STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: N.P.S. built scenic trail and hiking footpath of architectural and historic significance.

Date of Construction: 1/1/1933 Date of Alterations: 6/6/1968

Architect/Designer: Harry Langley Historical Theme(s): Transportation

History of Structure: C.C.C. enrollees of Camp N.P.2, Zion National Park, began construction of a 2450' trail from the east portal of the Zion-Mt Carmel Highway Tunnel to an observation point over the Great Arch in the summer of 1933. Camp N.P.2 Superintendent, F.R. Rozelle, supervised the work which was approved by Zion N.P. Superintendent, P.P. Patraw. Foot trail completed in November 1933 with the exception of guard railing at a few hazardous points which needed to be approved by Landscape Archit.

Evaluation of Structure: Historic Theme Contributing X Non-Contributing __

National Register Criteria: A_ B_ C_X D_ (Include integrity statement)

Built with native materials, associated with "NPS-Rustic" architectural style and constructed by C.C.C. personnel, the Canyon Overlook Trail possesses structural integrity. All stone work and even pipe railings scrutinized by Field H.Q. representative.


Representation in Other Surveys: No.

If structure has been removed, how? Date: __/__/____

Report prepared by: James Jurale Date: 09/12/1984
The Canyon Overlook Trail is 0.5 miles long and begins across the highway from the parking area at the east end of the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Starting quite steeply by means of chiseled sandstone steps, the trail is constructed on a moderate grade after the initial 200' and follows the rock ledges above Pine Creek Canyon to a point directly above the Great Arch of Zion. This is one of Zion Park's most popular self-guiding nature walks. The environment along the trail is entirely different from that of the Canyon floor and the hiker has the opportunity to view a great variety of spectacular sandstone formations, animals and plant life.

The foot trail was completed by C.C.C. personnel of Camp N.P.2 in November 1933, with the exception of guard rails which needed to be approved by the Landscape Architect. Construction work was supervised by N.P.2 Camp Superintendent, F.R. Rozelle and approved by Zion N.P. Superintendent, P.P. Patraw. Originally called the Great Arch Trail, it was, and continues to be one of the most popular footpaths in the Park.

Man-made improvements along the trail include: rock hewn steps and observation platform, dry laid sandstone block retaining walls, steel strut and wood plank foot bridge, and metal pipe rails with brackets. The adjacent parking area built in 1968 to, "provide necessary parking space for visitor use for enjoyment of the geological features, ecological study, photo stops and improved roadway safety," cost $15,676 to construct.

***PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION***

(DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTING EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC.)

SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:
LCS No. RT 3
Photo No. R20 N11
Subject Canyon Overlook Trail
Canyon Overlook H.P.
Descrip. of View Zion NP
Location of Subject Zion NP
Location of Negative RM20 - Denver
By James Susullo Date 8/84