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AMAZING ZION NATIONAL PARK

Zion processes over a million visitors a year. Many foreigners and mostly people under 40 with lots of kids. There was a shuttle at our RV Park that drove us to the entrance for \$14 and there we got on the free park shuttles. Most people don't know that cars are not allowed in the portion of the park where all the shuttles go in the summer season. They are routed on to another road that exits the park thru a tunnel to Bryce Park. The main park with all the stops at the trailheads, and short walks to other sites is what the park is all about. The bus has a narrated talk about each stop. The Zion Lodge is about midway on the 80 min. round trip. Everybody but us old folks got off and on the shuttles to hike the high trails or hike the Narrows in knee deep water! Pictures do not adequately describe the splendor, but here they are. This pic shows climbers close to the top, where they must hold on to chains.



The Park was described by our driver as being the opposite of Grand Canyon where you look down a mile; here you look up a mile to the

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top. The white was not snow, but mineral in nature. The Virgin River and tributaries cut this canyon over the eons.



One just feels dwarfed when looking at these views from the bottom. The all day trip wore us completely out! I do believe we were the oldest people in the park that day.



One would be wise to pack a lunch for the day; because once you are in the park you are captive for their \$20 lunches! The parking lots in the park are chock full, and entrants are turned around to park on the streets of Springdale, a town outside the park, and walk a mile or so, or ride a bus to the entrance. We did not remember anything about the park from our trip 25 yrs. ago!

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