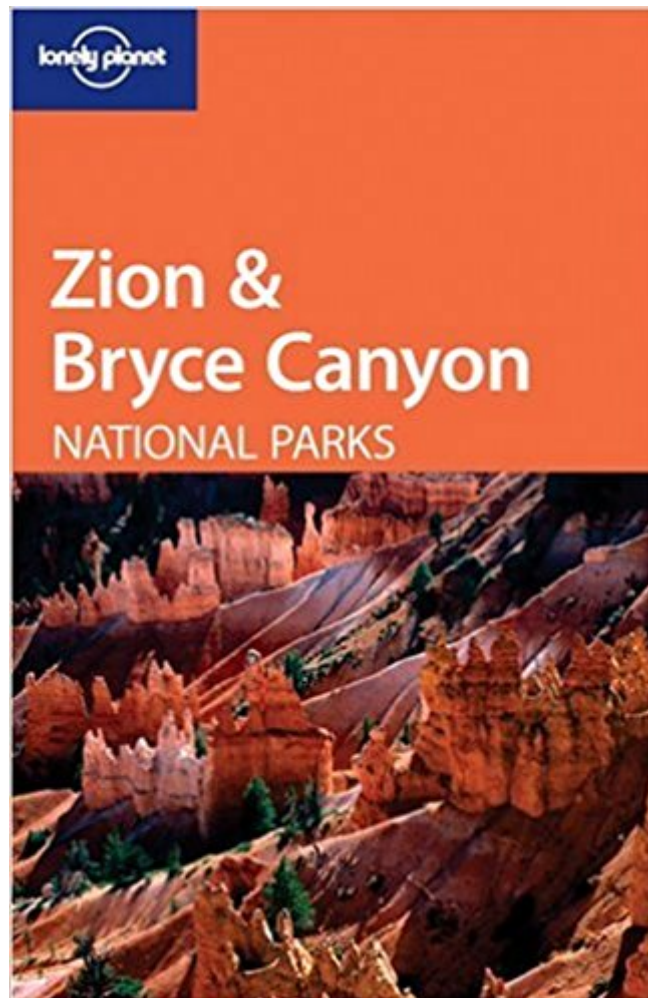




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# Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks (Lonely Planet)



## Synopsis

Wild, vast and rugged, Zion and Bryce Canyon are among America's most dramatic national parks, filled with towering cliffs, hanging gardens and a riot of surreal, rainbow-striped rock formations. Whether you want to hike narrow slot canyons or admire stunning views, our indispensable guide will help you explore these desert jewels, plus the best of southern Utah's other parklands. Rock On - view spires, arches, bridges and hoodoos, and learn what forces created this eerie desert landscape Get Active - hiking, canyoneering, mountain biking, rock climbing, river rafting, horseback riding and more Explore Further - with chapters on Canyonlands, Capitol Reef and Arches National Parks, plus Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and the outdoor mecca of Moab Kid Around - recommended sights, activities and accommodations for the whole family Rest Easy - camp under the stars, pamper yourself at a luxury resort or bed down at a working horse ranch

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## Customer Reviews

...for the adventurous traveler who wants to live like a native.' --Real Simple Magazine, June 2005

This is a great guide to visiting Grand Circle national parks: Bryce, Zion, Capital Reef, Arches, Canyonlands, and some adjacent areas. We used it for our Fall 2006 trip and found many other travelers carrying this book. This was our first trip to Utah, and we are not avid hikers. The book gives valuable information on what to see at each park including the difficulty of hikes to scenic overlooks, and it provides suggestions on what to see for both short & longer stays. It provides

excellent information on lodging including proximity to parks and upscale versus value. It has information about restaurants, scenic drives, time of year, and more. We also used some information from other books and publications for this trip, but the Lonely Planet "Zion & Bryce Canyon" was by far the best. By the way, the title should be changed to indicate that it includes much more than these two national parks.

Excellent book. My husband and I recently went on vacation to Southern Utah. We planned on visiting 5 national parks in Utah. I had purchased other books in addition to this one to prepare for the trip. I had no idea that this book would contain so much information about Capitol Reef, Arches and Canyonlands. It was far more than I expected from the title. It even covered Moab. We booked everything last minute and called from one location before arriving at the next to secure hotel rooms. All the recommendations for lodging and dining were accurate. We were so pleased with this book that we purchased the Lonely Planet guide to the Grand Canyon while we were in Moab since we were visiting the Grand Canyon as part of this trip. I will definitely use their guide books again. They are well organized and are great for a quick reference. I kept this copy in my purse the entire trip. I would pull it out frequently to look up information about touring the parks or to find a place for dinner.

I've had good luck with the Moon guides, but for Arches and Canyonlands, I think this guide is better. Both Moon and lonely planet lump all of the Utah parks together under Zion/Bryce, so good luck finding specific guide books for just Arches and Canyonlands. I liked this guide because there is a small map at the beginning of each section describing the major hikes in Arches and Canyonlands, so you don't have to flip back to the larger full page map to reorient yourself. Leafing through the Moon guide, I also felt that it skimmed a bit on the hikes outside of Zion and Bryce compared to lonely planet. There's not much in terms of color pictures, but that's what flickr is for, right?

The title is slightly problematic, as this book covers much of southern Utah, its national parks (Zion, Bryce Canyon, Canyonland, Capitol Reef, Arches), national monuments, and other places worth of a visit. The maps are crisp and readable, though a few more detailed topo lines would help. Trail descriptions and recommendations for visits are generally pretty good as are estimates of time. Suggestions for places to eat and stay were also worthwhile. Other more specialized books are available if you want to spend most of the trip in one specific area, but this is a great survey of

southern Utah.

## Great suggestions

Great little book. I do not know why it is named "Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks". This book covers all the national parks, monuments and State Parks in Utah. For each area, the book gives information on what to see depending on the amount of time you have to visit (half day, one, two, three or more days). For each location it gives you the sights to see, trails to hike and other activities to do in the area. Along with places to stay (Hotels, Motels and campgrounds), places to eat, equipment rental and more. This book is small enough to put into your glove box.

We had bought the Moon guide for Utah and upon reading it realized it wasn't very good, so had this one expressly shipped just in time for our big trip. It was worth the extra shipping costs. It's full of useful information and it covers all the National Parks in Utah (so they should really change the title). The trip wouldn't have been the same without it. Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks

I got this book from our Library and we wanted one to bring with us to the parks this fall. The book I ordered was an earlier version, however, and we do not like it as well. This is not the fault with the seller, but I did not realize the situation.

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