

Zion Limited Operations

[SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

National Park Service
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The Zion - Mt. Carmel Highway into the park may be temporarily closed to vehicles if traffic becomes too congested.

Open Daylight Hours only

UNLESS STAYING IN WATCHMAN CAMPGROUND OR THE ZION LODGE

Closed Areas and Activities

Kolob Canyons
Museum/Theater
Angels Landing Chain Section
Wilderness & Recreation Permits INCLUDING THE SUBWAY
Climbing & Canyoneering
Overnight Backpacking

Open Areas and Activities

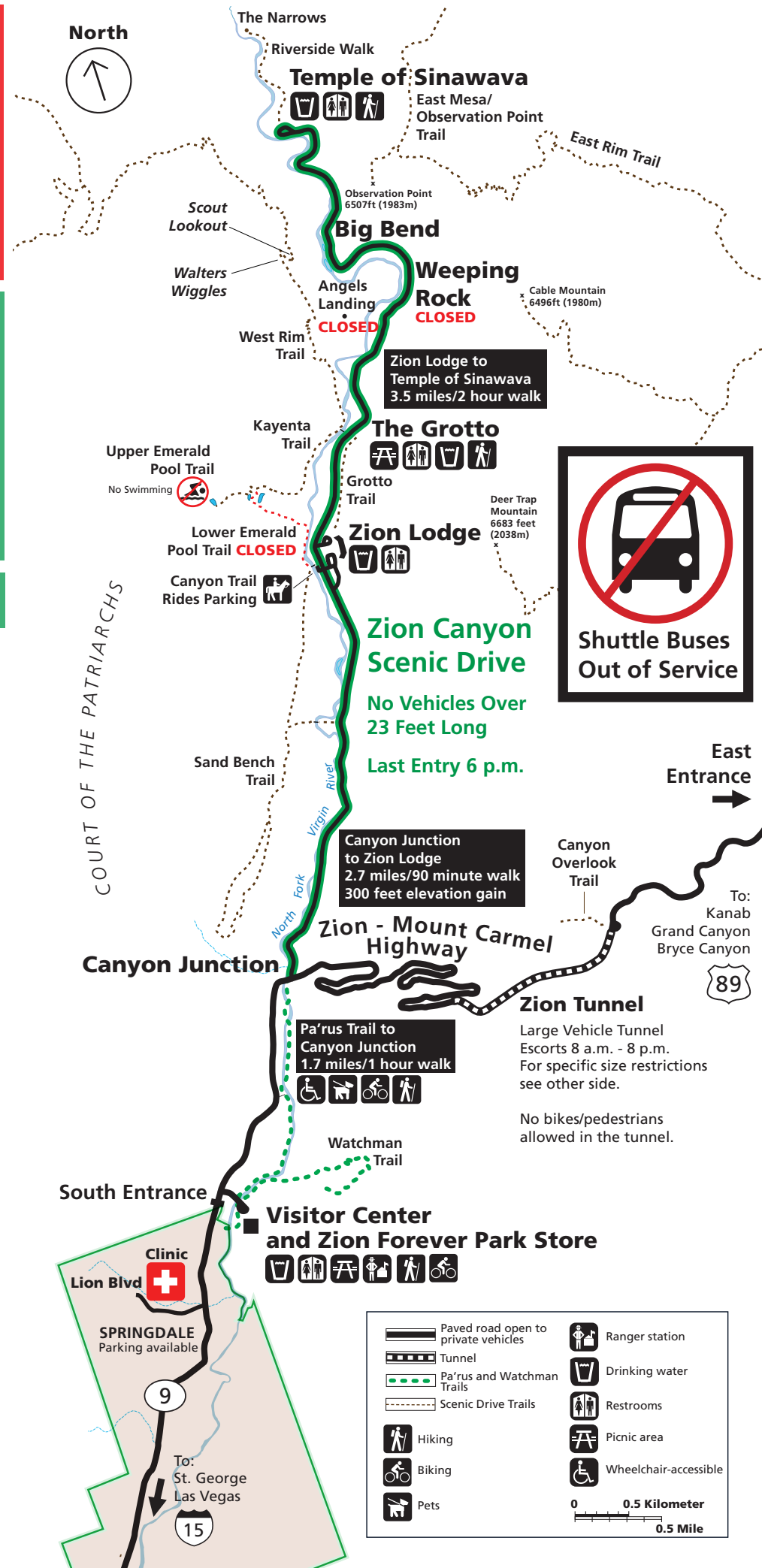
Zion Canyon
Kolob Terrace Road
Zion Lodge SERVICES: GIFT SHOP, TAKE-OUT FOOD, and LIMITED LODGING
Watchman Campground RESERVATIONS ONLY @ RECREATION.GOV
Zion Forever Park Store
Canyon Trail Rides 🐎

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. River access for swimming.
The Grotto Trail Zion Lodge to 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 along a deep canyon. First 0.4 miles is wheelchair accessible but sand several inches deep may be on the trail after heavy rain.
MODERATE			
Canyon Overlook East side of Zion Tunnel	1 hour 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 Court of the Patriarchs	3 hours 4.5 mi / 7.2 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 to Emerald Pools (Upper) The Grotto	1.5 hours 2 mi/3.2 km	150 ft/ 46 m	Moderate drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Upper Emerald Pools trail.
Emerald Pools (Upper) The Grotto	1 hour 1 mi / 1.6 km	200 ft/ 61 m	This trail starts at the end of the Kayenta Trail. Upper Emerald Pools is OPEN. Lower Emerald Pool Trail is 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
The Narrows (via Riverside Walk) Temple of Sinawava	Up to 8 hrs 9.4 mi / 15.1 km	334 ft / 102 m	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.

Park only in designated spots

ENTRY TO SCENIC DRIVE CLOSSES AT 6 P.M.



When Scenic Drive parking is full, private vehicle access will be CLOSED until parking becomes available.

See side 2 for information on bike/e-bike rentals and private shuttles. Private shuttles can transport the public on the Scenic Drive between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. when closed to private vehicles.

Fire Restrictions at Level 2 as of June 2nd, 2020



PROHIBITED

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

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

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.

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.

Contact Information

Mailing Address

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

Park Information

(435) 772-3256

Website

www.nps.gov/zion

E-mail

zion_park_information@nps.gov

Social Media

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



When The Scenic Drive Is Closed

While park buses remain out of service due to Federal and State health guidelines related to COVID-19, there are two other options to travel up the Scenic Drive if parking is full and closed to private vehicles. It is a long and hot hike up the Scenic Drive by foot.

Rent a Bicycle or E-Bike



Bikes are available to rent from outfitters in the communities around the park. Bicycles are welcome on the mostly level Pa'rus trail, but not other trails. The Scenic Drive is mostly level but there is 300 feet of gradual elevation change between Canyon Junction and Court of the Patriarchs. Please ride bicycles single file.

Hire a Private Shuttle



The businesses listed below are authorized to provide shuttle service on the Scenic Drive while park buses are not in operation. They can drop you off at a trailhead and pick you up when you are done, even when the Scenic Drive is closed to private vehicles. Payment for services cannot be collected inside the park.

Zion Rock & Mountain Guides
zionrockguides.com

East Zion Adventures
eastzionadventures.com

SAW Zion
zionguidehub.com

Zion Adventure Company
zionadventures.com

Zion Guru
zionguru.com

Zion Outback Safaris
zionjeeptours.com

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.

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

visitsouthernutah.com
visitcedarcity.com

Your Safety Is Your Responsibility

Whether hiking, climbing, or driving, your safety depends on your good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness.

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), 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.

COVID-19 Safety

- 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

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.



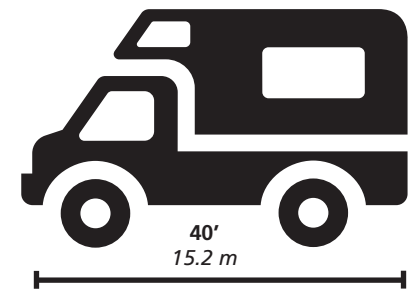
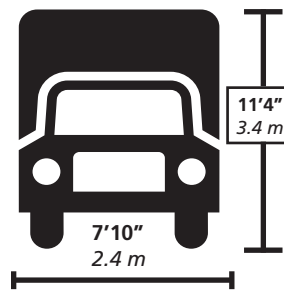
PROHIBITED IN THE TUNNEL

- 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.

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.

TUNNEL CONTROL 8 AM TO 8 PM ONLY

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.



Pets, Drones, and Float Tubes

Pets are not allowed on any trails except the Pa'rus Trail. Working service dogs are permitted on all trails. Emotional support animals are considered pets by the National Park Service and are therefore not allowed.

Launching, landing, or operating unmanned aircraft within the boundaries of Zion National Park is prohibited.

Floating the Virgin River within the park by inner tube is not allowed. Local businesses in Springdale offer tubes for rent but they must be used downstream of the pedestrian entrance outside of the national park.

Getting Around

To protect park resources, park only in designated spaces. For your safety, park rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.

SHARE THE ROAD

Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits. Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit is 35 mph. Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants of a vehicle. Please turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

Please ride bicycles and walk single file on roads.

Zion Forever Park Store



The park store is located at the visitor center and is open 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Access is managed to maintain social distancing inside the store due to COVID-19. Store hours could vary temporarily. You can purchase hiking essentials and safety items like water bottles, hats, and sunscreen at the store.

With the Zion museum and theater temporarily closed, you can watch the new Zion National Park Film, funded by the Zion Forever Project, "WE THE KEEPERS" for free. Stream it at zionpark.org/wethekeepers

