How to Use the Shuttle

The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only. Private vehicles are not allowed. It's easy to visit this part of the park—just hop on a free bus and let us do the driving.

Two Routes

The Springdale route will take you from town to the park entrance and visitor center. The Zion Canyon route starts at the visitor center and goes up the six-mile-long Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. A round trip lasts 90 minutes. Buses run from dawn to after dark as often as every seven minutes. See page 12 for shuttle schedule.

Buses are fully accessible. Pets are not allowed.

Plan Your Time

Use the exhibits at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to plan your visit based on your time (less than 3 hours or more than 3 hours) and your interests (sightseeing, hiking, and more). Check the schedule of ranger-led activities on page four and the park bookstore for maps and books to enhance your visit.

Climate Friendly

The Zion Canyon Shuttle System started in 2000 to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. It worked. Each full shuttle replaces 28 cars. In 2008, the shuttles reduced the number of visitor vehicle miles traveled per day by 50,385 and reduced CO2 emissions by 24,201 pounds (12 tons) per day.

Where to Park

Park In Springdale

Parking inside the park is limited, congested, and full between 10 am and 3 pm. To avoid wasting time searching for a parking spot, simply park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the park. Shuttles run from sunup to late in the evening from nine shuttle stops throughout town. If staying overnight in Springdale, leave your car at your lodging and take the shuttle.

Save Time and Money

There is always a line at the vehicle entrance and waits can be long. Ride the shuttle to the pedestrian entrance where the line is short and you can enter the park faster. 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 or two for $24. A group or family of three or more will not be charged more than the $25 per vehicle fee.

Park Responsibly

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

Visitor Center Hours

June 1 – September 7
Zion Canyon 8 am – 8 pm
Permits 7 am – 8 pm
History Museum 9 am – 7 pm
Kolob Canyons 8 am – 6 pm

September 8 – October 12
Zion Canyon 8 am – 6 pm
Permits 7 am – 6 pm
History Museum 9 am – 6 pm
Kolob Canyons 8 am – 5 pm

October 13 – November 29
Zion Canyon 8 am – 5 pm
Permits 8 am – 4:30 pm
History Museum 10 am – 5 pm
Kolob Canyons 8 am – 4:30 pm

Nature Center
May 23 – September 6
Jr. Ranger Program 9 am & 1:30 pm

Emergencies
Call 911 or 435 772-3322 twenty-four hours a day or contact a park ranger.

Lost and Found
Report at any park visitor center or museum.
This Is Canyon Country

Steep Cliffs
Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of cliff edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.
- Stay on the trail.
- Stay back from cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Parents-watch your children!

Flash Floods
All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often from storms miles away, present a real danger and can be life-threatening. By entering a narrow canyon, you are assuming a risk.

Judgment
Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant attention. Don’t ruin your vacation by having an accident. Your safety is your responsibility.

Water
The desert is dry. Carry enough water for everyone in your group. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, and Zion Lodge. Do not drink untreated water.

Information and Services

Emergencies
For 24-hour emergency response, call 772-3322 or 911. Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is in Springdale, 435 772-3226. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Accessibility
Restrooms, visitor centers, museums, and Zion Lodge are fully accessible. Several campsites are reserved for people with disabilities, and two trails are accessible.

Pets
Pets are not allowed on shuttles, in the backcountry, on trails, or in public buildings. They must be under physical control on a leash no longer than six feet at all times. Pets may be walked on the Pa’rus Trail. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.

Entrance Fees
Private Vehicle $25 per vehicle, good for 7 days in Zion National Park.
Individual $12 per person (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and organized group), good for 7 days in Zion National Park.
Zion Annual Pass $50, good for one year from date of purchase at Zion only.
Commercial Tours Ask for rates.
Interagency Senior Pass $10 lifetime pass for U.S. residents who are permanently disabled.
Interagency Access Pass Free lifetime pass for U.S residents who are permanently disabled.

Camping
Watchman Campground Open all year. Fees: $16 a night, $18 per night with electric hookups, $20 per night for river sites (half price for holders of Golden Age/Access Passports and Interagency Senior/Access Passes). Reservations may be made for Watchman Campground six months in advance for April 1–October 24; on-line at www.recreation.gov, or call 877 444-6777.
South Campground Open March 6 through late October, sites are first-come, first-served. Fee: $16 per night.
Group Campsites Available April 1 through October 24 by reservation to organized groups of 9-50 people for $3.00 per person per night; on-line at www.recreation.gov, or call 877 444-6777.
Facilities Restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations.
Other Campgrounds Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park.

Fires
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be banned. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates at campgrounds and picnic areas. Bring or buy firewood; collecting is not permitted. No fires are allowed in the backcountry at any time.

Bicycling
- Avoid cars by riding the Pa’rus Trail. Watch for pedestrians and leashed pets.
- Park shuttles will not pass bicyclists—stop in turnouts to allow them to pass.
- Don’t pass a moving bus—the driver cannot see you.
- Use caution passing a stopped bus.
- Ride single file.
- Children must stay with parents.
- Please wear your helmet.
- Automobile rules of the road apply to bicycles.
- Bicycles are not allowed off roadways.
- Shuttles have racks for two bicycles.

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

Climbing
Climbing on Zion’s sandstone requires appropriate hardware and technical skills. Climbing information is available at visitor centers. Some routes may be closed to climbing when peregrine falcons are nesting. A permit (fee) is required for overnight climbs.

Backcountry Information 435 772-0170 Fax 435 772-3426
Zion National Park Compendium Regulations specific to Zion can be found at www.nps.gov/zion/parkmgmt.
For Interagency Access Pass, ask for rates.

This symbol is a warning. Falls from cliffs on these trails have resulted in death.
Flash floods occur without warning.
This one took place in seconds. A hiker would not survive.
Making the Most of Your Time

Less Than 3 Hours
Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
The easiest way to see some of the park’s most beautiful sights in a limited time is to ride the Zion Canyon Shuttle. Round trip will take a minimum of 90 minutes.

Weeping Rock Trail
Short but steep walk on a paved path where springs continually drip from overhead. .5 miles/.5 hours round trip, climbs 98 feet. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Court of the Patriarchs
Short but steep trail leads to views of the Sentinel and the Three Patriarchs. 100 yards/.25 hours round trip, climbs 40 feet. Shuttle stop: Court of the Patriarchs

Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway
The 10-mile road that connects the east and south entrances is a steep drive up switchbacks and through the mile-long tunnel. This is the main access to Bryce Canyon and the North Rim of Grand Canyon. Large vehicle restrictions see page 12.

More Than 3 Hours
Lower Emerald Pool Trail
One place where you’ll often find at least a small waterfall. Easy, 1.2 miles/1 hour out and back, climbs 200 feet. Minor drop-offs. Shuttle stop: Zion Lodge

Riverside Walk
Beautiful, shaded walk meanders through forested glens, following the path of the Virgin River into a high-walled canyon. Easy, 2 miles/1.5 hours round trip, climbs 57 feet. Shuttle stop: Temple of Sinawava

Watchman Trail
Views of the West Temple and lower Zion Canyon. Best hiked early or late in the day, often hot in summer. Moderate, 2.7 miles/2 hours round trip, climbs 368 feet. Shuttle stop: Zion Canyon Visitor Center

Hidden Canyon Trail
Steep climb to the mouth of Hidden Canyon. Hikers may continue but there is no maintained trail. Strenuous, 2 miles/3 hours round trip, climbs 850 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Angels Landing Trail
Steep trail climbs Walter’s Wiggles past Scout Lookout, with spectacular views of Zion Canyon. Strenuous, 5 miles/4 hours round trip, climbs 1,488 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights or young children. Shuttle stop: The Grotto

Observation Point
High on the east rim, the trail ends on a slender peninsula overhanging the valley floor offering spectacular views on three sides. Strenuous, 8 miles/5 hours round trip, climbs 2,148 feet. Warning! Steep cliffs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Shuttle stop: Weeping Rock

Visitor Centers
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
At the south entrance, near Springdale. It is the main access for the Zion Canyon Shuttle. Exhibits help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Books and maps.

Zion Human History Museum
First shuttle stop. Exhibits explain how humans have interacted with Zion. Orientation movie, information, and books.

Orientation Movie
Twenty-two minute film highlights the park. Shown daily 9 am to closing on the hour and half hour in the Zion Human History Museum.

Kolob Canyons Visitor Center
Interstate 15 at Exit 40, 45 miles north of Springdale and 17 miles south of Cedar City. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Exhibits, books, and maps.

Use the exhibits at the visitor centers and the orientation movie to plan how to best use your time.
Ranger-led Programs

Ranger-led activities are a great way to learn about Zion. All programs are free. Allow time for shuttle transportation. • Visitor Center to Zion Lodge: 20 minutes. • Visitor Center to The Grotto: 30 minutes. • Visitor Center to Temple of Sinawava: 40 minutes.

Talks (20–30 minutes)

Animal Icons

Canvas of Cliffs (1.5 hrs, drop-in anytime)
Weather permitting, look at life on the cliff side and the story of the surrounding peaks. Stop by anytime during the times listed. Big Bend Shuttle Stop. Accessible.

Footsteps in Time
Explore the history and culture of Utah’s native people. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Pioneer Glimpses
Unravel the history and lifestyle of Zion’s early residents. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Ranger’s Choice
Join a ranger and explore a topic of their choice. Zion Lodge Lawn. Accessible.

Stories in Stone
Unearth the past by exploring the fossil record left behind. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Water, Rocks, and Time
Uncover the geologic story behind the striking scenery. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Windows into the Past
Discover the events or projects that helped shape Zion National Park. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Zion Zoology
Explore the natural history of some of Zion’s most interesting inhabitants. Museum Patio. Accessible.

Walking and Hikes

Canyon Country (3 hrs, strenuous 2.5-mi) Uncover the beauty and hidden surprises in Zion’s narrow canyons. Not suitable for young children. Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop.

Discover Kolob (2 hrs, moderate, 2-mi) Uncover stories of history and nature as you take an intimate look at the beauty of Kolob Canyons. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center or call 435 586-9548.

Emerald Escape (2 hrs, moderate 2-mi) Experience the splendors found along an ever-changing trail. Emerald Pools Trailhead.

Faces and Places in Time (1.5 hrs, easy 1-mi) Follow a tree-lined route along the river as you explore the rich history of Zion Canyon. Zion Lodge Lawn.

From Cacti to Cottonwoods (2.5 hrs, moderate 2.5-mi) Explore the fascinating world of wildflowers, trees, and other plant life. Watchman Trailhead.

Hiking the Kayenta (2 hrs, moderate 1.3-mi) Hike along a trail with spectacular views and discover Zion’s unique natural and cultural history. The Grotto.

Riverside Ramble (1.75 hrs, easy 2-mi) Discover the power of water in canyon country. Riverside Walk Trailhead.

Rock and Stroll (1.5 hrs, easy 1-mi) Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery. Big Bend Shuttle Stop.

The Narrows (4.5 hrs, strenuous 6-mi) Surround yourself with towering cliffs, slot canyons, and hanging gardens on this epic journey through the Virgin River. Make reservations no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Shuttle Tours

Ride with a Ranger (2 hrs) Enjoy a unique experience as you travel along Zion Canyon Scenic Drive on a ranger-led shuttle bus tour. Stops will provide an intimate look at Zion Canyon. Seating is limited—make reservations up to one day in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Reservations are not required for the regular shuttle system. Arrive 15 minutes prior to departure. Accessible.

Evening Programs

Discover what makes Zion such a special place. 45-minute programs address a wide variety of topics at Watchman Campground Amphitheater and Zion Lodge Auditorium.

Evening Program
Parking at Watchman Campground for non-campers. Check bulletin boards at the visitor center, museum, and campgrounds for topics. Accessible.

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Junior Ranger Programs

Ranger-guided Programs

Who
These programs are developed especially for children 6 to 12 years old. For children under 6, see “Self-Guided Programs.”

What
Kids learn about Zion National Park and their world through hands-on activities, games, hikes, and lessons. Topics vary and range from plants and animals to geology and archeology.

When
Twice daily at 9:00 am and 1:30 pm, May 23 to September 6, 2009.

Junior Ranger Explorer
Daily at 9 am, 2½ hours long. Registration begins at 8:45 am. Kids earn a patch. Drop-off program.

Junior Ranger Discovery
Daily at 1:30 pm, 1½ hours long. Registration begins at 1:15 pm. Kids earn a badge. Designed for parental/guardian attendance.

Where
The programs are held at the Zion Nature Center, ½ mile north of the south park entrance, near the entrance to South Campground. The shuttle does not stop at the Nature Center. You may drive to the Nature Center or walk from the campgrounds, visitor center, or museum.

What to Wear
Many activities are outdoors, so dress comfortably and wear closed-toe shoes; no sandals. Bring water. Hats and sunscreen are good on hot, sunny days. Bring rain gear if the weather looks stormy.

Parents
Food is not available, so ensure children have eaten before coming. Bring water. Children must be with their parents or guardian between sessions if attending both morning and afternoon programs. Please be prompt dropping off and picking up.

Self-guided Programs

Ages 6 to 12
Children 6 to 12 years old can earn a badge by completing an activity booklet during their visit. Colorful Jr Ranger Handbooks are available for $1 at the visitor centers and museum year-round.

Ages Under 6
Children under 6 years old can earn a decal by completing an activity sheet available at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and Zion Human History Museum.

Park Profile

Common Raven

Established

Significance
Established to preserve and protect aesthetic and scientific values:
- Stunning scenery found nowhere else on earth.
- A geologic showpiece with sandstone cliffs among the highest in the world.
- One of the last mostly free-flowing river systems on the Colorado Plateau.
- A large, diverse plant and animal community.
- Evidence of human occupation both historic and prehistoric, including excellent examples of Civilian Conservation Corps work.

Collared lizard

Size
232 square miles (148,199 acres).

Elevation
Lowest: 3,666 ft (1,117 m), Coalpits Wash in the southwest corner. Highest 8,726 ft (2,660 m), Horse Ranch Mountain.

Precipitation
Average: 15 inches in Zion Canyon.

Name
Zion, interpreted by Mormons as a place of safety or refuge, given to this canyon by Mormon pioneers in the 1860s. Kolob, in Mormon theology, is a heavenly place close to God.

Humans
Evidence of Ancestral Pueblos, known as the Anasazi, date from 2,000 years ago; Southern Paiutes from about 800 years ago to present. Mormon settlers arrived in the 1860s. Park visitation in 1920 was 3,692; in 2008 it reached 2.7 million.

Desert bighorn sheep

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Plant Life
Richest diversity of plants in Utah—almost 800 native species. Differences in elevation, sunlight, water, and temperature create “microenvironments,” like hanging gardens, side canyons, and isolated mesas that lend to this diversity.

Animal Life
67 species of mammals, 207 birds, 35 reptiles and amphibians, six native fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found nowhere else on earth.

Zion Canyon Shuttle
Includes 30 propane buses. In 2008, ridership was 3.5 million. Each bus/trailer combination replaces 28 cars.

Wilderness
On March 30, 2009, President Barack Obama signed a bill into law designating 124,406 acres of Zion National Park as wilderness. The bill also added 648 acres of Bureau of Land Management land into the park on the east edge of Springdale. Ninety percent of Zion is managed under the 1964 Wilderness Act. The wilderness is shown on the map on page 6.

Lisa Ogden

Zion Map & Guide 5
Zion Canyon

Trail Guide

Use the Shuttle to Access Trailheads
Access to trailheads along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is by shuttle only. Private vehicles are not allowed. Shuttles depart early morning from Springdale and the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and run late into the evening. Check page 12 for schedule. Plan your hike so you do not miss the shuttle.

For Your Safety
Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Always stay back from edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should turn around if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.

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Zion Map & Guide
**Recommendations for Your Safety**

- Watch children closely, and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
- Solo hiking, jogging or biking is not recommended.
- Never approach a mountain lion. Most will try to avoid a confrontation. Always give them a way to escape.
- Do not run! Try to look large. Put your arms up.
- If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back.
- Report any mountain lion sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

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**Zion Narrows Checklist**

- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip.
- Wear sturdy boots or shoes with ankle support.
- Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
- Small children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
- Carry out all trash: food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, tissue paper—everything you carried in.
- Carry one gallon of drinking water per person for a full-day hike, food, sunglasses, sunscreen, and first aid kit.
- Take a sweater or windbreaker. The Narrows is much cooler than Zion Canyon.
- Pack gear in waterproof bags.
- Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk Trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.
Maintaining Sanctuary

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

“The squirrel bit me in less than a second. It took 13 stitches.”—B.W. Wild animals can hurt you. Don’t feed them. Human foods are not healthy for wildlife. Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal.

Please respect the peace and quiet of the park and protect the subtle sounds of nature by traveling quietly.

Vegetation lives longer when cars remain on the pavement. Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as $250.

Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources—a living museum for all the world. Conserving this heritage is a task the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future.
Traveling in the Area

Travel Information
You can get more information on traveling in the area at the information desks in the park visitor centers. The nearby towns of Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City have offices for some or all of these other land management agencies. They also have travel councils and chambers of commerce.

Utah Travel Council 800 200-1160, www.utah.com
Utah State Parks and Recreation 801 538-7220, Reservations 800 322-3770 www.stateparks.utah.gov
National Park Service www.nps.gov
Bureau of Land Management 801 539-4001 www.blm.gov
U.S. Forest Service www.fs.usda.gov
National Weather Service www.weather.gov
Utah Department of Transportation Recorded road conditions and construction, dial 511

Weather and Climate

Be prepared for a wide range of weather conditions. Temperatures vary with changes in elevation and day/night temperatures may differ by over 30°F/1°C.

Spring
Stormy, wet days are common, but warm, sunny weather may occur too. Precipitation peaks in March. Spring wildflowers bloom from April through June, peaking in May.

Summer
Days are hot (95–110°F/35–43°C), but over-night lows are comfortable (65–70°F/18–21°C). Afternoon thunderstorms are common mid-July through mid-September. Storms may produce waterfalls and flash floods.

Fall
Days are usually clear and mild; nights are often cool. Autumn color displays begin in September in the high country. Colors in Zion Canyon usually peak in late October.

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Winters in Zion Canyon are fairly mild. Winter storms bring rain or light snow to Zion Canyon, but heavier snow to the higher elevations. Clear days can reach 60°F; nights are often in the 20s and 30s. Winter storms can last several days and cause roads to be icy. Zion roads are plowed, except the Kolob Terrace Road, which is closed in winter. Be prepared for winter driving conditions from November through March.

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EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES IN ZION

Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep. Capture the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears against the West Temple. Find the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash. View a bat up close during a mist-net study. These are experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute (ZCFI) participants enjoy during their workshops. The Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit Zion Natural History Association, publisher and seller of books on Zion National Park and related subjects for over 70 years. The Field Institute sponsors outdoor workshops with expert and engaging instructors and challenging itineraries that immerse participants in the park and stimulate investigation of its many natural and cultural resources. These workshops take place at and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument and Pipe Spring National Monument.

All classes include hiking from moderate to strenuous. Most classes also include an indoor component such as a lecture, slide presentation, demonstration, or time to examine animal or plant specimens.

JUNE
1  Thursday Trek
6  Saturday Bird Watching
13  Hanging Gardens of Zion
27  Zion Narrows

JULY
4  Saturday Bird Watching
5  Zion by Moonlight
8  Cedar Breaks Wildflower Festival Tour
9  Wildflower Photography at Cedar Breaks
11  Cedar Mountain Wildflowers
13  Wildflower Journaling at Cedar Breaks
15  Cedar Breaks Wildflower Festival Tour
22  Cedar Breaks Wildflower Festival Tour

AUGUST
1  Saturday Bird Watching
8  Geology of Cedar Breaks
14  Insects of Zion
20  Bat Biology and Conservation
21  Reptiles and Amphibians
28  Slickrock Ecology

SEPTEMBER
5  Zion Narrows
5  Saturday Bird Watching
16  Wednesday Wildlife Walk
17  Thursday Trek
19  Zion Narrows
19  ZNP Foundation Annual Fall Fundraiser
24-25  Autumn Photography

To Enroll
Visit our web site at www.zionpark.org or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Call us for a free catalog of workshops at 435 772-3264 or 800 635-3959. Fees range from $25-$80 per day.

PRIVATE WORKSHOPS
Our “Explore Zion” program provides private workshops for your small group or family scheduled at your convenience.

ZION NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Zion Natural History Association is a non-profit organization established in 1931 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 combine with sales from our bookstores to provide parks with approximately $400,000 in aid annually. Join us as a member of ZNHA today and receive a 20% discount on Field Institute workshops and on purchases at ZNHA bookstores. Order books by phone at 800 635-3959 or our website: www.zionpark.org. Find hundreds of books, posters, t-shirts, and other Zion items at our web site.

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Enjoy the official National Park Service orientation movie to Zion in your own living-room. Learn about plants, animals, geology, park history, and what to see and do in Zion. 23 minutes, color. VHS $4.95, DVD (plays worldwide, English subtitles) $14.95

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From topo maps, to geologic maps, to maps on CD-Rom; call us for details on which map will fit your needs.

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Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the Junior Ranger program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive programs, and provides free visitor information about the park. Every year we provide thousands of dollars of aid to the National Park Service.

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

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Make checks payable to ZNHA. Mail to: Zion Natural History Association, Zion National Park, Springdale, Utah 84767. We also accept credit cards. Call 800 635-3959 for details.
Large Vehicles

The tunnel was built for cars like this 1930s model.

THE ZION-MT. CARMEL TUNNEL IS BETWEEN THE EAST ENTRANCE AND ZION CANYON. IT WAS built in the 1920s when cars were small and few in number. Some large modern vehicles will not fit without assistance.

Vehicle Size

Vehicles sized 7’10” in width or 11’4” in height, or larger, are required to have an “escort” (traffic control) through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Vehicles this size are too large to stay in their lane while traveling through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, 5th wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats will require an escort.

Arranging an Escort

Visitors requiring an escort must pay a $15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at a park entrance before driving to the tunnel. The fee is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a 7-day period.

Prohibited Vehicles

• Vehicles over 13’1” tall. • Semi-trucks. • Commercial vehicles. • Vehicles carrying hazardous materials. • Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs. • Single vehicles over 40’ long. • Combined vehicles over 50’ long. • Bicycles and pedestrians.

Shuttle Schedule

THE ZION CANYON SCENIC DRIVE IS BY SHUTTLE ONLY FROM APRIL 4 TO OCTOBER 25, 2009. Private vehicles are not allowed. Plan your trip to include using the shuttle. There is room for backpacks and climbing equipment. Buses are fully accessible. Pets are not allowed.

Spring & Fall

April 4–May 16 & Sept. 13–Oct. 25
Zion Canyon Loop
Visitor Center departures
first bus 6:45 am
15 minute service 7–8:30 am
7-10 minute service 8:30 am–8 pm
15 minute service 8–9 pm
last bus up canyon 9:30 pm
last departure from Temple of Sinawava 10 pm
Springdale Loop
Express bus up-canyon leaves Majestic View 6:30 am
Zion Canyon Theater departures
first bus 7:15 am
10-15 minute service 7:45 am–10 pm
last bus into town 10 pm
last departure from Majestic View 10:15 pm

November

Voluntary shuttle on weekends; Zion Canyon Loop only. Check for schedule.

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Express bus up-canyon leaves Majestic View 5:45 am
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6-10 minute service 9 am–8 pm
15 minute service 8–9 pm
30 minute service 9–10:30 pm
last bus up canyon 10:30 pm
last departure from Temple of Sinawava 11 pm
Springdale Loop
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Zion Canyon Theater departures
first bus 7 am
10-15 minute service 7 am–10 pm
30 minute service 7 am–10 pm
last bus into town 11 pm
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Avoid parking hassles—park in town, ride the free shuttle, and walk into the park.

Shuttles take you to all trailheads and points of interest in Zion Canyon.

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A Century of Sanctuary
1909-2009