April 1 to September 30:

- First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 7:00am
- Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 5:00pm
- Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava: 7:15pm
- Town of Springdale shuttle hours: 8:00am to 8:00pm

October 1 to March 31:

- First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 6:00am
- Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 5:00pm
- Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava: 8:15pm
- Town of Springdale shuttle hours: 7:00am to 9:00pm

Zion Canyon Scenic Drive
For most of the year, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to shuttle buses ONLY. Private vehicles are not allowed on the Scenic Drive beyond Canyon Junction when shuttle busses are in service.

Zion Information Guide
24-HOUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE: CALL 911
Park emergencies: call 435-772-3322 (daylight hours)

The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435-772-3226.
Additional medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Hiking Guide

**Shuttle Stop**

**Hike Location**

**Round Trip Average Time**

**Elevation Gain**

**Description**

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**EASY**

1. **Pa’rus Trail**
   - Visitor Center to Canyon Junction
   - 2 hours
   - 3.5 mi / 5.6 km
   - Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the Visitor Center to Canyon Junction.

2. **The Grotto**
   - Zion Lodge to The Grotto
   - 0.5 hour
   - 1 mi / 1.6 km
   - This short trail parallels the roadway, connecting the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. It is located behind the shuttle stop.

3. **Lower Emerald Pool Trail**
   - Zion Lodge
   - 1 hour
   - 1.2 mi / 1.9 km
   - Leads to the pools below Middle Emerald Pools and the Upper Emerald Pools Trails.

4. **Riverside Walk**
   - Temple of Sinawava
   - 1.5 hour
   - 2.2 mi / 3.5 km
   - Paved trail follows the Virgin River into a deep canyon. First 0.4 miles is wheelchair accessible but may be sandy.

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**MODERATE**

1. **Canyon Overlook**
   - East side of Zion
   - 1 hour
   - 1.0 mi / 1.6 km
   - Minor drop-offs and handrails. Ends at a viewpoint into lower Zion Canyon. Parking is limited.

2. **Watchman Trail**
   - Zion Canyon Visitor Center
   - 2 hours
   - 3.3 mi / 5.3 km
   - Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.

3. **Sand Bench Trail**
   - Zion Lodge
   - 4 hours
   - 7.6 mi / 12.2 km
   - Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. Minor drop-offs. Commercial horse trail from March to October.

4. **Kayenta Trail**
   - The Grotto
   - 1.5 hour
   - 2 mi / 3.2 km

5. **Middle Emerald Pool Trail**
   - Zion Lodge
   - 1.5 hour
   - 2.2 mi / 3.5 km
   - An unpaved climb to a sandstone ledge that parallels the lower trail at a higher elevation.

6. **Upper Emerald Pool Trail**
   - Zion Lodge
   - 1 hour
   - 1 mi / 1.6 km
   - Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff. No swimming.

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**STRENUOUS**

1. **Scout Lookout via West Rim Trail**
   - The Grotto
   - 3 hours
   - 6.2 km
   - Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone afraid of heights. Hikers need a permit to go to Angels Landing. Use QR code on back to apply.

2. **The Narrows (via Riverside Walk)**
   - Temple of Sinawava
   - Up to 8 hrs
   - 9.4 mi / 15.1 km
   - You are responsible for checking weather, water levels, and flash flood potential before attempting. This hike is in the river and subject to dangerous flash floods.

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**KOLOB CANYONS HIKING TRAILS**

1. **Timber Creek Overlook Trail**
   - Kolob Canyons Road
   - 0.5 hour
   - 1 mi / 1.6 km
   - Follows a ridge to views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and the Pine Valley Mountains.

2. **Taylor Creek Trail**
   - Kolob Canyons Road
   - 3.5 hours
   - 5.0 mi / 8.0 km
   - Maximum 12 people per group. Follows Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

3. **Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail**
   - Lee Pass
   - 8 hours
   - 14 mi / 22.5 km
   - Maximum 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creek. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch.

Zion Canyon Shuttle Information

**SHUTTLE SCHEDULE**
Subject to change. Check website for current hours

**March 19 to May 21**
- First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 7:00am
- Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 5:00pm
- Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava: 7:15pm
- Town of Springdale shuttle hours: 8:00am to 8:00pm

**May 22 to September 18**
- First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 6:00am
- Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 6:00pm
- Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava: 8:15pm
- Town of Springdale shuttle hours: 7:00am to 9:00pm

**September 19 to November 5**
- First bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 5:00pm
- Last bus into the canyon from the Zion Canyon Visitor Center: 5:00pm
- Last bus out of the canyon from Temple of Sinawava: 7:15pm
- Town of Springdale shuttle hours: 8:00am to 8:00pm
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 7’10” wide or wider, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, require one-way traffic control through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, five-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.

TUNNEL CONTROL
- It is $15 per oversize vehicle (includes two tunnel pass-throughs within 7 days). Rangers will stop oncoming traffic so that you can drive down the center of the road in the tunnel. If you are late, you must return at 8 am the following day to go through the tunnel.
- Tunnel hours:
  - April 24 to August 27: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
  - August 28 to September 24: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm
  - September 25 to November 5: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm

PROHIBITED IN THE TUNNEL
- Vehicles over 13 feet 1 inch tall
- Combined vehicles over 50 feet long
- Single vehicles over 40 feet
- Semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles over 50,000 pounds

Bicycles and pedestrians are not permitted in the tunnel and must obtain a ride. Hitchhiking is permitted in pullout areas. Rangers are not allowed to provide or arrange for transport through the tunnel.

Other Information

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.

Pets
Pets are not allowed on any trail except the Pa’rus Trail. Pets are not allowed on shuttle buses.

Drones
Due to concerns about wildlife harassment and visitor safety, drones are not allowed anywhere in Zion National Park.

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