



Foundation for the Park

Mission of the National Park Service

"...to promote and regulate the use of the...national parks...which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

—National Park Service Organic Act, 16 U.S.C.1.

Purpose of Zion National Park — Why the park was created

The purpose of Zion National Park is to preserve the dramatic geology including Zion Canyon and a labyrinth of deep and brilliantly colored Navajo sandstone canyons formed by extraordinary processes of erosion at the margin of the Colorado Plateau; to safeguard the park's wilderness character and its wild and scenic river values; to protect evidence of human history; and to provide for scientific research and the enjoyment and enlightenment of the public.



Fundamental Resources and Values

- Geologic Showcase
- Water Shapes the Landscape
- Convergence of Ecoregions
- Natural Resource Quality and Function
- Wilderness Character
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- The Remnants of Humanity's Past
- Opportunities for Connection to the Resources
- Preserving and Studying the Natural and Cultural History of Zion