Planning Your Winter Visit

BE PREPARED FOR A WIDE RANGE OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. SNOW conditions and temperatures vary at different elevations. Fall days are usually clear and mild; nights are often cold. Fall color displays begin in September in the high country and peak in Zion Canyon by late October.

Winters in Zion Canyon are fairly mild. Storms bring rain or light snow to the canyon, but heavier snow to the higher elevations. Winter storms can last several days and cause roads to be icy. Be prepared for winter driving conditions from November through March.

Spring is unpredictable. Stormy, wet days are common, but warm, sunny weather may also occur. Precipitation peaks in March. The spring wildflower bloom usually starts in April.

Making The Most of Your Time

Drives
The shuttle system does not operate in winter. The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to private vehicles October 30 through March 31. The 2007 shuttle season is April 1 through October 29.
Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
6 miles. Short drive along the canyon floor. Be prepared for hazardous driving conditions during and after storms. Icy spots remain through the winter.

Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway
10 miles. Steep drive up switchbacks and through tunnels to Checkerboard Mesa. See large tunnel limitations on page 8. Be prepared for hazardous driving conditions during and after storms. Icy spots remain all winter. Expect 30 minute construction delays until December 15.

Kolob Terrace Road
14 miles. Steep uphill drive with switchbacks to the high country. Not recommended for long vehicles. The road is plowed for the first 14 miles north of Virgin, Utah. The rest of the road, including Lava Point, is closed by snow.

Kolob Canyons
5 miles. Uphill scenic drive skirting the Kolob finger canyons. The road is plowed, but may be temporarily closed during storms or plowing.

Visitor Centers
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
At the south entrance; across the river from Springdale. Exhibits and a three-dimensional model of Zion Canyon help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. An animated computer simulation demonstrates the geologic processes that created Zion Canyon. Rangers are available to answer questions and issue backcountry permits. Books, maps, and film.

Zion Human History Museum
One-half mile north of the south entrance. Exhibits show how humans have influenced, and been influenced by Zion. Orientation film, information desk, and books. Closed November 27 through March 3.

Orientation Film
Twenty-two minute film highlights the features of the park. Shown by request daily in the Human History Museum. Shown in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center November 28 through March 3.

Kolob Canyons Visitor Center
Interstate 15 at Exit 40, 45 miles north of Virgin, Utah. The road is plowed for long vehicles. The road is plowed for the first 14 miles north of Virgin, Utah. The rest of the road, including Lava Point, is closed by snow.

Winter Hiking
Hikers should be flexible and plan to turn back if trail conditions are unsafe or falling ice is a hazard.
Zion Canyon
Trails usually have patchy snow, ice, or mud during winter and spring. Portions of several trails, including Emerald Pools, Weeping Rock, and Riverside Walk are hazardous when icy and may be closed because of ice falling from above. The Sand Bench and Watchman Trails are usually snow free, but muddy in spots. Trails leading to higher elevations such as Observation Point, Angels Landing, and Hidden Canyon are often hazardous because of ice.

High Country
West Rim, Wildcat Canyon, and all east side trails are covered with up to three feet of snow in winter and are icy or muddy in spring. Kolob Canyons trails are snow covered most of the winter.

Southwest Desert
Chinle Trail, Coalpits, and Huber Washes offer good hiking during dry weather and are the most accessible for winter hiking and backpacking.
Information and Services

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

**Accessibility**
Restrooms, visitor centers, the museum, and Zion Lodge are fully accessible. Several campgrounds are reserved for people with disabilities, and two trails are accessible.

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

**Do Not Feed The Animals**
Wildlife are wild. Keep them that way by not feeding, touching, or getting close. Feeding wildlife is illegal. Deer will kick and have been shot as a result of becoming aggressive. Squirrels will bite and can carry bubonic plague. Turkeys will run at people when begging and hop on cars, scratching the paint.

**Driving**
- Watch carefully for animals, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Never stop in the road. Use established pullouts.
- Bicyclists and pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- Drive only on established roads, and park only in designated areas. Watch for falling rocks.

**Entrance Fees**
All passes available at entrance stations. Private Vehicle $20 per vehicle, $25 per vehicle starting January 1, 2007, good for 7 days in Zion National Park.

Individual $10 per person (pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, and organized group), $12 starting January 1, 2007, good for 7 days in Zion National Park.

Zion Annual Pass $40, $50 starting January 1, 2007, good for one year from date of purchase at Zion National Park only.

Commercial Tours Ask for rates.

Golden Age Passport* $10 lifetime pass for U.S. residents 62 or older.

National Parks Pass* $50, good for one year from date of purchase in all areas of the National Park System.

Golden Eagle Passport* $65, good for one year from date of purchase in all federal fee areas.


**Camping**
Watchman and South Campgrounds

Near the south entrance to the park. South Campground is first-come, first-serve and is open March 9, 2007 through late October. Watchman Campground is open all year, sites are first-come, first-serve October 29-March 31. The fee is $16 a night, $18 per night with electric hookups, $20 per night for river sites (half price for holders of Golden Age/Access Passports). Reservations may be made five months in advance for April 3-October 27; 800 365-2267 or http://reservations.nps.gov.

Group Campsites April 3 through October 27 by reservation to organized groups of 9-40 people for $3.00 per person per night; 800 365-2267 or http://reservations.nps.gov. Facilities Restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, firegrates, and dump stations.

Other Campgrounds
Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park.

**Fires**
Fires are permitted only in the fire pits provided at campgrounds and some picnic areas. Bring or purchase your firewood; collecting wood is not permitted. Fires are not permitted in the backcountry at any time; use a stove to cook.

**Winter Sports**
Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are possible in the higher elevations of Zion National Park and in nearby Cedar Breaks National Monument. For information on routes, snow conditions, weather, and safety check at the visitor centers. Recreational snowmobiling is not permitted in the park.

**Backpacking**
Permits are required for all backcountry camping and are based on group size. 1-2 people:$10, 3-6 people: $15, 7-12 people: $20. Maximum group size is 12 people. Permits and hiking information are available at both visitor centers. See the Zion Backcountry Planner for more information.

**Bicycling**
Bicycles are permitted only on established roads and the Pa’rus Trail. Cyclists must obey traffic laws. Bicycles are not allowed on hiking trails or off-trail. Riding through the Zion-Mt. Carmel tunnel is prohibited. Bicycles must be transported through the tunnel by motor vehicle.
Winter Hiking

WINTER HIKING, EVEN SHORT WALKS, REQUIRES advance planning. Trails in the higher elevations will be snow covered, and canyon trails can be icy in the winter and muddy in the spring. Hikers should be flexible and turn back if trail conditions are unsafe.

Check the National Weather Service forecast posted daily in visitor centers and Zion Human History Museum. Park Rangers can provide trail information. See the Zion Backcountry Planner.

Permits

Permits are required for overnight backpacking trips, climbing bivouacs, all through-hikes of the Narrows and tributaries, the Subway, Mystery Canyon, and all canyons requiring the use of rappelling or climbing equipment. Permits are issued at both visitor centers beginning at 8 a.m. the day before your hike. Check www.nps.gov/zion for details. Permits are not required but are recommended. Reservations: $5. Permits: 1-2 people: $10, 3-6 people: $15, 7-12 people: $20.

Group Size

The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. Small groups are encouraged.

Zion Narrows

Narrows day-use permits are not issued in the winter because of cold water, low air temperatures, and short days. You may take a short day-hike from the end of the Riverside Walk. Dry suits are essential gear for winter hikes in the Narrows. Talk to a Park Ranger for details.

Backpacking

Highcountry trails will be snow covered, requiring skis or snowshoes. Trails in the southwest desert offer good winter hiking during dry weather. Ask a Park Ranger for details. Permits are required for overnight trips.

Be Prepared

Your safety depends on your own good judgement, adequate preparation, and constant attention. Your safety is your responsibility. Guidebooks can be helpful, but are not a substitute for sound judgement.

Books and Maps

Topographic maps and guidebooks are available from the Zion Natural History Association bookstores in both visitor centers. They may be purchased in advance through the mail. A catalog is available at www.zionpark.org. See page 7 for ordering information.

Emerald Pools Loop Trails

THIS SERIES OF POOLS AND WATERFALLS may be accessed by three different routes. These trails, as well as a short trail to the upper pool, connect and can be combined as a loop. There is always a small waterfall at the lower pool. If it rains, or if snow is melting, there may be larger waterfalls at both the upper and lower pools. The trails may be closed at times during the winter because of ice on the trails or ice falling from above.

Lower Emerald Pool Trail

Easy, .6-mile one-way, 69-foot ascent. Paved trail to the pool, then continues behind the waterfalls that cascade from the middle pools into the lower pool.

Middle Emerald Pools Trail

Moderate, 1-mile one-way, 150-foot ascent. Unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge that parallels the lower trail but at a higher level. Connects to lower pool trail to form a 1.6-mile loop. Do not go near the edge. Deaths have occurred from falling from the middle pools. Ice, snow, loose sand, or pebbles on stone are very slippery.

Upper Emerald Pool Trail

Moderate, .3-mile from Middle Pool Trail one-way, 200-foot ascent. A sandy, rocky trail climbs to the base of the cliff.

Kayenta Trail

Moderate, 1-mile one-way, 150-foot ascent. Unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge, connects The Grotto Picnic Area to the Emerald Pools.

Grotto Trail

Easy, .5-mile one-way, level. Trail connects Zion Lodge to The Grotto Picnic Area. Can be linked with Emerald Pools and Kayenta Trails allowing a 3-mile loop hike.

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Zion National Park

Shuttle Information
April 1 through October 28, 2007, Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle buses only. Park your car and ride the shuttle.

Visitor Information
- Ranger station
- Drinking water
- Restrooms
- Picnic area
- Campground
- Primitive campground
- Trail
- Mileage

Trail Guide
- Kolob Canyons Road
- Kolob Terrace Road
- Zion-Mount Carmel Highway
- Kolob Terrace Road
- Smithsonian Butte Scenic Backway
- Grafton Road
- Bridge Road
- Beyond this point, road not plowed in winter.
- Unpaved roads are impassable when wet.
- Closed in winter.
- Tunnel
- No bikes or pedestrians allowed. Ask about restrictions on large vehicles.
- Vehicles longer than 39 feet (11.9 meters) are not allowed on Lava Point Road. Unpaved roads are impassable when wet.
- Vehicles pulling trailers not recommended.
- Narrow winding road with steep grades.
- Upper section not plowed in winter.
- Lava Point Road
- Kolob Reservoir
- Kolob Arch
- 7890 ft (2405 m)
- To the west of the Virgin Court of the Patriarchs
- Hop Valley Trailhead
- Wildcat Canyon Trailhead
- Northgate Connector Trail
- West Rim Trail
- East Rim Trail
- Peaks Trail
- Stairs Trail
- Bridge of Sighs Trail
- Goat Canyon Overlook Trail
- Kolob Arch Trail
- Kolob Reservoir Trail
- Kolob Terrace Trail
- Kolob Canyons Road
- Bridge Road
- LaVerkin Creek Trail
- La Verkin Creek Trailhead
- East Fork Virgin River
- North Fork Virgin River
- Lower Emerald Pools Trail
- Upper Emerald Pools Trail
- Lower Emerald Pools Trailhead
- Upper Emerald Pools Trailhead
- Lava Point Trailhead
- Kolob Canyons Visitor Center
- Kolob Canyon Overlook
- Kolob Canyons Viewpoint
- Kolob Canyons Visitor Center
- Kolob Canyons Road
- Kolob Terrace Road
- Kolob Reservoir
- Kolob Arch
- 7890 ft (2405 m)
- Zion Canyon Visitor Center
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Trail Guide

Winter Hiking
Hikers should be flexible and turn back if trail conditions are unsafe. Trails can be snow covered and icy. Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially near drop-offs. Always stay back from edges. Watch children closely. Ice, snow, 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.

Trail & Trailhead | Round Trip | Ascent | Description | Map Location
---|---|---|---|---
Par'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 3.5/5.6 1-1/2 hrs. 50/15 | Easy | Paved trail follows Virgin River from South Campground to Canyon Junction. | 1
Weeping Rock Weeping Rock | 0.5/0.8 1/2 hour 98/30 | Short but steep | Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits. May be icy, closures possible. | 2
Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 0.4/0.6 1/2 hour 80/24 | Short but steep | Trail climbs a small hill to the outlines of small prehistoric storage buildings. Trailside exhibits. | 3
Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava | 2.0/3.2 1-1/2 hrs. 57/17 | Easy | Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows Virgin River along bottom of narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. May be closed because of falling ice. | 4
Lower Emerald Pool Zion Lodge | 1.2/1.9 1 hour 69/21 | Easy | Minor drop-offs. Paved trail to lower pool and waterfalls. May be closed because of ice on trail or falling from above. See page 3 for other trail options. | 5
Canyon Overlook East of long tunnel. Closed until Dec. 15 | 1.0/1.6 1 hour 163/50 | Moderate | Long drop-offs. Rocky, uneven trail ends at viewpoint of lower Zion Canyon and Pine Creek Canyon. May be snow covered and icy. | 6
Watchman Zion Canyon Visitor Center | 2.7/4.3 2 hours 368/112 | Moderate | Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of lower Zion Canyon and Oak Creek Canyon. May be muddy. | 7
Hidden Canyon Weeping Rock | 2.0/3.2 3 hours 850/259 | Strenuous | Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Ends at narrow canyon. May be snow covered and icy. | 8
Angels Landing The Grotto | 5.0/8.0 4 hours 1488/453 | Strenuous | Long drop-offs and narrow trail. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Last 0.5 mi (0.8 km) follows steep, narrow ridge; chains have been added. May be snow covered and icy. | 9
Observation Point Weeping Rock | 8.0/12.9 5 hours 2148/655 | Strenuous | Climbs through Echo Canyon. Trail gives access to other East Rim plateau trails: Cable Mountain and Deertrap Mountain. Snow and ice likely. | 10
Sand Bench Zion Lodge | 3.6/5.8 3 hours 500/152 | Moderate | Loop trail passes ancient landslide and Strieked Wall. Good views of lower Zion Canyon and the Three Patriarchs. Good winter hike. Trail used by horses in summer. | 11
Kolob Canyons Timber Creek Overlook Kolob Canyons picnic area | 1.0/1.8 1/2 hour 100/30 | Moderate | Follows ridge top to small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace and Pine Valley Mountains. Commonly snow covered. | 12
Taylor Creek 2 mi. east of Kolob Canyons Visitor Center | 5.0/8.0 4 hours 450/137 | Moderate | No drop-offs. Follows Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove. Commonly snow covered. | 13
Kolob Arch Lee Pass | 14/22.5 8 hours 699/213 | Strenuous | No drop-offs. Follows Timber and LaVerkin Creeks and ends at Kolob Arch. Commonly snow covered. | 14

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2007 Shuttle Season

**Established**
Mukuntuweap National Monument, 1909; expanded in 1919 as Zion National Park. Kolob Canyons section was added in 1937. Current size: 229 square miles (147,000 acres).

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

**Elevation**
Lowest: 3,666 ft (1,128 m), Coalpits Wash in the southwest corner. Highest 8,726 ft (2,660 m), Horse Ranch Mountain in the Kolob Canyons section.

**Precipitation**
Zion Canyon average: 15 inches.

**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.

**Geology**
Sedimentary rock, mostly sandstone. Some limestone, shale, mudstone, and conglomerate. Mostly Triassic through Jurassic (250 million to 150 million years ago). Some recent volcanic activity in the form of cinder cones and lava flows.

**Plant Life**
Richest diversity of plants in Utah—almost 800 native species. Differences in elevation, sunlight, water, and temperature create “microenvironments,” like hanging gardens and forested side canyons.

**Animal Life**
75 species of mammals, 290 birds, 32 reptiles and amphibians, 8 fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, rock squirrels, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the Peregrine Falcon, Mexican Spotted Owl, Southwest Willow Flycatcher, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found nowhere else on earth.

**Human History**
Evidence of Ancestral Puebloans dates from about 2,000 years ago; Southern Paiutes from 800 years ago. Mormon settlers arrived in the 1860s. Visitation in 1920 was 3,692; in 1997, 2.5 million.

**IN WINTER THE ZION CANYON SCENIC DRIVE IS OPEN TO PRIVATE vehicles. From April 1 through October 28, 2007, it is accessible by free shuttle bus only. Private vehicles are not allowed. One loop includes nine stops in Zion Canyon, and a second includes nine stops in the town of Springdale. Shuttles depart each location often throughout the day. You may get on and off the shuttle as many times as you wish. Riding the shuttle on both loops is free. Visitors with reservations at Zion Lodge will receive a red permit in the mail or may pick one up in person at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, allowing them to drive to the lodge in their private vehicle.

**Easy as 1-2-3**
It’s easy to use the shuttle; follow these three steps:

1. **Park**
   Parking at the visitor center is full between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily.

2. **Plan**
   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 and the park bookstore for maps and books to enhance your visit.

3. **Ride**
   Free buses run from dawn to late evening as often as every six minutes. Buses are fully accessible. Pets are not allowed.

To avoid parking hassles, leave your car in the town of Springdale and ride the town shuttle to the park. Enter the park on foot at the Zion Canyon Giant Screen Theater. If staying at the campground, leave your vehicle at your campsite and walk to the visitor center. Tune your radio to 1610 AM for more information.

**Entrance Fees at Work**
About 80% of your entrance fees now stay right here in the park. The Fee Demonstration Program and other recent legislation has enabled Zion to continue to enhance your visit and protect park resources. Entrance fees are being used to operate the shuttle system. This winter the historic Nature Center will be rehabilitated. In addition, user fees made the following projects possible:
- Rehabilitate Weeping Rock and Emerald Pools Trails
- Re-roof Zion Museum
- Replace Oak Creek sewer
- Rehabilitate Watchman Campground
- Build Emergency Operations Center
- New pavement on main park road

Thank you!

The decks on all the footbridges were replaced with boards made from recycled plastic.
Conservation.

Studying a bat caught in a mist net. Bat Biology and resources. These workshops take place investigation of its many natural and cultural participants in the park and stimulate in-shops with expert and engaging instructors sponsors 1, 2, and 3-day outdoor work-jects for over 70 years. The Field Institute on Zion National Park and related sub-Association, publisher and seller of books environment. ZCFI is the educational divi-
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the vast canyons and formations of magnifi-

We are called a Field Institute because our

All classes include hiking which ranges 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 speci-

November
1 Animal Tracks & Signs
2 Thursday Trek
3-4 Zion Geology

December
16 Winter Photography

January
20 Winter in Zion
27 Human Adaptation to the Arid Environment

February
10 Native Plants & Xeriscaping
17 Water in the Desert
24 Organic Gardening

March
31 Spring in Step with a Naturalist

April
6-7 Lytle Preserve
12 Thursday Trek
14 Geology of Zion
21 Earth Day
27-28 Zion Through the Lens

May
11 Kolob Geology
12 Edible Plants
16 Spring Photography
19 Mexican Spotted Owl Biology
24 Thursday Trek

See the course catalog for additional classes.

Service Projects
Participants have the opportunity to get a “backstage” view of Zion, to learn intensively about a single subject, and to be part of a project that benefits Zion National Park.

To Enroll
Visit our website 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 Canyon Field Institute
Outdoor Learning Adventures

Educational Adventures in Zion
Imagine hiking with a wildlife biologist to watch bighorn sheep on the East side of Zion National Park. Capture the photo-
graph of a lifetime when a rainbow appears against the West Temple. Find the tracks of ringtails and wild turkeys in the fine sands of a dry wash. Marvel at a scorpion visible in the dark under the beam of an ultraviolet light. View a bat up close during a mist-net study. Discover and map an unrecorded archaeological site.

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 sub-
jects for over 70 years. The Field Institute sponsors 1, 2, and 3-day outdoor work-
shops with expert and engaging instructors and challenging itineraries that immerse participants in the park and stimulate in-
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**Tunnel Information & Large Vehicle Restrictions**

**Tunnel Limitations**

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.

**Vehicle Size**

Vehicles sized 7’10” in width or 11’4” in height, and/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, dual-wheel pickups, 5th wheels, campers, and boats will require an escort.

**Arranging An Escort**

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

During the winter season, escorts must be arranged at the entrance stations, Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, Zion Lodge, or by phoning 435 772-3256. From November through mid-March, escorts may be scheduled between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. daily.

You will not be following an escort vehicle through the tunnel. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic, and when the tunnel is clear, you will drive down the middle of the road. We apologize for the delays that many visitors will encounter because of this safety precaution.

**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.

Large Vehicle Parking

**Weeping Rock**

Vehicles longer than 19 feet may not park at Weeping Rock at any time.

**Temple of Sinawava**

Vehicles longer than 19 feet may park in the designated parallel spaces and in front of the shade structure.

Large Vehicle Parking

The Weeping Rock parking area has a small turnaround space. The Temple of Sinawava can have heavy traffic congestion on busy weekends and holidays throughout the winter. Buses with a capacity of 16 or more passengers may park at Checkerboard Mesa but may not park between Checkerboard Mesa and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel.

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