

Zion 2017 (May)

We went back to Zion for another trip this year. The first thing that strikes you as you enter the park is the scenery. This place is just as beautiful as it was a year ago.

The only thing there is to do here is Hike. But that is OK because it is so scenic. Our first Hike was emerald pools. There was some running water and some shade. The boys like the shade.



A couple scouts enjoy shade at one of the Emerald Pools

After most of the day hiking the boys wanted to cool off in the river that flows right through the Park. It was extremely cold, but that did not stop the boys from cooling off in a big way.



Scouts show how to walk in a rocky cold river, and find some cool stuff in the river bank.

Zion is a very beautiful place, and where ever you go you are struck by the views.



We stayed at the same trailer park, “Crazy Horse” that we stayed in Last year. The boy loved it, they played basket ball and ran around.

On the second day in the park we started early, and did the very challenging “Angels Landing” Hike. This is a five mile hike round trip, but it is very steep, once you get to the top, you think your done, but you are not. The most challenging park is to come. You need to enter a kind of scary, steep climb basically on a cliff. On part of it you need to walk on a chain and go single file, and if someone else is coming down you wait for them.

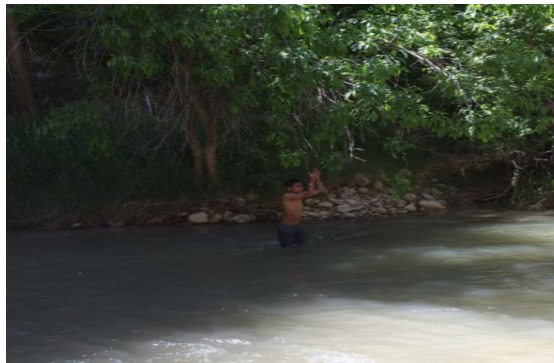


You get to the top of the main trail and you think you are done then you see where the Angel’s landing is, and you move on the a very narrow scary climb. But once you reach the top you are rewarded by amazing views. Even the scouts who made it all the way liked the views.



Another amazing view from the top, and one of the scouts actually brought his backpacking chair all the way to the top, and sat right on the edge of the cliff.

After the long walk back down, the day started heating up, so the cool water of the river was the only remedy.

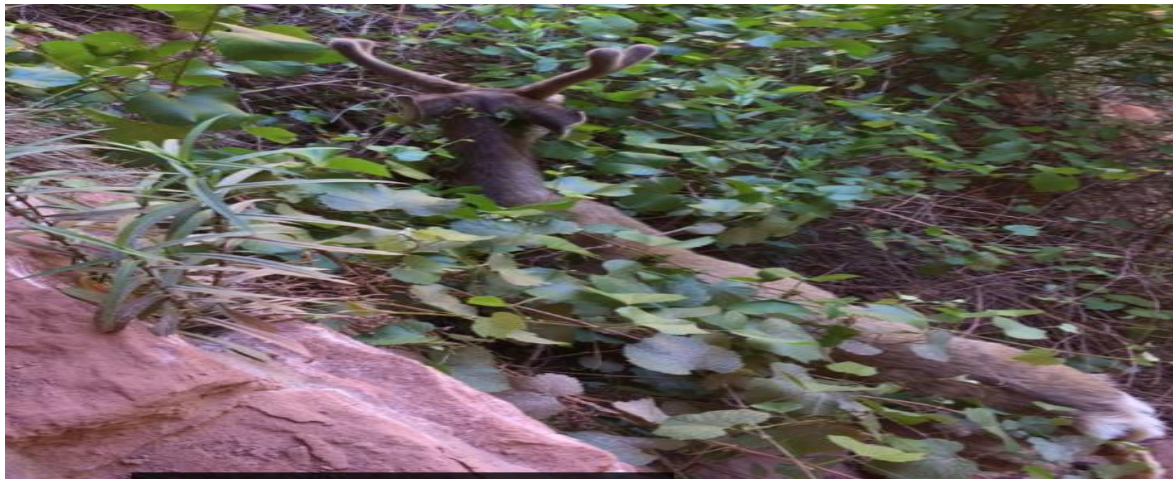


Scouts cool off again in the river, while another scout moves across the river using the trees for stability

There tends to be a lot of wild life in and around the park, and we did see our share.



Driving to and from the park was an adventure with bison staring down your windshield. And inside the park in addition to squirrels, there was deer that was not shy.



On the drive home the scouts wanted to see Vegas. So we tried to get into Trump Tower, but it was too crowded, so we only got to tak a picture.



Thanks to the scouts for the fun we had, and I hope they will remember this trip for some time to come.

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