Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

As the new Superintendent, I want to extend a special welcome to all of you. Whether you are here for a few hours or a few days this is a spectacular place to visit, to be awed, to learn, and for all of us to be truly inspired. I want to point out some of the recent improvements and special opportunities that will improve upon your experience of the natural and cultural history of this spectacular landscape.

Welcome to Your National Park:

If you enter through the South Entrance, make the Grand Canyon Visitor Center your first stop and leave your car behind. Here you can view our new interpretive exhibits, purchase books about Grand Canyon. Books & More (open later), bicycle rental, and viewpoinis nearby.

If you are entering through Desert View, the new Desert View Visitor Center should be your first stop for information and orientation; and you should be sure to visit the newly rehabilitated Desert View Watchtower.

In the Inner Canyon, the Bright Angel Pueblo wayside exhibits provide rafters and hikers with a new opportunity to learn about the native peoples who have called Grand Canyon home for thousands of years.

I highly recommend the Junior Ranger program, and if you should travel to the North Rim, the North Rim Junior Ranger Artist program provides a unique opportunity for kids to explore the park through their art.

The Grand Canyon is a world class natural wonder. While you are here, I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to not only see it, but to experience it, to learn about it, and like me, to be inspired by it.

Safe Travels!

Dave Uberuaga
Superintendent

Information

Village Area
Grand Canyon Visitor Center
8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Plan your visit, see the park film, and learn about Grand Canyon. Books & More (open later), bicycle rental, and viewpoints nearby.

Backcountry Information Center
8:00 a.m.–noon; 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Chat with park rangers to obtain backcountry information and permits.

Kolb Studio
Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
View exhibits in the restored 1904 Kolb brothers’ home and photography studio.

Verkamp’s Visitor Center
Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Visit one of the oldest buildings in Grand Canyon Village and discover community history.

Yavapai Geology Museum
Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Find answers to your geology questions with 3D maps and exhibits about the geologic story you see through the windows.

Desert View Area
Tusayan Museum and Ruin
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Look into the past and present day lives of thriving Native American communities. Located 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Desert View.

Desert View Visitor Center
Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Nov: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Explore how Grand Canyon inspired artists, writers, musicians, and conservationists.

A National Park Service passport cancellation stamp is available at these facilities, except for the Backcountry Information Center.

Getting Around

By Car
It is possible to drive your vehicle anywhere on paved park roads except for the road to Hermits Rest and the road to South Kaibab Trail and Yaki Point. These sections of road are indicated on this guide’s maps by dashed lines. If you would like to explore in your personal vehicle, consider driving Desert View Drive (64 East). This 25-mile (40 km) road offers access to scenic vistas, Tusayan Museum and Ruin, and Desert View Watchtower. See page 16 for more information.

By Foot
Get out and stretch your legs. Whether it is going for a short walk along the Rim Trail or undertaking a more difficult venture below the rim, using your own two feet is a great way to see the canyon. Information on hiking trails, the Rim Trail, and hiking safety is available on pages 12–13 of this guide.

Shuttle Bus
Leave your vehicle behind and ride the free shuttle bus. See pages 7–10 for routes and information for three options.

Bicycle
Explore the canyon on a bike. Pathways marked on this guide’s maps in green are accessible by bike. Visit Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals at Grand Canyon Visitor Center for rentals; see page 15 for information. Be sure to follow all safety procedures, and prepare for weather changes. Areas of the Rim Trail where bicycles are allowed are limited, so consult a park ranger when planning your ride.
What Can I Do Here?

Get Oriented
- Grand Canyon—A Journey of Wonder: See the park film at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Movie repeats on the hour and half-hour. Last show at 4:30 p.m.

Explore Geology
- Trail of Time: Stroll the 1.3-mile (2.1 km) trail along the rim with samples of rock from all the canyon layers and information on how the canyon formed.
- Yavapai Geology Museum: Learn about the geologic history of the canyon and enjoy expansive views.
- Geology Walk and Geo-Glimpse: Hear the dynamic story of how Grand Canyon formed. See page 4 for park ranger programs.

Uncover History
- Verkamp’s Visitor Center: Explore more than 100 years of community life at Grand Canyon.
- Tusayan Museum and Ruin: Gain a glimpse into the lives of people who lived here hundreds of years ago. See page 5 for program information.
- Historic Village: Walk through the village historic district and explore the rustic buildings of Grand Canyon’s early days.
- Kolb Studio: Learn about the Kolb brothers and their photographic ventures in the canyon.

Discover Wildlife
- Condor Talk: Be inspired by the amazing story of the California condor at Grand Canyon. See page 4 for program information.
- Plant and Animal Brochure: Pick up a copy of the Life on the Rim brochure and look for wildlife along the canyon’s rim.

Enjoy the View
- Hermits Rest Shuttle Bus (Red Route): Ride the 7-mile (11 km) shuttle bus route, stopping at nine scenic viewpoints. See page 10.
- Desert View Drive: Drive along 25 miles (40 km) of spectacular points with views of the Colorado River and Grand Canyon Supergroup. Climb to the top floor of Desert View Watchtower for a 360-degree view. See page 16.
- Kaibab/Rim Route Shuttle Bus (Orange Route): Ride this 50-minute round-trip shuttle bus route to enjoy five scenic viewpoints. See pages 7–9 for information.
- Colorado River: See portions of the Colorado River from viewpoints along Hermit Road, Desert View Drive, and from Yavapai and Mather points.

Explore on Foot
- Rim Trail Hiking: Walk along this trail to explore views along 13 miles (21 km). Distances and times vary. Refer to pages 8–10 and 12 for information.
- Inner Canyon Day Hiking: Venture part way into the canyon by way of Bright Angel, South Kaibab, and Hermit trails. See pages 12–13 to plan your hike.
- Overnight Hiking: The canyon can be a dangerous place to hike. With the right information and preparation you can explore deeper into the canyon and stay overnight at Phantom Ranch or in one of the campgrounds. See pages 12–13 for information or stop by the Backcountry Information Center.

Pack a Picnic
- Dine Outdoors: Relax with a picnic lunch at Mather Point, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Shrine of the Ages, Train Depot, or along Desert View Drive.

Sunrise or Sunset
There is no one best place for watching sunrise or sunset, just good places and better places. Look for a viewpoint that juts into the canyon with views both east and west.

- While Hopi Point is unquestionably a desirable viewpoint for sunset, it attracts crowds of people and buses. Nearby Mohave Point offers a quieter alternative.
- Yaki and Yavapai points are accessible by shuttle, offer spectacular views of the canyon, and are less congested.
- Lipan, Navajo, and Desert View points offer incredible views of the canyon with extensive stretches of the river below.

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# Ranger Programs

**Discover Grand Canyon with the Rangers and Volunteers Who Know it Inside and Out**

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## Cedar Ridge Hike

Join a park ranger to discover the beauty of the inner canyon on this arduous hike. Hike descends 1,140 feet (347 m) below the rim on the unpaved South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge. This strenuous 3-mile (5 km) round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Sturdy footwear and 1–2 quarts (1–2 liters) of water per person are required. Hat, sunscreen, and snacks strongly recommended. If snow or ice is present on the trail this program will hike along the rim from the South Kaibab trailhead west toward the Grand Canyon Visitor Center. **Trailhead is closed to private vehicles.** Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to trailhead.

### Cedar Ridge Hike Details
- **Location:** South Kaibab Trailhead
- **Time:** Sept/Oct 8:00 a.m., Nov 8:30 a.m.
- **Duration:** 3–4 hours
- **Frequency:** Daily

### Cedar Ridge Hike Requirements
- Sturdy footwear
- 1–2 quarts (1–2 liters) of water per person
- Hat, sunscreen, and snacks

### Cedar Ridge Hike Notes
- Trailhead is accessible by shuttle bus only.
- **Notes:**
  - If snow or ice is present on the trail, the program will hike along the rim from the South Kaibab trailhead west toward the Grand Canyon Visitor Center.
  - Trailhead is closed to private vehicles.
  - Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to trailhead.

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# Special Programs

## Full Moon Walk and Star Talk

Discover the mysteries of the night! During nights around the full moon and new moon, park rangers may offer moon walks and star talks at the Yavapai Geology Museum. Programs are offered as staffing allows. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for times and locations.

### Full Moon Walk and Star Talk Details
- **Location:** Yavapai Geology Museum
- **Time:** Varies
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Frequency:** Around new and full moons

## Graveyard Walk

During nights around the full moon, park rangers may offer a moonlight tour of Grand Canyon’s historic Pioneer Cemetery. Program is offered as staffing is allowed. Check at National Park Service visitor centers to see if this casual stroll is scheduled.

### Graveyard Walk Details
- **Location:** Pioneer Cemetery
- **Time:** Varies
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Frequency:** Around full moons
Desert View Area

A Journey Through Time

Have you ever wondered what life was like at Grand Canyon 800 years ago? How did people find food, water, and shelter? Join a park ranger to explore the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village. Envision a thriving community in this harsh and demanding environment. Program includes a walk along a 0.1-mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail.

Inside the Canyon

Note: These programs are offered in Grand Canyon’s backcountry. You must hike or ride the mules to these locations.

Indian Garden

Park rangers present programs at the amphitheater just south of Indian Garden Campground. Check the bulletin board in the campground for times and topics. Park rangers also post information on additional programs as scheduling permits.

Phantom Ranch

Talks and evening programs cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. Check the Bright Angel Campground bulletin board in the campground for times and topics. Park rangers also post information on additional programs as scheduling permits.

Get Involved!

Want to make a difference during your stay? Volunteer at Grand Canyon!

Do you like plants and getting your hands dirty? Work with the National Park Service’s Vegetation Program to restore native plant communities and protect the ecological integrity of Grand Canyon National Park. Drop in for a few hours or stay for the season. Contact the Vegetation Program Volunteer Coordinator at (928) 638-7753 for information about potential accommodations and upcoming opportunities.

For a current list of volunteer opportunities throughout the park, visit www.volunteer.gov or contact Todd Nelson at (928) 638-7307.

Stay Safe!

Keep Wildlife Wild

- Never approach any animal.
- Stay at least 300 yards (274 m) away from larger animals.
- Deer and elk can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory.
- Do not feed the squirrels and stay away from them; they can bite.

Near the Edge

- Stay at least 6 feet (2 m) from the edge and hold on to children.
- Never throw anything over the edge, including rocks and coins. Hikers and big horn sheep may be just below and can be seriously injured.

Weather and Elevation

- Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing.
- Direct sun can cause dehydration and sunburn. Drink water, stay out of the heat, and use sunscreen.
- At 7000 feet (2135 m) elevation you may feel short of breath, nauseous, or tire easily. Drink water and take it easy.

Orphan Mine Site Field Investigation

From mid-September through October, the National Park Service will have field teams investigating historic soil contamination related to the Orphan Mine Site. Most of the activity will occur between Maricopa Point and Hopi Point along Grand Canyon’s South Rim and in a small area along the railroad line west of Grand Canyon Village. Visitors will likely notice field sampling teams collecting soil samples in both clean (background) areas as well as in areas potentially impacted by mining activities. The results of this soil investigation will be used to develop a cleanup plan for any area that poses an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Fact Sheets explaining the project in more detail are available at the site, on the park’s website (http://www.nps.gov/gcar/parkmgmt/publications.htm), and in the Grand Canyon and Verkamp’s visitor centers. The park’s goal is to eventually re-open the original Rim Trail in this area and to preserve and protect the park’s natural and cultural resources, as well as its scenic, aesthetic, and scientific values, so as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

Please Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.
Events and Opportunities

Check at National Park Service visitor centers for more information about these and other special events and opportunities.

Celebration of Art
September 10–17
The 3rd Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art features 30 artists from around the country in a plein air competition, exhibit and sale, and a quick draw event and auction.

September 10–14
Mather Point Amphitheater
4:00 p.m., watch artist demonstrations with the grandeur of the canyon as a backdrop.

September 15
Mather Point to Kolb Studio
Sunrise to 10:00 a.m., take a stroll and view artists painting along the rim.

Shrine of the Ages Auditorium
7:00 p.m., Chasing the Light, a film featuring artists Bruce Aiken and P.A. Nisbet.

September 16
El Tovar North Lawn
9:00–11:00 a.m., Quick Draw Event
Noon–1 p.m., Auction

September 17
Kolb Studio
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Opening Reception. View the paintings that capture the majestic and timeless beauty of Grand Canyon and were just created for this event!

Through November 27
Exhibition and Sale at Kolb Studio
Proceeds will be dedicated to funding an art venue on the South Rim to preserve and showcase the masterpieces of art in the Grand Canyon Association and Grand Canyon National Park collections.

Sponsors
The 3rd Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art is sponsored by the Grand Canyon Association, Arizona Public Service, The Gumbo Foundation, and Xanterra Parks & Resorts. With additional funding from Loven Contracting, The Picerne Fine Art Collection courtesy of Doreen, David and Danielle Picerne, Anonymous, and The Zuckerman Family Foundation. The Grand Canyon Association and Jack Dudley Memorial Fund Purchase Award is funded by the Jack Dudley Memorial Fund.

Grand Canyon Music Festival
September 9–10
Shrine of the Ages
7:30 p.m., Duo Binelli Ferman, Musical Ambassadors to the Americas, close out the award-winning Grand Canyon Music Festival’s 28th season with “New Tango Visions.” For programming notes and ticket information, visit the Music Festival’s website at www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org or call (800) 997-8285. Tickets also available from the concierge at El Tovar Hotel or at the door the night of each performance.

Earth Science Week
October 9–15
including National Fossil Day
October 12
Earth Science Week promotes understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and its applications and relevance to our daily lives.

Grand Canyon National Park is an ideal place to celebrate Earth Science Week. The park is a natural classroom and laboratory for the earth sciences and is one of the most well-known and scenic geologic landscapes on the planet. Join us for special activities including exhibits, geology talks, fossil walks, Trail of Time walks, special evening programs, and more.

For additional information, visit http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/earth-sci-week.htm

Artist-in-Residence
September to November
Grand Canyon hosts two Artist-in-Residence programs—a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. During their time at the canyon, each artist or group presents free, family-friendly workshops and presentations to the public. Ask in National Park Service visitor centers for program times and locations. Visit www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm for information.

September
Antony Lyon, sculptor/installation artist; Bristol, United Kingdom

October
Rhonda Rider, cellist; Boston, Massachusetts. Special program: October 6, 7:30 p.m., Shrine of the ages.

Stan Honda, photographer; New York City, New York

November
Michael Yinger, found object sculptor; Brooklyn, New York
The Guide
September 6 to November 30, 2011

Ride the Free Shuttle Buses

**Village Route (Blue)**
Free shuttle buses provide transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, parking lots, and facilities in Grand Canyon Village. This is not a scenic route, but rim views are a short walk from many stops. See the map on pages 8–9 for the route and stops.

*Round trip:* 50 minutes without getting off the bus.

*Buses run every:* 30 minutes 5:00 a.m.–6:30 a.m., 15 minutes 6:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m., 30 minutes 7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

**Kaibab/Rim Route (Orange)**
Free shuttle buses provide transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center and various viewpoints along the rim. This is the shortest scenic route and the only access to Yaki Point and South Kaibab Trailhead. See the map on pages 8–9 for the route and stops.

*Round trip:* 50 minutes without getting off the bus.

*Buses run every:* 30 minutes 5:00 a.m.–6:30 a.m., 15 minutes 6:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset.

**Hermits Rest Route (Red)**
See page 10 for information on this route.

**Hiker’s Express**
An early morning bus with service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus departs from Bright Angel Lodge bus stop on the hour; second stop at Backcountry Information Center; third stop at Grand Canyon Visitor Center; last stop at South Kaibab Trailhead.

- September: 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 a.m.
- October: 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 a.m.
- November: 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 a.m.

**Accessibility**
Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps and space to carry passengers in wheelchairs. Please note: wheelchairs larger than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm) cannot be accommodated on shuttle buses. Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.

An access pass, allowing entry to some areas closed to public traffic, is available at entrance gates, National Park Service visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

**Bicycles**
Bicycling is a great way to actively explore the South Rim of Grand Canyon. Riding a bike gives you the freedom to explore the less-crowded view points and avoid congested parking lots. Remember to always wear your helmet when riding a bike.

**Where can I ride a bicycle?**
Bicycles are permitted on all paved roadways and Greenway Trails (shown in green on the map on pages 8–9) in the park. Bicycles are NOT permitted on the Rim Trail or on hiking trails in the canyon.

**Can I transport my bicycle by shuttle?**
Each shuttle bus is equipped with a 2- or 3-capacity bicycle rack on the front. Bicyclists are required to load and unload their own bikes and are responsible for bike security.

**Where can I rent a bicycle?**
Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals, located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, offers bicycle rentals and tours, weather permitting. See page 15 for additional information.
Did you know that Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site? In an effort to reduce litter in this world-class landscape, plastics in the park’s waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), the National Park Service and its partners, including the Grand Canyon Association, Delaware North Companies, and Xanterra South Rim, have developed a reusable water bottle program.

**We have filling stations!** Filling stations that provide fresh Grand Canyon spring water are now available throughout the park:

- Hermits Rest
- Bright Angel Trailhead
- South Kaibab Trailhead
- Canyon Village Market
- Desert View Market

- Verkamp’s Visitor Center
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Desert View Visitor Center
- Maswik Lodge

**Fill ‘er up!** What can you do to help? Bring or buy a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free. You can purchase reusable, souvenir water bottles at all park retailers.

**Why refill?** When you refill your bottle you:

- Enjoy fresh Grand Canyon spring water.
- Reduce litter within the park, plastics in the waste stream, and GHGs.
- Save money—Grand Canyon spring water is FREE!
- Help save our environment!

Almost 30% of Grand Canyon’s waste stream is disposable plastic bottles.
**Sustainable Grand Canyon—A Team Effort**

The National Park Service (NPS) and park concessioners at Grand Canyon National Park invite you to join them in their commitment to environmental sustainability. Working together, we are minimizing our impact on the park’s natural resources and improving your experience.

**Grand Canyon National Park** is managed to preserve and protect its natural and cultural resources and ecological processes, as well as its scenic, aesthetic, and scientific values, and to provide opportunities for visitors to experience and understand the environmental interrelationships, resources, and values of Grand Canyon without impairing the resources.

- Implemented new bike rentals, bike paths, and employee bike share program.
- Operated clean-burning compressed natural gas (CNG) shuttle buses. In 2010, over 1.3 million riders took 445,000 vehicles off park roads!
- Utilized alternative fuel vehicles and recycled vehicle fluids, tires, and batteries.
- Installed photovoltaic, passive solar, and wind renewable energy sources.
- Encouraged use of reusable water bottles by installing water bottle filling stations.
- Met LEED standards (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) in all new construction.
- Joined in Climate Friendly Parks program to reduce carbon emissions 30% below 2008 levels.

**Xanterra Parks & Resorts®** provides South Rim lodging, dining, transportation services, shops, and operates the Grand Canyon Railway. Award-winning sustainability efforts include:

- Won the NPS Environmental Achievement Award for numerous sustainability initiatives and progress toward federal environmental targets.
- Implemented a LEED Gold renovation at Bright Angel Lodge, with waterless urinals, dual flush toilets, ultra low-flow faucets, super efficient hand dryers, occupancy sensors, and a renewable energy system for sensor faucets. Installed an efficient HVAC system and new skylights in gift shop.
- Replaced diesel buses with nine efficient compressed natural gas full-sized tour buses.
- Purchased 23.81% of food and beverages locally or sustainably produced.
-Powered the Grand Canyon Railway steam locomotive with 100% waste vegetable oil, collected from South Rim restaurants.
- Replaced individual 1oz bottles with bulk bathroom amenities in most guest rooms.
- Tracked how many disposable bottles are eliminated at water filling stations in Maswik Lodge Cafeteria.

**Grand Canyon Association: Be a Part of Something Grand**

**You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!**

Grand Canyon Association (GCA), a non-profit member organization, helps preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park by cultivating support, education, and understanding of the park.

GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to fund a variety of projects and programs, including new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, and historic building preservation.


Want to do something grand? Grand Canyon Field Institute offers 100+ classes annually that vary from a few hours of personal interpretation to multi-day guided trips into the canyon.

Teachers can benefit from GCA’s outreach program, including educational Travelin’ Trunks and DVDs for loan.

Supporting the arts is another focus of GCA. Several free, rotating exhibits at Kolb Studio are developed and hosted by GCA annually. The Grand Canyon Celebration of Art brings artists to the canyon for eight days of special events each fall. Proceeds from this event are dedicated to funding a new, permanent art venue on the South Rim.

GCA priority projects for funding in 2011 include:

- **Wilderness Trail Restoration:** Maintaining backcountry trail system to protect native vegetation and wildlife.
- **Interpreting Sustainable Practices:** Creating displays to help explain sustainability and climate friendly practices within the park.
- **Sharing the Park with Kids Across America:** Funding helps purchase distance learning hardware and software to provide free park ranger-led programming for school districts across the country.

**Delaware North Companies (DNC) provides markets at the South Rim and Desert View and is a key partner in environmental stewardship at Grand Canyon.**

- Won the NPS Environmental Achievement Award (2010) for a green interior remodeling of Canyon Village Market at Market Plaza.
- Installed water bottle filling stations in Desert View and Canyon Village markets.
- Used an Environmental Management System, GreenPath®, to guide environmental operations. DNC is an international ISO 14001 standard certified organization.
- Offered organic groceries, earth-friendly cleaning supplies, and gifts made from organic material and recycled content. The Deli disposable cups, utensils, and containers are 85% compostable.

**Forever Resorts operates Grand Canyon Lodge, shops, and restaurants on the North Rim. Their award-winning Forever Earth™ Environmental Management System is certified to ISO 14001:2004 and provides sustainable operations guidance.**

- Increased solid waste diversion rate to nearly 100% through an extensive recycling program. Sent only a small amount of waste to a landfill and used only one dumpster.
- Used an organic composter to digest restaurant food waste into an organic, odor-free liquid that safely travels through the waste system. Composted more than 19,000 pounds last year, reducing 15,827 pounds of greenhouse gas.
- Recycled plastic and glass containers with a reverse vending machine that rewards the environmentalist with a General Store coupon credit.
- Practized green purchasing throughout operations, including retail and gift items, cleaning and maintenance supplies, food, and beverages. Purchased organic, locally, regionally, and repurposed items whenever available to support the local economy.

**You, Our Visitors**

Here’s what you can do to reduce your impact at Grand Canyon National Park:

- Ride the shuttle buses, ride a bike, walk, or hike.
- Use recycling bins throughout the park.
- Fill your reusable water bottle at water filling stations.

To become a member or to make a donation, visit a GCA bookstore, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit www.grandcanyon.org.

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**Grand Canyon National Park**

**Official non-profit partner to Grand Canyon National Park**

www.grandcanyon.org
**Explore the Rim Trail**
The Rim Trail provides a diverse experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon. From a short 30-minute sunrise hike to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. Hike between any two points and catch a free shuttle bus when you are tired. Consult the maps on pages 8–10 for locations. Distances and times below are one way.

**Easy Hikes**
Wide, paved trail; accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance

**Trail of Time**
Verkamp’s Visitor Center to Yavapai Geology Museum
Learn how Grand Canyon formed
1.3 miles/2.1 km, 1–2 hours

**Village Historic District**
Verkamp’s Visitor Center to Kolb Studio
Explore local history
0.6 miles/1 km, 20–30 minutes

**Yavapai Point to Mather Point**
Views of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
0.7 miles/1.1 km, 30–45 minutes

**Easy, Less Traveled Hikes**
Little elevation gain

**South Kaibab Trailhead to Mather Pt.**
Great views of an inner canyon trail
2.1 miles/3.4 km, 1.5 to 2 hours

**Monument Creek Vista to Hermits Rest**
Accessible by bicycle
2.8 miles/4.5 km, 2–2.5 hours

**Hopii Point to Powell Point**
Dynamic views of the canyon; unpaved
0.3 miles/0.5 km, 30–45 minutes

**Moderate Hikes**
Elevation gain and/or rough, narrow trail

**Mohave Point to Monument Creek Vista**
Unpaved rough trail with great views
2.0 miles/3.2 km, 1.5 to 2 hours

**Hermits Rest Route Transfer to Trailview Overlook**
Paved, steep grade, overlooks Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail
0.7 miles/1.1 km, 20–30 minutes

**Want to Descend into the Canyon? Hike Smart!**
Consider the topics below as you plan your hiking trip into Grand Canyon.

**Fall Weather Variates**
Inner canyon temperatures in September can soar past 100°F (38°C). The first snowstorms may come to the South Rim as early as mid-October. Know the weather forecast and dress appropriately.

**5 Strategies for an Enjoyable Hike**
1. **When to Hike**
   - Until the weather turns cool, start hiking when the temperature is still warm, consider the Rim Trail, or descend no further than a mile-and-a-half (2.4 km) down into the canyon.
   - If hiking mid-day is your only option, and the temperature is still warm, consider the Rim Trail, or descend no further than a mile-and-a-half (2.4 km) down into the canyon.
   - Double your calories, double your fun. Consume salty snacks and water on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Snack every time you drink.
   - For every hour hiking in the canyon, drink one-half to one quart/liter of water.
   - Rest often in the shade: sit down, prop your legs up, and take a 5- to 10-minute break once every hour.

**Gear**
- Dress appropriately in layered clothing for rain, sun, wind, heat, and cold. Hike with a shirt on to limit sun exposure.
- Wear and bring sunscreen. Reapply regularly.
- Wear a hat that covers your ears and carry a headlamp to use in the dark.
- Bring food, water, a map, and any medicine you may need on your hike.

**Plan for the Unexpected**

**Heat Exhaustion**: Result of dehydration due to intense sweating. Hikers can lose 1–2 quarts/liters of water per hour.
- **Symptoms**: pale face, nausea, cool and moist skin, headache, and cramps.
- **Treatment**: drink water, eat high-energy foods, rest in the shade, and cool the patient.

**Heat Stroke**: Life-threatening emergency where the body is overwhelmed and can no longer regulate core temperature.
- **Symptoms**: flushed face, dry skin, weak rapid pulse, high body temperature, poor judgment or inability to cope, and unconsciousness. Danger!
- **Treatment**: find shade, cool patient with water, and send for help.

**Hyponatremia**: Mimics early symptoms of heat exhaustion. Results from low sodium in the blood from drinking too much water, not eating enough salty foods, and losing salt through sweating.
- **Symptoms**: nausea, vomiting, altered mental states, and frequent urination.
- **Treatment**: have the patient rest and eat salty foods. If mental alertness decreases, seek immediate help!

**Pick your Hike**
Now that you know more, use the maps on page 13 to choose a safe hike that best fits your abilities and available time. Plan on taking twice as long to hike up as it took to hike down.

**Remember:**
- **Hiking to the river and back in one day is dangerous and never recommended** due to limited shade, extreme heat, and a near 5,000 foot (1,524 m) elevation change!
- The only dogs allowed below the rim are service animals.
- Colorado River is fast, wide, and cold (55°F / 13°C). Do not swim in the river.
- Rocks tossed over or dislodged by taking shortcuts can injure hikers.
- A permit is required to camp in the backcountry. Stop by the Backcountry Information Center to obtain a permit. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. Visit www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm for information.
The most popular trail into Grand Canyon begins west of Bright Angel Lodge. Seasonal drinking water is available along the trail, subject to line breaks. Water at resthouses is turned off when freezing starts. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions and water availability. Emergency phones are located at 1 1/2-Mile Resthouse, 3-Mile Resthouse, and Indian Garden. Trail is shaded early and late in the day. The upper portion drops down Garden Creek Canyon.

This trail begins almost a mile south of Yaki Point; you must ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to the South Kaibab Trailhead stop. Best views for a relatively short hike. Water available at the trailhead, but not along the trail. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions. This trail follows an exposed ridge line.

This rough, unmaintained trail starts 500 feet (150 m) west of Hermits Rest. Recommended for experienced desert hikers only. Hiking boots recommended. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions. Water available at Hermits Rest. Water from springs must be treated. Hermit Trail gives intimate views of a long side canyon.
Food and Beverage

**The Arizona Room**
Outside Bright Angel Lodge; no reservations
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. through Oct 30
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. through Nov 30
Lounges: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. through Nov 30
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Bright Angel Coffee House**
In Bright Angel Lodge
Through Sept 30: 5:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
Beginning Oct 1: 6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

**Bright Angel Restaurant**
Rim side of Bright Angel Lodge; open weather permitting
Through Sept 30: 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Beginning Oct 1: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**Bright Angel Lounge**
Maswik Lodge
6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

**Canyon Village Deli**
In Canyon Village Market
8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving day

**El Tovar Dining Room**
In El Tovar Hotel
Breakfast: 6:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m. through Sept 30; 6:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. beginning Oct 1
Lunch: 11:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
Lounges: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**South Rim**
For same-day reservations call (928) 638-2631.
For advance reservations call (888) 297-2757 or visit www.grandcanyonlodges.com
Prices subject to change.

- Bright Angel Lodge $70–178
- El Tovar Hotel $178–426
- Kachina Lodge $173–184
- Thunderbird Lodge $173–184
- Maswik Lodge $92–173
- Yavapai Lodge $114–163

**Phantom Ranch**
Dormitory and cabin space located at the bottom of the canyon. Advance reservations required. Call (888) 297-2757 or inquire at Transportation Desks in Bright Angel, Maswik, or Yavapai lodges.

**North Rim**
Grand Canyon Lodge
Located 5 hours (215 miles, 346 km) from Grand Canyon Village. For reservations call (877) 386-4383 or visit www.foreverresorts.com
Last night of lodging for the season is Oct 15.

**Tusayan, AZ Lodging**
Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn
(800) 937-8376 or (928) 638-2681

**Camping**

**Mather Campground**
Operated by the National Park Service. No hook-ups; dump station available. Maximum vehicle length: 30 feet (9.1 m). Campsites: $18 per night. Some sites may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check at the campground entrance. Reservations available until November 19. Call (877) 444-6777 or visit www.recreation.gov

**Desert View Campground**
Operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Pull-through sites with hook-ups. $34.50 per night for two people; $3.00 for each additional person over age 16. Register at Trailer Village entrance. Advance reservations: (888) 297-2757 or www.grandcanyonlodges.com
Same-day reservations: (928) 638-2631.

**In the Backcountry**
To camp anywhere other than Mather Campground, Trailer Village, or Desert View Campground, you must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. or call (928) 638-7875 from 1:00–5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

**Outside the Park**
Camper Village
Commercial campground located one mile (1.6 km) south of park entrance in Tusayan. Hook-ups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store available year round.
Call (928) 638-2887 or visit www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com

**Medical**
24-Hour emergency care dial 911
From hotel rooms dial 9-911

**North Country**
Grand Canyon Clinic
Through Oct 3: 7 days, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Beginning Oct 14: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
(928) 638-2551

**Services**

**Groceries**
Canyon Village Market
Through Oct 2: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Oct 3 to Nov 27: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving day: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Beginning Nov 28: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

**Desert View Market**
Through Oct 2: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Beginning Oct 3: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Closed Thanksgiving day

**Child Day Care**
Kaibab Learning Center offers day care for one to 12 year olds on a space available basis. Immunization records must be provided. Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (928) 638-6333

**Chase Bank and ATM**
At Market Plaza. 24-hour ATM.
Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
(928) 638-2437
ATM also in Maswik Lodge lobby.

**Garage Services**
Located east of the train depot at east end of Xanterra General Offices. Open daily: 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. Provides basic emergency repairs and tow service to Williams or Flagstaff. (928) 638-2631

**Laundry and Showers**
Located at Camper Services at Mather Campground entrance. Through Sept 15: 6:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
Last laundry load: 9:45 p.m.; Sept 16 to Oct 27: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Last laundry load: 7:45 p.m.; beginning Oct 28: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Last laundry load: 4:45 p.m.

**Lost and Found**
For items lost or found in hotels, restaurants, or gift shops, call (928) 638-2631. For all other items call (928) 638-7798 and (928) 638-2631.

**Post Office**
Located at Market Plaza.
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
(928) 638-2512

**Canyon Plaza Resort**
Located 5 hours (215 miles, 346 km) from Grand Canyon Village. For reservations call (888) 386-4383 or visit www.foreverresorts.com
Last night of lodging for the season is Oct 15.
Transportation

Arizona Shuttle
Service between Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Tucson, and other locations. (877) 226-8060 or (928) 226-8060 www.arizonashuttle.com

Flagstaff Shuttle and Charter
Service between Flagstaff and Grand Canyon, as well as between the North and South rims. (888) 215-3105

Transcanyon Shuttle
Service between the North and South rims. Reservations required. (928) 638-2820 www.trans-canyonshuttle.com

Grand Canyon Railway
Service between Williams and Grand Canyon. (800) THE-TRAIN www.thetrain.com

Local Taxi Service
Daily, 24-hour service to Grand Canyon Airport, trailheads, and other destinations. (928) 638-2822

Arizona Highway Information
511 or (888) 411-ROAD www.az511.gov

Religious Services
Religious services are offered in the park and the nearby community. Current schedules are posted at Mather Campground (near the check-in station), Shrine of the Ages, the information kiosk near the post office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Park Headquarters, and Verkamp’s Visitor Center.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Gary Bishop, Branch President (928) 638-2792

El Cristo Rey Roman Catholic
Rev. Michael Accinni-Reinhardt (928) 638-2390

Grand Canyon Assembly of God
Brian and Debbie Fulthorp, Pastors. (928) 707-2904

Grand Canyon Baptist Church
Rick Wiles, Pastor (928) 638-0757

Grand Canyon Community Church
Patrick Dotson, Pastor (928) 638-2340

Jewish Services and Programs
Rabbi Nina Perlmutter (928) 777-8172

Books and Gifts

Village Area
Books & More near
Grand Canyon Visitor Center
Sept: Oct 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Bright Angel Lodge
7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

El Tovar Hotel
7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Hopi House
Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Kolb Studio
Sept: Oct 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Lookout Studio
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Maswik Lodge
7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

Verkamp’s Visitor Center
Sept: Oct 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Yavapai Geology Museum
Sept: Oct 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Yavapai Lodge Curio
Through Oct 31: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Beginning Nov 1: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Desert View Area
Desert View Trading Post
Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Desert View Visitor Center
Sept: Oct 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Nov: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Desert View Watchtower
Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Tusayan Museum
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Pets Must Be Leashed at All Times
Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails throughout the developed areas of the South Rim, but not below the rim. The only exception is service animals. Persons wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in first at the Backcountry Information Center.

Learn More!

Environmental Education
Class Trips, Camps, and Workshops
Teachers: (928) 638-7931
www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/

Summer camps:
www.nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm

Grand Canyon Youth: www.gcayouth.org

Grand Canyon Field Institute (GCFI)
Hiking, Backpacking, and More!
Offers a wide variety of educational classes throughout the park. For more information call (866) 471-4435 or visit www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute

Community Library
Monday to Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Public access computers and Wifi available. Located next to the Village East shuttle bus stop.

Cell Phone Tour
Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial (928) 225-2907 and enter the indicated stop number. Enjoy a two-minute interpretive park ranger talk at 30 locations throughout the park. There is no additional charge; standard rates apply.

Wifi
Park Headquarters offers public computer access 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Wifi available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

Hermits Rest Area Gifts
Hermits Rest
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Available in Tusayan

Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce
Provides information about Tusayan and local businesses. (888) 472-2696 or (928) 638-2901 www.grandcanyonchamber.com

Kaibab National Forest
Tusayan Ranger District
(928) 638-2443

News and Weather
KNAU: Radio FM 90.3

Paid Tours and Activities

Transportation Desks
Information about mule trips, Phantom Ranch facilities, motorcoach tours (including wheelchair accessible tours), horseback riding, air tours, and one-day float trips is available in the lobbies of Maswik, Bright Angel, and Yavapai lodges. (928) 638-2631, ext. 6015. www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Mule Trips:
Two-day trips to Phantom Ranch depart each morning. Three-day trips begin November 1. A 3-hour forest ride to The Abyss overlook departs twice daily through Oct 31 and once daily beginning Nov 1.

Bus Tours:
Tours to Desert View and Hermits Rest; sunrise and sunset tours available daily.

Grand Canyon Apache Stables:
Horseback riding; located outside the park at the north end of Tusayan. Reservations: (928) 638-2891.

Air Tours:
Fixed-wing and helicopter tours originate daily from Grand Canyon Airport, located outside the park in Tusayan.

Smooth-Water Raft Trips:
Day trips on the Colorado River from Glen Canyon Dam to Lees Ferry; provided by Colorado River Discovery. (888) 522-6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com

See www.nps.gov/grca for information about multi-day whitewater raft trips and other tour options.

Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals & Tours:
Located near Parking Lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Rent a bike or take a downhill tour along Hermit Road. Tours offered twice daily. Times weather dependent. Through Oct 1: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Brentals@gmail.com
www.bikegrandcanyon.com

IMAX Theater
Movie shown every hour on the half hour. Through Oct 31: 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
Beginning Nov 1: 10:00 a.m.–6:30 p.m.

(928) 638-4629

KNAU: Radio FM 90.3

Available in Tusayan

Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce
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Inspiring Landscapes

Have you ever experienced a sight that took your breath away? Can you close your eyes and recall a place in vivid detail though you are no longer there? The Grand Canyon is such a place for many of us—today as we stand on the rim and tomorrow as our life’s journeys continue.

The scenic Grand Canyon landscape has inspired a diverse group of people for hundreds of years, such as Thomas Moran. His paintings first introduced the beauty of Grand Canyon to Americans in the late 1800s. Moran Point along Desert View Drive honors his artistic legacy.

Take time to explore and experience this magnificent environment. Keep in mind that the National Park Service, with your help, will preserve and protect it for future generations. May this enduring landscape create precious memories that remain in your heart forever.

Explore Desert View Drive

Experience the ever-changing moods of Grand Canyon with an excursion along Desert View Drive. Take some time to investigate the many breathtaking overlooks and pullouts. Observe how fire restored a more natural landscape through managed fires along the drive.

The Watchtower: Mary Colter gained inspiration through her travels in the Southwest for this impressive building reminiscent of ancient cultures’ architecture. Climb the 85 steps for a 360 degree view.

Navajo and Lipan Points: Look across the canyon and toward the river to see the tilted layers of the Supergroup. These rocks are only visible from a few areas along the South Rim and tell an interesting geologic story.

Moran Point: Look a mere eight miles (12.9 km) across the canyon to Cape Royal on the North Rim. Glimpse the mighty Colorado River as it continues to aid in carving the Grand Canyon.

Grandview Point: This popular viewpoint offers panoramic views of Grand Canyon from east to west and offers a chance to learn about the area’s mining history.

Services

Desert View Visitor Center: See page 2 for hours.
Gas Station: Available 24 hours with credit card.
Desert View Market: See page 14 for hours.
Trading Post Gift Shop: See page 15 for hours.
Watchtower Gift Shop: See page 15 for hours.
Watchtower Stairs: Close 30 minutes before gift shop.

Desert View Campground: First-come, first-served; closes mid-October.

Tusayan Museum and Ruin: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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