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Visit the east side of Zion and spend a day in Kanab
The east side of Zion is generally less crowded, making hikes more accessible and private. These are some of the most enjoyable hikes in the canyon. You can spot wildlife you won’t see elsewhere in the canyon. The city of Kanab, situated east of the canyon, is full of unique attractions.

Take lots of pictures, leave only footprints
Be sure you’ve got extra charged batteries, smartphone cables, and memory cards so you can capture all the magic of Zion National Park. Additionally, there are numerous photo tour and guiding companies to assist you. Thank you for visiting the Zion National Park area.

General Tips For Zion
To avoid the crowds, go early or later in the day
Often during peak times, the park runs at capacity and has more people than the shuttle system and trails can comfortably accommodate. Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in. You’ll still want to ride the shuttle.

A note about pets
Leashed pets may be walked on the Pa’rus Trail. However, pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles, in public buildings, or in the wilderness. Pets must be under physical control on a leash less than six feet long at all times. The interior temperature of a vehicle can quickly warm to dangerous levels. Avoid leaving animals in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Cedar City.

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Safety Tips For Zion

Emergencies
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. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

Hydrate and use refillable water bottles
It is easy to get dehydrated while hiking and walking in the desert, so pack along extra water, and be sure to take rest and water breaks on long hikes. There are a number of places to refill your water bottles in Zion National Park including the visitors’ center and Zion Lodge as well as a new hydration station at the Springdale bus stop in front of The Bumbleberry Inn and Zion Canyon Brew Pub.

Be cautious near steep cliffs
Falls from cliffs on trails can result 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. Stay back from cliff edges. Observe posted warnings. Please watch children.

Watch for flash floods
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.

Tips To Minimize Your Impact
Pack it in, pack it out & use recycling bins
Each month, Zion National Park pays many thousands of dollars to haul away waste collected from garbage cans and recycling bins. Your experience and that of everyone who visits Zion Canyon can be improved by never littering and making sure you pick up any trash you see along the way. Recycling bins are placed strategically throughout Zion Park, and it is highly encouraged for everyone to use them.

Please stay on the marked trails
Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape. Remember, if you bring it in, please pack it out.

Go before you go
It is always a good idea to use the restroom before you begin a hike since facilities are limited to select locations. If you do need to take care of your business, please pack it back out.

Be respectful to the wildlife
Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animals. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

Please leave it how you found it
It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park, including flowers, rocks, or anything else that you might find. Do not write or carve on natural surfaces.

Tips To Maximize Enjoyment
Go on a less crowded hike
The most visited Zion have a lot of competition. If you’d rather not feel like you’re in the line at a theme park, consider seeking out a less traveled path. Check out our newest feature, Less-Traveled Zion Hikes.
I'm sure you have all heard the saying, from the frying pan into the fire by now. Well, that just about completely sums up this past month for me as I excitedly joined this amazing team here at The Independent. Not even that just about completely sums up this past month for me as I excitedly joined this amazing team here at The Independent. Not even...
BLACK GULCH TRAIL IN THE RED CLIFFS DESERT RESERVE
By Tom Garrison

Trail: Black Gulch Trail
Location: Red Cliffs Desert Reserve about six miles north of St. George

Difficulty: Moderately strenuous with much rock scrambling
Average hiking time: About three hours
Elevation: The trailhead elevation is 4,170 feet with an approximately 450 feet elevation change from lowest to the highest point in Black Gulch.

Family-Friendly: No, unless the kids are grown, in at least okay shape, and have a decent sense of balance.

Getting there: From downtown St. George go north on 1000 East and turn right (east) on Red Hills Parkway. Take the Parkway 7 miles and turn left (north) onto Cottonwood Springs Road (aka 1550 East). Stay on the main road and drive 6.5 miles to the “Black Gulch” signed trailhead on the right (east). (It is about 1.2 miles past the signed Yellow Knolls Trailhead.) The first three miles of Cottonwood Springs Road is paved, the remainder a good dirt road, that poses no problem for a standard sedan.

Or, from Washington go north on 3050 East Street/Green Springs Drive, cross under Interstate 15 (at exit 15), and turn left (west) onto Red Hills Parkway. Continue on Red Hills Parkway for 1.6 miles and turn right (east) onto Cottonwood Springs Road. Follow the above directions from there.

Who doesn’t love living in southwest Utah’s red rock country? Our area is a major tourist destination for a reason. However, don’t you just kind of sometimes need a break from the privileged red rock formations. Perhaps a bit of diversity? Since as a society we seem to demand more than a dollop of diversity, how about some diversity in hiking?

Our hike through Black Gulch in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve is dominated by ancient lava flows and black and greyish rocks and boulders—certainly different from the predominating red rocks in southern Utah.

The Red Cliffs Desert Reserve was established in 1999 to protect a large and diverse habitat capable of sustaining wildlife populations threatened by development and habitat loss. It comprises 62,000 acres and has more than 130 miles of shared-use trails for hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding. The Reserve reflects the biological diversity of this unique region.

My wife, Deb, and I began this adventure on a clear late March morning. The trailhead has a large parking area without water or toilets. It is the starting point for three trails, Black Gulch Trail, High Point Trail, and Lange’s Dugway Trail. The trailhead elevation is 4,170 feet, the temperature in the mid-50s, and the cloudless sky a deep blue as we geared up. Since Black Gulch Trail is in the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve there are no fees or permits necessary.

Access to Black Gulch Trail is gained by first hiking about ¼ mile on Lange’s Dugway Trail. There is a stopover at the beginning of Lange’s Dugway Trail about 75 yards up (north) Cottonwood Springs Road from the parking area. Following this trail downslope led to the bottom of Black Gulch drainage and we turned left (south) beginning the major part of our hike.

Like almost all canyons, gulches, and ravines, Black Gulch serpentine as we headed downstream (generally south). Also, like many canyons, Black Gulch alternates between open stretches and more cliff-faced closed sections. In places, the prismatic lava flows upstroke along both sides of the canyon seemed ready to topple down—luckily that did not happen.

The bottom and sides of the drainage are strewn with black volcanic boulders.

The hike 4 ½ loop round trip and took a bit more than three hours with many opportunities to stop and take photos. This adventure is for hikers in pretty good shape added a couple of pounds of mud to our boots and made us even more cautious due to slippery surfaces.

While Black Gulch is difficult to maneuver, it is photogenic and secluded. We did not meet another human in the gulch, although we did scare a family group of four deer who bounded downstream. Although Deb and I are pretty quiet on the trail, we also flushed several coys of quail as we tread downstream.

After approximately 2.5 miles in the drainage, Black Gulch Trail ends where it intersects Winchester Trail coming in from the left (east). Normally Winchester Trail is a rock-strewn narrow path. However, a line of utility poles roughly paralleling Winchester Trail was being replaced and a road was needed for the huge equipment. The utility company scrawned Winchester Trail free of large rocks and about 15 feet wide—good for us.

We scampered, well actually trudged, up the steep part of Winchester Trail. Once upon the flat plateau, we walked to the intersection with Cottonwood Springs Road, very near Yellow Knolls Trailhead. We were on Winchester Trail for approximately ½ mile. From here it was a quick 1.2-mile walk north along the road back to the Black Gulch Trailhead.

Be aware that Black Gulch is known for an above-average population of rattlesnakes, be careful where you place your next step and hands. We linked on one of the first days of spring, the temperature in the 50s, and did not see a snake. In warmer weather spotting and avoiding snakes should be a priority.

The hike 4 ½ loop round trip and took a bit more than three hours with many opportunities to stop and take photos. This adventure is for hikers in pretty good shape with a decent sense of balance who prefer to avoid other folks on the trail. If you meet these criteria, this is a great hike in a different environment very close to St. George.

Tom Garrison has been an avid hiker for more than 25 years. He is the author of five books, the most recent being “Hiking Southern Nevada.”
THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF COVID-19

By Dan Clark

Responding to the inspiration of my buddy, Jimmy Rex: A wise man once said, “I had to quit my job to create a life unlimited - by focusing on what matters most, which is what the longest - families are forever - if not then what's forever for?”

This virus is going to give us opportunities we never could have dreamed of before...

When was the last time you had a chance to be home with your family for a few days just hanging out? Without the men watching sports?

When was the last time youc cared so much about your health?

When was the last time you had opportunities to serve everyone around you?

And while you may not be quitting your job you are going to have time to evaluate yourself in a way we never thought you would.

My recommendation:

- Make a list of things that make you happy. Make a list of things you do every day.
- Compare the lists. Adjust accordingly.

- Viruses Are Contagious. So is panic, fear, hysteria, calm, love, service, kindness, joy. Choose wisely.

You can waste this “Pause” in our normal reality and binge on Netflix, watch in Reality TV and playing X-Box - OR ... You can create new habits, hobbies and deepen your understanding of mortality by seeking real answers about where we came from, why we are on earth, what we are doing when we die - with the realization that in the final judgment it will not be about money and power and what we did - but in the final judgment it will be about who we became. Adversity is what real answers about where we came from, your understanding of mortality by seeking the real questions we never could have dreamed of before...

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HURRICANE VALLEY THEATRICAL COMPANY... WE’LL BLOW YOU AWAY! By Beatrice Stockwell

Just off busy State Street is a lovely treelined block with grassy parks and a pair of buildings bearing the low, contemporary lines of 1960s architecture. To the east side of the street is the Hurricane Leisure & Recreation Offices, and to the west is the Fine Arts building — a building where you can find real magic. Here you can be transported to places real and imagined, to timelines past, parallel, and convex. Here, there is real live Theater... real and imagined, to timelines past, parallel, and convex. Here, there is real live Theater... Here you can be transported to places

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- Annie's Vintage Garden
- Bicycles Unlimited
- Carmell's Cottage
- Cedar Post Pawn Shop
- Designer Furniture Gallery
- Downtown Furniture
- Encore 'A Chic Boutique'
- Forever Young Fine Jewelers
- Hope Chest
- Jen's Furniture Rehab
- Lunatic Fringe
- M&S Turquoise
- Mainstreet Antiques
- Milne Jewelry

**Restaurants**

- Bear Paw Café
- Benja’s Thai & Sushi
- Capelletti’s Restaurant
- Downtown Yoga
- Encore Restaurant
- Judd’s Country Store
- One Hot Grill
- Painted Pony
- Pasta Factory
- Pizza Factory
- Riggatti’s Wood Fired Pizza
- Twenty-Five Main
- Twisted Noodle

**Art Galleries and Museums**

- Arrowhead Gallery ETC
- Art and Soul Gallery & Gift
- Art Around the Corner
- Arts to Zion Showcase
- Authentique Gallery
- Bearcliff Fine Art Gallery
- Brigham Young Home
- Children’s Museum
- Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum
- DiFiore Center
- Gallery 35
- Great Southern Utah Guild
- Idaho College of Art
- Mainstreet Antiques
- M&S Turquoise
- Milne Jewelry
- Red Cliff Gallery
- The Engraving Shoppe
- Utah Pioneers Museum
- Wide Angle Gallery

**Lodging/Accommodations**

- Best Western Coral Hills
- Green Gate Village
- Seven Wives Inn
- Super 8
- The Inn at St. George

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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEWS

(AT HOME VERSION) By Adam Mast

In These Trying Times, There's Plenty of Entertainment to Enjoy at Home

Clearly, a lot has happened in the last month or so. But in some ways, maybe pressing the pause button has been a good thing for a lot of people. At the very least, it’s given us more time to spend with our families, look at the world with a fresh perspective, and focus on things that, perhaps, slipped by the wayside as we went about our busy lives.

So we hunker down and take proper precautions to protect the ones we love and minimize no shortage of things to do; Getting a head start on your spring cleaning, playing board games, or going for a walk are prime examples. Of course, my favorite pastime is watching movies and while the temporary closure of theaters has been quite a bummer—I’ll forever be a proponent of the theatrical experience—My extensive Blue-Ray/DVD collection and access to various streaming services and VOI have ensured that my habitual movie viewing habit ain’t going nowhere.

While COVID-19 has caused immediate changes in our day-to-day lives, it’s had a most unique impact on the movie theater industry in particular. In a time when exhibitors are doing everything they can to keep butts in the seats to keep streaming services at bay, and to make sure there are at least 2 months in their theatrical release window, this sudden seismic shift has seen major studios like Disney and Universal Pictures testing out a new business model. More on that in a moment.

As we all navigate through these tricky times, it’s important to remember that no matter where your mindset might be in terms of the actual scope of this pandemic, staying home, washing your hands, and maintaining social distancing isn’t too much to ask. Always better to be safe than sorry. And while it is true, the economy may take a bit of hit, we’ll all bounce back and get through this together.

As we continue to weather this storm, here are a few titles you might want to check out after you’ve finished with that spring cleaning, have taken that much-needed walk or bike, and lost your ass in that brutal game of Monopoly;

VIDEOS ON DEMAND

VOI is certainly nothing new, but a few major studios have opted to attempt something fairly unprecedented and Video on Demand is part of the plan. What might that plan be? How about bringing first-run movies directly to your home? And for only $20! Now, $20 might sound a little steep to some folk but if you have a family, this is beyond a reasonable price. Not only do you have the option of pausing the movie and running back the room, but you also have your own easily accessible snack bar, aka, the kitchen.

While watching select first-run titles in a home setting certainly won’t duplicate the theatrical experience, this is a great option, particularly if there’s a current release you’ve been dying to see. The big question of the moment is will first-run movies continue to be available via VOI once the pandemic subdues and theaters reopen for business? Only time will tell.

For the time being, here’s a little list of first-run films that you can order now.

“THE INVISIBLE MAN” (UNIVERSAL PICTURES/BLUMHOUSE)

This re-imagining, from “Upgrade” director Leigh Whannell took in quite the box-office haul off a rather small $70 million budget as Universal decided to make it available to view from the comfort of your own home. Elisabeth Moss stars as a woman who desperately tries to convince everyone in her life that her deceased husband is, in fact, alive and terrorizing her through the power of invisibility. What follows is essentially a fusion of “Sleeping With the Enemy” and “Hollow Man.” While not without its faults, “The Invisible Man” does take the chills, most notably in the first half. (Rated R)

“I STILL BELIEVE” (LIONSGATE)

This Christian-themed film follows musician Jeremy Camp and his eventual rise to fame “I Still Believe” certainly isn’t without its cheese (and undeniably sentimental) moments, but in the end, it’s neat spirit shines through. Further still, this film gets a lot of mileage out of likable leads Britt Robertson and K.J. Apa. (Rated PG)

NETFLIX

OKAZKI (SERIES)

This dark look at the American Dream follows an accountant at every turn to outsmart drug lords and authorities to keep his family safe. Eventually, he and his loved ones find themselves getting into one intense scrap after the next after relocating from the big city to the Ozarks. This series is pulse-pounding and ridiculous at times, but Jason Bateman and Laura Linney are outstanding in the leads and they’re given an assist by an extremely capable supporting cast. “Nash” has been compared to the likes of “Breaking Bad” and while it’s not quite in the same league, it’s still well worth watching. Note: Season 3 just dropped! (Adult situations and language. Not for the kids.)

APPLE TV+

“AMAZING STORIES” (NEW SERIES)

This updating of Steven Spielberg’s forgotten 80s anthology series is very much in the same tradition. It’s pretty much what the title implies.

DISNEY+

“ONWARD” (ANIMATED FEATURE)

This latest Pixar film just opened in theaters in March 2020 but its theatrical run was cut short so the folks at Disney decided to drop it on their streaming service for our viewing pleasure. (Family appropriate.)

“FROZEN 2” (ANIMATED FEATURE)

Not surprisingly, this sequel to the 2013 monster hit also made a killing at the box-office. But is it as good as its predecessor? That’s debatable. It’s beautifully animated and certainly darker than the first, but the songs aren’t as catchy and it doesn’t quite stick the landing. That said, it’s a “Frozen” movie and your kids are likely to love it! (Appropriate for the whole family.)

CBS ALL ACCESS

“PICKARD” (SERIES)

After 2 successful seasons of “Star Trek: Discovery,” CBS Across is back to push our nostalgia buttons with the reining, “Picard.” Patrick Stewart returns to the role that made him an international star and he’s bringing along several familiar faces for the ride. (Of the PG-13 variety.)

Now it should be noted that the previously mentioned recommended streaming services and titles only scratch the surface!

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In our March issue of The Independent we ran a front cover cameo announcing Sharon Conners, the author of Adventures in Prayer and a Unity Reverend from Sun City, AZ. She would be the first non-LDS favored candidate to speak to our National Day of Prayer breakfast until it was recently canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the prayer breakfast is to be rescheduled.

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SPRINGDALE'S FEATURED RESTAURANTS FROM ZION GUIDE

See detailed restaurant listings for Springdale and the greater Zion National Park area at ZionGuide.com.
ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM - This ancient Anasazi village, located near the Utah-Colorado border, is one of the largest Anasazi communities west of the Colorado River. The site is believed to have been occupied from A.D. 1050 to 1200. The village remains largely unexcavated, but many artifacts have been uncovered and are on display in the nearby remodeled Anasazi State Park in the picturesque town of Bluffdale on State Route 12. Group and individual picnic areas are available. There is no camping. (435) 335-7308.

BAKER - Baker Reservoir is a small lake on the Santa Clara River four miles north of Veyo on U.S. Highway 89 near Kanab. This park offers a wealth of things to do and places to go. From your tent or RV, you can enjoy over 100 species of birds, dozens of mammals, and more than a thousand plant species. (435) 834-5322.

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CORAL PINK SAND DUNES - At an elevation of 3,750 feet, Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park, 10 miles northwest of Santa Clara, features a dramatic array of sand dunes, dune lakes, and native desert shrubs and vegetation. This area is greener than most other parts of southwestern Utah with pine and pinion trees, and many come to enjoy camping and hiking. It is a part of the town of Central. (435) 652-3100.

QUIAL LAKE - Quad Creek State Park provides excellent year-round camping, picnicking, boating, and trout and bass fishing in sunny southwest Utah. The park is three miles east of the Interstate 15 Hurricane exit on Utah State Route 9. Facilities include 23 campsites, modern restrooms, a fish cleaning station, and two covered group-use pavilions. (435) 879-2378.

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GUNLOCK - In scenic red rock country, 15 miles northwest of St. George, lies the 240-acre Gunlock State Park. This reservoir, located approximately 1 mile northwest of the town of Central. (435) 652-3100.

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT - Nearby, the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument is 1,218,375 acres of remote canyons and plateaus, ranging in elevation from 3,400 feet at the South Fork San Juan River to 11,790 feet. (435) 879-2377.

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Trail Chasers (as of March 2 ’20)
The Weeping Rock Trail, Hidden Canyon Trail, and Observation Point Trail (East Rim from Weeping Rock) are closed due to rockfall damage. These closures are indefinite at this time. Lower Emerald Pool Trail is closed for trail repairs until Spring 2020.

Hiking is popular in Zion National Park, and popular hikes are seeing record visitation at peak days and times. For a less-competed trek, consider these less-traveled hikes.

Northgate Peaks
By Don Gilman
The Northgate Peaks trek in the Kolob Terrace section of Zion National Park is an amazing trail with spectacular views. The trail itself is nearly flat, making it a perfect hike for families.

To reach the Northgate Peaks trailhead, take State Route 9 to the town of Virgin. Turn left onto Kolob Terrace Road. Drive for 15.7 miles through increasingly spectacular country until the short spur road (on the right) for the Wildcat Trailhead is reached. Drive a few hundred feet to the large parking area.

The trail heads east across grassy plains and stands of Ponderosa Pine with dynamic views of the towering Pine Valley Peak to the south. Of the Northgate Peaks to the east and west, junction with the Northgate Peaks Trail is reached. Continue east, and 0.1 miles further, the junction with the Hop Valley Trail is reached.

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By Bo Beck
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By Bo Beck and Tanya Milligan
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Sandstone pools at the end of this hike are a favorite spot of the delightful and bounteous canyon tree fros. Look for the tiny gray creatures near the water, and listen for their loud trilling. Past the pools is the end of the Hidden Canyon Trail.

Overlook Trail
By Charlotte Emett
The Overlook Trail is a short, beautiful hike located on the east side of Zion National Park, just outside the Mt. Carmel tunnel. The hike is about one mile roundtrip, and it usually takes people about an hour. It is definitely one of the easier hikes in Zion, but it’s still considered a moderate-level hike due to a few exposed areas and sandstone pathways, which can be slippery.

The Overlook trailhead lies right outside the Mt. Carmel tunnel by the ranger booth. Exit the tunnel too quickly and you’ll miss it.

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Access to the Narrows, so be sure to check can pose extra dangers depending on the weather. Weeping Rock.

Hidden Canyon Trail, this hike starts at a viewpoint for Tower of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale.

Middle Emerald Pools Trail

A two-hour hike, Middle Emerald Pools has long drop-offs. The unpaved trail to the Middle Emerald Pools has loose sand and slippery rocks. You’ll cover two miles in 2 hours over the course of a 150-foot elevation gain. The hike starts at Zion Lodge.

Upper Emerald Pool Trail

Starting at Zion Lodge, this is a shorter trail covering one mile in about an hour. You will rise 200-feet in elevation, and there are minor drop-offs.

Kаяenta Trail

This two-hour hike starts at the Grotto and goes for two miles. You’ll gain 150 feet in elevation, and the trail does have long drop-offs. This unpaved climb connects the Grotto to the Emerald Pools trails.

Canyon Overlook Trail

Starting at Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway, this one-hour hike provides a 163-foot gain in elevation over the course of a mile. This rocky and uneven trail ends at a viewpoint for Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. While this trail is mostly fenced, there are long drop-offs.

Taylor Creek Trail

You’ll begin this five-mile hike at Kolob Canyon Road. It should take around 4 hours to complete and provides a 450-foot gain in elevation. Larger groups may need to split up, as this hike limits 12 people to a group. It follows the Timber Creek just past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Above.

Timber Creek Overlook Trail

A quick hike, the Timber Creek Overlook Trail covers just one mile and 100 feet in elevation gain. It can be done in about 30 minutes. The trail follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains.

Those looking for something less strenuous should check out these easy hikes.

Pavus Trail

Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this two-hour hike covers 3.12 miles and rises 50 feet in elevation. A paved trail that follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction. Pavus Trail is wheelchair accessible and is open to both bicycles and dogs.

Archeology Trail

Also starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this short half-hour hike covers just under half a mile and rises 80 feet in elevation, making it a short but steep trail. This trail offers trailside exhibits and views of several prehistoric buildings.

Lower Emerald Pool Trail

This paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. It also connects to the Middle Emerald Pools Trail. It should take about an hour and covers just over one mile with 69 feet in elevation gain.

Grotto Trail

Starting at Zion Lodge or the Grotto, this trail connects the two locations and can be combined with the Middle Emerald Pool and Kayenta trails to create a 2 1/2-mile loop. The non-loop version should take about 30 minutes and rise 35 feet over one mile.

Weeping Rock Trail

A short but steep hike, the Weeping Rock Trail offers trailside exhibits. This paved trail ends at a rock above with dripping springs. It rises 98 feet over just under a half mile. It can be completed in about 30 minutes.

Riverside Walk

Starting at Temple of Sinawava, this 1 1/2-hour hike cover just over two miles and rises 57 feet in elevation. While it is wheelchair accessible, there are minor drop-offs. The trail, which is paved, offers trailside exhibits as it follows the Virgin Rivet along the bottom of a narrow canyon.

Observation Point via East Rim Trail

This hike climbs through Echo Canyon to a viewpoint of Zion Canyon and offers access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap, and East Mesa trails. Plan for at least half of a day on this hike, which takes around five hours to complete and stretches over 8 miles. The 2,148-foot change in elevation from start to finish has long drop-offs, so be careful. Like Hidden Canyon Trail, this hike starts at Weeping Rock.

The Narrows via Riverside Walk

A full-day hike at 8 hours, the Narrows can pose extra dangers depending on the weather. High water levels can prevent access to the Narrows, so be sure to check with the visitor center before beginning this 9 1/2-mile hike. You’ll start this hike at Temple of Sinawava.

Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail

Getting to Kolob Arch via the La Verkin Creek Trail follows Timber and La Verkin creeks and connects to the trail to Kolob Arch, one of the world’s largest free-standing arches. A full-day hike, it will take around 8 hours to finish the 14-fourse mile trip. This hike starts at Kolob Canyone Road.

If you are looking for something more moderate, try some of these mid-range hikes.

Warning: These hikes are difficult. Be prepared for long drop-offs. This hike is not for young children or people with a fear of heights. Be sure to enjoy, but be careful along the last section of the hike, which is a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. The hike starts at The Grotto.

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May 26th of July Celebration
Celebrate the 26th of July with a picnic dinner. Get ready for the fourth annual July Celebration.

July 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate Independence Day with the Springsdale community. Kick off with a parade followed by live music and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

August 24th of July Celebration
Celebrate the start of fall in Zion mixed with traditional Oktoberfest aspects. The event will feature live rock and folk music and many other activities.

September 10th of July Celebration
This 10K/5K scenic race brings together community, and not just with running. Stay after for some Grafton fun with what is promised to be a party.

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