



Backcountry Reservation Instructions



Placing an on-line reservation

All of the reservations made for permits in Zion National Park are done through the online website www.nps.gov/zion. Our reservation system is specially designed for Zion National Park and may be different than ones available for other national parks. This guide will help walk you through the process of placing a reservation and preparing for your future trip in Zion.

Step 1: Planning your trip

The first step is planning your trip. You want to have a good idea of the area that you are planning to visit. This includes the starting and ending trailheads as well as a day by day itinerary. Due to the large number of visitors we have come to enjoy Zion's backcountry areas, many routes or trails have a limited number of spaces available to help protect the resource and provide for a wilderness experience. Be sure read the rules and regulations on the Backcountry Information website so that you don't run into any problems later in the permitting process. Many of the common

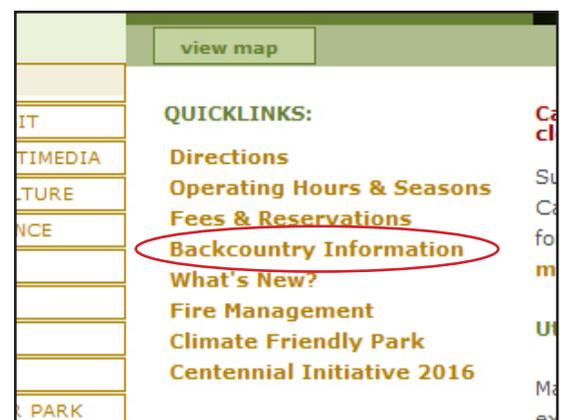
questions will be answered in our Backcountry Planner downloadable from our website as well as the wealth of information available on our site.

Collect your information

You want to gather all of your information together and have it with you before you start the reservation process. You will need your itinerary with dates, the group size, your vehicle information (make, color, licence plate number), and emergency contact information.

Step 2: Going online to the reservations website

Go to the Zion National Park website at www.nps.gov/zion and look in the middle frame for the link to Backcountry Information. Once you click on the link it will bring you to the page where you can find all of the information about Backcountry regulations and permits.



Go to the Reservations information page

Once you are on this page you want to click on the very first link on the page that says “Click here to jump directly to Online Permits and Reservations Page”



Place a reservation

After you get to the Online reservations and Permits page, be sure to read and understand the rules and regulations. The link to switch over to the page where you actually place the reservation is on the right hand side and looks like a picture of a hand writing with a pencil.



Step 3: Go to the calendars for your resource

Once you get a pop-up page that is titled Backcountry Reservation System, you can scroll down to the middle of the page and choose between a backpacking trip, a slot canyon day trip, and a climbing trip. After clicking on the trip type you will get a screen that has calendars on it. Remember that if you are hiking the narrows overnight it is a backpacking trip and if you are hiking the narrows from the top down in a day it is a slot canyon day trip.

Choose you trip

Choose the area from the drop down menu and look at the calendar for the month you would like to go. If the date that you are hoping for is green and the number in black fits your group size, click on the date. This will open a screen where you can fill in you information for your trip. Be sure to read and check all of the “I agree” boxed to proceed to the next step.

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Step 4: Confirm and pay for your reservation

Once you read all of the information and agree to the regulations you can click on the “Submit reservation application button” at the bottom. This will take you to the next screen where you have a chance to review your reservation before paying the reservation fee. If all of the information is correct click on the “Pay now” button and it will take you to the screen where you can fill in all of your credit card information and complete the reservation.

What happens next?

After you have completed your reservation the system should send you an e-mail confirming that

it was successful. Be sure and check to allow the automatic e-mail to go to your mailbox and not the junk folder.

If all goes well you can pick your permit up in person at either of the two visitor centers on the day before your trip or the same day as your trip. When you come to pick up your permit there will be a permit fee separate than the reservation fee of \$5. This fee is between \$10 and \$20 depending on your groups size. Be sure to check current hours for the backcountry desk and allow for time to pick up your permit.