

# ZION AREA VISITOR INFORMATION\*

Visitors are encouraged to enjoy some of the incredible opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, sight-seeing & other outdoor activities located outside of Zion National Park. The list below is a sample of some areas that are outside of Zion National Park & that will remain open & accessible to visitors while the Park is closed. Springdale has a number of guiding and outfitting shops that can provide more detailed & exhaustive information on the many recreation opportunities available in the area.

For public safety, it is essential that visitors follow the protocol of the park service with regard to passage through Zion Nat'l Park on SR-9.

1. **Historic Zion-Mount Carmel Highway:** This 15 mile scenic drive from Springdale to the east entrance offers views to some of the most gorgeous sections of the National Park. Please remember to respect instructions to avoid stopping your vehicle.

2. **Springdale Town:** Opportunities abound for excellent dining, galleries, shops and entertainment. Stroll on walking paths or picnic and play at public parks with Park views surrounding your every move. Within 10 minute's drive are Guacamole and Eagle Crags Trailheads that always impress. The Giant Screen Theatre has showtimes starting at 10am featuring Zion Canyon: Treasure of the Gods.

3. **Grafton Ghost Town:** Claimed to be the most photographed ghost town of the west, the Mormon-settled town and cemetery is a fascinating glimpse into 19th century pioneer life. In Rockville, turn on Bridge Rd and follow 250 S/Grafton Rd three miles where you'll find the cemetery on the left and abandoned dwellings on the right.

4. **Hurricane Mesa:** Broad panoramas of West Temple and views of the surrounding area. In Virgin, turn on Mesa Rd to the top of the mesa.

5. **Kolob Reservoir:** At nearly 9,000 feet in elevation, this alpine lake offers a pleasant contrast to the desert environment at the base of Zion Canyon. The drive to Kolob Reservoir takes you through some of the most stunning scenery in So. Utah. In Virgin, turn on Kolob Terrace Rd.

6. **Gooseberry Mesa:** Gooseberry is a world famous mountain biking and hiking area. The trail traverses a sea of slickrock sandstone and offers a striking panorama of Zion's formations.

7. **Sand Hollow State Park:** Just 35 minutes away from Springdale, Sand Hollow offers boating, swimming and scuba in a calm lake surrounded by sandy beaches and red rock cliffs.

8. **Silver Reef:** By Leeds off I-15, the mining ghost town puts you near the interesting Wells Fargo Museum and short hikes in the Oak Grove area, particularly the Children's Forest & Kiln.

9. **Snow Canyon State Park:** Snow Canyon showcases dramatic sandstone formations similar to those found on Zion's east side. There are abundant opportunities for hiking and sight-seeing in the Park. Near Tuacahn Center for the Arts, for more info call (435) 652-3300.

10. **New Harmony Views of Kolob:** Following I-15 north, take Exit 42 and drive toward New Harmony for four miles. Stop your vehicle and face east to take in the surprising reveal of Kolob's Five Fingers, with an especially rewarding glow during sunset.



11. **Pine Valley National Forest:** For those looking for cooler temperatures and wooded hiking trails, Pine Valley offers a wide array of hiking opportunities in an alpine setting. From St. George, follow SR-18 to Central turning right toward Pine Valley town.

12. **Cedar Breaks National Monument:** Although hiking access may be limited at this time, views here showcase a remarkable display of red rock hoodoos similar to those seen in Bryce Canyon. Fantastic overlooks and short hikes are here and around Cedar Mountain area.

13. **Brian Head Ski Town:** This beautiful ski town sits at a lofty 11,300 feet above sea level. Hiking and mountain biking the dry alpine ski slopes are favorite ways to recreate here.

14. **Red Canyon:** A highlight of the renowned scenic Highway 12, there are several hiking and singletrack trails that weave throughout forests and red rock hoodoos. This a worthwhile alternative for those who are unable to access Bryce Canyon National Park during the closure.

15. **Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park:** Located east of Zion National Park toward Kanab, the dunes are an ocean of red sand that offers a variety of recreational opportunities.

\*Please use this guide as a reference for opportunities to take advantage of many oft-overlooked recreational sites. It is recommended to consult more detailed maps for further information and wayfinding.