How Can We Help Plan Your Trip?

Hello. We are not interested in hiking, but do want to see great views from the free shuttle bus or our own car.

Park rangers suggest:
• Get your first view of Grand Canyon by taking a five-minute walk from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to Mather Point.
• Ride the free shuttle bus to see Grand Canyon vistas. Take the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to see canyon viewpoints and Yavapai Geology Museum.
• Drive the 25-mile (40 km) Desert View Drive. Stop at viewpoints, learn about ancestral Puebloan people at Tusayan Museum, and visit the historic Desert View Watchtower.
• View sunrise or sunset by car from Lipan Point on Desert View Drive or ride the Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to Yaki Point.

Good day. I am excited to explore the canyon on foot or by bicycle.

Park rangers suggest:
• Walk any portion of the 13-mile (20 km) Rim Trail to see Grand Canyon. Use the free shuttle bus to get back to where you started.
• Hike into Grand Canyon for a different perspective. Take a short hike on the scenic South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge or prepare for a longer day hike on the Bright Angel Trail.
• Bicycle the Greenway Trail to South Kaibab Trailhead or ride Hermit Road to Hermit’s Rest to feel the wind on your face.
• View sunrise or sunset as you bicycle the Greenway Trail or stroll the Rim Trail to enjoy the changing light.

Hi! I have children in my group and would like to see great views and participate in activities with my kids.

Park rangers suggest:
• Pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at any visitor center. Complete fun activities and attend a park ranger program to earn a badge.
• Learn about Grand Canyon at park ranger programs, such as the fossil discovery walk or elk talk. Be sure your kids get their Junior Ranger booklet signed.
• Walk through historic Grand Canyon Village. Wander through shops, grab a bite to eat, and see changing exhibits at Kolb Studio.
• View sunrise or sunset as you stroll the Trail of Time between Yavapai Geology Museum and Verkamp’s Visitor Center.
Special Programs

HawkWatch International
September 2 to November 5, 10 am–4 pm
Yaki Point and Lipan Point
Join HawkWatch International in the annual fall hawk migration count and learn to identify migratory hawks, falcons, and eagles. To join the observers, take the Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to Yaki Point or drive to Lipan Point, then walk a short distance to the left (southwest) along the rim. See page 3 for raptors in flight program.

Go WILD for Wilderness
September 8, 2014
Check at Grand Canyon Visitor Center for Event Information
This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, which provides the highest level of public land protection in the United States. Ninety-four percent of Grand Canyon National Park qualifies for wilderness designation and is protected as such. Is there a designated wilderness near you? Wilderness belongs to everyone—this year, let us honor it together! wilderness.net

Grand Canyon Music Festival
September 5–6, 7:30 pm
Shrine of the Ages Auditorium
The 31st Season Finale features The Catalyst String Quartet both nights. Tickets and information: grandcanyonmusicfest.org

Celebrate Wildlife Day
September 13–18
and Important Bird Area Dedication
September 10, 10 am–4 pm
Grand Canyon Visitor Center
Grand Canyon protects one of the most diverse habitats in the world and many birds, mammals, and fish call this canyon home. Come learn about park wildlife, talk to biologists, view live animals, and enjoy fun activities for families.

Celebration of Art
September 13–21
Multiple Locations
The Grand Canyon Association invites you to enjoy this unique opportunity to see and purchase works of art from some of the best landscape painters in the county. Proceeds support the goal of creating a permanent art venue at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park. grandcanyon.org/50th-annual-grand-canyon-celebration-art

September 13–18
Plein Air at Grand Canyon—look for 25 artists painting along South Rim and North Rim. Check Grand Canyon Association’s facebook page for artist locations.

September 19, Sunrise to 10 am
Watch artists paint along South Rim between Mather Point and Trailview Lookout.

September 19, 7:30 pm
Terry Lawson Dunn and Susan McGarry, authors of Art of the National Parks, will present a presentation and sign books at Shrine of the Ages Auditorium.

September 20, 9 am–1 pm
Quick draw event and auction—artists paint between Verkamp’s Visitor Center and Kolb Studio, then auction paintings on the north side of El Tovar Hotel.

September 21, noon to 2 pm
Exhibit grand opening and art sale at Kolb Studio.

September 21 to January 20, 2015
Art exhibit and sale at Kolb Studio.

Artist-in-Residence
Few places inspire as much wonder and creativity as Grand Canyon. Grand Canyon National Park 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 in the park, artists present free, family-friendly workshops and presentations for the public. Call 928-638-7616 for specifics about the current artist’s public programs or visit nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm for general information.

SOUTH RIM ARTISTS AND GENRES September 1–21
Photographer Ty Bowman from Arteña, California; tbowman.com
September 22 to October 11
Animation artist Mariela Walsh and photographer Kurt Sorensen from Pentaksh, Australia, thehustle-animation.com and kursorensen.com

October 12–18
Musical guests Miles Wilder and Nofam from Nashville, Tennessee; evening performance October 12; mariewalke.com

October 19 to November 8
Wood sculptor Michael Bauermeiser from Augusta, Missouri; michaelbauermeiser.com

November 9–29
Mixed media bricolage artist Polly Law; Kingston, New York; buttonwoodart.com

Be a Part of Something Grand
You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!

With your help, the Grand Canyon Association (GCA) supports an impressive variety of projects and programs that ensure all visitors enjoy the awe-inspiring wonder of Grand Canyon. As the park’s official nonprofit partner, GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to operate Park Stores in seven locations in the park. GCA Park Store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

Explore Grand Canyon’s Wonders with the Grand Canyon Field Institute. Learn about geology, archaeology, photography, yoga, and more, during fun and informative education classes. Activities include rim walks, back packs, and river trips. Call 866-471-4435 or visit grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute.

Take Grand Canyon Home with You
Join GCA today. Members receive exclusive research and benefits. For information, visit a GCA Park Store, call toll-free 800-858-2803, or visit grandcanyon.org.
parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to
in or near Grand Canyon Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since

Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shutle buses to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Most programs take place outdoors and may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time until November 1 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 2.

Explore Virtual Caches

Discover EarthCaches™ specifically tailored to geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get EarthCache™ information and start your adventure today. You will need your own GPS-enabled device to participate.

The Sun and Moon

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Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus until November 1 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 2.

The North Rim

Grand Canyon’s North Rim offers you a tranquil experience, but requires a four-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Facilities are open mid-May through mid-October. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations are strongly recommended.

Grand Canyon Lodge 877-376-4383 or foreverserts.com
North Rim Campground 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov

Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2507, and enter the stop number. Hosted by the Grand Canyon Association.

Learn in an Outdoor Classroom Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, and Distance Learning 928-638-7851 or nps.gov/grca/forteachers/Expeditions for Teens nps.gov/grca/forteachers/camp.htm

Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park is proud to partner with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program: Grand Canyon Semester. This interdisciplinary program engages students through a progressive, place-based learning experience that uses the greater Grand Canyon ecosystem as its classroom and laboratory. Classroom-based academics combined with extended field opportunities create a learning environment unparalleled in academics.

nau.edu/ Honors/GCSC/prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html

Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover what is inside Grand Canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs.

Indian Garden, times vary. Saturday to Tuesday Check the bulletin board for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available.

Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available.

These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.

Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from a visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand Canyon by completing at least four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center and earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are also available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores.

Junior Ranger programs are also available on the North Rim (May to October), at Indian Garden and Phantom Ranch, and at more than 250 national parks, seashores and monuments nationwide. The Grand Canyon Association generously supports the Junior Ranger program.

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Getting Around South Rim

Common Shuttle Bus Questions

Are the shuttle buses free?
Yes, your entrance fee includes free shuttle bus transportation.

How do the shuttle buses work?
Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at viewpoint, visitor centers, lodges, restaurants, and gift shops. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. Shuttle buses do not drive to Desert View.

Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly. You may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?
The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

What are the shuttle bus rules?
- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- No loitering.
- No collapsing strollers before entering the shuttle bus. Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.
- No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children’s bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?
A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. This permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

Where can I park?
Parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near shuttle bus stops:
- Parking lots 1–4: Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
- Parking Lot A: Park Headquarters.
- Parking Lot B: Market Plaza
- Parking Lot C: near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
- Parking Lot D: Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

Where can I learn about road conditions?
Check at visitor centers or call 928-638-7496. Please slow down, take your time, and drive carefully.

What else do I need to know about driving?
Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is allowed. Use pull-outs to take pictures and view wildlife.

Common Driving and Parking Questions

Where can I drive my car?
You can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this Guide newspaper; Yaki Point Road and Hermit Road are closed to private vehicles. To reach these areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit is available at the entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

Village Route—Blue Route

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead

Schedule:
- Every 15–20 minutes, 5–6:30 am
- Every 15 minutes, 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
- For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

See sunset times on page 3.

Kaibab/Rim Route—Orange Route

- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead

Schedule:
- Every 15–20 minutes, 5–6:30 am
- Every 15 minutes, 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
- For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

See sunset times on page 3.

Note: September 2–5, shuttle buses will begin one hour earlier than the times listed. The Village Route shuttle bus will run until 11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm.

Hikers’ Express

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus starts at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, and 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, and 9 am in November

Hermit Road: Closed to private vehicles March 1 to November 30 when the Hermit Rest Route shuttle bus operates. Hermit road opens to private vehicles December 1 to February 28.

Legend:
- Drivable park roads
- Village Route and bus stop
- Kaibab/Rim Route and bus stop
- Hermit Rest Route and bus stop
- Arrows indicate direction of travel
- Shuttle bus gate
- Paved Rim Trail
- Unpaved Rim Trail
- Paved Greenway Trail
- Road closed
- Restrooms/toilets
- Picnic area
- Drinking water
- First aid
- Information
- Parking
- Telephone
- Theater
- Trailhead

Schedule:
- Stops at nine viewpoints, Grand Canyon Village, and Yavapai Point Road.
- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Every 30 minutes, 5:30 am to 7:30 pm

Note: September 2–5, shuttle buses will begin one hour earlier than the times listed. The Village Route shuttle bus will run until 11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm.

Hermit Rest Route—Red Route

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermit’s Rest
- Schedule:
  - Every 30 minutes, 5–6 am
  - Every 15 minutes, 6 am to one hour after sunset
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

See sunset times on page 3.

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Hikers’ Express

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus starts at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, and 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, and 9 am in November
Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Grand Canyon Village National Historic Landmark District.

Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.
Stroll 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. Choose your adventure, from a short sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike. The Rim Trail is wheelchair-accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Add variety to your Rim Trail experience by walking one way and riding the free shuttle bus back. Distances below are one way.

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Lodging
Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631
Advance reservations: 888-297-2757
grandcanyonlodges.com
Bright Angel Lodge 594-404
El Tovar Hotel 1186-464
Kachina Lodge 574-219
Maswik Lodge 594-185
Thunderbird Lodge 5194-209
Yavapai Lodge 5740-174; closed Nov 2-26
Phoenix Dining Room, Meals, hiker dormitory, and cabin space located at the bottom of Grand Canyon. Next-day reservations: 928-638-3283; advance reservations: 888-297-2757
Services
ATM Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge
Canyon Village Market "General Store" Groceries, supplies, and gifts. Sept 2-28, 8 am-9 pm; Sept 29 to Oct 26, 8 am-9 pm; Oct 27 to Nov 30, 8 am-7 pm
Chase Bank Monday to Thursday 9 am-5 pm; Friday 9 am-6 pm.
Maswik Lodge 928-638-2437
Garage Emergency repairs and tow service.
8 am to 11 pm and 8-5 pm.
Kaibab Learning Center Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am-5:30 pm.
Kolb visitor Center 928-638-3633
Kennel Dogs and cats need proof of vaccinations; 7:30 am-5 pm; 928-638-0534
For retrieval after 5 pm; 928-638-2631
Lost and Found 928-638-7788; 928-638-2631
Post Office Monday to Friday 9 am-4:30 pm;
Saturday 11 am-1 pm; closed Sunday and federal holidays. 928-638-2512
Religious Services See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Park Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters
Taxi 928-638-2822
WiFi and Public Computer Access Free WiFi available 8 am-5 pm daily; computers available 8 am-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays.
Community Library: Free WiFi and computers available, 10 am-5 pm. Monday to Saturday;
Hotel Lobbies: WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged.
Canyon Village Market: WiFi; see hours above

Camping
Mather Campground (National Park Service) Campsites fill up daily during peak season, weekends, and holidays. Reservations highly recommended and can be made up to 6 months in advance at recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

Visitor Services
Locations shown on the maps on pages 4-5.

Food and Beverage
Bright Angel Bicycles Café at Mather Point Grab and go espresso bar. Sept 1-15, 6 am-8 pm; Sept 16 to Oct 31, 7 am-6 pm; Nov 1-30, 8 am-5 pm
Bright Angel Lodge The Arizona Room Sept 2 to Oct 30, 11:30 am-3 pm; Oct 31 to Nov 30, lunch closed for season; dinner 4:30-10 pm; reservations not accepted; lounge 11-11:10 pm.
Bright Angel Coffee House 10 am-6 pm
Bright Angel Fountain Sept 23-30, 10 am-7 pm; Oct 1 to Nov 30, 11 am-5 pm, weather permitting
Bright Angel Restaurant Breakfast Sept 2-30, 6:10-9:45 am; lunch 11:15 am-4 pm; dinner 4:30-10 pm; lounge 11 am-11 pm.
Canyon Village Market Canyon Village Deli Sept 2 to Oct 26, 8 am-7 pm; Oct 27 to Nov 30, 7 am-6 pm
El Tovar Hotel El Tovar Dining Room Breakfast 6:30-10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am-2 pm; dinner 6–10:45 pm and Oct 1 to Nov 30, 6:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am-11 pm.
Maswik Lodge Maswik Food Court 6 am-10 pm
Maswik Pizza Pub 11 am-11 pm
Yavapai Lodge Yavapai Canyon Cafe Sept 2–30, 6 am-9 pm; Oct 1 to Nov 1 6:30 am-8 pm; Nov 2-25 closed; Nov 26-29, 6:30 am-8 pm; Nov 30 closed.
Books and Gifts
Bright Angel Lodge 7 am-10 pm
El Tovar Hotel 7 am-10 pm
Grand Canyon Association Park Stores at Kolb Studio 8 am-7 pm
at Verkamp’s Visitor Center 8 am-7 pm
at Visitor Center Plaza 8 am-7 pm
at Yavapai Geology Museum 8 am-7 pm
Mather Rest Gift Shop 9 am-5 pm
Hopi House Sept 2 to Oct 15, 9 am-6 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 9 am-5 pm
Lookout Studio 9 am-5 pm
Maswik Lodge 7 am-10 pm
Yavapai Lodge Sept 2 to Oct 15, 8 am-8 pm; Oct 16 to Nov 30, 8 am-5 pm

Pedal the Greenway Trail
Bicycle along the canyon rim and through peaceful forest scenery by following the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4-5. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail, paved roads, and dirt roads open to vehicles. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down into Grand Canyon.

Obey all traffic regulations, ride single file with the flow of traffic, and wear bright colors and a helmet. On Hermit and Yaki Point roads, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when a shuttle bus passes.

Tours and Trips
Bright Angel Bicycles Bicycle rentals, guided tours, repairs, parts, and wheelchair and stroller rentals. Located near parking lot 4 at Great Canyon Visitor Center. Sept 1–15, 8 am-6 pm; Sept 16 to Oct 31, 9 am-5 pm; Nov 1–30, 10 am-4 pm, weather permitting. 928-638-3055 or bikegrandcanyon.com
Xanterra Transportation Desks Arrange tours and trips 2 to Oct 31; Bright Angel Lodge 5 am-8 pm; Maswik Lodge 5 am-7 pm; or Yavapai Lodge 8 am-1 pm and 2-6 pm.
Nov 1–30: Bright Angel Lodge 5 am-7 pm; Maswik Lodge 6 am-7 pm; or Yavapai Lodge 8 am-1 pm and 2-6 pm when lodge is open.

Xanterra Bus Tours Daily departures for sunrise and sunset viewing and to Desert View Watchtower and Hermits Rest. Reserve at El Tovar Hotel concierge desk, transportation desks, 928-638-2631, or grandcanyonlodges.com
Xanterra Mule Trips Overnight trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily, two-night trips available starting Nov 1. A two-hour canyon vista ride along the rim departs twice daily. Inquire at Bright Angel transportation desk or call 928-638-3383.

Tusayan, Arizona
Located seven miles (11 km) south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center on Highway 64.

Lodging
Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn 928-638-2681
Canyon Plaza Resort 928-638-2673; pets ok
Grand Hotel 928-638-3333
Holiday Inn Express 928-638-3000
Red Feather Lodge 928-638-2414; pets ok
7 Mile Lodge 928-638-2291
Camping
Canyon Village (Private) Hookups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store.
Camping Village at Phantom Ranch (Public) Tent and RV camping at Phantom Ranch. Arrive on your own; no reservations accepted; minimum stay two nights, and holidays. Reservations highly recommended and can be made up to six months in advance at recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

Ten-X Campground (Kaibab National Forest) Last night of camping September 30; closes Oct 1 at noon. Some individual sites first-come, first-served. Reserve some individual and all group sites at 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov.

Additional Resources
Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-411-RDAD or visit az511.gov
Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce 888-472-2966, grandcanyonchamber.com
Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District station, 8 am-4:30 pm, Monday to Friday; 928-638-2443

River Rafting
SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS OUTSIDE THE PARK
Colorado River Discovery 888-522-6644 or raftthecanyon.com
WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS INSIDE THE PARK
riverrafting@gatewayreservations.com
Day Hikes Below the Rim

A day hike into Grand Canyon affords an unparalleled experience. Knowledge, preparation, and a good plan are all keys to success. Consider purchasing a trail guide at a Park Store before venturing down the trail. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don’t compare yourself to five years ago. Know your limits and avoid spontaneity—Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Park rangers say “going down is optional, but coming up is mandatory.” Plan your hike knowing it takes twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. Stay together, follow your plan, and know where and how to seek help.

Backcountry Camping Permits
You must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center to camp anywhere in the park other than in a developed campground on the South Rim or North Rim. A limited number of last minute walk-up permits are available.

For additional information about day and overnight hiking, visit the Backcountry Information Center or npa.gov/ca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm.

9 Essentials for Your Day Pack
Water At least two liters of water depending on hike intensity and duration. Drink to thirst. Always bring a method to treat water.

Food Bring salty snacks and a full meal. Eat often, even if you are not hungry. Snack every time you hydrate.

First Aid Kit and Survival Tools Also include medications, blister care, and duct tape.

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See page 3 for programs in Grand Canyon Village.

**Services**
- Desert View Market
  - Sept 2–28, 9 am–6 pm; Sept 29 to Nov 30, 9 am–6 pm
- Desert View Service Station
  - Sept 2 to Oct 22, 9 am–9 pm; closed Oct 23 to Nov 30.
- Desert View Snack Bar
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**Camping**
- Desert View Campground
  - (National Park Service)
  - $12/night
  - Maximum vehicle length: 30 feet (9.1 m); first-come, first-served self registration.
  - Last night of camping Oct 18; closes Oct 19 and reopens in May 2015.

**Books and Gifts**
- Desert View Trading Post
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- Desert View Watchtower Stairs
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**Grand Canyon Association Park Stores**
- at Desert View Visitor Center
  - 9 am–5 pm
- at Tusayan Museum and Ruin
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**Protect the Park, Protect Yourself**

**Elevation and Weather Safety**
Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest in the shade to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion. The South Rim’s high elevation (7,000 feet/2,135 m) and dry climate will affect you differently than your home environment.

- Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing for heat, rain, wind, and even snow.
- Please slow down and drive carefully during inclement weather.

**Emergencies**
- Dial 911 or from hotel rooms dial 9-911
- **928-638-2551**

**Protect and Respect Wildlife**
Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal.

- **Deer and elk:** Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m). Elk and deer can be especially aggressive in autumn and will defend their territory.
- **You may notice staff working near the El Tovar Hotel. The National Park Service is removing non-native plants that bring in the non-native elk.**
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**Free Water Filling Stations**
Free Grand Canyon spring water is available from bottle filling stations at major trailheads, visitor centers, grocery stores, and lodges. Bring your own or buy a reusable water bottle at Park Stores or gift shops. Stay hydrated and reduce your environmental footprint.

It takes three liters of water to create one liter of bottled water. In an effort to reduce water over-use, litter, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, the park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers.

**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.

**Where Can I Take My Pet?**
Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails. Pets are not allowed below the rim, in buildings, or on shuttle buses. These limits do not apply to service animals. Anyone wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center. For kennel information see page 6.

**Never Throw Anything Over the Edge**
Never throw rocks, coins, trash, or anything else over the edge. Objects tossed over the edge or dislodged by walking off trail can injure hikers and wildlife below.

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You can help protect the rocks, plants, animals, and artifacts at Grand Canyon National Park. Please do not collect anything or leave trash or graffiti.

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