Plan Your Trip

Welcome to Zion National Park. Visiting the park requires careful planning. Summer weather can be unpredictable, narrow canyons are subject to flash flooding, and dangerous cliffs are abundant. 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.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
Starting June 7, 2010, the reconstruction of a 9.5-mile section of the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway from the junction of the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the East Entrance will cause delays and closures. The road construction does not impact Zion Canyon, the most visited area of the park. Those traveling between US Highway 89 and Zion Canyon should be aware of the construction schedule.

Sunday evening through Friday morning
• Road is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day, subject to traffic control.
• Parking permitted in designated areas. No access overnight from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., all vehicles must be beyond Canyon Junction or past the East Entrance by 8:00 p.m. to drive through the construction zone.

Friday morning through Sunday evening
• Road is open, subject to traffic control.
• Parking permitted in designated areas.
• Bicycles are not permitted in the construction zone at any time.

Hours of Operation & Fees

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Fees: $25 per vehicle; $12 per individual; pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, or organized group. Entrance fees are valid for seven days.

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. residents 62 years or older.

ACCESS PASS
Free Admission to all federal fee areas for life, permanently disabled U.S. residents.

All passes are available at park entrance stations.
Wildlife

Zion National Park is home to 67 species of mammals, 207 birds, 35 reptiles and amphibians, and nine fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found only in Zion.

MOUNTAIN LIONS
Mountain lions are wild animals and can be dangerous. They have been seen in the park. An attack is unlikely, and the park has never had a reported attack on people or pets. However, mountain lions have attacked in other areas.

- Watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind.
- Solo hiking is not encouraged.
- 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 and put your arms up.
- If a mountain lion approaches, wave your arms, shout, and throw rocks or sticks at it.
- If attacked, fight back.

Please report any encounters or sightings to a park ranger as soon as possible.

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 encounter with sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

Emergencies

For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435 772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435 772-3226. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Flash Floods

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

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

- Any deterioration in weather conditions
- Build up of clouds or sounds of thunder
- Sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- Floating debris
- Rising water levels or stronger currents
- Increasing roar of water up canyon

During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water twelve feet high or more.
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, there may be hikers below you.

• Stay on the trail.
• Stay back from cliff edges.
• Observe posted warnings.
• Parents please watch your children.

WATER
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, Zion Lodge, and some shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.

DRIVING
Zion’s roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph (radar enforced).

Wear safety belts and use child safety seats. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants in a vehicle and failure to use them is a primary offense in the park.

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

To protect the park’s vegetation, please park in designated or posted areas only.

HEAT EXHAUSTION
Heat exhaustion occurs when the body loses more fluid than is taken in. Signs of heat exhaustion include nausea, vomiting, fatigue, headaches, pale appearance, stomach cramps, and cool clammy skin. If a member of your party begins to experience any of these symptoms, stop your hike immediately. Find a cool, shady area and rest with your feet up to distribute fluids throughout your body. It is important to drink fluids, but it is also important to eat. While suffering from heat exhaustion, drinking fluids without eating can lead to a potentially dangerous condition of low blood salt. If heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours, seek medical help.

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

HYPOTHERMIA
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is the number one killer of outdoor recreationists, even in summer, and it usually happens without the victim’s awareness. It is a hazard in narrow canyons because immersion in water is the quickest way to lose body heat. To prevent hypothermia, avoid cotton clothing, it provides no insulation when wet, and eat high energy food before you are chilled. The signs of hypothermia include:
• Uncontrollable shivering
• Stumbling and poor coordination
• Fatigue and weakness
• Confusion or slurred speech

If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately replace wet clothing with dry clothing. Warm the victim with your own body and a warm drink, and shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also help prevent further heat loss.

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

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Points of Interest

**TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA**

**BIG BEND**

**WEPPING ROCK**

**THE GROTTO**

**ZION LODGE**

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

**CANYON JUNCTION**
The junction of Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Views of Virgin River and Zion Canyon. Access to Pa’rus Trail.

**ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM**

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

**ZION-MT. CARMEL HIGHWAY**
This 10-mile scenic drive connects the South and East Entrances. The road consists of a steep drive through switchbacks and the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. For large vehicle restrictions, please see page 12. The highway is currently under construction. Please read the front page for more information. Consider an alternate route to avoid delays.

**KOLOB CANYONS ROAD**
This five-mile scenic drive starts at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center and climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area of the park and ends at the Timber Creek Overlook.

**KOLOB TERRACE ROAD**
This steep 20-mile scenic drive starts in the town of Virgin and climbs north from the desert washes into the aspen-covered plateaus of the higher elevations of the park and provides access to Lava Point. Vehicles pulling trailers not recommended.

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

The Taylor Creek Trail in the Kolob Canyons area of Zion National Park.
Recreation

CAMPING
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, and dump stations. All sites are half price for holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes. There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.

FIRES
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be prohibited. When permitted, fires are allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting wood is not permitted.

BICYCLING
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa'rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed off roadways or in construction areas. When riding from the South Entrance, use the Pa'rus Trail instead of the main road. Shuttles will not 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 two bicycles.

CLIMBING
The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are famous for their big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in Zion requires appropriate hardware and advanced technical skills. There are few top roping areas and no sport climbs. Permits are not required for day climbs, but they are required for all overnight bivouacs. Climbing information and route descriptions are available at the Backcountry Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

HORSEBACK RIDING
Horses traditionally have been used to explore the terrain of Zion National Park. Guided trips are available starting at the corral at the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at visitor centers.

WATERCRAFT
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a backcountry permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 140 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.

Hiking and Canyoneering
Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Many 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. The forecasts are posted daily in park visitor centers. Many canyons require ropes, hardware, and advanced technical skills for rappelling and ascending.

Backpacking
Permits are required for all backcountry camping. There is a fee. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. Please read the Backcountry Planner for more information.

Backcountry Permits
Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of the Narrows and its tributaries, the Subway and Left Fork, Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Reservations are available online for many permits at www.nps.gov/zion. Permits must be obtained at the visitor centers before your trip.

Backcountry fees are based on the size of your group:

- $10 for 1-2 people
- $15 for 3-7 people
- $20 for 8-12 people

The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. The limit for some canyons is six people.

Zion Narrows
The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2000-feet deep, and at times only 20 to 30-feet wide. The Narrows, with its soaring walls, sandstone grottos, natural springs, and hanging gardens can be an unforgettable experience. It is not, however, a trip to be underestimated. Hiking the Narrows means hiking in the Virgin River. At least 60% 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 is very cold, and the rocks underfoot are slippery. Flash flooding and hypothermia are constant dangers. Good planning, proper equipment, and sound judgment are essential for a safe and successful trip. Your safety is your responsibility.

There are three ways to hike the Narrows, weather and water conditions permitting:

Day Hike from the Bottom and Back
This round-trip hike can last up to five hours and is the simplest way to experience the Narrows. Ride the shuttle to the Temple of Sinawava, walk one mile to the end of the paved Riverside Walk, and begin wading up the river. There is no formal destination and you must return the same way you entered. Many hikers try to reach the junction with Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from the paved trail. A permit is not required and group size limits do not apply. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited.

Day Hike from Top to Bottom
This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

Overnight Hike from Top to Bottom
This two-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Maximum stay is one night. Please see the Backcountry Planner or inquire at the Zion Canyon Backcountry Desk for more information.

The Narrows Checklist
- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
- Wear sturdy boots with ankle support or closed-toe shoes, 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.

Campgrounds

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<td>$16 per night $16 per night for electric hookups $20 per night for river sites</td>
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<td>South</td>
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Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served from late November to early March.
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Hiking Guide

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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 stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks; there may be hikers below.
Ranger-led Programs

Walks

DESSERT SOJOURN
2 hours, moderate 1.5-mile hike
The Grotto Shuttle Stop
Hike amidst the sceneries and discover Zion’s natural and cultural history. Tues., Thurs., & Sun.

DISCOVER KOLOB
2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike
Discover stories of history and nature as you take an intimate look at Taylor Canyon. Make free reservations no more than three days in advance at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center or by calling 435 586-9548. Sat.

EMERALD ESCAPE
2 hours, moderate 2-mile hike
Experience the splendors found along an ever-changing trail. Mon. & Fri.

FACES AND PLACES IN TIME
1.5 hours, easy 1-mile walk
Zion Lodge Lawn
Immerse yourself in the rich history of Zion Canyon on a stunning tree-lined trail along the Virgin River. Fri.

RIVERSIDE RAMBLE
1.75 hours, easy 2-mile walk
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Discover the striking power and role of water in canyon country. Mon., Wed., & Sat.

ROCK AND STROLL
1.25 hours, easy 1-mile walk
Big Bend Shuttle Stop
Follow the Virgin River and unearth the geologic processes that sculpt the scenery. Wed. & Sat.

THE NARROWS
4.5 hours, strenuous 6-mile hike
Immerse yourself in towering cliffs, slot canyons, and hanging gardens on this epic journey through the Virgin River. Make free reservations, in person, no more than three days in advance at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Tues.

WALKING THE WATCHMAN
2.5 hours, moderate 2.5-mile hike
Visitor Center Shuttle Stop
Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life. Thurs.

Ride with a Ranger

Shuttle Tours

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. Every day.

Drop-In Programs

CANVAST OF CLIFFS
Big Bend Shuttle Stop
Search for peregrines, condors, climbers and other life on the cliffs and discover their stories. Weather permitting. Mon., Thurs., & Sat.

RIVER RENDEZVOUS
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Immerse yourself in the grandeur of Zion and its unique diversity. The site is located 300 yards up the Riverside Walk. Tues., Fri., & Sun.

Children’s Programs

Children’s programs are designed specifically for families and children. Children must be accompanied by an adult while attending all programs. Children’s programs will be offered through August 21, 2010.

Walks

EMERALD EXPLORERS
1.25 hours, easy 1-mile walk
Emerald Pools Trailhead
Explore the amazing aspects of a spectacular canyon. Ages 6 and older. Wed. & Sun.

HABITAT HUNTERS
1.5 hours, easy 2-mile walk
Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop
Meander among Zion’s unique plant and animal habitats in a remarkable river setting. Ages 6 and older. Tues. & Fri.

ROCKY RIVER RAMBLERS
1 hour, easy 1-mile hike
Weeping Rock Shuttle Stop
Discover the dynamic water and rock forces along the river. Ages 8 and older. Mon. & Thurs.

Nature Center Programs

These programs are held at the Zion Nature Center, located one-half mile north of the South Entrance of the park, next to the entrance to the South Campground. The shuttle does not stop at the Zion Nature Center. You may drive or walk from the campgrounds, visitor center, or museum on the Parus Trail.

DYNAMIC DISCOVERERS
1 hour
Zion Nature Center
Join a junior ranger instructor and discover the ever-changing world of Zion Canyon while exploring one of its fantastic features. Ages 6 to 12. Every day except Mon.

NATURE NAVIGATORS
1 hour
Zion Nature Center Lawn
Set your sights and journey into the special world of Zion’s fascinating plants and animals. Ages 10 and younger. Mon., Thurs., Fri., & Sat.

Zion Lodge Program

This program is held on the lawn of the Zion Lodge which is accessible from the Zion Lodge Shuttle Stop.

stellar storytellers
1 hour
Zion Lodge Lawn
Hear adventurous stories from past and present and share a special canyon experience. Ages 10 and younger. Wed.

Junior Ranger Program

Zion’s Junior Ranger Program provides children with an exciting opportunity to enhance their experience and understanding of Zion. Self-guided Junior Ranger Handbooks are available year-round for $1.00 at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and Zion Human History Museum Bookstores.

Agges 5 and Younger

Children five years old and younger can earn a Junior Ranger Pin by completing a Lil’ Junior Ranger Activity Sheet available for free at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and Zion Human History Museum.

Complete a Junior Ranger Handbook only, earn a Junior Ranger Badge.

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## Program Schedule

### Monday
- **9:00 a.m.** Canvas of Cliffs
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Riverside Ramble
- **9:30 a.m.** Rocky River Ramblers
- **10:30 a.m.** Nature Navigators
- **11:25 a.m.** Animal Icons
- **12:55 p.m.** Zion Zoology
- **2:25 p.m.** Water, Rocks, and Time
- **3:00 p.m.** Ranger’s Choice
- **3:30 p.m.** Footsteps in Time
- **4:00 p.m.** Desert Sojourn
- **6:30 p.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **7:30 p.m.** Family Evening Program
- **9:00 p.m.** Lodge Evening Program
- **9:30 p.m.** Watchman Evening Program
- **9:30 p.m.** June and July Programs
  - **9:00 p.m.** August Programs

### Tuesday
- **8:30 a.m.** The Narrows
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Habitat Hunters
- **10:30 a.m.** River Rendezvous
- **11:25 a.m.** Zion Zoology
- **12:55 p.m.** Water, Rocks, and Time
- **1:30 p.m.** Dynamic Discoverers
- **2:25 p.m.** Windows into the Past
- **3:00 p.m.** Ranger’s Choice
- **6:30 p.m.** Rock and Stroll
- **7:30 p.m.** Family Evening Program
- **9:00 p.m.** Lodge Evening Program
- **9:30 p.m.** Watchman Evening Program
- **9:30 p.m.** June and July Programs
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### Wednesday
- **9:00 a.m.** Emerald Explorers
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Riverside Ramble
- **11:25 a.m.** Stories in Stone
- **12:55 p.m.** Desert Struggles
- **1:00 p.m.** Stellar Storytellers
- **2:25 p.m.** Water, Rocks, and Time
- **3:00 p.m.** Ranger’s Choice
- **3:30 p.m.** Dynamic Discoverers
- **6:30 p.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **6:30 p.m.** Rock and Stroll
- **9:00 p.m.** Lodge Evening Program
- **9:30 p.m.** June and July Programs
  - **9:00 p.m.** August Programs

### Thursday
- **8:30 a.m.** Walking the Watchman
- **9:00 a.m.** Canvas of Cliffs
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Rocky River Ramblers
- **10:30 a.m.** Nature Navigators
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- **2:25 p.m.** Pioneers Glimpses
- **3:00 p.m.** Ranger’s Choice
- **6:00 p.m.** Desert Sojourn
- **6:30 p.m.** Ride with a Ranger
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- **9:30 p.m.** June and July Programs
  - **9:00 p.m.** August Programs

### Friday
- **9:00 a.m.** Faces and Places in Time
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Habitat Hunters
- **10:30 a.m.** Nature Navigators
- **10:30 a.m.** River Rendezvous
- **11:25 a.m.** Water, Rocks, and Time
- **12:55 p.m.** Zion Zoology
- **2:25 p.m.** Footsteps in Time
- **3:00 p.m.** Ranger’s Choice
- **3:30 p.m.** Dynamic Discoverers
- **6:00 p.m.** Emerald Escape
- **6:30 p.m.** Ride with a Ranger
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### Saturday
- **9:00 a.m.** Canvas of Cliffs
- **9:00 a.m.** Discover Kolob
- **9:00 a.m.** Ride with a Ranger
- **9:30 a.m.** Riverside Ramble
- **10:00 a.m.** Nature Navigators
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**Children’s program, offered through August 21, 2010.**

### Program Locations

[Program Locations Map](#)

Programs also meet at shuttle stops along the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
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 show respect for your national park.

Carry all of your trash out of the park, including toilet paper.

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

ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER
The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent example of sustainable design. DAYLIGHTING, NATURAL VENTILATION COOLING, Downdraft cool towers, Trombe wall heating, and roof-mounted photovoltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent compared to a typical visitor center. The sustainability measures in this building save 148,830 kWh each year, saving the park $14,000 and preventing the release of 181 tons of CO₂ into the atmosphere.

ZION LODGE
The Zion Lodge goes to great lengths to reduce energy consumption. Their efforts save 24,000 gallons of fuel, 1.7 million pounds of gas emissions, and 2.5 million gallons of water annually. They also recycle grease for use in their vehicles.

SOLAR POWER
Solar power provides clean energy. Two remote ranger cabins run completely on solar power and three park entrance stations are partially solar powered.

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Weather
Zion National Park is hot during the summer with temperatures often exceeding 100 degrees. Even higher elevations can have high temperatures in excess of 90 degrees. Zion experiences a monsoon season from mid-July into September with an increased risk of flash floods. Visitors should always be aware of the threat of thunderstorms and lightning.

Always 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.

Leave No Trace
Zion National Park is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources. Visitors should always be aware of the threat of thunderstorms and lightning.

Please park in designated spaces only. Fines can be as high as $250.

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park. Leave the flowers, rocks, and anything else that you might find for others to enjoy.

Soundscapes are an important natural feature of the park. Please be aware of the noise that you make around wildlife and allow others to enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

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

ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM
The Zion Canyon Shuttle System was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. 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, over 12 tons, per day.

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**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**
Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep, capturing the photograph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears behind the West Temple, finding the tracks of ringtails in the sands of a dry wash, or discovering and mapping an unrecorded archaeological site. These are the types of experiences that Zion Canyon Field Institute participants 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 your small group scheduled at your convenience.

**REGISTRATION**
Pick up the course catalog 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 $25 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 program, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park interpretive 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 ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly newsletter, and special premiums. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

**MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS**
- Individual $45
- Family $60
- Contributor $100
- Advocate $250
- Lifetime $500

**ZION TRIP PLANNING PACKAGE**
Plan your vacation to Zion National Park with our hand-selected publications. Includes the books: *Zion: Sanctuary in the Desert*, *Zion Shuttle Guide*, *Hiking Zion and Bryce Canyon*, *Introduction to the Geology of Zion National Park*, and a Zion topographic map. A $35.29 value for only $25.95. All books are also available for individual purchase.

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

**MAPS OF ZION**
The bookstore sells a wide variety of topographic maps, geologic maps, and maps on CD.
**Transportation**

### Shuttle Schedule

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*The average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. The wait is usually shorter during peak hours. The summer shuttles run at thirty-minute intervals from 9:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.*

### 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 much less common. Vehicles sized 11’4” in height or 7’10” in width, or larger, are required to have an escort, or traffic control, through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Because of the tunnel dimensions, large vehicles cannot travel in one lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require an escort.**

An escort vehicle will not guide your vehicle through the tunnel. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic and you will drive down the center of the road. We apologize for the delays that will result from this safety precaution. Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (hours may be reduced in August).

**PROHIBITED VEHICLES**

- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- Combined vehicles over 50’ long

**TUNNEL ESCORTS**

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

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**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE**

The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is accessible by shuttle bus only from April 1 to October 31. The buses are accessible and also have room for backpacks, climbing gear, two bicycles, and other equipment. Buses run throughout the day. The shuttles are free and you may get on and off as often as you like. Pets are not allowed.

**SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE**

In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale and across the Virgin River from the pedestrian entrance to the park and the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

**PARKING**

All parking areas in the park are usually full from 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. To avoid delays at the vehicle entrance gate and searching for a parking space, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the park pedestrian entrance. Shuttles pick up and drop off at nine shuttle stops in town. If you are staying overnight in Springdale, leave your vehicle and take the shuttle. In addition, groups of one or two people can save on their entrance fee at the pedestrian entrance. One person gets in at the individual rate of $12 or two for $24. A group or family of three or more will not be charged more than the $25 per vehicle fee.

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

**AUTOMOBILES**

Travel in Zion Canyon from April 1 to October 31 is by shuttle bus only. Only the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway through the park is open to private vehicles. However, road construction closures and delays are expected. Use an alternate route to avoid the construction.

**PRIVATE TAXIS**

You may choose to start your hiking trip in a different location than your destination. Private shuttle and taxi services are available.

**OTHER VEHICLES**

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

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