The Guide: Autumn
South Rim Maps and Information

Top 5 Grand Canyon Activities

1. Get Your First Canyon View
   From Grand Canyon Visitor Center, walk a short distance north to Mather Point, the classic first view of Grand Canyon. Then, walk the Rim Trail (0.7 mi/1.1 km) ride a shuttle, or drive to Yavapai Point, but be aware that the parking lot may be full. Visit Yavapai Geology Museum and use the binoculars to look for rafts on the river. See map on page 5.

2. Visit Scenic Overlooks
   Explore nine stunning overlooks along the seven-mile (11 km) Hermit Road by riding the Hermit's Rest Route shuttle bus (red route). Stroll between viewpoints and ride the shuttle back when you are tired. See map on pages 4–5. Drive along the 25-mile (37 km) Desert View Drive and enjoy amazing views of the Colorado River as you head east. A visit to the Desert View Watchtower is not to be missed. See map on page 8.

3. Go For a Walk or Hike
   Wander the Rim Trail, learn about Grand Canyon geology along the Trail of Time, or explore the wonders of the inner canyon. Whatever you decide, taking a walk or hike will give you the opportunity to see some of the park's hidden gems. See map on pages 4–5 and information on page 6 for walks along the rim; see page 7 for advice about hiking into Grand Canyon.

4. Attend a Free Park Ranger Program
   Learn about Grand Canyon from the park rangers and volunteers who know it inside and out. Hear the dynamic story of how the canyon formed or be inspired by the California condor's return to Grand Canyon. Tour Ancestral Puebloan ruins or learn about local history. Whatever your interests, you will find a program to suit you on page 3 or 8.

5. Enjoy the Sun and Stars
   Bring this Guide and your questions to a visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn about Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon Association bookstores and a National Park Service passport cancellation stamp are available at these facilities, except for the Backcountry Information Center. The stamp is also available at Indian Garden, Phantom Ranch, and North Rim Visitor Center (closes October 15).

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Grand Canyon Village

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER
Plan your visit, see the park film, and learn about Grand Canyon with the park's newest exhibits. Books & More store, bicycle rental, food service, and Mather Point nearby. 8 am–5 pm

BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER
Learn about inner-canyon hiking, obtain backcountry information and permits. 8 am–noon, 1–5 pm

KOLB STUDIO
View exhibits in the restored 1904 Kolb brothers' home and photography studio. 8 am–7 pm

VERKAMP'S VISITOR CENTER
Visit one of the oldest buildings in Grand Canyon Village and explore more than 100 years of community history. 8 am–7 pm

YAVAPAI GEOLOGY MUSEUM
Find answers to your geology questions with 3D maps and exhibits about the geologic story you see through the panoramic windows. 8 am–7 pm

Desert View

DESERT VIEW VISITOR CENTER
Explore how Grand Canyon inspired artists, writers, musicians, and conservationists. 9 am–5 pm

TUSAYAN MUSEUM AND RUIN
Look into the past and present-day lives of thriving American Indian communities. Museum: 9 am–5 pm

Elk and deer can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory. Keep a safe distance of 100 feet (30 m).
Special Events and Opportunities

Grand Canyon Music Festival
September 7–8
Shrine of the Ages
Mezzo-soprano Cabiria Jacobsen, tenor Kirk Douggherty, and pianist Jon Klbonoof perform “A Night at the Opera,” “The Art of Song,” and songs from The Great American Songbook.
Tickets: www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org, 800-997-8285, El Tovar Hotel concierge, or at the door.

Hispanic Heritage Days Celebration
September 30 to October 6
Mexican folk art and the art of Grand Canyon native American cultures share deep connections. Folk artists from the state of Oaxaca, Mexico will be showcasing their work at different locations throughout the park. View artists creating sculptures, candles, carvings and other masterpieces. Check at visitor centers and hotels for additional information and special program times.

Enjoy Art
Grand Canyon hosts two Artist-in-Residence programs—a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. Ask in visitor centers about times and locations for a limited number of free, family-friendly programs with the artists or call 928-638-7616 for recorded information. For additional program information and artist opportunities visit http://www.nps.gov/gcra/supportyourpark/air.htm.

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Special Events and Opportunities
# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers; no reservations needed. Programs take place in or near Grand Canyon Village; see page 8 for Desert View programs. Parking is limited; ride the free shuttle buses to program locations.

Programs may be cancelled during inclement weather. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs. All program times are mountain standard; Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time.

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<td>Mather Point Talk: Discover some of the many treasures of Grand Canyon. Topics vary daily.</td>
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<td>History Walk: Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with Grand Canyon on a walk through the village historic district.</td>
<td>Verkamp's Visitor Center</td>
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<td>Condor Talk: Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.</td>
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<td>Evening Program: Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation on Grand Canyon’s fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics.</td>
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- **Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily**
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## Special Programs

As staffing allows and weather permits, additional programs and walks may be offered. Check visitor centers for times and locations of potential fossil walks, Kolb Studio tours, moon walks, star talks, and graveyard tours.

### Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute interpretive park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial 928-225-2907 and enter the stop number. There is no additional charge; standard rates apply. Funded by the Grand Canyon Association.

### Get Your Badge On

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger book from any visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon, complete activities, attend a park ranger program, and earn a badge and certificate. Unique Junior Ranger programs are also available at Phantom Ranch, North Rim (May to October), and more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide.

### Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

**Teachers: Class Trips, Workshops, and Distance Learning**

928-638-7931

[www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/](http://www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/)

**Expeditions for Teens**

[www.nps.gov/grcaforkids/camp.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grcaforkids/camp.htm)

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Ride, Walk, or Bike Grand Canyon

Shuttle Bus FAQ
Are the shuttle buses free?
Yes, park entrance fees include shuttle bus transportation.

How do the shuttle buses work?
Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at shops, visitor centers, and popular viewpoints around the South Rim. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. Note: During the busy part of the day, you may have to wait for two shuttle buses to board.

What are the shuttle bus rules?
1. No eating or open drink containers.
2. No pets, except service animals.
3. All strollers must be collapsed prior to entering the bus. No oversized strollers such as jogging strollers. Baby-back carriers must be removed when seated.
4. Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag-a-longs or three bicycles, but not tag-a-longs.
5. Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?
All National Park Service shuttle buses are white and green, but the front of the bus will say the route color and name.

Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?
The permit is available at entrance gates, allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic.

The Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit
- Buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.
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- Shuttles stop at nine viewpoints and Grand Canyon Village will be at a bus stop no later than 9:30 pm.
- Dining in Grand Canyon Village need to wait for two shuttle buses to board.

Explore in Your Car
You can drive anywhere there is a solid black line on the map above.
You cannot drive the Hermit Road or Yaki Point Road; free shuttle buses operate in these areas. If you would like to explore more of the park by vehicle, consider driving to Desert View (see page 8).

All parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near free shuttle bus stops. Parking lots 1–4 are at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.

Parking lots A (Park Headquaters) and B (Market Plaza) are large and may have empty spaces. Parking lot C (near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village) is small; lot D (Backcountry Information Center) offers auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

Do not park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible.

Ride the Free Shuttle Buses
Reducing air pollution and taking nearly a half-million vehicles off park roads each year, shuttle buses offer a hassle-free transportation option.

HERMIT'S REST ROUTE—RED ON MAP ABOVE
This 7-mile (11 km) route takes 80 minutes round-trip. Shuttles stop at nine overlooks westbound, but only Pima, Mohave, and Powell points going east from Hermit's Rest. Restrooms at Hopi Point; water, snack bar, restrooms, and gift shop at Hermit's Rest.

Buses run:
- 5 am, 5:15 am, 5:45 am, 6:15 am, 6:30 am and then every 15 minutes until sunset.
- Bus makes one final run during the last hour after sunset.

HIKER'S EXPRESS
NOT SHOWN ON MAP ABOVE
Service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus begins at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:
- 5 am, 6 am, 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, 9 am in November
Note: Page 6 lists the specific locations and hours of operation for lodges, restaurants, shops, and services shown on the maps above.
Rim Hiking and Biking Explorations

Wander the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown or green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. From a short 30-minute sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike, your adventure begins. The Rim Trail is wheelchair accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Distances and times are one way.

**EASY, POPULAR HIKES**
Wide, paved trail; accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance.

Yavapai Geology Museum to Vermilion Cliffs Visitor Center
Sec and three of canyon rocks along the award-winning Trail of Time 1.3 miles (2.1 km), 1–2 hours

Vermilion Cliffs Visitor Center to Kolb Studio
Explore local history in the Village Historic District 0.6 miles (1 km), 20–30 minutes

Yavapai Point to Mather Point
View the Colorado River and Phantom Canyon to Mather Point 1.3 miles (2.1 km), 1½ hours

**EASY, LESS-TRAVELED HIKES**
Little elevation gain

South Kaibab Trailhead to Mather Point
Great views of an inner-canyon trail; paved 2.1 miles (3.4 km), 1½–2 hours

Monument Creek Vista to Hermits Rest
Accessible by bicycle or on foot; paved 2.8 miles (4.5 km), 2–4 hours

Hopi Point to Powell Point
Dynamic views of the canyon; unpaved 0.3 miles (0.5 km), 30–45 minutes

**MODERATE HIKES**
Some elevation gain and/or rough, narrow trail

Mohave Point to Monument Creek Vista
Unpaved trail with great views 2.0 miles (3.2 km), 1½–2 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

**Paved Activities**
Bike rentals and guided tours, located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Through October 31, 8 am–4 pm; November 1–15, 10 am–4 pm, weather permitting. 928-814-8704 or www.bikesgrandcanyon.com

Pedal the Greenway Trail
Explore the Greenway Trail on a bicycle; follow the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Travel along the canyon rim and through ponderosa pine forests. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail and on all paved and some unpaved roads open to the public. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and inner-canyon trails. Bicyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Ride single file with the flow of traffic and wear bright colors and a helmet. On Hermit Road, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when buses are attempting to pass.

Bright Angel Bicycles
Bike rentals and guided tours, located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Through October 31, 8 am–4 pm; November 1–15, 10 am–4 pm, weather permitting. 928-814-8704 or www.bikesgrandcanyon.com

South Rim Services and Facilities

**Food and Beverage**

Café at Mather Point
Through October 31, 6 am–8 pm; beginning November 1, 7 am–6 pm

AT BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE
The Arizona Room
Lunch: 11:30 am–3 pm; through October 30, no lunch service beginning October 31. Dinner: 4:30–10 pm (no reservations); lounge 4:30–10 pm

Bright Angel Coffee House
9:30 am–10 am

Bright Angel Restaurant
Through September 30, breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; beginning October 1, 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm

AT CANYON VILLAGE MARKET
Canyon Village Deli
8 am–6 pm, Thanksgiving Day 9 am–2 pm

AT EL TORO HOTEL
El Tovar Dining Room
Breakfast: 6:30–10:45 am; lunch: 11:15 am–2 pm; dinner: 4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm

AT HERMITS REST
Hermits Rest Snack Bar
9 am–5 pm

AT MASWIK LODGE
Maswik Cafeteria
6 am–10 pm

Maswik Pizza
11 pm–6 am

AT YAVAPAI LODGE
Yavapai Cafeteria
Through September 30, 6 am–9 pm; beginning October 1, 6:30 am–8 pm; closed November 1–20; open November 21–24, 6:30 am–8 pm; closed November 25–30

**Books and Gifts**

Books & More
8 am–8 pm

Bright Angel Lodge
7 am–10 pm

El Tovar Hotel
7 am–10 pm

Hermits Rest Gift Shop
9 am–5 pm

Hopi House
Through October 31, 9 am–9 pm; beginning October 20, 9 am–5 pm

Kolb Studio
8 am–7 pm

Lookout Studio
9 am–5 pm

Maswik Lodge
7 am–10 pm

Vermilion Cliffs Visitor Center
8 am–7 pm

Yavapai Geology Museum
8 am–7 pm

Yavapai Lodge Curio
Through October 19, 8 am–8 pm; beginning October 20, 9 am–5 pm

**Lodging**

Bright Angel Lodge
172–350

El Tovar Hotel
$178–440

Kachina Lodge
$180–191

Maswik Lodge
192–176

Thunderbird Lodge
$180–191

Yavapai Lodge
520–166

Same-day reservations: 888-826-2631

**Services**

ATM
Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge

Canyon Village Market
Through September 30, 8 am–9 pm; beginning October 1, 8 am–7 pm; Thanksgiving Day 9 am–3 pm

Chase Bank
Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm; 888-826-2437

Garage
Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to 10 pm and 1–5 pm; 888-826-2631

Kaibab Learning Center
Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm; 888-826-6333

Kesetet Dog and cats need proof of inoculations. 7:30 am–5:30 pm; 888-826-0524

For retrieval after 5 pm: 888-826-2631

Laundry and Showers at Camper Services
Through September 14, 6 am–11 pm; last laundry load 9:45 pm. September 15 to October 26, 7 am–9 pm; last laundry load 7:45 pm. Beginning October 27, 8 am–6 pm; last laundry load 4:45 pm.

Lost and Found
888-826-7798, 888-826-2631

**Post Office**

Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; Saturday 11 am–1 pm; closed Sunday and federal holidays.

**Religious Services**

See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, posterior Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Park Headquarters.

**Taxi**

888-826-2822

WiFi and Public Computer Access
Park Headquarters; 8 am–5 pm daily. Public computer access 8 am–4:30 pm; Monday to Friday except federal holidays. Community Library: Monday to Saturday, 10:30 am–5 pm.

**Tusayan, Arizona**

Located seven miles (11 km) south of Grand Canyon Village on Highway 64.

**Lodging**

Best Western Grand Canyon Square Inn
928-638-2681

Canyon Plaza Resort
928-638-2673; pets ok

Grand Hotel
928-638-3335; pets ok

Hilton Inn Express
928-638-3000

Red Feather Lodge
928-638-2414; pets ok

**Camping**

Mather Campground (NP) $180–191; no hook-ups; station available. Maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). Reservations: 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

**Emergencies**

Dial 911

From hotel rooms: dial 9-9-1-1

North Country Grand Canyon Clinic
Urgent care available through October 14, daily 8 am–6 pm; beginning October 15, Monday to Friday 8 am–5 pm; 928-638-2551

**Preceding Reservations**

888-297-2757

**Additional Resources**

Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD; www.az511.gov

Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce 888-472-2696, www.grandcanyonchamber.com

Kaibab National Forest

Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, Monday to Friday, 8 am–4:30 pm; 928-638-2463

**River Rafting–In & Out of Park**

SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS
Colorado River Discovery 888-522-6464 or www.coloradoriver.com

WHITETWATER RAFT TRIPS
See www.nps.gov/grca for information about reserving multi-day whitewater raft trips.
Canyon Hiking Adventures

For the more adventurous, hiking into the canyon offers an unparalleled experience. For an enjoyable hike you must prepare for extreme conditions.

### Tips for an Enjoyable Hike

**Plan** It takes twice as long to hike up as it took to hike down.

**Time** Until the weather turns cool, start hikes descending into the canyon before sunrise; do not hike between 10 am and 4 pm. If hiking mid-day is your only option, consider the Rim Trail, or descend no further than 1.5 miles (2.4 km) into the canyon.

**Pack** Bring layers for heat, wind, rain, and cold; sunscreen, hat, flashlight, and hiking boots; food, water, map, medicine, and first aid kit.

**Eat** Consume salty snacks on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Snack every time you drink.

**Drink** For every hour hiking in the canyon, drink one-half to one quart (liter) of water or sports drinks. Consume salty snacks on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Snack every time you drink.

**Rest** Sit down, prop your legs up, and rest in the shade at least once every hour.

### Danger!

**Weather** 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. Always check the weather before beginning your hike.

**No Day Hikes To the River** Hiking to the river and back in one day is never recommended due to extreme heat, limited shade, long distances, and a near 5,000-foot (1,500 m) elevation change each way.

**No Swimming** The Colorado River is fast, wide, and cold (55°F / 13°C). Do not swim in the river.

**Falling Rock** Rocks or other objects tossed over the edge or dislodged by taking shortcuts can injure hikers and wildlife below.

### The Hazardous H’s

**Heat Exhaustion** Through intense sweating, hikers can lose 1–2 quarts (liters) of water per hour resulting in dehydration. Symptoms include pale face, nausea, cool and moist skin, headache, and cramps. Have the patient drink water, eat high-energy foods, and rest in the shade.

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

**Hyponatremia** Results from low sodium in the blood from drinking too much water, not eating enough salty foods, and losing salt through sweating. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, altered mental states, and frequent urination. Have the patient rest and eat salty foods. If mental alertness decreases, seek immediate help.

### Backcountry Camping

You must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center to camp in the backcountry. Open daily 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm mountain standard time. For information call 928-638-7875 from 1–5 pm, Monday to Friday, or visit www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm.

A limited number of last minute walk-up permits are available for Indian Garden, Bright Angel, and Cottonwood campgrounds. These permits are only issued in person for one or two consecutive nights and cannot be purchased more than one day prior to the start of a hike.

### Three main trails offer the chance for a variety of abilities and available time frames.

#### BRIGHT ANGEL TRAILHEAD

- **1½-Mile Resthouse** 3mi / 4.6km round trip, 2–4 hours
- **3-Mile Resthouse** 6mi / 9.6km round trip, 4–6 hours
- **Indian Garden** 9mi / 14.4km round trip, 6–9 hours
- **Plateau Point** 5mi / 8km round trip, 8–12 hours

#### HERMIT TRAILHEAD

- **1½-Mile Resthouse** 3mi / 4.6km round trip, 2–4 hours
- **3-Mile Resthouse** 6mi / 9.6km round trip, 4–6 hours
- **Hermits Rest** 4mi / 6.5km round trip, 4–6 hours
- **Santa Maria** 7mi / 11km round trip, 5–7 hours

#### SANTA MARIA TRAILHEAD

- **1½-Mile Resthouse** 3mi / 4.8km round trip, 2–4 hours
- **3-Mile Resthouse** 6mi / 9.6km round trip, 4–6 hours
- **Plato Point** 12mi / 19km round trip, 8–12 hours

#### Bright Angel Trail

- Trail follows an exposed ridge line and offers the best views for a relatively short hike; maintained with very little shade.
- Available at the trailhead, but not along the trail.
- **Emergency Phones** None; pay phone located at trailhead.

#### South Kaibab Trail

- Trail follows an exposed ridge line and offers the best views for a relatively short hike; maintained with very little shade.
- Available at the trailhead, but not along the trail.
- **Emergency Phones** None; pay phone located at trailhead.

#### Hermit Trail

- Trail gives intimate views of a long side canyon; rough and unmaintained. For experienced desert hikers only.
- **Emergency Phones** None.
Staying Safe at Grand Canyon

Where Can I Find Free Water?
In an effort to reduce litter along park trails, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, and as part of a reusable water bottle program, Grand Canyon National Park has eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers—including plastic and glass bottles. Bring or buy a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free. You can purchase reusable, souvenir water bottles at park retailers and fill them at the following locations:
- Bright Angel Lodge
- Bright Angel Trailhead—under construction
- Canyon Village Market
- Desert View Market
- Desert View Visitor Center
- El Tovar Hotel
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Hermits Rest
- Mauk Lodge
- South Kaibab Trailhead
- Vermilion’s Visitor Center
- Yavapai Geology Museum
- Yavapai Lodge Cafeteria

How Can I Keep Wildlife Wild?
Never approach or feed any animal; it is illegal to do so.
Deer and elk can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory. Stay at least 100 feet (30 m), or about six car lengths, away from larger animals.
Do not feed the squirrels; they will bite and can carry plague. People can get plague from being bitten by an infected flea or by handling an infected animal.
It is tempting to want to get close to animals, but remember they are not pets. Wild animals need space and respect. Please do your part to keep the park’s wildlife wild.

How Can I View Grand Canyon Safely?
Stay at least 6 feet (2 m) from the edge and hold on to children. Always be aware of your surroundings. Do not back up without first looking where you are going. Never throw anything over the edge.

Where Can I Take My Pet?
Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails in the South Rim developed area, but not below the rim, in buildings, or on shuttle buses. 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. See page 6 for kennel information.

What Do I Need to Know About Weather and Elevation?
Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing for heat, rain, wind or snow. Please slow down and drive carefully in inclement weather.
At 7,000 feet (2,135 m) elevation, you may feel short of breath, nauseous, or tire easily. Direct sun can cause dehydration and sunburn. Use sunblock and drink plenty of free Grand Canyon spring water.