When Zion Canyon is full, explore these other great areas of the park.

KOLOB CANYONS ROAD
Located in the northwest corner of the park off of Interstate 15, this five-mile scenic drive climbs past the spectacular canyons and red rocks of the Kolob Canyons area and ends at the Kolob Canyons Viewpoint.

ZION-MT. CARMEl HIGHWAY
This 12-mile scenic highway connects the South and East Entrances. From Zion Canyon, the road travels up steep switchbacks, through the historic Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel, and emerges on the east side of the park. Delays are possible. For large vehicle restrictions, read page 12.

KOLOB TERRACE ROAD
This steep 20-mile scenic drive starts in the town of Virgin and climbs north from the desert washes into the aspen-covered plateaus of the higher elevations of the park and provides access to Lava Point. Not recommended for vehicles pulling trailers.
Plan Your Hike

**ZION IN THREE HOURS OR LESS**
Riding the shuttle is the easiest way to see some of the park's most beautiful sights in a limited time. A roundtrip ride on the shuttle takes about 80 minutes, and the average wait for a shuttle bus is fifteen minutes or less. Some of the most scenic shuttle stops are the Court of the Patriarchs, the Zion Lodge, and Big Bend. If you are interested in hiking, choose one of the easy hikes. Some easy hikes include Weeping Rock, the Lower Emerald Pool Trail, and the Riverside Walk.

**ZION IN MORE THAN THREE HOURS**
In addition to riding the shuttle, visit the Zion Human History Museum and watch the park orientation film or attend a ranger-led program. If you are interested in hiking, choose trails based on your ability level from the Hiking Guide. Some moderate hikes include the Emerald Pools Trails and the Watchman Trail. Some strenuous hikes include Observation Point, The Narrows, and Angels Landing.

Zion Canyon is only one small part of Zion National Park. Take a scenic drive to the other areas of the park listed below, or explore the Zion Wilderness. Read page 6 for an area map or pick up a copy of the Wilderness Guide at park visitor centers.

### Hiking Guide

#### Shuttle Stop
- **Parus Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 2 hours
  - Elevation Change: 50'/5'/6'
  - Description: Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South Entrance to the Zion Lodge

- **Archeology Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 0.6/0.6
  - Elevation Change: 80'/24'/1'
  - Description: Short, but steep. Starts across the Nineteen from the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailhead exhibits.

- **Lower Emerald Pool Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 1 hour
  - Elevation Change: 69'/21'/9'
  - Description: Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfall. Connects to the Kayenta and Upper Emerald Pool Trails.

- **The Grotto Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 0.5 hour
  - Elevation Change: 35'/11'/1'
  - Description: The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Lower Emerald Pool and Kayenta Trails to create a 2.5-mile loop.

- **Weeping Rock Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 0.5 hour
  - Elevation Change: 58'/18'/3'
  - Description: Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock above with Drifting Springs. Trailhead exhibits.

- **Riverside Walk**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 1 hour
  - Elevation Change: 57'/17'/1'
  - Description: Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailhead exhibits. Wheelchair may need assistance.

#### Moderate
- **Watchman Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 2 hours
  - Elevation Change: 336'/112'/1'
  - Description: Moderate drop-offs. Birds at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, Lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.

- **Sand Bench Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 5 hours
  - Elevation Change: 546'/142'/1'
  - Description: Commercial horse trail from March to October. Mike stop a mule's landing under the Sandstone. Deep sand and little shade.

- **Upper Emerald Pool Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 1 hour
  - Elevation Change: 200'/61'/1'
  - Description: Minor drop-offs. Sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff.

- **Kayenta Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 1.5 hours
  - Elevation Change: 150'/46'/1'

- **Elk Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 1 hour
  - Elevation Change: 163'/50'/1'
  - Description: Long drop-offs, mostly level. Rocky and uneven trails at viewpoint of Weeping Rock Canyon and Lower Zion Canyon. Parking lot is right turn only.

- **Taylor Creek Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 3.5 hours
  - Elevation Change: 400'/137'/1'
  - Description: Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

- **Timber Creek Trail**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 0.5 hours
  - Elevation Change: 100'/30'/1'
  - Description: Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and the Valley Mountains.

#### Strenuous
- **Angel's Landing**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 4 hours
  - Elevation Change: 1488'/453'/1'
  - Description: Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Last section is a narrow steep, narrow ridge to the summit.

- **Hidden Canyon**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 2.5 hours
  - Elevation Change: 850'/259'/1'
  - Description: Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon.

- **Observation Point**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 6 hours
  - Elevation Change: 2148'/655'/1'
  - Description: Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon for viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cabin Mountain, Overlook Mountain, and East Mesa Trail.

- **The Narrows**
  - ZIon Canyon Visitor Center
  - Roundtrip: 8 hours
  - Elevation Change: 1037'/316'/1'
  - Description: Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Kolob Creek and a short hike to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches.