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Summer 2018 Map and Guide

Plan Your Visit

P Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit. It is important to plan carefully for your stay. 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.

Hours of Operation

	May 3 to May 25	May 26 to September 3	September 4 to October 8
Zion Canyon Visitor Center	8:00 am to 6:00 p.m.	8:00 am to 7:00 p.m.	8:00 am to 6:00 p.m.
Park Store	8:00 am to 7:00 p.m.	8:00 am to 8:00 p.m.	8:00 am to 7:00 p.m.
Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk	7:00 am to 6:00 p.m.	7:00 am to 7:00 p.m.	7:00 am to 6:00 p.m.
Zion Human History Museum	9:00 am to 5:00 p.m.	9:00 am to 6:00 p.m.	9:00 am to 6:00 p.m.
Zion Nature Center	Closed	2:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Closed
Kolob Canyons Visitor Center	Closed until October	Closed until October	Closed until October

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.



PARKING

Important information for parking in Zion:

- Park in designated lots.
- Parking lots are usually full

from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Pull-outs along State Route 9 should not be used as shuttle access parking.
- Pedestrians must use established walkways.
- Do not walk on roadways, road shoulders,

or social trails. Consider parking in Springdale to avoid delays at the entrance station. If you park in Springdale you can catch the town shuttle to the pedestrian entrance at Zion.

AUTOMOBILES

Only the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. The Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway and Kolob Terrace Road are open to vehicles.



ZION CANYON SHUTTLE

During much of the year, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is only accessible by shuttle bus. See the shuttle schedule for times and dates of this free service. The buses are wheelchair accessible and have room for backpacks, climbing gear, and up to three bicycles. While in Zion Canyon you may get on and off the shuttle as often as you like. Only service dogs are permitted on the shuttles.

SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE

In coordination with the Zion Canyon Shuttle, the Springdale Shuttle will pick up and drop off passengers in the town of Springdale. To avoid parking hassles, park in Springdale and ride the free shuttle to the pedestrian entrance of the park, the closest stop to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Enjoy our carefree shuttle service that allows you to concentrate on your visit.

Shuttle Schedule

Zion Canyon Shuttle	Summer 5/12 to 9/24	Fall 9/25 to 10/29	Late Fall 10/30 to 11/13
First Bus from Zion Canyon Visitor Center	6:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am
Last Bus To Catch Springdale Shuttle from Temple of Sinawava from Zion Lodge	9:15 pm 9:30 pm	7:30 pm 7:45 pm	Not in service
Last Bus from Zion Canyon Visitor Center from Temple of Sinawava	8:30 pm 9:15 pm	6:45 pm 7:30 pm	6:00 pm 6:44 pm
Springdale Shuttle			
First Bus from Majestic View Lodge from Pedestrian Entrance	7:10 am 8:30 am	8:10 am 8:30 am	Not in service
Last Bus to catch Zion Canyon Shuttle from Majestic View Lodge	8:05 pm	6:15 pm	Not in service
Last Bus from Pedestrian Entrance from Majestic View Lodge	10:00 pm 10:15 pm	7:30 pm 7:45 pm	Not in service

Shuttles will also operate on weekends in November, with additional service on Thanksgiving Day and Friday. The Shuttle Schedule is subject to change. Please check at the shuttle stops for current information.



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

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Jeff Bradybaugh

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Springdale, UT 84767

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Wilderness Information

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Emergencies

911 or 435 772-3322

Services



ACCESSIBILITY

Most park facilities are accessible. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible. Mobility devices must be smaller than 30" x

46" and have a combined weight of less than 600 lbs. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

Campsites are available for people with disabilities. The Pa'rus Trail and the Riverside Walk are accessible trails with assistance. The Zion Lodge has several accessible hotel rooms and one accessible cabin with a roll-in shower. The Zion Lodge also has a wheelchair available for loan. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center for the visitor center area.

The orientation film offers captioning, and the front country trails video has an audio description. Many ranger-led programs are accessible. Assisted listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs. Please visit the Zion Human History Museum for information about borrowing assistive listening devices.



LODGING

In the park, the Zion Lodge has rooms, suites, and cabins. To make reservations, please call 888-297-2757 or 435-772-7700, or visit zionlodge.com. There are other lodging options in the surrounding communities.



RESTAURANTS

In the park, the Zion Lodge dining room and café serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dinner reservations are required; please call 435-772-7760. There are many restaurants in the surrounding communities.



GROCERIES

There are grocery and convenience stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.



PETS

Leashed pets may be walked on the Pa'rus Trail. Pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles, in public buildings, or in the wilderness. Pets must be under physical control on a leash less than six feet long at all times. The interior temperature of a vehicle can quickly warm to

dangerous levels. Avoid leaving animals in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, and St. George.



SHOWERS

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.



LAUNDRY

There are laundry facilities located in Springdale, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.



MONEY

There is an ATM at the Zion Lodge. Banks and ATMs are located in most surrounding communities.



TRAM

Zion Lodge offers narrated tram rides to the Temple of Sinawava. Available Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30pm. Inquire at the front desk. Seats available first come, first served. For more information, please call 435-772-7700.

Wildlife



Zion National Park is home to 69 species of mammals, 208 birds, 29 reptiles, six 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 National Park.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

Mountain lions are present in the park. Attacks are unlikely and have never been reported in the park. Please watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind. More information is posted at trailheads. Please report any sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Desert bighorn sheep are often seen on the east side of the park. Although they naturally shy away from people, some of these animals have grown accustomed to visitors in the park. Please do not approach or feed bighorn sheep.

RESPECT WILDLIFE

Please keep all animals wild and healthy by viewing them from a safe distance. Do not feed or touch wildlife. Store food and trash responsibly.

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 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. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. 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:

- deterioration in weather conditions
- build up of clouds or 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 over twelve feet high.



"The squirrel bit me in less than a second." Wild animals can hurt you. Do not feed them.

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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 because there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail
- Stay back from cliff edges
- Observe posted warnings
- Please watch 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 most shuttle stops. Do not drink untreated water.



DRIVING

Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise

posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants of a vehicle. Please park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.



HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is responsible for the greatest

number of deaths among people engaging in outdoor activities. 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 as 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, and 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



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EXPLORE 5 MORE

Venture Out & Explore Five More™
Don't miss our hidden gems! Within a short drive of Zion National Park (and each of our beloved national parks) are five more incredible outdoor places to explore. Make them part of your journey...

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CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK (50 minutes)

RED CLIFFS RECREATION AREA (50 minutes)

PIPE SPRING NATL MONUMENT (1 hour)

SNOW CANYON STATE PARK (1 hour)

GRAND CANYON PARASHANT NATL MONUMENT (1.5 hours)

ZION NATIONAL PARK

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Red Cliffs Recreational Area



Pipe Spring National Monument



Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park

shelter the individual from breezes. A pre-warmed sleeping bag will also prevent additional heat loss.



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. Seek medical help if heat exhaustion symptoms persist for more than two hours.

HEAT STROKE

Heat stroke is an advanced stage of heat exhaustion. 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.



FIREARMS

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, which are posted with signs. The discharge of firearms and hunting within the park are prohibited. Utah state law allows open carry on shuttle buses. Concealed carry is allowed for only those individuals with a concealed carry permit.



REMOTE-CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT

Use of remote-controlled equipment, including but not limited to helicopters, drones, and electronic toys, is prohibited in Zion National Park.



Court of the Patriarchs

Recreation



CAMPING

Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations, and recycling. All

sites are half price for holders of Inter-agency 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 only allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting any type of wood in the park is prohibited.



BICYCLING

Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa'rus Trail. Bicyclists must ride single file and stop to let shuttle buses pass. Do not pass a moving shuttle bus. Each shuttle bus has a rack for at least two bicycles. All other park trails, off-trail routes, and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel are closed to bicycles. Bicyclists attempting to travel through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel must obtain a ride through the tunnel. Hitchhiking is permitted. Rangers are not allowed to provide, or arrange for, transport through the tunnel.



CLIMBING

The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are famous for big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in the park 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 Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Some areas and routes are closed each year to climbing from early March through August to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed to climbing include The Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at visitor centers or visit www.nps.gov/zion for current closure information.

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Campgrounds

	Sites	Fees	Reservations
Watchman Campground	178	\$20 per night \$30 per night for electric hookups	www.recreation.gov
Group Campsites organized groups of 15 to 40 people	6	15 person group site \$50 25 person group site \$90 40 person group site \$130 No Discounts on group sites	877-444-6777 Up to six months in advance
South Campground	121	\$20 per night	www.recreation.gov
Group Campsites	4	\$50 for a group of 7-15 No Discounts on group sites	877-444-6777 Up to 14 days in advance
Lava Point Campground no water; pit toilets	6	No fee	First-come, first-served

Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. South Campground is closed from December 1 through February 28. Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served from December 1 through February 24. The number of available campsites may vary throughout the year.



HORSEBACK RIDING

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



WATERCRAFT

All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a wilderness permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 150 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. Some 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. Daily forecasts are posted in park visitor centers. Many canyons require ropes, hardware, and advanced technical skills for rappelling and ascending.



BACKPACKING

Permits are required for wilderness camping. There is a fee. Permit information is available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. Please read the Wilderness Guide for more information.



WILDERNESS PERMITS

Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of The Narrows and its tributaries, Left Fork (The Subway), 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.

Wilderness permit fees are based on the size of your group:

- \$15 for 1-2 people
- \$20 for 3-7 people
- \$25 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.



THE NARROWS

The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in the upper reaches of Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2,000-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 percent 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 may be cold and deep, 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

To experience The Narrows, start at the Temple of Sinawava and hike one mile to the end of the Riverside Walk and wade into the river. In less than a mile, you will be hiking in one of the narrowest sections of the canyon. There is not a formal destination, and you will return the same way you came. Some hikers try to reach Orderville Canyon, a tributary roughly two hours upstream from the end of the trail. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or beyond Big Spring is prohibited. No permit is required for this day hike.

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 Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness 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 Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

THE NARROWS CHECKLIST

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

Zion National Park Map

ATTENTION

KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTER, and all associated roads, and access to trailheads are closed from May 1, 2018 - Late Fall due to road construction. There is no way to be picked up or shuttled from Kolob Canyons back to your vehicle. Make sure you plan ahead!



KOLOB CANYONS ROAD - CLOSED

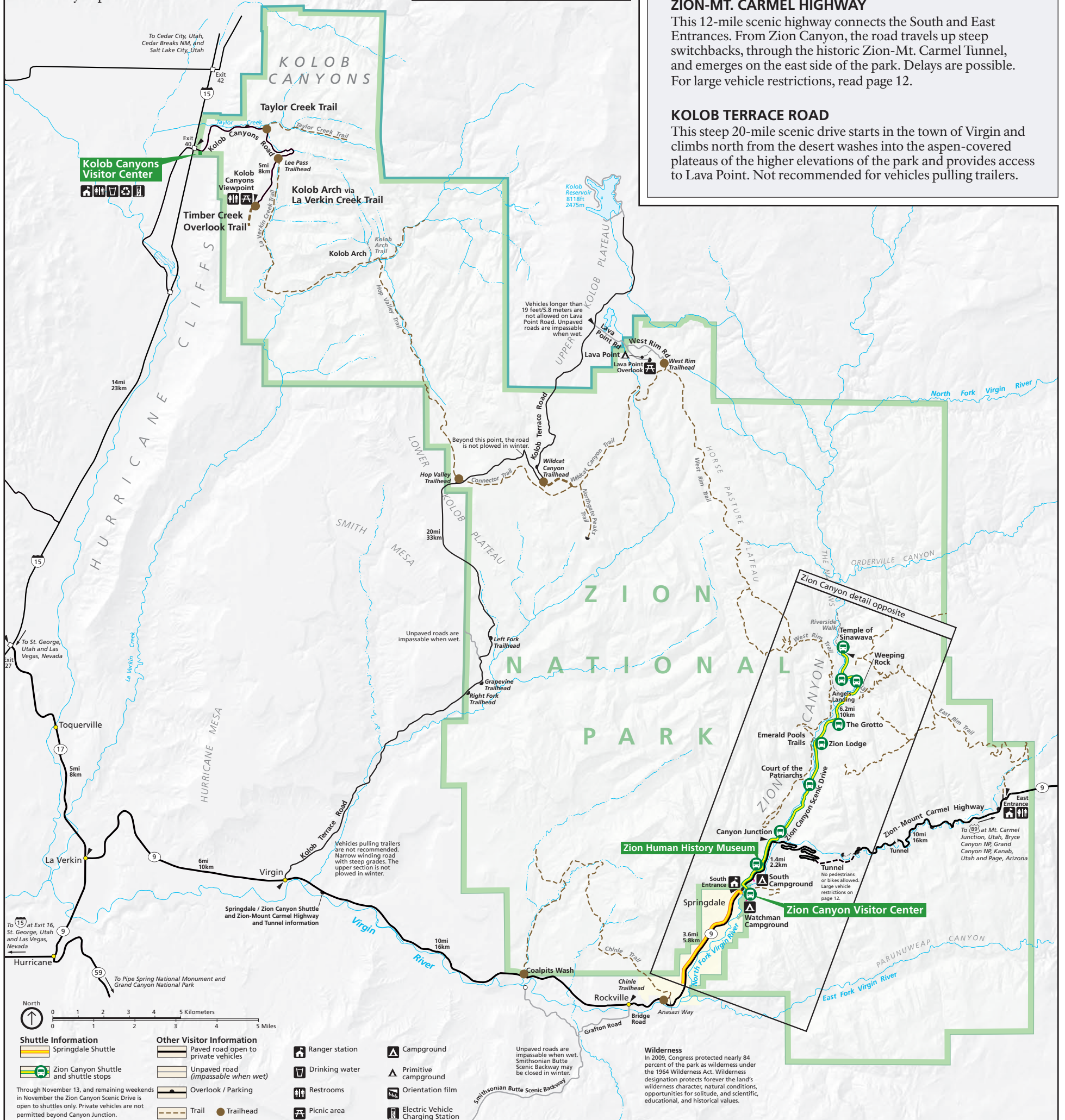
Located in the northwest corner of the park off of Interstate 15, this five-mile scenic drive climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.

ZION-MT. CARMEL HIGHWAY

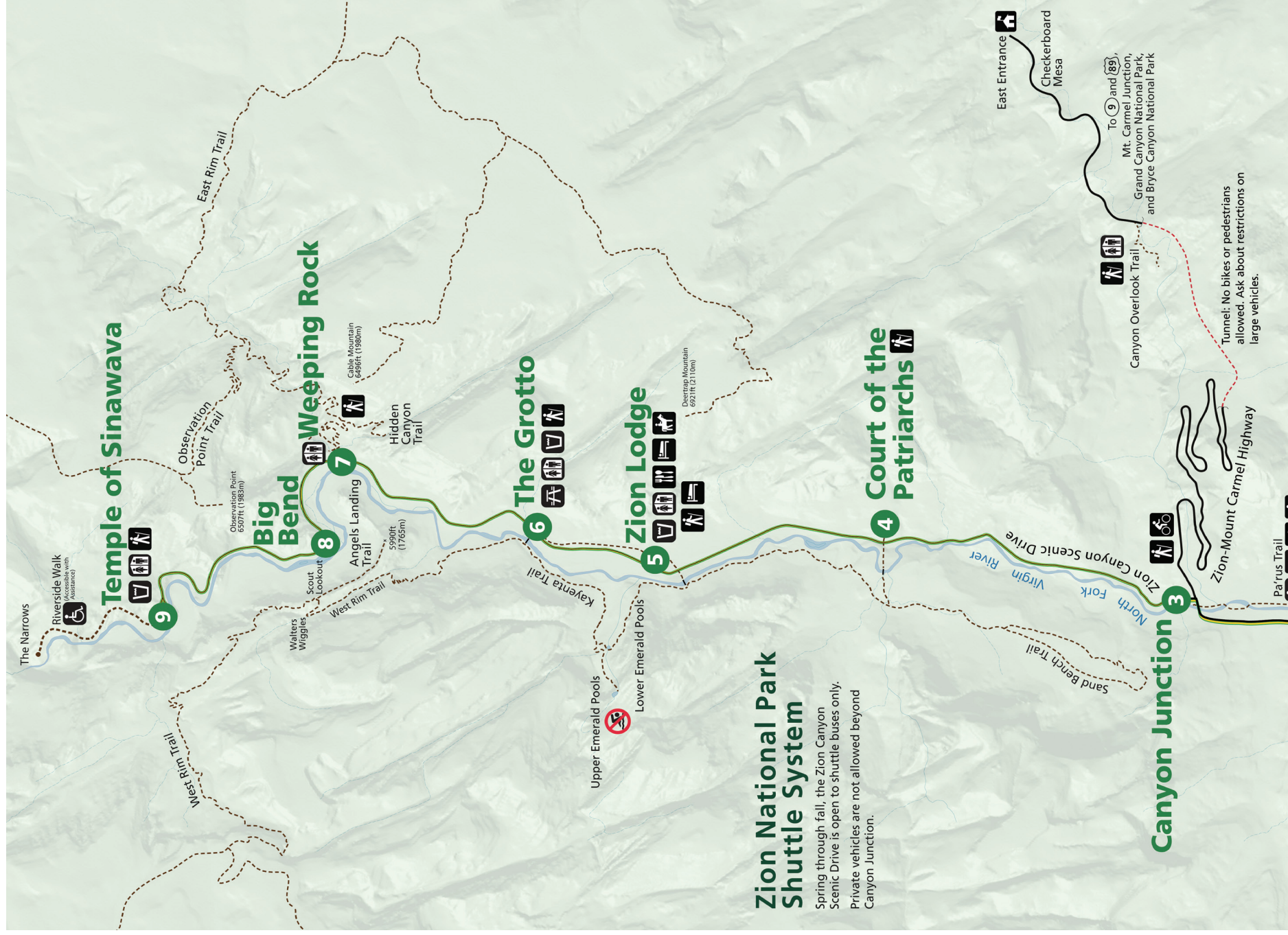
This 12-mile scenic highway connects the South and East Entrances. From Zion Canyon, the road travels up steep switchbacks, through the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel, and emerges on the east side of the park. Delays are possible. For large vehicle restrictions, read page 12.

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. Not recommended for vehicles pulling trailers.



Zion Canyon Shuttle Map



Plan Your Hike

ZION IN THREE HOURS OR LESS

Riding the shuttle is the easiest way to see some of the park's most beautiful sights in a limited time. A roundtrip ride on the shuttle takes about 80 minutes, and the average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. Some of the most scenic shuttle stops are the Court of the Patriarchs, the Zion Lodge, and Big Bend. If you are interested in hiking, choose one of the easy hikes. Some easy hikes include Weeping Rock, the Lower Emerald Pool Trail, and the Riverside Walk.

ZION IN MORE THAN THREE HOURS

In addition to riding the shuttle, visit the Zion Human History Museum and watch the park orientation film or attend a ranger-led program. If you are interested in hiking, choose trails based on your ability level from the Hiking Guide. Some moderate hikes include the Emerald Pools Trails and The Watchman Trail. Some strenuous hikes include Observation Point, The Narrows, and Angels Landing. Zion Canyon is only one small part of Zion National Park. Take a scenic drive to the other areas of the park listed below, or explore the Zion Wilderness. Pick up a copy of the Wilderness Guide at park visitor centers to explore the possibilities.

Hiking Guide

Shuttle Stop	Hike Location	Round Trip	Elevation Change	Trail Description
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Easy Hike

- 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 Camground 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 ft (21 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
1.0 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.
- 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. Wheelchairs may need assistance.

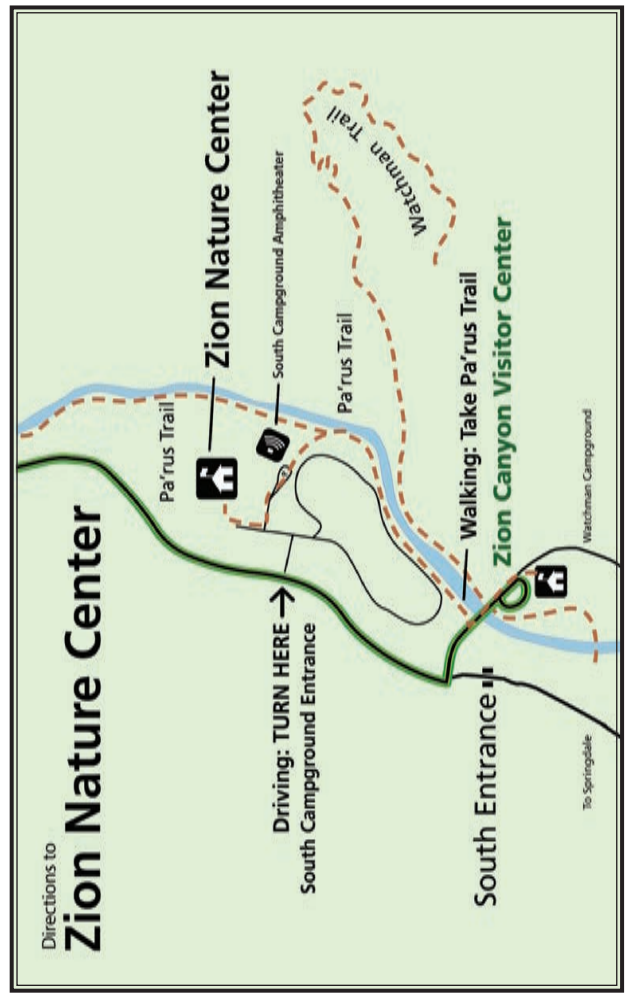
Moderate Hike

- 1** **Watchman Trail**
Zion Canyon Visitor Center
2 hours
3.3 mi (5.3 km)
368 ft (112 m)
Moderate drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.
- 5** **Sand Bench Trail**
Zion Lodge
5 hours
7.6 mi (12.2 km)
466 ft (143 m)
Commercial horse trail from March to October. Hike atop a massive sandstone mesa.

5	Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.0 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.
6	Kayenta Trail The Grotto	1.5 hours 2.0 mi (3.2 km)	150 ft (46 m)	Moderate drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Emerald Pools. Connects The Grotto to the Emerald Pools Trails.
	East Side Tunnel Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy	1 hour 1.0 mi (1.6 km)	163 ft (50 m)	Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and even trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. Parking lot is right-turn only.

Strenuous Hike				
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.
7	Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock	2.4 hours 2.5 mi (4.0 km)	850 ft (259 m)	Long drop-offs. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon.
7	Observation Point via East Rim Trail Weeping Rock	6 hours 8.0 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.
9	The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	up to 8 hours 14.0 mi (22.5 km)	334 ft (102 m)	Read page 5 and check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. High water levels can prevent access to The Narrows.

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.



Points of Interest

ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM
Explore the human history of Zion Canyon Indoor exhibits, orientation film, rotating art exhibit, restrooms, bookstore, and water bottle filling station. Ranger-led programs. Views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain. Access to the Pa'rus Trail.

WEEPING ROCK
Dripping springs create hanging gardens Restrooms. Ranger-led programs. Views of Angels Landing and Big Bend. Access to the Weeping Rock Trail, East Rim Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail.

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

THE GROTTO
Shaded picnic area among cottonwood trees Restrooms, picnic area, and water. Views of the Virgin River and Angels Landing. Access to The Grotto Trail, Kayenta Trail, and West Rim Trail.

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

ZION LODGE
Historic lodge nestled in Zion Canyon Lodging, restaurants, bookstore, restrooms, and water bottle filling station. Trail rides. Ranger-led programs. Views of Lady Mountain, Heaps Canyon, and the Virgin River. Access to the Emerald Pools Trails, The Grotto Trail, and Sand Bench Trail.

TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA
The gateway to The Narrows There are restrooms and water bottle filling station at this stop. Ranger-led programs. Access to the Riverside Walk, Virgin River, and The Narrows.

BIG BEND
Sweeping bend in the Virgin River with towering cliffs above Ranger-led programs. Views of the Virgin River, Angels Landing, and The Great White Throne.

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

2018 Daily Ranger-led Programs



Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of Zion National Park by taking part in a ranger-led program. Programs are offered in Zion Canyon from April to November. Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more. All ranger-led programs are free. Check bulletin boards for evening program topics and special programs.

Ranger Programs Attend • Learn • Share



8:00 am WALKING THE WATCHMAN

2.5 hours
(Meet at Zion Canyon Visitor Center entrance)

Explore a diverse and beautiful landscape teeming with life as you hike with a ranger on the Watchman Trail. Ascend this moderate 368 ft (112 m) trail while earning a great view of Zion Canyon. Bring water, snacks, sun screen, and appropriate clothing. Roundtrip distance is 3.3 mi (5.3 km).



9:00 am RIDE WITH A RANGER

2 hours
(Reservation required)

Enjoy a unique 2-hour experience on this ranger-led shuttle bus tour of Zion National Park. You will have an intimate look into Zion Canyon through several special stops. This program is popular, and seats fill up fast. Make free reservations, in person, up to 3 days in advance at Zion Canyon Visitor Center.



11:00 am PATIO TALK: SUBJECTS VARY

20-25 min
(Human History Museum back patio)

Explore the fascinating world of Zion's wildlife and learn their survival secrets or discover the stories of the people who lived in and helped shape Zion.



2:00 pm PATIO TALK: WATER, ROCKS, AND TIME

20-25 min
(Human History Museum back patio)

Uncover how Zion's striking geologic scenery came to be and the stories recorded in its rocks.



4:00 pm PATIO TALK: SUBJECTS VARY

20-25 min
(Human History Museum back patio)

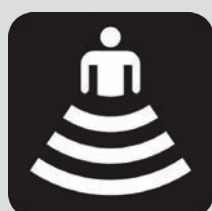
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8:00 pm ZION LODGE EVENING PROGRAM

45 Minutes
(Take shuttle to Zion Lodge Auditorium)

Discover with a ranger what makes Zion such a special place. Topics often include the ranger's favorite stories (animals, people, lesser known Zion sites, and more). See bulletin boards for specific program topics.



9:15 pm WATCHMAN EVENING PROGRAM

45 Minutes
(Watchman Campground Amphitheater)

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2018 Youth Programs

Youth programs are designed specifically for children and families. Children must be accompanied by an adult while attending all programs.

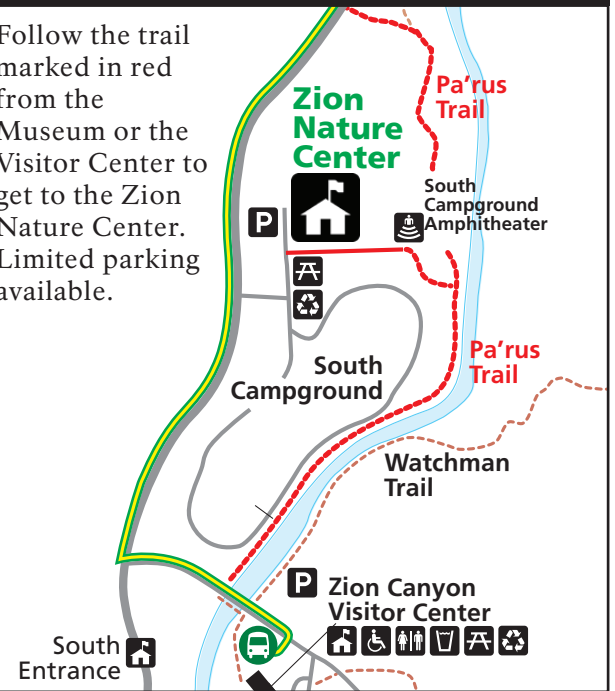
Zion Nature Center Open 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm daily

Be sure to visit the Zion Nature Center to have fun uncovering Zion's mysteries. Kids can dress up as a park ranger, go on a scavenger hunt, learn about skulls and dinosaur tracks, and much more. Ranger-led programs are offered at 3:00 pm and 4:30 pm (see schedule) and include interactive components like games, painting, crafts, and other activities. The Zion Nature Center is located next to the South Campground. The shuttle does not stop at the Zion Nature Center, but it can be accessed from the Pa'rus Trail.



Zion Nature Center Location

Follow the trail marked in red from the Museum or the Visitor Center to get to the Zion Nature Center. Limited parking available.



Drop-In Programs *(May 27 - August 31)* 10:00 am to 11:30 am



Stop by and chat with a ranger!

10:00 am to 11:30 am
Park rangers are available for 1.5 hours from the start of the program. Stop by anytime and stay for a minute or stay for an hour.

**Monday
Wednesday
Saturday**

Emerald Explorers

Discover the animals, plants, rocks, weather, and people of Zion's canyons. Emerald Pools Trailhead

**Sunday
Thursday**

Weeping Rock Wonders

Uncover the forces of water and geology, and enjoy stories of early settlers. Weeping Rock Trailhead

**Tuesday
Friday**

Riverside Rangers

Learn how you can protect the beauty of Zion and become a steward for all natural places. Temple of Sinawava Shuttle Stop.

Zion Lodge Lawn Programs *(June 4 - August 18)* 1:00 pm daily



Everyday

Nature Games, Music, or Storytelling

The program is 30 to 45 minutes long and designed for children 8 and younger. One of the following programs will be presented each day. Meet on the lawn near the large cottonwood tree.

- Storytellers - Listen to stories of the people and plants that call this area home.
- Music Makers - Experience the music and sounds of Zion.
- Nature Games - Join the fun while discovering the natural world of Zion.

Nature Center Programs - *(Programs end August 31)* 3:00 pm & 4:30 pm



Everyday

3:00 pm Starting 5/29
4:30 pm Starting 6/11

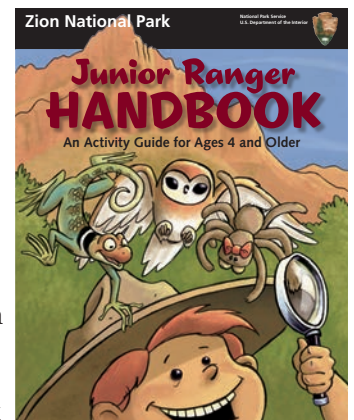
These programs are 30 to 45 minutes long and designed for children ages 4 to 12. One or two of the following programs will be presented each day. Meet inside the Nature Center.

- Rockin' Rocks - Marvel at the forces that shaped Zion's giant cliffs.
- Canyon Connections - Discover the wild twists and turns of living and non-living things.
- Amazing Animals - Discover Zion's incredible animals and their adaptations.
- Dino Discovery - Meet the fascinating creatures that roamed Zion long ago.

Junior Ranger Handbook

Zion visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger Handbook and attending at least one ranger-led program. The handbook is available for free at visitor centers, the Zion Museum, and the Zion Nature Center. Visit the Zion Natl Park Forever Project

bookstores for patches and other items to celebrate the Junior Ranger accomplishment.

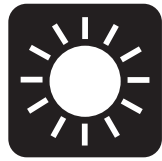


Distance Learning



Are you a teacher with students who would like to meet a park ranger? Register for the fall Distance Learning programming. A ranger will visit your classroom virtually to teach about the National Park Service, as well as what makes Zion unique. Whether your classroom is located in Las Vegas, London, or anywhere in between, your students can interact live with a Zion ranger. Visit the education section of our website to learn more, and sign up today! (www.nps.gov/zion/learn/education/distance-learning.htm)

Weather



In summer, temperatures in Zion National Park often exceed 100°F/38°C. Higher elevations may have temperatures in excess of 90°F/32°C. Zion experiences a monsoon season from mid-July into September that results in 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.

Climate

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature (°F)												
Average high	54	59	66	75	86	95	100	99	91	79	64	54
Average low	30	34	39	45	54	63	70	68	61	48	37	30
Record high	73	90	91	95	106	114	115	111	110	99	86	81
Record low	-15	0	10	21	19	36	41	36	33	18	6	-5
Days above 100°F	0	0	0	0	0	6	16	10	2	0	0	0
Days below 32°F	20	13	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	18
Precipitation (inches)												
Average	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.3	1.2	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.6
Record high	9.3	6.7	7.1	5.4	3.0	4.0	4.9	5.1	6.7	5.5	4.0	4.7
Record daily snowfall	12.5	8.0	7.2	4.0	4.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	4.5	8.0
Days with thunderstorms	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	14.0	15.0	5.0	2.0	0.0	0.0

Temperatures at higher elevations, including the Kolob Canyons area of the park, may be 5 to 10 degrees cooler than Zion Canyon.

Sun and Moon



Full Moon:
June 13
July 12
August 11
September 9

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
June 1	6:12 am	8:47 pm
June 15	6:11 am	8:54 pm
July 1	6:15 am	8:56 pm
July 15	6:24 am	8:51 pm
August 1	6:37 am	8:38 pm
August 15	6:49 am	8:23 pm
Sept. 1	7:03 am	7:59 pm

Environmental Impact



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 respect your national park and the experiences of others.

RECYCLING AND TRASH

Please do not litter. Carry out or recycle all of your trash, including toilet paper. The park recycling program provides disposal for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, and other materials. Zion National Park works closely with the community

to provide many recycling options for visitors. With help from you, Zion kept nearly 200,000 lbs of waste out of landfills last year. Participate in recycling efforts by using the available recycling bins inside the park and in local communities.

HIKING

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

WILDLIFE

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

RESOURCE DAMAGE

It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.

SOUNDSCAPES

Soundscapes, or sound environments, are an important natural feature of the park. Be aware of the noise that you make so that others may enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS

There are several water bottle filling stations located throughout the park. To reduce waste, the sale of disposable plastic water bottles is prohibited in Zion Canyon. Support this initiative by bringing a reusable water bottle with you and using it after you leave. Water bottle

filling stations are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, Zion Lodge, and the Temple of Sinawava.

ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM

The shuttle system was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. Each full shuttle reduces traffic by 28 cars. The shuttles reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled per day by over 50,000 and reduce CO₂ emissions by over 12 tons per day.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Solar power provides clean energy for Zion National Park. In 2010, large photovoltaic systems were installed at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters. Zion generates 12 percent of its power from onsite renewable sources and purchases renewable energy to offset other sources. Efforts to reduce energy use have resulted in a 10 percent decrease since 2008.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

With a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities program,

electric vehicle charging stations were installed at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center in 2015. Purchase an access code at visitor center bookstores. With these initiatives and your help, we can work towards preserving and protecting these places for future generations.

Volunteer



VOLUNTEERS-IN-PARKS
 Volunteer with Zion National Park and help us care for this special place. Volunteers at

Zion work with park employees behind the scenes and on the frontline to preserve park resources and contribute to visitor enjoyment. In 2016, 441 volunteers contributed 28,031 hours of service to Zion National Park. You too can make a difference. For volunteer opportunities at Zion, please contact 435-772-0184 or visit the "Get Involved" section on our website at www.nps.gov/zion.



EARN A VOLUNTEER ANNUAL PASS

Admission to all federal fee areas for one year for volunteers with over 250 hours of service.



Making a Difference Now and Forever.



The Forever Project connects you to Zion National Park in many ways. When you purchase a book, map, guide or postcard in one of our five Park Stores, you are giving back to Zion. When you make a donation at the sales counter, you become part of the Zion Circle. When you enroll in a Forever Project Field Program, you open the door to an educational experience that can change your life.

THE ZION FOREVER PROJECT

The 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. Save what you love. Support the Forever Project today.

FIELD PROGRAMS

The Forever Project educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. Fee-based courses, a lecture series, and Thursday treks take place in and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks and Pipe Spring National Monuments.

One-day and half-day classes are perfect for individuals, families and small groups.

For a full listing of outdoor learning adventures, service projects and private explorations, please visit ZIONPARK.ORG.



PARK STORES

Our Park Stores feature a wide variety of water bottles, hats, books, maps, DVDs and gifts to help you get the most from your trip to Zion National Park. Learn more about the geology, ecology, human history, or find the perfect Zion-inspired gift.

Donate \$50 or more to the Forever Project and receive a 15% discount for one-year on all Zion Park Store purchases. Reciprocal discounts are available at participating national park cooperating association stores when you present your Zion Forever Project card (in person).

Your purchase supports important park projects in Zion National Park.

PARK STORE LOCATIONS

Zion National Park Visitor Center

Zion Human History Museum

Zion Kolob Canyons
(Temporarily Closed)

Cedar Breaks National Monument
Hwy 148 near Brian Head, Utah.

Pipe Spring National Monument
on Hwy 59 near Fredonia, AZ.

WEBSITE & ONLINE STORE

Enhance your park experience and shop with confidence for park - approved items and all things Zion. The Forever Project online Park Store is the one-stop resource for your favorite park books, maps, pins, patches, posters, calendars, hats, and gifts. Register for a Zion Forever Project Field Program or make a donation.



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Information Centers



ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER

Located near the South Entrance of the park, the Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent place to begin your exploration of Zion Canyon. Park rangers and outdoor exhibits will help you plan your visit and make the most of your time. Inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk about permits for backpacking, canyoneering, and other trips into the wilderness. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts.



ZION HUMAN HISTORY MUSEUM

Indoor exhibits focus on the human history of Zion National Park. A 22-minute orientation film highlights the dramatic landscapes of the park and examines the history of the canyon. Rotating art exhibits feature regional artists. Visit the bookstore for maps, books, and gifts. There are dramatic views of the Towers of the Virgin and Bridge Mountain outside.

ATTENTION

KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTER, and all associated roads, and access to trailheads are closed.

May 1, 2018 - Late Fall due to road construction. There is no way to be picked up or shuttled from Kolob Canyons back to your vehicle. Make sure you plan ahead!

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.

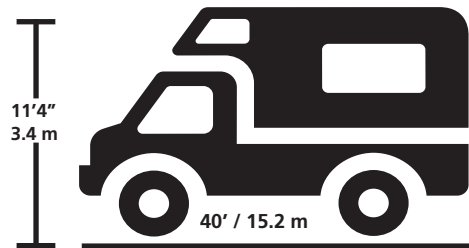
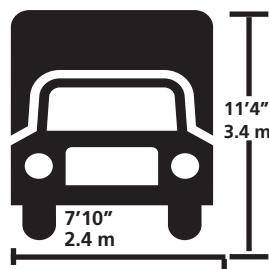


PROHIBITED VEHICLES

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 lbs
 - combined vehicles or buses over 50'
- 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.

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



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. Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:

- April 30 to September 1 from: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- September 2 to September 29 from: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
- September 30 to November 3 from: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- November 4 to March 2 from: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Entrance Fees

The entrance fees at Zion National Park are \$35 per vehicle, \$30 per motorcycle, and \$20 per person for bicyclists, pedestrians, and organized groups. All entrance fees are valid for seven consecutive days. Eighty percent of fees collected remain in the park for repair, maintenance, and facility enhancement directly related to visitor enjoyment, health, and safety.

Passes are available at park entrance stations. Information about interagency passes and participating agencies (NPS, BLM, FWS, FS, and BOR) is available online at store.usgs.gov/pass/

ZION ANNUAL PASS \$50

Admission to Zion National Park for one year from date of purchase.



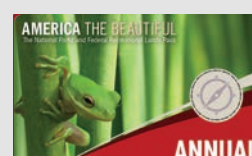
LIFETIME SENIOR PASS \$80

Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. citizens 62 years or older.



ANNUAL PASS \$80

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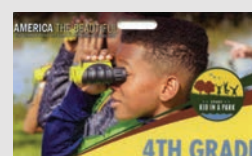
ACCESS PASS Free

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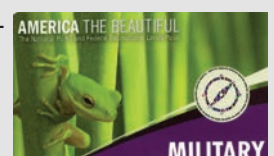
4TH GRADE PASS Free

Admission to all federal fee areas 4th Graders with valid paper pass.



MILITARY ANNUAL PASS Free

Active duty military admission to all federal fee areas for one year.



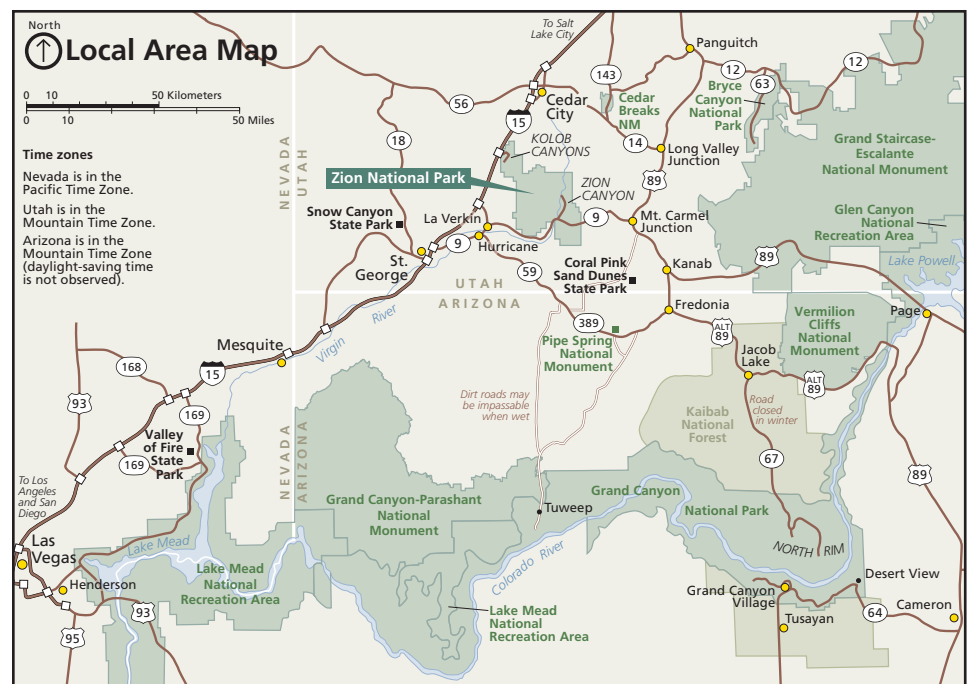
VOLUNTEER PASS Free

Admission to all federal fee areas / volunteers with over 250 hours of service.



SENIOR ANNUAL PASS \$20

Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.



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not expected.

Your safety is your responsibility.

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