

Zion Limited Operations

Beginning May 22, 2020 [MAY BE TEMPORARILY SUBJECT TO CHANGE]

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



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

Open Daylight Hours Only

Park Only in Designated Spots

Closed Areas and Activities

- Kolob Canyons
- Visitor Centers
- Museum/Theater
- Angels Landing Chain Section
- Wilderness and Recreation Permits
- Climbing and Canyoneering
- Overnight Backpacking

Open Areas and Activities

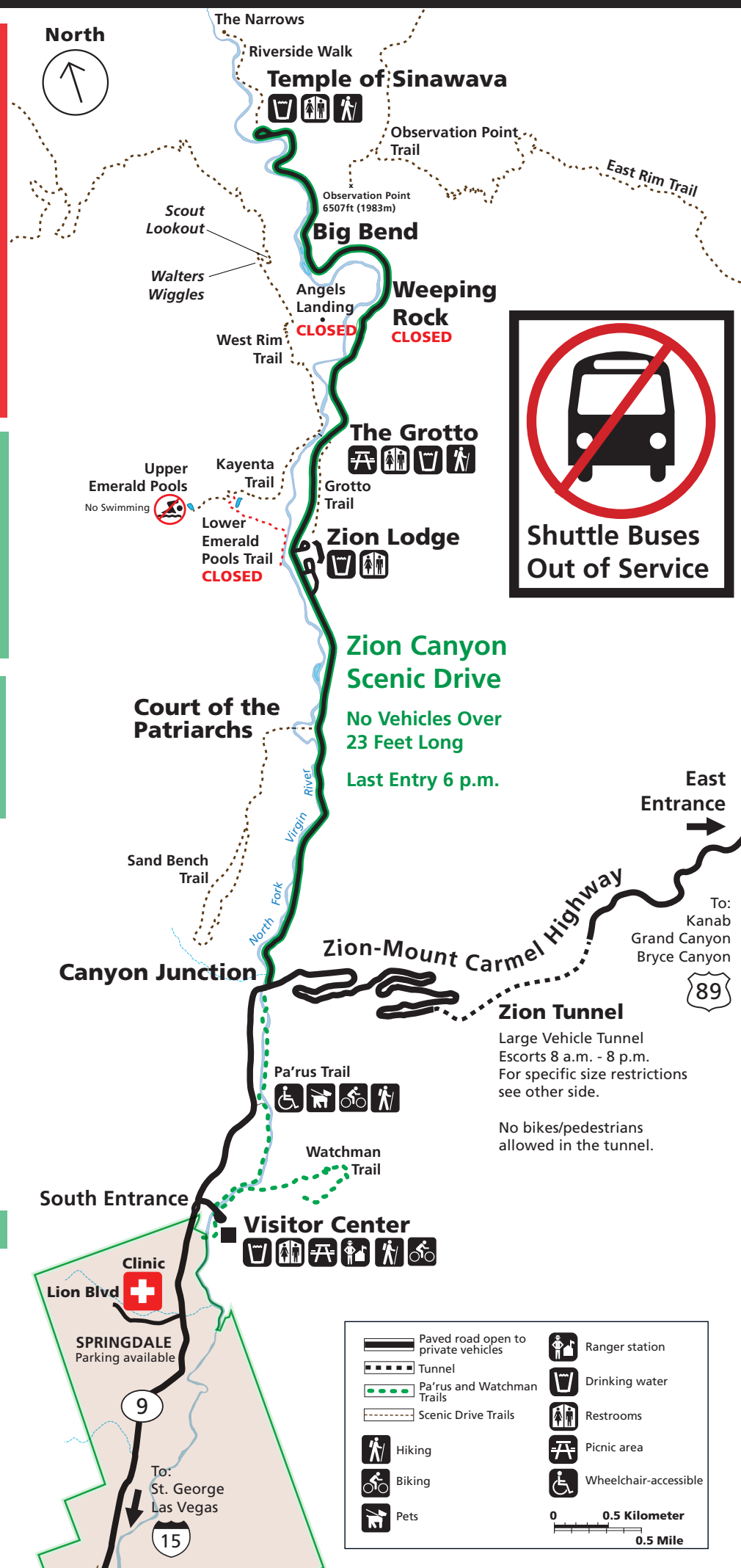
- Zion Lodge [LIMITED SERVICES]
- Watchman Campground [RESERVATIONS REQUIRED AT RECREATION.GOV]
- Canyon Trail Rides

Open Trails in Zion Canyon

Hike Location	Round Trip Average Time	Elevation Change	Description
Easy			
Pa'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	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. Wheelchairs may need assistance.
Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	0.5 hour 0.4 mi / 0.6 km	80 ft / 24 m	Short, but steep. Starts across from the entrance to the Visitor Center parking lot. Climbs to the outline of a prehistoric structure. Trailside exhibits.
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. This trail is great for wildlife viewing. It is located behind the shuttle station area.
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 narrow canyon. First 0.4 miles wheelchair accessible.
Moderate			
Watchman Trail 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 Trail 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 Trail 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 from 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	Open when water flow is under 150 cubic feet/second and there is no risk of flash floods. Check with a ranger for current conditions. 8 hour round trip to Big Spring.

Hiking During Limited Operations

- In and out day hiking from all trailheads only.
- Hikers must remain on established trails.
- No cross-country travel.
- Hop Valley trail cannot be used to access Kolob Canyons area.



Once all Scenic Drive parking is full, vehicle access will be CLOSED until spaces become available.

EMERGENCY

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



Camping and Recreating Near Zion

Only Watchman Campground is open. However, it is usually booked. To make a reservation, visit www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Watchman Campground reservations can be made up to 6 months ahead. Group sites remain closed.

Camping is not permitted in parking areas or pullouts.

Check these websites for camping and activities outside the park.

visitutah.com

greaterzion.com

visitsouthernutah.com

visitedarcity.com

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.

DRIVING

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.

BICYCLING

Bicycles are welcome on the Pa'rus Trail, but are prohibited on all other trails. Bicycles are not allowed through the Zion-Mount Carmel Tunnel.

Safety

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

STEEP CLIFFS

Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Loose sand or pebbles on stone are very slippery. Be careful of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below you. Stay on the trail and away from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings and please watch children.

WATER AND DEHYDRATION

DRINK WATER AND EAT SALTY SNACKS DURING YOUR VISIT.

When hiking carry water, at least one gallon per person per day. As you sweat you also lose the salt your body needs to survive. Eating some salty snacks on your hike is important. Water is available in the park's developed areas. Do not drink untreated water from springs.

EXTREME HEAT

'Hyper'thermia occurs when the body warms to dangerous levels, often in combination with dehydration and low salt levels. This causes heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. Heat is responsible for many medical emergencies at Zion each summer. Signs of hyperthermia include high body temperature (over 100 degrees F), red, flushed skin, lack of sweat or extreme sweating, stumbling and poor coordination, fatigue and weakness, and confusion or slurred speech. If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately find shade 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
- Hand sanitizer is available near most restrooms

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.



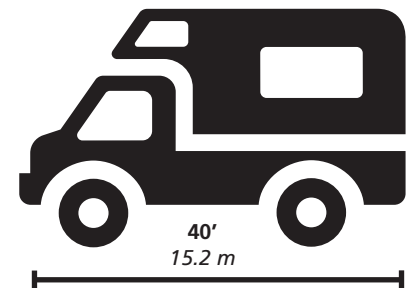
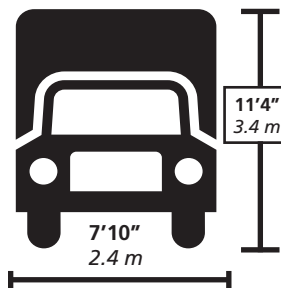
PROHIBITED IN THE TUNNEL

- 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. Pets are not allowed on shuttle buses.

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.

Stream the Zion Park Film Free!



Zion National Park's official nonprofit partner, The Zion Forever Project, makes it possible for you to experience and enjoy the park in a more meaningful way. ZFP addresses a stronger sense of stewardship and responsibility that falls on all of us to protect and sustain the park for future generations.

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

Whether you simply round up your change at the sales counter or make a large contribution to a specific park project listed in our Field Guide to Park Project Priorities, you will make a difference now and forever. You can find the Field Guide online at www.zionpark.org.

