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Weather and Astronomical Data (Orderville 84758)

- Elevation: 6,453 ft
- Temperature: High = 91°, Low = 56°
- Sun, June 26: Rise= 5:08am, Set= 7:51pm
- Moon: Sunday, Jun 26: Rise= 8:05am, Set=10:13pm
- Moon: Friday, Jun 30: Rise=12:18pm, Set =12:04am

Organizers Contact Information

- Email: Yoder.Reunion@ArtCentrics.com
 - Reunion Webpage: http://www.artcentrics.com/Misc/2017_Family_Reunion/2017_Family_Reunion.htm
- Organizers:
 - Sheila Brown – (801) 368-0693 (Cell)
 - James Yoder – (480) 209-6965 (Cell)

Eating Arrangements

- Participants are responsible for providing their own Breakfast and Lunch.
- Diner Fixings or funds will be provided for each house depending on preference.
- Evening Snacks will be at the Main house every evening at 7pm – 9pm.

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Attendance and Housing Arrangements

- Children under 3 stay for free, so we need to know ages for kids.
- 755-Patriarch has a max capacity of 40 persons.

Head of Household	Adults	Children/Age	Arrival Date	Departure Date	Notes
Main House - Patriarch (755) 40/29					
Dad Yoder	2		2017.06.26	2017.07.01	
Frank Jr	4	Autumn			
John Yoder	4		2017.06.26	2017.07.01	
Kathryn Yoder	1				
Mark Yoder	2	-Madaline 11 -Luke 7 -Isabel 3			
Paul Yoder	2	2			
Eric Steinhauer	4				
Emma Weber	2	3yr 1yr			
Cosgrove Clan - VRBO #826741 ??/10					
Mike Cosgrove	6	Evin 5yr	2017.06.26	2017.07.26	Road behind Patriarch. Not on Ponderosa. Linn Sing Han & Annie?
Brown Clan - House Unknown					
Little Sheila	2	? ? ?			
Amy Plastow	2	Logan 5yr Dustin 3yr Baby 9mo	2017.06.28	2017.07.01	Casual hiking in Zions
Mike Brown					
Quite House - High Point (716) 10/12					
James Yoder	2	N/A	2017.06.26	2017.07.01	
Michael Yoder	2				
David Yoder	6				
Grand Total	35				

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Information on Zion Ponderosa Ranch

- Main Website: <http://www.zionponderosa.com/index.html>
- Ponderosa Site map: <http://www.zionponderosa.com/pdf/zp-map.pdf>
- Ponderosa Activities webpage: <http://www.zionponderosa.com/activities.html>

Main House Information (The Patriarch - Unit 755)

- Check In: Monday, 06/26/2017 4:00pm
- Check-Out: Saturday, 07/01/2017 11:00AM
- [Unit Details webpage](#)
- [Floor Plan](#)
- [Google map](#)

Cosgrove Clan House Information (VRBO #82673)

- Check In:
- Check-Out:
- [Unit Details webpage](#)
- Floor Plan
- Google map

Brown Clan House Information ()

- Check In:
- Check-Out:
- Details webpage
- Floor Plan
- Google map

Quite House Information (High Point - 716)

- Check In: Monday, 06/26/2017 4:00pm
- Check-Out: Saturday, 07/01/2017 11:00AM
- [Unit Details webpage](#)
- [Google map](#)

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Nearby Stores and Attractions

Nearby Grocery Stores

Store & Hours	Drive	Address	Google Map
Terrys Food & Drug 8am – 9pm	35min	65 N Main Street, Orderville, UT 84758	Drive Map
Glaziers Market 7am – 10pm	45min	264 S 100 E , Kanab UT 84741	Drive Map
Honey's Marketplace 7am – 10pm	45min	260 E 300 S, Kanab UT 84741	Drive Map

Nearby Attractions and Parks

Attraction	Drive	Address	Google Map
Zions National Park	0:20	East Entrance	Drive Map
Best Friends Animal Sanctuary	0:40		Drive Map
Coral Pink Sand Dunes	0:50		Drive Map
Yoder Cabin in Duck	1:15		Drive Map
Yoder House in Hurricane	1:20		Drive Map
Bryce National Park	1:30		Drive Map
Cedar Breaks National Monument	1:25		Drive Map
St. George Dinosaur discovery site	1:45		Drive Map
Grand Canyon National Park	2:05	North Rim – Note, not main entrance	Drive Map
Capital Reef National Park	3:15		Drive Map

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Schedule

Event	Coordinator	Adults	Children	Time	Description/Restrictions
Monday, 06/26/2017					
Check-In	N/A	---	---	4 pm	Check into housing
House Dinner	N/A	---	---	5 pm – 7 pm	Each house responsible for coordination of this
Main House Desert Event				7 pm – 9 pm	Meet at Main house for Desert and greet
Astronomy				8:30pm – 11 pm	Quite House
Tuesday, 06/27/2017					
Observation Point Hike				6am – 11am	Hike in is 3.3 miles, and returns to hike trailhead making a total of 6.6 miles for entire hike.
East Zions Hike	James Yoder	2		6am – 3pm	This hike includes Observation Point Hike as part of the hike. 11 mile hike
Family Dinner				5pm – 7pm	
Main House Desert Event				7 pm – 9 pm	Meet at Main house for Desert and greet
Astronomy Night				8:30pm – 11 pm	
Wednesday, 06/28/2017					
No Plan Wednesday					
Main House Desert Event				7 pm – 9 pm	Meet at Main house for Desert and greet
Thursday, 06/29/2017					
Main House Desert Event				7 pm – 9 pm	Meet at Main house for Desert and greet
Friday, 06/30/2017					
Big Barbeque				5 pm – 7 pm	Bring your own Meat, Potluck side dishes
Main House Desert Event				7 pm – 9 pm	Meet at Main house for Desert and greet
Saturday, 07/01/2017					
Pack-up	N/A	---	---	8am – 11am	
Check-Out	N/A	---	---	11am	All families out by 11am

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ACTIVITIES

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Possible Activities

Event Type	Head of Household	Adults	Children	Description
Zion Ponderosa Managed Activities (Fee based) – Voucher Schedule				
Guided Canyoneering				
ATV Tours				
Climbing Wall & Rappelling				
Horseback Riding				
Jeep Tours				
Kids Camp				
Mini ATV				
Miniature Golf				
Paintball				
Children's Horse Rides				
Bungee Trampoline				
Zip Line				
Family Planned Activities (Free except when noted)				
Astronomy Night				Moon, Planets Galaxies and more
Easy Hike				Zions Canyon Overlook . 1 mile round trip
Observation Point: Moderate Variation				East Mesa Trail to Observation Point (6.6 miles round trip with spectacular views of Zion Canyon). Moderate elevation gain (300ft).
Observation Point: Difficult Variation				This hike encompasses the Moderate Hike and continues to the East Rim Trail and joins up to Stave Spring Trail. Appx 11 miles with steep elevation(1,300').
Observation Point: Hard Variation				This hike encompasses the Difficult Variation and continues from the Stave Spring Trail to the East Rim Trail head. Appx 13.7 miles with additional elevation (1,000') for a total of 2,300' over the length of the hike.
Difficult Hike – The Subway				Classic Zions hiking Appx 9.5 miles with steep elevation gain. Permits required for this hike. Photo1 Photo2 , Photo 3 , Photo 4
Mystery Canyon				
Bryce National Park				1hr, 30min drive
Best Friends Animal Sanctuary				45min drive
Cedar Breaks National Monument				1hr 30min drive

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Event Type	Head of Household	Adults	Children	Description
Coral Pink Sand Dunes				1hr drive
David Tour?				
St. George Dinosaur discovery site Johnson Farm				

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Astronomy Night

Note: Photographs of galaxies and nebula objects will be much better than what you will see in the telescope due to modern day astrophotography techniques.

Item	Constellation	Mag	Peak Time	Notes
Moon				
Regulus	Leo	1.4, 8.18	4:14 pm	Multiple Star System
Bodie Nebula (M-81/M-82)	Ursa Major	6.9	4:02 pm	Spiral Galaxy
Jupiter	Virgo	-2.1	06:57 pm	Planet
C/2015 V2 (Johson)	Virgo	7.0?	8:20 pm	Potential Comet
Pinwheel Galaxy (M-101)	Ursa Major	7.9	8:42 pm	Spiral Galaxy
Hercules Cluster (M-13)	Hercules	5.8	10:46 pm	Globular Cluster
Saturn	Ophiuchus	0.1	11:37pm	Planet
Trifid Nebula (M-20)	Sagittarius	6.3	12:11 am	Nebula
Lagoon Nebula (M-08)	Sagittarius	6.0	12:13 am	Open Cluster & Nebula
Ring Nebula (M-57)	Lyra	8.8	1:02 am	Planetary Nebula
Albireo	Cygnus	3.07	1:39 am	Best Double Star
Andromeda Galaxy (M-31)	Andromeda	3.4	5:50 am	Spiral Galaxy

Hiking: Observation Point Variations

Length: 6.9miles | 7.4miles | 13.7miles

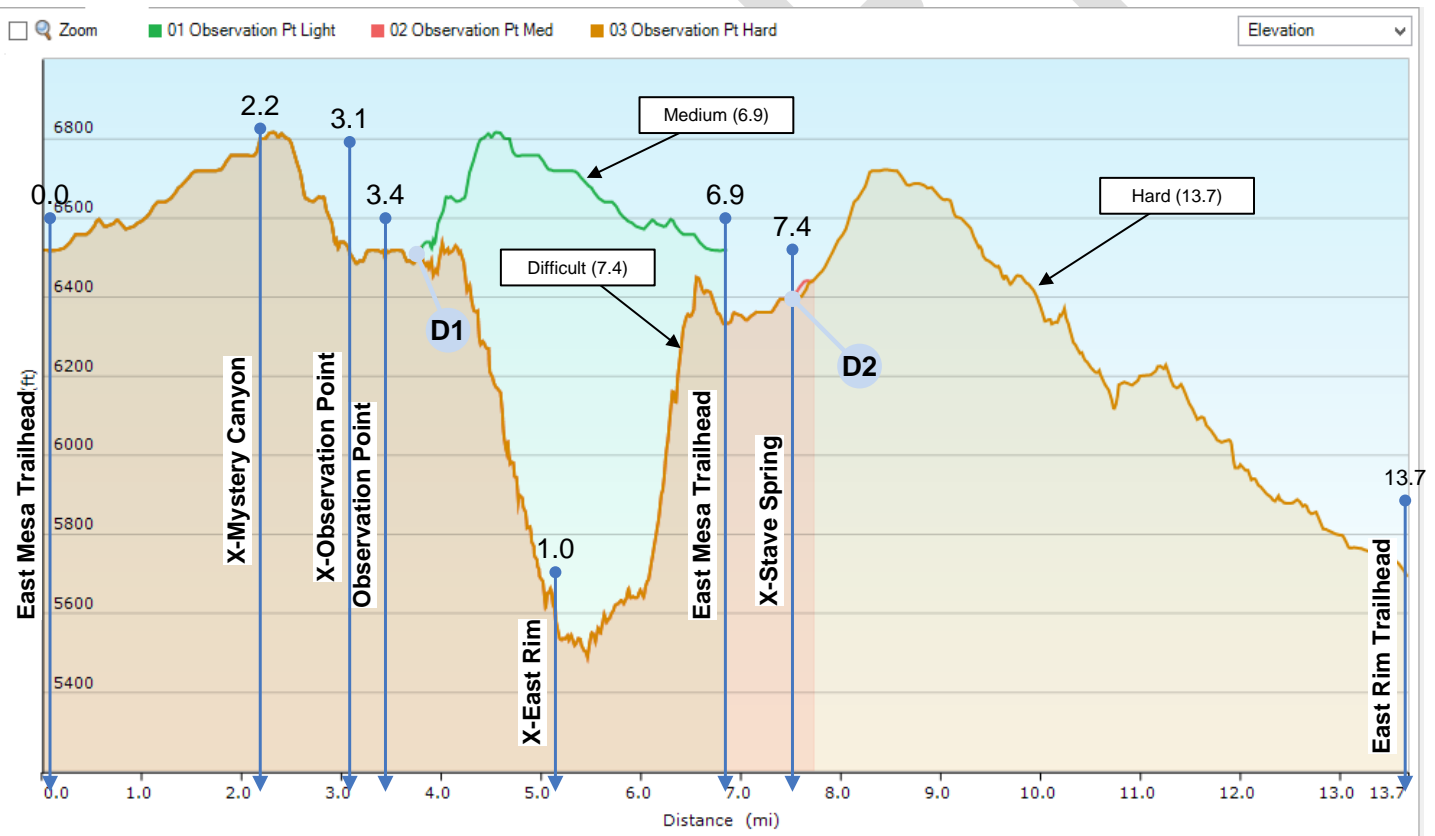
Time: 4.5 hrs | 5.0 hrs | 7.5 hrs

Difficulty: Medium | Difficult | Hard

Description

Three variations to the Observation Point. Hikes vary based on trail taken back from Observation point.

- **Medium:** From East Mesa Trailhead, hike to Observation Point and back to East Mesa Trailhead. This is a relatively flat hike with about 300' variation in elevation.
- **Difficult:** From East Mesa Trailhead, hike to Observation Point. Hike back to Stave Spring Trailhead. While this hike is not much longer than the Medium hike the change in elevation is about 1,300' in both gain and loss.
- **Hard:** Identical to Difficult hike but departing just before reaching Stave Spring Trailhead, and continuing to East Rim Trailhead adding an extra 6.3 miles with an extra change in elevation of about 1,000'.



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Hiking: Zions Subway

Length: 9.5 hrs

Time: 7 hours

Difficulty: Hard, rappel/climbing involved

Recommended Accessories:

- Neoprene socks

Zions Permits [webpage](#)

Hike Description [webpage](#)

Description

Also known as the Left Fork of North Creek involves route finding, plunging into chilly pools then sloshing, through frigid water over and through difficult obstacles. The narrow Subway section of this hike forces hikers through a unique tunnel sculpted by the Left Fork of North Creek. Churning water chisels the rock floor, forming shallow potholes that fill to the brim with frosty water. Falling water echoes in the nature carved tunnel where dragonflies dart, frogs laze about and shimmering emerald pools tempt cold hikers to dawdle. Before long, the promise of daylight urges an exit to the warmth of the sun waiting outside the Subway. The canyon widens as hikers cross back and forth across the creek, making their way to the grueling uphill exit.

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Hiking: Mystery Canyon

Length: 6.0 miles

Time: 8 hours

Difficulty: Hard, rappel/climbing involved

Recommended Accessories:

- Neoprene socks

Zions Permits [webpage](#)

Hike Description [webpage](#)

Description

Mystery Canyon is a relatively known canyon in Zion National Park that is sought after by many canyoneers but only twelve hikers per day are allowed to venture within. The route begins down a slippery slope, then drops through a beautiful slot canyon section. When it opens up, it's into a spring with nice vegetation around charming pools. The end is a spectacular rappel through the first waterfall in the Zion Narrows. Mystery Canyon is a canyon requires good physical conditioning and takes a full day for most. Technical canyoneering gear includes 140' of rope and a pull cord of equal length, or two -140' ropes, harness and descending equipment. Although this tight narrow canyon with a spectacular grand finale rappel into the Zion Narrows is truly a mysterious canyon the name was given because the source of the falls were a mystery .

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