How Do The Shuttles Work?

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY AT RECREATION.GOV

- Seating has been reduced and no standing is allowed.
- You must have a shuttle ticket to board the bus.
- A ticket is valid only for the date purchased.
- The assigned boarding time for Stop 1/Visitor Center is on the ticket.
- Stops 5, 6, 8, 9 can be boarded any time (w/ same day ticket).
- Stops 2, 3, 4, and 7 are out of service.
- Do not return to the Visitor Center until you are done in the canyon for the day. Once you have returned to the Visitor Center your shuttle ticket is expired.
- Tickets cost $1.00 and sell out quickly.
- Children under 2 who sit on an adult’s lap do not need a ticket.
- Shuttle tickets are not included in your park entrance fee.
- A shuttle ticket does not guarantee parking in the park.

HARMFUL ALGAE: Avoid the Virgin River and tributaries until further notice. Dangerous cyanobacteria are present. The bacteria produce a neurotoxin that is hazardous to people, especially children, if ingested. It is deadly to dogs. Keep pets away from the river and streams, as well as irrigation ditches. DO NOT LET DOGS DRINK RIVER WATER!

Zion Information Guide

Shuttle Stops And Zion Canyon Trails

CIRCULATOR BUS STOPS 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily

CANYON OVERLOOK TRAIL

Hiking Guide

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<td>Pa’rus Trail</td>
<td>2 miles / 3.2 km</td>
<td>50 ft / 15 m</td>
<td>Favored trail follows the Virgin River from the Visitor Center to Canyon Junction.</td>
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<td>The Grotto Trail</td>
<td>0.5 miles / 0.8 km</td>
<td>35 ft / 11 m</td>
<td>This short trail parallels the roadway, connecting the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. It is located behind the shuttle stop.</td>
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<td>Lower Emerald Pool</td>
<td>1 mile / 1.6 km</td>
<td>69 ft / 21 m</td>
<td>Leads to the waterfall below Middle Emerald Pools and the Upper Emerald Pool Trail.</td>
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<td>Riverside Walk</td>
<td>1.5 miles / 2.4 km</td>
<td>57 ft / 17 m</td>
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<td>Sand Bench Trail</td>
<td>0.6 miles / 1 km</td>
<td>45 ft / 15 m</td>
<td>Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. Minor drop-offs. Commercial horse trail from March to October. NO SHADE.</td>
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<td>Middle Emerald Pool Trail</td>
<td>1 mile / 1.6 km</td>
<td>150 ft / 45 m</td>
<td>An unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge that parallels the lower trail but at a higher level.</td>
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<td>Timber Creek Overlook Trail</td>
<td>0.5 miles / 0.8 km</td>
<td>100 ft / 30 m</td>
<td>Follows a ridge to views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and the Pine Valley Mountains.</td>
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<td>Kolob Arch Via La Verkin Creek Trail</td>
<td>8 miles / 13 km</td>
<td>1037 ft / 316 m</td>
<td>Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creek. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch, one of the world’s largest arches.</td>
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Zion Tunnel Large Vehicle Escort Tunnel times and size restrictions on other side. No bikers/pedestrians allowed in the tunnel.

Kolob Canyons Limited access via the northeast corner of the park off of Utah State Route 9. For the information below, please see the Kolob Canyons visitor guide available at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center.

Map not published for all trails. Group size limit on wilderness trails is 12 people.
What To Do if Tickets Are Sold Out

Visitors who are not able to get a shuttle bus ticket can explore other areas of the park such as the East Side via Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, Kolob Canyons, or the Kolob Terrace road to Lava Point. Walking the Scenic Drive is long and not recommended. Consider renting a bike or e-bike, or contacting one of the authorized private shuttle companies below.

Rent a Bicycle or E-Bike

Bikes are available to rent from outfitters in the communities around the park including several in Springdale. Bicycles are welcome on the mostly level Pa’rus trail, but not other trails. The Scenic Drive has 300 feet of gradual elevation change between Canyon Junction and Court of the Patriarchs but is relatively flat most of the way.

Ride bicycles single file. Pull bicycle over and stop to allow shuttle busses to pass as soon as it is safe to do so.

Hire a Commercial Shuttle

The businesses listed below are authorized to provide shuttle service on the Scenic Drive. Some offer private trips for individuals or groups. They can drop you off at a trailhead and pick you up when you are done. Ridesharing services are not allowed to transport the public into the park. Demand for private shuttles is high so expect long waits. Payment for services cannot be collected inside the park.

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Flashy Flood Danger

Canyoneering routes (slot canyons) that require a permit are currently closed due to the ongoing pandemic. 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 taking a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility. Watch for indications of a possible flash flood. During a flash flood, the water level rises very quickly. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water over twelve feet high.

1. 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

Your Safety Is Your Responsibility

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, preparation, and constant awareness. Safety supplies are available at the Zion Forever Park Store in the visitor center, including water bottles, face masks, sunscreen, and hats.

PREVENT DEHYDRATION

As you hike you lose water and salt through sweating. Carry water, at least one gallon per person per day. Water is available in the park’s developed areas. Do not drink untreated water from springs. Your body needs a healthy level of salt to function so eat a few salty snacks, like a handful of salted peanuts, when you drink water.

ELEVATION

Zion elevation ranges from 4,000-8,000 feet (1,220 - 2,440 meters) above sea level. If you live near sea level, take it easy on your hike until you know how much the elevation is going to affect you.

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