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### **Want to hike Angels Landing in Zion National Park? Apply for your permit starting on January 3, 2022!**

*Permits help visitors enjoy and protect one of the most popular destinations in Zion National Park*

SPRINGDALE, Utah – Planning a trip to Zion National Park? On and after April 1, 2022, hikers going to Angels Landing will need a permit. The National Park Service (NPS) will issue permits using online lotteries at [Recreation.gov](https://Recreation.gov). The first lottery opens on January 3, 2022.

“Angels Landing is one of the most iconic destinations in Zion National Park and issuing permits will make going there fair for everyone.” Superintendent Jeff Bradybaugh said. “The system we’ve put in place will reduce crowding on the trail, address safety concerns and make it easy for visitors to plan ahead.”

Visitors can get a permit by entering four seasonal lotteries or a different lottery the day before their planned hikes. It will cost \$6 to enter any of the lotteries and successful permit holders will pay a \$3 per person fee. These funds will cover costs to manage the lotteries and for additional NPS rangers who will assist visitors and check permits on the trail. Learn when and how to enter the lotteries at [go.nps.gov/AngelsLanding](https://go.nps.gov/AngelsLanding)

This is a pilot program, and the NPS will monitor and adjust it as needed. The pilot permit program reflects comments from nearly 1,000 members of the public, park neighbors and other stakeholders. It also reflects lessons NPS learned by metering the number of hikers on the trail in 2019 and 2021 and distributing tickets to use the park shuttle system in response to COVID-19 in 2020.

Angels Landing is one of many places people enjoy visiting in Zion National Park. The park recorded about 2.8 million visits in 2011 and nearly 4.5 million visits in 2019. As the number of people who visit Zion continues to rise, NPS is preparing a plan designed to provide high quality visitor experiences and sustainably manage park resources. The Angels Landing Pilot Permit Program will inform that planning process. We plan to share an update on the plan and ask for your feedback about it in 2022.

Learn more about Zion's [Visitor Use Research](#) and read a response to public comments about issuing permits at Angels Landing on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website ([PEPC](#)) .

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