

Zion Information Guide

Park Open For Recreating During Daylight Hours Only

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How Do The Shuttles Work?

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY AT RECREATION.GOV

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 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.
- Children under 2 who sit on an adult's lap do not need a ticket

Tickets cost \$1.00 and sell out fast.

- Shuttle tickets are not included in your park entrance fee
- A shuttle ticket does not guarantee parking in the park

Seating has been reduced and no standing is allowed.

Shuttle passengers will be transported from stop #1 at the visitor center to four stops along the Scenic Drive. A few additional 'circulator' buses will transport riders up and down the upper Scenic Drive between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Circulator buses do not travel back to the visitor center. When you are ready to return to the visitor center, take a shuttle that isn't marked as a circulator. Once you return to the visitor center you cannot return to the Scenic Drive by shuttle without a new ticket and new boarding time.

To return to the visitor center it is strongly advised to get on a return bus at Temple of Sinawava or Big Bend before 7:30 p.m. The last bus leaves Temple of Sinawava at 8:15 p.m. It only holds 33 people. If more than 33 people wait to catch the very last bus, some will end up walking back. It is 8 miles from Temple of Sinawava to the Visitor Center.

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 or the Kolob Terrace road to Lava Point. Walking the Scenic Drive is long and hot 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 buses to pass as soon as it is safe to do so.

Hire a Private Shuttle



The businesses listed below are authorized to provide shuttle service on the Scenic Drive. 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.

SAW Zion
zionguidehub.com

Zion Jeep Tours
zionjeeptours.com

Zion Guru
zionguru.com

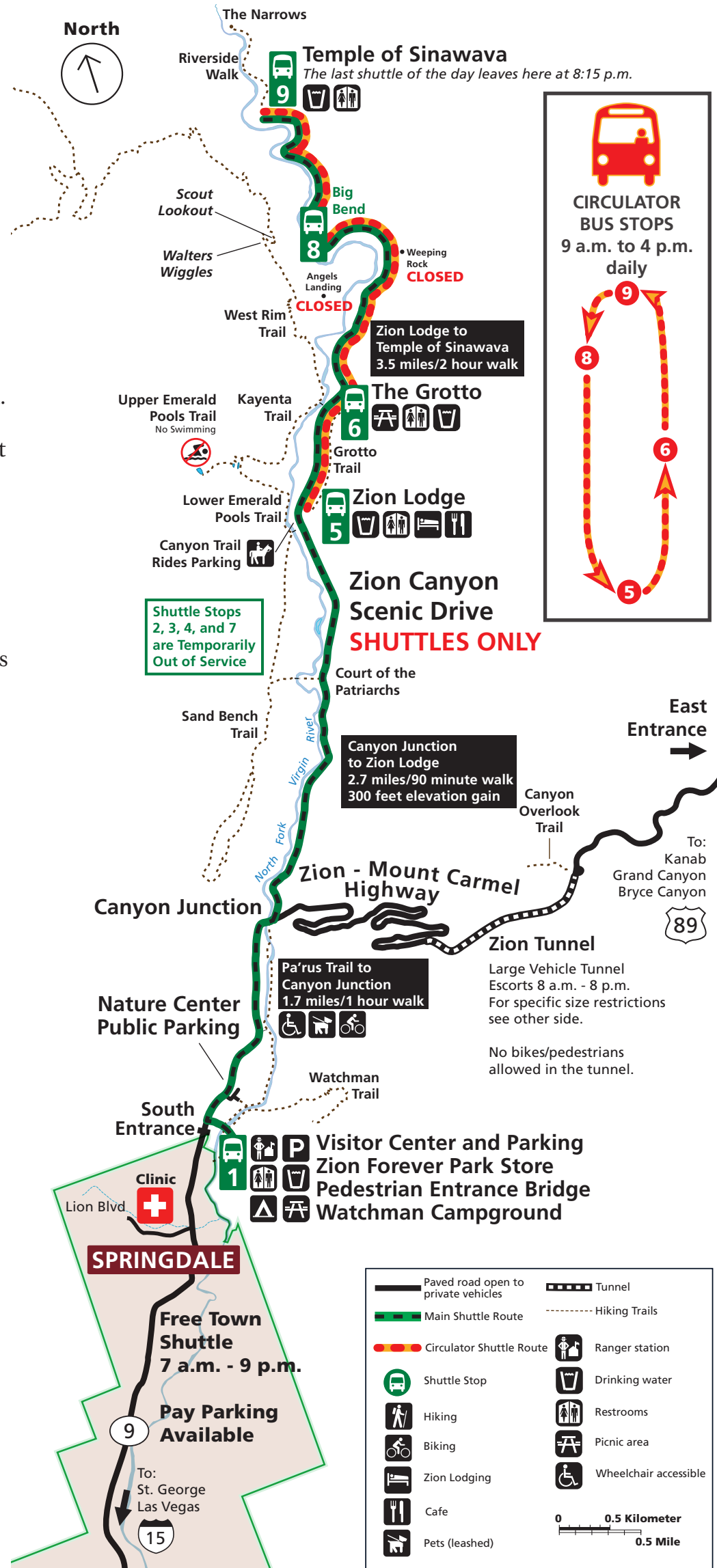
East Zion Adventures
eastzionadventures.com

Zion Rock & Mountain Guides
zionrockguides.com

Zion Adventure Company
zionadventures.com

Shuttle Stops And Zion Canyon Trails

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS ON SIDE 2



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!**

Fire Restrictions at Level 2

PROHIBITED

- Wood fires
- Burning charcoal
- Smoking near vegetation
- Fireworks (year-round)

ALLOWED UNDER LEVEL 2

- Gas cooking such as propane/butane/white gas stoves and grills
- Smoking in developed recreation areas, in an enclosed vehicle, or on bare mineral soil with a minimum diameter of 3 feet

For the full list of restrictions see nps.gov/zion

EMERGENCY Call 911

For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435-772-3322. 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.

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Contact Information

Mailing Address

1 Zion Park Blvd.
State Route 9
Springdale, UT 84767

Social Media

www.facebook.com/zionnps
www.twitter.com/zionnps
www.instagram.com/zionnps

Park Information

(435) 772-3256

Website

www.nps.gov/zion

E-mail

zion_park_information@nps.gov

Traffic and Parking Updates

www.twitter.com/zionnps
1610 A.M.



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-lane traffic control through the tunnel. Large vehicles cannot travel in a single lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control.



PROHIBITED IN THE TUNNEL

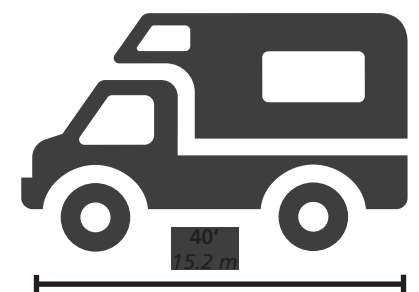
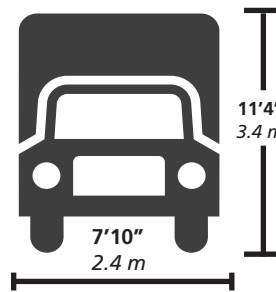
- Vehicles over 13 feet 1 inch tall
- Single-axle vehicles over 40 feet in length
- Semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- Vehicles over 50,000 pounds
- Combined vehicles or buses over 50 feet long.

TUNNEL CONTROL

8 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ONLY

It is \$15 per oversize vehicle (includes two tunnel pass-throughs within 7 days). Rangers will stop oncoming traffic so that you may drive down the center of the road in the tunnel. After 8 p.m. you must return at 8 a.m. the following day to go through the tunnel.

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



Open Trails in Zion Canyon

Hike Location	Round Trip Average Time	Elevation Change	Description
EASY			
Pa'rus Trail Visitor Center to Canyon Junction	2 hours 3.5 mi / 5.6 km	50 ft / 15 m	Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the Visitor Center to Canyon Junction.
The Grotto Trail Zion Lodge The Grotto	0.5 hour 1 mi / 1.6 km	35 ft / 11 m	This short trail parallels the roadway, connecting the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. It is located behind the shuttle stop.
Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	1.5 hours 2.2 mi / 3.5 km	57 ft / 17 m	Paved trail follows the Virgin River in a deep canyon. First 0.4 miles is wheelchair accessible but sand several inches deep may be on the trail after heavy rain.
The Narrows (via Riverside Walk) Temple of Sinawava	Up to 8 hrs 9.4 mi / 15.1 km	334 ft / 102 m	HARMFUL ALGAE PRESENT: AVOID RIVER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE 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.
MODERATE			
Canyon Overlook East side of Zion Tunnel	1 hours 1.0 mi / 1.6 km	163 ft / 50 m	Minor drop-offs and handrails. Ends at a viewpoint into lower Zion Canyon. Parking is limited.
Watchman Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 3.3 mi / 5.3 km	368 ft / 112 m	Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.
Sand Bench Zion Lodge	5 hours 7.6 mi / 12.2 km	466 ft / 142 m	Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. Minor drop-offs. Commercial horse trail from March to October. NO SHADE
Kayenta and Upper Emerald Pool The Grotto	2.5 hours 3 mi/4.8 km	350 ft/ 107 m	An unpaved climb to the Upper Emerald Pools trail. This trail does not connect to Lower Emerald Pools due to construction.
Lower Emerald Pool Zion Lodge	1 hours 1.2 mi/1.9 km	69ft/ 21m	Leads to the waterfall below Middle Emerald Pools and the Upper Emerald Pools Trail. Middle Emerald Pools Trail CLOSED
STRENUOUS			
Scout Lookout on the West Rim Trail The Grotto	3 hours 4.4 mi / 7.1 km	1000 ft/ 304 m	Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Angels Landing Chain Section is CLOSED

Flash 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 assuming 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 within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water over twelve feet high.

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

Open Areas and Activities in the Park

Zion Canyon

Kolob Terrace Road and Lava Point

Zion Lodge (Gift Shop, Take-out food 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Lodging)

Watchman Campground (Reservations only @ recreation.gov)

Zion Forever Park Store

Canyon Trail Rides

Backcountry trails are open for day use only (does not include permitted canyoneering routes).

The park continues to evaluate opening additional areas and activities when operations can meet public health guidance.

Your Safety Is Your Responsibility

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

DRINK WATER AND EAT SALTY SNACKS DURING YOUR VISIT.

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.

EXTREME HEAT

Heat illness occurs when the body warms to dangerous levels, often in combination with dehydration. This leads to heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, causing many medical emergencies at Zion each summer. Symptoms include high body temperature (over 100 degrees F, 38 degrees C), red, flushed skin, lack of sweat or extreme sweating, stumbling and poor coordination, fatigue, weakness, and confusion or slurred speech. If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately find shade, drink water, and get help.

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 effect you.

COVID-19 Precautions

- Maintain six-foot social distancing
- Adhere to group size limits
- Consider wearing a face mask
- Wash hands with soap for 20 seconds
- Cover mouth when coughing or sneezing

Camping and Nearby Recreation

Only Watchman Campground is open, but it is usually fully reserved. Sites can be booked up to 6 months ahead. To check availability or make a reservation, visit recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Group sites are closed until further notice.

Camping is not permitted in parking areas or pullouts in the park. Check these websites for other camping options and recreational activities outside the park.

visitutah.com
greaterzion.com
visitspringdale.com

visitsouthernutah.com
visitcedarcity.com