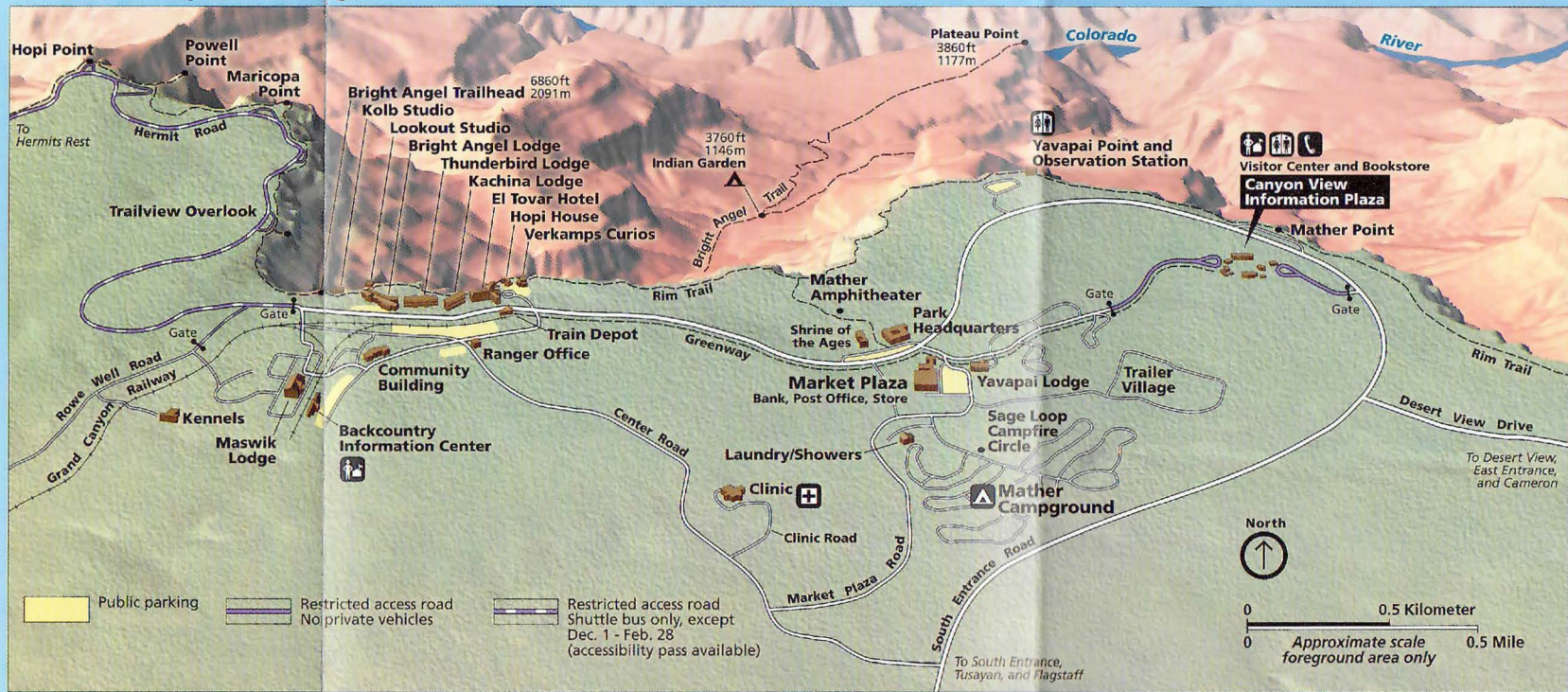


Grand Canyon Village



Enjoying Grand Canyon National Park

Perhaps no landscape on Earth is as surprising to the observer as the vast yet intricate face of the Grand Canyon. Over several million years the Colorado River has carved an immense chasm through this arid land. The layers of rock exposed in the canyon walls provide snapshots of the geologic events that shaped the American Southwest.

It is the visual impact of the landscape that impresses most people. The world seems larger here, with sunrises, sunsets, and storms taking on an added dimension to match the landscape. It is a land to humble the soul.

More than 100 years ago people began to realize that if future visitors were to experience the natural wonder of this landscape, the canyon needed protection. In 1919 the U.S. Congress expressed the will of the people by setting aside Grand Canyon National Park. Sixty years later the canyon was declared a World Heritage Site to be preserved and protected, with the assent and support of the entire community of nations, for future generations as one of the greatest treasures of humankind. Please help us safeguard this special place by treating it with care and respect.

Welcome! The National Park Service is taking steps to enhance your canyon experience. Development continues on a transit system that will help you move around the park without the congestion, delay, and noise from traffic. Vehicle routes are being modified, and the park's alternative-fuel shuttle bus fleet is being expanded and made available to all, including visitors with accessibility needs. Together with you, we will protect this natural resource for future generations.

Use the park publication, *The Guide*, to find information you need to explore Grand Canyon. A copy is available at Canyon View Information Plaza.

In der Parkbroschüre, *The Guide*, finden Sie Karten und Informationen, die Sie benötigen, um den Grand Canyon zu entdecken. Eine deutsche Version ist im Canyon View Information Plaza erhältlich.

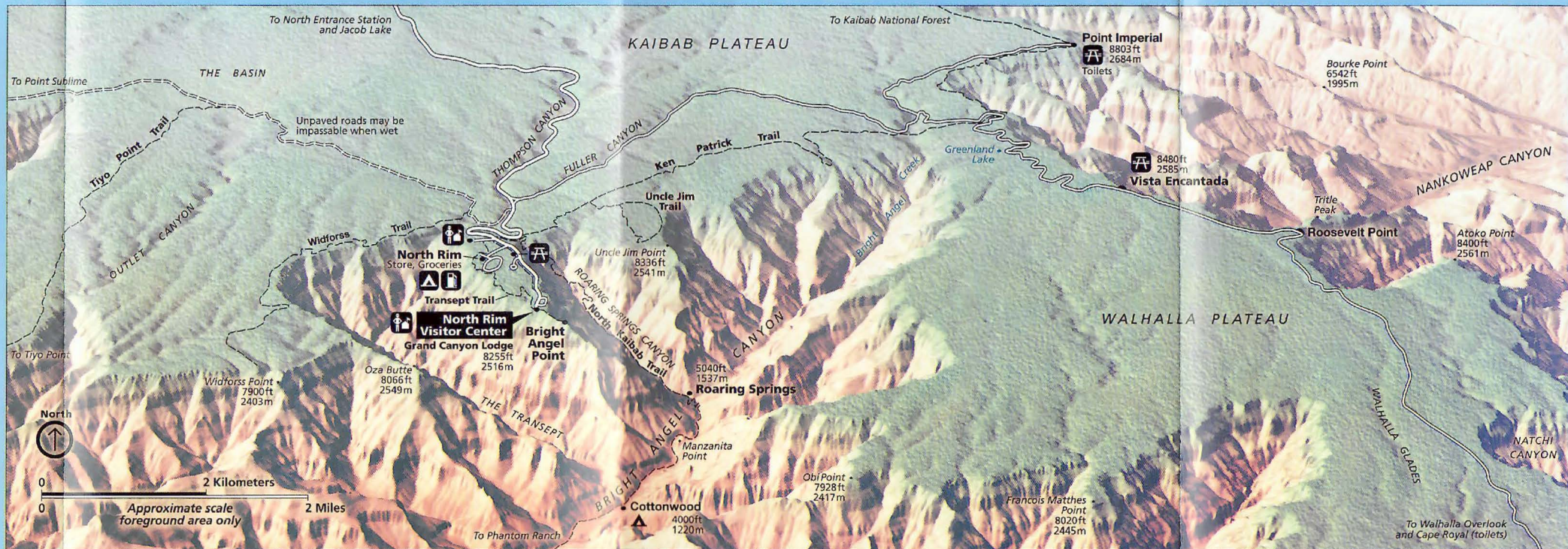
Utilize la publicación del parque, *The Guide*, para encontrar los mapas e información que usted necesita para explorar el Grand Canyon. La edición en español está disponible en Canyon View Information Plaza.

Utilisez la publication du parc, *The Guide*, pour obtenir les cartes et les informations dont vous avez besoin pour explorer le Grand Canyon. Une édition française est disponible à Canyon View Information Plaza.

Getting Around/Free Shuttle Bus On the South Rim, parking spaces are difficult to find in the busy season. Easy transportation is available on the free shuttle bus system. Check *The Guide* for route maps, schedules, and stops.

Planning Your Visit To plan your visit take the free shuttle bus from your parking lot to Canyon View Information Plaza. A visitor center, information, publications, exhibits, a list of activities, and answers to your questions are available there.

North Rim



South and North Rims Although the South Rim and North Rim are only 10 miles apart as the raven flies, they are separated by more than 215 miles of road. South Rim elevation is about 7,000 feet, with temperatures in the 50s-80s°F in summer and the 20s-50s°F in winter. The North Rim, 1,000 feet higher, is about 10°F cooler than the South Rim. The South Rim is open all year. The North Rim is usually open mid-May to mid-October. Winter snow closes the North Rim and often blankets the South Rim for short periods. See *The Guide* for a listing of services. For weather conditions, call 928-638-7888.

Accessibility Ask for the *Accessibility Guide* at entrance stations or at Canyon View Information Plaza.

Park Programs See *The Guide* for a listing of free ranger-guided activities available on both rims.

Lodging Lodging on both rims fills quickly. If you do not have overnight reservations, get them as soon as you arrive. Lodging is available outside the park; consult *The Guide* or contact local chambers of commerce. Phantom Ranch at the river is accessible only by foot, raft, or mule; reservations are made up to two years in advance.

Advance lodging reservations: AMFAC Parks and Resorts 14001 East Iliff, Suite 600 Aurora, CO 80014 303-297-2757 www.amfac.com

Food Food service is available in the park. See *The Guide*.

Camping Camping is limited to established campgrounds. Staying overnight at overlooks and parking lots is not permitted. Desert View campground, 25 miles east of Grand Canyon Village, is open in the summer and is first-come, first-served; no hookups. Nearby campgrounds are listed in *The Guide*.

Advance camping reservations: South and North Rim campgrounds without hookups, 1-800-365-2267. Trailer Village on the South Rim with hookups, 303-297-2757.

Hiking For rim walks, inner canyon day hikes, and hiking safety tips, see *The Guide*. A backcountry permit is required to camp below the rim; a fee is charged. Get permits in advance.

To get a *Backcountry Trip Planner*, write to the park address or visit our website: www.nps.gov/grca. Submit completed applications by mail, in person, or by fax: 928-638-2125.

Mule Trips and Other Tours Mule trips enter the canyon from the South Rim and the North Rim. Reservations are recommended. Other activities such as bus tours, air tours, and rafting are possible with advance planning. See *The Guide* or the *Trip Planner* for information.

Safety and Regulations •Stay on trails and back from cliff edges. •Stay away from the rim during lightning storms. •Restrict pets. Pets are permitted only above the rim and in developed areas. •All vehicles, including mountain bikes, are restricted to maintained roads. •Do not hike into the canyon unless you are carrying sufficient food and water and wearing adequate sun protection, clothing, and footwear. •Avoid overexertion at high elevations. Drink plenty of fluids. •It is illegal to feed deer, squirrels, or any other animals in the park.

Administration The national park is a U.S. fee area with charges for entering the park and for camping. Fees are used in the park to enhance visitor services and to help protect the park's resources.

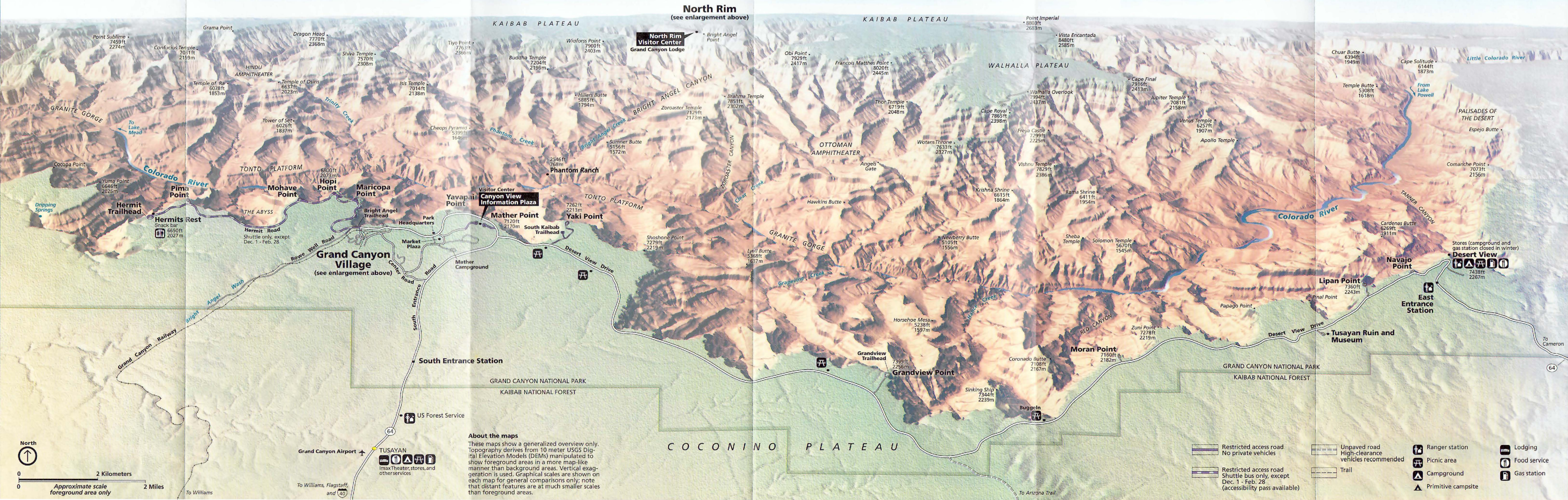
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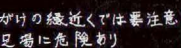
these special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. To learn more about national parks and National Park Service programs in America's communities, visit www.nps.gov.

For More Information and to Plan for Future Visits Make reservations as far in advance as possible for mule rides, backcountry hikes, river trips, lodging, and camping. To get a *Trip Planner* or the *Backcountry Trip Planner*, contact the park.

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