Hello, and welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

This is an immense and spectacular landscape. People from around the world come to see it, and I think you will agree that your first glimpse is a powerful, even pivotal moment. How did you respond when you first stood on the edge and looked out at the canyon’s boundless expanses? Were you awed, overwhelmed? Did you start to comment and point excitedly, or did you grow silent…perhaps even closing your eyes to more fully experience the canyon?

If so, you’re not alone. Many people feel the need to bring all their senses to bear in order to fully absorb and comprehend the canyon’s sheer vastness. They need to feel it, smell it, and hear it.

Just as this park has an expansive landscape composed of unique landforms and distinct scenery, it also has a exceptional soundscape composed of the subtle natural sounds that abound here and are part of a natural quiet that seems to magnify the canyon’s immensity.

Soon, Grand Canyon National Park will be releasing a plan that will limit the impacts of aircraft noise on both the park’s magnificent soundscape and your unique experience here. This plan is the result of many years of collaboration and hard work with other federal agencies, tribal neighbors, recreationists, conservation groups, and the air tour industry, as well as tens of thousands of public comments from people just like you.

This is your park. Your opinions and comments on the ways in which we manage it are invaluable to us. I encourage you to watch for opportunities to participate in other planning efforts, such as the development of the Backcountry Management Plan or the plan that will guide management of water releases from Glen Canyon Dam. Please, take the time to share your comments and concerns and help us better protect those rare moments when we stand on the edge of one of the world’s most magnificent precipices…close our eyes…and listen.

Thank you,

Dave Uberuaga, Superintendent

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Top 5 Grand Canyon Activities

1. Get Your First Canyon View
From Grand Canyon Visitor Center, walk a short distance to Mahaffy 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 page 4. Drive your car along the 25-mile (37 km) Desert View Drive and enjoy broad river views the further east you go. The Watchtower at Desert View Point is a highlight. See map on page 8.

3. Enjoy the Sun and Stars
Grand Canyon’s clean air and expansive views offer the opportunity for you to watch the sun rise or set and view crystal clear night skies. Hops, Mohave, Yaki, and Yavapai points provide grand east and west views, perfect for sunrise and sunset.

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 come-back story of the California condor. Tour ancestral Puebloan ruins or learn about local history. Get on a bicycle or go for a hike. Bring the kids to a family program, specifically designed to connect children to park resources. Whatever you decide, you will find endless choices on pages 3 and 8.

5. Experience New Exhibits
New exhibits at Grand Canyon Visitor Center will help you plan your trip, learn about Grand Canyon, and catch a glimpse of this amazing landscape from the river, trail, rim, and air. The exhibits also include a Science on a Sphere component that uses technology developed by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration to project 360-degree global imagery to tell Grand Canyon’s story.

Need Information?
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.

SOUTH RIM 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, and Mather Point nearby.
8 am–6 pm

Backcountry Information Center
Learn about inner-canyon hiking, obtain backcountry information and permits.
8 am–noon; 1–5 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–8 pm

DESSERT VIEW
Desert View Visitor Center
Explore how Grand Canyon inspired artists, writers, musicians, and conservationists.
9 am–6 pm

Tusayan Museum and Ruin
Look into the past and present-day lives of thriving American Indian communities.
9 am–5 pm

New exhibits at Grand Canyon Visitor Center

Water in individual disposable containers is no longer sold in the park. See page 8 for free water filling station locations.
Grand Canyon National Park

Located entirely in northern Arizona, the park encompasses 277 miles of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon is unmatched in the incomparable vistas it offers to visitors on the rim. Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site.

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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 help ensure all visitors are able to enjoy the awe-inspiring wonder of Grand Canyon.

As the park’s official nonprofit partner, GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to operate bookstores in seven locations throughout the park. Bookstore 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.

Discover the Park With the Grand Canyon Field Institute
From hiking and backpacking to yoga and photography, you can participate in educational classes throughout the park. For information, call 888-471-4435 or visit www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute.

Take Grand Canyon Home With You
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Discover the Canyon by Phone
Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial 928-229-2907 and enter the indicated stop number. Enjoy a two-minute interpretive park ranger talk at 10 locations throughout the park. There is no additional charge; standard rates apply. Funded by the Grand Canyon Association.

Learn in an Outdoor Classroom
Teachers: Class Trips, Workshops, and Distance Learning
928-638-7931
www.nps.gov/grca/teachertours/

Expeditions for Teens
www.nps.gov/grca/teens/expeditions.htm

Expeditions with Grand Canyon Youth
www.gcyouth.org

Relax on the North Rim
The far reaches of the North Rim provide visitors with a tranquil experience. Open to vehicles mid-May through mid-October, the North Rim is a five-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Lodging and camping is available; reservations strongly recommended.

Grand Canyon Lodge
877-384-4383 or www.foreverresorts.com

North Rim Campground
877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Raft the River
SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS
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For additional program and artist information visit http://www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm.

Take Part In a Special Event
Check at visitor centers and hotels for additional information and special programs.

THE AMAZING KOLB BROTHERS: A GRAND LIFE AT GRAND CANYON
May 24 to September 4
8 am–8 pm
Be inspired by the Kolb brothers’ adventures and view the 1911–12 movie of their raft trip on the Colorado River. Presented by Grand Canyon Association and its partners. Kolb Studio. Free.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS
May 31 to June 20
9 am, 12:30 pm, and 5 pm Thursday through Monday
Learn from experts at Canon and American Park Network; cameras provided. Grand Canyon Visitor Center plaza. Free.

22ND ANNUAL SOUTH RIM STAR PARTY
June 16–23
8:10 pm
Slide show; program may begin earlier if theater fills to capacity. Telescope viewing begins at dusk; best views after 9 pm.

Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Free.

GRAND INSPIRATION
Grand Opening: July 7, 7–8 pm
Exhibit: July 8–31, 8 am–5 pm
View painting, creative writing, and photography created by youth artists while rafting the Colorado River. Park Headquarters. Free.

GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL
August 24–25 and 30–31, September 1
7:30 pm
Concerts by classical and contemporary artists. Shrine of the Ages. Tickets: 800-997-8285 or www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org

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Grand Canyon Small Scale by Melinda Esparza. Oil on artist board, 8” X 8”, 2010.
Park Ranger Programs: Grand Canyon Village

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers; no reservations needed. Programs take place in Grand Canyon Village; see page 8 for Desert View programs. Parking is limited; use the free shuttle buses to access programs. All program times are Mountain Standard, Arizona does not recognize daylight-savings time.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled during inclement weather or when lightning danger is present. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs. Dress warmly and bring a flashlight for programs after 6 pm.

**For all hikes, bring 2 quarts (liters) of water, sunscreen, hat, snacks, and sturdy hiking shoes.**

### Inside the Canyon
- **Hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden?** Join a park ranger to discover the natural and cultural history of the inner canyon. These programs are offered in Grand Canyon Village. (See page 8 for Desert View programs.) Parking is limited; use the free shuttle buses to access programs. All program times are Mountain Standard, Arizona does not recognize daylight savings time.

#### Indian Garden, 2 pm and as posted, Friday to Monday
Check the bulletin board for topics, locations, and additional program times. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down the Bright Angel Trail.

#### Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily
Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics for talks and evening programs. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

### Special Night Programs
- **Explore Grand Canyon in the dark with full moon walks, star talks, graveyard walks, or a special Twilight Zone program for families and children.** Offered as staffing allows. Check at visitor centers for times and locations.

### Become a Junior Ranger
- **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, and more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. This program is generously supported by the Grand Canyon Association.

### Park Ranger Programs: Grand Canyon Village

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10:30 am

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#### Cedar Ridge Hike
- **Discover the canyon’s beauty while descending 1,140 feet (347m) on an unpaved trail. This strenuous 3-mile (5 km), round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking.**
- **Trailhead closed to private vehicles; ride the free orange shuttle.**

#### Grand Canyon Ecology
- **Learn about Grand Canyon’s life zones and how elevation and exposure change what you see and what plants and animals live there.**
- **Great for Junior Rangers. Accessible.**

#### Geology Walk
- **Learn about geology while exploring Yavapai Geology Museum.**
- **Accessible.**

#### History Talk
- **Discover stories of people’s enduring relationship with the canyon and perhaps take a short walk around the village historic district.**
- **Perfect for Junior Rangers and train passengers. Accessible.**

#### Geo-Glimpse
- **Learn about geology while exploring Yavapai Geology Museum.**
- **Accessible.**

#### Porch Talk
- **Relax on the porch and discover the canyon’s treasures; topics vary.**
- **Perfect for Junior Rangers and train passengers. Accessible.**

#### Condor Talk
- **Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.**
- **Perfect for Junior Rangers. Accessible.**

#### Campfire Program
- **Experience a traditional family campfire program and learn what Grand Canyon offers.**
- **Trails to the amphitheater are paved; short sections exceed 5% grade.**

#### Family Programs—Perfect for Junior Rangers
- **Join a park ranger to discover the natural and cultural history of the inner canyon. These programs are offered in Grand Canyon Village’s backcountry and only accessible by a long, arduous hike.**

#### Adventure Hike
- **Explore the inner canyon on this strenuous 1.5- to 2-hour round-trip hike on the Hermit Trail. Board the free Hermit’s Rest Route shuttle bus by 8 am.**

#### Discovery Pack
- **Explore Grand Canyon ecology and discover its diversity of plants and animals. Learn to use binoculars, field guides, and other naturalist tools. Parents sign out the Discovery Packs and must return them by 4 pm; number of packs limited.**

#### Kids Rock!
- **Join in on fun games and activities exploring Grand Canyon’s natural world with programs about fire ecology, water, insects, bats, people of the past, and much more.**

#### Story Time Adventures
- **Hear children’s books about Grand Canyon with props and interactive games to bring the stories to life.**

#### Way Cool Stuff for Kids
- **Learn about Grand Canyon’s way cool environment with activities about animal adaptations, predator-prey relationships, invasive species, and more.**

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Getting Around Grand Canyon

Grand Canyon’s Shuttle System

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

How can I tell the difference between the 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.

Please note: During the busy part of the day, you may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

How do the shuttle buses work?
Running like a city bus system, four 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.

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. Baby back carriers must be removed when seated.
4. Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
5. Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

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.

Without getting off the bus, this 7-mile (11 km) route takes 80 minutes round-trip. Shuttle stops at nine overlooks westbound, but only Pima, Mohave, and Powell points going east from Hermit Rest.

June, July, and August buses run every:
- 30 minutes 8:15 am–7:30 am
- 15 minutes 7:30 am to sunset
- 30 minutes sunset to one hour after sunset

September buses run every:
- 30 minutes 5:15 am–7:30 am
- 15 minutes 7:30 am to sunset
- 30 minutes sunset to one hour after sunset

VILLAGE ROUTE – RED ON MAP ABOVE
This 50-minute round-trip route provides transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds. Scenic canyon views are a short walk from some stops.

June, July, and August buses run every:
- 30 minutes 4:15 am–6:30 am
- 15 minutes 6:30 am–9 pm
- 30 minutes 9 pm–11 pm

Shuttle buses run every:
- 30 minutes 5:15 am–6:30 am
- 15 minutes 6:30 am–7:30 pm
- 30 minutes 7:30 pm–10 pm

KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE
ORANGE ON MAP ABOVE
This 50-minute round-trip route stops at five viewpoints and Grand Canyon Visitor Center. This route and the morning Hiker’s Express shuttle bus offer the only access to South Kaibab Trailhead.

June, July, and August buses run every:
- 30 minutes 4:15 am–6:30 am
- 15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset

September buses run every:
- 30 minutes 5:15 am–6:30 am
- 15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset

TUSAYAN ROUTE – PURPLE ON THE MAP ABOVE
Buses provide transportation between Tusayan, Arizona, and Grand Canyon Visitor Center. You must have a park entrance permit to use this shuttle. Buses run every 15 minutes and the ride takes 20 minutes each way.

First bus leaves Tusayan at 8 am from IMAX. First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:30 am. Last buses leave from both areas at 9:30 pm.

HIKER’S EXPRESS
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:
- 4 am, 5 am, 6 am in June, July, and August
- 5 am, 6 am, 7 am in September

ACCESSIBILITY
Buses are equipped with ramps to carry passengers in wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.

The Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. The permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.
**Wander the Rim Trail**

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 km (21 miles) of the canyon, shown by brown dashed lines on the map. From a short 30-minute sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. 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 (30 minutes)
  - Village Historic District (Verkamp’s Visitor Center to Kolb Studio) (1 hour)
  - Explore local history (1.5 hours)

- **EASY, LESS-TRAVELED HIKES**
  - Views of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch (1 hour)

- **MODERATE HIKES**
  - Some elevation gain and/or rough trail
  - Mohave Point to Monument Creek Vista (2.5 miles) (2 hours)
  - Hermits Rest Trailhead (2.5 miles) (1 hour)

**Pedal the Greenway Trail**

Explore the Greenway Trail on a bicycle; follow the green dashed line on the map above. Travel along the canyon rim and through ponderosa pine forests.

Bicycles are also permitted on all paved and some unpaved roads open to the public. Bicyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and inner-canyon trails. Bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when buses are attempting to pass.

**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 Headquarters) 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.
Food and Beverage

**AT BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE**
- The Arizona Room: Lunch 11:30 am–3 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm (no reservations)
- Bright Angel Coffee House: 5:30–10 am
- Bright Angel Restaurant: Breakfast 6–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm

**AT EL TOVAR 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 MASWIK LODGE**
- Maswik Cafeteria: 6 am–10 pm
- Maswik Pizza Pub: 11 am–11 pm

**Paid Activities**
- Transportation Desks: Get help with tours and trips at Bright Angel Lodge: 5 am–8 pm; Maswik Lodge: 5 am–8 pm; Yavapai Lodge: 8 am–6 pm. 928-638-2631, ext. 6015
- Garage: Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631
- Kennel: Dogs and cats need proof of inoculations. 7:30 am–5 pm. 928-638-0534
- Bus Tours: Daily Desert View, Hermit’s Rest, sunrise, and sunset tours.

**Grand Canyon Village Services and Facilities**

- **Books and Gifts**
  - Bright Angel Lodge: 7 am–10 pm
  - El Tovar Hotel: 7 am–10 pm
  - Hopi House: 8 am–8 pm
  - Kolb Studio: 8 am–8 pm
  - Lookout Studio: 8 am to sunset
  - Maswik Lodge: 7 am–10 pm
  - Verkamp’s Visitor Center: 8 am–8 pm

- **Lodging**
  - Bright Angel Lodge: $72–350
  - El Tovar Hotel: $178–440
  - Kachina Lodge: $192–275
  - Thunderbird Lodge: $180–190

- **Services**
  - ATM: Maswik Lodge lobby
  - Community Library: Monday to Saturday, 10:30 am–5 pm. Public computer access, Wifi.
  - Garage: Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631
  - Kennel: Dogs and cats need proof of inoculations. 7:30 am–5 pm. 928-638-0534
  - For retrieval after 5 pm. 928-638-2631

- **Other Services**
  - Arizona Highway Information: Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD, or www.az511.gov
  - Kaibab Learning Center: Day care for one to 12 years old: immunization records required. Monday–Friday, 7:30 am–5:30 pm. 928-638-3333
  - Lost and Found: 928-638-7798, 928-638-2631
  - Religious Services: See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, post office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Park Headquarters.
  - Taxi: 928-638-2822

**Food and Beverage**

- **AT CANYON VILLAGE MARKET**
  - Canyon Village Deli: May 24: 8 am–6 pm; starting May 25: 7:30 am–8 pm
  - Yavapai Lodge Curio: 7 am–10 pm

- **Village Plaza**
  - Yavapai Lodge: 6 am–9 pm

- **Books and Gifts**
  - Yavapai Cafeteria: 6 am–9 pm

- **Camping**
  - Mather Campground: $35/night for two people; $3.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hook-ups. Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631. Advance reservations: 888-297-2757 or www.grandcanyonlodges.com

**Tusayan, Arizona Services and Facilities**

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: 928-638-3333; pets ok
  - Holiday Inn Express: 928-638-3000
  - Red Feather Lodge: 928-638-2414; pets ok
  - 7 Mile Lodge: 928-638-2291

- **Camping**
  - Camper Village (Private): Hook-ups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store. 928-638-2887 or www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com

- **Ten-X Campground (Kaibab National Forest)**
  - Located two miles (3.2 km) south of Tusayan. $10 per vehicle per night; no hook-ups or showers. Most individual sites first-come, first-served. Reserve some individual and all group sites: 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

- **Paid Activities**
  - Fried-wings and helicopter tours. Grand Canyon Airlines: 800-528-2413
  - Grand Canyon Helicopters: 800-541-4537
  - Maverick Airlines: 800-218-9932
  - Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters: 800-528-2418
  - Vision Airlines: 800-256-8767
  - Westwind Aviation: 888-869-0866
  - Grand Canyon Apache Stables: Horseback riding reservations: 928-638-2891

- **Grand Canyon Dinner Theatre & Steakhouse**
  - Family-style dining and 75-minute performance at 5:30 and 8 pm. 928-638-3333 or www.grandcanyondeinntheatre.com

- **IMAX Theater**
  - Movie shown every hour on the half hour: first showing 8:30 am, last showing 8:30 pm; food and gift available. 928-638-4629

**Emergencies**

- Dial 911
- From hotel rooms dial 9-9-11
- North Country Grand Canyon Clinic: 8 am–6 pm. 928-638-2151

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Canyon Hiking Adventures

The Rim Trail offers hiking opportunities for all abilities and a wonderful way to get to know Grand Canyon, see pages 4–5. For the more adventurous, hiking into the canyon offers an unparalleled experience, but for an enjoyable hike you must prepare for extreme conditions. Three main trails (below) offer the chance for a variety of abilities and available time frames. Be safe, prepare your pack, and hike smart!

Tips for an Enjoyable Hike

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

**Time**
Start hikes 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 rain, sun, and wind; sunscreen, hat, flashlight, and hiking boots; food, water, medicine, first aid kit, and map.

**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 per hour resulting in dehydration. Symptoms include flushed face, dry skin, loss of salt 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.

**Rest**
Sit down, prop your legs up, and take a 5- to 10-minute break in the shade at least once every hour.

**Danger!**
Heat Summer weather can be brutal. The inner canyon is 20–30°F (11–16°C) hotter than the rim. Canyon temperatures can soar to more than 110°F (43°C) in the shade.

**Dangers**
Common in the afternoon and evening during July and August monsoons. If thunderstorms are near, move away from the canyon rim.

**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 5,000-foot (1,524 m), one-way elevation change.

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

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

### The Hazardous H’s

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

**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.

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### Backcountry Camping
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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.

### South Kaibab Trail

#### SKELETON POINT
6mi / 9.6km round trip, 4–6 hours

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### Bright Angel Trail

#### SANTA MARIA SPRING
3mi / 4.8km round trip, 2–4 hours

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### Hermit Trail

#### DRIPPING SPRING
5mi / 8km round trip, 5–7 hours

### Legend

- **Camping**
- **Information**
- **Shuttle Bus Stop**
- **Water**
- **Restrooms**
- **Telephone**

### Trail Tips

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### Trail Descriptions

- **South Kaibab Trail**
  - Descends Garden Creek Canyon, along a natural break in the cliffs formed by the Bright Angel Fault; maintained.
  - Water: Available at 1 1/2-Mile Resthouse, 3-Mile Resthouse, Indian Garden, and Plateau Point. Be aware that water is occasionally not available due to pipe line breaks. Always bring a method to treat water.
  - Trailhead: Ride the Village Route shuttle bus to the Hermit’s Rest Round Trip transfer stop and walk toward Kolb Studio. Though the trailhead parking is closed and trailhead under construction, the trail is open, look for detour signs.
  - Emergency Phones: 1 1/2-Mile Resthouse, 3-Mile Resthouse, and Indian Garden.

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### Water and Emergency Phones

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### Restrooms

- **Available at Hermits Rest; water from springs must be brought.**

### Shuttle Bus Stop

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### The Guide • Summer
Staying Safe at Grand Canyon

How Can I Keep Wildlife Wild?
Never approach or feed any animal; it is illegal to do so.

Deer and elk can be aggressive; stay at least 100 feet (30.5 m), or about six car lengths, away from larger animals.

Do not feed the squirrels; they will bite and may 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.

How 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.

Where Can I Find Free Water?
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.

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 bottles.

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What Do I Need to Know About Lightning?
Monsoon storms are common during summer. When you hear thunder, move back from the canyon rim. Do not stand under a tree. Seek shelter inside a vehicle, shuttle bus, or building; note that shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops. Be aware of possible flash floods and falling rocks during and after storms.

Food and Beverage
Desert View Snack Bar 8 am to sunset; located in Desert View Trading Post

Books and Gifts
Desert View Trading Post 8 am to sunset
Desert View Visitor Center 9 am–6 pm
Desert View Watchtower 8 am to sunset
Desert View Watchtower Stairs 8 am to one half-hour before sunset
Tusayan Museum and Ruins 9 am–5 pm; located 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Desert View.

Camping
Desert View Campground (NPS) $12/night; no hook-ups; maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). First-come, first-served self-registration.

Services
Desert View Market 8 am to 7 pm
Gas Station 9 am–5 pm; fuel always available with credit card.

See Map Below

See Map Page 4

Approximate scale foreground area only

Desert View

WARNING: STEEP CLIFFS

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