The Guide: Autumn
South Rim Information and Maps

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• Ride the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to Grand Canyon viewpoints.
• Explore exhibits at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and see the park movie, A Journey of Wonder.

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Emergencies
Dial 911
North Country Grand Canyon Clinic
Sept 8 to Oct 14, 8 am–6 pm, daily;
Oct 15 to Nov 30, 8 am–5 pm, Monday to Friday, 928-638-2551

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Heritage Site. Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site.

One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon offers visitors incomparable vistas. The National Park Service Centennial is the perfect opportunity for all of us to create a new relationship or rekindle an old one with the wonders of national parks and public lands. So get going! Explore Grand Canyon, explore Arizona, explore the country. With 407 national park units in all 50 states get out there and Find Your Park!

Thank you.

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Grand Canyon National Park
PO Box 129
Grand Canyon, AZ 86023-0129 USA

Special Opportunities

HawkWatch International
September 8 to November 5, 10 am - 4 pm
Yaki Point
Join representatives from HawkWatch International as they record the fall hawk migration. Come help count birds or learn to identify migratory hawks, falcons, and eagles. To join the observers, take the Kaibab/Rim Route (orange) shuttle bus to Yaki Point and walk a short distance to the left (southwest)—along the rim.

Grand Canyon Music Festival
The 32nd Season
September 11 and 12, 7:30 pm
Shrine of the Ages
Featuring music of Bach, Haydn, and Aramky
Tickets and information: grandcanyonmusicfest.org

Discover the Canyon With Your Phone
Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks about the park’s natural and cultural history at 30 locations. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2907, and enter the stop number. Hosted by the Grand Canyon Association.

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/planyouvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get EarthCache™ information to start your adventure. You will need your own GPS device to participate.

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. GCA Park Store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, art programs, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

Explore Grand Canyon’s Wonders with 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 benefits and discounts. For information, visit a GCA Park Store, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit grandcanyon.org.

Earth Science Week and National Fossil Day
October 11-17
Special Evening Program with Geologist Wayne Ranney
October 16, 7:30 pm
Shrine of the Ages
Grand Canyon is an ideal place to celebrate Earth Science Week. A superlative geologic-themed, the parkбоasts one of the most scenic landscapes on Earth. Check visitor centers for special earth science and fossil-themed programs throughout the week.

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

Find Junior Ranger programs at the North Rim (May to October), Indian Garden, Phantom Ranch, and more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Junior Ranger program is supported by the Grand Canyon Association.
Park Ranger Programs

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

Outdoor programs may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time through October 31 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 1. Check visitor centers and hotels for additional program offerings.

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Traveling the Village and Hermit Road

Common Shuttle Bus Questions
Are the shuttle buses free?
Yes, your entrance fee includes shuttle bus transportation—a great way to start your Grand Canyon experience.

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

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

Why is the shuttle bus not full?
To ensure room for passengers waiting at the next stops, shuttle buses do not fill at their first stop.

What are the shuttle bus rules?
- Enter through the front door and exit through the back door.
- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. 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?
Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on shuttle buses.

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 newspaper. Yaki Point and Hermit roads are closed to private vehicles. To reach those areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. Obtain a permit at entrance gates and visitor centers.

Where can I park?
Lots 1–4 fill early in the day; use Lots A, B, C, and D which 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 the Village
- Parking Lot D Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking at the north end and RV and trailer parking at the south end.

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 permitted. Use pull-outs to take photos. Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m), or about six car lengths, from wildlife.

Hikers’ Express Bus
Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle buses start 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:
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Hermit Road: Closed to private vehicles March 1 to November 30 when the free Hermit’s Rest Route shuttle bus operates. Open to private vehicles December 1 to February 28.
Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Village.

Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.
Protect the Park, Protect Yourself

Please report any concerns to a park employee.

Elevation Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion. The high elevation (7,000 feet/2,135 m) and dry climate here affects you differently than your home environment.

Weather Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared to layer with clothing for heat, rain, wind, and even snow.

View Grand Canyon Safely Stay behind railings and safety walls or at least six feet (2 m) from the edge. Hold on to children. Always be aware of your surroundings. Look first where you are stepping before backing up.

Free Drinking Water The park and its partners provide free Grand Canyon spring water in bottle filling stations at major trailheads, visitor centers, grocery stores, and lodges.

Bring Your Leashed 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.

Protect and Respect Wildlife Approaching or feeding any animal is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal.

Deer and elk: Keep a safe distance of at least 75 feet (23 m) or about six car lengths.

Squirrels: Do not feed the squirrels. They will bite and can possibly carry fleas with the plague.

California condor: Stay at least 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds.

Watch Out Below Rocks, coins, and trash tossed over the edge of Grand Canyon, and rocks dislodged by walking off trail, can injure hikers and wildlife below.

No Unmanned Aircraft Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft is prohibited inside Grand Canyon National Park.

Leave Everything You Find Grand Canyon National Park—a World Heritage Site—belongs to everyone. Please leave rocks, plants, wood, and artifacts where you find them.

Protect the View The walls of Grand Canyon tell an amazing story. That story can be altered when you leave graffiti.

Dispose of Your Litter Help keep Grand Canyon clean by recycling and using trash receptacles.

Visitor Services

Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5. Core operating hours listed below; hours may be extended.

Information: Village
BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER 8 am–noon and 1–5 pm
GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER 8 am–5 pm
GRAND CANYON ASSOCIATION PARK STORE AT VISITOR CENTER PLAZA 8 am–7 pm
KOLB STUDIO 8 am–7 pm
VERKAMP’S VISITOR CENTER 8 am–7 pm
YAVAPAI GEOLOGY MUSEUM 8 am–7 pm

Food and Beverage

BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES Cafe at Mather Point Grab-and-go food and espresso bar 7 am–6 pm
BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE The Arizona Room Lunch 11:30 am–3 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm, reservations not accepted; lounge 4:30–10 pm
Bright Angel Coffee House 6–10 am
Bright Angel Ice Cream Fountain 10 am–5 pm, weather permitting
Bright Angel Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–6 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm
Bright Angel Lounge 11 am–11 pm
CANYON VILLAGE MARKET Canyon Village Daily 8 am–6 pm
EL TOVAR HOTEL El Tovar Breakfast 6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–6 pm; dinner 5–10 pm, reservations recommended, 928-638-2613, ext. 6432
El Tovar Lounge 11 am–11 pm
HERMITS REST Hermits Rest Snack Bar 9 am–5 pm
MASWIK LODGE Maswik Food Court 6 am–10 pm
Maswik Pizza Pub 11 am–11 pm
YAVAPAI LODGE Yavapai Restaurant 6:30 am–9 pm
Yavapai Tavern 11 am–10 pm
Yavapai Coffee Shop 6 am–9 pm

Services

ATM Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge
Canyon Village Market * General Store* Groceries, supplies, and gifts 8 am–7 pm
Chase Bank Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm; 928-638-2437
Garage Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631
Kalibab Learning Center Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. 928-638-6333
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 928-638-7799, 928-638-2631
Post Office Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; closed Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays. 928-638-2512
Religious Services See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Post Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters.
Taal Service in Village and Tusayan. 928-638-2822
WiFi and Public Computer Access Park Headquarters: Free WiFi 8 am–8 pm, daily. Computers available in research library 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays.
Community Library: Free WiFi and computers available, 10:30 am–5 pm, Monday to Saturday Hotel Lobbies: WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged.
Canyon Village Market: WiFi, 8 am–7 pm

Lodging

Bright Angel Lodge, El Tovar Hotel, Kachina Lodge, Maswik Lodge, and Thunderbird Lodge Prices range from $100–489; same-day reservations: 928-638-2631; advance reservations: 888-297-2575 or grandcanyonlodges.com
Yavapai Lodge prices range from $89–182; reservations: 877-404-4611 or visitgrandcanyon.com
Phantom Ranch Meals, hiker dormitory, and cabin space located at bottom of the canyon. Next-day reservations: 928-638-3283, advance reservations: 888-297-2575

Camping

Mather Campground (National Park Service) $18 per night family site; $50 per night group site; $15 per night horse site. No hook-ups; dump station nearby. Maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). Reservations: recreation.gov or 877-444-6777.

Trailer Village $36 per night for two people; $50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hookups; dump station nearby. Kiosk: 8 am–5 pm, same-day reservations: 928-638-1006; advance reservations: 877-404-4611 or visitgrandcanyon.com

Laundry and Showers at Camper Services 8–6 pm, last wash load 6:45 pm

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
Yavapai Geology Museum 8 am–7 pm
Hermits Rest Gift Shop 9 am–5 pm
Mogi House 9 am–5 pm
Lookout Studio 9 am–5 pm
Maswik Lodge 7 am–10 pm
Yavapai Gift Shop 8 am–8 pm

Tours and Trips

Bright Angel Bicycles Bicycle, wheelchair, and stroller rentals, guided tours daily, and repairs; 9 am–4:30 pm through October 31. Reservations: 928-638-1055 or bikegrandcanyon.com
Xanterra Transportation Desks Arrange tours and trips at Bright Angel Lodge 6:30 am–6 pm; El Tovar Hotel concierge desk 7 am–9 pm; Maswik Lodge 6 am–6:30 pm
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 or Bright Angel Lodge or Maswik Lodge transportation desks; 928-638-2631, or grandcanyonlodges.com
Xanterra Mule Trips Overnight trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily; two night trips start November 1. A two-hour Canyon Vista ride along the rim departs twice daily. Inquire at Bright Angel Lodge or Maswik Lodge transportation desks or call 928-638-3283.

River Rafting

SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS OUTSIDE THE PARK Colorado River Discovery 888-522-6644 or raftthecanyon.com
WHITETRAINSRAFT TRIPS INSIDE THE PARK nps.gov/cy/gp/canyonvisit/white-water-rafting.html

Additional Resources

Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD or visit az511.gov
Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce 844-638-2901, grandcanyonchamber.com
Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, 928-638-2443

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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 GCA 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 to take twice as long to hike up as it took 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. 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 nps.gov/GRCA/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm.

9 Essentials for Your Day Pack

Water At least two liters of water depending on hike intensity and duration. Eat and drink while resting; sip fluids while hiking. Always bring a method to treat water.

Food 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.

Map Know your route. Many trails are well marked, but some are not.

Flashlight or Headlamp You may end up hiking in the dark unexpectedly; cell phones do not provide adequate light.

Sun Protection Sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, and a sun umbrella.

Communication Whistle or signal mirror; while cell phones are not reliable, they might be helpful.

Simple Shelters Emergency tarp with reflective side.

Weather-appropriate Clothing and Footwear Layer for the weather, protect yourself from the sun, and wear hiking boots with good soles. Remember the weather can change suddenly.

4 Dangerous Health Risks

Common Challenges Any activity at high elevation and in a dry environment can bring your body past its limits, exacerbate medical conditions or current illnesses, and harm you due to a lack of regular exercise.

Over Exertion When looking from the rim into Grand Canyon everything looks close—but it is not! Know your limits, pace yourself, and take a 5- to 10-minute break every hour. If you are not feeling well, rest at least 30 minutes. Turn around on your hike before you feel tired.

Heat-related Illnesses Beware of over-exposure to hot, dry weather. Rest in the shade, hydrate, and eat high-energy foods. If the weather is still hot, start and finish your hike before noon or after 4 pm. Do not hike during the heat of the day.

Hyponatremia This common hiking illness occurs from overhydration and low salt ingestion during a strenuous hike—a deadly condition if ignored. Balance hydration with salty snacks, eat a well-rounded lunch, and rest frequently.

Trailhead 1550m 4990ft
Ooh Aah Point 1745m 5710ft
Cedar Ridge 1875m 6140ft
Skeleton Point 1905m 6250ft
1½-Mile Resthouse 2025m 6630ft
Indian Garden 2195m 7200ft
Plateau Point 2355m 7710ft

cereal snacks and a full meal. Eat

At least two liters of water

Warning!

• Hiking to the river and back in one day is not recommended due to long distances, extreme temperature changes, and a near 5,000-foot (1,500 m) elevation change each way. If you think you have the fitness and experience to attempt this extremely strenuous hike, please seek the advice of a park ranger at the Backcountry Information Center.

• The Colorado River is fast, wide, and cold 46°F (8°C) year-round. Do not swim in the river—you will perish.
Desert View

Walk the Rim Trail
The Rim Trail stretches from South Kaibab Trailhead to Hermit Rest. It offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown and 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. Ride the free shuttle bus and add variety into your Rim Trail adventure by walking one way and riding back. Distances below are one way.

Food and Beverage
Desert View Snack Bar 8 am–4 pm, located in Desert View Trading Post

Services
Desert View Market 8 am–5 pm
Desert View Service Station 9 am–5 pm through late October; fuel, including diesel, available 24 hours a day with credit card

Camping
Desert View Campground (National Park Service) $12 per night; no hookups; maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m); first-come, first-served self registration. Closes October 18 and reopens in May 2016.

Difficulty, Start, Finish, Distance, Attraction

Easy, popular
Wide, paved trail; accessible for strollers and wheelchairs with assistance

Mather Point Yaqui Point 0.7 miles (1.1 km) View of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
Yaqui Point Verkamp’s Visitor Center 1.3 miles (2.1 km) Touch rocks from all of Grand Canyon’s layers along the award-winning Trail of Time
Verkamp’s Visitor Center Kolb Studio 0.6 miles (1 km) Explore local history in the village historic district

Easy, Less Traveled
Little elevation gain
South Kaibab Trailhead Mather Point 2.1 miles (3.4 km) Great views of a trail going down into Grand Canyon; paved
Monument Creek Vista Hermit Rest 2.8 miles (4.5 km) Quiet and less crowded with forest and canyon views; paved
Hopi Point Powell Point 0.3 miles (0.5 km) Expansive east and west views of Grand Canyon; unpaved

Moderate
Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain
Mikwa Point Monument Creek Vista 2.0 miles (3.2 km) Unpaved trail with great views
Hermit Rest Trailview Overlook 0.7 miles (1.1 km) Views of the Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade

Pedaling the Park
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.

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

Elk and deer can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory. Keep a safe distance of 100 feet (30 m) and help keep wildlife wild.