The Guide: Winter
South Rim Information and Maps

Hello, and welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

Visiting places like Grand Canyon offers us experiences and exposure to environments completely different from those of our everyday lives. However, having a safe and fulfilling experience when we are out of our element can pose challenges.

At Grand Canyon National Park, this Guide is a great way to get started. In it, you will find information about the services and ranger programs available in the park, as well as a map and information about how to use the free shuttle buses.

The South Rim’s visitor centers are a terrific next step. They offer opportunities to talk to park rangers and ask questions. Get an overview of what Grand Canyon is about and how best to see it at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and theater, learn about its geologic history at Yavapai Geology Museum, and explore its extensive human history at Verkamp’s Visitor Center or Tusayan Museum and Ruin.

Equally important to a great Grand Canyon experience is understanding how to enjoy the park safely. Winter weather in the park can be extremely variable. Dress in layers and be prepared for cold, sun, rain, and snow. Slow down and be extra careful driving in snowy or icy conditions.

I have found living and working at Grand Canyon to be an adventure, a challenge, and an unforgettable experience. It is my sincere hope that these tools will help make your Grand Canyon adventure equally unforgettable.

Thank you,
David V. Uberuaga

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Top Grand Canyon Activities

Canyon Rim Activities

VIEW THE RIVER
The Colorado River, flowing 1,400 miles (2,250 km) from Colorado to the Gulf of California, carved Grand Canyon 5-6 million years ago. Visit Lipan Point on Desert View Drive for an amazing river view. In addition to plants, animals, and rocks, Grand Canyon National Park also protects natural quiet. Travel to Pima Point on Hermit Road to hear the rapids roaring far below you.

SEE SUNSET OR STARGAZE
Let changing light in the canyon inspire you as you stroll 0.3 miles (0.5 km) between Powell and Hopi points. Begin an hour before sunset for the best views. Visit Mather Point near Grand Canyon Visitor Center or Grandview Point on Desert View Drive to gaze at the millions of stars above. Grand Canyon National Park protects dark skies to limit the impact of light and air pollution on your view.

WALK THE TRAIL OF TIME
Stroll 1.3 miles (2.1 km) between Yavapai Geology Museum and Verkamp’s Visitor Center along this award-winning trail. Use signs along the trail to learn geology and locate the rocks in the canyon walls. Touch samples from the different layers and look for fossils as you explore the trail. See page 3 for park ranger programs about geology.

LOOK FOR CONDORS
California condors symbolize what national parks embody: preservation of the earth’s wonders. Their reintroduction motivates us to protect this important landscape for future generations. Look for condors near Bright Angel Lodge, Pipe Creek Vista, and along the Bright Angel and South Kaibab trails. Please stay 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds.

Inner-Canyon Activities

HIKE BRIGHT ANGEL TRAIL
Venture partway into the canyon. As you descend, climate and habitat change from mountain to desert conditions. Look for plants and animals from different life zones as you travel from pine trees to cactus through this outdoor biological museum. Follow the hiking safety information on page 7.

Indoor Activities

EXPLORE HISTORY
Walk through the village historic district and discover the people and events that helped shape the development and protection of Grand Canyon. Be sure to visit the Bright Angel Lodge History Room and Verkamp’s Visitor Center.

Travel to Desert View where you can tour Desert View Watchtower, a re-creation of ancestral Puebloan towers in other Southwest locations. View paintings as you climb to the top for 360-degree views of Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert.

Need Information?

Bring this Guide and your questions to a visitor center. Talk to park rangers, view exhibits, and learn about the park. Grand Canyon Association Park Stores and a stamp for your Passport To Your National Parks® are available at these facilities, except for the Backcountry Information Center. The stamp is also available at Indian Garden and Phantom Ranch.

Grand Canyon Village

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER
Plan your visit, see the park film Grand Canyon: A Journey of Wonder, and learn about Grand Canyon with the park’s newest exhibits, Park Store, food service, and canyon view from Mather Point nearby. 9 am – 5 pm

BACKCOUNTRY INFORMATION CENTER
Obtain backcountry information and permits for overnight hikes. 8 am–noon; 1–5 pm

KOLB STUDIO
View rotating exhibits in the restored 1904 Kolb brothers’ home and photography studio. 8 am–6 pm

VERKAMP’S VISITOR CENTER
Visit one of the oldest buildings in Grand Canyon Village and explore more than 100 years of community history. 8 am–6 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–6 pm

Desert View

DESERT VIEW VISITOR CENTER
Discover how Grand Canyon continues to inspire people. Document a Grand Canyon memory by writing or drawing in the visitor journal. 9 am–5 pm

TUSAYAN MUSEUM AND RUIN
See original artifacts, including split twig figurines and ancestral Puebloan pottery. Gain insight into local American Indians. Museum: 9 am–5 pm

Park roads and trails may be icy. Drive slowly, wear over-the-shoe traction devices, and use caution. Call 928-638-7496 for current road conditions.
Special Events and Opportunities

Virtual Caching
Grand Canyon National Park introduces a Virtual Cache program that allows a new way to explore the park. The first series of caches will be EarthCaches, which are specifically tailored towards geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get your EarthCache information and start your adventure today. You will need your own GPS-enabled device to participate.

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

5th Annual Celebration of Art: Exhibit and Sale
Kolb Studio
Daily through January 20
Enjoy spectacular Grand Canyon paintings created by 26 artists from around the United States. Proceeds go toward a permanent art venue at Grand Canyon National Park.

The Amazing Kolb Brothers: A Grand Life at Grand Canyon
Kolb Studio
Daily beginning February 1
See Grand Canyon through the eyes of photographers Emery and Ellsworth Kolb in this free exhibit. Be amazed and inspired by their stories, and view the movie that remains a box office hit.

Learn in an Outdoor Classroom
Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, and Distance Learning 928-638-7931 or www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/

Expeditions for Teens
www.nps.gov/grca/forteens/camp.htm

University Students

The Sun and Moon

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The North Rim
Closed for the season. Open mid-May through the end of October.

Grand Canyon National Park
Located in northern Arizona, the park encompasses 277 miles (446 km) 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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South Rim Crossword

Across:
1. Corvids
4. Trail
5. Rockies
7. Horn
9. Pinyon
10. O'Neill
12. Elk
14. Claim
15. Dams
16. San Francisco
19. Tusayan
21. Twitter
22. Yaki
24. Raven
27. Ferry
29. Village
30. Ahh
32. Wildlife
33. Kolbs
35. Arizona time zone.
37. Tax free bookstore non-profit and park partner group (abbr.)

Down:
1. Condors nest here.
2. Annual June event.
3. House selling native jewelry since 1905.
4. Flood-carved canyon or Vegas machine.
5. Western-most building on park’s South Rim.
6. We call it the _____ (coin) trail.
7. We call it the Trail of Time, but some call it the _____ (coin) trail.
8. The Guide • Winter 2013-2014
10. Edgar Allan Poe muse.
11. Redwall or Muav.
12. Flood-carved canyon or Vegas machine.
13. 1.75 billion year old basement rock, ___ Schist.
14. Endangered 9.5-foot (3m) wingspan bird.
15. East entrance and scenic drive.
16. Flagstaff mountain range to the close by.
17. 48th state and canyon home.
18. Ahead of her time architect of eight canyon buildings.
19. Kolb Studio Tour
20. See-through walkway (Hint: It is not here).
21. Follow us @GrandCanyonNPS.
22. Orange shuttle bus viewpoint.
23. As the raven flies South to North Rim (in miles).
24.容貌 Allan Poe museum.
25. Glen and Bessie Hyde built this on their 1928 honeymoon river trip.
26. Grand Canyon South Rim lodge
28. Yavapai
30. Our 1919 presidential friend and park signer.
31. Our 1919 presidential friend and park signer.
32. Horned and spotted nocturnal birds.
33. 1.75 billion year old basement rock, ___ Schist.
34. Horned and spotted nocturnal birds.
35. Arizona time zone.
36. Pink
38. Roosevelt
39. Indian Garden

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

**Village Route—Blue on Map Above**
- 30 minutes round-trip
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds
- Scenic canyon views are a short walk from some stops
- Buses run: 30 minutes 6–8 am; 15 minutes 8 am–6 pm; 30 minutes 6–9 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 8:30 pm

**Kaibab/Rim Route—Orange on Map Above**
- 50 minutes round-trip
- Five viewpoints
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Yavapai Geology Museum
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Buses run every: 30 minutes 6–6:30 am; 15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
- Visitors should be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset

**Hikers’ Express**
- Service to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Buses travel from Bright Angel Lodge to Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.
- Allow 5–10 minutes between stops.
- Buses leave Bright Angel Lodge at 8 am and 9 am.

**Shuttle Bus FAQ**

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

*How do the shuttle buses work?*
Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at shops, visitor centers, and popular viewpoints along the South Rim. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride.

*Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?*
Buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate passengers in wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.

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

*What are the shuttle bus rules?*
1. No eating or open drink containers.
2. No pets. Service animals permitted.
3. Collapse strollers before entering the bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
4. Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but no tag alongs, baby trailers, or children’s bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
5. Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

**Driving and Parking FAQ**

*Where can I drive my car?*
You can drive anywhere there is a solid black line on the maps in this Guide. Yaki Point Road is closed to private vehicles; ride the free shuttle bus to access. Note that roads may be closed during inclement weather.

*Where is the best place to see views of the canyon using my car?*
Consider driving Desert View Drive, a 25-mile (40 km) road with many viewpoints. Don’t forget to stop at Desert View Watchtower; see page 8 for information.

*Where can I park?*
All parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near free 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. Lot D includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

**What else do I need to know about driving?**
Do not stop or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible. Use pull-outs and overlooks to take pictures and view wildlife. Please do not block other people’s enjoyment of the park by stopping in the road or blocking traffic. See page 8 for winter safety information.

The 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.
Stroll the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail 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. From a short sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. The Rim Trail is wheelchair accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Distances are one way. Use caution and over-the-shoe traction devices when hiking icy or snowy trails which may or may not be plowed.

Difficulties

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<td>View the Colorado River and Phantom Ranch</td>
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<td>Wide, paved</td>
<td>Yavapai Point  1.3 miles (2.1 km)</td>
<td>See and touch canyon rocks along the award-winning Trail of Time</td>
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<td>trail, accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance</td>
<td>Verkamp's Visitor Center  0.6 miles (1 km)</td>
<td>Explore local history in the village historic district</td>
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<td>Easy, Less Traveled</td>
<td>South Kaibab Trailhead  2.1 miles (3.4 km)</td>
<td>Great views of an inner-canyon trail, paved</td>
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<td>Little elevation gain</td>
<td>Monument Creek Vista  2.8 miles (4.5 km)</td>
<td>Quiet and uncrowded with forest and canyon views; paved</td>
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<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Hopi Point  0.3 miles (0.5 km)</td>
<td>Expansive east and west views of the canyon; unpaved</td>
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<td>Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain</td>
<td>Hermits Rest Route Transfer  2.0 miles (3.2 km)</td>
<td>Unpaved trail with great views</td>
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<td>Unpaved</td>
<td>Yavapai Point  0.7 miles (1.1 km)</td>
<td>Overlooks Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade</td>
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Bicycling Explorations

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 the public. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down to in Grand Canyon.

South Rim Services and Facilities

Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5.

Food and Beverage

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<td>Monday to Friday 9 am–5 pm, Dec 24 and Dec 31, 7 am–4 pm; Jan 1, 10 am–5 pm; closed Dec 25</td>
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<td>El Tovar Hotel</td>
<td>6:30-10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30-10:30 pm</td>
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<td>Bright Angel Coffee House</td>
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<td>Minutes vary; open weather permitting, daily Dec 2 to Jan 1</td>
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<td>Bright Angel Restaurant Breakfast 6:30-10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner 4:30-10:30 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm</td>
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<tr>
<td>Visitor Center Plaza</td>
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Lodging

Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631
Advance reservations: 888-297-2757
www.grandcanyonlodges.com
Bright Angel Lodge $92–390
El Tovar Hotel $178–438
Closed Jan 2 to April 10 for remodeling.
Kachina Lodge $178–189
Maswik Lodge $190–174
Thunderbird Lodge $178–189
Yavapai Lodge $112–164, open Dec 24–31
Phantom Ranch Dormitory and cabin space located at the bottom of the canyon. Reservations required: 888-297-2757

Services

ATM Chaise Bank and Maswik Lodge

Camping

Mather Campground (NPS) $15 per night family site; $30 per night group site; $20 per night house site. No hookup, dump station nearby. Maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). First-come, first-served self-registration. Future reservations: 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov.

Fees and Trips

- $31 per night for two people; $5.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hookups; dump station nearby. Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631.
- Advance reservations: 888-297-2757 or www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Pedestrian and Bike Path

- Laundry and Showers at Camper Services 8 am–6 pm, last laundry load 4:45 pm

Tours and Trips

- Bright Angel Bicycles Wheelchair rentals; Bicycle rentals and guided tours not provided during winter unless weather permits. Located near parking lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. 928-638-3055 or www.bikgrandcanyon.com

Rim Rafting

WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS

See www.nps.gov/grca/traveling.htm for information on reserving multi-day whitewater raft trips.

Tusayan, Arizona

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

Paid Activities

- Fixed-wing and helicopter tours. Grand Canyon Airlines 800-258-2418
- Grand Canyon Helicopters 800-541-4537
- Maverick Airlines 800-218-9932
- Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters 928-638-3000
- Vision Airlines 800-256-8767
- Westwind Aviation 888-869-0866

IMAX Theater

Open 10 am–8 pm. Movie shown every hour on the half hour. First show 10:30 am, last show 6:30 pm. Food and gifts available. 928-638-4629

River Rafting

WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS

See www.nps.gov/grca/traveling.htm for information on reserving multi-day whitewater raft trips.

Dial 511 or 888-869-0866 to reserve multi-day whitewater-rafting.htm for information about rafting trips. Reservations recommended for multi-day trips.

Additional Resources

- Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-441-ROAD; www.az511.gov
- Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce 888-472-2696, www.grandcanyonchamber.com
- Kaibab National Forest Tusayan Ranger District ranger station, 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday. 928-638-2443

For more information on rafting trips, visit www.nps.gov/grca/traveling.htm. For more information on reserving multi-day whitewater raft trips, visit www.nps.gov/grca/traveling.htm.
Day Hiking Below the Rim

Day hiking into the canyon affords an unparalleled experience. For an enjoyable hike you must prepare for extreme conditions. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don’t compare yourself to five or 10 years ago. Know your limits and average walking distance and time — Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Consider purchasing a trail guide at Park Stores before venturing down the trail. Park rangers like to say “going down is optional, but coming up is mandatory.” Remember it takes twice as long to hike up as it does to hike down. For additional information about day and overnight hiking, visit: www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm.

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

Hike Smart
Knowledge, being prepared, and a good plan are all keys to success. Grand Canyon is not the place for spontaneity. Eat and drink often and take a break once per hour. Stay together, follow your plan, and know where and how to seek help.

Prepare a Day Pack With:

Water One quart/liter for every two hours, or drink to thirst. Know your water sources — some water stations are shut off in winter.

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.

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

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 — even during winter.

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

Simple Shelters Emergency tarp with reflective side.

Weather-appropriate Clothing and Footwear Layer for the weather and wear hiking boots with good soles, a hat, gloves, and over-the-shoe traction devices, which can be purchased at park gift shops.

South Kaibab Trail, Bright Angel Trail Profiles

South Kaibab Trail

Trailhead 2085m 6640ft

Hermit Trail

Trailhead 2015m 6619ft

Health Risks

Common Challenges Any activity at high elevation and in a dry environment can bring your body to its limits and exacerbate pre-existing conditions, such as a minor cold.

Hypotension Results from sodium loss from sweating and drinking too much water. Symptoms may include headache, nausea, vomiting, and frequent urination. This condition is serious and can result in death. If a person with these symptoms has a change in mental status, seek help immediately.

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

Hypothermia With this life-threatening condition, the body cannot keep itself warm due to exhaustion and exposure to cold, wet, and windy weather. Put on dry clothing, drink warm liquids, and protect yourself from wind, rain, snow, and cold.

Danger! Do Not Day Hike to the Colorado River

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.

Do Not Swim in the Colorado River
Diving and swimming in the Colorado River have caused numerous deaths. River currents are fast and the water is a dangerously cold 46°F (8°C).
Staying Safe at Grand Canyon

What Do I Need to Know About Elevation and Weather?  
At 7,000 feet (2,135 m) elevation, you may feel short of breath, nauseous, or tire easily. Direct sun can cause dehydration and sunburn. Use sunblock and stay hydrated.

Winter weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing for cold, rain, wind, and snow. Trails and walkways may be icy. Over-the-shoe traction devices recommended for your safety.

Snow and ice present potentially hazardous driving conditions and can temporarily close park roads. Check at visitor centers or call 938-638-7496. Please slow down and drive carefully while exploring Grand Canyon in winter.

How Can I Watch Wildlife Safely?  
Never approach or feed any animal. It is dangerous—both to you and the animal—and illegal to do so.

Deer and elk: Stay at least 100 feet (30 m), or about six car lengths, away.

Squirrels: Do not feed; they will bite and can carry fleas with the plague.

California condor: Stay 75 feet (23 m) away from these endangered birds. It is tempting to want to get close to animals, but remember they are not pets. Wild animals need space and respect.

How Can I Find Free Drinking Water?  
In an effort to reduce litter along hiking trails, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, Grand Canyon National Park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers—including plastic and glass bottles.

Water bottle filling stations available: Bring or buy a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free at park visitor centers, lodges, markets, and major trailheads. Reusable souvenir water bottles are available at Park Stores and gift shops.

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 wildlife below.

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.

Where Can I Take My Pet?  
Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails, but not 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.