person, up to 3 days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Binoculars and field guides are recommended. Ask about accessibility options.

SHUTTLE TOUR - RIDE WITH A RANGER
Starting in Mid-May
2 hours, easy
Free reservation required as seating is limited.
Make free reservations, in person, up to three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to departure.

Program Locations

Ranger-led Programs also meet at shuttle stops along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
Youth programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while attending the programs. Programs are offered from April through August. There are few programs offered in early spring, with more offered by late May.

Check at park information centers for times, places, and subjects.

**Drop-in Programs**

Stay for just a minute or stay for over an hour at these drop-in programs.

**CANYON CONNECTIONS**
Near Zion Lodge Lawn
Discover the relationships between Zion’s amazing plants, animals, rocks and people.

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

**WILD WATERS**
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Learn about the wonderful ways that water affects animals and shapes Zion Canyon.

**How to Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge**

Visitors 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.

Visitors can purchase the lizard patch at Zion Natural History Association Park Stores. Proceeds from sales support the Zion Youth Program.

**Distance Learning**

Are you a teacher with students who would like to meet a park ranger? Registration is now open for the free Distance Learning program, where a ranger will visit your classroom virtually to teach about the National Park Service, as well as what makes Zion unique.

Whether your classroom is located in Las Vegas, London, or anywhere in between, your students can interact live with a Zion ranger. Visit the education section of our website to learn more, and sign up today!

**Zion Social Media**

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Connect with your park on our social media sites for the latest news and information. Receive breaking news and closure updates on Twitter, watch nature videos on YouTube, find beautiful photos on Instagram and Flickr, and join the conversation on Facebook.
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 over 30°F/17°C. Day and night temperatures can differ by

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 carry out all trash (including toilet paper and bodily waste) and dispose of it in the proper receptacle. Reduce waste by placing your recyclables into the appropriate container. Ensure that you do not contaminate a reclaimable material by shoving unwanted food, wrappers, or other waste into it. This leads to a potentially recyclable item become non-recyclable waste.

At Zion National Park, you will find recycling receptacles around the park for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, and more. There are four locations for plastic and metal from the Zion History Museum to the Temple of Sinawava. These locations are marked on the park map located in this paper.

HIKING

Please stay on marked trails. Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape. Remember, if you bring it in, please pack it out.

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.

RESOURCE DAMAGE

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.

SOUNDSCAPES

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.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

There are several water bottle filling stations located throughout the park. To reduce waste, plastic single use water bottle are not sold 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.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Solar power provides clean energy for Zion National Park. Large photovoltaic systems were installed at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters. Zion generates 12 percent of its power from on site renewable sources and purchases renewable energy to offset other sources.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

With a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program, electric vehicle charging stations were installed at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center. Purchase an access code at visitor center bookstores. With these initiatives and your help, we can work towards preserving and protecting these places for future generations.

Volunteer

Volunteers in-Parks

Volunteer with Zion National Park and help us care for this special place. Volunteers at Zion work with park employees behind the scenes and on the frontline to preserve park resources and contribute to visitor enjoyment. In 2016, 441 volunteers contributed 28,031 hours of service to Zion National Park. You too can make a difference. For volunteer opportunities at Zion, please visit the Get Involved section on our website at www.nps.gov/zion.
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 $800,000 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 EXPLORATIONS**
Our Custom Explore Zion program provides educational experiences for small groups based on your schedule.

**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 $60 to $85 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 20% discount on all purchases at ZNHA bookstores and most ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations and our quarterly e-newsletter. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

**MEMBERSHIP LEVEL OPTIONS**
- Individual $45
- Family $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.

Your purchase at our bookstores helps support important park programs and a sustainable future for these places you love so much.

**MAPS OF ZION**
The bookstore sells a wide variety of topographic maps, geologic maps, and hiking and climbing guide books.

**ONLINE STORE**
Shop our new online store! You can buy maps, guides, or posters, purchase books on geology, history, or art, sign up for a ZCFI class, join ZNHA, or make a donation. Purchases support important programs in Zion National Park.

Visit www.zionpark.org or call (800) 635-3959.
Entrance Fees

The entrance fees at Zion National Park are $30 per vehicle, $25 per motorcycle, and $15 per person for bicyclists, pedestrians, and non-commercial organized groups. All entrance fees are valid for seven days. Eighty percent of fees collected remain in the park for repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement directly related to visitor enjoyment, health, and safety. The fees also help maintain and enhance the Zion Shuttle fleet system.

Information Centers

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.

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.

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.

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 into 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.

PROHIBITED VEHICLES

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 lb
- Combined vehicles or buses over 50’

Bicycles and pedestrians are also not permitted in the tunnel and must obtain a ride. Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide, or arrange for, transport through the tunnel.

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