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Patriotism

By James McFadden

I love July, speci-
cially, the 4th of
July and every-
ting it has come to
represent in my life.
My father was
a patriotic man,
his name was
Johnson, and he
served in the
Marines and was
part of the fleet
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continue to do so today.

I love the principles this Nation was
and is built on. They are making progress
possible. We can’t throw everything aside
just because parts of it are broken. We need to
work together and solve our problems as
a Nation and build or rebuild those parts
that need to be fixed. We can’t do that if we
are divided, we must find a way to come to
the table together. And I believe it’s pos-
sible, because the principles written in the
Constitution tell me to believe in something
bigger and better than what we had yes-
terday. That’s what I’m a patriot of, that
hope that we can build something better,
together. God Bless the U.S.A.

The founders of this great Nation
believed that “All men were created equal.”
It took some time for that to start being
realized, and it is still in the process of
becoming self-evident. But for many, this
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Emancipation Proclamation on January 1,
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states tolerated slavery, it was rebellious
states that were not willing to embrace what
the world was in the process of embracing,
and it took a war, among other things, to
start the process of eradicating that practice
from our lands and from our hearts.

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If you’ve been awake at all over the past few weeks, you know one thing, it’s hot! So yup, I’m going to talk about the weather. Or, more specifically, ways of dealing with the heat of summer.

This year as the heat hit us all in the Western U.S. with an early wave; I’ve spent an inordinate amount of time trying to figure out how to stay cool and comfortable. So, I want to share a handful of things I’ve been doing myself and then a shortlist of other ideas to beat the heat.

For starters, I’ve been waking up early! It’s not that I’m generally a late sleeper anyway, but as the sun has been rising so early, I’ve been taking advantage of a little extra time each morning to workout, play some tennis, get some yard work in, or otherwise take care of things that wouldn’t be as fun in the heat. Of course, this means crashing out earlier for me, so I don’t get much of the cooler evenings... but who are we kidding? It’s typically not getting cool until after 10 PM anyway. I’m in bed by about then!

Fans have become my new best friend. I bought a fancy Dyson for the bedroom with remote control and whisper-quiet operation for when we’re sleeping. I also picked up an extra cheap fan for my workout area in the garage. And I’ve got a tiny one on my desk. Kind of an obvious one, but it’s sure been helping.

I’ve also been using ice packs on my neck when I do have to go out in the heat. I just wrap them in a handkerchief and tie them around my neck. Another version of this I use is just to soak and wring out my shirt. Ooooh... evaporative cooling. Nice!

Baking or even using the stove right now adds additional heat to the house, so we’ve been doing a lot of salads and items that cook quickly. I also got a solar cooker, and while I haven’t used it as much as I’d like, it’s a great way to cook outside. BBQs and camp stoves in the backyard are another excellent way to go.

We also added curtains to a couple of windows that didn’t have them. So that’s definitely cut the heat down in those rooms.

Here are just a few other tips to help you keep cool this summer:

- Use light bedding. Again, it seems obvious, but many folks don’t change out their bedding from winter to summer.
- Wet your curtains. This works best on a breezy day with the windows open.
- Hang out downstairs. If you have one, the downstairs is typically the coolest place in the house.
- Eat spicy foods. Strange, but eating spicy foods can make you sweat, the sweat evaporates, and you’re cooler!
- Plant trees or add awnings. Both help by adding shade. If you can’t wait for the trees to grow, build awnings over your doors and windows.
- Improve your home’s insulation. This will help keep your house cool in the summer and also warmer during the winter and save you money in the long run.

So, there it is! Stay cool, and happy reading!
As I put this together, it is raining outside and there is a flash-flood warning in place for Kane County and Washington County as Zion National Park is hit with almost an inch of rain in under an hour. That is great news and yet, not great news since the ground is so hard and dry it is just going to come barreling down our washes, but we do need the rain and the water as...

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I can remember some years back, we had three or four really nice thunderstorms roll through Washington County by this time of the year.

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Utah’s drought conditions are serious. The intensity and the fact that we have not had any recent relief have created this extreme situation. The state’s dry conditions during April and May and record high temperatures in June continue to elevate our desperate drought conditions.

• Air temperatures for the first half of June were 9.4 degrees Fahrenheit above average.
• On average, the entire state was drier than normal, during the last few weeks by approximately 0.16 inches (7-day departure from average).
• Soils are 12% drier than average, with soil moisture for the last week of June at 42.2% saturation, compared to an average of 54.7% saturation.
• About 95% of Utah’s water comes from snowpack. This state-wide average ranges from around 75% in the southwest corner to over 95% in the northern part near the Weber Basin headwaters. Different-sized reservoirs are located throughout the state to catch and store runoff. Small reservoirs store about one year’s worth of water, while larger reservoirs, like Strawberry or Jordanelle, store several years’ worth. Reservoir storage helps to prevent water shortages and is dependent on snowpack and runoff.

• Major reservoirs statewide are currently 63% of available capacity.
• 21 of 42 of our largest reservoirs are below 55% of available capacity.

• On average, current reservoir levels are below September 2020 levels, toward the end of the irrigation season. This is significant considering the majority of Utah’s watering season is ahead of us.

• Several Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs are below any previous storage and elevation level in the last 30 years, including Lake Powell, Rockport and Steinaker.

• The Great Salt Lake’s current elevation is 4,191.9 feet, about five inches from its historic recorded low level (4191.4 feet) documented in 1963.

So as state and local authorities issue warnings and ask for businesses and residents to cut back water use, I am here to tell you it is serious, and it is necessary. My family has already cut our water use by over 20% and if we have to let the lawn die, so be it. One tip that has saved my lawn so far? I mow it at almost 5” high, it’s greener and grows faster than normal even with a significant reduction in watering from the opening of the season. I’m here to tell you it works. Cut your lawn to the highest level you possibly can and you just might be surprised.

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Montezuma and The PettiTrots Debut in Kanab

A musical comedy that both celebrates and pokes fun at small town life. So what is it like producing a brand-new musical comedy? As writer and producer, Jeff Stott learned more and more about Kanab’s history, two events that helped his attention. The election of the nation’s first all-women town council in 1914 by the Prospectors Fuzzy Crystal’s recruitment of the whole town to help him search for Montezuma’s hidden treasure supposedly stolen by Kezar King. “I mean, can’t you make this stuff up? To think that Kanab, as well rural, conserva- tive, religious western town in the middle of nowhere, would be the first to have an all- women council. I mean, what the heck!” And then to hear about a time where a complete stranger continues the town to help him search for gold hidden by an ancient kezar king? Wow, just wow.” Stott couldn’t help but think about these events. Together, they create an intriguing and beautiful story that would entertain both visitors and residents of Southern Utah. “So I just got to work writing the story and accompanying music. It took two years, with the help of dozens of people who reviewed and edited each draft. We made it western. And we made it funny.”

Because Montezuma and The PettiTrots is an original and debut for the first time, there are several challenges. Fortunately, the benefit can be easily outweigh the challenges—we aren’t required to abide by the script legally, meaning we have all the freedom of the world to adapt and improve it according to each event and outside forces. Also, it’s an all-female cast. Additional attendance will find it exciting and refreshing to attend a live performance of something that’s never been done before; it’s thrilling, really.”

Director Tammie Van Dyke has embraced the challenge. “We’re talking about songs that have never been sung in front of a crowd. Jokes that have never been audience- tested. A story that hasn’t been told.” But like Stott, Van Dyke sees the newness of this production as a risk with a huge payoff. “Of course, it’s intimidating doing something that’s never been done before. But we have actors with years of experience who are enjoying their characters and having so much fun in the process. Combining that with a fully committed and talented technical and stage team gives me all the confidence in the world that this production will be one of the books.”

As heart, Montezuma, and The PettiTrots is about treasure-seeking, falling in love, and accepting oneself—weaknesses and all. Of course, some would be pos- sible without the support of our sponsors, including our presenting sponsor, Kanab Realty. Performance Repons are available on August 5, 6, 7, and 9 at the RHS Auditorium. Tickets are available at www.kanabmusical.com or at the door.

The nature’s first all-women town council inspired this new musical play, to debut August 5, 6, 7 and 9. Tickets at kanabmusical.com.
canceled its 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to dedicating the season to him, the Festival is planning a celebration in August for the life of Fred C. Adams, who founded the Festival in 1961 and passed away in February 2020.

The 2021 season started October 9. The plays will be William Shakespeare’s Richard III, The Comedy of Errors, Pericles, and The Merchant of Venice by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Lynn Nottage, and The Comedy of Errors by John Goodrum.

“This season is a mixture of plays rolled over from the canceled 2020 season, with the addition of three exciting and reflective plays that capture the heartbeat of the Utah Shakespeare Festival’s enduring mission,” said Artistic Director Brian Vaughn. “All of these titles explore various themes of identity and mortality; the debate of fate versus free will; and the examination of the human spirit’s ability to overcome injustice and oppression. Combined, they make up a rich tapestry of drama that magnifies the intricacies of our collective humanity.”

Tickets for the 2021 season are $65 to $85. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to the Festival website at bard.org, call 800-PLAYTIX, or visit the Ticket Office onsite at the Beverley Center for the Arts. Don’t forget to use promo-code “Independent21”.

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY AND PIONEER DAY IN KANAB

Kanab’s Small Town Independence Day Celebration

This year Independence Day falls on a Sunday, therefore, will be celebrated July 3rd, Saturday.

Even visitors feel at home and full of patriotism when they celebrate the 4th of July in Southern Utah! Listen bright and early at 6:00 AM for the cannons as they Blast Off, awakening the whole town for the day’s festivities. Soon after, join in on a Color Fun Run 5K starting at the church in the center of town at 7:00AM.

Then, at 10:00 AM join the town on Center Street for a parade you will have the chance to see twice, as the parade turns around at the end of the street, only to end just where it began!

After the parade, find yourself at Jacob Hamblin Park for vendors, entertainment, and many more festivities throughout the day and into the evening. Once the sun sets and the entertainment wraps up, prepare yourself for one of the most unique fireworks shows you have ever seen! Fireworks shoot overhead at Jacob Hamblin Park, illuminating the red cliffs while sending echoes all throughout the town.

Celebrate Independence Day in small town USA and we are sure you’ll return again, and again! Will you join us in celebrating Independence Day and “Honoring Those Who Protect Our Freedoms”? Kanab Music Festival Returns
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Bring the family out and listen to some great music while you cool off in the Jackson Flat Reservoir, get something delicious to eat from one of the vendors and hang around for the fireworks that night! There will be two separate stages with a honey of talented artists performing throughout the day and into the night.

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CEDAR BREAKS TO HOST ANNUAL WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

The public is invited to special programming focused on the park’s blooming wildflowers.

Cedar City, Utah – The National Park Service will host the annual Cedar Breaks Wildflower Festival beginning Friday, July 2 and continuing daily through Sunday, July 11. The festival highlights the amazing wildflowers that are blooming in the park’s alpine environment along the rim of the Cedar Breaks Amphitheater. The highlight of the festival will be daily Wildflower Walks which will be available four times each day.

Wildflower Walks will begin at the park’s Picnic Area at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 A.M., 1:00 PM., & 2:30 PM. The walks will be led by park rangers, interns, and volunteers and will last approximately 45 minutes. The programs will follow the Sunset Trail which meets outdoor accessibility guidelines, but visitors should be prepared to walk up to a mile.

In addition to the daily Wildflower Walks, the National Park Service has partnered with the Southern Utah Museum of Art (SUMA) to bring local plein air artists into the park on Sunday, July 11. These artists will be creating wildflower focused paintings at many of the park’s overlooks. Visitors are encouraged to engage with the artists about painting in the park.

Throughout the festival the park will continue to offer Geology programs at the North View Overlook. Additional programs may be added in the coming weeks. A complete listing of programs is available on the park’s website at www.nps.gov/cebr/planyourvisit/calendar.htm.

Construction of the Cedar Breaks Visitor Contact Station is underway and has changed visitor operations this season. To help visitors plan for visiting the park this summer, a new 2021 Visitor Guide webpage is available online at www.nps.gov/cebr/plan-yourvisit/2021.htm. The webpage includes information about ranger programs, information booths, entrance pass sales, campground operations, and most importantly restrooms. The page is updated regularly.

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UHP. 2020 saw a 29% increase in citations for speeding and more. Excessive speeding and fatal crashes in Utah are rising on our roads: “According to the Utah Highway Patrol, fatalities have increased by 50% since 2011.” In fact, the Utah Highway Patrol commented that one committee hearing on the HB80 bill in 2019 was “about lowering the speed limit. In fact, we saw no troopers monitoring those who drive at the new speed limit. In fact, we saw no troopers monitoring those who drive at the new speed limit.”

Several years ago, the Utah Legislature passed a bill increasing the speed on some of Utah’s highways from 70 mph to 80 mph, and more highways have been added since then. It was reported that the increase was merely to match the speed at which most drivers in Utah were going, which was slightly over 80 mph. Unfortunately, the bill received strong support in both the House and the Senate, with the exception of several Democrats, including former Representative Pat Jones and Brian Shumway. Now it’s been reported that Utah Highway Patrol has been stopping people going 100 mph and more. Excessive speeding and fatal crashes are up way in Utah this year, according to UHP 2020 saw a 29% increase in citations for those going over 100 mph.

During my lifetime, people continually “inched” over the posted speed. Since people were driving slightly over 80 mph when the posted speed was 75 mph, our legislators should have had the wisdom to know that people would drive faster than 80 mph when that was posted. The test studies done in the first areas where the speed was increased showed that people were only going slightly over 80 mph. So, apparently, our wiser-than-wise legislators assumed that trend would continue even when the evidence was that people have driven over the speed limit and some considerably over the speed limit ever since cars entered our lives. It was mentioned at a bill committee hearing that the bill’s purpose was not to change driver behavior but to keep the speed limit. So much for that.

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While driving to Salt Lake City recently and sticking to the 80mph limit or slightly above, people were passing us like we were standing still. I would guess they were going at least 90 and maybe more. They are on a freeway in the slow lane and need to pass someone who is going slower, they must have some assurance that someone approaching in the fast lane is not going 20 miles or more over the speed limit. In fact, we saw no troopers and certainly no one being stopped for their speeding.

The Utah legislature missed the mark on this matter and has put all Utahns and others on our roads at great risk. Those who are driving at excessive speeds may be reaching their destination more quickly, but at what danger to themselves and others? Our legislators certainly no one being stopped for their speeding.

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A CRISIS OF HUMANITY AT THE BORDER

By Ed Kociela

I remember when you could pretty much move easily across the North American borders without visas or passports or any other encumbrances. As a sports reporter covering the Los Angeles Kings hockey team, I regularly breezed in and out of Canada with no problem. Before that, I remember going in and out of Mexico without having to produce any documents whatsoever.

Things change; I’ve got that. Circumstances – political and otherwise – come to bear in crushing waves of change that aren’t always good, reasonable, or humane. We look differently at each other these days. The color of our skin, the accent of our words, the belief system we adhere to stands tall in the harbor, beckoning.

My European ancestors heeded those words because they believed them and the belief system they adhered to imbued marks us and separates humanity into an “us or them” clique often stained by fear and suspicion. That’s why our people of power are making it such a point to visit our borders, particularly the one separating the United States and Mexico, and insisting on building walls.

Walls do not keep people in or prevent them from entering. They are simply a hurdle that many have found ways to surmount. Of course, the anger and suspicion generated by these idiotic walls remain unchecked.

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No one should give up their identity, their culture, their being, but no person should be excluded because of it. There should have been no other reason for Vice President Kamala Harris to visit the border near El Paso last week other than to pick up a nice pair of Tony Lama’s from the factory, then hop across the border for some Chile Colorado or Pozole.

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Hidden Haven Falls Trail

By Tom Garrison

Trail: Hidden Haven Falls Trail
Location: Parowan Canyon Wildlife Management Area about five miles east of Parowan. The hike is free, and no permit necessary.
Difficulty: Easy with some Benson Creek rock scrambling and creek crossing the last part of the hike.
Average hiking time: One to two hours depending upon your speed, photo stops, and a side trip to the amphitheater.
Elevation: 7,105 feet trailhead elevation with a 250 feet elevation change.
Family-Friendly: Yes, we saw several young kids and a dog on the trail.

Getting there: From St. George, travel north on Interstate 15. About 15 miles past Cedar City, turn off at Exit 75, placing you on Highway 143 (aka 200 South Street) going east. Follow the signs for Brian Head and Cedar Breaks National Monument, and after about 2.5 miles, turn right onto South Canyon Road, also known as Highway 143. Reset your odometer at this intersection and follow Highway 143 north for 5.5 miles, where you will see a large white sign on the left (east) side of the road saying, “Parowan Canyon Wildlife Management Area.” The sign is in a large parking area. This is the Hidden Haven Falls Trailhead. There also was a smaller white and blue sign reading “Hidden Haven” attached to a fence rail. This small sign may or may not always be there.

No matter how wonderful home is, and we all know, the St. George area is hot in the extreme heatwave (it usually doesn’t get to 100 degrees until the middle of July). We arrived at the trailhead about 9:15 am. The parking lot and trailhead elevation is 7,105 feet, and the temperature was in the upper 80s.

A wooden fence bounds the parking area/trailhead with an opening to the trail. The first section of the well-established trail, about 1/3 mile, runs north parallel to Highway 143 between the highway and Parowan Creek on the right. It is a wooded area, and the trail winds in and out of the shade.

While Deb and I totally enjoy desert hiking, this woodland trail is a nice change. We came to the first small footbridge crossing Parowan Creek about 1/3 mile in when the trail bends away from the highway and heads east, now paralleling Benson Creek. At approximately ½ mile along, we came to a fork in the trail marked by a solitary wooden bench. The right fork (heading south) heads uphill to an amphitheater. The left continues toward the falls, going east roughly paralleling Benson Creek to the left of the trail.

Next, we came to a second footbridge at .7 mile along the trail. Soon we entered a picnic area with tables and could see the top of Benson Canyon, where the falls are located. We scrambled down the bank of Benson Creek just beyond the campground where a huge tree had fallen across the creek and continued upstream. From here to the waterfall requires some easy creek crossing and rock scrambling.

About 1/2 mile away, and we heard and saw the waterfall—a very nice cascade about 40 feet high in a shady cove. It was the beginning of summer in a dry year, and the waterfall was flowing, but not a thundering torrent one could imagine in the spring of a wet year. The one-way distance from the trailhead to the falls is about one mile with a 250 feet elevation change, an easy hike.

On the return trip, we quickly explored the amphitheater, less than ½ mile round trip. It was somewhat odd to find an open area with a rough stage and stagged seating. Nevertheless, it would be an excellent venue for a play. Then it was back to the intersection and return to the trailhead.

Deb and I are used to desert hiking, where we can typically see scores of miles in every direction. This was different, albeit a nice change, in that most of what we could see was a bushwillow trees everywhere. We didn’t see any squirrels or lizards but did spot a few birds and butterflies. We were a bit surprised to meet at least 20 other hikers, including several young kids, on a fairly obscure trail mid-week during a heatwave.

It is a pleasant hike. This family-friendly adventure is worth the effort. We spent about 1 ½ hours on the trail. The roundtrip distance is about two miles, add another ½ mile to see the amphitheater. So if you enjoy a leisurely hike in a cooler environment with a waterfall payoff, give Hidden Haven Falls Trail a try.

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THE INDEPENDENT MOVIE REVIEW
By Adam Mast

MORTAL KOMBAT (R)

Looking back, one might find it incredibly difficult to choose a video game-turn-movie that’s truly worth recommending. Sure, “Tomb Raider” was a modest hit, and “Silent Hill” has a fitting dark tone, but do any of these movies beg to be rewatched regularly? That’s debatable.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

UTAH MIDSUMMER RENAISSANCE FAIRE
June 24–July 24. Nellie, a spunky nurse
views her role as a woman. DSU Sears Art
Center. Thursdays–Sundays 10 AM–8 PM.

TREASURE HUNTING TREASURE AT CASABLANCA
July 21–25, 7 PM. Free admission. Casablanca Bistro & Bar, 35 W. Center St. Lace
up your walking shoes and prepare for some
wonderful adventures. Montezuma’s hidden
treasure supposedly buried near Kanab.

TRANSCEND THE KING AT CASABLANCA
July 28–August 1, 7 PM. Tickets are
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GODFATHER
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6–10 PM. Starring John Brooks. Must be 21 or older. 950 W. Mesquite Blvd., Ivins.

KARAOKE SHOWCASE AT KANAB REDROCK ROADRUNNERS SHOW
9 PM. The Red Rock Amphitheater, 1100 W. Amasa Blvd., Kanab.

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Fri, July 30

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Dave Tate at Peekaboo Kitchen 7 PM. Free. Dave Tate’s soulful style combines pure, powerful vocals with dynamic, rhythmic acoustic guitar and poetic lyricalism to present a unique combination of strength and intimacy. 233 W. Center St., Kanab.

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If you order an alcoholic drink at the restaurant bar, don’t be surprised when the bartender asks you to order some food with your drink. In Utah, restaurants may only serve alcoholic beverages with food. Customers don’t have to order food each time they buy another drink. The beer sold in grocery stores and gas stations, and tap beer is a bit weaker in Utah, limited to 3.2% alcohol content by weight (4.0% by volume), about 0.5% less than a typical American domestic beer. You can buy full-strength beer, along with liquor and wine, in a state-operated liquor store. Please remember to tip your servers and drink responsibly! The Utah State Liquor Store in Springdale is located inside the Switchback.

SPRINGDALE’S FEATURED RESTAURANTS FROM ZION GUIDE

See detailed restaurant listings for Springdale and the greater Zion National Park area at ZionGuide.com.
Kolob Canyon District of Zion National Park are reached via Exit 40 on Interstate 15. Stopping at for a quick photo op. The Kolob Terrace Road turnoff is in Virgin, so watch for signs. Portions of the With gorgeous open spaces and plenty of dirt roads to explore, Kolob Terrace Road is one of Zion's best kept Check out Kolob Canyons and Kolob Terrace Road. Temple of Sinawava parking lot. The shuttles stop running from November until March. Starting in the late fall, the number of visitors to Zion Canyon starts to dwindle, and by December it's significantly less than in the heat of the summer. It is simply a different experience to see Zion in the winter with the snow-capped monoliths. Most hikes are still accessible and are less crowded. You can also drive to the Be cautious near steep cliffs. Falls from cliffs on trails can result in death. Loose soil 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 Maximize Enjoyment**

Go on a less crowded hike. The most visited Zion hikes 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 feature, Less-Traveled Zion Hikes, in this issue. To avoid the crowds, go early or late in the day. Consider getting up extra early or trekking out midday after the initial rush has flooded in. Consider coming back again in the low season. Starting in the late fall, the number of visitors to Zion Canyon starts to dwindle, and by December it’s significantly less than in the heat of the summer. It is simply a different experience to see Zion in the winter with the snow-capped monoliths. Most hikes are still accessible and are less crowded. You can also drive to the Temple of Sinawava parking lot. The shuttles stop running from November until March. Check out Kolob Canyons and Kolob Terrace Road. Extensive Collection of Authentic Native American Art from the Southwest

**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 ugly 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 animal. 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.}

**Safety Tips For Zion**

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 visitor’s 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 soil 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.

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Spend a day in Springdale
Springdale is unique to our national park system in that it is almost completely surrounded by Zion National Park. So when you’re in Springdale, you’re right in the middle of Zion Canyon.

Catch an event
Not only does Zion Brew Pub have live music every Saturday, the property also hosts a handful of events throughout the year, as do the Bit and Spur restaurant, Tanner Amphitheater, Bumbleberry Inn, Wildcat Willy’s, and several other locations.

Try a guided tour
Jeep, helicopter, ATV, canyoneering, horseback riding, or mountain biking, guided tours are all available. Many of these tours take you outside Zion National Park boundaries and give you a unique perspective on Zion’s canyons and plateaus from surrounding areas of southern Utah. Check out ZionGuide.com for listings and ads.

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, like the Little Hollywood Movie Museum and the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary.

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.

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The Zion Canyon Shuttle connects the Zion Canyon Visitor Center to stops at four locations on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Tune your radio to 1610 AM for additional information.

SHUTTLE SERVICE OPERATIONS UPDATES FOR 2021

Frequently Asked Questions about the Zion Canyon Shuttle

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What if I already have a shuttle ticket?

Previously purchased shuttle tickets will be honored and given priority boarding. When arriving at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, visitors with shuttle tickets will be directed where to board shuttles. Ticket holders should continue to arrive during the hour block their ticket was purchased and have their QR codes ready to present to NPS staff.

Are all the shuttle buses inside the park running the same route?

No. Two types of routes will be running, depending on where you are in the park and the time of day. Buses will be clearly marked for either route. The Visitor Center route will pick up at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center morning and drop off at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center all day until the last bus in the evening. Shuttles will depart the visitor center from 6 AM – 5 PM. Shuttles will be clearly marked for either route. The Visitor Center route will pick up at all stops going up and down the canyon, as well as at the Visitor Center. The Visitor Center Route will only pick up and drop off from the shuttle stops on the right side of the shuttle. Stops you can get on and off going up-canyon, or toward the Temple of Sinawava, are Zion Lodge and the Grotto. Stops you can get on and off going down-canyon, or toward the Zion Canyon Visitor Center are Big Bend and the Zion Lodge. The Circulator Route will stop off but not pick up at the Temple of Sinawava.

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What is the shuttle schedule?

The first shuttle leaves the Zion Canyon Visitor Center at 6 AM. Shuttles depart from each stop frequently, usually only 6-10 minutes apart. Shuttles depart from each stop frequently, usually only 6-10 minutes apart. Shuttle operations the last shuttle will leave the Temple of Sinawava at 8:15 PM, arriving back at the Visitor Center at around 9 PM. Do not wait until the last shuttle to leave Zion Canyon for the day. Due to limited capacity, the shuttle is likely to be full by the time it reaches your stop and you will be cut off.

What if I miss the last shuttle or the last shuttle is full?

Don’t wait too long to catch a shuttle out! It is a long walk back to your vehicle (up to 8 miles or more), and it will be dark out. Alternately, you can walk to the Zion Lodge (a long walk in the dark!), where the Front Desk will have a list of companies that provide after-hours shuttle van rides. These rides are variable in price and may not be available at all times. Rangers will not give you a ride back to your vehicle.

Can I bring a bicycle on the shuttle?

Yes. No fat tire or electric bikes will be allowed. You will need to be able to put your bike rack on the bike rack on the front of the shuttle yourself. The shuttle driver will not be able to assist you due to COVID-19 guidelines.

Can I bring a stroller on the shuttle?

Yes. You will need to be able to put your stroller on the bike rack on the front of the shuttle yourself. The shuttle driver will not be able to assist you due to COVID-19 guidelines.

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Zion's Natural Diversity

That's also true away from the river, where survival is a testimony to evolution that anything can be, amazing array of plants and animals thrive in Zion's dry, south-facing canyons. At the lowest elevations, Mojave Desert species—desert tortoise and honey mesquite—flourish; while piñon, cliffrose, and mesquite flourish aspen prefer snowy high country winters, cottonwood, singleleaf ash, and boxelder. In the desert over 500 times more species are found at water sources than in the surrounding arid country. The Virgin River's perennial flow was the lifeblood of the canyon for the people who lived here for thousands of years. The rare Zion snail lives in/cavern of melted snow.

Visitors may see tarantulas scuttling about, bellied marmots scurry between white fire, and mountain lions and elk roam the park's high country. Research shows that 150 years of farming, grazing, and recreation changed Zion's rate Zion's remaining diversity. Although most park species are/face competition from exotic species like tamarisk and cheatgrass replace native willow and native shadscale and big sagebrush mingle with the Colorado Plateau's bigtooth maple and Utah ash. This national park is beautiful but not pristine; carry and drink one gallon of water per person per day. Although most park species are/face competition from exotic species like tamarisk and cheatgrass replace native willow and native shadscale and big sagebrush mingle with the Colorado Plateau's bigtooth maple and Utah ash. This national park is beautiful but not pristine; carry and drink one gallon of water per person per day.
National parks are seeing an uptick in helicopters carrying unfortunate hikers out of precarious situations. In the past decade the number of incidents requiring search and rescue or medical treatment increased much faster than the increase in visitation. The majority of those rescues occurred in Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, and most hikers who end up getting into trouble are either in their 20s or are older than 60.

Despite our highly skilled and dedicated rescue teams’ valiant efforts, not everyone made it out of their predicaments safely. Twelve people lost their lives in Utah’s national parks in 2017 alone.

It’s hard to imagine one wanting a vacation amid the splendor of our national parks to involve search and rescue teams or a close encounter with death. Zion National Park is often referred to as an outdoor Disneyland. But this is the wilderness, and it’s far less forgiving than any theme park. Here are some tips for how to safely enjoy your time in Zion Canyon.

Bring water
You lose more water through perspiration than you realize, and if you are used to a more moist climate — and nearly any climate is less arid than southern Utah — you can become dehydrated quickly without realizing it.

The National Park Service recommends that hikers bring one gallon of water per hiker per day. There are fill stations throughout Springdale and the park that provided filtered water at no charge.

Natural water sources in the park such as creeks and streams are not reliable sources of clean drinking water. If you find yourself in a situation wherein you need water but have none, it is strongly advised that any locally-sourced water intended for consumption first be filtered, boiled for at least 10 minutes, or treated with iodine before consuming.

Wear appropriate clothing
While most paths and trails are well maintained, this is the great outdoors, and a little loose gravel or slickrock can lead to injury — or worse. Think of appropriate footwear as an insurance policy — and if you are a little nervous, a hiking stick never hurts. Also, dress lightly if it’s going to be hot, but be sure to use appropriate sun protection like sunscreen and large-brimmed hats, because suffering from sunstroke or severe sunburn during an already taxing hike can be brutal.

Hike at your skill level, and don’t take risks
Trails in Zion range from short and easy to long and challenging. Don’t overestimate your ability and endurance level. And don’t engage in horseplay or other activity that might endanger yourself or others. Some of Zion’s hikes are steep, and you wouldn’t be the first person to tumble down a hill — or worse, fall off a cliff. Zion is beautiful, but it’s also dangerous, so respect yourself and others by respecting the terrain.

Leave wildlife alone
Animals instinctively avoid humans, but the area is home to everything from poisonous snakes to mountain lions. Never approach local wildlife — and never try to feed them. This can result in injury to visitors, and numerous visitors have required stitches after attempting to hand-feed animals. But when humans feed wildlife, it’s also not good for the animals, who are already best suited to feed themselves.

Hike sober
Sometimes relatively stationary outdoor activities like boating or camping involve enjoying an adult beverage or two. But when you’re hiking the varied terrain of our national parks, you don’t want your coordination, balance, or judgment to be impaired to any extent. Zion Canyon, Springdale, and Kanab are home to several fine restaurants and bars — but visit them for a cocktail after your hike, not before.
April
Washington County Fair
Parade, rides, carnival, and so much more! Legacy Park, 5500 W, 700 S, Hurricane.

May
Kanab 10K
A beautiful course sanctioned by USA Track and Field along Hwy 89 from Moqui Cave to the Kanab City Park.

May
Amazing Earthfest
Southern Utah’s festival of learning, art, and outdoor adventure.

June
Jacob Hamblin Days Festival
A fun festival to celebrate the pioneer and Western heritage of Kanab and Kane County.

June-Sep.
Kanab Outdoor Market
Takes place each week from 5 to 8 pm at the “Terrace” at the Kanab Center, located at 20 North 100 East in Kanab. Local vendors, farmers, crafts, and more!

July
Kanab 4th of July Celebration
Celebrate the nation’s Independence Day small-town style in charming Kanab, Utah! Parade, vendors, entertainment and festivities throughout the day into the evening.

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

July
24th of July Celebration
Celebrate the state of Utah with a pioneer dinner. Get ready for the fourth annual Kabob-a-Que.

August
Symphony at the Grand Canyon
The Grand Canyon Symphony performs on the patio at the North Rim Lodge. Bring a picnic dinner and listen as the sun sets over the Grand Canyon.

August
Kane County Fair
Offering many wonderful events for the whole family. Most of the events are free so don’t miss out.

August
Western Legends Round-up
Kanab’s celebration of film, music, poetry, and Western heritage.

September
Big Water Dinosaur Festival
Celebrating past and present dinosaur discoveries in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

September
Demolition Derby
Cars, trucks and “figure 8s” with up to 18 cars demolition derby with events for the entire family, including the Power Wheels Derby for kids and the wife-carrying contest!

September
Carmel Mtn. Music and Art Festival and Car Show
Check out fancy cars and enjoy live entertainment, vendors, food and kid-friendly activities.

September
Zion Mountain Music Festival
Enjoy the beautiful fall season in Zion as the canyon is filled with music. The Zion Mountain Music Festival features music, art and an exquisite backdrop.

October
Red Rocktoberfest
Art, food, live music and poetry, dancing, wagon rides, photography, games and activities for the kids, all on the main drag in Kanab. German food.

October
Zion Rocktoberfest
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.

November
Zion Canyon Arts and Crafts Fair
Visit Zion for the 26th annual arts and crafts fair put on by Z-Arts. Spend the weekend touring the different vendors and craft booths.

December
Windsor Castle by Night
Held at Historic Pipe Springs National Monument, the Castle by Night is an opportunity to enjoy a historic recreation of an 1865’s early settlement by candlelight and music.
ANASAZI STATE PARK MUSEUM - This ancient Indian village and the ruins of its descendants greats are 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 newly remodeled museum. Anasazi State Park is in the picturesque town of Boulder 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 Utah State Route 18. It is a 63-acre lake with an average depth of about 20 feet. Many people come to the reservoir to camp at one of its 10 campsites and to fish. The reservoir is stocked with rainbow trout and contains brown trout, green sunfish, crappie, redside shiner, and mountain sucker. It has picnic areas and vault toilets. There is a fee for visiting the reservoir and no boat ramp.

BRYCE CANYON - Bryce Canyon National Park is a scientist's laboratory and a child's playground. Because Bryce transcends 2,000 feet of elevation, the park exists in three distinct climatic zones: spruce/fir forest, ponderosa pine forest and ponderosa pine/mujier forest. This diversity of habitat provides for high biodiversity. Here at Bryce, you can enjoy over 100 species of birds, dozens of mammals, and more than a thousand plant species. (435) 834-3322.

CEDAR BREAKS - Sitting at over 10,000 feet and looking down into a mile-deep geologic amphitheater. Come wangle 15 million years of Bryce canyon one at a time in the meadows of wildflowers, ponder crystal-clear night skies and experience the richness of our subalpine forest. Just four miles off of Utah Highway 148, you’ll find the Cedar Breaks National Monument parking lot.

CORAL PINK SAND DUNES - At an elevation of 6,000 feet and 12 paved miles of U.S. Highway 89 near Kanab, this park provides a fantastic setting for camping, hiking, biking, OHV riding or just playing in the sand. A 265-acre conservation 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 newly remodeled museum. Anasazi State Park is in the picturesque town of Boulder on State Route 12. Group and individual picnic areas are available. There is no camping. (435) 335-7308.

DINOSAUR TRACKS - The St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm is home to exceptionally well-preserved dinosaur tracks, some displaying skin impressions. These tracks, along with hundreds of fossil fish, plants, rare dinosaur remains,Newsletter of the World's Famous, and important sedimentary structures, show evidence that this site was produced along the western edge of a large, Early Jurassic (age between 195-198 million years ago) freshwater lake. (435) 574-3446.

ENTERPRISE - There are two reservoirs in the Bull Mountains 10 miles southwest of the town of Enterprise. The main one is Upper Enterprise Reservoir, about 250 acres with an average depth of about 50 feet, while Lower Enterprise Reservoir is 79 acres. Many come to the reservoir to camp, fish, hike, and boat. The Honeycomb Campground is situated between both lakes and has 21 campsites and flush toilets. There is a boat ramp on Upper Enterprise Reservoir and several fishing areas around both reservoirs. Fishermen can find rainbow trout and smallmouth bass here. Fees are charged.

FOUR CORNERS - The Four Corners is the only place in the U.S. where four state boundaries come together at one place: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. Here, a person can put each of their hands and feet in four states at the same time. The unique landmark is in Navajo Nation land and is open for visits from the public. West of U.S. Highway 191, 60 miles southwest of Cortez, Colo. (928) 871-6436.

GRAND CANYON - A World Heritage Site encompassing 1,217,785 acres on the Colorado Plateau in northeastern Arizona. The land is semi-arid and consists of raised plateaus and structural basins typical of the southwestern United States. (928) 638-6888

GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT - Nearly 1.9 million acres of America’s public lands and located between Bryce Canyon and Glen Canyon Recreation Areas. From its namesake Grand Staircase of cliffs and terraces across the rough Kaiparowits Plateau to the beauty of the Escalante River Canyons, the Monument’s size, resources, and isolated location provide amazing opportunities.

GUNLOCK - In scenic red rock country, 15 miles southwest of St. George, lies the 240-acre Gunlock State Park and Reservoir where year-round boating, water sports, and quality fishing for bass and catfish attract visitors. Facilities include boat launching ramp and pit privies. (435) 628-2255.

LAKE MEAD - Lake Mead National Recreation Area offers a wealth of things to do and places to go year-round. Its huge lakes cater to boaters, swimmers, sunbathers and fishermen, while its desert rewards hikers, wildlife photographers, and roadside sightseers. It is also home to thousands of desert plants and animals that spend much of the year in an extreme place where rain is scarce and temperatures soar. (702) 293-8990.

LAKE POWELL - In Glen Canyon National Recreation Area one of the world’s greatest waterways, the 186-mile-long lake offers sandy beaches, cool blue water, and exceptional red-rock scenery. It is excellent for boating, skiing, kayaing, and fishing. Boat or hike to Rainbow Bridge, or explore any of its many canyons or sand dunes. (928) 608-6200.

PINE VALLEY - Pine Valley Reservoir is a beautiful place for fishermen to fish brook trout and rainbow trout. The reservoir is less than 3 miles from the Pine Valley Recreation Complex, which has over 200 campsites with picnic and restroom facilities. This area is greater than most other parts of southwestern Utah with pine and pinion trees, and many come to enjoy camping and hiking. It is west of the town of Central. (435) 652-3100.

QUAIL LAKE - Quail 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) 876-2597.

SAND HOLLOW - Looking to fish? Swim? Ride your ATV in the sand? Do all that and more at Sand Hollow State Park, located between St. George and Hurricane. Bring your boat, a picnic, and some fishing gear for a fun day on the reservoir, or watch the kids swim while you relax on the beach. Load up your RV or tent and settle in for a nice campout, or ride your ATV in the dunes of Sand Mountain. (435) 680-0715.

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SNOW CANYON - Named after early Utah leaders Lorenzo and Erastus Snow, Snow Canyon State Park begins just outside of Ivins and stretches northward. Spectacular scenery includes towering red and white sandstone cliffs, black lava flows, and even a waterfall that appears during heavy rain. Snow Canyon offers 16 miles of hiking trails, beautiful sand dunes, rock climbing sites, horseback riding, year-round camping, nature studies, and wildlife viewing. This park is a favorite for locals and visitors alike. (435) 628-2255.

ZION - With breathtaking views, numerous hiking attractions of all difficulty levels and some of the most spectacular scenery on earth, Zion National Park and its surrounding areas attract thousands of visitors every year. This natural wonder is not only a mecca of recreational activity, but Zion and nearby Springdale host numerous cultural activities, as well. There’s something for everyone in Zion – whether you’re looking for a challenging hike or a fun excursion for the family. (435) 772-3256.
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 Pools 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 congested trek, consider these less-traveled hikes.

**Northgate Peaks**

By Don Gilman

The Northgate Peaks trail 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 17.5 miles through increasingly spectacular country until you see the brown sign for the Wildcat Trailhead. Continue east, and 0.8 miles further, there is a junction with the Northgate Peaks Trail is reached. Head south on this trail for another 1.1 miles until you reach the end of the official trail is reached at a rocky basalt bluff with epic views of the Northgate Peaks to the east and west and of North Guardian Angel Mountain to the south.

For families with young children, this makes an excellent turnaround spot.

**Gifford Canyon**

By Bo Beck

Gifford Canyon offers a nice stroll through a sandy wash and is very unique when water is running. This hike is nearly 3 miles long and will take about 2 hours to finish.

To start this hike, park in the lot located immediately east of the Zion/ Mt. Carmel Tunnel. The trail begins at the backside of the restrooms at the back of the parking lot. You have access to a steep, sandy path to climb down before you enter Pine Creek slot. Follow the path upstream for about 75 feet, and look for a 15-foot wall of slickrock. You can scramble up the rock or look for the beaten path on the backside of the rock.

On top of this wall is a narrow dirt path that is crowded by rock and vegetation. It winds around the mountain to a dead end with a beautiful view of the mountain where the Canyon Overlook Trail is located, opposite is Gifford Canyon. The path will lead past stone bridge and to another minor slickrock climb. At the end of the canyon, there is a circle of cliffs preventing further exploration without climbing up the sandstone.

**Chinle Trail**

By Greta Hyland

Chinle Trail is an off-the-beaten-path trail located in the lower elevation west desert wilderness area, offering wide vistas, desert landscapes, and a reprieve from the more touristy trails in the park. Though it’s a long trail, it’s a mellow hike that can be cut off whenever you feel like turning around. It’s a great hike with kids because it’s not treacherous, slippery, or steep. Avoid it after snow or rain as it will be muddy.

The Chinle Trailhead starts outside of Zion, south of Springdale. If you are coming from St. George, the turn is about a block before you hit the apple orchard and stand as you leave Rockville off of State Route 9. There is a parking area off the right of Anasazi Way near the Anasazi Plateau housing development. If you hit houses, you missed it. And yes, the trail starts below the housing development and takes you right through it. Don’t worry though, it doesn’t last long.

Shortly after you get through the housing development, you will hit a sign letting you know you are entering the Zion Wilderness. At this point, you can breathe a sigh of relief, because you have gotten away from civilization to enjoy nature, and chances are that you won’t see another soul until you return to your car.

**Many Pools**

By Candice Reed

The route is moderate with a gentle uphill climb to an alcove, but plan for a strenuous hike if you continue to the East Rim.

The route begins right off the highway. Drive to the pullout near the second drainage on the north side of the State Route 9, about 0.8 miles after the

Many Pools are a favorite spot of the delightful and boisterous canyon tree frogs. 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 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 of the Mt. Carmel tunnel by the ranger booth. Exit the tunnel too quickly and you might miss it.

It begins with a staircase carved out of the sandstone leading up and away from the road. Soon, you’ll be walking along the side of the mountain and looking down into a thin crevice known as Pine Creek Canyon. At about halfway, you’ll walk across a bridge that wraps around a corner and leads to an area of reroosed rock with the moisture that caused it to erode and be filled with ferns growing out of the sandstone.

Please check with nps.gov for current conditions, restrictions, and access. Be careful and have fun!
Popular Zion Hikes

Trail Closures (as of March 1 '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.

Warning: These hikes are very popular and often overcrowded. While they are well worth doing, expect them to be a little congested. If you are feeling up to some of the more difficult hikes, try some of these popular hikes.

Angels Landing via West Rim Trail
Possibly the most popular hike in Zion, Angels Landing takes around four hours to complete and covers just under 5 1/2 miles. As you work your way up the 4,486-foot change in elevation, you’ll want to look out 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.

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 as this hike takes around five hours to complete and stretches over 8 miles. The 2,146-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 the 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 freestanding arches. A full-day hike, it will take around 8 hours to finish the 14.14-mile trip. This hike starts at Kolob Canyons Road.

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

Watchman Trail
Starting at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, this hike takes about two hours and covers just under 3 miles. The 386-foot elevation has some minor drop-offs and ends at a view point 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 208 feet in elevation, and there are minor drop-offs.

Kayenta Trail
This lower 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 Canyons 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 Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove.

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.

Pa’rus Trail
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.

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.

Kolob Canyons Road 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 Pools and Kayenta trails to create a 2 1/2-mile loop. The non-loop version should take about 30 minutes and rises 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 alcove 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 covers 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 River along the bottom of a narrow canyon.

You can find lots more hiking and other visitor information at ZionOutside.com and SUindependent.com. Be sure to read our preparedness and safety article on page 24 in this issue before you start your trek. Be safe and have fun!
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