



CANYON OVERLOOK TRAIL - ZION MAIN CANYON



Rating: Easy Hiking

Length: less than 1 hour

Gear: Standard Hiking Gear

Maps: Springdale East, UT;

Water: None

Season: Any unless there is snow on the ground.

Waypoints:

Trailhead

12S 327810mE 4120327mN

N37° 12' 49" W112° 56' 26"

Overlook

12S 327352mE 4120310mN

N37° 12' 48" W112° 56' 45"

Hype

As a kid, when we passed through Zion National Park on vacation, the Canyon Overlook Trail was the first stop we made. The Canyon Overlook Trail is a short and family friendly hike that offers a birds-eye view of the lower end of the park. Recommended for most, it has amazing views.

This is suitable most times of the year, but not recommended if there is snow on the ground. The path can become quite slick when snow and ice are on it.

Tags: *hike, family friendly, beginner, access: paved*

Trailhead

From the park entrance, follow highway 9 into the park. Continue past the junction with the main Zion Canyon. Continue up the switchbacks and through the tunnel. Just on the other side of the tunnel is a small parking area on the right. This is the Pine Creek trailhead, continue a few hundred feet past to other parking for the Canyon Overlook Trail. The trail starts on the north (left) side of the highway and is well signed.

Route

The trail starts on the north side of the road and is easy to follow. As you meander out to the viewpoint, the deep gorge to the left is [Pine Creek Canyon](#), a very popular canyoneering adventure. You are likely to hear groups descending the sinuous slot in warmer times of the year.

As the trail nears its end, the Great Arch wall is visible to your right, with the large open area of the southern portion of Zion National Park visible straight ahead. An orientation sign at the overlook points out the major peaks visible to the west and main features. Return the same way.

