Zion Information Guide

Zion Canyon Shuttle Information

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE
Subject to change. Check website for current hours

March 19 to May 21
May 22 to September 18
September 19 to November 5

First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center
7:00am
6:00am
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Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center
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Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava
7:15pm
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Town of Springdale shuttle hours
8:00am to 8:00pm
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24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE: CALL 911

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Additional medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
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Private vehicles are not allowed on the Scenic Drive beyond Canyon Junction when shuttle buses are in service.

Zion Canyon Hiking Trails

EASY

1. Po'rus Trail
   Visitor Center to Canyon Junction
   2 hours
   Round Trip: 3.5 mi / 5.6 km
   Elevation Gain: 50 ft / 15 m
   Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the Visitor Center to Canyon Junction.

2. The Grotto Trail
   Zion Lodge to The Grotto
   0.5 hour
   Round Trip: 1 mi / 1.6 km
   Elevation Gain: 35 ft / 11 m
   This short trail parallels the roadway, connecting the Zion Lodge to the Grotto. It is located behind the shuttle stop.

MODERATE

3. Watchman Trail
   Zion Canyon Visitor Center
   2 hours
   Round Trip: 3.3 mi / 5.3 km
   Elevation Gain: 388 ft / 112 m
   Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Sprinkle.

4. Kolob Canyons Hiking Trails
   Kolob Arch Trail
   8 hours
   Round Trip: 14 mi / 22.5 km
   Elevation Gain: 1037 ft / 316 m
   Maximum 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creek. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch.

STRENUOUS

5. Riverwalk Trail
   To West Rim Trailhead
   3 hours
   Round Trip: 4.2 mi / 6.7 km
   Elevation Gain: 137 m / 450 ft
   Follows a ridge to views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and the Pine Valley Mountains.

KOLOB CANYONS HIKING TRAILS

6. Timber Creek Overlook Trail
   Kolob Canyons Road
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Contact Information
Mailing Address
1 Zion Park Blvd.
State Route 9
Springdale, UT 84767
Social Media
Search @zionnpss
Wilderness Information
(435) 772-0170
Free WiFi is available at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and the Zion Lodge. Do not expect data or cell connection in most areas of Zion Canyon, on trails, or in Wilderness.

Getting Around
Park only in designated spaces to protect plants and animals. For your safety, park rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations. For Utah road conditions, please call 866-511-8824. Ranger-led programs are very slippery. Watch for edges all the time and especially when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be bikers below you. Stay on the trail and away from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings and keep children away from edges.

Zion Tunnel: (Oversize Vehicles, RVs, Large Trailers)
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, and/or 13' wide or wider, including mirrors, awnings, and jack, require one-way traffic control through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.

DRIING
Drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and wildlife all share park roads.

• 35mph is the speed limit unless otherwise posted.
• Wear a seat belt and use a child safety seat if appropriate.
• Turn off your vehicle if you are stopped (do not idle).
• For most of the year, Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is only open to shuttle buses or with a driving permit. Your park entrance pass is not a permit.

PARKING
Park only in designated spaces. If you visit during a time of year when drivers cannot access Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, be aware that the road may close if there is no parking available.

If you get to Zion early in the morning or later in the afternoon, it may be easier to find parking.

Ranger-led Programs
Enhance your understanding and enjoyment of Zion by participating in a free ranger-led program. Program schedules are based on ranger staffing and availability. Advanced reservations may be required.

Permits & Reservations
Check park visitor centers and bulletin boards for times and information about programs. Topics include geology, plants, animals, human history, and more. Visitors ages 4 and older can earn a badge by completing the Junior Ranger handbook. The handbook is available for free at visitor centers within the park.

You need a permit for activities including but not limited to: trips to Angels Landing, backpacking, canyoneering, climbing, bivy camping, and hiking Wilderness routes.

CAMPING
You need a reservation to camp in any of the park’s three campgrounds. Watchman Campground is open year round and can be booked up to 6 months in advance. South Campground and Lava Point Campground are open seasonally and can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance.

To make a reservation, visit www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Camping is not allowed in parking areas or pullouts in the park.

CAMPFIREs
Campfires are only allowed in metal, campground fire rings. Sometimes, especially during the summer, camp fires are not allowed. For an up-to-date restrictions, visit utahfireinfo.gov.

If conditions permit building a fire, clear debris and only leave when it is out cold. Fires are never allowed in Wilderness.

E-BIKES AND BICYCLES
Cycling is permitted on all public park roads and on the Parus Trail. Cyclists 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 bicycles. All other park trails, off-trail routes, and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel are closed to bicycles. Only class 1 pedal-assist E-bikes are allowed and must follow all of the same rules as bicycles.

SPRINGDALE SHUTTLE
For most of the year, you can ride a free shuttle in the town of Springdale.

Read the front of this sheet to see when the shuttle is running. If it is running during your visit, park at your hotel or an approved parking area and ride to the park entrance.

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You can bring backpacks, climbing gear, and 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. If you have accessibility needs, please speak to a ranger at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH
The National Park Service encourages you to follow public health guidance to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Isolate if you feel sick, wash your hands often, and avoid touching your face.

YOUR SAFETY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
Prevent dehydration. As you hike lose water and salt through sweat. Carry and drink at least one gallon of water per person per day. You can get water in 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.

Harmful algae may be present. Do not drink from the Virgin River. The park is conducting regular water quality monitoring and will issue new health advisories as needed. Check park visitor centers and the park website for current conditions and advisories.

Steep cliffs. Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on some areas are very slippery. Watch for edges all the time and especially when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be bikers below you. Stay on the trail and away from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings and keep children away from edges.

Flash Flood Danger
All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, sometimes caused by storms miles away, can be life-threatening. You are taking a risk when you enter a narrow canyon. During a flash flood, the water level rises very quickly. A flash flood can send a wall of water over twelve feet high down a canyon. Watch for signs of a flash flood, and get to higher ground immediately if you see:

• Deterioration in weather conditions.
• Build up of clouds or thunder.
• Sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy.

Check an up-to-date forecast at a visitor center. Your safety is your responsibility.

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