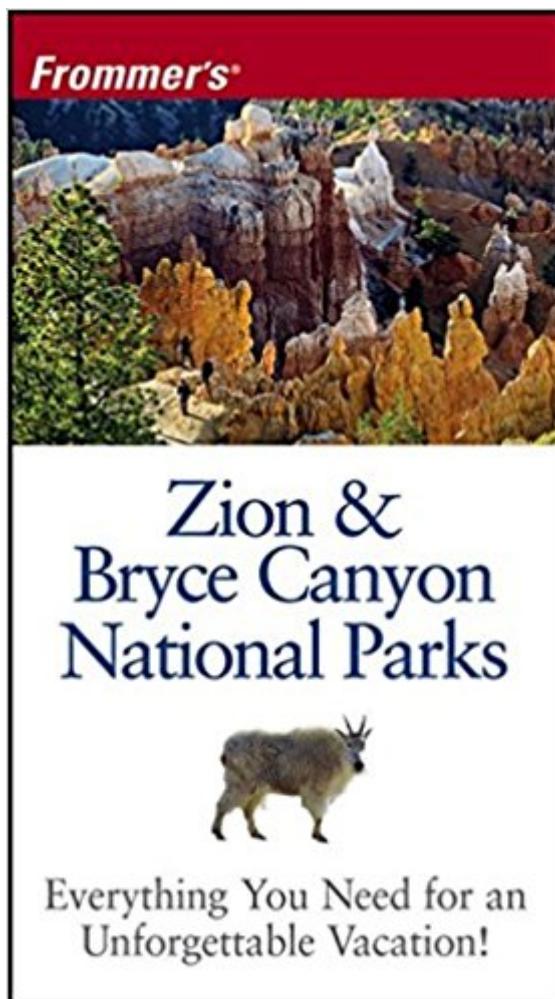


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# Frommer's Zion & Bryce Canyon National Parks (Park Guides)



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Frommer's Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks, 5th Edition includes all the up-to-date practical information and candid insider advice that you need to have the perfect park vacation, in an easy-to-carry size and at an unbeatable price: The best strategies for seeing these spectacular parks—and the lowdown on equally stunning (and less crowded!) natural wonders nearby. Great places to stay: cozy park lodges, family-friendly gateway motels, and the best campgrounds. The best hikes, from meandering garden paths to thrilling canyon trails—plus cross-country ski treks, mountain bike and horseback tours, and more. Where to eat and where to stock up on supplies, both in the parks and in gateway towns. Detailed, accurate regional, park, and trail maps—plus a fully illustrated nature guide!

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Residents of northern New Mexico for more than 30 years, Don and Barbara Laine have traveled extensively throughout the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest. They are the authors of *Frommer's Colorado*, *Frommer's Rocky Mountain National Park*, *Frommer's Yosemite & Sequoia/Kings Canyon National Parks*, and *Frommer's Utah*; are the lead authors of *Frommer's National Parks of the American West*; and have contributed to *Frommer's Texas* and *Frommer's USA*. The Laines have also written *Little-Known Southwest and New Mexico & Arizona State Parks* (both for The Mountaineers Books).

You can never go wrong with the Frommer's Park Guide series. We just got back from visiting Bryce Canyon and Zion Parks (and the surrounding areas). We brought this book with us and were very satisfied with it. We LOVED the compactness of it (easy to throw in a backpack/carry on bag). It gives a good overview of each of the parks as well as some of the surrounding sites and areas around the parks. The description of the hikes were accurate as were the restaurant/hotel reviews. The downside (as is the case with all of the Frommer's Park guides) is that it offers very little background history on the parks. You might want to pick up a book about each of the parks when you get there if you want some geological and historical background. Otherwise, I highly recommend this book!NOTE: I HIGHLY recommend taking the River Hike in Zion. Just bring a pair of old sneakers and you're good to go. Our two children (ages 4 and 8) did just fine (it has a somewhat rocky bottom). We saw people doing the hike in sandals and even barefoot, though I wouldn't recommend it. Also, we stayed in the Canyon Ranch hotel in Springdale (Zion) and LOVED it! Large, clean rooms set far back from the road. We stayed in Bryce Country Cabins located in Tropic (Bryce Canyon). Great for a family with kids or if you want to escape the "riff-raff" of the Rudy's Inn complex and want a more quiet place to stay.

This guide is smaller than the typical Frommer's and can fit handily in your back pocket. There is plenty of coverage on the best hiking trails and scenic drives through both Zion and Bryce National Parks as well as easy side trips you can make while visiting. There is also full coverage of the hotels and restaurants in the area. As always, Frommer's also includes a "Best of" section to help you zoom in on the best options for the things you're most interested in. Overall, this guide is very helpful. In addition to the basics, there are plenty of helpful tips on how to avoid crowds, what to

bring with you, how best to see animals, etc. The authors cover all the bases clearly and concisely and make planning a trip to these beautiful national parks a much easier process.

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