

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

ENTRANCE & CAMPING FEES

- An approved fee waiver must be in your possession and in each vehicle entering the park. Groups and/or vehicles arriving without an approved fee waiver will be charged the non-commercial fee of \$15.00 per person for individuals age 16 years and older. Annual and Lifetime passes will be accepted. No refunds will be issued. Entrance Station personnel are not authorized to approve applications.
- Chaperone/Student Ratio: College 1:20; High School 1:12; Jr. High 1:8; Elementary 1:5
- Academic fee waivers do not include camping fees.
 - Group Camping is available by reservation April – October. Reservations can be made at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling 1-877-444-6777
 - Self-registration camping is available all year on a first-come first-serve basis for individual campsites with a limit of 6 people per camp site. Please refer to the park website for additional information. <http://www.nps.gov/zion>

TUNNEL ESCORT FEES

- All vehicles at or above 136" high (11'4"), and/or 94" wide (7'10") require an escort for passage through the Zion Mt. Carmel tunnel.
- The fee for this service is \$15.00. This service is only available at designated times. Check at an entrance station for tunnel hours. Credit card, cash or check is accepted.
- The following vehicles are prohibited from passing through the park: Vehicles over 157" tall (13'1"), Single vehicles over 40' long, Combined vehicles over 50' long

GROUP SIZE LIMITS

The following areas have limits on the number of individuals that may be on the trail at any given time. If your group is larger than the maximum number provided, you will need to split your group and rotate using the trail. Hiking in 30 minute intervals is *not* permitted. The first group must be clear of the trail before the second group accesses the trail. If the area you wish to use is not listed, please contact the park prior to your visit. Park guided educational programs may have different limits.

Frontcountry Trails

Maximum: 50 persons

Court of the Patriarchs, Grotto Trail (between Lodge and Grotto), Kayenta, Lower and Middle Emerald Pools, Pa'rus, Paved portion of Riverside Walk (Groups may not enter the Virgin River at the end of the paved trail), Weeping Rock, West Rim to Scouts Lookout (Groups may not continue to Angel's Landing)

Maximum: 15 persons

Canyon Overlook, Emerald Pools (Upper), Narrows Trail from Riverside Walk up to Orderville Canyon (*Permits required for Orderville Canyon*), Sandbench (*Nov-Mar only*), Timber Creek, Watchman, Weeping Rock trailhead to Observation Point, Weeping Rock trailhead to mouth of Hidden Canyon (not into canyon), West Rim to Angel's Landing (starting at Grotto trailhead), West Rim from Scout's lookout north for ¼ mile

Wilderness Trails

Maximum: 12 persons

If you are wishing to utilize any trails not listed above, please contact the park in advance. Many of the other trails require day use permits, overnight permits or have additional limitations as determined in the Zion National Park General Management Plan and Wilderness Plan.

PARKING

March through October

Zion National Park has a mandatory shuttle March through October for the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Groups arriving in vehicles other than school buses will need to park and ride the shuttle. In order to ensure consistency with group size limits on hiking trails, one traditional school bus per school is permitted to park at the following locations, with the maximum total number of buses from all schools visiting at the same time indicated by (): Zion Human History Museum (2), Zion Lodge (as space permits), Grotto Picnic Area (2), Weeping Rock (2), Temple of Sinawava (4). All other parking locations in Zion Canyon Scenic Drive are inaccessible to buses. Groups coming by motor coach please contact the park in advance for parking information.

November through February

You may park in any legal parking stall within the park with the following exceptions; Vehicles over 19 feet are not permitted at Weeping Rock or Canyon Overlook.



Zion National Park Academic Fee Waiver Request

Name of Institution _____
Mailing Address _____
Instructor / Leader _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____
Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
Number of Students _____ Grade(s) _____ Number of Faculty/Chaperones _____
Total Vehicles: Coach/ Bus _____ Mini Bus _____ Van _____ Auto _____
Class/Course Title _____
Specific Park Area(s) to be visited _____

- Criteria One: Academic Purpose** - Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. *Documentation such as the course syllabus or a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook will satisfy this requirement.*

- Criteria Two: Relevance** - There must be a direct relationship between the purpose of the visit and the use of the park. Provide documentation demonstrating why the visit is educational and specific to Zion National Park. A course outline, lesson plan, or a copy of the course curriculum meets this requirement. To simply state the trip objectives are for "academic purposes" is insufficient. *You must submit an explanation of what the academic purpose entails and how it relates to park resources.*

- Criteria Three: Eligibility** - Current official recognition as an Educational Institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other documentation attesting to educational status, such as accreditation letter or an educational tax exempt letter. It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition.

I understand the Code of Federal Regulations allows for fee waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions that are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that fees be waived. Current official documentation of recognition as an educational or scientific institution is attached.

Applicant Signature

Title

Date

National Park Service Approval:

(Note: This is only valid with an NPS signature)

NPS Signature

Title

Date

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