

One final view of Checkerboard Mesa; note the bird which accidentally got in the top center part of the photo:



Panorama from the short distance up this canyon:

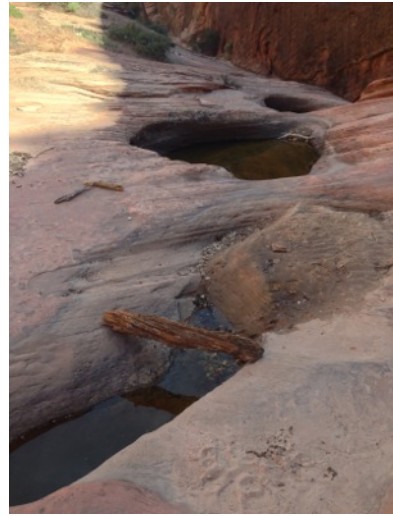


Our second hike of the day was to Many Pools Canyon. Panorama from the parking area for this canyon:

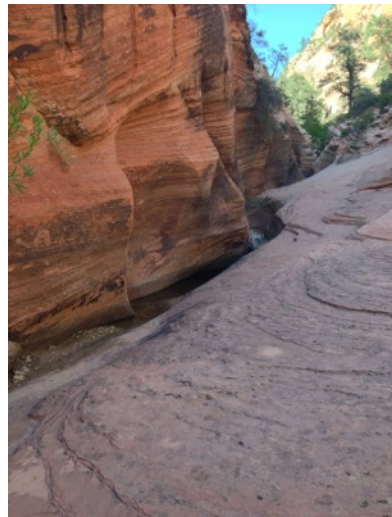
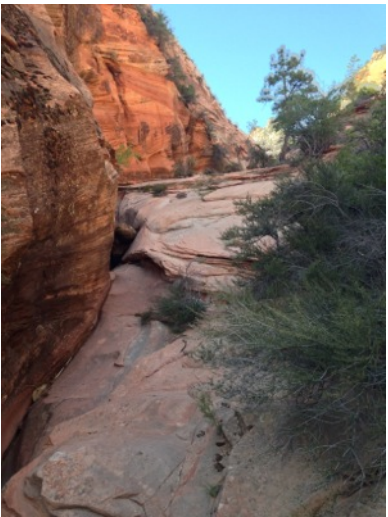


The next eight photos are of the beginning section of Many Pools Canyon, with all the pools:





In my opinion, the best part of the canyon is the two small "slots" that are beyond the major pools section. This is the first of these slots:

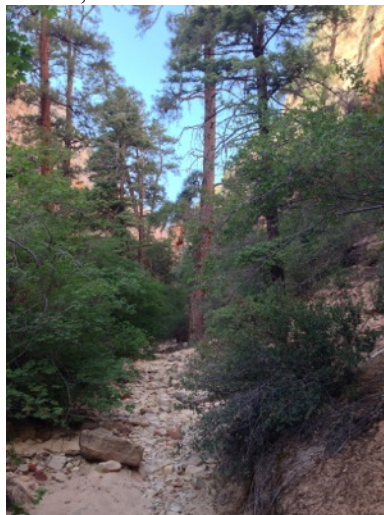




I was experimenting with some "trick" photography in this canyon, using the iPhone panorama feature, as can be seen in the next two photos from the bypass of the slot (as the slot had a lot of stagnant water in it, we decided to bypass it):



This is the open section of canyon beyond the first "slot":



This is the second "slot", which also had stagnant water in the lower end so we did not walk all the way through it:



The bypass of the upper portion of this slot can be seen in the lower right side of this photo:



A small frog we spotted near the lower end of the slot:



This is looking down on this slot from above, along the bypass route:



Looking up-canyon from the highest point of the bypass route:



We walked down the slot until the first pool of water; the next five photos show this nice slot:



Looking back up at the bypass trail from the canyon floor:



Continuing up-canyon, we soon reach what appears to be an impasse:



The canyon actually takes a sharp turn to the left, though it appears to end at the wall in the center of the photo shown here:



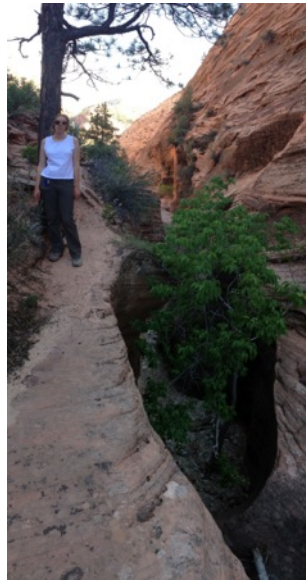
We walked along the ledge just to the left of the pool seen in the previous photo, and encountered this deep pool and impasse:



It looked like it would be possible to bypass the impasse on the left, but as it was getting late we decided to head back down-canyon. This photo is looking up the canyon wall with the moon in the upper right corner:



This is the ledge above the first slot on the bypass route:



Looking down at a log in the first slot from the bypass route:





A nice HDR of the lower part of the canyon, near the greatest concentration of pools/potholes, with some incredible cliffs in the background:



Looking back up the canyon from the road:



Our final hike of the day was the Zion Canyon Overlook trail; I hadn't been on this trail since my first trip to Zion in 2004; looking back at the bridge just before the tunnel, with Pine Creek below, from the trail:



Looking across a "tributary" of Pine Creek at the trail on the other side:



Looking up at this "tributary" canyon:



Looking down this steep canyon towards Pine Creek:



Another photo of Pine Creek from the trail; when I first hiked this trail, I had absolutely no idea how deep this slot canyon is—I wonder how many tourists hike this trail not realizing how far down they could fall if they slipped off this trail:



Guard rail at the edge of the trail:



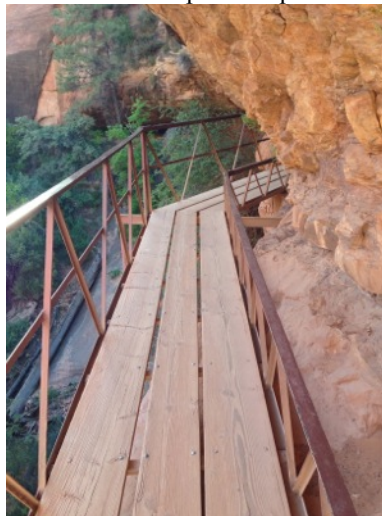
Another photo of Pine Creek:



A nice alcove in the cliffs above Pine Creek:



This walkway continues the trail where it would either have to drop down quite a ways to a small ledge or be cut deeply into the cliff:



An overhang which would be cool and shady on a hot hike in the middle of the day:



Looking back towards the road from past this alcove:



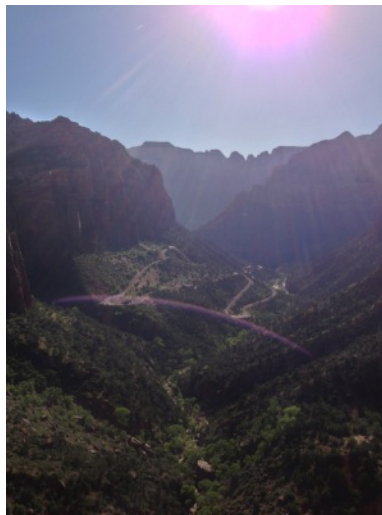
There are some nice hoodoos near the end of the trail:



This is the sign at the end of the Zion Overlook Trail:



Looking down at Lower Pine Creek and the Zion–Mt. Carmel Road (unfortunately, I could not get a good panorama from here due to the sun angle):



Panorama from the end of the trail, with the East Temple seen to the left:



Looking down towards Pine Creek from a viewpoint near the main viewpoint; note the nice arch in the right side of the photo:



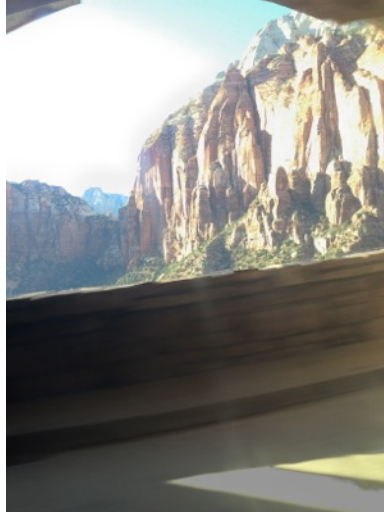
Another photo of the Zion–Mt. Carmel Road:



One last photo of the trail back:



Photo through one of the windows in the Zion Tunnel, which I took as we were driving by:



Looking at the Zion Arch from one of the turnouts on the drive down the Zion–Mt. Carmel Road:



Two final photos from the lower Zion Canyon area; this certainly is a spectacular place to visit!

