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ZION NATIONAL PARK INSIDERS GUIDE

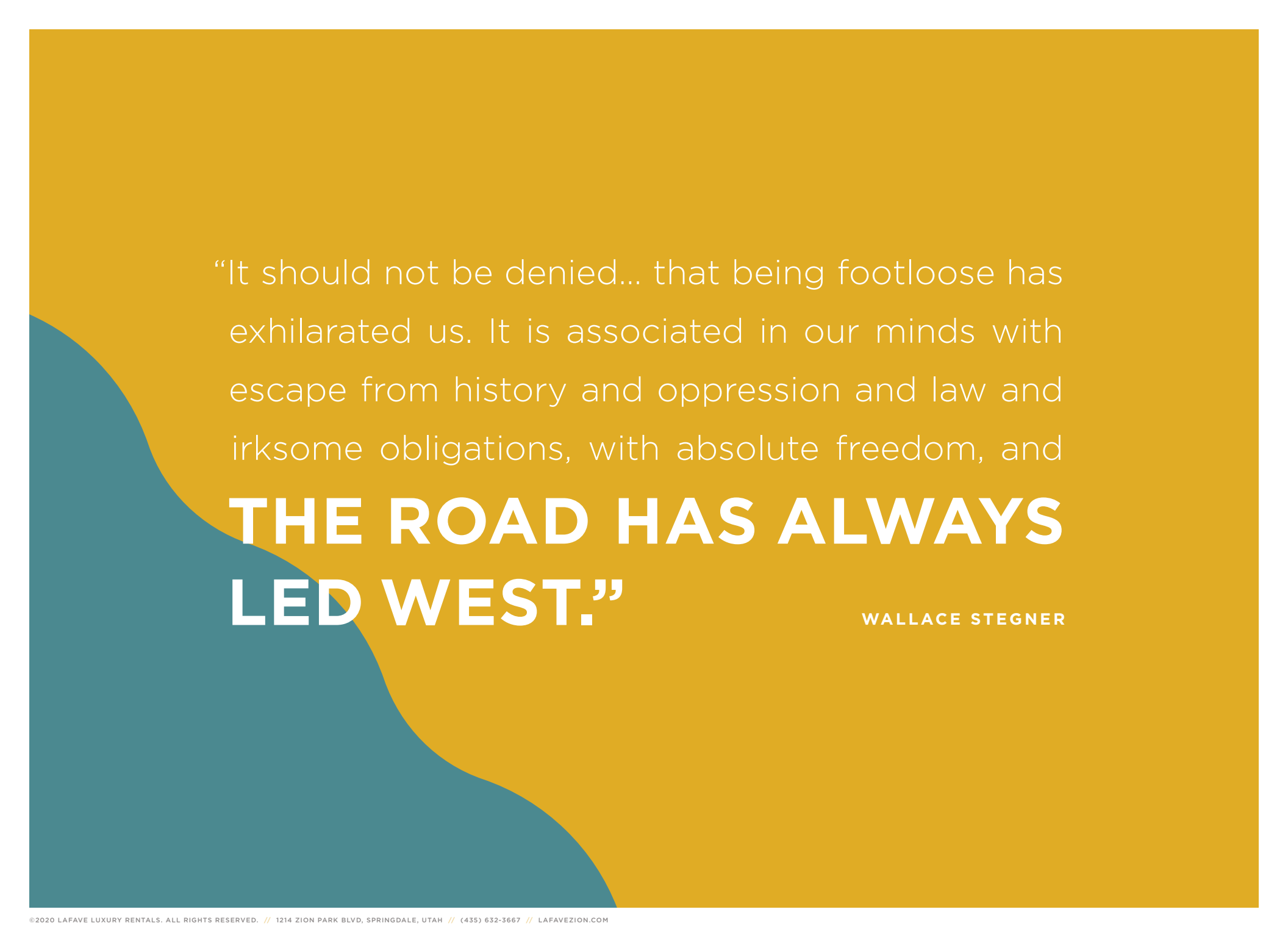
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“It should not be denied... that being footloose has exhilarated us. It is associated in our minds with escape from history and oppression and law and irksome obligations, with absolute freedom, and

**THE ROAD HAS ALWAYS
LED WEST.”**

WALLACE STEGNER





“BEAUTY IS NOT CAUSED. **IT IS.**”

EMILY DICKINSON



ZION NATIONAL PARK
THE SUBWAY

“WE CROWD INTO CITIES which shut out the rhythms of the planet—daybreak, high tide, wispy cirrus overhead yelling storm tomorrow, moonrise, Orion going south for the winter. Perceptions dull and we perceive a growing isolation from the earth.”

YVON CHOUINARD

ZION CAN RENEW WITHIN EACH OF US these natural rhythms blunted by the modern age. Here we can reconnect with a natural order and discover things that may have been forgotten.

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ANGELS LANDING

LaFave is more than just a luxury vacation rental resort.

LaFave is a place where we have obsessed over the details.

It is a sanctuary where you may enjoy the beauty of Zion National Park right from your own private balcony.

It is a place to find refuge and recharge after a long day of touring the park.

It is quite simply the finest lodging in all of Zion.



LaFave is a work of love. We continue to build our dream here in Zion and take great joy in sharing this magical place with our guests.

We hope you enjoy what we have created.

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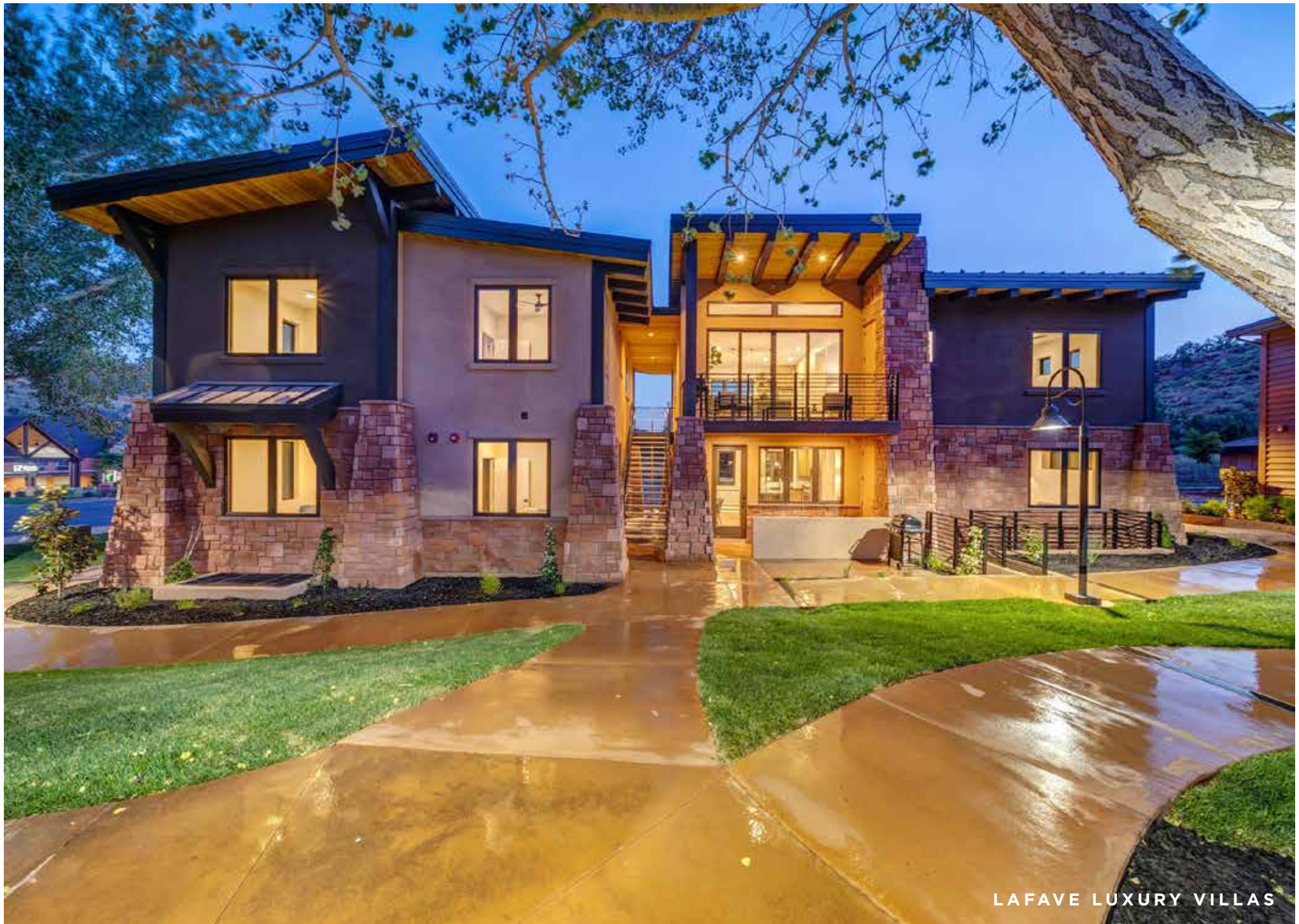
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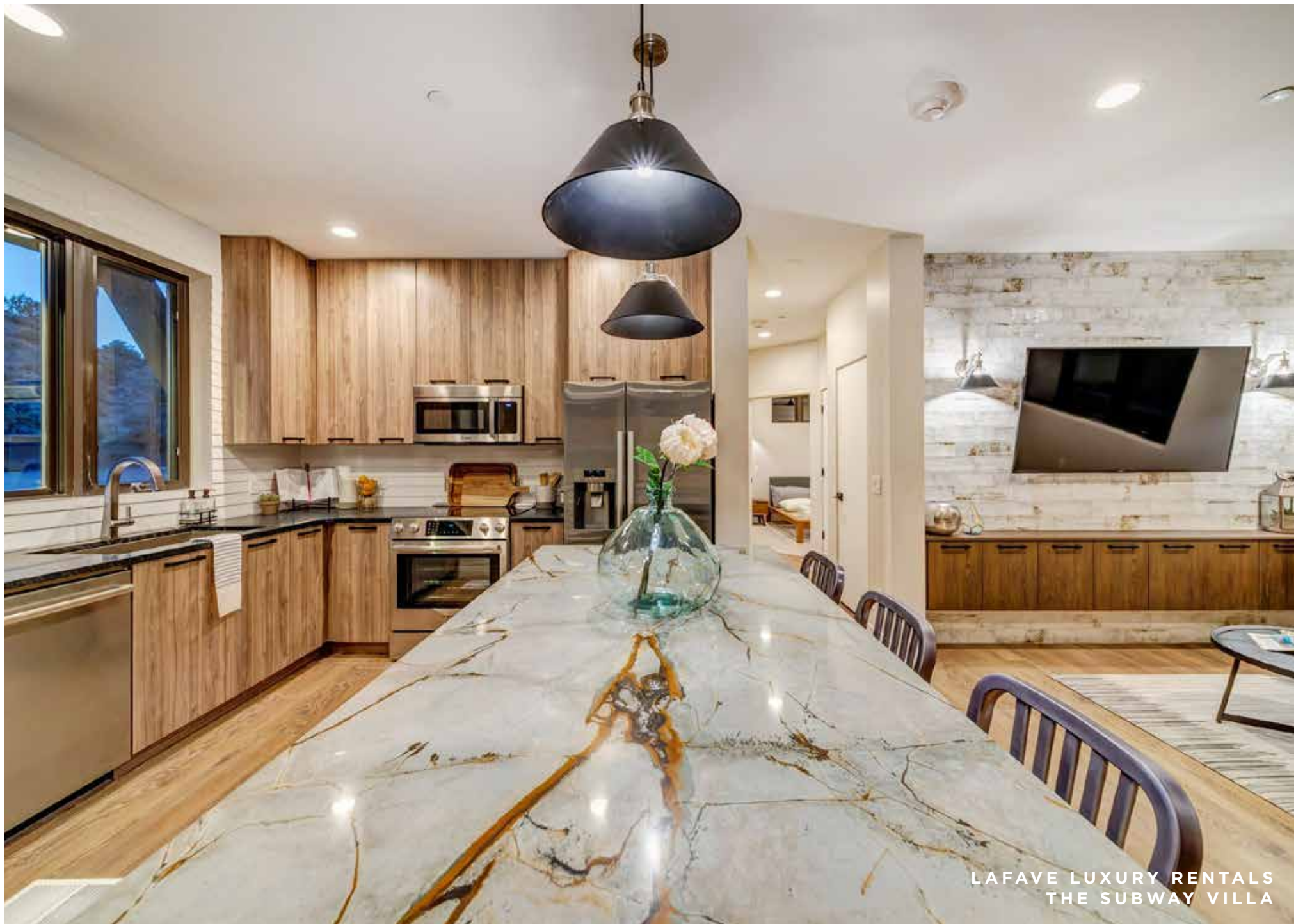
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Ryan, Utah Native and #1 Zion Fan

Our LaFave guests have many of the same questions:

- What Zion hikes do you recommend?
- What are the best things to do and see in Zion?
- Where should I eat in Springdale?
- What are some good kid activities?
- What are the best scenic drives?

A NOTE ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide contains the same information that I recommend to friends or family when they are visiting Zion for the first time.

My Father first brought me to Zion when I was a young boy and I still remember the feeling of wonder that I had while in the canyon. For over 25 years I've spent time here doing the hikes, seeing the sights, exploring Zion's far reaches, eating at the restaurants, and experiencing all the activities in order to bring you only the best things for your Zion experience.

This guide serves as a complete Zion vacation planner for LaFave guests preparing for their trip.

You don't want a list of everything to do in Zion, only the best things—so consider this guide the greatest hits. Your time is limited and extremely valuable, so I'm giving you the premier options.

I know you don't want to be presented with an exhaustive list of every hike in Zion—but rather the very best hikes for the short time you have here. Although there are 80+ hikes in Zion, we bring you only the 16 best.

All companies featured in our guide are independently selected. LaFave has no compensation agreements with any companies recommended in this guide. If you purchase anything through these companies we do not receive commissions. We do this to remain independent so that we can provide you unbiased opinions of only the best options.

The recommendations presented are personal favorites. These are the hikes that we choose. These are the places we eat. These are the activities we enjoy.

I hope this guide gives you a glimpse of the magic of this special place.

I'll see you on the trail.

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ZION NATIONAL PARK

INSIDERS GUIDE

No matter
the
motivation,
we can all
agree Zion
is a special
place.

We all come to Zion and the American West for different reasons. Some come for the freedom of the open wilderness, others to view unsurpassed beauty; some come to reconnect with family and friends; while others simply come to recharge.

Zion Canyon is unquestionably one of the most beautiful red rock canyons in the world (many would argue it is the standard by which all other desert canyons are measured).



Millions come to Zion each year to be renewed and to gaze in wonder at the beauty of these canyon walls and majestic mountains.

Zion's importance, against the backdrop of our busy, noisy, often violent world, is to remind us that we can in fact make other choices: we can align ourselves with that which is slower, more peaceful, closer to nature, and our own true selves. The simple beauty that can be found here affirms that less is more.



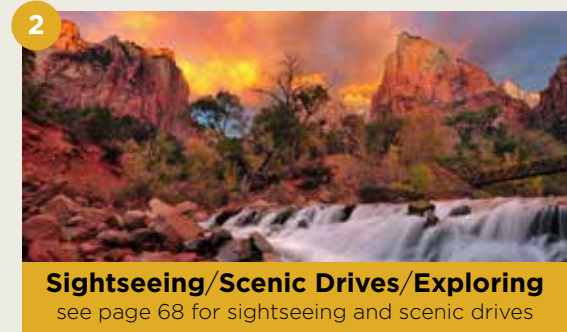
"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see."- Henry David Thoreau

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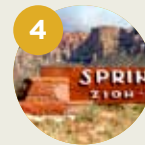
WHAT TO DO AT ZION

We've done all the hikes, eaten at all the restaurants, and tried all the activities to recommend only the very best.

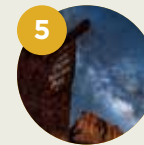
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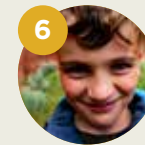
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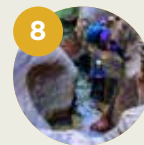
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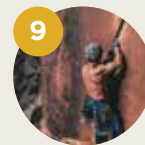
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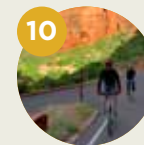
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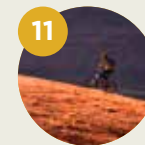
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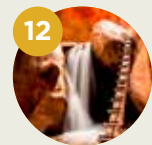
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WHAT TO DO AT ZION

48 HOURS IN ZION

SIGHTSEEING PRIORITIES AT ZION

Depending on your trip length, we recommend:

- 1-2 DAYS** visit **Zion Canyon**
(zone 1 - see map pg. 33)
- 3 DAYS** add **Upper East Canyon**
(zone 2 - see map pg. 33)
- 4 DAYS** add **Kolob Terrace Road**
(zone 3 - see map pg. 33)
- 5 DAYS** add **Kolob Canyon Section**
(zone 4 - see map pg. 33)

If you have just 2 days in Zion, then stick with Zion Canyon and maybe spend 3-4 hours visiting Upper East Canyon at the end of your second day. See page 71 for more info on the East Canyon.

If you want a break from Zion for a day, please see our Greater Area Attractions section (page 85). Here we list 10 amazing activities to do within a 1-hour drive from LaFave in Springdale.

6 STEPS TO A GREAT EXPERIENCE AT ZION

DAY 1

1 Get an early start. Yes, we know you're on vacation, but starting early helps beat the crowds and the heat.

2 Go to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center area. Take a peek inside to gather current park info and trail conditions.

3 Board the free shuttle tram up the canyon. If you are hiking, then take the designated stop for whatever hike you've selected. If you are just sight-seeing, then get acquainted with the canyon beforehand by reading our guide to Zion Canyon on pages 68-69. There is also a free audio narration on the shuttle.

4 Go hike — after all, that is what Zion is most famous for! There are numerous hikes to choose from in Zion Canyon. Please see our hiking guide on page 50.

If you want an easy hike, then do the paved 1-mile Riverside Walk — it starts at stop #9 (The Temple of Sinawava). If you are hiking the Narrows, this is also your stop.

If you want to hike something challenging, then get off at the Grotto (stop #6) and hike either Angel's Landing or the West Rim trail (bottom up route). If you want a moderate hike, do the Upper Emerald Pool trail hike via Kayenta Trail (also stop #6 The Grotto).

5 After your hike, consider visiting the shops and galleries in Springdale (see page 94).

6 You've worked up an appetite — go grab some food in town. See our restaurant guide (pg. 94) for our recommendations.

DAY 2

See our hiking guide on page 50 and find another spectacular hike to enjoy.

In the late afternoon or evening consider visiting the Upper East Canyon. See page 71 for more info on the East Canyon.



“Zion is the most impressive exposure of Navajo sandstone in the world.”

- Rachel Ross, Canyoneer, Geologist

ZION NATIONAL PARK
THE NARROWS

WHAT TO DO AT ZION

RYAN, STAFF-MEMBER AND #1 ZION FAN, GIVES US THE PLAY-BY-PLAY FOR HIS PERFECT DAY AT ZION

RYAN'S PERFECT DAY AT ZION:



8:30 AM - Catch the shuttle up the canyon.

9:15 AM - Arrive at the Temple of Sinawava (last stop #9).

9:30 AM - Leave to hike the world-famous Zion Narrows. I don't stop until I reach Big Springs 5 miles up the canyon (Big Springs is as far as you can go without a permit). I never get tired of the Narrows, no matter how many times I've done it. Pro tip: after a couple of miles up the canyon, the crowds will dramatically thin out.

4:30 PM - Arrive back at the Temple of Sinawava; shuttle down the canyon.

5:15 PM - Arrive back at the visitor center.

7:00 PM - Eat a big dinner at the Bit N' Spur or the Spotted Dog. After dinner, grab ice cream at the Springdale Candy Company and sample their homemade dark chocolate sea-salt caramels.

9:00 PM - Go back into the park to go star-gazing along the Pa'rus trail.



RYAN HIKING IN THE NARROWS



RYAN & FRIENDS IN THE NARROWS



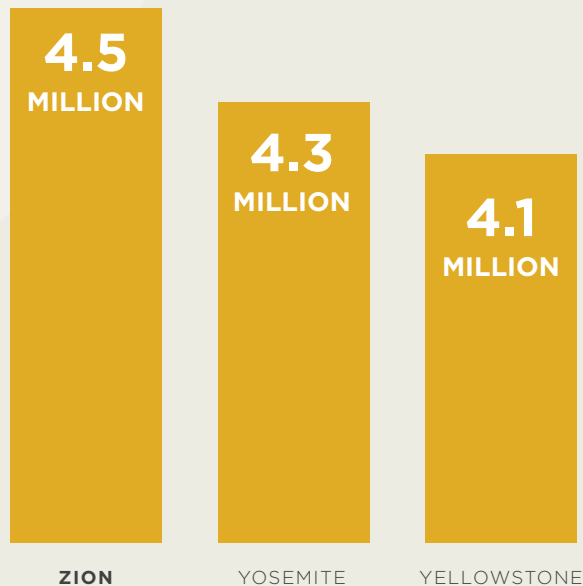
OVERVIEW OF ZION NATIONAL PARK

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Zion National Park is one of the most popular national parks in the U.S. in terms of number of visitors each year. While always well-liked, in recent years Zion's popularity has exploded.

ANNUAL VISITORS



MAIN VISITOR CENTER

Zion
Canyon

SOUTH ENTRANCE

Zion now hosts 4.5 million visitors annually. Zion consistently ranks in the top 3 or 4 most visited national parks each year in the U.S.— ahead of notable parks such as Yosemite and Yellowstone.

ENTRANCE FEES (7 DAYS)



\$35

PER VEHICLE



\$20

PER PERSON
(NO VEHICLE)

Utah famously has some of the best desert redrock scenery in the world—indeed, all of Utah's 5 national parks lie in the desert south. Zion is unquestionably the crown jewel of the Utah national parks, and it sees more visitors by far than any of the other Utah national parks.



OVERVIEW OF ZION NATIONAL PARK



148,732 ACRES

232 SQUARE MILES

HIGHEST ELEVATION

Horse Ranch Mountain

8,726 FT

LOWEST ELEVATION

Coalpits Wash

3,666 FT



1 MILLION TONS

OF ANNUAL RIVER SEDIMENT TRANSFER

97

**MILES OF RIVERS &
MAJOR STREAMS**

458

**MILES OF
SEASONAL STREAMS**

Zion National Park is located in the southwestern United States, near Springdale, Utah. Zion encompasses some of the most scenic canyon country in the world. The park is characterized by a maze of deep sandstone canyons, tall mountains, clear rivers, colorful mesas, narrow slot canyons, prominent monoliths, and high plateaus covered with pine forests. Zion also features one of the largest freestanding arches in the world: Kolob Arch spanning 310 feet.

Less known about Zion: with an abundance of water and high canyon walls to shield the sun, the park contains many seeps, springs, and waterfalls supporting verdant and colorful hanging gardens. Visitors are often surprised at the relative lushness found here.

Zion National Park contains evidence of at least 8,000 years of human occupation by Archaic, Ancestral Puebloans, Southern Paiutes, and later the pioneer settlers who arrived in the 1860's.

In the 1860's, pioneer members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons), named the area **Zion**, **a Hebrew word interpreted to mean a place of safety or refuge.**

With an elevation change of over 5,000 feet, Zion's unique topography leads to a diversity of habitats and species. Desert, riparian (river bank), pinyon-juniper, and conifer woodland life zones are found here. Zion is located at the junction of 3 major regions: Mojave Desert, Great Basin, and Colorado Plateau, which contribute to the unusual diversity of plant and animals species of Zion.

The park's ecosystems support over 1,020 native plant species, including more flowers than anywhere else in Utah. 44 of the plant species are endemic to Zion.

Zion is home to 78 species of mammals, 291 species of birds, 37 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 8 species of fish.



ZION NATIONAL PARK
THE EAST TEMPLE

WHAT MAKES ZION SO SPECIAL?

Water is what makes Zion unique

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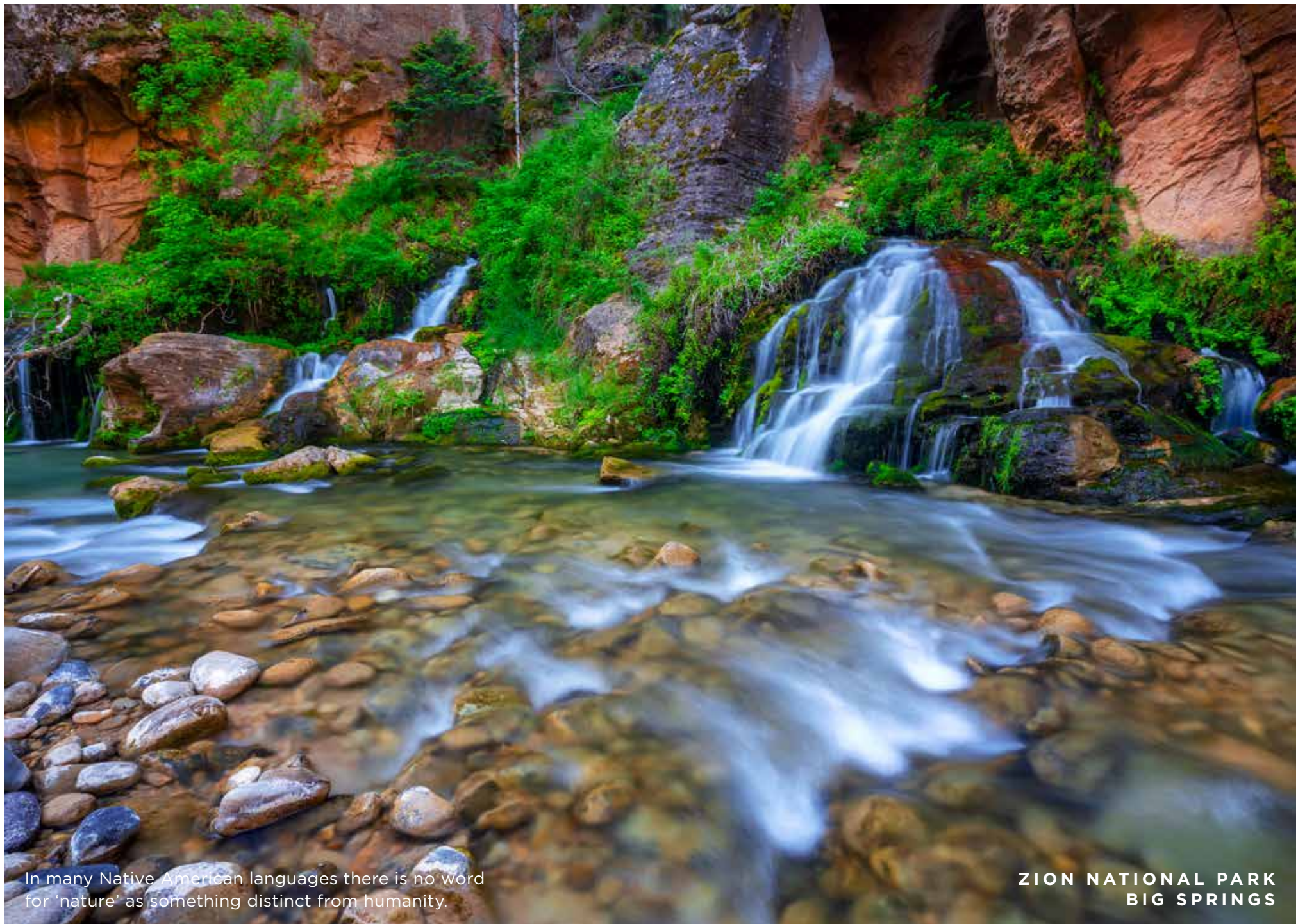
People come to Zion to view the awe-inspiring desert canyons and towering sandstone monoliths — but what really makes Zion unique is the abundance of water. Compared to the other Utah national parks which feature mostly dry, barren landscapes, Zion features water everywhere you turn.

The park's ecosystems support more than 1,000 native plant species, including more flowers than anywhere else in Utah. Add this oasis greenery to the deep canyons and dramatic mountain peaks of Zion, and it's a mix that millions of people cannot resist year after year.

**It is this uncanny alignment of stone and water that has captured the popular imagination.** There is simply no other place like it on earth.







In many Native American languages there is no word for 'nature' as something distinct from humanity.

**ZION NATIONAL PARK  
BIG SPRINGS**



# THE **VIRGIN RIVER**

The Virgin River and its tributaries run through Zion National Park. This river is the primary erosion agent that has sculpted Zion for over 13 million years.





# THE VIRGIN RIVER



In 2009, the upper section of the Virgin River and its tributaries were given the rare designation of a Wild and Scenic River.

**The North Fork of the Virgin River** begins its journey north of Zion Canyon at Cascade Falls, 9,000 feet above sea level. Then the river runs through the park and empties into Lake Mead, 1,200 feet above sea level. As the water drains below the Hoover Dam, the Colorado River continues its journey to the Gulf of California.

The North Fork of the Virgin River drops 7,800 feet in the 160 miles it travels. In the park, the river drops an average of 70 feet every mile. In comparison, the Mississippi River drops about one inch every mile. Although small, the dramatic elevation drop and constant down-cutting force of the water continues to carve out the deep canyons of the park.

The Virgin River usually runs low with an average volume of 100 cubic feet per second. However in times of great rain, it can flood and carry vast amounts of sediment. On average the river transports one million tons of sediment a year. Most of this sediment transfer occurs during floods when the river can temporarily swell to a flow of thousands of cubic feet per second. These floods can carry large boulders and rip out trees from the river banks.

# 4 MAJOR ZONES OF ZION NATIONAL PARK

## ★★★★ Kolob Canyons

ZONE  
4

This zone is 45 minutes from Springdale. Very scenic and few visitors.

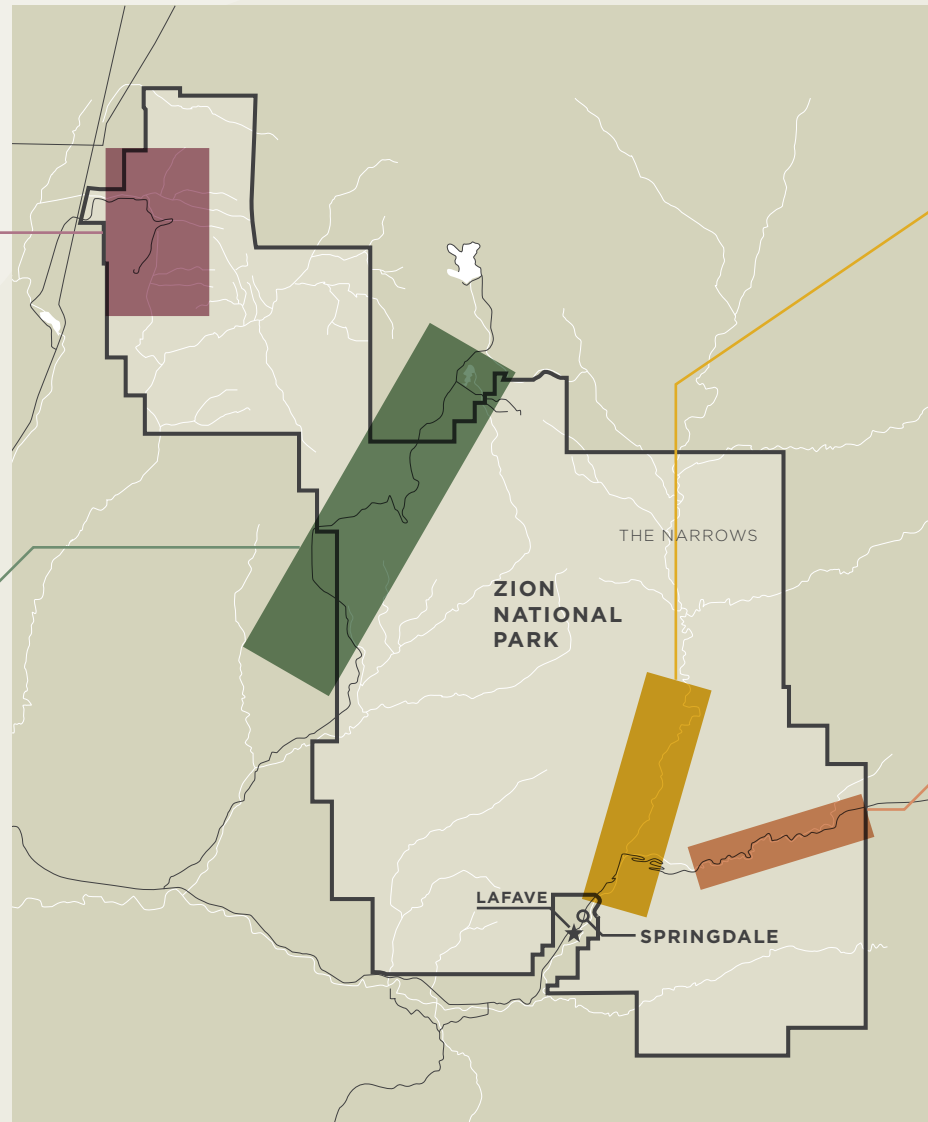
**HIGHLIGHTS:** Timber Creek Overlook trail (1 mile), the Taylor Creek Trail (5 miles), and the 14-mile Kolob Arch Trail — at 310 feet, it's the second largest arch in the world.

## ★★★★ Kolob Terrace Road

ZONE  
3

Although rarely visited compared to the main Zion Canyon, this section of the park is extremely beautiful and has few crowds. If you want an otherworldly scenic drive, then head up this road in the late evening and be prepared to get amazed.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The Kolob Terrace Road zone is how you access many great hikes in Zion such as the Subway, the West Rim Trail (top-down route), and Northgate Peaks Trail.



## ★★★★★ Zion Canyon

ZONE  
1

Zion Canyon is the zone that most people are coming to see. The main Zion Canyon holds most of the famous sites. This narrow, deep canyon is the centerpiece of the Park. This zone is so busy that for 9 months of the year you must take the free shuttle to access Zion Canyon.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The Narrows, Angels Landing, Emerald Pools, The Great White Throne, Court of the Patriarchs, etc.

## ★★★★★ Upper East Canyon

ZONE  
2

This section of the park is accessed through the Zion-Mt Carmel Highway with its famous 1.1 mile tunnel built by the C.C.C. in 1930. This zone of the park is underrated—it contains some of the most scenic sandstone peaks and canyons found anywhere on earth. We highly recommend visiting the East Canyon—you won't be disappointed. This zone is much less crowded than Zion Canyon.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** The Canyon Overlook Trail, Many Pools Trail, the Checkerboard Mesa, and numerous scenic side canyons. This zone has the best bighorn sheep viewing.





**ZION NATIONAL PARK**  
(L to R: The West Temple, The Sundial, Altar of Sacrifice)

# INSIDER TIPS FOR **PLANNING YOUR ZION TRIP**



## **THE SHUTTLE SYSTEMS**

Zion National Park & Springdale



Instead of driving to Zion Canyon, where there is limited parking, leave your car parked for free at LaFave. Take the free town shuttle that leaves directly from in front of LaFave and it will drop you off at the park entrance.

Then board the separate park shuttle at the visitor center. Take the shuttle up Zion Canyon and get off at the 9 stops to explore the wonders of Zion. The final shuttle stop ends at the Temple of Sinawava (where the Riverwalk Walk and the Zion Narrows begin).

For more info on the shuttle system, please see page 39.



## **PARKING**

Zion National Park & Springdale



We recommend taking the free town shuttle directly from LaFave in Springdale to avoid trying to find parking in Zion. The town shuttle is a convenient way to get around Springdale instead of driving.

We have a Springdale town shuttle stop immediately in front of the LaFave property to easily get around town and into the park. There is parking to be found in Springdale, but it can be crowded and expensive during the busy season (but not nearly as bad as trying to find parking in Zion National Park).



## **WHERE TO EAT**

in Springdale



Where to eat: we have 4 great restaurants within walking distance of LaFave. We would recommend all of these 4 restaurants. See page 95 for LaFave's full restaurant guide and recommendations.

Because each of the rental units at LaFave has beautiful full kitchens plus an outdoor grill, cooking at LaFave is also a great option. We have 3 grocery stores in town. We recommend Sol Foods Supermarket to purchase groceries (located just 0.3 miles up the road).



# INSIDER TIPS FOR **PLANNING YOUR ZION TRIP**



## **AVOIDING CROWDS**

If you are going up Zion Canyon, the best advice to avoid crowds (other than coming in the early spring or winter season) is to leave early in the morning or later in the afternoon/evening. Both of these times of day also offer cooler temperatures to beat the summer heat.

If you really want to avoid crowds, then we suggest visiting two other zones of Zion that see far fewer visitors (and still offer jaw-dropping scenery): the Upper East Canyon and the Kolob Terrace Road zone. Both of these sections are about a 20-30 minute drive away in your car (the shuttle only operates in the main Zion Canyon).

NOT ALL WHO  
WANDER ARE LOST



## **ZION WILDERNESS**

And our final insider tip: Have a wilderness experience on your trip to Zion!

We recommend having at least one type of wilderness experience before you leave: do a remote hike, explore a slot canyon, hike to a remote vista, or find a place to disappear (even if only for 30 minutes).

Although Zion may be crowded, there are still many places in the park to disappear and reconnect with nature.

See our hiking guide on page 42 for ideas of hikes to experience the Zion wilderness.



## **Other Insider Tips**



What is there to do at Zion? See page 23 for an **overview of activities**



What is a **suggested itinerary** for our trip? See page 24



What are the **best hikes** in Zion? See our hiking guide on page 42

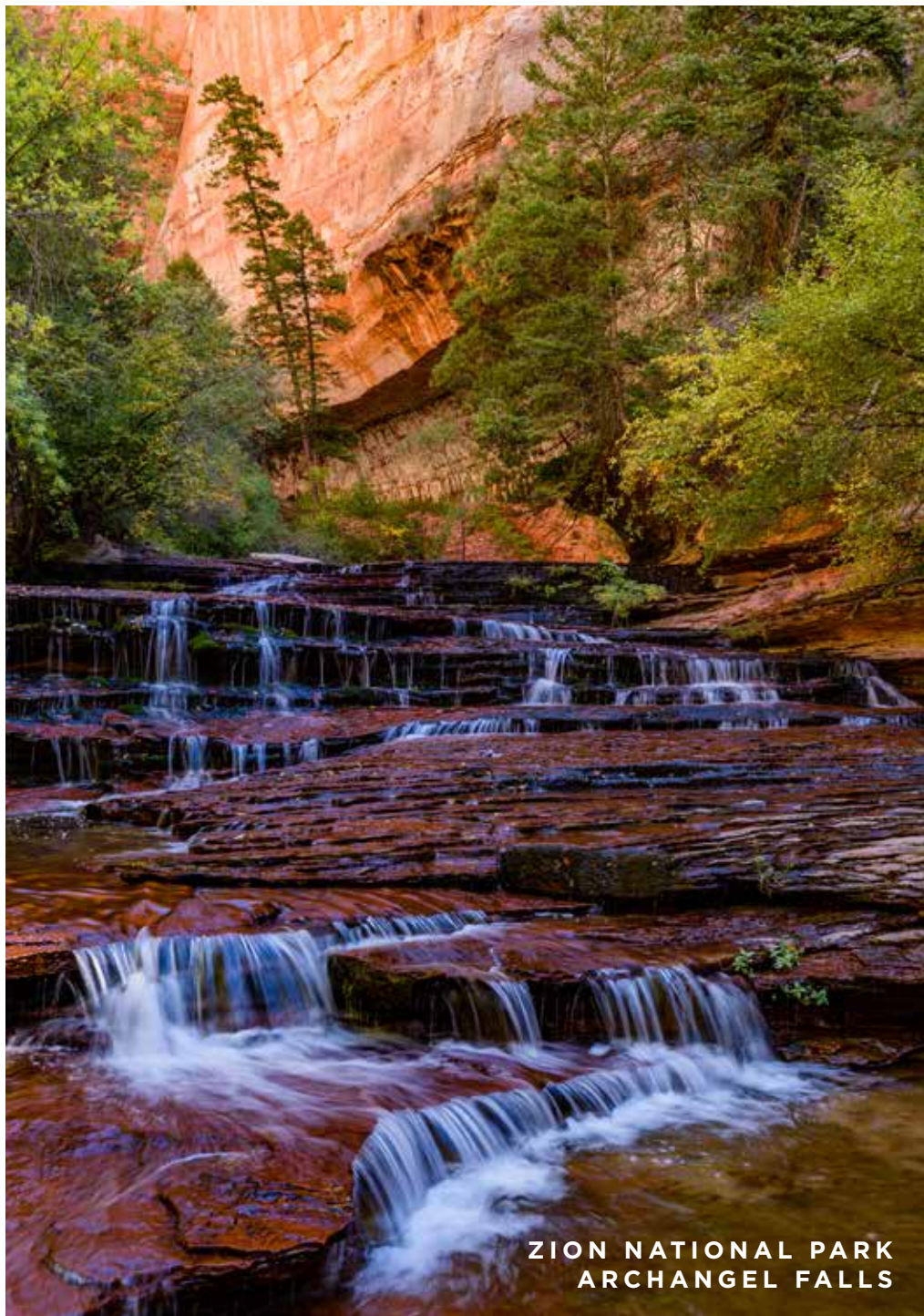


What **other area attractions** are there? see page 85



What **kid friendly** things are there to do? See page 76





**ZION NATIONAL PARK  
ARCHANGEL FALLS**



**ZION NATIONAL PARK  
THE NARROWS**



# NAVIGATING THE ZION SHUTTLE SYSTEM

There are two free hop-on, hop-off shuttle systems: one for Zion National Park, and one for getting around town in Springdale.

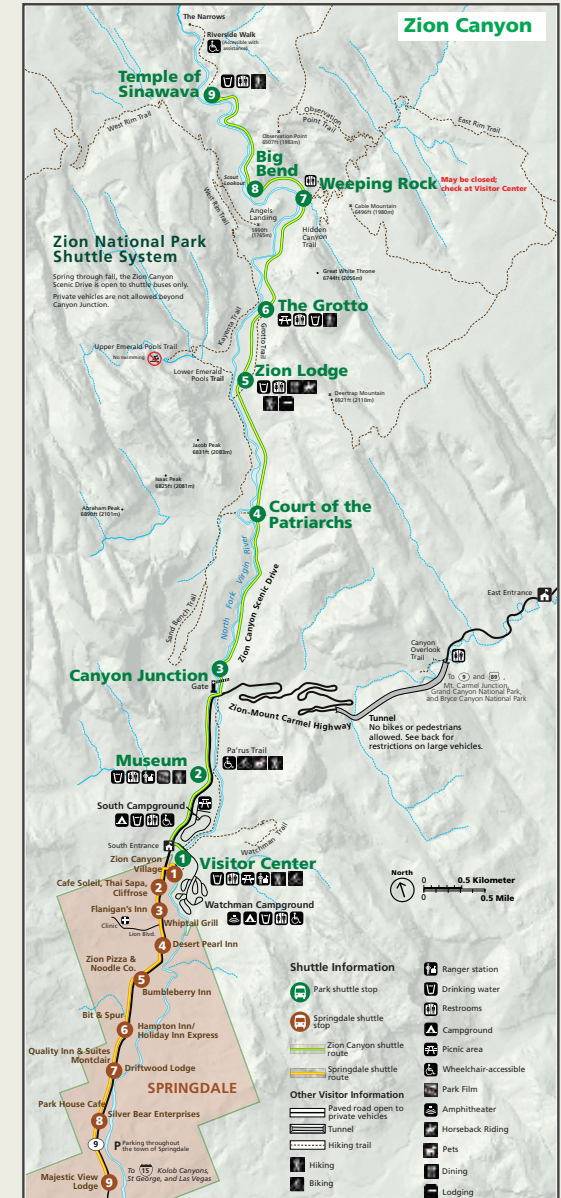


The canyon views from the shuttle windows are unforgettable.

For the current shuttle bus schedules, please see the information book in the LaFave guest rooms or visit [NPS.gov/Zion](https://www.nps.gov/Zion). As a general rule of thumb, the shuttles run at least every 5-15 minutes in the busy season starting at sunrise and going a little past dark.

20 years ago the park decided to establish a shuttle system within the main Zion Canyon section of the park. The shuttle was necessary due to the lack of parking spaces within the park. Except for winter, you must ride the bus to enter the main Zion canyon. For many visitors, the 50 minute shuttle ride to the top of the canyon is one of their favorite experiences of visiting the park.

Despite the crowds visiting each year, Zion still manages to exceed expectations. The visitors simply love the Zion experience evidenced by the fact that they come back and also tell their friends about the wonders of the park. From talking to our guests (and seeing the high reviews from the park visitors) we witness the satisfaction visitors get from experiencing this special place.



# ONE MAN'S TAKE ON **THE ZION CROWDS**

**Outside**

Despite the crowds—no, because of the crowds—Zion still feels like a celebration.



Although the Mighty Five parks are too crowded, I wouldn't say they're ruined. Last summer I was in Zion on a busy weekend. With 4.5 million annual visitors, Zion is by far the most packed of the Utah parks (and was the fourth most visited U.S. national park in 2018). The horror stories about the lines and the crowds are all true.

But I had a blast.

Twenty years ago, the park made the visionary decision to shut Zion Canyon to cars. Everyone leaves their cars at the visitor center, the campgrounds, or the town of Springdale and takes a shuttle to the trailheads for Angels Landing and the Narrows. So there are no traffic jams, no motor homes circling for a space. From the tops of the sandstone cliffs, the valley below is silent.

Better than any front-country park in the entire nation, Zion has realized Ed Abbey's dream of carlessness: "You've got to get out of the contraption and walk," he

pleaded, "better yet crawl, on hands and knees, over the sandstone and through the thornbush and cactus."

At Zion, though I was rarely less than ten feet from another human, I didn't have that soul-sucking "park experience" endemic to Old Faithful in Yellowstone or the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, the feeling of inching forward on asphalt, then shuffling in a herd a few hundred yards to a vista, only to return to the confines of the car.

I never saw so many fit Americans concentrated in one place, bedecked with hydro packs and hiking poles and amphibious footwear, hustling at the crack of dawn to hike ten miles with steep exposure, risking heat stroke and hypothermia in the same day. Despite the crowds—no, because of the crowds—Zion still feels like a celebration.

**- Mark Sundeen of Outside Magazine**





ZION NATIONAL PARK  
SOUTH GUARDIAN ANGEL



THE DEFINITIVE INSIDER ZION HIKING GUIDE

# LAFAVE ZION HIKING GUIDE



- 4 EASY HIKES
- 5 MODERATE HIKES
- 7 STRENUOUS HIKES

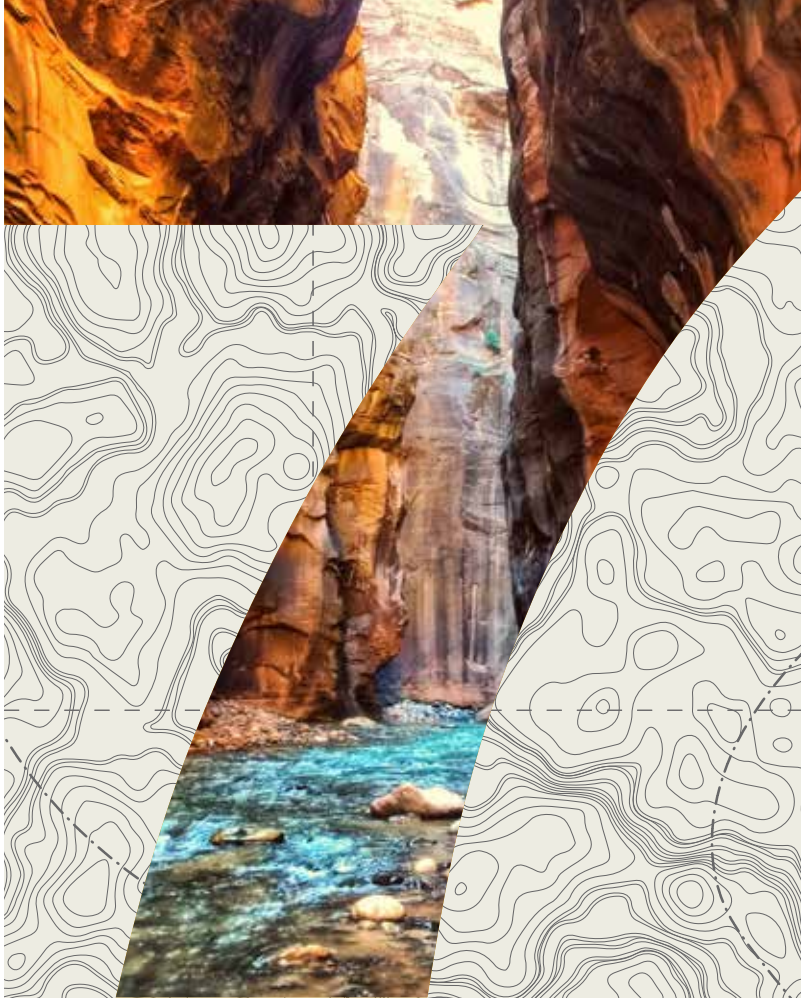




ZION NATIONAL PARK  
THE NARROWS



# THE MAGNIFICENT



Although we profile 16 great hikes in our LaFave Hiking Guide, this list represents the 7 best.

## 1 THE NARROWS

## 2 THE SUBWAY

- permit required

## 3 WEST RIM TRAIL

- top-down route

## 4 ANGELS LANDING

## 5 OBSERVATION POINT

- via Echo Canyon is preferred (currently closed due to rockfall)
- East Mesa Trailhead route is open

## 6 CANYON OVERLOOK TRAIL

## 7 UPPER EMERALD POOL

- via Kayenta Trail





ZION NATIONAL PARK  
THE SUBWAY



# LAFAVE HIKING GUIDE RATING SYSTEM

We have taken great care to present only the hikes that we think bring you the most satisfaction — with a good mix of scenic value, river and creek experiences, dramatic vistas, narrow canyons, greenery, and exposure to scenery unique to Zion.

We methodically trekked through 80+ trails in the Zion area to bring you the very best ones. If a hike made it into this LaFave hiking guide, then it's worth doing. We've left out many hikes that aren't as memorable or scenic — all hikes listed here are the cream of the crop.

There are many hikes listed by park services that are mediocre at best — for example, The Sand Bench Trail. Leave it off your list and take our advice: the hikes we list are worth doing in your limited time here.

## LAFAVE HIKING GUIDE RATING SYSTEM:



**3 stars:** You won't be disappointed. Any hike mentioned in our guide is worth doing.



**3.5 stars:** A great hike. A 3 star hike on our guide is a 5 star hike anywhere else but Zion.



**4 stars:** Fabulous hike. You love Zion for hikes like these.

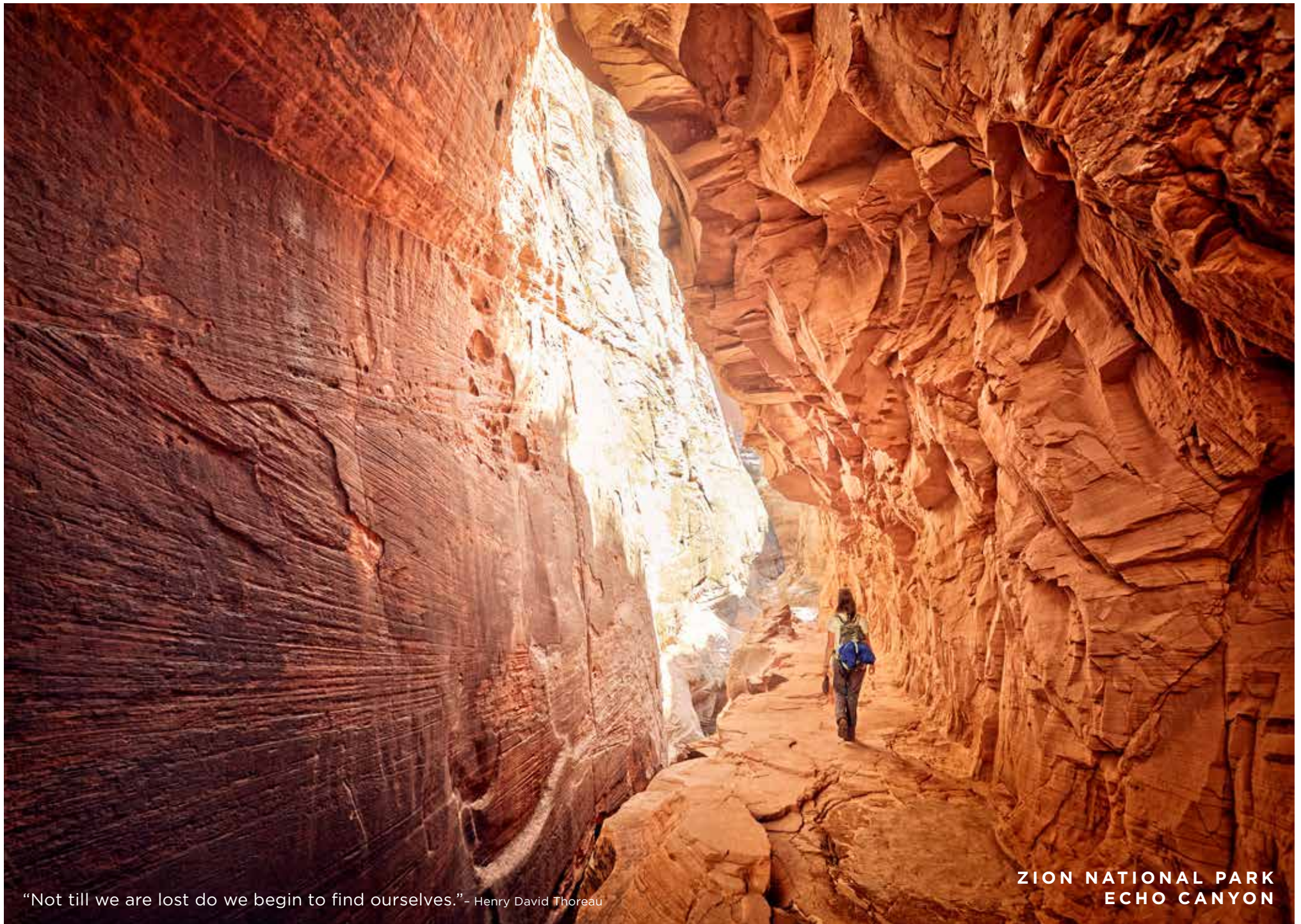


**4.5 stars:** You came to Zion for these special gems. This is an extraordinary hike.



**5 stars:** A world-class hike — it's a must-do in your lifetime.





"Not till we are lost do we begin to find ourselves." - Henry David Thoreau

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ECHO CANYON



# LAFAVE HIKING GUIDE **GENERAL INFO**

**THE HIKES IN OUR GUIDE ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO 3 MAIN CATEGORIES:**

- **EASY** HIKES
- **MODERATE** HIKES
- **STRENUOUS** HIKES

We profile 4 easy hikes, 5 moderate ones, and 7 strenuous hikes in our guide. All are doable as long as you are in decent physical condition.


## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Trail conditions and openings/closings of trails frequently occur at Zion. Check [nps.gov/zion](https://www.nps.gov/zion) or the visitor center for current info on all hikes before attempting.

If you want a complete, detailed guide of each hike, there are several good books and web sites for this information. One hiking site we recommend is Joe Braun's Zion hiking guide.







Wherever real mythology comes from, Zion has gone there and brought something back alive. People want landscapes that give them something to believe in and hope for. In Zion we see vistas to brighten our senses and to bring us nearer to the earth once more.

But above all, it is the perfection of its form and the authority of its presence that have made Zion one of those few monuments that burn into our memory.

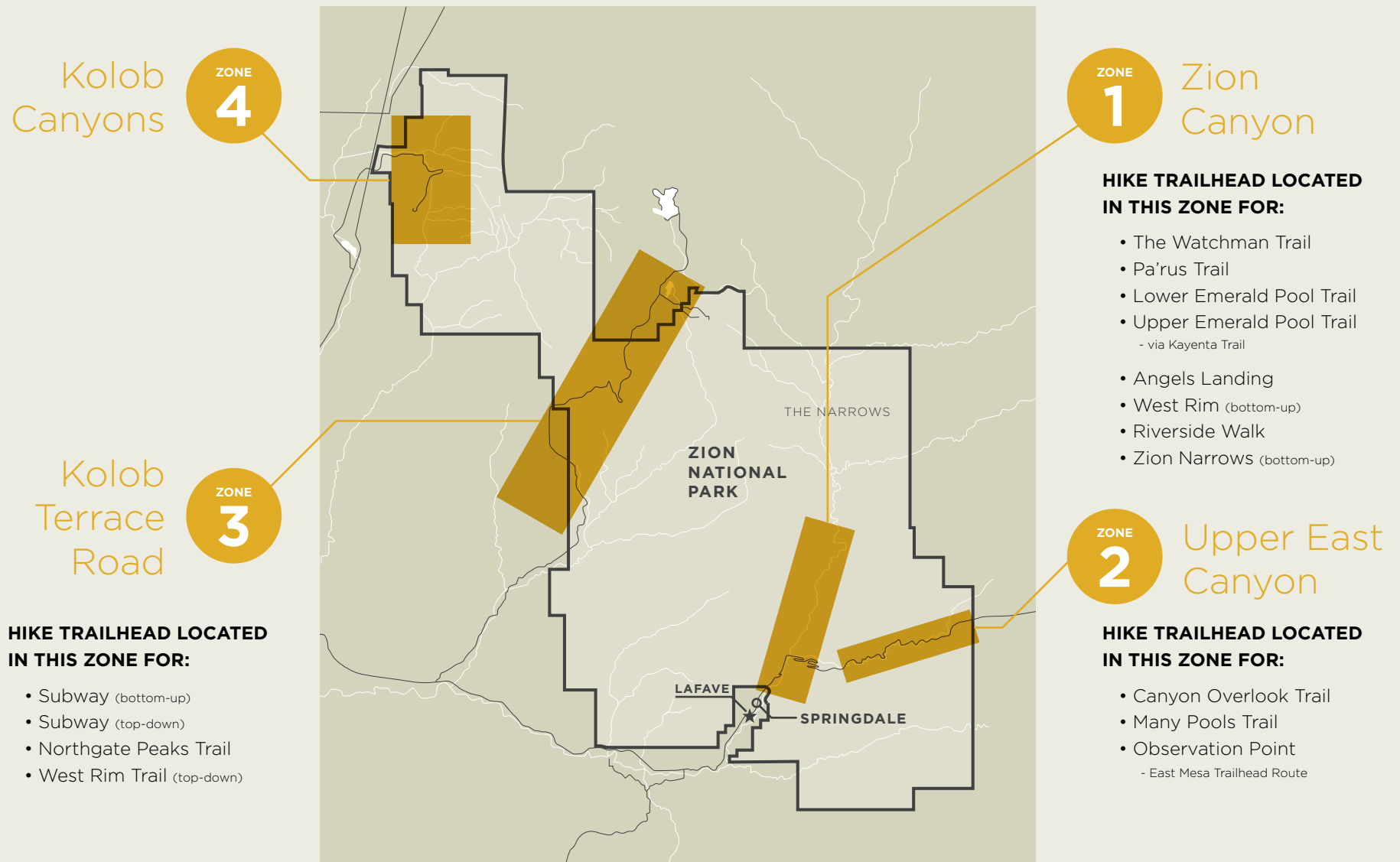
# 16 ZION HIKES WE RECOMMEND\*

\*for detailed information on these hikes, see the following pages

| HIKE                                                                                                                                     | DETAIL  | DIFFICULTY  | RATING | STARTING POINT                                                                                                                                                                                                  | AVG TIME                                                          | ROUND TRIP                                                | ELEVATION CHANGE                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Riverside Walk</b>                                                                                                                    | Page 53 | ● Easy      | ★★★★★  | <b>Temple of Sinawava</b><br>(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #9 - the last stop)                                                                                                                                      | 1 - 1.5 hrs                                                       | 2.2 miles                                                 | 57 ft gain                                      |
| <b>Lower Emerald Pool Trail</b>                                                                                                          | Page 53 | ● Easy      | ★★★★★  | <b>Zion Lodge</b><br>(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #5)                                                                                                                                                              | 45 min- 1 hr                                                      | 1.2 miles                                                 | 70 ft gain                                      |
| <b>Northgate Peaks Trail</b>                                                                                                             | Page 53 | ● Easy      | ★★★★★  | <b>Kolob Terrace Road</b> at the Wildcat Canyon Trailhead (not in the main Zion Canyon)                                                                                                                         | 2-3 hrs                                                           | 4 miles                                                   | Minimal elevation change                        |
| <b>Pa'rus Trail</b>                                                                                                                      | Page 54 | ● Easy      | ★★★★★  | <b>South Campground</b><br>close to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center                                                                                                                                              | 1 - 2 hrs                                                         | 3.5 miles                                                 | 50 ft gain                                      |
| <b>Zion Narrows Day Hike</b><br>"bottom-up day hike" via Riverside Walk — no permit required for the bottom-up Narrows hike              | Page 56 | ● Moderate  | ★★★★★  | <b>Temple of Sinawava</b><br>(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #9 - the last stop)                                                                                                                                      | 2 to 8 hrs length is up to you - it's an out-&-back hike          | up to 10 miles maximum round-trip distance to Big Springs | 200-300 ft gradual gain                         |
| <b>Upper Emerald Pool Trail</b><br>via Kayenta Trail                                                                                     | Page 56 | ● Moderate  | ★★★★★  | <b>The Grotto Trailhead</b><br>(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6)                                                                                                                                                    | 1.5 - 2 hrs                                                       | 2.8 miles                                                 | 400 ft gain                                     |
| <b>Canyon Overlook Trail</b>                                                                                                             | Page 56 | ● Moderate  | ★★★★★  | <b>Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway 9</b><br>just after the big tunnel on the east side.                                                                                                                                 | 1 hr or less                                                      | 1 mile                                                    | 160 ft gain                                     |
| <b>Many Pools Trail</b>                                                                                                                  | Page 57 | ● Moderate  | ★★★★★  | <b>Upper East Canyon</b> along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway 9. Park 0.9 miles east of the small tunnel.                                                                                                          | 1 - 2 hrs                                                         | 1-3 miles                                                 | 200 ft gain                                     |
| <b>The Watchman Trail</b>                                                                                                                | Page 57 | ● Moderate  | ★★★★★  | <b>Zion Canyon Visitor Center</b>                                                                                                                                                                               | 1 - 2 hrs                                                         | 3.3 miles                                                 | 360 ft gain                                     |
| <b>Angels Landing</b>                                                                                                                    | Page 59 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>The Grotto Trailhead</b><br>Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6                                                                                                                                                      | 3 - 5 hrs                                                         | 5 miles                                                   | 1500 ft gain                                    |
| <b>West Rim Trail</b> top-down route via the West Rim Trailhead or Lava Point — day-hike: no permit required; overnight: permit required | Page 59 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>West Rim Trailhead</b><br>off the Kolob Terrace Road (hike doesn't start in Zion Canyon, but it ends there)                                                                                                  | 6-10 hrs with a day-pack<br>8-12 hrs with backpacking gear        | 15 miles (point to point)                                 | 4400 ft total descent and 1,000+ feet of ascent |
| <b>West Rim Trail</b><br>bottom-up day hike via the Grotto Trailhead                                                                     | Page 59 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>The Grotto Trailhead</b><br>Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6                                                                                                                                                      | 4-7 hrs to Cabin Spring & back<br>7-12 hrs to reach upper plateau | 8.5 miles to Cabin Spring<br>13 miles to upper plateau    | 3000 ft gain to the upper plateau               |
| <b>Zion Narrows</b> "top-down route" via Chamberlain Ranch — requires permit                                                             | Page 61 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | Outside the <b>east park entrance at Chamberlain Ranch</b> . Best to use a shuttle service.                                                                                                                     | 10-13 hrs as a day hike<br>12-18 hrs with backpacking gear        | 18 miles one-way hike (top-down route)                    | 1500 ft gradual descent                         |
| <b>The Subway</b><br>top-down route *requires permit                                                                                     | Page 62 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>Kolob Terrace Road</b> at the Wildcat Canyon Trailhead (not in the main Zion Canyon)                                                                                                                         | 6-10 hrs                                                          | 9.5 miles                                                 | 2000 ft descent, 400 ascent                     |
| <b>The Subway</b><br>bottom-up route *requires permit                                                                                    | Page 62 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>Kolob Terrace Road</b> at the Left Fork Trailhead (not in the main Zion Canyon)                                                                                                                              | 5-8 hrs                                                           | 8 miles                                                   | 1400 ft gain                                    |
| <b>Observation Point</b><br>via Echo Canyon (or hike may be accessed from East Mesa Trailhead)                                           | Page 65 | ● Strenuous | ★★★★★  | <b>Weeping Rock Trailhead</b> (Zion Canyon shuttle stop #7) or hike may be accessed from the east side of the park at the East Mesa Trailhead. Weeping Rock shuttle stop is currently closed (as of June 2020). | 4-6 hrs                                                           | 8 miles                                                   | 2200 ft gain from Weeping Rock                  |



# STARTING ZONES OF THE RECOMMENDED HIKES







FALL FOLIAGE IN THE ZION BACKCOUNTRY



# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## EASY HIKES

### Riverside Walk



#### DIFFICULTY

● Easy

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Temple of Sinawava**  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #9 – the last stop)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

57 ft

#### AVG TIME

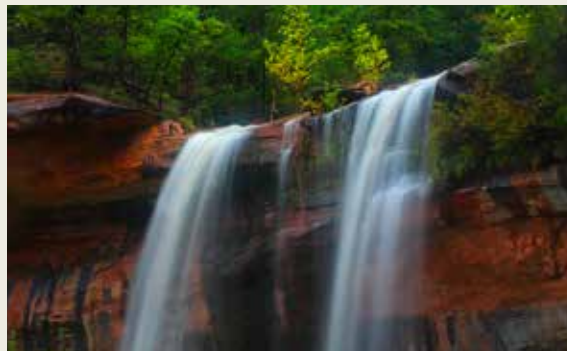
1 - 1.5 hrs

#### RND TRIP

2.2 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** If you are not going to hike the Narrows, then this is the next best thing. This hike gives you a taste for the narrowing of Zion canyon and the steepness of the walls. Very scenic and easy hike. Tends to be very crowded. Trail is paved, so the conditions are as easy as it gets.

### Lower Emerald Pool Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

● Easy

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Zion Lodge**  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #5)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

70 ft

#### AVG TIME

45 min- 1 hr

#### RND TRIP

1.2 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Well established trail that leads to the lower emerald pool and waterfall. This is an extremely popular trail because it is so easy and scenic—therefore it can be very crowded. If you are in decent shape and have a bit more time, an arguably better way to get to the emerald pools is via the Kayenta trail (see description on page 56).

### Northgate Peaks Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

● Easy

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Kolob Terrace Road**  
at Wildcat Canyon Trailhead

#### ELEVATION GAIN

Minimal  
elevation change

#### AVG TIME

2-3 hrs

#### RND TRIP

4 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is different than anything else in our guide because of its setting on a high plateau in a ponderosa pine forest. It is located out of the main Zion Canyon in the Kolob Terrace section of the park (about 40 minutes from LaFave in Springdale). The hike is set high above the rest of Zion sitting at 7,000 feet above sea level, which makes it cooler in the hot summer. The trail winds through majestic ponderosa pines and open meadows as well as offers sneak peeks into remote, wild canyons. The trail ends with a beautiful vista of the Northgate Peaks and the North Guardian Angel. This is a relaxed hike that is perfect for families. A suggestion on the time to do this hike: drive up in the evening and be rewarded with some of the best views in Zion with the late sun hitting the mountains on the Kolob Terrace—it looks like something out of a movie. Then do the hike in the cool of the evening and be rewarded with stunning views and the setting sun hitting the Northgate Peaks.



# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

EASY HIKES

## Pa'rus Trail



### DIFFICULTY

● Easy

### OUR RATING



### STARTING POINT: South Campground

(close to the Zion Canyon Visitor Center)

### ELEVATION GAIN

50 ft

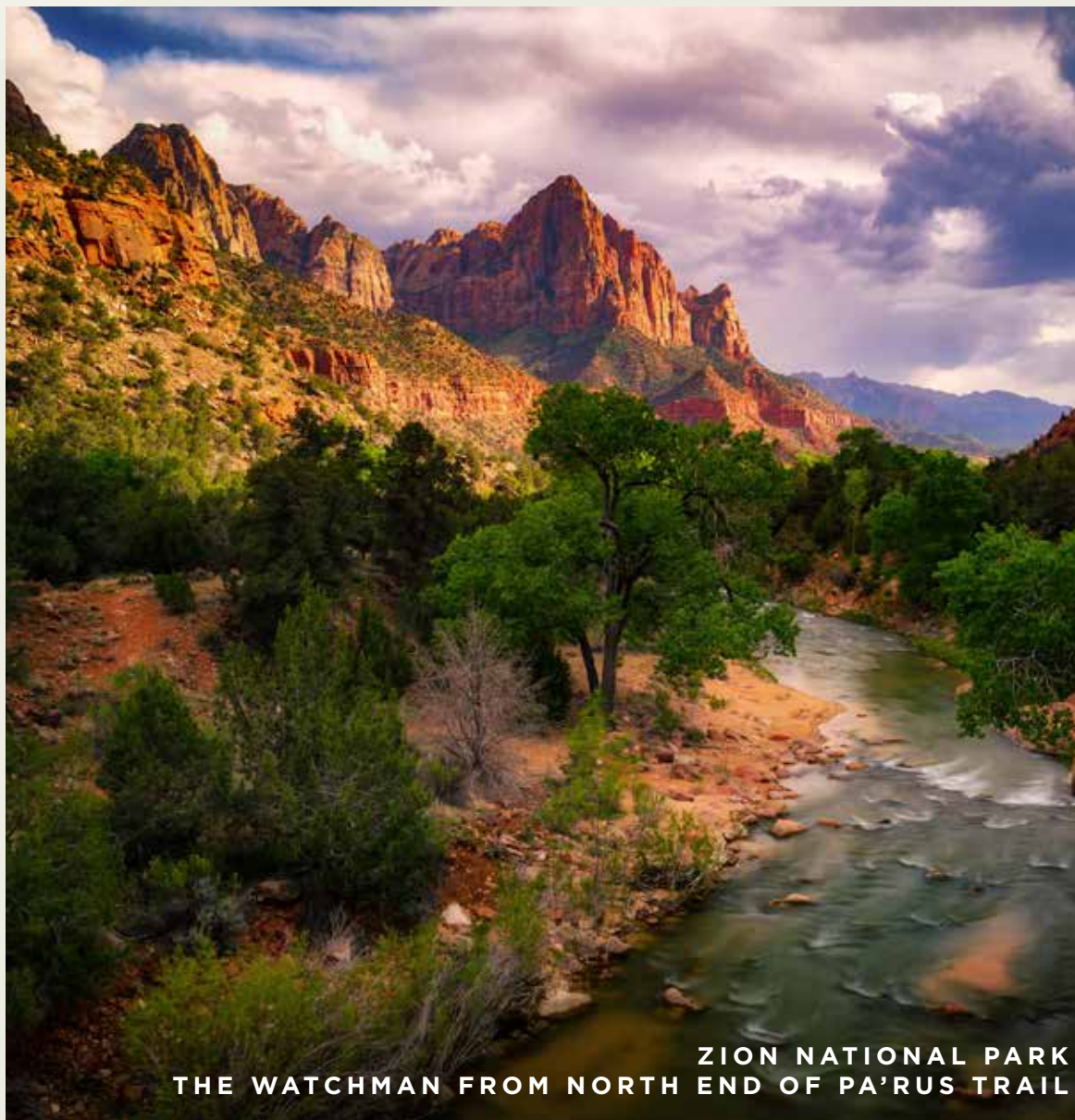
### AVG TIME

1 - 2 hrs

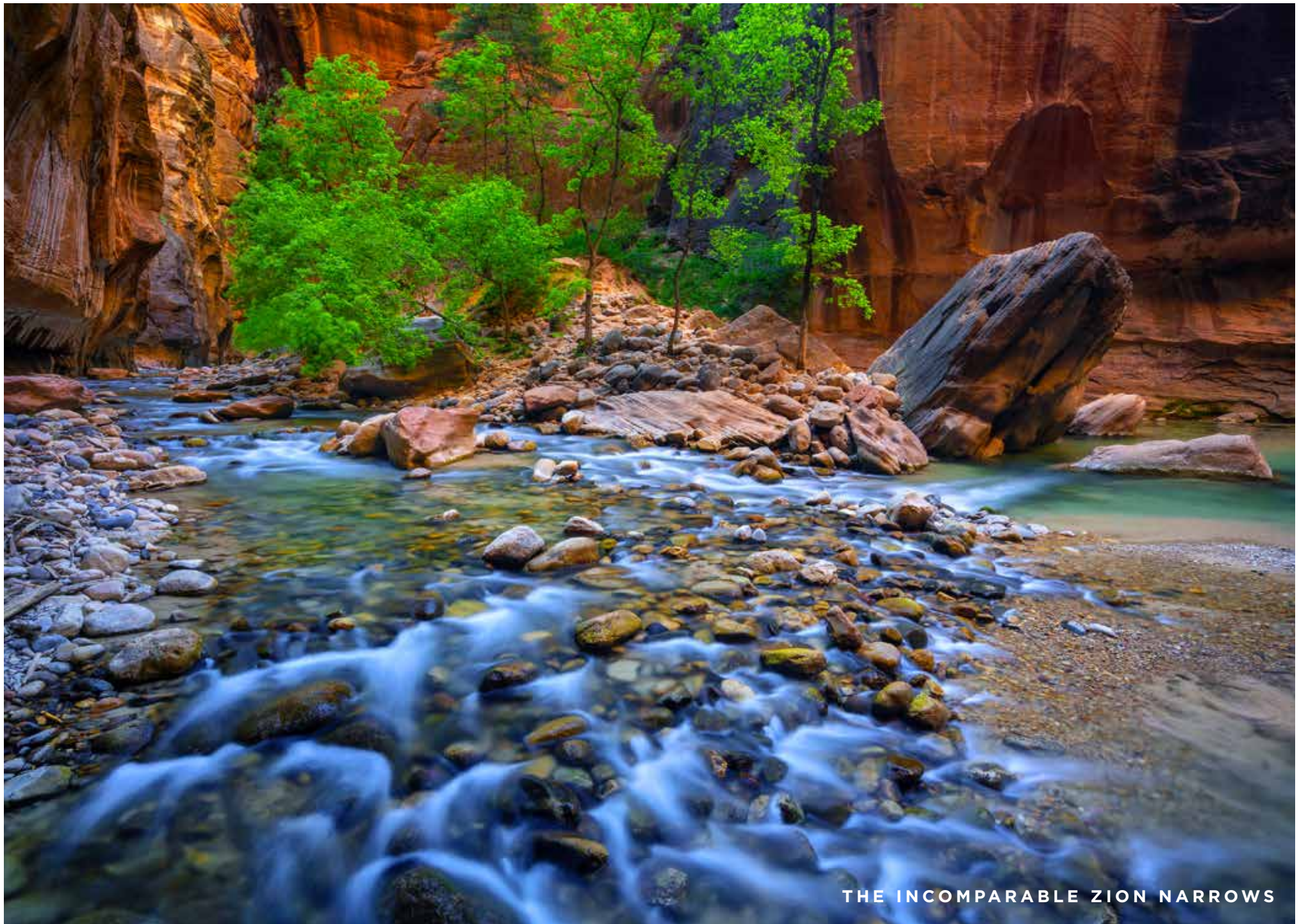
### RND TRIP

3.5 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Pa'rus is a beautiful trail at the bottom of Zion Canyon. It starts near the visitor center and follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction. The trail is in great shape and paved. This hike doesn't require taking the shuttle. Pa'rus offers great views of the mountain peaks and the Virgin River. Recommended time to do this hike is early morning or late evening when the light casts an orange glow on the mountain peaks above.







THE INCOMPARABLE ZION NARROWS





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## MODERATE HIKES

### Zion Narrows Day Hike



#### DIFFICULTY

Moderate

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Temple of Sinawava**  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #9 – the last stop)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

200-300 ft  
gradual

#### AVG TIME

2-8 hrs length is up to  
you; it's an out-&-back hike

#### RND TRIP

up to 10 miles max  
rnd-trip distance

**DESCRIPTION:** Along with Angels Landing, this is the most famous hike in Zion. And yes, it is crowded in the summer. But make no mistake: it is worth it! The Narrows is the best hike you will do in Zion—and the most memorable. Hiking the Narrows is a singular experience: where else can you say that your hiking trail was the river bed? And the canyon walls rising over 1,000 feet directly overhead gives the feeling of being in a stone cathedral. You don't just see the Narrows—you feel it. Hiking the Narrows is a must-do — preferably from the top down—but if you can't swing a top-down permit, then the next best thing is to hike from the bottom up to Big Springs. Pro tip: if you hike a mile or two up the canyon the crowds will dramatically thin out. Pro tip #2: for this hike you should get a walking stick or trekking poles (and boots are also nice to have). Stop by Zion Adventure Company or Zion Guru to get outfitted.

### Upper Emerald Pool Trail via Kayenta Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

Moderate

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: The Grotto Trailhead**  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

400 ft

#### AVG TIME

1.5 – 2 hrs

#### RND TRIP

2.8 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Great hike. Great views. A better way to see the Emerald Pools than the lower Emerald Pool trail. And if the full trail is open, you can see all of the Emerald Pools (lower, middle, & upper) from this hike.

### Canyon Overlook Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

Moderate

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway 9**  
immediately after the big tunnel on the East side

#### ELEVATION GAIN

160 ft

#### AVG TIME

1 hr or less

#### RND TRIP

1 mile

**DESCRIPTION:** Very short, but very scenic. Amazing views all along this hike & especially as you reach the end. Steep drop-offs in places, but there are railings.





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## MODERATE HIKES



### Many Pools Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

Moderate

#### OUR RATING



#### STARTING POINT: Upper East Canyon

along the Zion-Mt. Carmel Highway 9.  
Park 0.9 miles east of the small tunnel.

#### ELEVATION GAIN

200 ft

#### AVG TIME

1 - 2 hrs

#### RND TRIP

1-3 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Very scenic hike that goes up a beautiful red and white slickrock gully. This hike is on the east side of the park. It is a great hike for families because you can make the hike long or short (it's an out-and-back hike). Lots of pools on the route are full of frogs and tadpoles. Very few people on this hike since it is out of the main Zion Canyon. A good alternative to the Emerald Pools hikes if you're looking to ditch the masses. Pro tip: some people struggle to find the trailhead for this hike. The parking for the trailhead is on a wide pull-out on the right (there are usually 2 plastic port-a-potties at the parking area). The hike begins to the west (across the road) up a little canyon. Or if you prefer: immediately descend to the east from the parking lot down the dry wash. When you reach the sandy bottom of the wash turn left (west) and go up the canyon — you will cross under the road in a tunnel. Using this method you can't miss the trailhead.

### The Watchman Trail



#### DIFFICULTY

Moderate

#### OUR RATING



#### STARTING POINT: Zion Canyon Visitor Center

#### ELEVATION GAIN

360 ft

#### AVG TIME

1 - 2 hrs

#### RND TRIP

3.3 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Offers good views of Zion Canyon. This hike gains a bit of elevation rather quickly so it's a good workout. Also you can leave directly from the visitor center (no shuttle required).





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VIEW NORTH FROM ANGELS LANDING





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## STRENUOUS HIKES

### Angels Landing



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT:** The Grotto Trailhead  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

1500 ft

#### AVG TIME

3 - 5 hrs

#### RND TRIP

5 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** You have heard of this hike: Angels Landing is perhaps the most famous hike in Zion. Many people come to Zion just to do this one. It is awesome, it is scenic, and it is scary. If you are severely afraid of heights, it's probably best to sit this one out. However most people are still able to do this hike because the park has placed chains to grab along the route in the most treacherous sections.

Doing part of this hike is still worth it even if you are severely afraid of heights: you may safely hike to the Scout's Lookout and be rewarded with stunning views (just skip the final summit ridge to the top with the frightening sections).

### West Rim Trail (top down)



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT:** West Rim Trailhead  
off Kolob Terrace Road (hike doesn't start in Zion Canyon, but it ends there)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

4400 ft total descent  
and 1,000+ feet of ascent

#### AVG TIME

6-10 hrs with day-pack;  
8-12 hrs with backpacking gear

#### PT. to PT.

15 miles  
(point to point)

**DESCRIPTION:** This is one of the top-3 hikes in Zion. If you are looking to do a classic hike that isn't in the water i.e. The Narrows, then this is arguably the best hike in Zion. The views are beyond description and the crowds are close to non-existent (at least on the first 12 miles of the hike until you run into the Angels Landing hikers). This hike starts off casually, but then continues to build and finally climaxes with some of the most jaw-dropping views of the park of any hike. On this trail you get to see the upper sections of Zion that fewer than 1% of all visitors to the park ever get to see. I can't recommend this hike enough. If you do the top-down hike, the route is almost all downhill which makes it considerably easier (unless you have bad knees and you'll be feeling it by the end). One important note: there is a trail junction where you can choose to take Telephone Canyon—don't take it—stay on the West Rim trail (to the right) or you will miss the best views this hike has to offer.

### West Rim Trail (bottom up)



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT:** The Grotto Trailhead  
(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #6)

#### ELEVATION GAIN

3000 ft  
to the upper plateau

#### AVG TIME

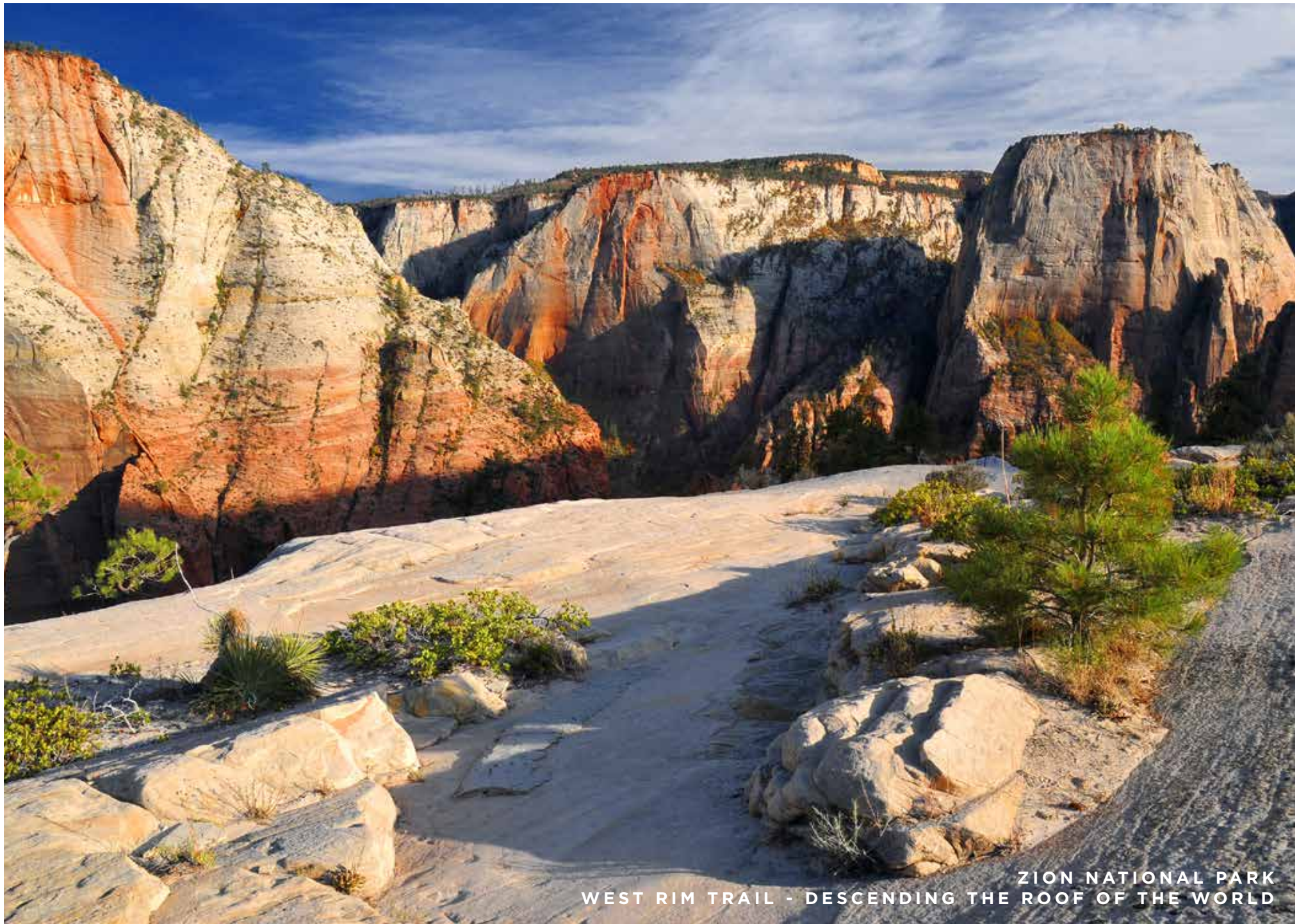
4-7 hrs to Cabin Spring & back  
7-12 hrs to reach upper plateau

#### RND TRIP

8.5 miles to Cabin Spring; 13 miles to upper plateau

**DESCRIPTION:** Not as good as doing the top-down West Rim trail, but still extraordinary. You walk up the same trail as those hiking Angels Landing—however instead of turning right at Scout's Lookout to summit Angels Landing, you instead stay left on the main trail and continue up to the West Rim. This hike is strenuous in that you climb a lot of vertical feet fairly quickly—however the views are sublime the entire hike to take your mind off your pounding legs. As this hike is an out-and-back you can make it as long or as short as you want. The farther you go, the better the views—if you have the stamina to reach the upper plateau you get rewarded with arguably the best vista in all of Zion looking out from the West Rim. No picture can do this vista justice—it must be seen in person.





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WEST RIM TRAIL - DESCENDING THE ROOF OF THE WORLD





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## STRENUOUS HIKES

### Zion Narrows (top down)



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT:** Outside the east park entrance at Chamberlain Ranch. Best to use a shuttle service.

#### ELEVATION DROP

1500 ft  
gradual descent

#### AVG TIME

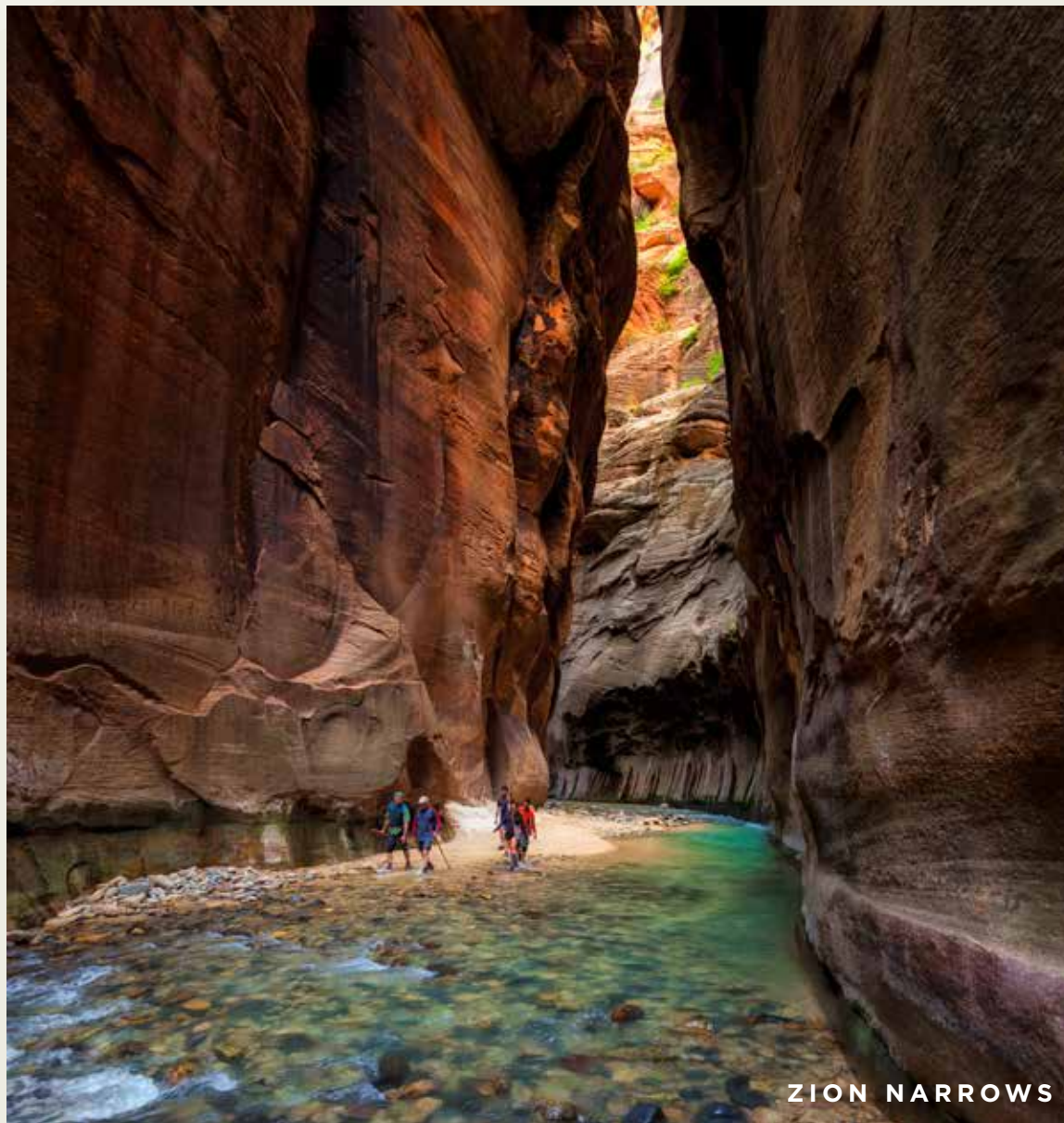
10-13 hrs as a day hike  
12-18 hrs w/ overnight gear

#### POINT TO POINT

18 miles  
one-way hike  
(top-down route)

**DESCRIPTION:** This is the best hike in Zion hands down. People come from all over the world to hike the Narrows from the top-down for a reason: it is a magical hike like nothing else on earth. Do the work to obtain the required permit and the logistics for this hike and you will not regret it. The advantage of doing the hike from the top-down is that you get to see the entire canyon and follow it from a tiny stream to a deep canyon cut 2,000 feet deep from the canyon rim by the end of the hike. Another advantage of going from the top-down: the park strictly limits the number of daily hikers from the top to 40 permits a day—so you get solitude in the canyon for a true wilderness experience (at least for the first 12 miles).

If this hike does not move your soul, then I don't know what in nature could. It is a sacred experience to walk through these corridors of stone cut by water over the last 6 million years. This hike is unquestionably authentic and offers the exhilaration of a true wilderness escape. It must be experienced at least once in your lifetime.



ZION NARROWS





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

## STRENUOUS HIKES

### The Subway (top down)



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Kolob Terrace Road**  
at Wildcat Canyon Trailhead

#### ELEVATION GAIN/LOSS

2000 ft descent, 400 ascent

#### AVG TIME

6-10 hrs

#### PT. to PT.

9.5 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** This is a strenuous semi-technical canyoneering route in a canyon that requires several cold water forced swims and at least 3 technical sections that must be negotiated. But make no mistake: this hike is well worth the effort and is considered a classic. There is about a mile of canyon on this hike that may be the most beautiful stretch of canyon anywhere in the world. If you have the means and ability, you should aim to do this hike at least once in your life. It is truly memorable and rewarding. It is best (but not necessary) to go with someone who has experience on this hike to show you the way. Permit required.

### The Subway (bottom up)



#### DIFFICULTY

● Strenuous

#### OUR RATING



**STARTING POINT: Kolob Terrace Road**  
at Left Fork Trailhead

#### ELEVATION GAIN

1400 ft

#### AVG TIME

5-8 hrs

#### RND TRIP

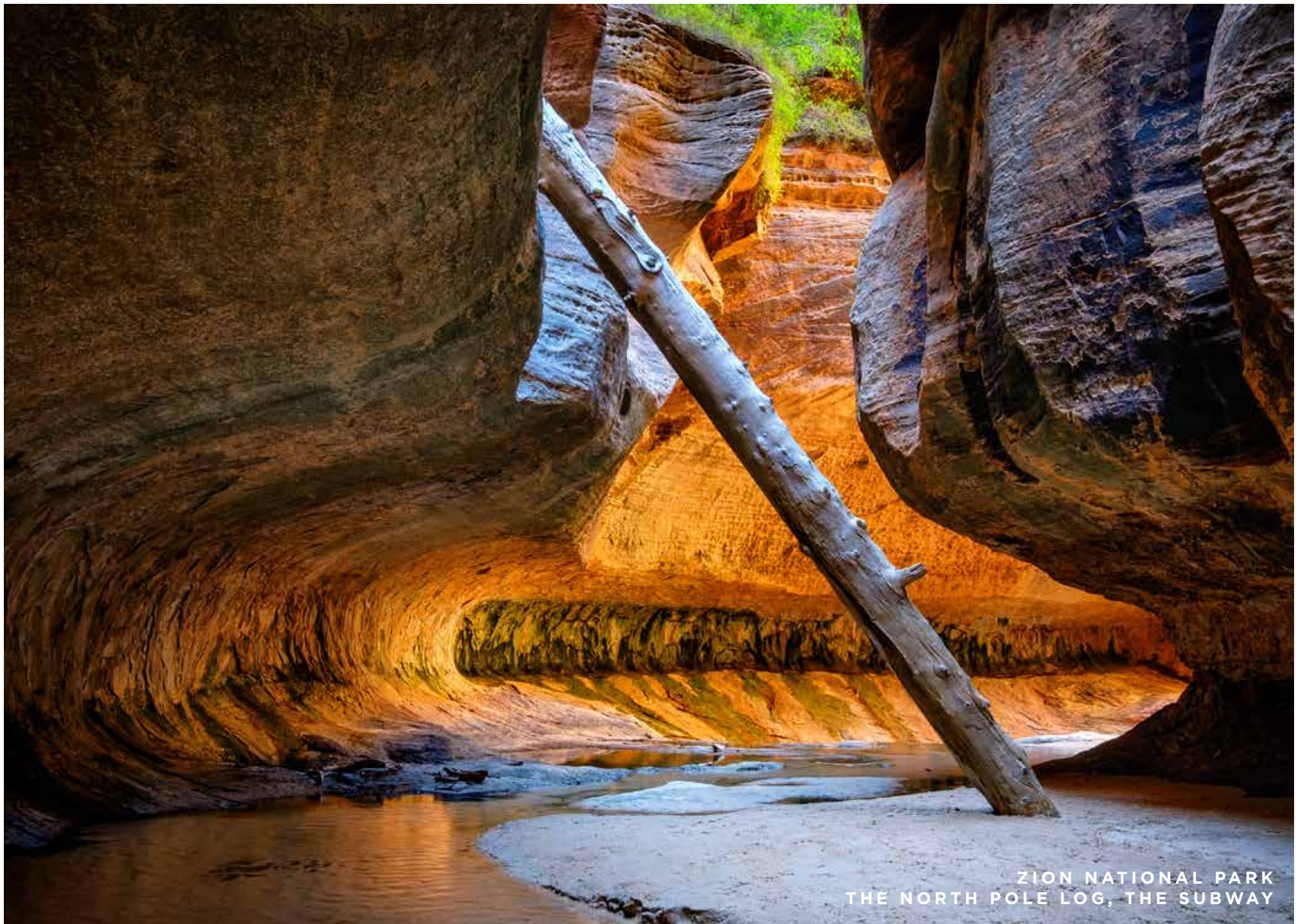
8 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** Not as good as doing the Subway top-down—however this hike is not technical (no rappels or swims) and still offers an incredible experience. On this hike you can see the famous “Subway” section of the canyon along with many waterfalls. Added bonus on this bottom-up route vs. the top-down way: you don’t have to swim in the freezing-cold water or carry ropes & technical gear. Only a tiny percentage of the 4.5 million people who come to Zion each year get to see the Subway—be one of them! Permit required.



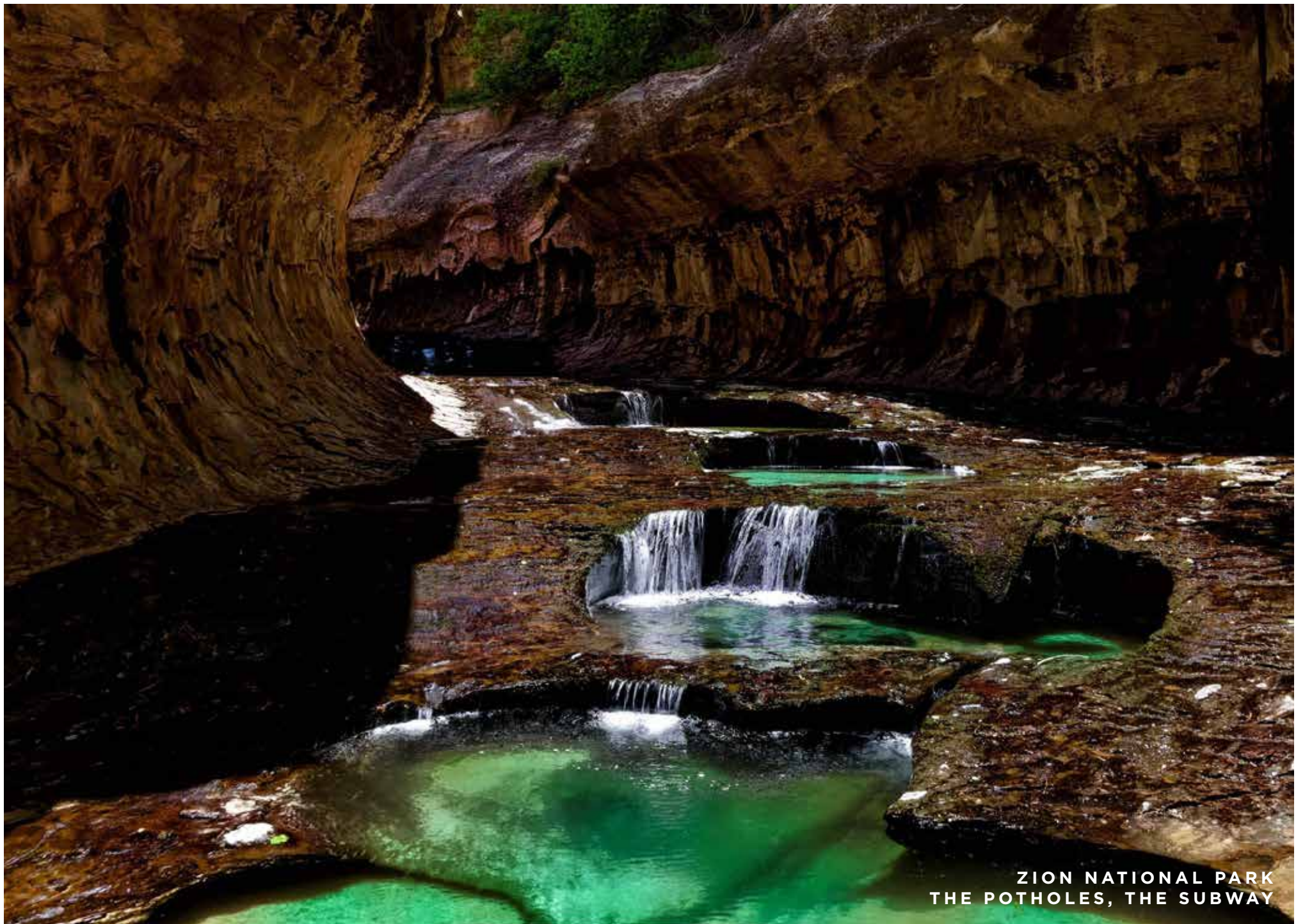
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THE NORTH POLE LOG, THE SUBWAY





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THE POTHOLES, THE SUBWAY





# TOP 16 HIKES IN ZION

STRENUOUS HIKES

## Observation Point

### DIFFICULTY



Strenuous

### OUR RATING



### STARTING POINT: Weeping Rock Trailhead

(Zion Canyon shuttle stop #7) or hike may be accessed from the east side of the park at the East Mesa Trailhead. Weeping Rock shuttle stop is currently closed (as of June 2020)

### ELEVATION GAIN

2200 ft

### AVG TIME

4-6 hrs

### RND TRIP

8 miles

**DESCRIPTION:** The views from the top of Observation Point are mind-blowing and among the very best in the park. The view is worth the work to do this hike. Observation Point is much less crowded than Angels Landing with even better views. Also, it is not as sketchy as Angels Landing for those afraid of heights. Currently the route via Echo Canyon is closed due to rockfall. When the Echo Canyon route is open it is one of the best hikes in Zion. You may still access Observation Point via the East Mesa Trailhead. This may be accessed from the East Canyon side of the park. Although the hike in from the East Mesa route is not as dramatic as the route via Echo Canyon, the end view is still the same. And the advantage of the East Mesa Trailhead route is that the elevation change is minimal compared to the very steep Echo Canyon route coming up from the Zion Canyon floor.

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OBSERVATION POINT



# OTHER ZION ACTIVITIES



# SIGHTSEEING

A wide-angle photograph of a deep canyon, likely in Zion National Park. The canyon features layered rock formations in shades of tan, brown, and red. A prominent, tall, reddish-brown rock spire stands in the center of the canyon. The canyon walls are steep and rugged, with some green shrubs and small trees growing on the slopes. In the background, more mountain ranges are visible under a clear blue sky.

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ZION CANYON VIEW FROM DEERTRAP MT



# SIGHTSEEING & EXPLORING ZION CANYON

## Select Zion Canyon Tour Highlights

**One of the best excursions** is to take the free hop-on, hop-off shuttle bus up the main Zion Canyon and enjoy the views of this world-famous canyon. The main Zion Canyon holds most of the sites that Zion is known for: the Narrows, Angels Landing, the Emerald Pools, The Great White Throne, the Court of the Patriarchs.



**1.** Before you board the shuttle, start by checking out the Zion Canyon Visitor Center and view the exhibits and maps of the park. There is also an excellent bookstore to peruse.

Then board the tram to go up the canyon. At stop #2 there is a little museum to check out the history and peoples of the park (Zion Human History Museum).



**2.** As you re-board the shuttle and enter the main Zion Canyon, get off at several stops to take in the views and let them inspire you. Note the canyon walls that rise to the rim more than 2,500 feet above.

Some of the towering monoliths that you see rise over 3,800 feet above the canyon floor! Observe the massive boulders that have come crashing down from high above over the many eons.



**3.** As you go further up the canyon, envision what it was like to visit this canyon hundreds or even thousands of years ago when Native Americans gathered here to hunt.

Or imagine what life was like more recently as a pioneer farmer in the 1800's, such as the Behunin family that settled here in 1863, and lived near the site of today's Zion lodge. The canyon floor was farmed all the way up until 1909 when Zion became a monument.







**4.** Continue on in the shuttle up past stop #6 and note Angels Landing come into view. Next up is The Great White Throne, one of the most impressive peaks in the park (and subject of many artistic works).

As you pass stop #8 at the Big Bend Viewpoint, get out and look up to the high ridge to the west. Here you can see the hikers as little dots 1,000 feet overhead working their way up the Angels Landing hike. Also, if you have keen eyes, you can see the rock climbers here, scaling the sheer vertical walls on a multi-pitch route which sometimes can take several days.



**5.** In 2019, a family of California Condors nested on the cliff directly below the trail up to Angels Landing and successfully hatched a chick. This was a big deal that attracted national media attention. Visitors from all over the world came to see the condors.

We had guests at LaFave that visited from all the way across the country just to see these majestic birds that sport wingspans up to 10 feet.



**6.** Take the shuttle to the last stop (#9) at The Temple of Sinawava. This is where the canyon begins to narrow and the paved Riverside Walk begins. It goes for 1 mile until the Zion Narrows begin.

If you have time and you are able, get out and do this Riverside Walk. It's easy, and it's extremely beautiful—the river and the canyon look majestic here. If you were to continue on and walk up the Narrows hike, eventually the canyon walls taper down to just 20-30 feet!




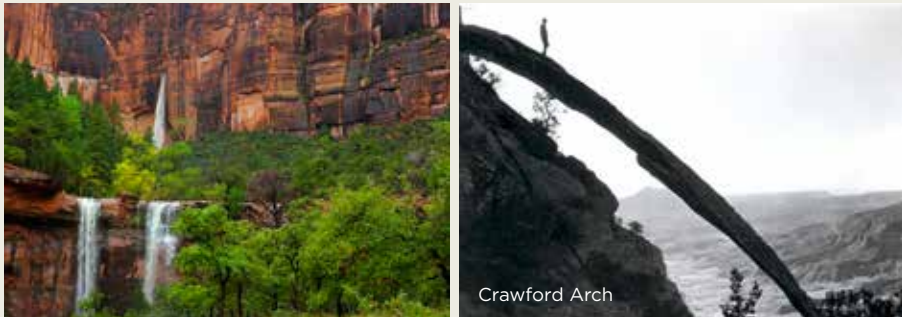
# SCENIC DRIVES





## 4 SCENIC DRIVES

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| <b>Upper East Canyon Scenic Drive</b>                                              | ★★★★★      | <b>STARTING POINT:<br/>Zion South Entrance</b> | 11.5 Miles<br>(one way) | <p>If you come during the busy season and want to do a scenic drive, then we recommend driving to the East Canyon zone of Zion. You will take the historic Zion-Mt Carmel Highway (SR-9) through the famous 1.1-mile tunnel built by the C.C.C. in 1930, the longest such tunnel in the U.S. when constructed.</p> <p>There are many incredible vistas to be seen in this section of the park highlighted by the Checkerboard Mesa and numerous scenic side canyons. Also on this route is the Canyon Overlook Trail that begins immediately as you come out on the east side of the big tunnel.</p> <p>Take time to enjoy this scenic drive to the East Canyon zone: get out of the car, explore the many beautiful side canyons; gaze at the majestic mountain peaks, view the desert bighorn sheep that thrive in this section of the park. Do the 1-mile Canyon Overlook Trail or the Many Pools Trail for a welcome stretch of the legs—both hikes are short.</p> <p>Added bonus: the crowds are light here. Also, this area of the park has the best bighorn sheep viewing—we see the bighorns nearly every time we visit the East Canyon.</p> <p>This zone of the park is underrated—it contains some of the most scenic sandstone peaks and canyons found anywhere on earth. We highly recommend visiting the East Canyon—nobody comes away from visiting this area disappointed.</p> |
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| <b>Zion Canyon Scenic Drive</b>                                                      | ★★★★★      | <b>STARTING POINT:<br/>Zion South Entrance</b><br>Open only in the winter season. Turn left at Canyon Junction | 7.5 Miles<br>(one way) | <p>If you are fortunate enough to visit in the winter season, you can skip the shuttle and just drive directly up the main canyon on the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive route. It is awesome to do this drive in the main canyon when you can drive your own vehicle and stop where you may. If you can get lucky enough to be here after a big rainstorm, you can see up to 25+ waterfalls that materialize from the canyon walls and fall hundreds of feet (and then disappear within a day or two). This display is mesmerizing.</p> |
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SLIP INTO ANOTHER WORLD AS YOU EXPLORE  
THE KOLOB TERRACE SCENIC DRIVE (see page 73)



## 4 SCENIC DRIVES

| DRIVE #3                                                                           | OUR RATING | STARTING POINT                                                           | MILEAGE                                               | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>The Kolob Terrace Road Scenic Drive</b>                                         | ★★★★★      | <b>STARTING POINT:<br/>Kolob Terrace Road</b><br>Turn-off in Virgin Utah | 24 Miles<br>(one way; all the way to Kolob Reservoir) | <p>The Kolob Terrace Road accesses the upper and lower Kolob Plateau. Although rarely visited compared to the main Zion Canyon, this section of the park is extremely beautiful and showcases some of the most stunning scenery in Southern Utah. This zone of the park is a good option if you are looking to escape the crowds. A suggestion on what time of day for this drive: head up in the evening and you will be rewarded with some of the best views in Zion. It looks surreal with the sun hitting the mountains on the Kolob Terrace plateau — we have seen late evening alpenglow on the mountains here that rival any views seen in the desert southwest.</p> <p>If you have time, drive all the way up to Kolob Reservoir, at nearly 9,000 feet in elevation. This alpine lake offers a pleasant contrast to the desert climate in Zion Canyon. The Kolob reservoir outlet is Kolob Creek, which drains into the Zion Narrows and offers hard-core canyoneering for those with the proper training and gear.</p> <p>The Kolob Terrace Road zone is how you access many great hikes such as the world-famous Subway, the West Rim Trail (top-down route), and Northgate Peaks Trail.</p> <p>The Northgate Peaks Trail is a great diversion to stop and hike while on this drive. You access this hike at the Wildcat Canyon Trailhead. The Northgate Peaks Trail is an out-and-back hike — so you may make it very short — or go the full 4 miles round trip. This hike is extremely flat and easy. The hike sits high above Zion Canyon at 7,000 feet above sea level, which makes for cooler temperatures. There are no crowds here.</p> <p>The Northgate Peaks trail goes through majestic ponderosa pines and open meadows as well as offering sneak peeks into remote, wild canyons. The trail ends with a beautiful vista of the Northgate Peaks. This is a relaxed hike that is perfect for families. It is a great hike to do in the cool of the evening and make it back to your car just before nightfall.</p> |
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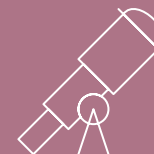
| DRIVE #4                                                                             | OUR RATING | STARTING POINT                                          | MILEAGE              | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Kolob Canyon Scenic Drive</b>                                                     | ★★★★★      | <b>STARTING POINT:<br/>Kolob Canyons Visitor Center</b> | 5 Miles<br>(one way) | <p>Take a 45-minute drive from LaFave to see the rarely-visited Kolob Canyons zone. The Kolob Canyons section of Zion National Park is located at Exit 40 on Interstate 15. This zone features some extremely dramatic vistas. There is a small visitor's center at the entrance of the canyon that has a few exhibits and features a small bookstore.</p> <p>A five-mile scenic drive rising 1,000 feet along the Kolob Canyons Road allows visitors to view the crimson canyons and gain access to various trails and scenic viewpoints. Here in the northwest corner of the park, narrow parallel box canyons are cut into the western edge of the Colorado Plateau, forming majestic peaks and 2,000 foot cliff walls. The scenic road offers great views of the panoramic landscape.</p> <p>The Kolob Canyons truly are a unique area of Zion National Park, with soaring peaks of Navajo sandstone, canyon streams and cascading falls, and over 20 miles of hiking trails.</p> <p>Some of the prominent hikes that begin in this section: Timber Creek Overlook trail (1 mile), Taylor Creek Trail (5 miles), and the 14-mile Kolob Arch Trail — at 310 feet, it's the second largest arch in the world.</p> |
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## Viewing the Sunrise and Sunset at Zion

One of the best places to watch the sun hit the Zion cliffs in the morning is right from the grounds at LaFave. Most mornings the sun will bathe the West Temple Mountain (directly above LaFave) with a warm, soothing orange glow. At sunset you can look east from LaFave and see a dramatic vivid neon orange on The Watchman Mountain.

ZION NATIONAL PARK  
COURT OF THE PATRIARCHS





## Stargazing at Zion



The stargazing in and around Zion is awe-inspiring. Springdale has strict dark-sky city ordinances to limit light pollution to enable prime stargazing. The dark night sky, filled with thousands of stars, rises above the jagged silhouette of the cliffs to frame an unforgettable view.

Eighty percent of Americans live in an area where they cannot see the Milky Way due to the light pollution of the cities. With little to no light pollution in Zion, the Milky Way is indeed milky: you can distinctly see the Milky Way band. Some LaFave guests have commented this is the first time they've ever truly seen it.

**ZION NATIONAL PARK  
OBSERVATION POINT**



# KID FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES



"Now I see the secret of making the best person: it is to grow in  
the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth." - Walt Whitman





## 5 GREAT KID HIKES

See page 50 for our Hiking Guide with full descriptions of these 5 hikes.

1. **The Pa'rus Trail** is flat, scenic, and the kids can stop along the way to play in the river.
2. **The Riverside Walk** is another great kids hike with river access.
3. **The Lower Emerald Pool Trail** is another easy hike option for kids. No water access — the park does not allow swimming in the Emerald Pools — but the hike is very pleasant.
4. **The Many Pools Trail** in the East Canyon zone of the park features abundant pools that form in the slickrock full of frogs and tadpoles (in the warmer seasons) for kids to search.
5. **The Northgate Peaks Hike** is a great option for families. (see picture below)



## 6 OTHER FUN KID ACTIVITIES

1. **Wildlife Viewing.** See page 79 for Zion wildlife.
2. **Visit the Zion Nature Center.** The Zion Nature Center, located north of South Campground, has a variety of exhibits, activities, books, and games for children and families to explore. Other options: become a Junior Ranger or attend a Ranger-led youth program. See [nps.gov/zion](https://nps.gov/zion) for more information.
3. **Go Play.** A simple kids option to go play: visit the George Barker River Park in Springdale (2 minutes south of LaFave). Here the kids can splash in the river, play in the grassy field, catch frogs in the late evening, and enjoy a walking path over the bridge on the east side of the river. Obviously don't let the kids in the river if it is running too high or fast.
4. **Tubing on the Virgin River.** If your kids are older: go tubing down the Virgin River through town. Zion Outfitter rents tubes. They can give you specific info on where to get in and out and if conditions are safe.
5. **Zion Rock & Gem.** Take the kids to Zion Rock and Gem (it's a two minute walk south of LaFave on Highway 9). Show them the amazing fossils and cool rocks and gems native to Utah. Maybe even buy them a souvenir.
6. **Horseback Riding.** You may ride either in Zion (visit [canyonrides.com](https://canyonrides.com) for info) or out of the park at Jacobs Ranch (see [ziontrailrides.com](https://ziontrailrides.com)).

# WILDLIFE VIEWING



DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP  
UPPER EAST CANYON, ZION NATIONAL PARK



**Z**ion sits at the junction of the Colorado Plateau, Great Basin, and Mojave Desert zones and thus contains a broad variety of animals. With elevations ranging from 3,700 feet to over 8,700 feet, the park encompasses 5,000 feet of elevation change in 232 square miles. With so many varying heights and resultant microclimates and habitats, it is no surprise that Zion is home to over 78 species of mammals, 291 species of birds, 37 species of reptiles and amphibians, and 8 species of fish.

Some of the animals you may encounter at Zion:

- **Bighorn Sheep** - if you want to see the sheep, head to the East Canyon zone
- **Mule Deer** - abundant all throughout the park and in Springdale
- **Cougar** - almost never seen—nocturnal
- **California Condor** - in 2019 a pair nested and raised a chick in Zion Canyon
- **Wild Turkey** - can often be seen in the orchards on the south end of town
- **Peregrine Falcon** - nest every year in Zion Canyon
- **Canyon Tree Frog** - these cute little guys can be found in many streams & canyons — abundant in The Subway & Many Pools hike
- **Squirrels & Chipmunks** - several species found throughout the park
- **Desert Tortoise** - rarely seen, endangered
- **Lizards** - collared lizard, leopard lizard, chuckwalla, whiptail, horned
- **Gray Fox** - can be seen mornings and evenings as they avoid the heat of the day
- **Bobcat** - elusive member of the cat family
- **Badger** - can be seen in the lower desert zone of the park
- **Hummingbird** - found throughout the park and in Springdale
- **Ringtail** - The ringtail cat (a relative of the raccoon) is abundant in Zion. However, this small omnivore is rarely seen. They seldom emerge before total darkness. Using great skill and agility, they maneuver Zion's high cliffs and balance on narrow ledges with the help of a long ringed tail.



DESERT TORTOISE



DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP



HUMMINGBIRD



CANYON TREE FROG

### Q. First of all: what is canyoneering?

**A. Canyoneering** is the exploration of a canyon from point A to point B using a range of techniques that may involve hiking, rappelling, scrambling, route finding, and swimming. Canyoneering allows you to see much more remote and secluded landscapes than you could by simply hiking. Canyoneering is the intimate exploration of a forgotten Earth. It is an exhilarating adventure and crazy-fun.

Zion National Park is considered a mecca for canyoneering with several world-famous canyons like the Subway, as well as countless obscure and remote canyons to explore in the surrounding area. The park and surrounding area offers dozens of canyons to explore, suitable for both beginners and experts. Some of the canyons here are considered world-class. Canyoneers from all over come to experience the magic of these special descents at Zion.

### Q. What if I have no experience canyoneering? Can I still do it?

**A. Yes.** If you have limited experience, the best method is to go with a professional guide service. Perhaps the best guide service is the Zion Adventure Company\* (see [zionadventures.com](http://zionadventures.com)). Simply contact this company and arrange for them to take you on a canyoneering trip. They will discuss your abilities and adventure level to tailor a canyoneering trip that is mild, medium, or wild. I recommend the Zion Adventure Company as I have personally used their guide service and found them to be knowledgeable, safe, and fun.

Although most people who visit Zion do not go canyoneering, I would recommend it. It is a way to get off the beaten path and do an adventure that will create vivid, lasting memories. And the scenery in most of these canyons is spectacular—you will witness otherworldly sights that 99% of visitors to Zion do not get the opportunity to see. Most of the slot canyons feature beautifully sculpted walls, and sometimes spectacular waterfalls.

\*All companies featured in our guide are independently selected. If you purchase through these companies we do not receive commissions.





## ROCK CLIMBING

Zion is a climber's paradise. Zion National Park's 2,000-foot sandstone cliffs are world-renowned for their big wall climbs. Due to their difficulty, most routes in the park are not recommended for inexperienced climbers.

## BOULDERING

There are two accessible bouldering areas in the main canyon. One is 40 yards west of the south entrance. There is a house-sized boulder that poses a variety of options and problems. The second is Drilled Pocket Boulder, located 0.5 mile north of the south entrance. It is located on the west side of the road and is a slab with an obvious south-facing crack.



## Alex Honnold

Long before Alex Honnold became the subject of a 2019 Oscar award-winning documentary about his free solo efforts in Yosemite, he was scaling peaks in Zion. In 2008 in Zion Canyon, Alex awoke early one morning and without telling anyone he quietly ascended the 1,200 foot Moonlight Buttress route in just 83 minutes. But what made this climb historic was that Alex did it with no ropes or protection—just him and the rock—known in climbing circles as “free soloing.”

Everyone thought he was crazy, but over the years Alex continued to build his climbing resume with even more daring free solo ascents. But it was way back in April of 2008 in Zion that Alex first received national attention for his audacious climb of the Moonlight Buttress.

### About the Moonlight Buttress Climbing Route:

Moonlight Buttress is rated 5.12c—if that doesn't mean anything to you, that's okay. Suffice it to say 5.12c is insanely hard and that most climbers (even after years of practice) cannot climb 5.12. But to do so without ropes is not even a consideration!

The Moonlight Buttress climbing route is near the Angels Landing hike and can be seen from the road just past the Big Bend stop #8. As you go by, look up because often times the route has climbers on it. But unlike Alex, almost every one of them are using ropes.



# CYCLING IN ZION

## Q. IS RIDING BIKES ALLOWED IN ZION NATIONAL PARK?

### A: YES.

Bicycling is permitted on all park roadways and on the Pa'rus Trail. All other park trails, off-trail routes, and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel are closed to bikes.

Your best option is the Pa'rus Trail (1.75 mile one-way paved trail) which starts north of the visitor center. The Pa'rus trail connects you onto the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. You can then ride another 6 miles all the way up Zion Canyon to the Temple of Sinawava. It's one of the best ways to experience Zion Canyon and avoid the canyon shuttles. Take a picnic, park your bike and hike a trail, or just enjoy the scenery as very few get to do—on a bike! If you get tired of biking, each shuttle has a rack for at least two bicycles.

Bikes may be rented at Zion Outfitter (located right before the park entrance on the west side of the bridge).



## Looking to ditch the shuttle bus? Consider renting an e-bike\*

**Would you like to head up Zion Canyon in a different method than taking the shuttle? Try renting an e-bike and see the canyon with unobstructed views.**

With an e-bike you may skip the park shuttle and avoid parking hassles. Enjoy a casual, stress-free day among the towering cliffs of Zion. E-bikes may be rented from the Zion Adventure Company in town. Zion Adventure Company claims: "with pedal-assist, you can bike the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive to the Temple of Sinawava in half the time it takes to ride the shuttle."

\*What's an e-bike? An electric bike is simply a bike with a small electric motor to aid you in pedaling. It feels like a regular bike, only much easier. When you pedal, the motor gives you a boost—you control how much. It makes for much easier uphill climbs.





# MOUNTAIN BIKING

A person is riding a mountain bike along a smooth, reddish-orange rock ridge. The rider is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing away from the viewer towards the horizon. The background features a deep, expansive canyon with layered rock formations and distant mesas under a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, casting long shadows and highlighting the textures of the rock.

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.” – Mark Twain



## MOUNTAIN BIKING NEAR ZION

**T**he mountain biking is so good in the Zion region that there is an entire mountain biking sub-culture that resides here. There are an endless number of epic trails in this region — too many to list in this guide.

Keep in mind that mountain biking is only allowed on the Pa'rus Trail within Zion National Park. You may also ride on the roads in Zion — but if biking on dirt is what makes you happy, then you will need to get your fix outside the park boundaries.

We will leave it to other guidebooks to give you all the detailed info on mountain biking in the greater Zion area. But, as a quick teaser, these 3 mountain biking trails are arguably the best trails close to Zion (see sidebar). So if you have some experience mountain biking, and you want to hit the trails for a day, then head over to Zion Cycles in Springdale to rent a mountain bike and experience the magic of a ride here.

## 3 OF THE BEST MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS NEAR ZION:

### 1. JEM TRAIL (13 mile trail)

If you're looking to go fast, enjoy the views, and not worry about climbing too much, while still getting a nice section of technical switchbacks in, then the JEM Trail is for you. There are a variety of beginner/intermediate to advanced options, with quick little splits along the trails for the advanced mountain biker. JEM is a classic of the area, and has been thoughtfully designed with mountain bikers in mind— plenty of flow and fun bermed corners.

### 2. GOOSEBERRY MESA TRAIL SYSTEM

Perhaps one of the most well-known trail systems in Southern Utah for its world-class trails full of technical singletrack, rolling slickrock, and incredible views of Zion National Park. The trails are well-marked with signs at the junctions and spray paint markers on the slickrock to keep you on track. You'll get both the challenges and rewards of riding on the bare rock. With miles of singletrack that can be linked together on the mesa, there are options for beginner to advanced riders.

### 3. THE WHOLE GUACAMOLE (11 mile loop)

Advanced trail that offers a good challenge with amazing views. Guacamole has a little bit of everything for riders. Start on slickrock and move to singletrack as you venture further out on the loop. The outer loop has some very nice singletrack.





# GREATER ZION **AREA ATTRACTIONS**

SNOW CANYON STATE PARK



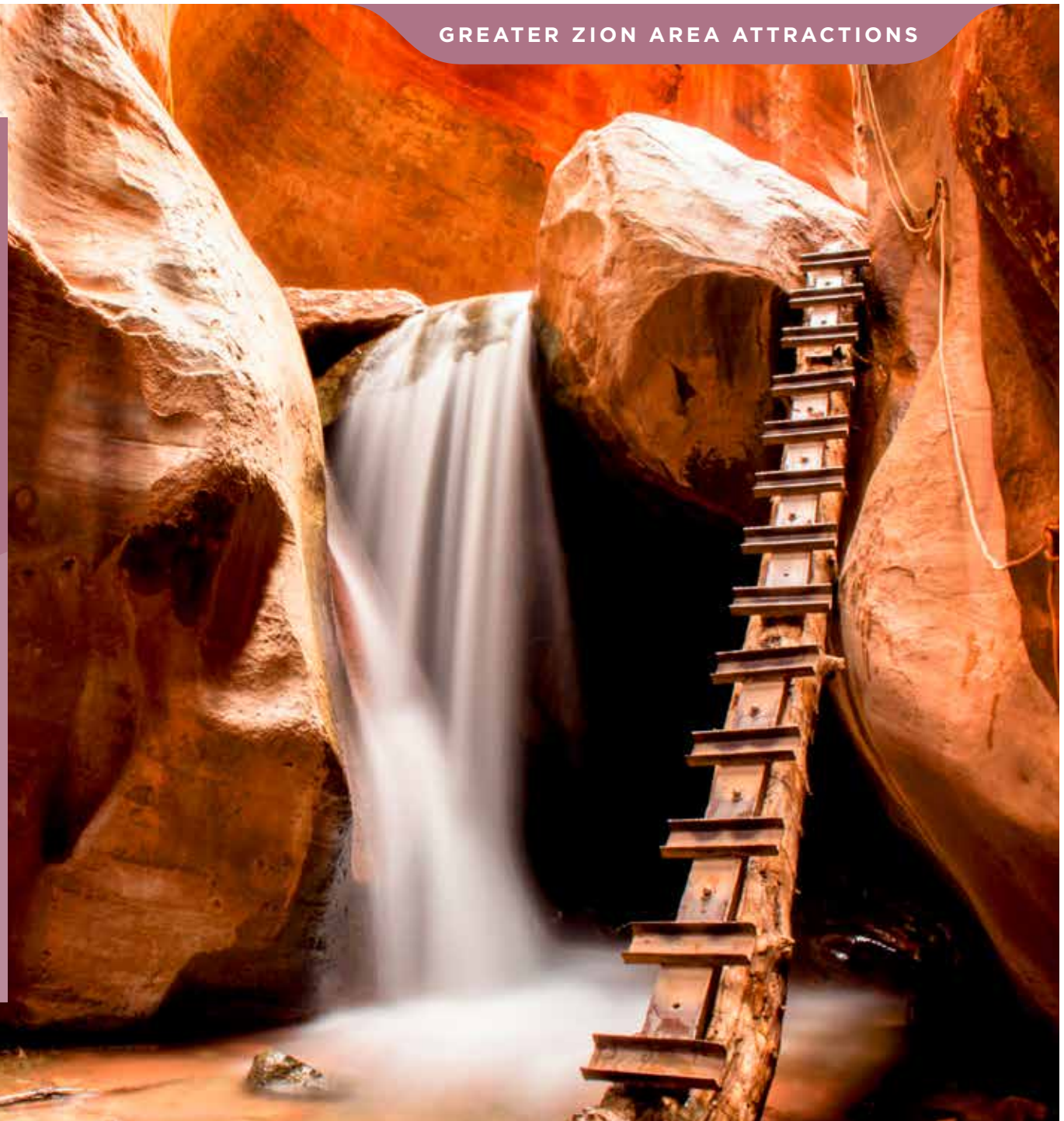


## Kanarraville Falls



50 minutes away from Springdale is one of the most accessible and picturesque slot canyons and waterfalls in southern Utah. The creek side trail is fairly short (3.5 miles round-trip) and lies on the easy/moderate scale—little kids will often be seen on the trail here. Be aware that Kanarraville has been “discovered” in the past 5 years and they’re now limiting access to 150 hikers per day. This is a nice little hike and falls. Worth doing.

For the more adventurous: climb the ladder above the first falls, and then hike up to the lesser-visited (but no less impressive) second falls. Permit required and \$12 entry fee.





St. George is the closest semi-large city near Zion. St. George has lots of shopping, restaurants, 10+ golf courses, the arts, and several notable attractions.

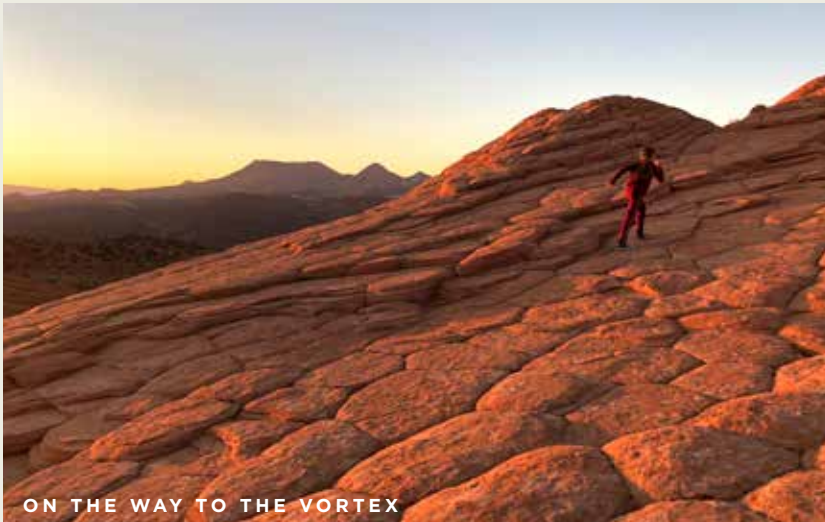


Looking for a day outside out of Zion National Park? Try these local area attractions:

#### ST. GEORGE UTAH ATTRACTIONS

- **Snow Canyon State Park** – Gorgeous red rock canyon near St. George. Called by some “Zion’s little brother,” Snow Canyon is an impressive canyon that contains several desert landscapes. It has some of the best sightseeing and hiking in southern Utah on a variety of trails, including a cool petroglyphs hike. \$10 entrance fee.
- **Red Cliffs Desert Reserve** – The Red Reef Trail is great for families wanting a short, easy hike with scenic views. Leave from the campground at the Red Cliffs Recreation Area into a narrow canyon beside a small stream. As you hike, the canyon narrows until it is just a few feet wide. You will come to a little waterfall that blocks the trail—you may climb to the right and then continue up the narrow canyon. The Red Reef trailhead is 45 minutes from Springdale. Free entry.
- **Tuacahn** – Catch a Broadway-style performance at the renowned Tuacahn outdoor amphitheater. For show info visit [tuacahn.org](http://tuacahn.org). Shows play all summer and fall. It is usually sold out nightly—advance reservations recommended.
- **Little Black Mountain Petroglyph Site** – Technically in Arizona (just over the Utah border), this site contains some of the best-preserved petroglyphs in southern Utah. Accessible by a short nature trail. The dirt road in can be a bit bumpy. Free entry.

### ST. GEORGE UTAH ATTRACTIONS (cont.)



- **The St. George Temple Visitors' Center** – Visit one of the original temples for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) who first settled this area in the 1860's. The temple was completed in 1877—the first in Utah. Other pioneer sites to see in the area: the St. George Tabernacle (opened 1876), the Brigham Young Winter Home, and the Jacob Hamblin House.
- **The Vortex Hike** – 30 minutes outside St. George is a hike that ends in a naturally shaped bowl (or Vortex) in the Navajo sandstone. It is a bit out of the way—but a nifty little hike with amazing views and a cool destination. It's rather short (just over 2 miles) but moderate in difficulty due to the terrain. See [hikestgeorge.com](http://hikestgeorge.com) for info. Free entry.
- **Kids Activity Idea: Red Hills Desert Garden** - This 5-acre garden features 5,000 water-efficient plants, a 1,150-foot stream with native and endangered fish species, a replica slot canyon and prehistoric dinosaur tracks found onsite dating back 200 million years. While here, visit the Pioneer Park and St. George "narrows". These outdoor park areas are located right next to the Desert Garden and offer fun outdoor play areas to explore the natural red rock formations, including a cool little slot canyon and mini-arch. Free entry.
- **Sand Hollow State Park** - Experience boating, paddle boarding and scuba in a calm lake surrounded by sandy beaches and red rock cliffs. Rental gear and equipment available in Hurricane. ATV rentals also nearby. Entry fee required.
- **Yant Flat Hike (aka the Candy Cliffs)** - Colored sandstone formations that sport views similar to the Wave in AZ — without having to draw a permit. The rocks have the appearance of swirled hard candy; in other places the weathered sandstone looks like giant reptile scales. The trail is short, flat, and easy: 1.2 miles one-way. Once you reach the cliffs, work your way east along the rim for a half-mile until you reach a huge natural bowl area that has the best rock formations. Yant Flat has a herd of wild horses that roam here. Avoid this hike in the heat: go early or near sunset. The dirt road in is smooth and suitable for cars (4-wheel drive not required). Very sparse crowds.





BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK



DELICATE ARCH,  
ARCHES NATIONAL PARK



MESA ARCH, CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK

## Nearby National Parks & Monuments + Notable Utah State Parks:

### Other Utah National Parks (drive time from Springdale)

- Bryce Canyon – 2 hours
- Capital Reef – 3.5 hours
- Arches/Moab – 5 hours
- Canyonlands – 5 hours
- Grand Canyon National Park (Arizona)  
– north rim: 3 hours / south rim: 6 hours

### Notable sites along Utah Scenic Highway 12

National Scenic Byway & All-American Road (drive time from Springdale)

- Bryce Canyon – 2 hours
- Kodachrome Basin State Park – 2 hours
- Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument – 2.5 hours
- Lower Calf Creek Falls – 3 hours
- Anasazi State Park Museum – 3 hours
- Capital Reef National Park – 4 hours
- One additional site worth seeing beyond Highway 12: Goblin Valley State Park – 5 hours

# SPRINGDALE UTAH

## INSIDERS GUIDE



# SPRINGDALE UTAH OVERVIEW



Springdale Utah serves as the gateway to Zion National Park.



Springdale has a rich history going back to 1862 as members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) settled here and forged a difficult existence out of the wilderness. Life was hard—but rewarding. Eventually outsiders came to behold the beauty of this awe-inspiring place. Zion was formed as a national monument in 1909.

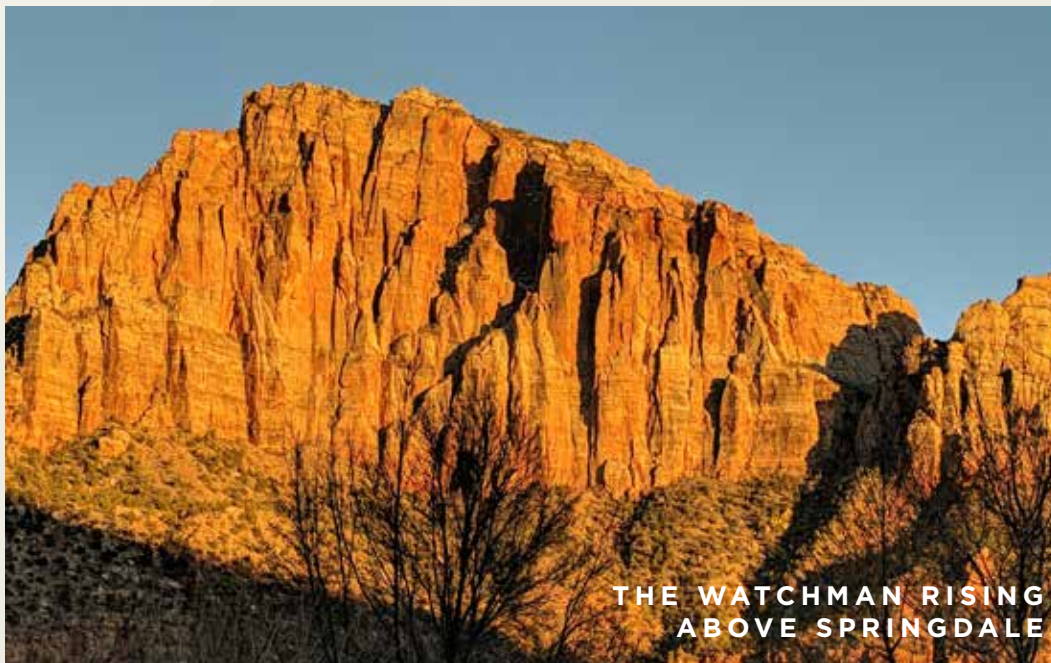


Springdale has the full amenities of a resort town with numerous restaurants, brew pubs, and coffee joints — along with many shops and art galleries. It is a walking town and sports wide-open sidewalks, which encourage the visitors to stroll the town and explore.

# SPRINGDALE UTAH OVERVIEW

Springdale is a city of the arts and music — with many art galleries, shops, and a large music festival each fall that draws thousands of visitors.

**Springdale is the perfect base camp** for your Zion trip. LaFave is located in the heart of Springdale, and sits 1 mile from the south Zion National Park entrance. LaFave features a free Zion shuttle stop directly in front of the property.



As you walk around town, gaze up at the Zion Canyon monoliths that rise 3,800 feet above the town.



LaFave Luxury Resort, Springdale Utah.





## SPRINGDALE UTAH OVERVIEW

**Springdale stands out in the desert as an oasis of beauty.** With the clean waters of the Virgin River flowing through the center of town, there is an abundance of water and greenery. Springdale looks like a ribbon of emerald green in contrast to the bright red walls of Zion Canyon that surround the town.

# SHOPS & GALLERIES

| ART GALLERIES                  | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Worthington Gallery            | 4            | 435-772-3446 |
| David J West Photography       | 4            | 435-772-3510 |
| DeZion Gallery                 | 5            | 435-772-6888 |
| Sorella Gallery                | 5            | 435-772-0622 |
| Tribal Arts Zion               | 2            | 435-772-3353 |
| JEWELRY & BOUTIQUES            | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Crystals & Creatures           | 4            | 435-772-0577 |
| Joy Craft & Design             | 5            | 435-359-3845 |
| Lazy Lizard Boutique           | 5            | 435-772-3050 |
| Frontier Plunder (Antiques)    | 6            | 435-772-3045 |
| GIFT SHOPS                     | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Switchback Trading Co.         | 6            | 435-772-3700 |
| Springdale Visitor Center      | 6            | 435-429-1555 |
| Zion Canyon Offerings          | 5            | 435-772-3546 |
| Bumbleberry Gift Shop & Bakery | 5            | 435-772-3224 |
| Simply Birkenstock             | 5            | 435-772-3500 |
| Zion Park Gift & Deli          | 5            | 435-772-3843 |
| Hoodooos General Store         | 3            | 435-772-3101 |
| Trailhead Gifts & Gear         | 1            | 435-772-2420 |
| Majestic View Trading Post     | 9            | 435-772-0665 |
| ROCK & GEM SHOPS               | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Zion Rock & Gem                | 7            | 435-772-3436 |
| Silver Bear Enterprises        | 8            | 435-772-3939 |
| PET BOARDING                   | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Doggie Dude Ranch              | Rockville    | 435-772-3105 |



## SPRINGDALE UTAH GUIDE

| GROCERY & HARDWARE                  | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sol Foods Supermarket               | 5            | 435-772-3100 |
| Sol Foods Hardware                  | 5            | 435-772-3101 |
| Hoodooos General Store              | 3            | 435-772-3101 |
| Happy Camper Market                 | 1            | 435-772-7805 |
| COFFEE & LIQUOR                     | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Deep Creek Coffee Company           | 5            | 435-669-8849 |
| Café Soleil                         | 2            | 435-772-0505 |
| Perks at Zion Espresso              | 1            | 435-772-0529 |
| Switchback State Liquor Store       | 6            | 435-772-3700 |
| ICE CREAM & CANDY                   | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Springdale Candy Co. (+ ice cream)  | 5            | 435-772-0485 |
| Zion Park Gift & Deli (+ ice cream) | 5            | 435-772-3843 |
| Hoodoo's Market (+ ice cream)       | 3            | 435-772-3101 |
| OUTDOOR OUTFITTERS                  | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Zion Adventure Company              | 3            | 435-772-1001 |
| Zion Guru                           | 5            | 435-632-0432 |
| Zion Outfitter                      | 1            | 435-772-5090 |
| Zion Mountaineering School          | 5            | 435-319-0313 |
| Zion Rock and Mtn. Guides           | 7            | 435-772-3303 |
| Zion Guide Hub                      | 5            | 435-414-8040 |
| GEAR & CLOTHING                     | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Zion Outdoor Gear & Clothing        | 5            | 435-772-0630 |
| Canyon Outfitters                   | 5            | 435-772-0252 |



Springdale might be a small national park town, but it punches above its weight when it comes to inspiring cuisine.

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Home to gastronomy more likely to be found in Chicago than in a small Utah town, Springdale hosts a wide variety of great restaurants.

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**Stick with our restaurant guide and you can't go wrong.**

The  
restaurants  
on our list  
are the  
best ones  
in town.

Similar to our hiking guide which presents only the best hikes in Zion, our LaFave restaurant guide does the same. Rather than give an exhaustive list of ALL of the restaurants in Springdale, we are only going to present you with the best options. There will be some who disagree with our curated list — but these are the places that we actually eat at time and time again.



Springdale restaurants have been known to be “hit or miss”— here we give you all the hits (and skip the potential misses). So with the mock-pretentious air of a Michelin reviewer, we give you our unbiased opinions on where to find the best food while visiting Zion.

**NOTE:** All companies featured in our guide (including restaurants) are independently selected. If you purchase anything through these companies we do not receive commissions.





# THE BEST RESTAURANTS

## SPRINGDALE RESTAURANT GUIDE

Please check all restaurants for seasonal closings and specific hours they open/close. Springdale restaurants have hours of operation that vary widely throughout the year.

| RESTAURANT                                 | OUR RATING | HOURS                                  | LOCATION                              | DISTANCE FROM LAFAVE                                                                                    | FOOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Bit N' Spur Restaurant &amp; Saloon</b> | ★★★★★      | Dinner<br>5pm - 11pm                   | (435) 772-3498<br>1212 Zion Park Blvd | <b>Walking distance</b><br>50 yards north of LaFave property line                                       | Southwestern grill & Americana along with Southern Utah's largest selection of micro-brews and fresh fruit margaritas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Perhaps the most popular place in town. Great food, even better atmosphere, and excellent service. Favorite watering hole and gathering place for locals and visitors for many decades. You can't go wrong here — their food is delicious and they have a great outdoor dining area behind the restaurant.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>The Spotted Dog</b>                     | ★★★★★      | Dinner<br>5pm - 8pm                    | (435) 772-0700<br>428 Zion Park Blvd  | 1 mile to the north<br>(2 minute drive from LaFave)                                                     | A casual American Bistro with cozy art-filled dining rooms and a European-style sidewalk café. Cuisines are handcrafted using fresh local produce, hormone-free meats and sustainably harvested fish.                                                                                                                                   | Along with the Bit N' Spur, the Spotted Dog is probably our favorite place in town for dinner. Almost everything is good here and especially their salads, trout, and lamb.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Switchback Grille</b>                   | ★★★★☆      | Dinner<br>5pm - 9pm<br>(9:30 weekends) | (435) 772-3700<br>1149 Zion Park Blvd | <b>Walking distance</b><br>75 yards to the east of LaFave (directly across the street)                  | The canyon's original prime steak and fresh seafood house. USDA Prime beef is hand-selected and aged 28 days. Filet mignon, New York Strip, rib eye are featured. Seafood is flown in fresh several times each week. Fresh halibut, sushi-grade Ahi, Alaskan king crab and jumbo shrimp. Extensive wine list rated 90 points and above. | High-end steakhouse. Amazing steaks, fish and shellfish. The Switchback is on the more expensive side, but very tasty. Their scallops are great and their fillet mignon ranks with the best of them.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>King's Landing Bistro</b>               | ★★★★☆      | Dinner<br>5pm - 9pm<br>(Closed Sun)    | (435) 772-7422<br>1515 Zion Park Blvd | <b>Walking distance</b><br>5 minutes easy stroll down Highway 9 or a 1-minute drive by car from LaFave. | American restaurant featuring steaks, salads, chicken, burgers, and general high-end fare.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | A serious foodie place. A destination for those who enjoy fine cuisine. King's Landing features foods you won't find elsewhere around here. Dishes range from bone marrow to charred Spanish octopus to Bison Carpaccio. They offer a beautiful deck area in back to eat outside and watch the orange sunset glow off The Watchman Mountain. A favorite.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Whiptail Grill</b>                      | ★★★★★      | Lunch & Dinner                         | (435) 772-0283<br>445 Zion Park Blvd  | 1 mile to the north<br>(2 minute drive from LaFave)                                                     | Mexican food along with burgers, salads, sandwiches and wraps.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Don't let the exterior décor fool you! Yes, this restaurant was converted from an old gas station, but the Whiptail Grill has some of the highest quality food in town. This spot has become our standard lunch spot. The Whiptail has the best salads around and pretty much anything you order is good. Especially tasty are the grilled shrimp tacos and the mahi-mahi tacos. Their Whiptail Burrito is so large it can feed two people. Get their salad as your side dish with whatever you order—trust us, these guys have the best salad quality you will find in Springdale. Especially good is their house avocado dressing. |

# THE BEST RESTAURANTS

## SPRINGDALE RESTAURANT GUIDE

| RESTAURANT                       | OUR RATING | HOURS                                | LOCATION                                   | DISTANCE FROM LAFAVE                                                                   | FOOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <b>Rosita's Santa Fe Kitchen</b> | ★★★★       | Lunch & Dinner (Noon-8pm)            | (435) 772-3222<br>2501 Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy | 1.7 miles south of LaFave on Highway 9 (3 min drive)                                   | Santa Fe southwestern kitchen in the fast-casual style (order and pay first). Great food and cool atmosphere where you may eat outside on the picnic tables over grass and gawk at the incredible views from Paul Allen's ranch. | Paul Allen's restaurant (yes, that Paul Allen, the multi-billionaire co-founder of Microsoft). Mr. Allen purchased the Trees Ranch at the south end of town and was a huge fan of Santa Fe cooking, so he opened Rosita's at the ranch in the fall of 2018. Tragically he passed away just before Rosita's opened — but this great eatery lives on to honor him. |
| <b>Jack's Sports Grill</b>       | ★★★★       | Lunch & Dinner (Noon-10pm)           | (435) 772-3700<br>1215 Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy | <b>Walking distance</b><br>75 yards to the east of LaFave (directly across the street) | Burgers, BBQ, salads, and other American food in a contemporary venue with a sports bar and multiple TV's.                                                                                                                       | Nice little eatery directly across the street from LaFave when you are looking for a quick, good meal without a lot of fanfare. The bar features a broad selection of drinks with sports playing on multiple screens at all times. Food is good and served fast. Good option for a quick bite to eat.                                                            |
| <b>Oscar's Cafe</b>              | ★★★★       | Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner (7am-9pm) | (435) 772-3232<br>948 Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy  | 0.4 miles to the north of LaFave on Highway 9                                          | Mexican and American food. Tasty burgers and sandwiches.                                                                                                                                                                         | Very popular place. Can be very crowded. Good food. Lots of people love to eat at Oscar's.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

# COFFEE SPOT & LIQUOR STORE

| COFFEE & LIQUOR                      | HOURS                | LOCATION                                       | DISTANCE FROM LAFAVE                                                                   | DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Deep Creek Coffee Company</b>     | 6am - 2pm            | (435) 669-8849<br>932 Zion Park Blvd #3        | 0.4 miles to the north of LaFave on Highway 9                                          | Coffee, pastries and breakfast. Great coffee, fairly pricey. A lot of locals go there regardless of the price. Good pastries and breakfast as well.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Switchback State Liquor Store</b> | 12- 7pm (Closed Sun) | (435) 772-3700 ext. 104<br>1149 Zion Park Blvd | <b>Walking distance</b><br>75 yards to the east of LaFave (directly across the street) | The only liquor store within 40 miles of Springdale happens to be directly across the street from LaFave. Switchback Liquor features Springdale's only wine, liquor and full strength beer retail outlet. Excellent selection of wines from around the world with special emphasis on California varietals. Liquor inventory ranges widely as well, and includes a very nice assortment of value and premium products. Also stocks a broad variety of full strength beer choices representing several domestic and foreign brewers. |



# RESTAURANT LOCATIONS

## SPRINGDALE RESTAURANT GUIDE

| RESTAURANTS                     | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bit N' Spur Restaurant & Saloon | 6            | 435-772-3446 |
| The Spotted Dog                 | 3            | 435-772-3510 |
| Switchback Grille               | 6            | 435-772-6888 |
| King's Landing Bistro           | 7            | 435-772-0622 |
| Whiptail Grill                  | 3            | 435-772-3353 |
| Rosita's Santa Fe Kitchen       | South of 9   | 435-772-0577 |
| Jack's Sports Grill             | 6            | 435-359-3845 |
| Oscar's Cafe                    | 5            | 435-772-3050 |
| COFFEE & LIQUOR                 | SHUTTLE STOP | PHONE        |
| Deep Creek Coffee Company       | 5            | 435-772-3700 |
| Switchback State Liquor Store   | 6            | 435-429-1555 |



# LAFAVE LUXURY RESORT GUIDE

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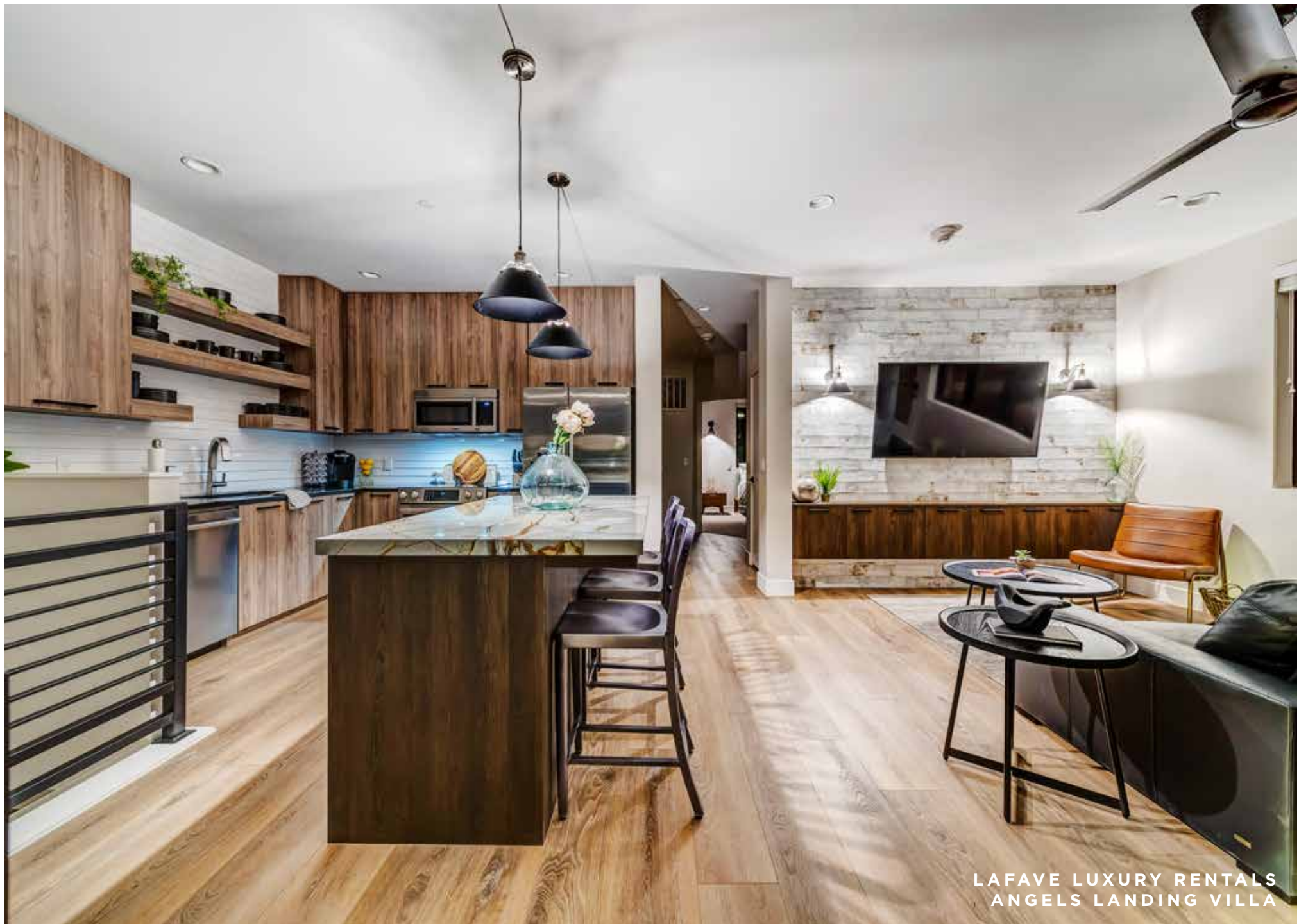
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AT ZION





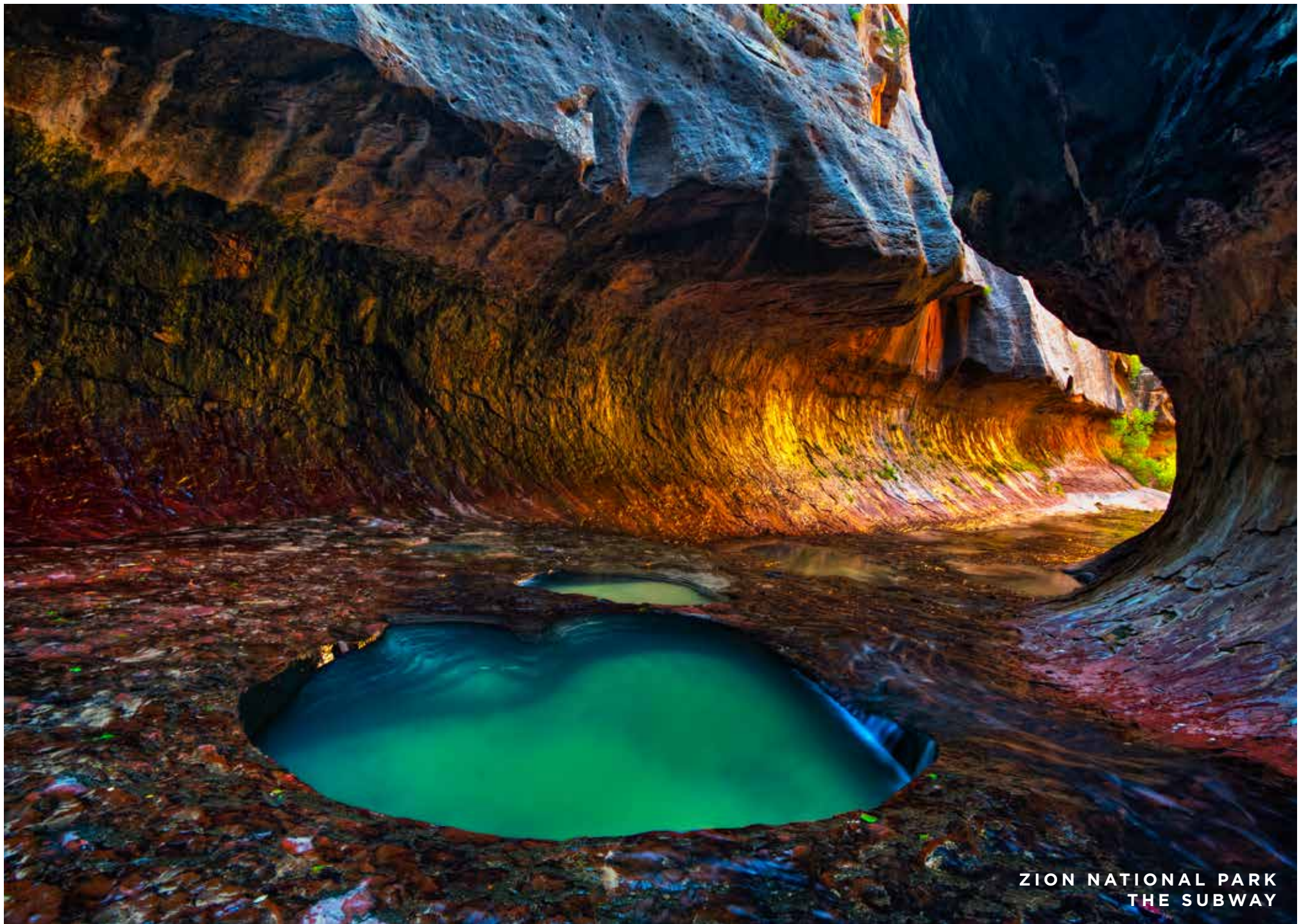
FOREGROUND: LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
BACKGROUND: WEST TEMPLE MOUNTAIN, ZION NATIONAL PARK





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
ANGELS LANDING VILLA





ZION NATIONAL PARK  
THE SUBWAY





LAFAVE LUXURY VILLAS & SUITES



# LaFave is the ultimate destination for luxury accommodations while visiting Zion National Park.

LaFave is located in Springdale, Utah, the gateway town into Zion. LaFave sits only 1 mile from the south entrance to the main Zion Canyon, and features a Zion shuttle stop directly in front of the property.

LaFave is simply the nicest place to stay in Zion—you will not find better accommodations to visit the park. No expense was spared in these units, with top of the line finishes, appliances, and beds. For those who want the ultimate in luxury while visiting Zion, this is it.



LaFave rental units are very spacious: the average suite size is 1252 sq ft. LaFave units feature modern design and brand-new full size kitchens with stainless appliances and quartz countertops. The units include a dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, private bedrooms, and a living room. Each unit in the complex includes a private patio or deck with stunning views of the soaring red sandstone cliffs of Zion.

LAFAVE  
  
LUXURY RENTALS  
AT ZION



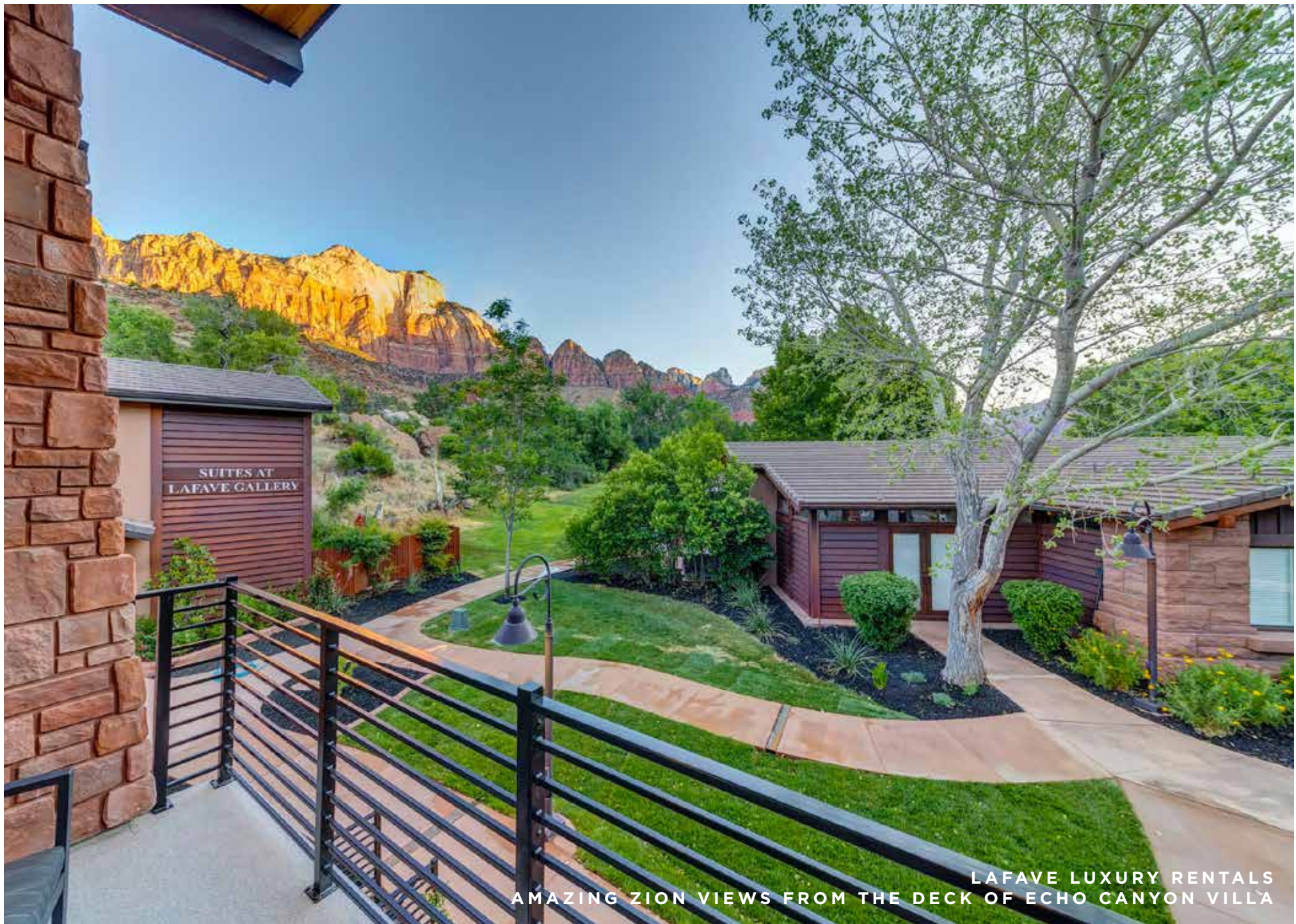
LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
WEST TEMPLE HOUSE





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
ECHO CANYON VILLA





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
AMAZING ZION VIEWS FROM THE DECK OF ECHO CANYON VILLA



# LAFAVE: HERITAGE OF THE LAND

On our property at LaFave, we have a well-kept pioneer stone corral that runs along our property boundary. We have preserved this piece of history as a way to honor these early settlers.

The land around Zion has a rich history. At LaFave, we are proud that our property carries a heritage of the rugged American West and pioneer spirit.

In 1862, the early pioneers of Zion carved a difficult existence out of the desert landscape with few tools and materials.

Before there was barbed wire fencing, the pioneers of Utah would construct stone corrals to contain their animals. In several of the national parks in Utah, you may still see remnants of these early stone fences.

**EARLY PIONEER STONE CORRAL  
CONSTRUCTED BY HAND THAT LIES  
ON THE LAFAVE PROPERTY**





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
ECHO CANYON VILLA





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
DECK VIEW FROM ECHO CANYON VILLA





LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
WEST TEMPLE HOUSE



# LAFAVE'S COMMITMENT

LaFave's commitment to you, our guests, as we navigate through Covid-19.



During these unprecedented times, we are committed to providing our guests a safe and enjoyable experience.

While LaFave has always received high marks for our meticulous attention to detail for cleanliness, we are now going above and beyond to make sure your stay is safe.

## What we are doing:

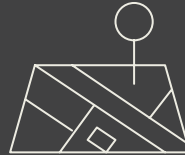
- Contactless check-in and check-out. As has always been the case at LaFave, we require no in-person check-in. Instead, we send our guests the code for their rooms prior to their stay. There is also no formal check-out procedure.
- As always, we continue to offer commercial-grade cleanings in-between stays.
- Our cleaners wear N-95 masks and gloves for all cleanings.
- We are using enhanced cleaning materials and procedures for high-touch areas to increase sanitization for each clean.
- We continue to wash all bath mats, kitchen towels, etc. between each stay.
- We provide a new kitchen dish cleaning brush for each new guest visit.
- We give extra attention to cleaning bathrooms and floors.
- We have removed the decorative pillows from the bedrooms.
- All public areas are regularly and thoroughly sanitized.
- You may cancel up until 1 week before your stay and receive a full refund.

Our new cleaning procedures build upon LaFave's already high standards of housekeeping and hygiene. If you check our reviews online, we have always stood out for receiving "sparkling-clean" status from the online booking sites.

We take great pride in maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene.



**XL SUITES:  
1252 SQ FT AVG  
SIZE UNIT**



**1 MILE  
FROM ZION  
ENTRANCE**



**ZION BUS  
STOP DIRECTLY  
IN FRONT**



**NO CHECK-IN  
REQUIRED**  
(we send you a door code)



**FULL-SIZE  
KITCHEN**



**WASHER &  
DRYER**



## LAFAVE AMENITIES

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LAFAVE  
LUXURY RENTALS  
AT ZION



**WALKING DISTANCE  
TO 4 GREAT  
RESTAURANTS**



**PRIVATE OUTDOOR  
DECK/PATIO WITH  
GRILL**



**WIRELESS  
INTERNET &  
SMART TVS**



**FREE PARKING**



**KEURIG  
COFFEE  
MACHINE**



**LUXURY RESORT  
SO YOU CAN  
RECHARGE**

## AMENITIES



**LaFave is luxury:** you can recharge at LaFave after a long day of touring in Zion. Many of our guests have commented, “This is the nicest vacation rental we have ever stayed in.”

### LOCATION

- Close to the main Zion south entrance (only 1 mile away)
- Free Zion bus shuttle stop directly in front of LaFave: no Zion parking worries. Leave your car parked for free at LaFave.
- Easy walking distance to 4 great restaurants
- State liquor store is across the street

### INTERIOR DESIGN

- Extra large suites: the average hotel room is 330 sq ft — the average LaFave suite size is 1252 sq ft
- Modern design/furnishings: suites feel fresh, nice, and new
- Patio or deck with every unit + outdoor cooking grill
- Private bedrooms and open living rooms in all our suites
- Luxurious walk-in tile showers with European glass doors in our Villas & Luxury Homes
- Many large windows and high ceilings make our units feel light and airy
- Plush towels, hair dryer, shampoo, conditioner, soap
- High-quality mattresses and luxury linens

### CHEF-READY FULL KITCHENS

- Full kitchen: oven, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave; stainless Bosch appliances featured in our Villas & Luxury Homes
- Kitchen is fully stocked for cooking (full set of pans, cookware, utensils, dinnerware, etc.)
- Chef-ready kitchens include basic cooking supplies (olive oil, balsamic, spices)
- Dazzling quartz island bar/counters; custom cabinetry
- Dining table in every unit

### LUXURY SERVICES

- No check-in required (we send you a door code)
- Full size washer/dryer in every unit + laundry pods
- Keurig machine with Starbucks coffee, teas & hot chocolate
- Wireless internet
- Smart TV's in every unit
- Brita filtered water





## KITCHEN:

### Coffee / Drinks

- Keurig coffee maker
- Starbucks pods
- Herbal tea selection & hot chocolate
- Sweetener and creamer
- Coffee mugs
- Filtered water

### Kitchen Tools / Utensils

- Outdoor grill
- Full set of dishes & glasses
- Full set of pots & pans + cookware
- Toaster
- Blender
- Full set of utensils
- Full knife set & cutting boards
- Mixing bowls
- Pyrex containers

### Cooking Oils / Spices

- Olive oil
- Balsamic vinegar
- Salt & Pepper
- Large variety of spices

### Kitchen Cleaning / Soaps

- Kitchen dishtowels
- Dishwasher pods (dishwasher soap)
- Kitchen sponge (brand-new w/ each stay)
- Dish soap
- Paper towels



## BATHROOM:

- Bath towels, washcloths, hand towels
- Shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap
- Lotion
- Hair dryer
- Clothes steamer
- Kleenex and toilet paper



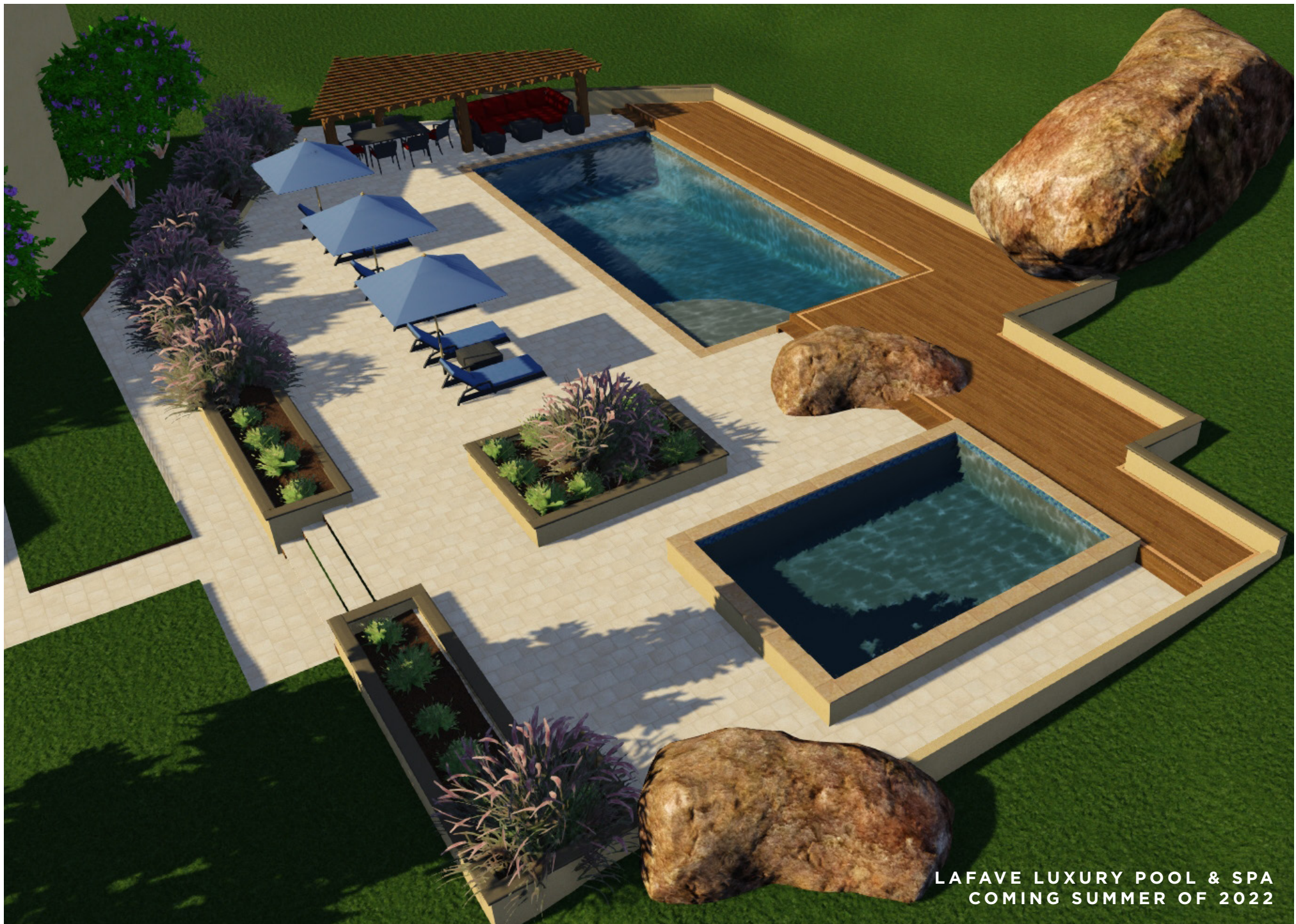
## WASHER/DRYER:

- Tide pods (laundry soap) & dryer sheets



## WIFI/ENTERTAINMENT:

- Wi-Fi: Login & password located on refrigerator
- Smart TV to access your own streaming account e.g. Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Disney+, Hulu, YouTube, YouTube TV, etc.
- A few board games are also included in each suite for your enjoyment



LFAVE LUXURY POOL & SPA  
COMING SUMMER OF 2022





## REVIEWS



“Best Airbnb we’ve ever stayed in.”



“This place lived up to the hype. I would stay here again.”



“I want to remodel my house to look like the LaFave Gallery House. This place is awesome!”



“LaFave exceeded expectations. Honest, friendly, and informative. They gave us great advice of what to see. And our suite was so amazing! Large modern rooms, very clean upon arrival, the kitchen was fully stocked, plus really nice beds.”



“Super-clean rooms.”



“LaFave is the perfect base camp for visiting Zion. We will for certain stay here again.”



# LAFAVE PROPERTY MAP

# LAFAVE

LUXURY RENTALS  
AT ZION

## PROPERTY MAP KEY

### BUILDING A - LUXURY HOMES

West Temple House  
Bridge Mountain House  
The Gallery House (entire building)

### BUILDING B - LUXURY SUITES

The Zion Suite  
The Watchman Suite

### BUILDING C - LUXURY VILLAS

Angels Landing Villa  
The Subway Villa  
Echo Canyon Villa  
Mystery Falls Villa

### BUILDING D - LUXURY VILLAS

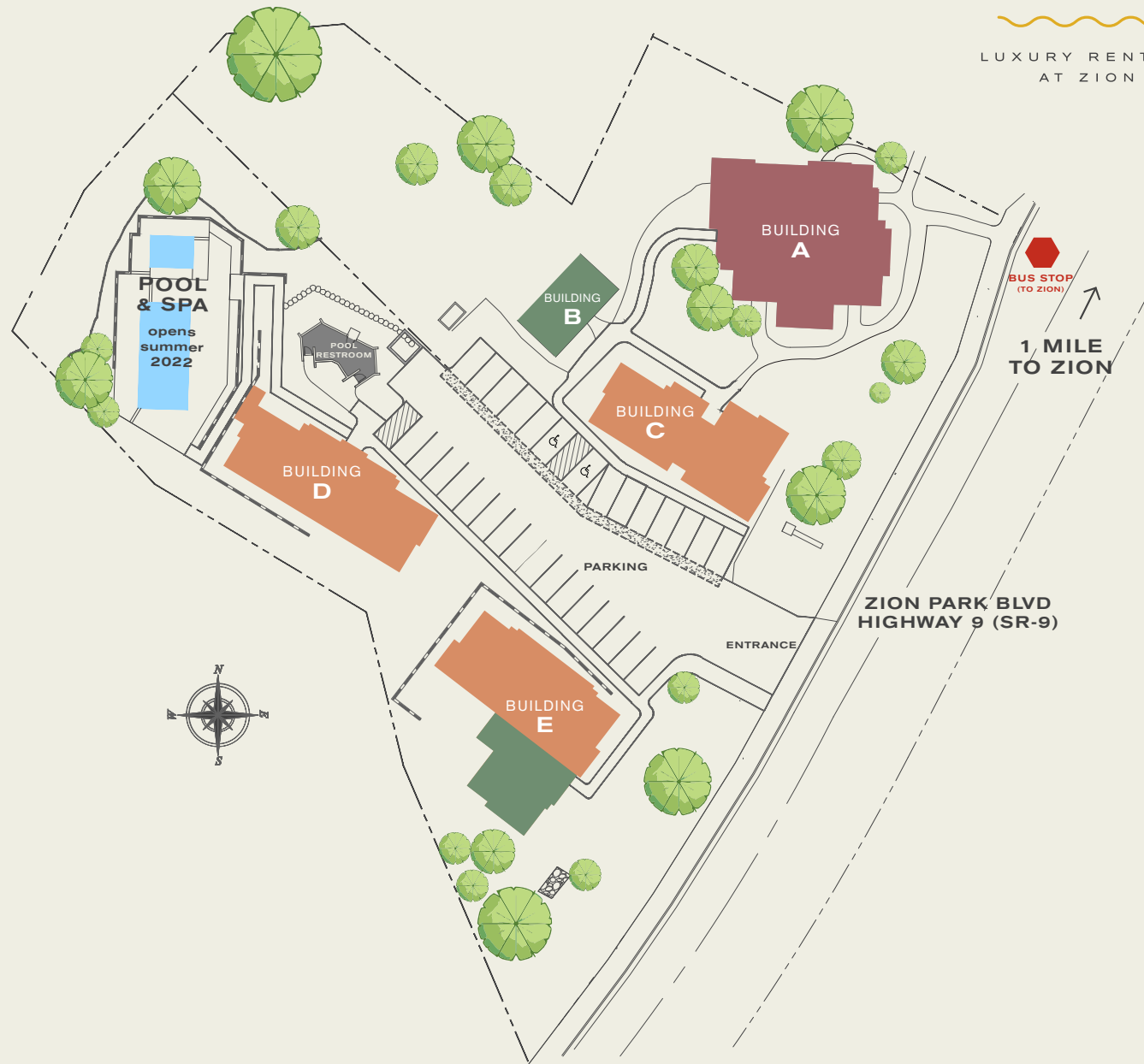
The Narrows Villa  
Emerald Pools Villa  
Checkerboard Mesa Villa  
Mountain of the Sun Villa

### BUILDING E - VILLAS

Hidden Canyon Villa  
Orderville Canyon Villa  
Kolob Arch Villa  
Northgate Peaks Villa

### BUILDING E - SUITES

The Sentinel Suite  
Temple of Sinawava Suite



## ACCOMMODATIONS



### LUXURY SUITES

#### Luxury Suite

- full kitchen
- 1 king bed
- 1 queen sofa bed
- 772 sq ft
- capacity: 2-4



### LUXURY VILLAS

#### Deluxe Villa - 2 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 1 king bed, 1 queen bed
- 1 queen sofa bed
- 1,004 sq ft
- capacity: 2-6

#### Grand Villa - 2 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 2 bedrooms + bonus/game room
- 1 king bed, 1 queen bed
- 2 queen sofa beds
- 1,472 sq ft
- capacity: 4-8

#### Premier Villa - 3 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 3 bedrooms + bonus/game room
- 1 king bed, 3 queen beds
- 1 queen sofa bed
- 1,848 sq ft
- capacity: 4-10



### LUXURY HOMES

#### Premium Luxury House - 3 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 6 beds: 3-queen, 3-full
- 1308 sq ft
- capacity: 4-8

#### Executive Luxury House - 3 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 8 beds: 1-king, 2-queen, 5-full
- 1920 sq ft
- capacity: 4-10

#### Presidential Luxury House - 6 bedroom

- full kitchen
- 14 beds: 1-king, 5-queen, 8-full
- 3228 sq ft
- capacity: 6-16



# LUXURY SUITES

LAFAVE



LUXURY RENTALS  
AT ZION



LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS  
THE WATCHMAN SUITE



## LUXURY SUITES

**LUXURY SUITE** This one bedroom apartment style suite with all the comforts of home is great for a couple or small family. With a private bedroom, full kitchen, dining table, walk-in tile shower, washer/dryer, and living room with sofa bed. Includes a private patio with amazing Zion views. Please see amenities pages 114-117 for full list of LaFave offerings.

## THE WATCHMAN SUITE

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BEDROOM

1



BATHROOM

1



KING BED

1



SOFA BED

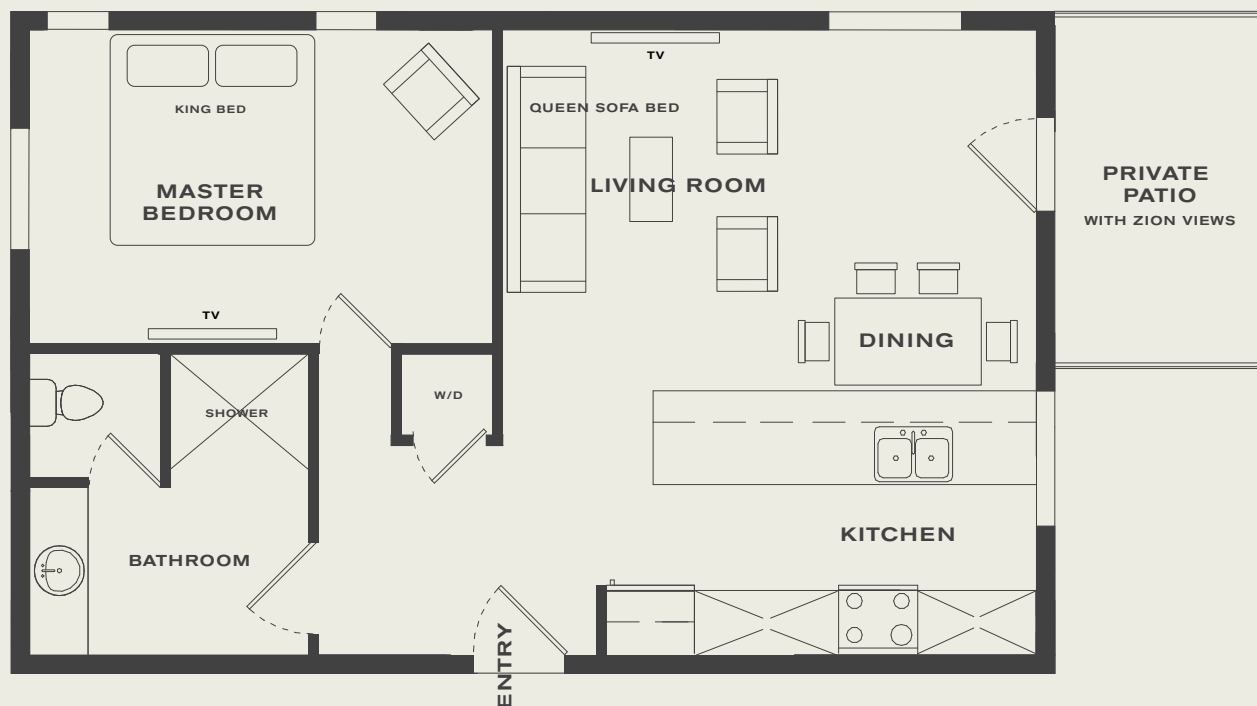
**772**  
SQ FT

**2-4**  
CAPACITY



## THE WATCHMAN SUITE

Unit 1 / Main Level



## LUXURY SUITES

**LUXURY SUITE** This one bedroom apartment style suite with all the comforts of home is great for a couple or small family. With a private bedroom, full kitchen, dining table, walk-in tile shower, washer/dryer, and living room with sofa bed. Includes a private deck with amazing Zion views. Please see amenities pages 114-117 for full list of LaFave offerings.

## ZION SUITE

1



BEDROOM

1



BATHROOM

1



KING BED

1



SOFA BED

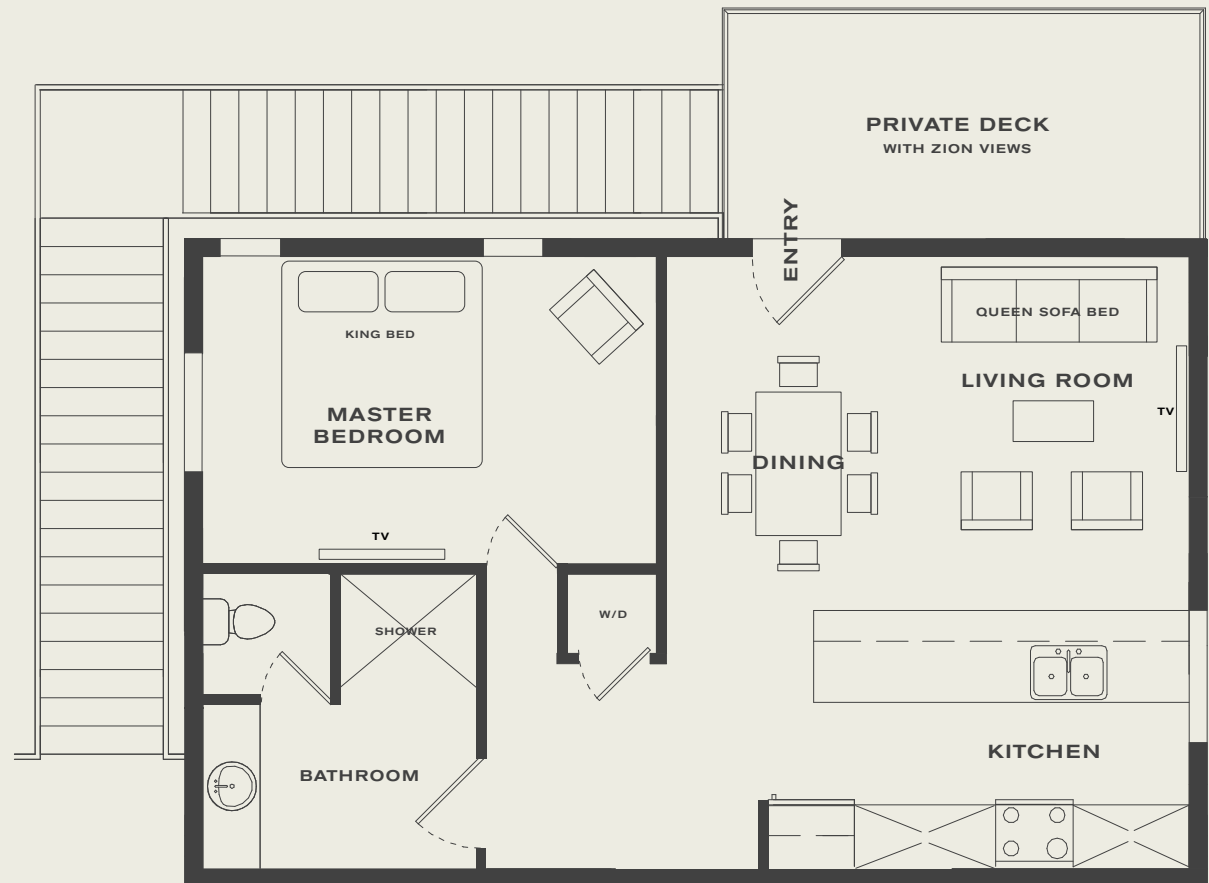
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SQ FT

**2-4**  
CAPACITY



## ZION SUITE

Unit 2 / Upper Level





# LUXURY VILLAS

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ECHO CANYON VILLA



## LUXURY VILLAS

**DELUXE VILLA** This two bedroom apartment style villa is perfect for one or two couples, or a family. Includes 2 private bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full size kitchen, dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, and living room with sofa bed. Includes a private covered deck with amazing views. Please see amenities pages 114-117 for full list of LaFave offerings.

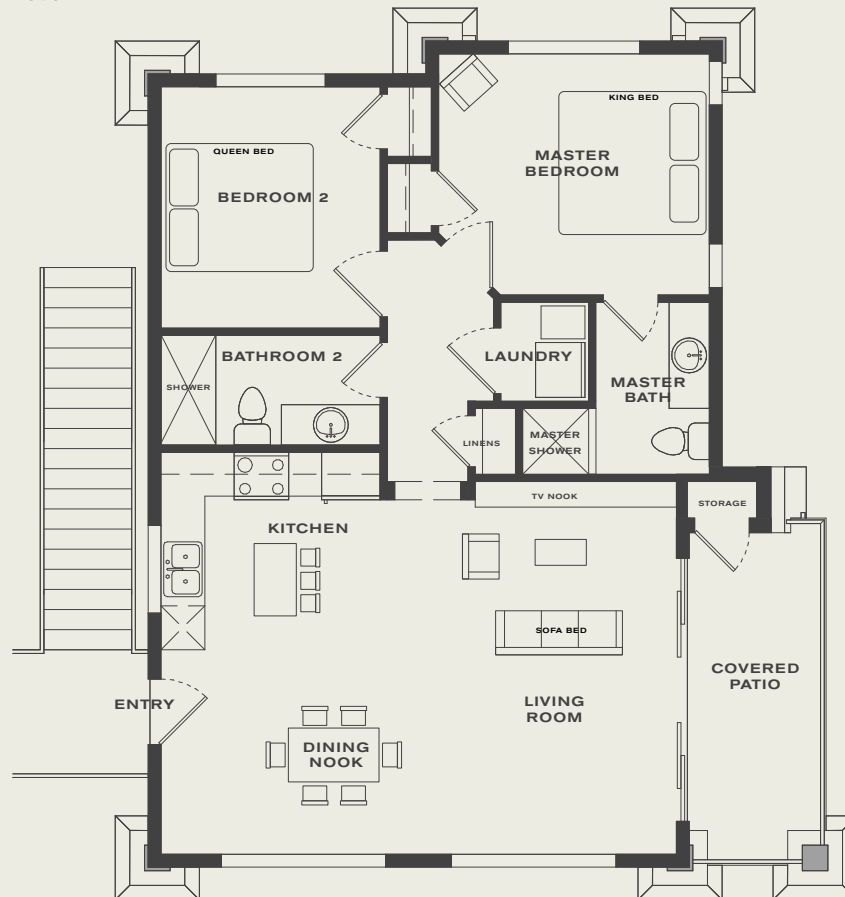
## MYSTERY FALLS VILLA

**NEW VILLA**  
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## MYSTERY FALLS VILLA

Unit 7 / Upper Level



## LUXURY VILLAS

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## ECHO CANYON VILLA

**NEW VILLA**  
OPENED JUNE 2020

2



BEDROOM

2



BATHROOM

1



KING BED

1



QUEEN BED

1



SOFA BED

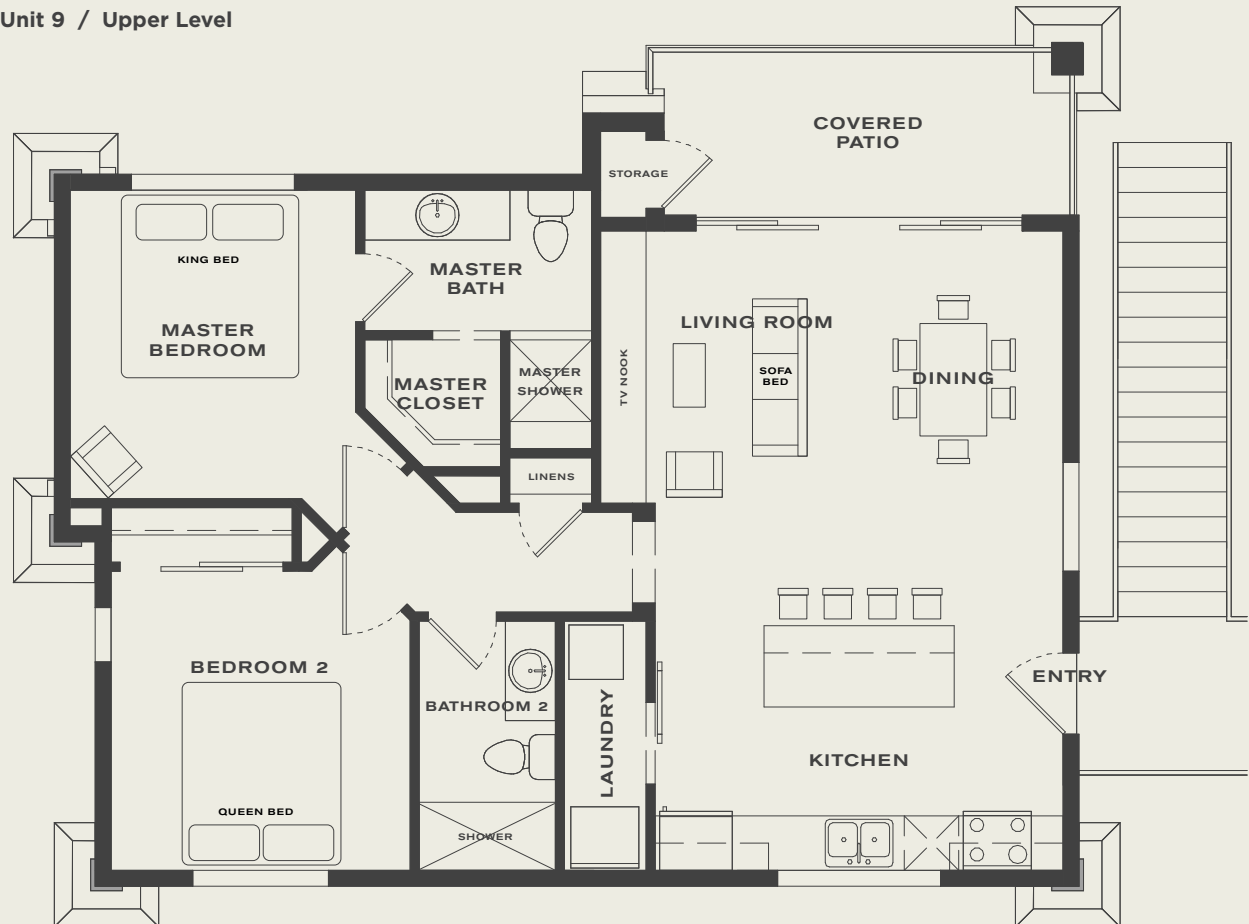
**1004**  
SQ FT

**2-6**  
CAPACITY



## ECHO CANYON VILLA

Unit 9 / Upper Level





## LUXURY VILLAS

**GRAND VILLA** This two bedroom apartment style villa is geared for one to three couples, or a family group. Includes 2 private bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, full size kitchen, dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, and living room on the main level with a sofa bed, plus a bonus/game room downstairs with a sofa bed. Includes a private patio with views. Please see amenities pages 114-117 for full list of LaFave offerings.

## THE SUBWAY VILLA

**NEW VILLA**  
OPENED JUNE 2020

2



BEDROOM

2



BATHROOM

1



KING BED

1



QUEEN BED

2



SOFA BED

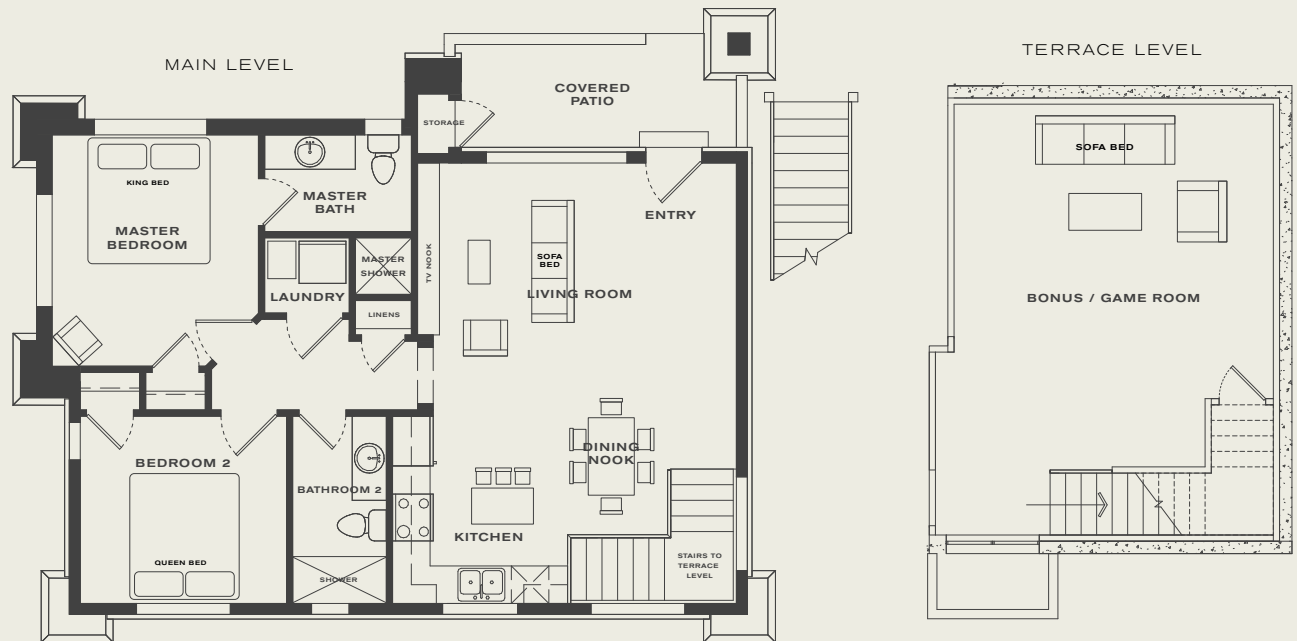
**1472**  
SQ FT

**4-8**  
CAPACITY



## THE SUBWAY VILLA

Unit 8 / Main Level, Terrace Level



## LUXURY VILLAS

**PREMIER VILLA** This three bedroom apartment style villa is the ultimate in spacious luxury for a group of friends or a family group. Includes 3 private bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, full size kitchen, dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, and living room on the main level with a sofa bed, plus a bonus/game room downstairs. Includes a private patio with views. See amenities pages 114-117 for full list of LaFave offerings.

## ANGELS LANDING VILLA

**NEW VILLA**  
OPENED JUNE 2020

3



BEDROOM

3



BATHROOM

1



KING BED

3



QUEEN BED

1



SOFA BED

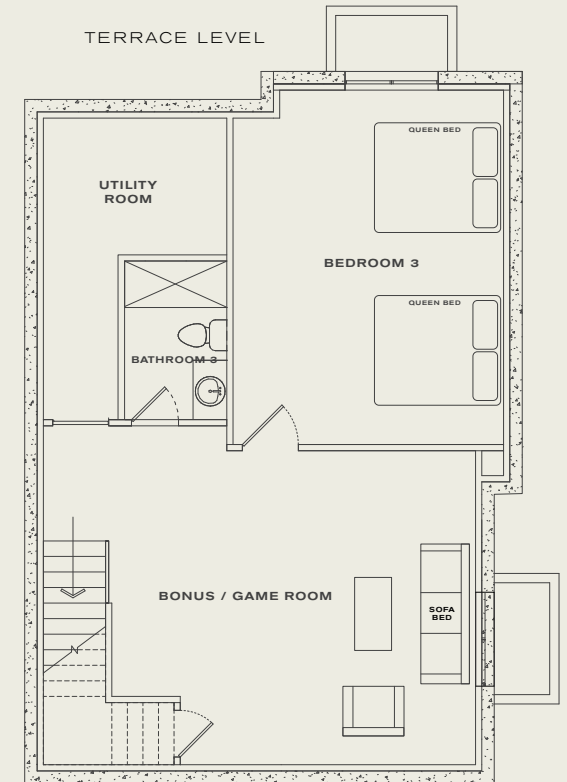
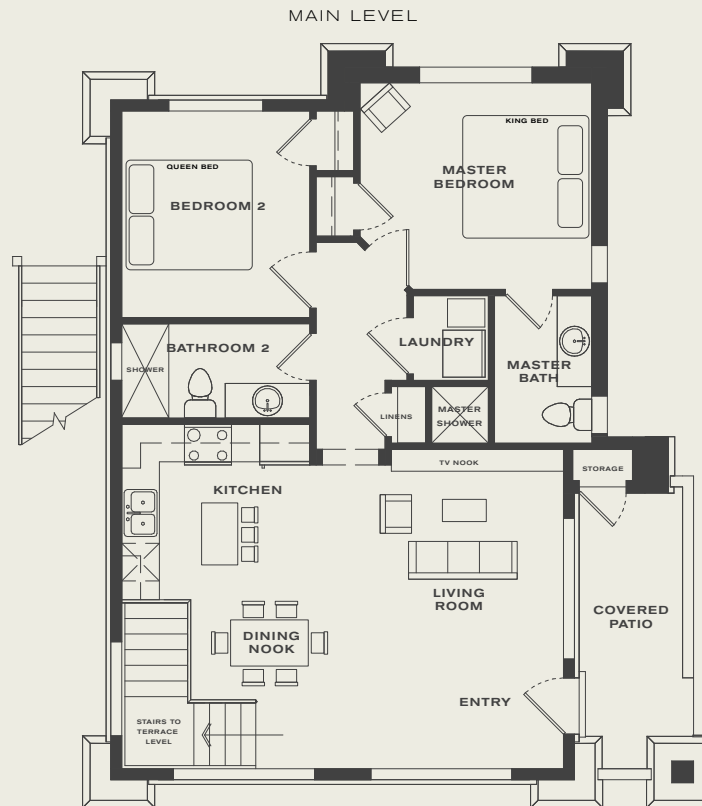
**1848**  
SQ FT

**4-10**  
CAPACITY



## ANGELS LANDING VILLA

Unit 6 / Main Level, Terrace Level





# LUXURY HOMES

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## LUXURY HOMES

**PREMIUM LUXURY HOUSE** The Bridge Mountain House was beautifully remodeled in June of 2019 and has 3 bedrooms with 6 beds that can sleep 8 people. It has 2 full bathrooms, a brand-new full kitchen with stainless Bosch appliances and quartz countertops. Includes a dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, and living room. Read the full description online.

## BRIDGE MOUNTAIN HOUSE

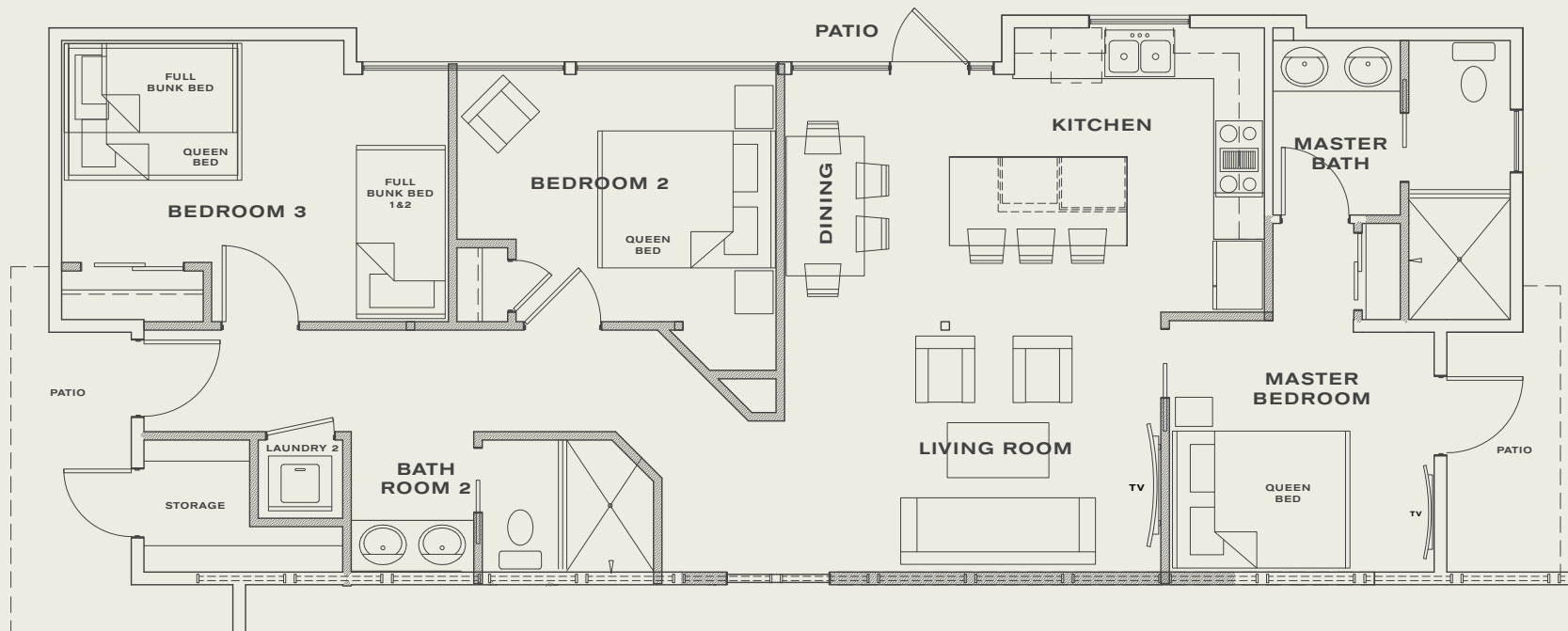
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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3                                                                                   | 2                                                                                   | 3                                                                                   | 3                                                                                   |
|  |  |  |  |
| BEDROOM                                                                             | BATHROOM                                                                            | QUEEN BED                                                                           | FULL BED                                                                            |

**1308**  
SQ FT

**4-8**  
CAPACITY

## BRIDGE MOUNTAIN HOUSE

Unit 3 / Main Level











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BRIDGE MOUNTAIN HOUSE

## LUXURY HOMES

**EXECUTIVE LUXURY HOUSE** The West Temple House was beautifully remodeled in June of 2019 and has 3 bedrooms with 8 beds that can sleep 10 guests. It has 2 full bathrooms and a brand-new full kitchen with stainless Bosch appliances and quartz countertops. Contains a dining table, walk-in tile showers, washer/dryer, and living room. This house is the nicest place to stay in Zion that can hold a large group AND it is located in the heart of Springdale — 2 minutes away from the entrance to Zion. Read the full description online — it is loaded with amenities.

## WEST TEMPLE HOUSE

|                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3                                                                                   | 2                                                                                   | 1                                                                                   | 2                                                                                   | 5                                                                                   |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| BEDROOM                                                                             | BATHROOM                                                                            | KING BED                                                                            | QUEEN BED                                                                           | FULL BED                                                                            |

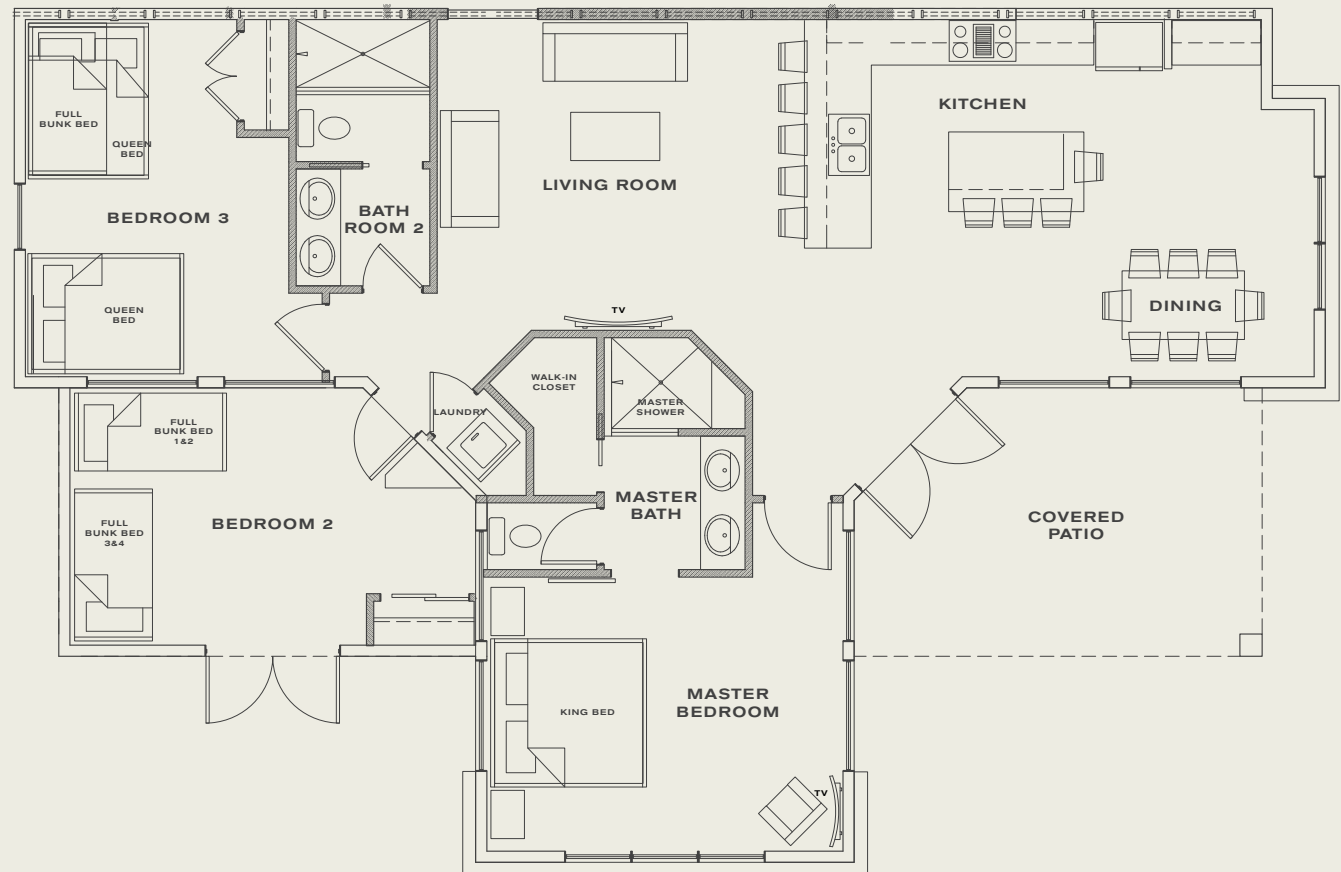
**1920**  
SQ FT

**4-10**  
CAPACITY



## WEST TEMPLE HOUSE

Unit 4 / Main Level







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WEST TEMPLE HOUSE

## LUXURY HOMES

**PRESIDENTIAL LUXURY HOUSE** Made by combining the West Temple House and the Bridge Mountain House together, this 6 bedroom home was converted from the former LaFave art gallery. It is simply the nicest home to rent in Zion—you will not find a better house closer to the park entrance. No expense was spared in this stunner, with top of the line finishes, appliances and beds. For those who want the ultimate in lodging while visiting Zion, this is it.

## THE GALLERY HOUSE



**3228**  
SQ FT

**6-16**  
CAPACITY



### THE GALLERY HOUSE Unit 5 / Main Level








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THE GALLERY HOUSE



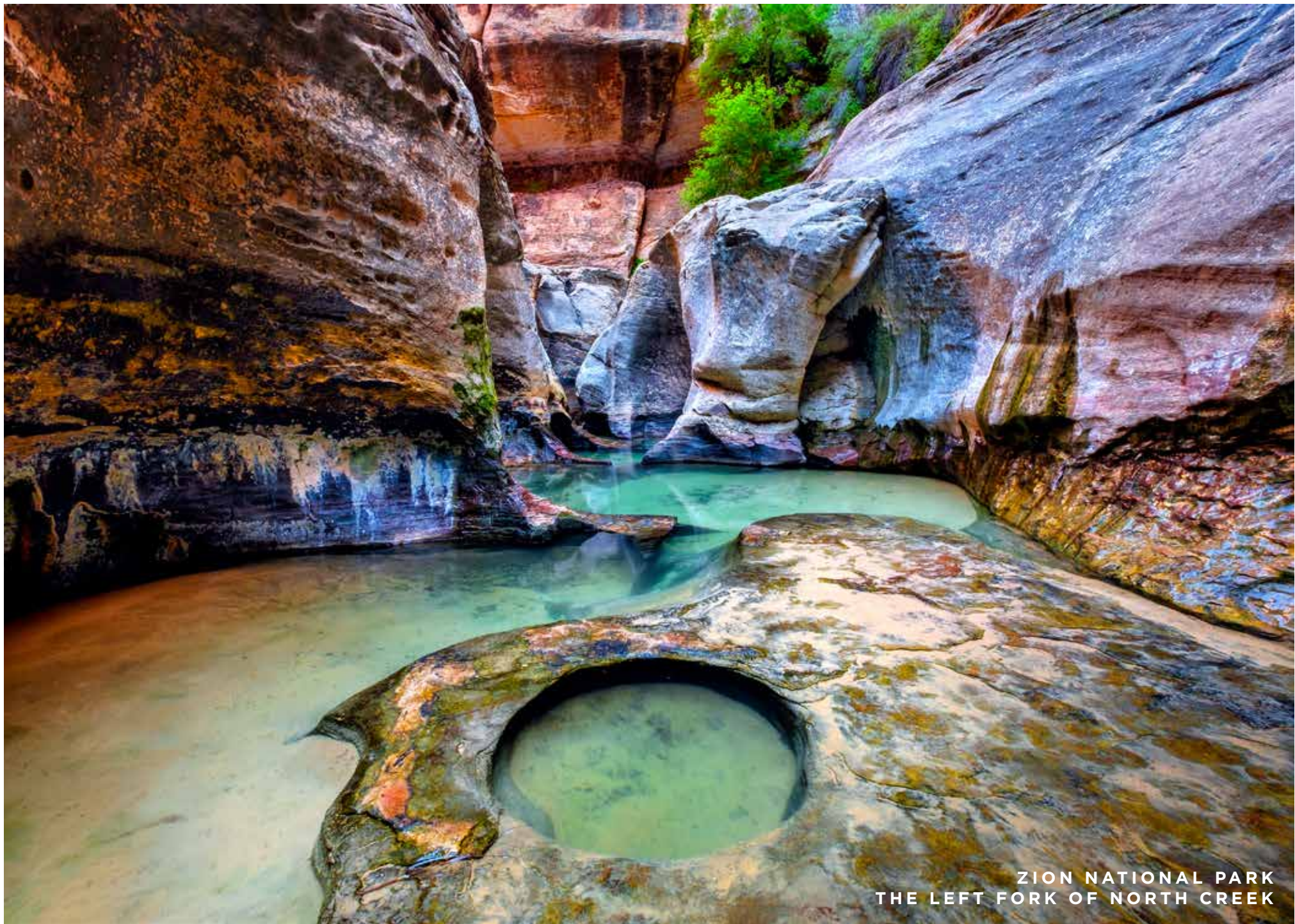


Zion, brimming with a charismatic larger-than-life vibe, can do the theater of the grand: its vistas, canyon walls, and sandstone monoliths challenge anything on this planet for its vast scale and beauty.

But Zion can also touch you in its intimacy: a small flower sprouting after a summer rain, a spring seeping out of the Navajo sandstone to bring life to the desert, or a hidden alcove containing artifacts from the early inhabitants dating 800 years ago.

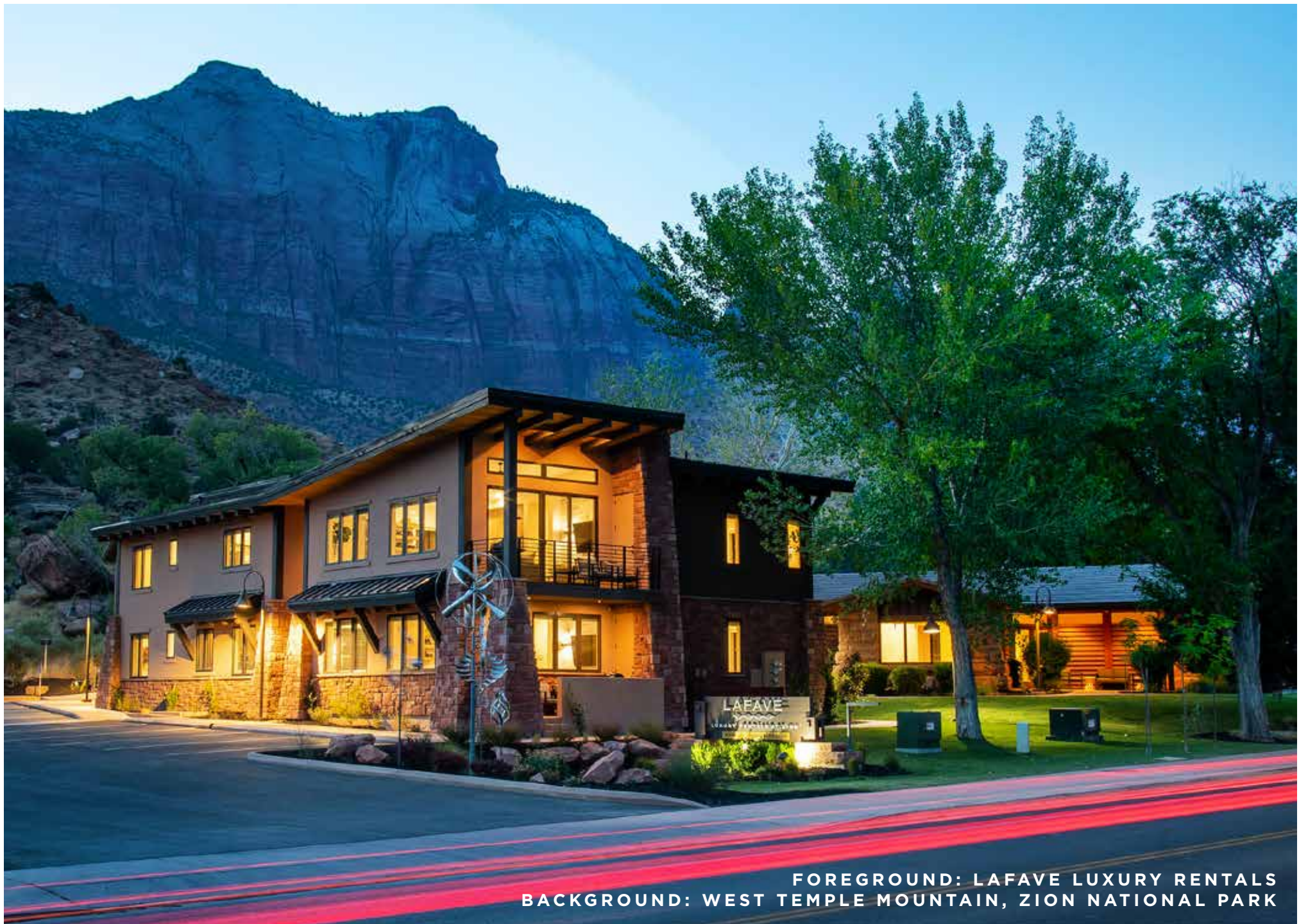
This is why Zion is so beloved — it can show us scale so vast that it's almost incomprehensible — yet on an intimate level it can move us.





ZION NATIONAL PARK  
THE LEFT FORK OF NORTH CREEK





**FOREGROUND: LAFAVE LUXURY RENTALS**  
**BACKGROUND: WEST TEMPLE MOUNTAIN, ZION NATIONAL PARK**



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