



ZION

Zion National Park is located in the Southwestern United States, near Springdale, Utah. A prominent feature of the 229-square-mile (590 km²) park is Zion Canyon. At 15 miles (24 km) long and up to half a mile (800 m) deep, the canyon cuts through the reddish and tan-colored Navajo Sandstone by the North Fork of the Virgin River. The lowest elevation is 3,666 ft (1,117 m) at Coalpits Wash and the highest elevation is 8,726 ft (2,660 m) at Horse Ranch Mountain. Located at the junction of the Colorado Plateau, Great Basin, and Mojave Desert regions, the park's unique geography provides a diverse environment supporting a variety of unusual plants and animals.

1. California Condor—Heaven help the man who doesn't take a good trail mix with him while hiking.
2. The Great Throne—The theme for this park is "the people in our lives that we look up to." This park has you captivated as you spend your time gazing up at the majestic sentinels.
3. John Wesley Powell—Explorer of the American West
4. The shuttle that takes you to The Great Throne.
5. The hiker's bridge leading to Angel's Landing.
6. President William Howard Taft—In 1909, President Taft declared the area a national monument to protect the canyon.
7. Anton Rasmussen—Well known for his paintings that hung in the SLC International Airport for years. This painting is dedicated to my good friend Tony who passed away in 2015.
8. Wild Turkeys—these tasty birds can be found not too far from the Zion Lodge.
9. Daniel and Ruth (*Welton*) Tyler settled in the area. They started a school and taught there for many years.
10. Prickly Pear Cactus—This type of cacti blooms throughout Zion National Park.
11. Ansel Adams—His renowned photographs of the Park capture the stunning images.
12. Zion National Park was established November 19, 1919.