# Getting Around

To protect park resources, park only in designated spaces. For your safety, park rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations. For Utah road conditions, please call 866-611-8824.

## 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 at least 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. Leave your vehicle at your hotel or park and ride against one may be required. The shuttle pass is not a permit. Please turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

# For Your Safety

**Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, preparation, and constant awareness. You are responsible for your safety.**

## Steep Cliffs

Falls from cliffs or trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or rocks can make the ground 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 and away from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings and 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 shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

## Hypothermia

Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is 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 (it provides no insulation when wet and high energy food before you 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 replace wet clothing with dry clothing. Warm the victim with your own body heat and a warm drink, and shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also prevent additional heat loss.

## Flash Floods Can Kill

- Always be aware of the threat of thunderstorms and lightning and be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions.
- 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. Consider dressing in layers to prepare for changes in temperature.
- If in a bad weather threat, do not enter a narrow canyon. Whether hiking, climbing, or canyoneering, your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and instant attention to your surroundings.
- Before starting your trip, pay close attention to the weather forecast and any flash flood warning that might be in effect.

## Signs of Flash Flooding

- Deterioration in weather conditions
- Build up of clouds or thunder
- Floating debris

### Hours of Operation

Please see park website for most up to date hours and days of operation.

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- Utah is in the Mountain Time Zone. California and Nevada are in the Pacific Time Zone, one hour earlier than Utah. Arizona is in the Mountain Time Zone, but does not observe daylight-saving time.

# Ranger-led Programs

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- Check park information centers and bulletin board for times, places, subjects, and availability.
- Participate in a ranger-led program. Program schedules are based on ranger staff availability.
- Junior Ranger handbook. Visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger handbook and attending a ranger-led program. The handbook is available for free at information centers within the park.
- Distance Learning: If you would like to share the wonders of Zion with your classroom, consider signing up for a curriculum-based interactive Distance Learning program. https://www.nps.gov/zion/learn/education/distance-learning.htm.

# Support Zion Forever Project

Zion National Park’s nonprofit partner, The Zion Forever Project, makes it possible for you to experience and enjoy the park in a more meaningful way by addressing that a stronger sense of stewardship and responsibility falls on all of us to protect and sustain our shared outdoor future generations.

Whether you simply round up your change at the sales counter or make a large contribution to a specific park project listed in our Field Guide to Park Project Priorities, you will make a difference now and forever. You can find the Field Guide online at www.nps.gov/zion/.

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# Other Information

## Pets

Pets are not allowed on any trails except the Pa’ura Trail. Working service dogs are permitted on all trails. Emotional support animals are considered pets by the National Park Service and are therefore not allowed. Pets are not allowed on shuttle buses.

## Recycling

Cans and commingled recycling bins are located in the Visitor Center Plaza near the Fugitive, at The Throne, and at the Wilderness Desk. Plastic, metal, paper, and glass are recyclable.

## Restrooms

“Go Before You Go.” Restrooms at the trailheads or be prepared to remove your human waste. Disposable bags are available at local shops and in park stores.

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# Emergencies

For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435-772-3122. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance for the park. For hours, please call 435-772-3122. Additional medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

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# Contact Information

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Twitter.com/zions

Instagram.com/zions

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# 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. During the winter months, and particularly after snowfall, lingering patches of snow make driving more challenging for larger vehicles to negotiate the many switchbacks on the East Side of the Park. Be aware of the inherent risks associated with winter conditions and plan accordingly.

## Tunnel Traffic Control

Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel must pay $15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay for this fee at the park entrance station before driving through 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.

**Vehicles**

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

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- **Topics** include geology, history, wildlife, and more.
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# Large Vehicles

Cars not permitted in the tunnel include the following:

- Vehicles over 17’1” tall
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs.
- Combined vehicles or buses over 50 ft.
- 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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# PROHIBITED VEHICLES