

Zion Limited Operations

May 13 - 21, 2020 (Open areas and activities below may be subject to change)

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



The Zion - Mt. Carmel Drive (Utah Hwy 9) may be temporarily closed to vehicles in the event of severe traffic congestion.

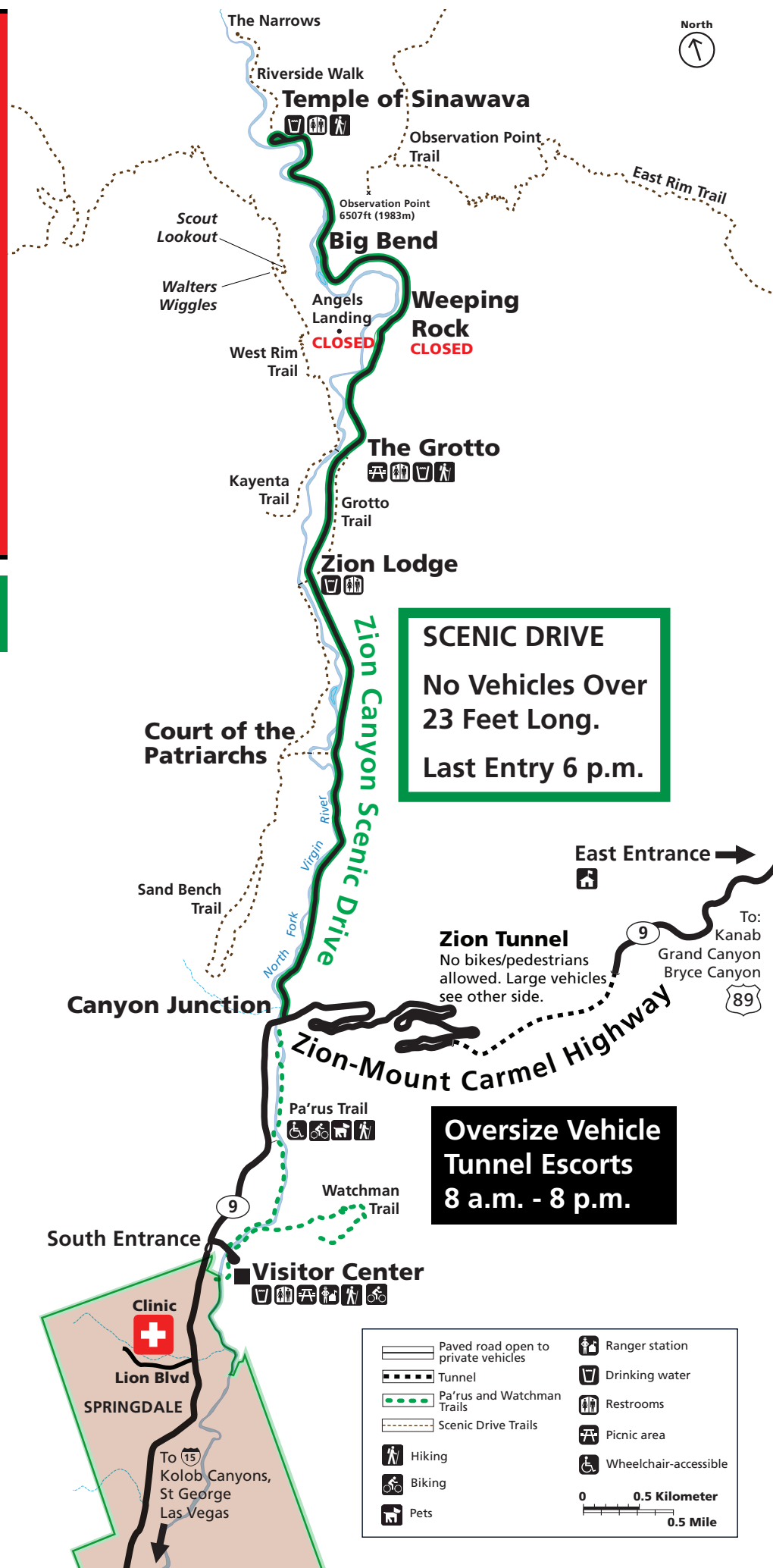
Open Daylight Hours Only

Park Only in Designated Spots

Closed Areas and Activities:
 Kolob Canyons
 Zion Lodge (some services resume May 21)
 Visitor Centers and Campgrounds
 Museum and Theater
 Angels Landing Chain Section
 Wilderness and Recreation Permits
 Climbing and Canyoneering
 Overnight Backpacking

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 South Campground to Canyon Junction. Wheelchairs may need assistance.
Archaeology 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	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. May be icy. Wheelchairs may need assistance.
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. May be muddy and icy.
Sand Bench Trail Zion Lodge	5 hours 7.6 mi / 12.2 km	466 ft / 142 m	Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. Minor drop-offs. Commercial horse trail from March to October.
Kayenta Trail The Grotto	1.5 hours 2 mi / 3.2 km	150 ft / 46 m	Moderate drop-offs. An unpaved climb. CLOSED to Emerald Pools.
Strenuous			
Scout's Lookout and West Rim Trail The Grotto	4 hours 5.4 mi / 8.7 km	1488 ft / 453 m	Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Open to Scouts Lookout and West Rim Trail. Angels landing chains section is CLOSED.
The Narrows (via Riverside Walk) Temple of Sinawava	8 hours 9.4 mi / 15.1 km	334 ft / 102 m	CLOSED until water flow is under 150 cubic feet/second. Check with a ranger for current conditions.



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

Hiking During Limited Operations

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

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



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, or 7'10" wide or wider, 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 VEHICLES IN THE TUNNEL

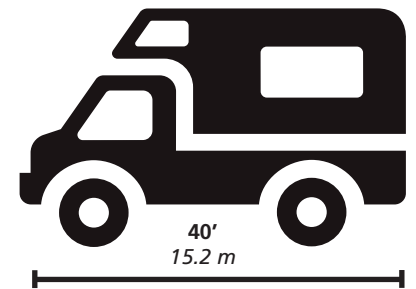
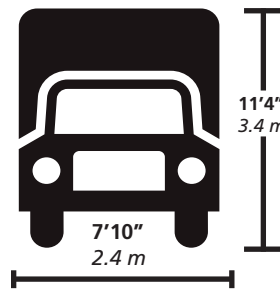


Vehicles over 13'1" tall
Semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
Vehicles carrying hazardous materials
Vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lb.
Combined vehicles or buses over 50 ft.

Bicycles and pedestrians are also 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.



Vehicles 11'4" (3.4 m) tall or higher and 7'10" (2.4 m) wide or more, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, will require traffic control in the tunnel. Single-axle vehicles may not exceed 40' in length.

Camping and Recreating Near Zion

All campgrounds in the park are closed. Camping is not permitted in parking areas or pullouts.

Watchman Campground will open May 22, 2020 except for group sites that will remain closed. To make a reservation, visit www.recreation.gov or call 877-444-6777. Watchman Campground can be made 6 months ahead but is often full months in advance.

For camping and activities outside the park check these websites:

visitutah.com

visitsouthernutah.com

greaterzion.com

visitcedarcity.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.

Carry enough water (at least one gallon per person per day) and drink it. As you sweat you also lose the salt your body needs to survive. Water is available in the park's developed areas. Do not drink untreated water from springs.

EXTREME HEAT

'Hyper'thermia occurs when the body is heated to dangerous levels. Conditions include Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke, which are responsible for many medical emergencies at Zion each summer. Signs of hyperthermia include 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

Maintain six-foot social distancing

Do not exceed group size limits

Wash hands with soap for 20 seconds

Cover mouth when coughing or sneezing

Hand sanitizer available near restrooms

Pets, Drones, and Rafts/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.

The Virgin River in the park is closed to floating/rafting.

Support the Zion Forever Project



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.

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/projects.

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

