

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY HIKE. FOLLOW THE MIDDLE FORK WHILE SEEKING Double Arch Alcove created by two enormous blind arches set into the

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE WEST ON SR 9 UNTIL YOU REACH LAVERKIN. AT THE STATE ST. / 500 NORTH INTERSECTION, TURN RIGHT. DRIVE THROUGH TOQUERVILLE, TO INTERSTATE 15. DRIVE NORTH ON 1-15 FOR 13 MILES TO EXIT 40, THE ENTRANCE TO THE KOLOB CANYONS, ZNP. FOLLOW KOLOB CANYONS

ROAD TO THE MARKED TRAILHEAD. MILEAGE: 6.1 MILES (9.8 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN:** 480 FEET (146 METERS) **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 3 - 4 HOURS DIFFICULTY:** CASUAL TO MODERATE

BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: EARLY MORNING. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: ANY TIME OF YEAR.

AUTUMN/SPRING: COLORS ARE DAZZLING ALONG TAYLOR CREEK.

WINTER: OFTEN SNOW IS FOUND. CROWDS: 2/5

WATER SOURCES: TAYLOR CREEK PROVIDES YEAR-ROUND SPRING-FED WATER. PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE DRINKING. CHECK IT OUT: THE HOMESTEAD CABINS FROM SETTLERS 100 YEARS AGO.

2. TIMBER CREEK OVERLOOK

OVERVIEW: SHORT HALF-DAY HIKE: TIMBER CREEK OVERLOOK IS A GREAT WAY TO STRETCH YOUR LEGS AFTER A LONG DRIVE, OR A FUN WAY TO SAMPLE THE KOLOB CANYON AREA OF ZION.

TRAILHEAD: SEE TAYLOR CREEK ABOVE.

MILEAGE: I MILE (1.6 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN: 69 FEET (21 METERS) APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 45 MINUTES, ROUND-TRIP**

BEST TIMES OF DAY: AVOID MID-DAY IN SUMMER. FANTASTIC AT SUNSET. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR:** ANY SEASON IS GREAT. CROWDS: 3/5

WATER SOURCES: WATER AND REST ROOMS AVAILABLE AT TRAILHEAD.

MAR - OCT: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

November: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

3. LEE PASS TO KOLOB ARCH

OVERVIEW: Possibly the world's largest natural arch is Kolob Arch. This FOLLOWS TIMBER AND LAVERKIN CREEKS THROUGH A FLOOD PLAIN, SURROUNDED BY cottonwood trees and walls sandstone. Near the arch, the path breaks away from the creek bed and climbs a short distance to the base of the arch, ${\sf G}$ reat DAY HIKE OR OVER-NIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP.

TRAILHEAD: SEE TAYLOR CREEK, #1. MILEAGE: 13.8 MILES (22.2 KM), ROUND-TRIF ELEVATION GAIN: 375 FEET (114 METERS)

HIKE IS A PERFECT WINTER TRAIL.

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 6.5 - 9 HOURS **DIFFICULTY:** MODERATE BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: LEAVE EARLY (5:30 - 7:30 A.M.). BEST TIMES OF YEAR: ANY TIME OF YEAR. AUTUMN: GOLDEN FOLIAGE IS FOUND ALONG THE TRAIL. **WINTER**: WHEN SNOW DOES NOT BLOCK THE PATH, THIS

WATER SOURCES: SPRING-FED LA VERKIN AND TIMBER CREEKS PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND WATER. PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE DRINKING IT. HORSES REGULARLY USE THIS

CAMPING: ONLY AREA IN KOLOB CANYONS WHERE YOU CAN CAMP OVER-NIGHT. CHOOSE FROM 1 OF 20 POSSIBLE DESIGNATED CAMPSITES WHEN YOU PURCHASE YOUR OVER-NIGHT WILDERNESS PERMIT, AVAILABLE AT THE ZION CANYON OR KOLOB CANYONS VISITOR CENTERS.

CHECK IT OUT: BLOOMING VEGETATION IN JUNE.

lines, mountain creeks, and exposed rocky rims. Few attempt this strenuous hike, BUT THOSE WHO DO GAIN UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES.

TRAILHEAD: START AT LEE PASS. SHUTTLE NEEDED. AS A ONE-WAY JOURNEY, THIS HIKE REQUIRES A SHUTTLE, AVAILABLE FROM ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY. FOR THOSE WITH TWO VEHICLES WHO WANT TO SELF-SHUTTLE, LEAVE YOUR VEHICLES AT THE FOLLOWING TRAILHEADS:

• EAST ENTRANCE: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE INTO THE PARK AND CONTINUE EAST ALONG SR 9, STRAIGHT, UP NUMEROUS SWITCHBACKS, AND THROUGH

 Z_{ION} / M_{T} . Carmel Tunnel. Continue, twisting up the switchbacks, through another short tunnel and past the immense Checkerboard Mesa. Before the EAST ENTRANCE STATION, TURN LEFT ONTO A ROAD AND DRIVE A SHORT DISTANCE TO A DIRT PARKING LOT AND PICNIC AREA, WHICH SERVES AS YOUR TRAILHEAD.

MILEAGE: 47.3 MILES (76.1 KM), ONE-WAY **ELEVATION GAIN:** Over 6,000 feet of Elevation Lost and Gained. APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 5 - 7 DAYS. PLAN EACH DAY CAREFULLY, CAMPING IS RESTRICTED. TALK WITH ONE OF OUR OUTFITTERS WHILE PLANNING THIS TRIP.

• LEE PASS: SEE TAYLOR CREEK #1 ABOVE.

DIFFICULTY: Strenuous, Long sections of steep, sustained hiking. RECOMMENDED FOR EXPERIENCED BACKPACKERS, **BEST TIMES OF DAY:** *SUMMER*: EARLY MORNING/LATE AFTERNOON. CONSIDER THE "SIESTA" LIFESTYLE: RISE EARLY TO HIKE, EAT AND NAP IN THE MIDDAY SHADE, THEN FINISH YOUR HIKE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON/EVENING.

BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN/SPRING: GREAT FOILAGE COLOR AND COMFOTABLE TEMERPATURES. **WINTER:** SNOWPACK MAKES HIKING DIFFICULT IN WINTER. **CROWDS:** 1/5 - 3/5 WATER SOURCES: SOME SECTIONS OF THE TREK FOLLOW YEAR-ROUND CREEKS,

and other sections have reliable springs. No reliable water sources along the CONNECTOR TRAIL TO LAVA POINT. WATER IS ESSENTIAL IN THE ZION WILDERNESS (MINIMUM OF 2 LITERS PER PERSON/DAY). PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE DRINKING. **CAMPING:** Please check with Zion Park staff when obtaining your permit

TO CHOOSE SITES ALONG THE WAY. DESIGNATED SITES ARE MARKED ON THE INSET MAP PROVIDED, BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO OBTAIN A TRUE TOPOGRAPHIC MAP FOR NAVIGATION AND TRIP PLANNING.

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HIKING GUIDE EASY REFERENCE

Zion Adventure Company

Difference IN 1996, ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY GREW OUT OF AN IDEA THAT WITH THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT, ANYONE COULD HIKE The Narrows at any time of year, People told us we were CRAZY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE HELPED MORE THAN A QUARTER million people enjoy Zion in a safer, more comfortable WAY, AND OTHER OUTFITTER AND GUIDE SERVICES HAVE SPRUNG

Our values reflect those of a business started by a group of educators and the principles they value. W_{E} EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS AND PROVIDING EXPERIENCES.

ABOUT US

- WE BROUGHT THE IDEA OF NARROWS HIKING PACKAGE RENTALS TO
- ZION CANYON. WE WERE THE FIRST TO RECOMMEND, DESIGN & PROVIDE

WE RENT THE BEST GEAR MONEY CAN BUY.

- DRY-SUITS SPECIFICALLY BUILT FOR THE NARROWS. In 1996, we assisted Five Ten, formerly known as a rock
- THE CANYONEER THE FIRST CANYONEERING SHOE ON THE
- We work directly with manufacturers to design & build our dry-suits & dry-pants specifically for Zion.
- We maintain our gear to the highest standard of SERVICEABILITY & CLEANLINESS; EMPLOYING TECHNIQUES FROM THE MANUFACTURERS THEMSELVES.
- EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS CLEANED, DISINFECTED, DRIED & INSPECTED AFTER EACH USE. EACH PIECE OF EQUIPMENT IS TRACKED & RETIRED ON-TIME.
- IN 1998, WE ADDED GUIDED CANYONEERING TRIPS, MAKING US THE FIRST TO DEVELOP ITINERARIES, PROTOCOLS AND SET STANDARDS FOR THE ZION AREA. WE SPECIALIZE IN FAMILY EXPERIENCES, INSTRUCTIONAL COURSES &
- PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS. GUIDED TRIPS ARE LOW RATIO & TAILORED TO CLIENT NEEDS.
- Our guides are chosen for their passion for learning & TEACHING, AS WELL AS FOR THE OUTDOORS, & THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS.
- Our guides adhere to an extensive training & assessment PROGRAM, & UNDERGO 2 YEARS OF CRITICAL REVIEW & ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT. Our guide-training program is designed by certified
- EDUCATORS & IS THE BEST IN THE INDUSTRY. WE DEDICATE MORE TIME & RESOURCES TO GUIDE TRAINING THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION WE KNOW OF.
- WE ARE THE INNOVATORS OF SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS FOR EQUIPMENT & TRIP RESERVATIONS AND CAN THUS, GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY WE DO NOT OVERBOOK TRIPS OR EQUIPMENT.

Staying true to our core values during the past 21 years OF BUSINESS HAS ENSURED THAT WE RUN AN ORGANIZATION WE ARE PROUD OF. REGARDLESS OF HOW SKILLED YOU ARE AT CANYONEERING, CLIMBING, CYCLING OR HIKING, NOTHING CAN COMPARE TO LOCAL

WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE YOU.

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and reservations are available by visiting; www.nps.gov/zion. Make RECEIVE A PERMIT, BROKERING OF PERMITS IS ILLEGAL, ON-LINE PERMITTING KOLOB VISITOR CENTER, AT LEAST ONE GROUP MEMBER MUST BE PRESENT TO AT THE VISITOR CENTER WILDERNESS DESK IN ZION CANYON, OR THE IN THE SUBWAY, OR MARROWS. THESE CAN BE OBTAINED IN-PERSON WHETHER IT BE CLIMBING, CANYONEERING, OR HIKING, AS WELL AS DAY TRIPS ТНЕ РАКК ВЕФИІВЕЗ РЕВМІТЗ ГОВ АМУ ОУЕВИІСНТ ЕХРЕВІЕИСЕ ІИ ZION,

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brief List of essentials to have with you for single day trail hikes, Longer TEAVE MORE STRENUOUS CHALLENGES FOR OPTIMAL TIMES OF DAY, I HIS IS A VERY USA. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO LET YOUR BODY ADJUST TO THESE CHANGES AND ARE USED TO, IT IS DRIER, HOTTER, AND HIGHER IN ELEVATION THAN MOST OF THE

EXTRA CLOTHING FOR WARMTH

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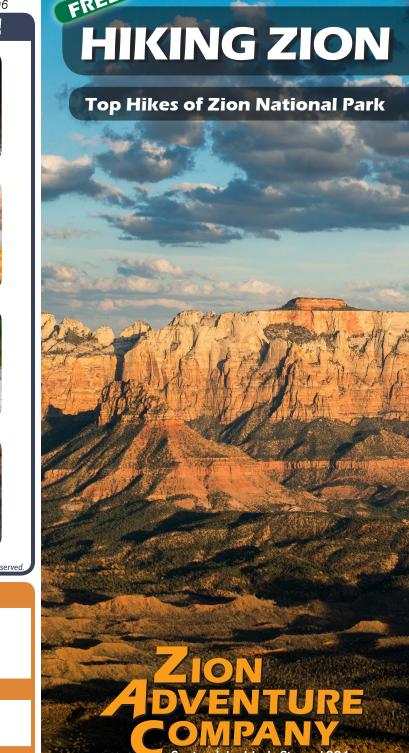
THE #1 ILLUESS OR INJURY IN THE PARK IS DEHYDRATION, SO DRINK OFTEN, & WELL BEFORE YOU ARE THIRSTY. USE AT LEAST SPF 30 SUNGCREEN, WEAR A DAY, BE PREPARED FOR WIND, COLD, HEAT, & RAIN ANY TIME OF YEAR. 1000F / 38°C, & TEMPERATURES CAN CHANGE AS MUCH AS 60°F / 15.6°C

EDGES. CARELESSNESS ON TRAILS HAS PROVEN FATAL FOR A FEW VISITORS, TRAILS & AMAZING VIEWS, MANY OF THE TRAILS HAVE EXPOSURE TO CLIFF • ZION NATIONAL PARK IS KNOWN FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL HIKING DUE TO STEEP

BE PREPARED

BACKCOUNTRY TRIPS, CONDITIONS CHANGE SEASONALLY, SO A LOCAL UPDATE west. Consult a topographical map of Zion before planning extended DAY EVENTS; THE 47-MILE TRANS-ZION HIKE IS ONE OF THE BEST TREKS IN THE THROUGH-HIKE EXCURSIONS, YOU MAY CONNECT MANY DAY HIKES AS MULTI-LEASE NOTE MILEAGE AND HIKING TIMES ARE BASED ON ROUND TRIP OR

Using This Guide



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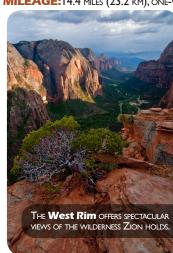
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5. WEST RIM

OVERVIEW: FULL-DAY/OVERNIGHT: A MAJESTIC TOUR OF BOTH THE GEOLOGY AND THE ECOLOGY OF ZION. THE MOST POPULAR BACKPACKING ROUTE IN ZION, THIS TRAIL BEGINS HIGH IN THE ALPINE DESERT PINES OF LAVA POINT AND MEANDERS 3,300 FEET DOWN 14 MILES TO THE FLOOR OF ZION CANYON. HIGHLY

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE WEST ON SR 9 THROUGH ROCKVILLE AND INTO VIRGIN. TURN RIGHT ON THE KOLOB TERRACE ROAD, JUST BEFORE THE ZION RIVER RESORT. DRIVE NORTH FOR 23 MILES UNTIL YOU REACH THE POSTED DIRT ROAD TO LAVA POINT. TURN RIGHT. FOLLOW THE POSTED SIGNS TO THE WEST RIM TRAILHEAD. THE CONDITIONS OF THE LOWER REACHES OF THIS ROAD ARE OFTEN POOR; HIGH-CLEARANCE VEHICLES RECOMMENDED. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE LUXURY OF TWO VEHICLES, YOU MUST HIRE A SHUTTLE... OR HIKE BACK UP TO YOUR

MILEAGE: 14.4 MILES (23.2 KM), ONE-WAY



ELEVATION LOSS: 3,302 FEET (1,004 METERS)!!! **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME**

5 - 9 HOURS ONE - WAY **DIFFICULTY:** CARDIOVASCULARLY MODERATE, BUT YOUR KNEES TAKE A POUNDING DESCENDING 3,300

BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: HIT THE TRAIL BETWEEN 5 &~6 am. Backpackers and spring/fall DAY HIKERS CAN AFFORD A LATER START, BUT MAY STILL WANT TO GET OUT EARL TO CATCH THE NICE TEMPERATURES.

BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN / LATE SPRING: Best time. **SUMMER**: SOARING TEMPERATURES AND A BUSY TRAIL; **WINTER:** ACCESS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT SKIS OR SNOWSHOES. **CROWDS:** 1/5 - 3/5

WATER SOURCES: SAWMILL

SPRINGS, POTATO HOLLOW AND CABIN SPRINGS. CHECK AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION. PURIFY ALL WATER.

CAMPING: CAMPING ON THE WEST RIM IS RESTRICTED TO 9 DESIGNATED SITES. CAMPING PERMITS NEED TO BE OBTAINED AT A ZION VISITOR'S CENTER. CHECK IT OUT: NEAR THE END OF THE TRAIL CHECK OUT ANGELS LANDING; THE SUMMIT IS A SHORT, BUT STEEP, HAIF-MILE SCRAMBLE AWAY

6. Northgate Peaks

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY HIKE: CASUALLY STROLL THROUGH COOL ALPINE DESERT TO A GREAT VIEW. TAKE A PICNIC LUNCH! TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE WEST ON SR 9 THROUGH ROCKVILLE AND INTO VIRGIN (15 MINUTES). 1/4 MILE BEFORE THE ZION RIVER

RESORT, TURN RIGHT ON THE KOLOB TERRACE ROAD Drive North for 16 miles UNTIL YOU REACH THE POSTED WILDCAT CANYON TRAIL HEAD (ON YOUR RIGHT). MILEAGE: 4.2 MILES (6.8 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN:** 100 FEFT (30 METERS) **APPROXIMATE**



HIKES ARE GREAT ALL DAY: NOONTIME HIKES ARE BEST IN SPRING OR FALL, THE HIGH ELEVATION AND EXPOSED LOOKOUT AT NORTHGATE PEAKS OFTEN CREATE COOL BREEZES. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: APRIL - OCTOBER: THE PEAKS PROVIDE A COOL

RESPITE FROM ZION CANYON, WITH STUNNING SCENERY TO BOOT. **NOVEMBER - MARCH:** THE TRAIL IS OFTEN COVERED IN SNOW AND/OR ICE. CHECK CONDITIONS BEFORE GOING IN WINTER OR EARLY SPRING. CROWDS: 1/5

WATER SOURCES: No water sources along this trail. **CAMPING:** AFTER THE NORTHGATE PEAKS TRAIL SPLITS OFF FROM THE WILDCAT CANYON AND SUBWAY TRAILS, IT FOLLOWS A SHRINKING "PENINSULA" OUT TO THE LOOKOUT. THIS PENINSULA AND THE VALLEY BEYOND IT HAVE AN "OPEN CAMPING" DESIGNATION: BACKPACKERS MAY CAMP ANYWHERE AT LEAST 200 YARDS AWAY FROM ALL TRAILS AND WATER SOURCES. A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO CAMP IN THIS AREA. **CHECK IT OUT:** Give a hug to a Ponderosa pine tree to decide whether

THE BARK SMELLS LIKE BUTTERSCOTCH OR VANILLA. SPECIAL NOTES: NORTHGATE PEAK TRAIL IS A GREAT INTRODUCTION TO THE KOLOB TERRACE AND A REASONABLE HIKE FOR MOST FAMILIES.

7. SUBWAY BOTTOM - UP **OVERVIEW:** FULL-DAY HIKE: From the trailhead, hikers drop into the LEFT FORK OF NORTH CREEK VIA STEEP SWITCH BACKS INTO A WIDE SCENIC CANYON. NAVIGATING UP CANYON, HIKERS ENCOUNTER A GRADUALLY NARROWING CANYON UNTIL KEYHOLE FALLS IS REACHED, AN INCREDIBLY SCULPTED SECTION OF CANYON WITH

DISTINCT TUNNEL-LIKE FEATURES. TRAILHEAD: LEFT FORK TRAILHEAD ON KOLOB TERRACE ROAD, YOU MUST HAVE A BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT TO PARK AT THIS TRAILHEAD. MILEAGE: 7 MILES (11.3 KM), ROUND-TRIP

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 6 - 10 HOURS, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY: STRENUOUS, WITH OFF-TRAIL HIKING, NAVIGATION, AND STREAM**

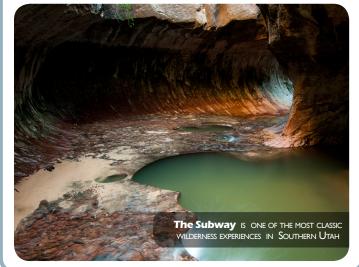
BEST TIMES OF DAY: START EARLY IN THE SUMMER TO AVOID A BLISTERING HOT HIKE BACK TO THE CAR. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN/EARLY SUMMER: GREAT** TEMPERATURES. **SUMMER:** HIKING CAN BE HOT, BRING PLENTY OF FOOD AND

CROWDS: 2/5 WATER SOURCES: LEFT FORK, PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE DRINKING. CHECK IT OUT: ABOUT HALFWAY TO THE SUBWAY, GRAY BOULDERS NEAR

THE WATER ARE COVERED IN INTERESTING DINOSAUR TRACKS.

SPECIAL NOTES: RESERVATIONS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AND MAY BE MADE UP TO 3 MONTHS IN ADVANCE VIA A LOTTERY SYSTEM ON THE ZION NATIONAL PARK WEBSITE, LAST MINUTE PERMITS MAY BE AVAILABLE AT THE WILDERNESS DESK, BUT OFTEN SELL-OUT VERY QUICKLY. HAVE A DETAILED ROUTE DESCRIPTION AND TAKE NOTE OF THE SWITCHBACKED EXIT ON THE WAY AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR DAY SO YOU DON'T MISS IT ON YOUR RETURN. *Those who are interested in descending the Top-Down Subway as a

self-guided adventure can consult a Zion Adventure Company outfitted ABOUT OUR SUBWAY GROUND SCHOOL.



8. COAL PITS WASH

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY/MULTI-DAY HIKE: A LENGTHY BACKCOUNTRY drainage, reaching far back behind the Towers of the Virgin to the foot OF THE BISHOPRIC. PERFECT FOR A SHORT MORNING HIKE OR A MULTI-DAY WINTER

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE WEST ON SR 9 PAST ROCKVILLE. A FEW MILES PAST ROCKVILLE, LOOK FOR A SIGN FOR "COALPITS WASH" ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE, TURN IN TO THE DIRT PARKING LOT AND FIND THE TRAILHEAD AT THE

MILEAGE & ELEVATION GAIN: \bullet 2.8 miles (4.6 km)/ 534 feet (162 m), round-trip, to Chinle Trail • 16 miles (25.7 km)/ 1050 feet (319 m), round-trip, to head of Coalpits Wash **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME:**

1.5 - 3 HOURS, ROUND-TRIP, TO CHINLE TRAIL • 8 - 10 hours, round-trip, to head of Coalpits Wash

DIFFICULTY: Easy - Moderate. BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: DURING SUMMER MONTHS, MIDDAY TEMPERATURES CAN BE BRUTAL. HIKE EARLY IN THE MORNING OR IN THE EVENING. **AUTUMN & SPRING:** Trail is comfortable most of the day. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR:** LATE AUTUMN - EARLY SPRING WATER SOURCES: UPPER REACHES OF COALPITS WASH OFTEN FLOW WITH

CAMPING: THE LOWER SECTION OF THIS TRAIL (BELOW THE INTERSECTION OF COALPITS & SCOGGINS WASHES) IS CLOSED TO CAMPING. THE UPPER PORTION OF THE TRAIL, HOWEVER, IS AN "OPEN CAMPING" DESIGNATION; GOOD CAMP SPOTS ARE FOUND Here, PLease camp at least 200 yards away from any trail or water source. Over-night backcountry permits are available at any Zion Visitor's Center. CHECK IT OUT: NEAR THE STEEP SLOPES OF THE LONG FIN REACHING OUT FROM

THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE (TO THE NORTH), LOOK FOR RUINS OF AN OLD OIL WELL.

WATER, BUT THIS IS NOT RELIABLE. CARRY YOUR OWN WATER FOR THIS HIKE. CHECK

WITH THE WILDERNESS DESK FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION. PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE

9. CHINLE TRAIL

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY/FULL-DAY HIKE: FOLLOW DRY WASHES AND OLD JEEP ROADS THROUGH A PRIVATE SUBDIVISION FOR JUST OVER A MILE, EVENTUALLY REACHING THE PARK SERVICE GATE. FROM THE GATE, THE TRAIL NARROWS AND MEANDERS ACROSS DESERT FLATS UNDER THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH FACE OF MOUNT KINESAVA, CROSSING NUMEROUS SMALL DRAINAGES ALONG THE WAY.

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: FOLLOW THE MAIN ROAD (SR 9) WEST OUT OF TOWN. TURN RIGHT, INTO THE ANASAZI PLATEAU SUBDIVISION. AS YOU DRIVE UP THE HILL, TAKE A SHARP RIGHT TURN OVER A STEEP RISE (EASY TO MISS) TO FIND THE PARKING LOT BELOW. FOLLOW THE TRAIL FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE LOT. PARKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE SUBDIVISION! **MILEAGE & ELEVATION GAIN:**

• 6.8 MILES (11.0 KM) / 390 FEET (119 M), ROUND-TRIP, TO HUBER WASH 16.2 MILES (26.0 KM) / 390 FEET (119M), ROUND-TRIP, TO COALPITS/SCOGGINS TRAIL **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME:**

• 3 - 5 HOLIRS ROLIND-TRIP TO HUBER WASH **CONTINUATION FROM CHINLE TRAIL:**

• 8 - 10 hours, round-trip, to Coalpits / Scoggins Trail **DIFFICULTY: EASY.**

BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: MIDDAY TEMPERATURES CAN BE BRUTAL. HIKE EARLY IN THE MORNING OR IN THE EVENING. AUTUMN/SPRING: THE TRAIL IS COMFORTABLE MOST OF THE DAY.

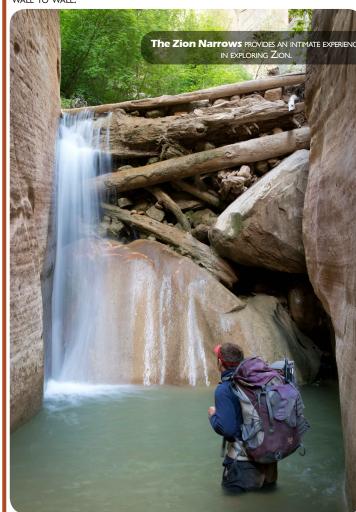
BEST TIMES OF YEAR: LATE AUTUMN - EARLY SPRING WATER SOURCES: NO RELIABLE WATER SOURCES. **CAMPING:** SEE COALPITS WASH #8.

CHECK IT OUT: BRILLIANT EXPOSED PURPLE, RED, WHITE, AND GREEN CLAY LAYERS CREATE A "MOJAVE DESERT"-ISH LANDSCAPE AT THE FOOT OF MOUNT KINESAVA. SPECIAL NOTES: THE CHINLE AND COALPITS/SCOGGINS TRAILS PROVIDE GREAT ROUTES FOR WINTER BACKPACKING!

*Chinle is THE place for spring wildflowers, Feb - May.

10. THE NARROWS HIKE

THE GRANDFATHER OF ALL SLOT CANYONS. THE ZION Narrows is the narrowest section of Zion Canyon, and one of the MOST POPULAR SLOT CANYONS IN ZION NATIONAL PARK. THIS SECTION OF THE Virgin River has become world famous for its sculpted sandstone walls AND BREATHTAKING BEAUTY. SECTIONS OF THE 2000 FOOT HIGH CLIFFS NARROW DOWN TO JUST 20 - 30 FEET WIDE. YOU WILL HIKE UPSTREAM, CROSSING BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE VIRGIN RIVER, THROUGH ANKLE TO WAIST DEEP WATER. MANY AMBITIOUS VISITORS WISH TO REACH "WALL STREET," A 2-MILE SECTION OF CANYON WHERE THE WALLS NARROW TO 22 FEET AND THE WATER SPANS FROM WALL TO WALL



HIKE THE NARROWS. THIS IS A MODERATELY DIFFICULT HIKE DUE TO VARYING WATER DEPTH, FLUCTUATING WATER TEMPERATURE, AND SLICK BOWLING BALL SIZED BOULDERS THAT LINE THE RIVER BED. HIKERS NEED TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT HYPOTHERMIA, NAVIGATING THE CANYON, AND FLASH

THE SEASONS. EACH SEASON PRODUCES A DRAMATICALLY DIFFERENT experience. Melting winter snows make Spring an adventurous challenge. Summer temperatures warm the river, and August thunderbursts inspire CAUTION AND AWE. AUTUMN USHERS IN A PERIOD OF SOFT LIGHT AND CALM waters as the crowds subside and the Park grows quiet. Winter, THE LEAST VISITED SEASON, PROMISES SERENITY, GLIMMERING BEAUTY, AND

JNPRECEDENTED PEACE IN THE CANYON IN 1996, ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY PIONEERED NARROWS OUTFITTING: CUSTOM DESIGNING THE FOOTWEAR AND DRYSUITS THAT ARE NOW THE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR HIKING THE NARROWS. WE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HIKE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR. OTHER EQUIPMENT MAY LOOK THE SAME, BUT accept no imitations. Reserve your gear online; give us a call, or stop in

TO SEE US.

Narrows Rental Packages

Warm - Water Package

INCLUDES
• Pre-Trip Orientation • Shoes NCLUDES

• Pre-Trip Orientation • NEOPRENE SOCKS • WALKING STICK First Day

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• NEOPRENÉ SOCKS • WALKING ...\$55.00 / person First Day

Cold - Water Package

Addtional Day ... \$27.50 / person

Guided Narrows FULL DAY: 4-7 HOURS

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THE NARROWS IN ONE OR TWO DAYS OF

10a. Narrows "Thru - Hike"

OVERVIEW: FULL-DAY/MULTI-DAY HIKE: FROM CHAMBERLAIN'S

RANCH, THE RIVER SLOWLY SLICES INTO THE EARTH, SINKING DEEPER AND DEEPER BELOW THE STONE WALLS ON EITHER SIDE. GRADUALLY, THE SHORELINES GROW SMALLER, THE WALLS GROW TALLER, AND YOU FIND YOURSELF IN AN ENORMOUS HALLWAY OF BEAUTIFULLY CARVED STONE, THE 16 MILE NARROWS THRU-HIKE CAN BE DONE AS A ONE DAY OR AN OVERNIGHT PERMITS: A ZION NATIONAL PARK WILDERNESS PERMIT IS REQUIRED; 40 INDIVIDUAL PERMITS FOR THE ONE DAY Thru-Hike and 12 campsites for OVERNIGHT HIKERS. ONLY 2 CAMPSITES CAN ACCOMMODATE GROUPS OF MORE THAN 6 PEOPLE, RESERVATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED.

TRAILHEAD: RESERVE: ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY SHUTTLES OR ARRANGE YOUR OWN SHUTTLE TO CHAMBERLAIN'S RANCH. 1.5 HOUR DRIVE FROM SPRINGDALE. MILEAGE: 16 MILES (25.7 KM),

ELEVATION LOSS: 1,189 FEET (361 METERS) APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 10 - 12 HOURS SUSTAINED HIKING FOR THE ONE-DAY THRU-HIKE

YOUR ANKLES AND CONCENTRATION. BEST TIMES OF DAY: MORNING: ONE-DAY HIKERS SHOULD LEAVE Chamberlain's Ranch by 8 a.m.; this means leaving Springdale around 6:30 A.M. OVERNIGHT HIKERS SHOULD LEAVE CHAMBERLAIN'S RANCH BY NOON. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: MAY - SEPTEMBER:** THE ROAD TO CHAMBERLAIN'S RANCH IS OFTEN INACCESSIBLE DECEMBER - APRIL, DAYLIGHT IS GENERALLY TOO SHORT FOR A ONE-DAY THRU-HIKE IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.;

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE. ALTHOUGH, 16 MILES OF RIVER HIKING TAKES A TOLL ON

OVERNIGHT IS FINE. CROWDS: UPPER SECTIONS: 1/5 BELOW "WALL STREET": 4/5 WATER SOURCES: THE VIRGIN RIVER FLOWS THROUGH THE NARROWS YEAR-ROUND. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, PURIFY ALL WATER BEFORE DRINKING. CHECK IT OUT: BULLOCH'S CABIN, AN OLD HOMESTEAD NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE HIKE. THE ROOF DEFINES THE WORD "WARPED."

 \bullet There is a beautiful 12-foot waterfall within the first few miles. Hike AROUND THE FALLS TO ENJOY THE VIEWS FROM THE POOL BELOW. • DEEP CREEK MEETS THE NARROWS AFTER THE WATERFALL, BRINGING 60% OF THE WATER VOLUME INTO THE NORTH FORK OF THE VIRGIN RIVER. •BIG SPRINGS PROVIDES A LUSH, SCENIC REST STOP, COMPLETE WITH A PERFECT

SWIMMING HOLE. YOU KNOW BIG SPRINGS WHEN YOU SEE IT- A GUSHING MOUND OF ROCK COVERED WITH GREENERY. ONCE YOU HIKE PAST BIG SPRINGS, YOU WILL BEGIN SEEING BOTTOM-UP HIKERS. •Orderville Canyon splits to the left (as you face downstream) and offers a

NARROW CANYON WITH PLENTY OF OBSTACLES TO SOLVE. SPECIAL NOTES: If you have the time, consider hiking The Narrows as an overnight backpacking trip. The extra logistical effort pays huge dividends N AVAILABLE TIME AND RELAXATION!

• It is NOT SAFE to jump off rocks into pools in The Narrows. A broken LEG CAN MEAN A 12 - 36 HOUR WAIT FOR HELP AND AN ABRUPT END TO YOUR • CARRY OUT YOUR POOP, AS THERE IS NO REASONABLE PLACE FOR HUMAN WASTE TO

ABIDE OR DECOMPOSE IN THE CANYON! THE PARK REQUIRES THE USE OF HUMAN WASTE CARRY-OUT BAGS FOR ALL THRU-HIKERS. ullet Bring a headlamp/flashlight in case darkness falls before you finish your

• IF YOU CHOOSE TO SELF-SHUTTLE, REMEMBER YOUR CAR KEYS!

10b. Narrows "Bottom - Up"

BECAUSE IT OFFERS THE MOST FLEXIBILITY WHILE STILL ALLOWING HIKERS TO SEE THE MOST DRAMATIC SECTIONS OF THE CANYON.

TRAILHEAD: START AT TEMPLE OF SINAWAVA, WALK THE RIVERSIDE WALK (IMILE/ 1.6 KM), THEN ENTER THE VIRGIN RIVER MILEAGE: 4 - 10 MILES (6.4 - 16 KM) ROUND-TRIP. THE PARK SERVICE REQUIRES YOU TO TURN AROUND AT BIG SPRINGS.

ELEVATION GAIN: APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET/MILE (9.5 M/KM) **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 4 - 10 HOUÂRS DIFFICULTY: MODERATE**

BEST TIMES OF DAY: DAWN TO DUSK. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: EARLY SUMMER/AUTUMN: GREAT TEMPERATURES AND FOILAGE COLOR, $oldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}$ ID-SUMMER RAINSTORMS COULD PRODUCE FLASH



CROWDS: 4/5

CHECK IT OUT: ORDERVILLE CANYON IS A FAVORITE SIDE-TRIP FROM THE MAIN NARROWS CORRIDOR. ORDERVILLE, THE ONLY "TURN" YOU CAN TAKE FROM THE MAIN path, is more narrow and shallow than The ${\sf N}$ arrows, and much less water FLOWS THROUGH IT. IF YOU HIKE UP THIS SIDE CANYON, YOU MUST SOLVE OBSTACLES ALONG THE WAY. HELP THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PARTY AND NEVER JUMP DOWN INTO POOLS. THE PARK SERVICE REQUIRES YOU TO TURN AROUND ONCE YOU GET TO THE PLAQUE AT VEILED FALLS. JUST PAST ORDERVILLE CANYON, IN THE NARROWS CORRIDOR, IS "WALL STREET". THE WALLS SQUEEZE DOWN TO 22 FEET WIDE! **SPECIAL NOTES:** Know today's risks. Tke a few minutes out of your day TO CHECK IN AT ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY FOR UPDATED CONDITIONS AND FLASH

PHONE AND LUNCH; NOBODY LIKES A SOGGY SANDWICH.

11. RIVERSIDE WALK



OVERVIEW: HALF-**DAY HIKE:** THE GATEWA TO THE ZION NARROWS. THE MOMENT YOU LEAVE THE PARKING LOT, YOU ARE DRAWN INTO THE MYSTERY OF THE NARROWING WALLS TRAILHEAD: EXIT THE SHUTTLE AT TEMPLE OF **NOVEMBER - APRIL:**

DRIVE YOUR OWN VEHICLE TO THE TRAILHEAD MILEAGE: 2 MILES (3.2 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN:** 57 FEET (17 METERS)

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: I HOUR, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY:** CASUAL BEST TIMES OF DAY: ANY TIME IS GOOD. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED AFTER OR

DURING A RAINSTORM (WATCH FOR FALLING DEBRIS) WHEN SECRET WATERFALLS ABOUND BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN / SPRING: OFTEN MORE PEACEFUL AND SERENE THAN DURING SUMMER. CROWDS: 5/5 CHECK IT OUT: WATERFALLS AT THE TEMPLE OF SINEWAVA ON A RAINY DAY

12. WEEPING ROCK

OR THE OPORTUNITY TO HANG OUT ON A HUGE ROCK NEAR THE RIVER'S EDGE.

SPECIAL NOTES: This trail is a smooth, paved sidewalk, easily accessible.

OVERVIEW: SHORT STROLL: THE SPRING WATER SEEPING OUT OF THE rock 100 feet overhead takes nearly 1000 years to travel through the porous Navajo sandstone above. The percolation slows at the underlying dense, less-porous Kayenta sandstone layer, then follows a downhill

COURSE, "RAINING" ON THE OBSERVERS BELOW. TRAILHEAD: EXIT THE SHUTTLE AT WEEPING ROCK. MILEAGE: 0.5 MILES (.8 KM) **ELEVATION GAIN: 98** FEET (30 METERS)

ACCESSIBLE TO VISITORS IN WHEELCHAIRS AND STROLLERS.

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 30 MINÚTES, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY: EASY** BEST TIMES OF DAY: EARLY MORNING: A GREAT CHANCE TO SIT

AND LISTEN TO THE FALLING WATER IN SOLITUDE. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: SPRING: WILDFLOWERS BLOOM, THE MOIST environment along this trail is abundant with color. **Summer**: Storms

PRODUCE DAZZLING WATERFALLS ALL AROUND WEEPING ROCK. CROWDS: 4/5 CHECK IT OUT: "HANGING GARDENS" OF FLOWERS AND GREENERY GROWING FROM THE THIN CRACKS AND CREVICES OF THE SEEPING WALLS SURROUNDING

WEEPING ROCK. GREAT MACRO-PHOTOGRAPHY SCENERY! SPECIAL NOTES: THE WIDE, PAVED PATH OF WEEPING ROCK IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS AND STROLLERS.

13. HIDDEN CANYON

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY HIKE: THE HIDDEN CANYON TRAIL SHARES THE WEEPING ROCK TRAILHEAD. BEGINS WITH THE STEEP SWITCHBACKS OF OBSERVATION POINT, BUT AFTER 1.5 MILES, THE HIDDEN CANYON TRAIL LEAVES THE pavement and turns into dirt. At this point, the trail takes hikers along CLIFF EDGES WITH CHAINS AND LEDGES, SIMILAR TO ANGEL'S LANDING. THE LAST 1/8 MILE (.2 KM) TAKES YOU TO THE MOUTH OF HIDDEN CANYON. UP-CANYON EXPLORATION REVEALS SOME HIDDEN GEMS; ONE IS AN ARCH AT THE FLOOR OF THE CANYON. YOU CAN HIKE ABOUT 1.75 MILES (2.8KM) UP THROUGH THE DRAINAGE. TRAILHEAD: EXIT SHUTTLE AT WEEPING ROCK TRAILHEAD. FOLLOW THE TRAIL AND SIGNS TO OBSERVATION POINT, THE EAST RIM, AND HIDDEN CANYON. MILEAGE: 2 MILES (3.2 KM), ROUND-TRIP

ELEVATION GAIN: 850 FEET (259 METERS) **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 3** HOURS, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY:** Moderate, with strenuous sections BEST TIMES OF DAY: HIDDEN CANYON IS A GREAT HIKE ANY TIME OF YEAR. **SUMMER**: HIKERS ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE COOL, SHADED SHELTER. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: SUMMER / AUTUMN: DRY ACCESS TO THE UPPER REACHES OF THE CANYON.

CROWDS: 3/5 CHECK IT OUT: THE UPPER PORTION OF HIDDEN CANYON IS A FUN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE OFF THE BEATEN PATH AND ENJOY COOLER

SPECIAL NOTES: This trail exposes you to long drop-offs. Take the TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL RISKS WITH YOUR GROUP. UP-CANYON TRAVEL WILL REQUIRE CLIMBING AND SCRAMBLING AFTER A CERTAIN POINT, AND CAN BE SLICK AND DANGEROUS. KNOW YOUR LIMITS AS A GROUP AND BE CONSERVATIVE IN YOUR UP-CANYON QUEST.

14. OBSERVATION POINT

OVERVIEW: FULL-DAY HIKE: HIKERS LAVISH IN THE DIVERSITY OF THIS AMAZING TRAIL: FROM THE STEEP SWITCHBACKS ALONG THE FIRST MILE OVER

LOOKING THE VIRGIN RIVER TO THE CARVED WALLS OF ECHO CANYON, AFTER PASSING THE EAST MESA TRAIL JUNCTION, THE TRAIL WINDS ALONG A RED STAINED PATHWAY. THE IUNIPER AND PINYON PINE FORESTED SUMMIT PEERS INTO ZION CANYON FROM 6507 FEET (1983 TRAILHEAD: EXIT SHUTTLE AT WEEPING MILEAGE: 8 MILES (12.9 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION** GAIN: 2150 FEET (655 METERS) **APPROXÍMATE HIKE TIME:** 6 - 8 ORTHY VIEW AFTER ASCENDING THE MANY SV

HOURS, ROUND-TRIP TO Observation Point. **DIFFICULTY:** STRENUOUS **BEST TIMES OF** DAY: SUMMER.

EARLY MORNING DEPARTURE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID A LONG CLIMB LINDER A BLAZING SUN.

SPRING / **AUTUMN:** ANYTIME IS GOOD.

WINTER: MIDDAY IS BEST FOR SOFTER SNOW AND MELTED ICE. EXTRA FOOT TRACTION IS RECOMMENDED BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN: GREAT TEMPERATURES AND NICE

LIGHT. WINTER: HIKE CAN BECOME ICY AND SNOW-PACKED DECEMBER - MARCH; INQUIRE ABOUT CONDITIONS AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER BEFORE MAKING A WINTER ASCENT. CROWDS: 1/5

THE SLOT TO SEE HOW FAR THEY CAN GO. ECHO IS A CLASSIC BEGINNER SLOT CANYON OFTEN DESCENDED BY GRADUATES OF OUR ONE-DAY BASIC CANYO-NFFRING COURSE. IF ECHO CANYON INTRIGUES YOU, INQUIRE ABOUT TAKING A CANYONEERING CLASS WITH US. SPECIAL NOTES: THIS HIKE CAN BE DONE AS A THROUGH HIKE. INQUIRE WITH

CHECK IT OUT: ECHO CANYON, HIKERS OFTEN WALK (OR WADE) UP INTO

ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY ABOUT SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE EAST MESA TRAILHEAD. THIS IS A GREAT OPTION FOR THOSE HIKERS WHO ARE CHALLENGED BY ELEVATION GAIN, flood potential, You may even want a waterproof backpack to safeguard your BUT NOT THE DISTANCE.

15. Angels Landing

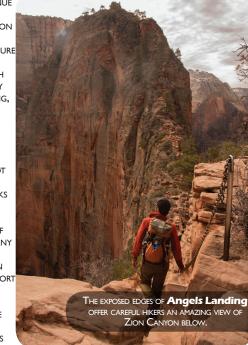
OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY HIKE: THIS EPIC TRAIL IS ONE OF THE TOP TWO ATTRACTIONS IN ZION NATIONAL PARK. THE FACT THAT THE NPS EVEN BUILT THIS TRAIL IS REMARKABLE. THE PATH WINDS ITS WAY UP STEEP SWITCHBACKS, THROUGH REFRIGERATOR CANYON. AFTER 27 SWITCHBACKS KNOWN AS "WALTER'S Wiggles", the trail reaches Scout's lookout. Here, it continues to NARROW AS THE RIDGE ASCENDS 1500-FEET ABOVE THE VALLEY FLOOR BELOW. THE TRAIL ENDS AT AN INCREDIBLE PERCH, WITH 360-DEGREE VIEWS OF ZION CANYON. TRAILHEAD: EXIT SHUTTLE AT THE GROTTO; FOLLOW THE WEST RIM TRAIL. MILEAGE: 5 MILES (8 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN: 1520 FEET (463 METERS)**

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 4 HOURS, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY: STRENUOUS** BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER: EARLY MORNING (6 - 8AM) OR LATE AFTERNOON (5 - 8PM) HIKING AVOIDS THE CROWDS AND HEAT OF MID-DAY. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: EARLY SUMMER/AUTUMN: UPPER REACHES** OF THE HIKE CAN BECOME ICY IN DECEMBER - MARCH CROWDS: 4/5

CHECK IT OUT: SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE GREAT WHITE THRONE, OBSERVATION POINT, THE VIRGIN RIVER, AND THE ENTIRETY OF LOWER ZION CANYON. ENJOY COOL TEMPERATURES IN REFRIGERATOR CANYON, OFTEN $10^{\circ}F - 30^{\circ}F (5 - 15^{\circ}C)$.

SPECIAL NOTES: If you are extremely afraid of heights, you may not WANT TO PROCEED PAST SCOUT'S LOOKOUT. MANY FAMILIES WITH SMALL KIDS AND ACROPHOBES STOP AT THIS VIEWPOINT. FOR GREAT VIEWS WITHOUT THE EXPOSURE OF THE FINAL PORTION OF THE HIKE, CONTINUE

UP THE WEST RIM TRAIL WHERE ELEVATION IS STILL GAINED, BUT WITHOUT THE EXPOSUR OF CLIFF EDGES. FOR THOSE BOLD ENOUGH TO HIKE ALL THE WAY OUT TO THE LANDING, SECTIONS OF CHAIN PROVIDE A MEASURE OF SECURITY ALONG THE MOST EXPOSED SECTIONS OF UPPER TRAIL. PLEASE DO NOT INVITE OR FEED THE PERSISTENT CHIPMUNKS TO VOID BITES, TORN CLOTHING, AND THE HOSTILE TAKEOVER O YOUR BACKPACK, MANY UNINFORMED HIKERS CARVE THEIR NAME IN THE ROCK AS SOME SO OF CULT-LIKE RITUAL PLEASE DO NOT IOIN IN; FORTUNATELY, THE VIEWSSUPERSEDE THE VANDALISM FROM THIS AWE-INSPIRING PERCH



16. EMERALD POOLS



OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY **HIKE:** DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM ZION LODGE. THIS IS LIKELY THE MOST-HIKED TRAIL IN ALL OF ZION. FEATURING MILD HIKING AND PLEASANT TEMPERTUARES DUE TO MIST, THE EMERALD POOLS TRAIL SEES MANY VISITORS EACH DAY. YOU CAN SKIRT BEHIND VEILS OF WATER, ROCK-HOP ACROSS QUIET STREAMS, AND GAZE FROM A WIDE BALCONY ONTO VIEWS OF THE CANYON. TRAILHEAD: EXIT SHUTTLE AT ZION LODGE.

MILEAGE & ELEVATION: Lower Pool: 1.2 miles (1.9 km)/ 69 FEET (21 METERS), ROUND-TRIP UPPER POOL: 3 MILES (4.8 KM)/ 400 FEET (119 METERS), ROUND-TRIF **APPROXIMATE HIKE** TIME:

• Lower Pool: I hour, round-• UPPER POOL: 2 HOURS, ROUND-

DIFFICULTY: EASY -MODERATE **BEST TIMES OF DAY:**

SUMMER: Early morning (7 - 8 am) and late afternoon feature shade and

FALL/SPRING: MIDDAY HIKES CATCH THE POOLS WITH SUNLIGHT, MAKING FOR GREAT BEST TIMES OF YEAR: ANYTIME OF YEAR, FALL COLORS ARE ESPECIALLY

CROWDS: LOWER POOL: 5/5 UPPER POOL: 3/5 SPECIAL NOTES: THESE POOLS ARE NOT FOR SWIMMING OR BATHING

17. SAND BENCH

OVERVIEW: HALF-DAY HIKE: THIS LOOP TRAIL IS SUBTLE AND BEAUTIFUL. SCRAMBLING ALONG RIVER'S EDGE AND MEANDERING THROUGH THE BASE OF THE PATRIARCHS, JACOB AND ISAAC, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE VIRGIN RIVER. EAST OF THE RIVER, THE TRAIL IS FLAT AND SANDY, OFFERING EASY HIKING AND GREAT RIVER VISTAS. TRAILHEAD: FROM THE COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS: WALK ACROSS THE CANYON DRIVE TO A SERVICE ROAD, THEN ACROSS THE BRIDGE TO THE CONNECTING TRAIL SYSTEM.

MILEAGE: 3.6 MILES (5.8 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN: 500** FEET (152 METERS), ROUND-TRIP **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 3** HOURS, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY:** MODERATELY EASY BEST TIMES OF DAY: MORNING. HIKE BEFORE 7 AM OR AFTER 5 PM TO

AVOID THE HORSE CARAVANS, MARCH - OCTOBER. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN/WINTER:** NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY FOR A HORSE-FREE TRAIL AND RIVERSIDE TRANQUILITY. CROWDS: 1/5 You'll find few Hikers on this trail, but many four-legged

FRIENDS AND THEIR DROPPINGS, HORSE TOURS FOLLOW THIS TRAIL EVERY DAY, MARCH - October, from 7am - 5pm. Inquire Zion Lodge for this alternative form of **EXPLORATION** CHECK IT OUT: SMELLING THE SPRING FLOWERS APRIL - JUNE.



18. Pa'rus (BIKE ROUTE)

OVERVIEW: SHORT STROLL: This is the easiest trail in the Park, and THE ONLY ONE WHICH ALLOWS LEASHED DOGS AND BIKES, THE PA'RUS MEANDERS NORTH FROM THE CAMPGROUNDS, FOLLOWING THE VIRGIN RIVER UP THE WIDE VALLEY OF SOUTH ZION CANYON. THIS IS A PERFECT TRAIL FOR AFTER-DINNER STROLLS, SURROUNDING YOU WITH GRAND TOWERS CAST IN BRILLIANT ORANGES, BROWNS, AND

REDS BY THE EVENING ALPENGLOW TRAILHEAD: PARK JUST BEFORE THE SOUTH ENTRANCE OR AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER FOR A SLIGHTLY SHORTER WALK TO THE SOUTH CAMPGROUND, WHERE THE

MILEAGE: 3.5 MILES (5.6 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN:** VERY LITTLE CHANGE **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME:** 1.5 HOURS, ROUND-TRIP DIFFICULTY: VERY EASY **BEST TIMES OF DAY: SUMMER:** EARLY MORNING OR EARLY EVENING. ONCE THE CAMPGROUND LIGHTS

SPRING / AUTUMN: ANYTIME IS A GOOD ONE FOR THIS TRAIL **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: SPRING:** BRINGS UNTOLD BLOSSOMS TO THE PA'RUS TRAIL, AS WELL AS THE RE-EMERGENCE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF VALLEY WILDLIFE. **CROWDS: 2/5 BEWARE OF BICYCLISTS! CHECK IT OUT: UP-CLOSE VIEWS**

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OF THE VIRGIN RIVER AND A HUMBLING PERSPECTIVE ON THE WATCHMAN AND BRIDGE MOUNTAIN. ullet Some of the best wildlife-viewing opportunities in the Park. Hikers see jack RABBITS, MULE DEER, WILD TURKEYS, AND THE OCCASIONAL FOX ALONG THIS PATH. PLENTIFUL RIVERSIDE ACCESS.

19. WATCHMAN **OVERVIEW:** HALF-DAY HIKE: Takes you out of the main valley

AND SKIRTS ALONGSIDE THE CLIFF SIDES OF A SIDE CANYON. AFTER SOME SHORT SWITCHBACKS, THE TRAIL CROSSES A PERENNIAL SPRING, UP TO A PANORAMIC VIEWPOINT. ENIOY THE VIEW FROM THE TOP, OR EXPLORE DOWN DIRT TRAILS TO THE CLIFF EDGES. TRAILHEAD: NO SHUTTLE NECESSARY. THE TRAIL BEGINS ON THE SERVICE ROAD IUST EAST OF THE VISITOR'S CENTER. MILEAGE: 3.5 MILES (5.6 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN: 368** FEET (112 M)

APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 2 HOURS, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY: MODERATE** BEST TIMES OF DAY: MORNING: BEFORE 9 AM, WATCHMAN HIKERS ENJOY SHADE YEAR-ROUND. THE WATCHMAN TRAIL'S PROXIMITY TO SPRINGDALE AND THE CAMPGROLINDS ALSO MAKE IT A FAVORITE FOR AFTER-DINNER EVENING STROLLS. BEST TIMES OF YEAR: ANY SEASON, WILDFLOWERS ABOUND IN SPRING.

CROWDS: 3/5 CHECK IT OUT: THE LOOKOUT AT THE END OF THE TRAIL PROVIDES THE BEST VIEWS OF SPRINGDALE AND THE LOWER PORTION OF ZION CANYON, INCLUDING OAK CREEK CANYON, THE STREAKED WALL, THE SENTINEL, AND THE WATCHMAN. Special Notes: Consider this trail for a great full moon hike!

20. CANYON OVERLOOK

OVERVIEW: SHORT HIKE: FOLLOWING THE RIM OF THE TWISTED SLOT OF PINE CREEK CANYON, THIS TRAIL ENDS AT A STRIKING LOOKOUT PERCH. SIT BACK AND GAZE OUT ON GREAT VIEWS OF LOWER PINE CREEK, THE STREAKED WALL, THE BEEHIVES, ALTAR OF SACRIFICE, AND MT. SPRY

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE INTO THE PARK A FEW MILES, passing the left-hand turn-off for the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive, Continue STRAIGHT, UP NUMEROUS SWITCHBACKS, AND THROUGH THE Zion - Mt. Carmel TUNNEL, FIND THE CANYON OVERLOOK PARKING LOT ON THE RIGHT IMMEDIATELY

AFTER THE TUNNEL ENDS. MILEAGE: 1.0 MILES (1.6 KM), ROUND-TRIP **ELEVATION GAIN: 63 FEET** (50 METERS) **APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME:**

45 MINUTES, ROUND-TRIP **DIFFICULTY:** CASUAL **BEST TIMES OF DAY:** *EARLY* **MORNING**: TEMPERATURES ON THIS EXPOSED SLICKROCK BALCONY BECOME HOT BY LATE MORNING DURING SUMMER

Amazing sunrises and sunsets can be enjoyed here! BEST TIMES OF YEAR: ANY TIME IS GOOD. WINTER: MAY BRING ICE TO THIS CROWDS: 5/5

CHECK IT OUT: CAREFULLY, PEER DOWN INTO THE DARK SLOT OF PINE CREEK. OFTEN, YOU CAN HEAR OR SEE CANYONEERS MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS DRAINAGE BELOW. EXPLORING PINE CREEK REQUIRES TECHNICAL ROPE SKILLS. STOP BY ZION ADVENTURE COMPANY TO LEARN ABOUT BECOMING A TECHNICAL

SPECIAL NOTES: THIS SHORT, STRAIGHTFORWARD HIKE MAKES FOR A PERFECT FULL-MOON OUTING. THE MOONLIT GORGE OF LOWER PINE CREEK IS INCREDIBLE!

21. EAST RIM

OVERVIEW: FULL-DAY/MULTI-DAY HIKE: A SERIES OF LONG, MILD TCHBACKS FOLLOW AN OLD LOGGING ROAD UP AROUND MINOR CANYON rims and through pinyon/oak forests. From the high point, the trail PASSES STAVE SPRING AND MEANDERS THROUGH A SHALLOW VALLEY OF TALL GRASS AND WILDFLOWERS TO THE HEAD OF A WHITE SANDSTONE CANYON. AS THE TRAIL FOLLOWS THE NORTHERN CANYON RIM, THE GORGE BELOW GROWS DEEPER. MEETING THE MUCH LARGER DRAINAGE OF ECHO CANYON, THE HIKE BEGINS A DRAMATIC DESCENT INTO THE SANDSTONE CLIFFS. AS THE TRAIL REACHES THE VALLEY FLOOR, IT CONTINUES DOWN-CANYON OVER ROLLING TERRAIN, FOLLOWING THIN PATHS MARKED WITH SMALL ROCK PILES. EVENTUALLY, THIS PATH CONNECTS to the Observation Point Trail, passing through a cool, slotted section of Echo Canyon before beginning the steep, switch-backed final descent. This is truly one of the best backpacking trips in Zion. Combine this TRAIL WITH TRIPS TO DEERTRAP AND CABLE MOUNTAINS FOR A GREAT 2 - 3 day

TRAILHEAD: FROM SPRINGDALE: DRIVE INTO THE PARK, THEN EAST THROUGH THE INCREDIBLE ZION-MT. CARMEL TUNNEL, PASS CHECKERBOARD Mesa. Just before the East Entrance Station, turn left onto a narrow ROAD TO A DIRT PARKING AND TRAILHEAD. MILEAGE: 10.6 MILES (17.1 KM), ONE-WAY

ELEVATION LOSS: 1,365 FEET (415 METERS), NET APPROXIMATE HIKE TIME: 5 - 7 HOURS, BEST HIKED AS AN OVERnight endeavor with day hikes to Deertrap and/or Cable Mtns. **DIFFICULTY:** CARDIOVASCULARLY MODERATE, BUT YOUR KNEES TAKE A POUNDING DESCENDING 2,240 TOTAL VERTICAL FEET TO WEEPING ROCK. BEST TIMES OF DAY: EARLY MORNING: HIGHER ALTITUDES HELP MODERATE DAILY HIGH TEMPERATURES, BUT THIS HIKE CAN STILL BE SWELTERING. Try to leave early (5 - 7 am) during summer for comfortable temperatures AND PHENOMENAL LIGHT. WINTER: HIKERS SHOULD CHECK CONDITIONS AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER; HIKING MID-DAY SHOULD REDUCE ANY ICY SECTIONS OF TRAIL. **BEST TIMES OF YEAR: AUTUMN: BRINGS MODERATE TEMPERATURES** AND DRY TRAILS TO THESE HIGH, EASTERN MESAS CROWDS: 1/5 WATER SOURCES: THE ONCE-RELIABLE STAVE SPRING HAS FALTERED IN

RECENT YEARS. CHECK THE VISITOR'S CENTER FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION. CAMPING: Until the trail begins the descent into Echo Canyon, MOST OF THIS TRAIL IS UNDER "OPEN CAMPING" DESIGNATION; YOU HAVE THE responsibility and opportunity to select your own campsite. Follow ZION WILDERNESS CAMPING REGULATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A SITE. OVERNIGHT WILDERNESS PERMITS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE VISITOR'S CENTER. CHECK IT OUT: PEERING INTO JOLLEY GULCH AS IT CUTS THROUGH THE trail and drops dramatically into an abyss of sandstone. Check out AWESOME NORTHERN VIEWS OF CLEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN, COGSWELL POINT,

POINTS ALONG THE TRAIL

THE PINK CLIFFS, AND THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MARKAGUNT PLATEAU FROM HIGH









