

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ZION NATIONAL PARK, UTAH

LOCATION: Zion National Park is located in the southwestern corner of Utah. The Park is situated along the Virgin River in the colorful canyonlands of the Colorado Plateau. Elevations range for 3,666 feet to 8,726 feet above sea level. Most of the visitor facilities, however, are around 4,000 feet in elevation. Most visitors stay and eat in Springerville, just outside the southwestern entrance to the Park. The Park itself has visitor's centers, campgrounds, a lodge with a restaurant and snack-bar, tram-tours, horse rental, and a variety of trails from easy to "You've got to be kidding!"

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:56	10:48	11:56	13:08	14:09	14:41	14:28	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:14	9:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:24	7:08	8:14	9:23	10:50	12:29	11:04	10:41	10:17	8:58	7:16	6:14
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	47%	49%	52%	56%	71%	63%	65%	71%	68%	58%	51%
LOW FOR MONTH	4°	14°	24°	33°	36°	48°	54°	50°	46°	33°	18°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	28°	32°	36°	43°	51°	61°	68°	66°	60°	48°	36°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	57°	63°	72°	81°	93°	99°	96°	90°	78°	63°	53°
HIGH FOR MONTH	62°	73°	76°	83°	92°	104°	108°	104°	100°	88°	77°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	60%	50%	32%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	29%	57%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	25%	72%	97%	90%	62%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	47%	38%	29%	25%	18%	22%	25%	23%	29%	40%	54%
DRY DAYS	87%	86%	84%	87%	90%	97%	87%	84%	87%	90%	90%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	86%	87%	91%	93%	97%	93%	90%	93%	91%	90%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.27	0.30	0.28	0.20	0.12	0.08	0.16	0.25	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.22
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.6"	1.8"	1.3"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.2"	1.0"	2.9"
SNOWY DAYS	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	6%	10%	8%	32%	33%	11%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 64% in December and January, to a high of 85% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to zero, and the highest should be near 111°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° warmer than actual ones. The Park features magnificent and massive over-towering cliffs, deep narrow canyons, natural arches, waterfalls, park-like meadows, hanging gardens, and more. Biking is prohibited on the trails and in the tunnels. The overnight sixteen-mile hike through the "Narrows of the Virgin" is extremely popular, and advance registration is absolutely essential. In places, the walls of the canyon are only twenty feet apart and a hundred stories high. Quite a bit of wading and occasional swimming is required. You and your gear are both going to get wet.