South Rim
Nature Trail

One of the best ways to experience the Grand Canyon is to take a hike. Most of the inner Canyon trails, however, are strenuous and time consuming. If you are only in fair condition or have small children with you, an excellent alternative is the Rim Trail.

The trail extends along the rim of the Canyon Between Maricopa Point on the West Rim and Yavapai Museum east of the Visitor Center. The entire length of the trail is paved and it is level in most sections providing a sharp contrast to the inner Canyon trails. While the overall length of the trail is 3¼ miles, you can walk any part of it, making your trip as long or as short as you wish.

The section of the trail between Verkamp’s Curio, Yavapai Museum and the Visitor Center is a self-guiding nature trail. Pamphlets explaining the biology and geology of the Grand Canyon are available at the Visitor Center and at each of these sections of the trail. They cost 25¢.

Mule strings travel up and down the Bright Angel and Kaibab trails daily as they have since the early 1900s. When you hike, and especially if you run, on these trails there are guidelines which you should observe for your own safety as well as the safety of other hikers on the trail around you.

Mules are naturally afraid of humans and are easily startled or “spooked.” Wranglers will advise you of the proper procedures when you encounter a mule strong on the trail, and periodically halt the mules to hikers may pass by. Please pass the mules at a walking pace — no sudden movements. Hiker carelessness — banging a walking stick, moving rapidly by, dropping or throwing objects (coats, backpacks, canteens, etc.) — can endanger the hiker and unsuspecting bystanders.

Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.23 (f) states that hikers shall remain quiet when mule strings pass on the trail.

Courtesy on the trail will help assure your safe hike in and out of Grand Canyon.

How to See Grand Canyon

There are many ways to enjoy Grand Canyon National Park. Here are some ways to get the most out of your visit. Here is what to do if you have:

Two or Three Hours
1. Visit Yavapai Museum where you can view exhibits on the geologic history of Grand Canyon. A magnificent view of the Canyon can be seen from the Museum.
2. Ride the free shuttle bus on the West Rim Drive for scenic views of the Canyon. The drive begins just west of the Bright Angel Lodge and follows the rim eight miles to Hermit’s Rest. The Colorado River can be seen from Hopi Point, Mohave Point, and Pima Point.

Half Day
1. After doing the above activities, stop at the Visitor Center and explore the exhibits that trace the human and natural history of Grand Canyon. Be sure to view the 15-minute orientation slide program for an informative introduction to Grand Canyon.
2. Take a leisurely walk along any portion of the Rim Nature Trail. This self-guiding nature trail can begin at Yavapai Museum, the Visitor Center, or near Verkamp’s Curio Shop. At each location is a leaflet box with trail guides (25 cents each).

One or More Days
1. Enjoy the above activities and then consider a drive along the East Rim Drive to Desert View (25 miles, 45 minutes one way) for a different view of the Canyon. At Desert View is the famous Watchtower, views of the Painted Desert, and the Colorado River. Tusayan Museum and Indian ruins are located four miles west of Desert View and afford a step back in time to about 1185 A.D.
2. Hike a short distance into the Canyon for a unique view. The Bright Angel Trail or South Kaibab Trail are recommended. Remember, that it may take twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. Water should be carried at all times of the year!
3. Join a Ranger for an interpretive walk or talk to learn more about the human and natural history of Grand Canyon. Check the Things To Do page for program information.
4. See the sunrise or sunset on the Canyon rim. Pick a point you like, come early, and enjoy a spectacular view.
5. Attend a National Park Service Evening Program. See the Things To Do page for details.

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For weather information call 638-2245 (recorded message). Updated 8 a.m. daily.

Emergency?
If you need to report an emergency, request an ambulance, or need a police official, do any of the following:
- call 638-2477 (a 24 hour emergency line). If busy, call 638-7988.
- Personally contact any National Park Service ranger.
- Come to the Visitor Center and use the emergency telephone, located to the left of the front door.

Lost and Found
The lost and found department is located in the rear of the building housing the Magistrates’ Office. The telephone number is 638-7798 and hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. When inquiring for lost items, please state your name, address, zip code, area code and phone number, and provide a complete description of the item lost for an accurate identification. For calls after hours, please leave a message with the information.

Bighorn Sheep
Have you seen a bighorn sheep during your stay at the Canyon? If you have, please report it to the front desk at the Visitor Center.

The Shuttle

The shuttle bus system operates two loops, one in the Village and one on the West Rim Drive. No tickets or passes are required to ride. Simply board the brown and tan buses at any bus stop, designated by signs bearing the shuttle map. The Village Shuttle provides transportation between the Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, and other facilities in the Village area. The entire loop takes 45-55 minutes, if you don’t get off the bus. At several points in the Village you may get off the bus and cross the street to another stop to return to your starting point more quickly.
Religious Services

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks. Grand Canyon Community Church.

Sunday Service
- 10 a.m. Service of Worship at the West Rim Worship Site.
- 11 a.m. Service of Worship with Children’s Church.
- 7 p.m. Service of Worship at the West Rim Worship Site.

Mather Campground: Service of Worship at firecircle.
- Saturdays at 7 p.m.

Tuasayan/Moqui: Service of Worship at Camp Village.
- Sundays at 7 a.m. Service upstirs at 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Dusk: Service of Worship at firecircle.
- Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

WEEKENDS: except Mondays: Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday at the Community Building.

TUESDAY: 8 p.m. Midweek Bible Study at the Community Building.

El Cristo Rey Parish: Roman Catholic.

Masses held at the Shrine of Ages.
- SUNDAY: 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- SUNDAY: 7 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Mass.
- Monday. 6:30-9:00 a.m. Mass.

Grand Canyon Assembly of God: Carl B. Hall.

Worship Service at the Community Building.
- SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. Worship Service at the Community Building.
- THURSDAY: 7 p.m. Worship Service at the Community Building.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Branch President Allen A. Keske.

All meetings held in Shrine of the Ages.
- SUNDAY: 7 a.m. Melchizedek Priesthood.
- 8:15 a.m. Aaronic Priesthood.
- Young Women, Primary, Sunday School.
- 9:30 a.m. Sacrament Meeting.
- 10:45 a.m. Relief Society.

CO Danger

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, gas generated by combustion of common fuels, such as charcoal in a grill.

The health hazard occurs when carbon monoxide displaces oxygen in the blood, causing suffocation. High concentrations are fatal. How do you prevent it? Small, unvented heaters, stoves, and grills should never be used in tents or campers and other small enclosed areas because they can give off large amounts of carbon monoxide as well as consume the available oxygen.

Smoke

If you see smoke during your visit to Grand Canyon, it may be from a natural fire being allowed to burn or a prescribed burn which is purposely set by park staff. Both are a part of the park’s fire management program to restore fire to its natural role in the environment.

For over 60 years it was thought that plant communities had to be protected from all fires. Research has shown that fire plays an important role in shaping and maintaining many plant communities.

Fire acts as a rejuvenator to natural ecosystems by releasing stored nutrients from dead and live plant materials, reducing ground litter, and allowing more light through the canopy so new generations of plants can grow.

The absence of fire has resulted in some plant communities being more dense, having larger accumulations of fuels, and becoming more susceptible to fires of greater intensity.

To restore fire at Grand Canyon, natural fires were allowed to burn. In areas where ground fuels have accumulated to hazardous levels, prescribed burns were set under moderate to low fire conditions, are being used to restore the natural role of fire in the environment.

Fires which do not meet the criteria for being allowed to burn will continue to be suppressed.

Hance Beach on the Colorado River taken from Lipan Point.
The Canyon Shuttle

How it Works

As more visitors came to Grand Canyon in private automobiles, the resulting traffic problems brought the realization that an alternative transportation system was necessary. Free shuttle bus service was begun to ease congestion and pollution, conserve fossil fuels and allow visitors more time to see the Grand Canyon.

The shuttle bus system operates two loops, one in the Village and one on the West Rim Drive. No tickets or passes are required to ride. Simply board the brown and tan buses at any bus stop, designated by signs bearing the shuttle map. The Village Shuttle provides transportation between the Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, and other facilities in the Village area. The entire loop takes 45-55 minutes, if you don't get off the bus and cross the street to another stop to return to your starting point more quickly.

Canyon Shuttle Schedule

Village Loop
5:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. every 15 minutes.

West Rim
7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. every 15 minutes.

Hiker's Special
Leaves from the Backcountry Reservations Office next to Camper Services. One goes to the South Kaibab Trailhead at 7:00 a.m. and leaves the trailhead at 7:45 a.m. Another goes to the South Kaibab Trailhead at 10 a.m. and leaves the trailhead at 10:45 a.m.

The Village Shuttle

The free Village Shuttle Bus will stop at each of these locations approximately every 15 minutes between 5:45 a.m. and 10 p.m. (listed in direction of travel):
- In front of the Shrine of Ages building (next to the Visitor Center), on the main road.
- Below the El Tovar Hotel and across from the historic railroad depot.
- Between the Bright Angel Lodge and the Thunderbird Lodge, on the main road.
- Just west of the Bright Angel Lodge near the start of the West Rim Drive.
- In the center of the Maswik Lodge Complex.
- Adjacent to the Maswik Cafeteria.
- In front of the Recreation Center, across from the Ranger Office building.
- Next to the Public Garage.

The West Rim Drive Shuttle

7:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. every 15 minutes
On this 16-mile round trip on the West Rim Drive, buses stop at eight overlooks, ending at Hermit's Rest. The round trip takes 1½ hours, if you don't get off the bus. It is a scenic route, and you will see more of the Canyon by getting off at as many stops as you wish. You can catch another bus in 15 minutes, either going farther on the West Rim Drive or returning to the Village. All buses stop at all designated points. A rim trail also connects the points, so you can walk between stops and board a bus at another overlook. The trail is paved to Maricopa Point. Bus drivers are on a strict schedule and can stop only at designated bus stops. If you see a bus pulling away from a stop, do not run after it. Wait a few minutes and another bus will be along.

The West Rim bus leaves from the West Rim Interchange near Bright Angel Lodge. The Village Shuttle connects with the West Rim bus at the barricade. Get off the Village bus, go around the barricade and wait for the West Rim shuttle. During most of the day, a park ranger is stationed at the Interchange to answer any questions.

There are many good views of the Canyon from the West Rim and a morning or afternoon could be spent in a combination trip of bus riding and walking on the rim. From the West Rim Interchange you might want to ride to the first stop, Trailview Overlook, with its excellent view of the Bright Angel Trail branching out from it. You may then board the next bus or walk a short distance to Maricopa Point.

The third stop is Powell Memorial, named for Major John Wesley Powell, whose party of ten men made the first trip by boat down the Colorado River through Grand Canyon in 1869.

On the way to the next stop, Hopi Overlook, the now inactive Orphan Mine is visible. Hopi Point offers a fine view to the east and west. It is a popular sunset viewing point, but can be crowded in summer.

From the next point, Mohave, Hermit Rapids can be seen on the Colorado River. A dramatic stop on the West Rim is Abyss, where the sheer cliff drops 3000 feet to the Tonto Plateau. Monument Creek, a sidestream of the Colorado River, can be seen to the east at Fima Point. The Hermit Trail can be seen descending to intersect with the Tonto Trail.

The last stop on the West Rim is Hermit's Rest, which has a gift shop, refreshment stand, and restrooms.

WATER AND RESTROOMS ON THE WEST RIM

NO WATER IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEST RIM except at Hermit's Rest. Take a canteen with you. Toilets are located at the West Rim interchange and Hermit's Rest.

Hikers within the Canyon.
Hiking Reservations and Permits

Permits are needed for overnight hiking only, day hikes do not require a permit. Reservation requests should be sent to:
Backcountry Reservations Office
P.O. Box 129
Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023

Hikers arriving without reservations should contact the Backcountry Reservations Office. It may be possible to obtain a Backcountry Use Permit by placing their name on a waiting list for cancellations.

The Backcountry Reservations Office is located in a building adjacent to Camper Services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m.

Hiking Safely in the Canyon

Along the three maintained backcountry trails in the Grand Canyon, the Bright Angel, North Kaibab and South Kaibab trails, there are three designated campgrounds in which hikers must camp. Indian Gardens, Bright Angel and Cottonwood campgrounds have staffed ranger stations, toilets, purified drinking water, picnic tables, metal poles on which to hang food to protect it from animals.

A hike into the Canyon will test your mental and physical endurance. The average descent takes four hours on the South Kaibab and five hours on the Bright Angel Trail, where water and shade are available. Indian Gardens has water year-round and in the summer water is available at the 3-mile and 1/4-mile resthouses on the upper Bright Angel Trail. There are no toilets in either resthouse.

A suggested day hike is to Plateau Point on the Bright Angel Trail. Plateau Point offers a spectacular view of the Colorado River. This is a 12-mile round trip, requiring about 8 hours of hiking. It should be attempted only by experienced hikers.

A shorter day hike would be to Cedar Ridge (3-mile round trip) on the South Kaibab trail.

The following recommendations are offered to help you better prepare for a safe hike into the Canyon:

- Comfortable footwear is essential. This is not time to break in new boots! Sandals, street shoes and bare feet are an invitation to painful blisters. Wear two pairs of socks to reduce friction between your feet and boots. At the first sign of any soreness apply moleskin to the "hot spot."
- Take a first-aid kit. It should contain bandauds, moleskin, sunscreen lotion and a signal mirror. Maps and a flashlight are recommended.
- Heat cramps — painful muscle spasms, usually in the arms and legs — can be caused by strenuous exercise and depletion of body salts. For relief, eat salty foods, drink water and gently massage the affected area.
- Heat exhaustion can be caused by overexertion in hot weather. Symptoms: pale face; nausea; cool, moist skin; headache; cramps. Treatment: find shade, drink water, cool the body, rest.
- Heat stroke — Symptoms: red face, dry skin, weak and rapid pulse, high body temperature, inability to cope, unconsciousness. VICTIM IS IN EXTREME DANGER! Treatment: find shade, cool victim with water, GO FOR HELP!
- In cooler temperatures, when your body loses heat faster than it can produce it, there is the possibility of hypothermia. The best defense against hypothermia is to prevent it. Stay dry and warm; put on wool clothes before you get cold. Symptoms include shivering, trembling hands, lurching walk and drowsiness. The victim should be given dry clothes, protected from the wind, rain and cold, given warm drinks and warmed by skin contact with another person. Hypothermia can occur when the temperature is as warm as 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Do not attempt to swim in the Colorado River. It is swift and extremely cold.

Your hike is what you make it. Take time to plan. If you have further questions, contact the Backcountry Reservations Office.

Granite Rapids in low water.

Photo by Bob Butterfield
Hiking in the Canyon

This checklist was compiled by members of the Backcountry Reservations Office in order to help hikers plan their wilderness experience at Grand Canyon. You will probably want to modify it to suit your own needs.

- Trowel (for disposing of human waste)
- Ground cloth (or poncho, space blanket, etc.)
- Light weight sleeping bag (or sheet blanket, 5' x 6' or larger)
- Ensolite pad or air mattress (optional)
- Backpack stove, fuel and pot (no fires)
- Frame backpack (or choice)

Clothing:
- Trail clothing worn (underwear, shorts, shirt, etc.)
- Lightweight long-sleeved shirt
- Lightweight long pants (optional)
- 1 pair extra socks (heavy)
- 1 pair extra socks (light)
- Boots (that fit!)
- 1 pair thongs or light sneakers (optional, for camp use)
- 1 soft cloth (or straw) brimmed hat
- 2 kerchiefs

Accessories:
- flashlight
- canteens (2 quarts minimum per person)
- map (and/or guide books)
- jack knife
- cup, bowl and spoon (if needed)
- toilet kit
- sunglasses
- first aid kit (see below)
- 1/4" nylon line (25')
- water purification tablets
- can opener

First Aid Kit:
- 4" x 4" Sterile gauze pads
- adhesive tape, 1/2" or 2" wide
- molexskin sheets
- assorted Band-aids
- Ace bandage and clips
- small curved (nail) scissors
- hydrogen peroxide (in plastic bottle)
- assorted safety pins
- matches (waxed heads or waterproof box)
- tweezers and small magnifying glass
- sunburn lotion
- salt tablets
- Chapstick
- needle (in container)

Food Supplies in the Grand Canyon

Proteins: Beef roll, salami, cheese, (squeezed tubes or hot weather kinds), shelled nuts, peanut butter, hard boiled eggs, beef jerky, canned chicken, shrimp, ham, etc., bacon bar.

Breads and Cereals: Granola, rye-crisp or other whole grain crackers, corn tortillas, breakfast bars, "Gorp" (of seeds, nuts, coconut, dry cereals, raisins, etc.), cereals.

Carbohydrates: Honey, fruit drops, powdered citrus (for drinking water), preserved or jam fruit, M&M's, cookies, space bars.

Fresh Produce: Green pepper, carrots, celery hearts, cauliflower sections, oranges, grapefruit, limes, apples, peaches, plums, pears, nectarines (firm and not quite ripe, in their season).

Miscellaneous: Powdered milk, salt tablets and grains), small cans of vegetables (beets, corn, tomatoes, etc., eaten cold), or fruit (pears, peaches, grapefruit sections, fruit cocktail, pineapple, etc.)

You must camp within a designated campsite in a National Park. Camping in the forest or at one of the overlooks could result in a costly fine.

Reservations for camping are made through Ticketron Reservation Office, P.O. Box 2715, San Francisco, CA 94126. Mail-in reservations can be made through Ticketron Reservation Office, P.O. Box 2715, San Francisco, CA 94126. Mail-in reservations require approximately two weeks to process. No telephone reservations are accepted at any location.

Campsites at Mather Campground are $6 per site per night. In addition, a one-time fee of $3.50 is charged if the reservation system is used. The amount must be paid at the time the reservation is made.

Computer sales terminals are located at the following National Park Service locations: Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Rocky Mountain, Shenandoah, Great Smoky Mountains, Cape Hatteras, the Phoenix Field Office, Los Angeles Field Office, and the San Francisco National Park Service Information Office.

Trailer sites with hookups are available at Trailer Village located next to Mather Campground. Registration is handled at the entrance to Trailer Village (7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.).

Desert View Campground: Located at Desert View 25 miles east of Grand Canyon on Highway 64 (the road to Cameron, Arizona). Campsites are on a first-come first-serve basis with a charge of $6 per night.

Ten X Campground: Located 10 miles south of the park and operated by the U.S. Forest Service. Campsites are on a first-come first-serve basis with a charge of $6 per night.

Camper Village: Located 7 miles south of the Park in the town of Tusayan. Hookups are available.
South Rim

Lodging
Bright Angel Lodge: On the rim. Rooms and cabins standard double occupancy $34-$65.
Maswik Lodge: Located at the west end of the village. Double occupancy rooms $30-$77.
Yavapai Lodge: Double occupancy $48-$67.

Front desks of the above lodges are open 24 hours a day. For same-day reservations call (602) 638-2631. For advance reservations call (602) 638-2401 or write Grand Canyon National Park Lodge, Box 699, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

Phantom Ranch: Overnight dorm and cabin space is often available and can be reserved by contacting the Bright Angel Transportation Desk in person between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Meals can also be reserved until noon.

Grand Canyon International Hostel: 76 Tonto Street, 638-9018. Check-in 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Food and Drink
El Tovar Dining Room: Breakfast, 6:30 to 11 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner, 5 to 10 p.m. No shorts at dinner.
View of the Canyon. Lounge open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. Sunday noon to 1 a.m.
Bright Angel Restaurant: Family dining. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lounge open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. Sunday noon to 1 a.m.

Yavapai Cafeteria: Located in Yavapai Lodge. Open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Located on the rim between Bright Angel and Thunderbird lodges.

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Yavapai Fast Food: Located in Yavapai Lodge. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Maswik Cafeteria: Located at the west end of the Village. Open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Bar open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily.
Babbitt's Delicatessen: Located in Babbitt's General Store. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.
Babbitt's General Store: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Tusayan Shuttle
Tusayan-Grand Canyon Shuttle. Hourly scheduled shuttle service between Grand Canyon Village, the village of Tusayan, and Grand Canyon Airport. In Grand Canyon Village, the Shuttle makes stops at Yavapai Lodge, Bright Angel Lodge and Maswik Lodge.

Facilities & Services

Other Facilities

Medical Services

Grand Canyon Medical Clinic: Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 638-2551 or 638-2469. After 5:30 p.m. Emergency Only 638-2477.

Grand Canyon Pharmacy: Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturdays. Call 638-2480. Payments at both the clinic and pharmacy are on a cash only basis. Credit cards are accepted.

Beauty and Barber Shops
Bright Angel Hair Design: Located in the Bright Angel Lodge. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Later and earlier hours by appointment. Call 638-2210 for appointments.

Telegraph Office
Located in Grand Canyon National Park Lodges Office. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Service Station
Gransee Canyon Garage: Located west of Grand Canyon National Park Lodges Office. Open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Bank
Valley National Bank: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Later and earlier hours by appointment. Call 638-2460.

Propane
Available at Grand Canyon Chevron across from Visitor Center.

Backpacking Equipment
Babbitt's General Store: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

Curio Shops

Pet Kennels
The kennels are open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. After 5:30 p.m. contact Fire and Safety for retrieval, 638-2631.

Post Office
The Village Post Office is located across from the Visitor Center. Window service is available from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lobby open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Tours
Bright Angel Transportation Desk: Located in Bright Angel Lodge. Handles arrangements for bus and air tours and mule trips. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Maswik Transportation Desk: Located in Maswik Lodge. Handles arrangements for bus and air tours. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bus:
Nava-Hopi Bus Lines runs daily between Grand Canyon and Williams and Flagstaff, Arizona, with connections to other commercial bus lines. Contact Bright Angel Transportation Desk in Bright Angel Lodge for tickets and schedules.

Taxi:
Available to the airport, trailhead and other destinations. Call 638-2822. The service is available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Raft Trips:
One and two-day mule trips into the Canyon are normally available on a daily basis. Contact the Bright Angel Transportation Desk for full information.

Air Tours:
For information about daily smooth water tours, contact any transportation desk.

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Curio Shops

Out of the Park Services

The following facilities are located in Tusayan, 8 miles south of the Park on U.S. Highway 64 South.

Grand Canyon Squire Inn
638-2681
Red Feather Lodge
638-2424
Moqui Lodge
638-2424
Seven Mile Lodge
638-2291
Canyon Food Mart
638-2544
We Cook Pizza, ETC
638-2278
Tusayan Steak House
638-2780
General Store
638-2854
Grand Canyon Tourist Center
638-2628
Moqui Beauty & Barber Shop
638-2774
Grand Canyon Mobil
638-2730
Moqui Lodge Service Station
638-2424
IMAX Theater
638-2203
Moqui Lodge Curio
638-2424
Apache Stables
638-2424

Desert View

Desert View is located 25 miles (40 km) east of Grand Canyon on Highway 64 (the road to Cameron, Arizona). Services at Desert View include:

- Watchtower Gift Shop 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Watchtower Stairs 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Trading Post
- Gift Shop 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Trading Post
- Fountain 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Babbitt's General Store 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Service Station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Matkatamiba Canyon.
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Pets must be physically restrained at all times. Pets are not allowed below the rim. Pets on leash are allowed on paved rim trails. Kennel facilities are available.

Summer weather brings out joggers and bicyclists. Don't let your exercise program be cut short by an untimely accident while using the park roads. Joggers are asked to wear bright reflective clothing. Bicyclists are reminded that reflectors and lights are required by law when riding at night. Joggers and cyclists are asked to be especially wary of vehicle traffic on Center Road and the West Rim Drive. No bicycles are allowed on trails.

Have a Safe Stay in the Park

Keep Track of Your Belongings. Remove all valuables from your car and trunk. Immediately report any suspicious activity to a ranger. A thief works quickly.

REMEMBER: You are responsible for your own safety.

Watch Your Children. Your hand and your voice may be too far away once your child has climbed over barrier or wall.

Keep Your Distance from Wild Animals. Do not feed or attempt to disturb or touch animals in the park. Rodents may bite and large animals have been known to kick when frightened.

Know Your Limits. The South Rim of Grand Canyon is 7000 feet (2133 meters) above sea level. Unaccustomed exercise at this altitude can be dangerous.

Find a Friend. The majority of hiker fatalities occur with solo hikers. Make sure someone knows your plans.

USE CAUTION

NEAR THE EDGE
FOOTING CAN BE DANGEROUS
Arizona is on Mountain Standard Time all year.

The Village

Grand Canyon Village
Visitor Center

* The Visitor Center is located 3 miles north of the South Entrance Station and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. General information about the park, maps, and brochures can be obtained at the Information Desk.

An exhibit hall features exhibits on the human and natural history of Grand Canyon. Boats and rafts used on the Colorado River during this century are on display in the courtyard.

The Grand Canyon Natural History Association bookstore, open daily from 8:15 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., is located in the lobby. Publications and maps about Grand Canyon are available for purchase.

Orientation Program

* Two 15-minute narrated slide programs are offered daily between 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center Auditorium. Shown on the hour is "Grand Canyon. A Park for All Seasons" which highlights the park's major features and suggests things to do. Shown on the half hour is "Grand Canyon: Human and Natural History." 

Village Area Programs

Early Morning Rim Walk: 6:30 a.m. daily. Meet at YAVAPAI MUSEUM. This 1-hour ranger-guided walk along the Canyon rim will introduce you to Grand Canyon's diversity as the new day breaks. The walk is about one mile on a paved trail. Shuttle bus available.

Cedar Ridge Hike: 7:30 a.m. daily. Meet at the SOUTH KAIBAB TRAILHEAD, near Yaki Point. This rigorous 3.5-hour hike descends 1300 feet into the Canyon and is 3 miles round trip. Participants should be prepared for sudden weather changes and must carry one quart of water per person. A light snack is recommended. Wear sturdy boots or shoes for a strenuous hike.

*Rim Walk: 1:15 p.m. daily. Meet at the EL TOVAR HOTEL FLAGPOLE along the Canyon Rim. This 1½-hour ranger-guided walk will introduce you to Grand Canyon's human and natural history of the Canyon. Together you will learn survival tips and see a slide program on wilderness survival for children. This program is designed not only for wilderness areas, but also urban areas. Children must be accompanied by an adult over 18. Wear play clothes and bring a smile. Meet the ranger at the SHRINE OF AGES building next to the Visitor Center. Begins May 31.

Nature Walk: 4 p.m. daily. Meet in front of the VISITOR CENTER. This 1 to 1½ hour stroll will take you through the forest to the rim of the Grand Canyon. Along the way you will have an opportunity to explore some exciting aspects of Grand Canyon. Wear comfortable shoes and casual clothing.

Kaibab Trail Hike: 4 p.m. daily. See the SOUTH KAIBAB TRAILHEAD. Join the ranger for a short hike below the rim of 1½ miles or less, round-trip. You will see fossils within 250 - million - year - old rocks, ancient sea beds, and a fault line! Descents will be steep, moderately strenuous. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

National Park Service Evening Programs: 8:30 p.m. nightly. Held in MATHER AMPHITHEATER behind the Visitor Center. A 45-minute narrated program about some aspect of the cultural or natural history of the Canyon. For the program topic, visitor activities, and a cultural or natural history of the Canyon. From the museum's large glass windows you can see a panorama of the Canyon. The Museum is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Yavapai Programs

Yavapai Museum

Yavapai Museum, located ¼ mile east of the Visitor Center, features exhibits on the geologic history of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, including a geologic time clock, rock samples, and explanation of the formation of the Canyon. From the museum's large glass windows you can see a panorama of the Canyon. The Museum is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Yavapai Programs

Yavapai Canyon Talk: 8:30, 11 a.m., 12 noon and 3 p.m. daily. Meet YAVAPAI MUSEUM. Be our guest for a 15-minute program on one of our favorite aspects of Grand Canyon. Subjects will range from fossils to mining, the Colorado River to climate zones.

Yavapai Geology Talk: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. Join YAVAPAI MUSEUM for a one-hour walk with a ranger along the rim of the Grand Canyon. You will be introduced to ancient seas, prehistoric mountain ranges, and the Colorado Plateau as you learn how the Canon came to be. We will walk one-quarter mile on a paved trail to Grandeur Point.

Yavapai Geology Walk: 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. daily. Meet YAVAPAI MUSEUM for a 20-minute program to learn the marvelous story of the Grand Canyon.

The West Rim

The West Rim area is a perfect place to get to know Grand Canyon at your own pace. Spectacular overlooks afford views of the Canyon, river, forest, and wildlife. Rangers offer walks and talks explaining the mysteries of the Canyon's geology, flora, plants, wildlife, and human history. And if you find your interest or the Canyon's beauty have brought you farther than you had planned, the free shuttle buses will carry you back to the Village.

West Rim Information Booth

You may begin your visit to the West Rim here, where you will find a complete listing of the ranger programs available and other information to help you plan your West Rim tour. The free West Rim shuttle buses depart here beginning at 7:30 a.m. and every 15 minutes thereafter until 5:45 p.m. (see page 3 for complete shuttle information). A ranger is available from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. to provide assistance.

West Rim Programs

*Trail Talk: 8:30 a.m. Whether you are a senior citizen or a seasoned hiker, this program will help you select a hike to an inside-out view of the Canyon that's right for you. 15 minutes. Meet at the WEST RIM INFORMATION BOOTH.

Nature Walk: 9:30 a.m. Discover Grand Canyon's wildflower and wildlife during a stroll with a ranger along the Rim Trail. 1 hour. Meet at the WEST RIM INFORMATION BOOTH.

Fossil Hunt: 11:30 a.m. Seashells 7000 feet above sea level? Come explore the diversity of life 250,000,000 years ago. Bring the kids (bet they find more fossils than you do!), 1 hour. Meet at the WEST RIM INFORMATION BOOTH.

The Kit-and-Caboodle Hike: Join a ranger for part or all of an afternoon hike along the rim exploring all aspects of the Canyon — geology, plants, animals, explorers, the river, and more. Four talks will be given along the way, featuring songs from the 1890s through the 1970s. Begins June 21.

Desert View

* Tusayan Museum, located on East Rim Drive just four miles west of Desert View. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Museum contains exhibits of prehistoric and contemporary Native Americans of the area. A self-guiding trail through Anasazi ruins adjoins the museum.

Early Morning Walk: 7:15 a.m. daily. Meet at the LIPAN POINT for a one-hour walk along a seldom visited section of the rim.

*Ruins Tour: 9 and 11 a.m. daily. Join the ranger for a guided 30-minute tour of the 800-year-old Tusayan Pueblo Indian Ruins. Meet at TUSAYAN INDIAN MUSEUM.

* Geology Talk: 12:30 p.m. daily. Meet next to the DESERT VIEW WATCHTOWER for an introduction to the geology at Grand Canyon and the Colorado Plateau.

Watchtower Tour: 2:30 p.m. daily. Discover the ancient lore of the Hopi while exploring this 1930's interpretation of the Anasazi architecture. Meet at the DESERT VIEW KIOSK. Admission to the Watchtower is 25 cents.

Sunset Rim Walk: 7:15 p.m. daily. Meet at the DESERT VIEW CAMPFIRE Circular for a leisurely nature walk along the rim to a special place to view the sunset.

* Evening Program: Friday and Saturday evenings. Meet at the DESERT VIEW CAMPFIRE Circle. Friday night: Meet a surprise member of the 1869 Powell expedition for an insight into the first river exploration of the Grand Canyon. Saturday night: Join the ranger for an old-fashioned campfire sing-a-long featuring songs from the 1890s through the 1970s. Begins June 21.

North Rim

A separate Guide for the North Rim is available upon request at the Visitor Center.