

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME IN ZION

IF YOU HAVE 2-3 HOURS:

- VISIT: Visitor Center and Museum and view the 12-minute introductory slide program. Ask for a list of interpretive activities. Most trails listed below are also given as conducted walks by park naturalists. Check the schedule.
- DRIVE: Zion Canyon Scenic Drive - 20km/13mi. round trip.
- WALK: Weeping Rock self-guiding nature trail - easy walk to a spring.

IF YOU HAVE HALF A DAY:

- VISIT: All of the above, plus:
- WALK: Gateway to the Narrows Trail - easy walk along the river
OR: Emerald Pools Trail - moderate walk to a waterfall
- DRIVE: East Entrance Road to Checkerboard Mesa viewpoint - 18km/11mi. one way from Visitor Center.

IF YOU HAVE A FULL DAY IN ZION and WISH TO WALK:

- DRIVE: Zion Canyon Scenic Drive - 20km/13 mi. round trip
- WALK: Emerald Pools Trail - moderate trip to a waterfall
Weeping Rock Trail - easy, self-guiding trail
Gateway to the Narrows Trail - easy stroll along the Virgin River
Watchman Trail - good views of lower Zion Canyon
Canyon Overlook Trail - self-guiding trail

ALTERNATIVE: HALF DAY HIKES - allow 4 to 5 hours each

- HIKE: Angels Landing - strenuous, good views of Zion Canyon
Hidden Canyon - moderately strenuous, side trip from Tropic
Orderville Canyon - moderate, walking through water. Check daily weather conditions and obtain Narrows permit.

IF YOU HAVE A FULL DAY IN ZION and WISH TO DRIVE:

- DRIVE: Zion Canyon Scenic Drive - 20km/13mi. round trip
East Entrance Road - 18km/11mi. from Visitor Center to Checkerboard Mesa
Kolob Reservoir Road to Lava Point lookout - 61km/38mi. one way from Visitor Center to a viewpoint at 2,405m/7,890 ft.

ALTERNATIVE: Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
East Entrance Road
Kolob Canyons Section (NW corner of Zion) - 72km/45mi. one way from Visitor Center. Ask for Kolob Road Tour Guide.

IF YOU HAVE A FEW DAYS and PLAN TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN ZION:

Guided Walks and Talks: at various times and locations
Evening Programs: nightly at the campground amphitheaters and Zion Lodge
Check the schedule of interpretive activities.

BACKPACKERS: Check at the information desk for permits and detailed information.

THE WATCHMAN TRAIL AND VICINITY

The start of the Watchman Trail is easy to find---it begins at the South Campground Amphitheater.

The Trail is within a short distance of the Visitor Center. It is 1.3 miles (2.1 km) long, the average roundtrip time is two hours. The Trail climbs 368 feet (112 meters) up the canyon to an excellent view of the town of Springdale and the lower Zion Canyon.

