

REGION RMR PARK/AREA NAME Zion N.P. PARK NUMBER 1590

STRUCTURE NAME Canyon Overlook Trail STRUCTURE NUMBER RT 3

LOCATION OF STRUCTURE Canyon Overlook Trail PARK LOCATION CODE PG

NATIONAL REGISTER DATE:  / / MANAGEMENT CATEGORY: (A) (B) (C) (D)

NPS LEGAL INTEREST FEE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT: NO Mgmt. Agreeeme

Check all of the following categories for which NPS has treatment responsibility:

Stabilization(x) Cyclic Maintenance(x) Routine Maintenance(x) Approved Ultimate Treatment(x)

(ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION USE ONLY)

APPROVED ULTIMATE TREATMENT OR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN, CULTURAL COMPONENT DESIGNATION:

Preservation	(PP)	Restoration	(RR)	Reconstruction	(CC)
Adaptive Preservation	(AP)	Adaptive Restoration	(AR)	Adaptive Reconstruction	(AC)
Neglect	(NG)	Remove	(RM)	No Approved Treatment	(NO)

Approval Document \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Document Date:  / /

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_

Stabilization:	\$ _____	Date:	<u> / /</u>	Level of Estimate:	(A) (B) (C)
Approved Treatment:	\$ _____	Date:	<u> / /</u>	Estimator:	(Region) (DSC) (A&E)

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

Date of Construction: 11/01/1933 Date of Alterations:  / /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 CX 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.

Bibliography: U.S. Dept. of Interior, "C.C.C. --- Narrative Reports, Miscellaneous, 1934" "Completion Report for Zion N.P. Pullout Parking Areas," 1968, #5104."

Representation in Other Surveys: No.

If structure has been removed, how? \_\_\_\_\_ Date:  / /

Report prepared by: James Jurale Date: 0912/1984

LOCATION: Section undetermined State Utah USE: CURRENT INTERIOR USE (NPS 28 CODE) N/A  
 Township 41 S County Washington Original Use scenic trail/hiking footpath  
 Range 10 W Intermediate Uses scenic trail/hiking footpath  
 PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION (NPS 28 CODE) HI  
 NEGATIVE No. ROLL #20, VIEW 11

OWNERSHIP: Present Owner: NPS  
 Original Owner: NPS  
 Intermediate Owner(s): NPS

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**\*\*\*PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION\*\*\***

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

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.

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**SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES (INCLUDING INTERIOR AND SETTING) FOR PARK PLANNING PURPOSES:**



LCS No. RT 3

Photo No. R 20 N 11

Subject Canyon Overlook Trail

Canyon Overlook H.P.

Descrip. of View \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Subject Zion NP

Location of Negative RMPO - Denver

By James Surrall Date 8/24