



Day Use



The number of day hikers on the trails and routes of Zion National Park is not currently monitored. As use changes new management alternatives may be needed.

Current Management Policies

- Group size is limited to 12 people.
- The number of groups is not monitored.
- Group size and total number of visitors is not limited on Transition Zone trails (primarily trails within Zion Canyon) including Observation Point and the lower Narrows.
- Commercial guiding is not permitted within recommended wilderness, including the Primitive and Pristine Zones.

Issues to Consider

- The group size limit of 12 is larger than many other western Wilderness Areas. Are groups of 12 appropriate on the trails and routes of Zion?

- In your experiences day-hiking on trails and routes in the backcountry, are your expectations for remoteness, solitude, and pristine resource condition met? Should day-use be monitored in order to better manage meeting these expectations?
- Is commercial guiding on backcountry trails or routes within the Primitive Zone appropriate? Trails within the Primitive Zone include the West Rim, LaVerkin Creek, and the East Rim.
- The lower Narrows and the Observation Point Trail are extensively visited and easily accessible from front-country areas, yet are within the recommended wilderness. In your Zion experiences, do visitor use levels on these trails meet your day-use backcountry expectations?
- How can social trailing, and soil and vegetation loss be minimized?