

ZION NATIONAL PARK

PHOTOGRAPHIC HINTS

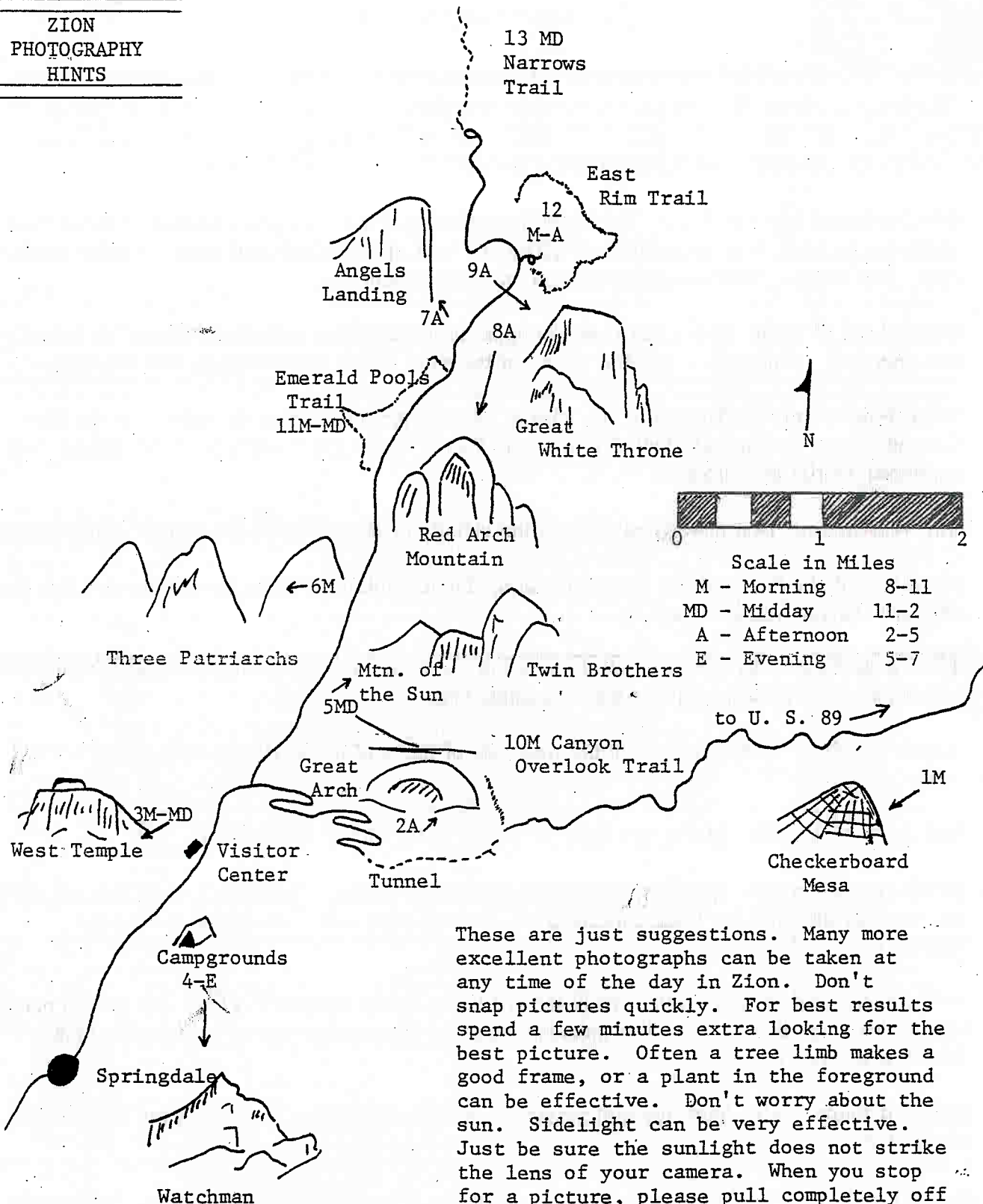


THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS RELATE TO THE NUMBERED STOPS ON THE ATTACHED "ZION PHOTOGRAPHIC HINTS" MAP. USE THIS ONLY AS A GUIDELINE. YOU WILL FIND MANY MORE ITEMS OF PHOTOGENIC INTEREST THAN COULD BE LISTED HERE.

1. **Checkerboard Mesa pull-out.** For added interest a more effective photograph of Checkerboard Mesa can be taken from approximately 100 yards west of the pullout and some 50 yards south of the road. For interest, have someone stand up on the mountain.
2. **Great Arch of Zion.** Best taken from the uppermost east-facing switchback below the tunnel in the late afternoon. This arch is 600 feet across at the base, and is approximately 400 feet high.
3. **West Temple and the Towers of the Virgin.** Photograph these from the vicinity of the Zion Canyon Visitor Center. Shadow effects on the West Temple and Towers of the Virgin are best expressed shortly after noon.
4. **The Watchman.** Best photographed from the vicinity of the campgrounds shortly before sunset.
5. **Mountain of the Sun and the Twin Brothers.** Photograph these peaks from along the first part of the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive.
6. **The Three Patriarchs.** Photograph these in the late morning from the upper viewpoint above the parking areas. For best results use a wide-angle lens.
7. **Angels Landing.** Photograph from the west side of the road in the vicinity of the Grotto Picnic Area.
8. **Red Arch Mountain.** Photograph from just north of the Grotto Picnic Area.
9. **Great White Throne.** Best photographed in the late afternoon. There are two pullouts available just north of the Weeping Rock parking area. A wide-angle lens is recommended but not necessary.
10. **Switchbacks and West Temple.** Walk the 1/2 mile (.8 km) Canyon Overlook self-guided nature trail to this magnificent view. The trails begins at the upper (east) end of the 1.1 mile long Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel.
11. **Emerald Pools Trail.** Start this trail across the road from the Zion Lodge or from the Grotto Picnic Area.
12. **East Rim Trail.** Start this 7-mile round trip from the Weeping Rock Parking area. Spectacular views down canyon from Observation Point at the end of the trail. Beautiful narrow canyons and water-scoured rock can be seen along the trail.
13. **Arrows Trail.** This easy 2-mile round trip trail leads you along the Virgin River and past the Hanging Gardens of Zion.



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These are just suggestions. Many more excellent photographs can be taken at any time of the day in Zion. Don't snap pictures quickly. For best results spend a few minutes extra looking for the best picture. Often a tree limb makes a good frame, or a plant in the foreground can be effective. Don't worry about the sun. Sidelight can be very effective. Just be sure the sunlight does not strike the lens of your camera. When you stop for a picture, please pull completely off of the road.