

Zion National Park

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Park Information

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Emergencies

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Parking and Driving



The Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles while the shuttle is running. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, Kolob Canyons Road, and Kolob Terrace Road are open to vehicles year-round while road conditions permit.



Important information for parking in Zion:

- Park in designated lots only.
- To avoid crowds, arrive before 9:00 a.m. Parking lots are usually full from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; park in the town of Springdale and take the free shuttle into the park.
- Pull-outs along State Route 9 should not be used as shuttle access parking.
- Consider parking in Springdale to avoid delays at the entrance station. If you park in Springdale you can catch the free town shuttle to the pedestrian entrance at Zion.
- Do not park on vegetation or in roadways blocking traffic.
- Do not walk on roadways, road shoulders, or social trails.
- Pedestrians must use established walkways.

For Your Safety



- Bring and drink plenty of water. Zion is a desert.
- Water bottle refilling stations are shown on the map.
- Stay on designated trails. Zion's sandstone erodes easily from foot traffic. Desert soils and plants recover slowly (or not at all).

Take responsibility for your own safety. Listen to your body and recognize its limitations. Do not take undue risks such as jumping off rocks or climbing unaided. Remember, your safety is your responsibility!

- Do not feed or approach wildlife; it is dangerous and illegal.
- Human food is bad for animals, and can make them aggressive (even the squirrels and chipmunks). Wild animals can carry harmful diseases; keep a safe distance.

Leave No Trace

- Practice "Leave No Trace" principles to protect Zion for future generations. Report graffiti and littering.
- Place trash in designated receptacles only.



"Go Before You Go." Use the restrooms at the trailheads. You must remove your human waste from the Narrows. Disposable bags are available at local shops and the park bookstore.

- Dogs on leashes and bicycles are allowed on the Pa'rus Trail. All other trails are closed to pets and bikes.

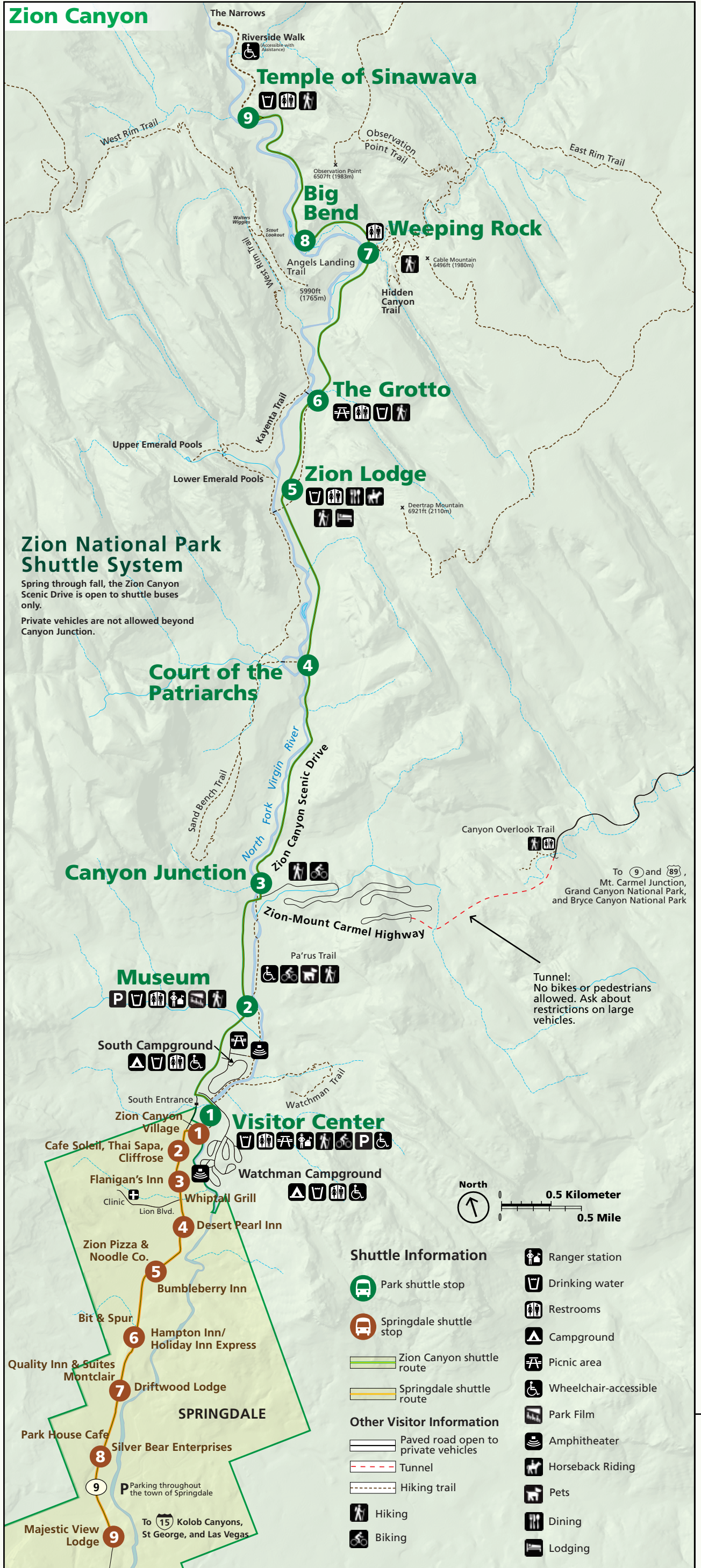
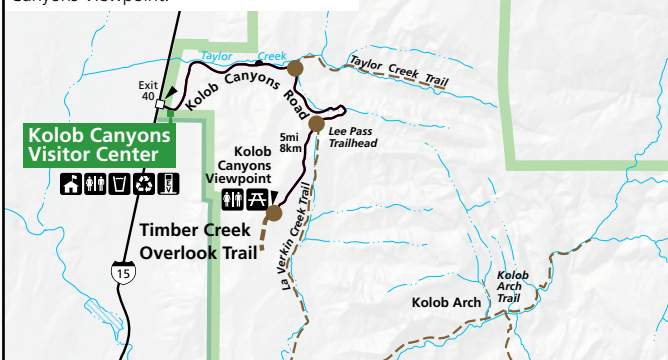
Trail Etiquette



- Be considerate of other visitors.
- Hike quietly and enjoy the sounds of nature.
- Hike in a single file line to let other hikers pass
- Ascending hikers have the right of way.

Kolob Canyons

Located in the northwest corner of the park off of Interstate 15 via exit 40, the five-mile scenic drive climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.



Zion Canyon

Temple of Sinawava

Big Bend

Weeping Rock

The Grotto

Zion Lodge

Zion National Park Shuttle System

Spring through fall, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle buses only.

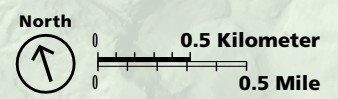
Private vehicles are not allowed beyond Canyon Junction.

Court of the Patriarchs

Canyon Junction

Museum

Visitor Center



Shuttle Information

Park shuttle stop

Springdale shuttle stop

Zion Canyon shuttle route

Springdale shuttle route

Other Visitor Information

Paved road open to private vehicles

Tunnel

Hiking trail

Hiking

Biking

Ranger station

Drinking water

Restrooms

Campground

Picnic area

Wheelchair-accessible

Park Film

Amphitheater

Horseback Riding

Pets

Dining

Lodging

Hiking Guide

Shuttle Stop	Hike Location	Round trip Average time	Elevation Change	Description
Easy				
1	Pa'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 3.5 mi/ 5.6 km	50 ft/ 15 m	Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South campground to Canyon Junction. Wheelchairs may need assistance.
1	Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	0.5 hour 0.4 mi/ 0.6 km	80 ft/ 24 m	Short, but steep. Starts across from the entrance to the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailside exhibits.
5	Lower Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.2 mi/ 1.9 km	69 / 21 ft / m	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. Connects to the Kayenta and Upper Emerald Pool Trails.
6	The Grotto Trail Zion Lodge The Grotto	0.5 hour 1 mi/ 1.6 km	35 ft / 11 m	The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Lower Emerald Pool and Kayenta Trails to create a 2.5 mile loop.
7	Weeping Rock Trail Weeping Rock	0.5 hour 0.4 mi/ 0.6 km	98 ft/ 30 m	Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits. Sections may be icy or closed in winter.
9	Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	1.5 hours 2.2 mi/ 3.5 km	57 ft / 17 m	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. May be icy. Wheelchairs may need assistance.
Moderate				
1	Watchman Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 3.3 mi/ 4.3 km	368 ft/ 112 m	Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale. May be muddy and icy.
5	Sand Bench Trail Zion Lodge	5 hours 7.6 mi/ 12.2 km	466 ft/ 142 m	Commercial horse trail from March to October. Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. May be icy. Access only from Court of the Patriarchs.
5	Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1 mi / 1.6 km	200 ft/ 61 m	Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff. May be icy. Access only from the Kayenta Trail.
6	Kayenta Trail The Grotto	1.5 hours 2 mi/ 3.2 km	150 ft/ 46 m	Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Emerald Pools. Connects The Grotto to the Emerald Pools Trails. May be icy.
East Side Tunnel	Canyon Overlook Trail Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy	1 hour 1 mi/ 1.6 km	163 ft/ 50 m	Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. May be snow covered and icy.
Kolob Canyons	Taylor Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	3.5 hours 5.0 mi/ 8.0 km	450 ft/ 137 m	Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove. Often snow covered.
Kolob Canyons	Timber Creek Overlook Trail Kolob Canyons Road	0.5 hour 1 mi/ 1.6 km	100 ft/ 30 m	Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains. Often snow covered.

Strenuous				
6	Angels Landing via West Rim Trail The Grotto	4 hours 5.4 mi / 8.7 km	1488 ft/ 453 m	Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Last section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. Often snow covered and icy.
7	Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock	2.5 hours 2.4 mi/ 3.9 km	850 ft/ 259 m	Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon. May be snow covered and icy.
7	Observation Point via East Rim Trail Weeping Rock	6 hours 8 mi/ 12.9 km	2148 ft/ 655 m	Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap Mountain, and East Mesa Trails. Often snow covered.
9	The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	8 hours 9.4 mi/ 15.1 km	334 ft/ 102 m	Check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. Top down hike is not advised in winter. Dry suits are needed for day hike in winter. High water levels can prevent access.
Kolob Canyons	Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	Up to 8 hours 14 mi/ 22.5 km	1037 ft/ 316 m	Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. Often snow covered.

Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Avoid cliff edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below.

Shuttle Schedule

Shuttles will also operate on weekends in November, with additional service on Thanksgiving Day and Friday.

	Fall	Mid Fall	November	Spring
Zion Canyon Shuttle	10/2 to 10/29	10/30 to 11/12, 11/18, 11/19	11/23 - 11/25	
First Bus				
from Zion Canyon Visitor Center	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Last Bus				
from Zion Canyon Visitor Center	6:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	7:30 p.m.
from Temple of Sinawava	7:15 p.m.	6:44 p.m.	6:44 p.m.	8:15 p.m.
from Zion Lodge	7:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Springdale Shuttle				
First Bus				
from Majestic View Lodge	8:10 a.m.	Not in service	9:15 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
from Zion Canyon Village	8:30 a.m.		9:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Last Bus to Zion Canyon Shuttle				
from Majestic View Lodge	6:05 p.m.	Not in service	5:35 p.m.	7:05 p.m.
Last Bus				
from Zion Canyon Village	8:00 p.m.	Not in service	7:30 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

EXPERIENCE YOUR AMERICA™

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 less common. Vehicles 11'4" tall or taller, or 7'10" wide or wider, require one-lane traffic control through the tunnel. Large vehicles cannot travel in a single lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.

Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:

- Sept. 3 to Sept. 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 1 to Nov. 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Nov. 5 to March 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



PROHIBITED VEHICLES
Vehicles not permitted in the tunnel include the following:

- Vehicles over 13'1" tall
- Semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lb
- Combined vehicles or buses over 50 ft

Bicycles and pedestrians are also not permitted in the tunnel and must obtain a ride.

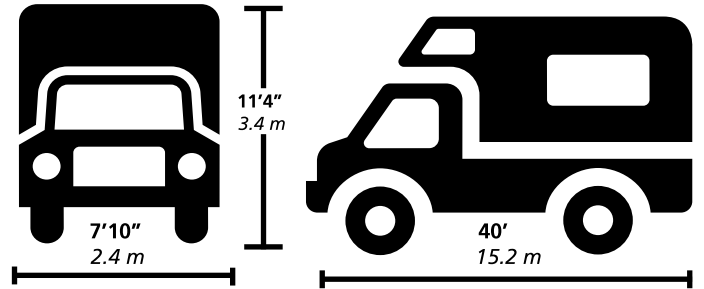
Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide or arrange for transport through the tunnel.



TUNNEL TRAFFIC CONTROL

Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel 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 valid for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period. Rangers will stop oncoming traffic so that you may drive down the center of the road in the tunnel. We apologize for any delays associated with this safety precaution.

Vehicles 11'4" (3.4 m) tall or higher and 7'10" (2.4 m) wide or more, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, will require traffic control in the tunnel. Single-axle vehicles may not exceed 40' in length.



Flash Floods Can Kill



• Zion experiences monsoons from mid-July into September that results in an increased risk of flash floods. Always be aware of the threat of thunderstorms and lightning and 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.



• If bad weather threatens, do not enter a narrow canyon. Whether hiking, climbing, or canyoneering, your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and instant attention to your surroundings.
• Before starting your trip, pay close attention to the weather forecast and the Flash Flood Potential Rating for the park (please see below).

Signs of Flash Flooding

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

Today, flash flooding is...

Not Expected	Possible	Probable	Expected
Your safety is your responsibility.	Some slot canyons may experience flash flooding.	Some slot canyons are expected to experience flash flooding.	Many slot canyons are expected to experience flash flooding.

Hours of Operation

	Early Fall	Late Fall	Winter
Zion Canyon Visitor Center	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. <i>Closed Christmas Day</i>
Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <i>Closed Christmas Day</i>
Zion Human History Museum	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Closed
Kolob Canyons Visitor Center	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <i>Closed Christmas Day</i>
Zion Nature Center	Closed	Closed	Closed

Utah is in the Mountain Time Zone. California and Nevada are in the Pacific Time Zone, one hour earlier than Utah. Arizona is in the Mountain Time Zone, but does not observe daylight-saving time.

Ranger-led Programs



Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of Zion National Park by participating in a free ranger-led program. Programs are offered depending on ranger staffing and availability.

- Check park information centers and bulletin board for times, places, subjects, and information about youth-oriented programming.
- Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more.
- Junior Ranger Handbook: Visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger handbook. The handbook is available for free at information centers within the park.
- Distance Learning: If you would like to share the wonders of Zion with your classroom, consider signing up for a curriculum-based interactive Distance Learning program. <https://www.nps.gov/zion/learn/education/distance-learning.htm>.



The Zion Forever Project makes it possible for you to experience and enjoy the park in a more meaningful way and address that stronger sense of stewardship and responsibility that falls on all of us to protect and sustain the park for future generations. Whether you simply round up your change at the sales counter, or make a large contribution to a specific park project listed in our Field Guide to Park Project Priorities, you will make a difference now and forever.