

# Shoshone Point

The National Park Service offers a site on the South Rim of Grand Canyon for reservation by groups wishing to host a wedding, celebrate a birthday, conduct a memorial service, hold a family reunion, or any similar non-commercial event. An unimproved dirt road leads to this isolated area with spectacular views of Grand Canyon. The site features picnic tables, grills, trash cans, and vault toilet, but no water, electricity, or covered shelters. If you can be flexible with your planning and can deal with unpredictable weather, Shoshone Point may be the ideal spot for your event.



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## Obtaining a Permit

Permits can be obtained on a first-come, first-served basis no earlier than one year prior to the requested date. The National Park Service will confirm available dates once a completed application is received with payment.

Completed applications should include:

- Date and time of day. Do not forget to include set-up and clean-up time.
- Number of people. The maximum group size is 85.
- Type of event.
- Name, address, and telephone number of the contact person. If this is a wedding, include the name of both the bride and groom to avoid confusion.

Permits will be confirmed by return mail. Bring the permit with you when you come to the park.

The non-refundable fee is \$225. Make checks or money orders payable to:

**U.S. Department of the Interior - NPS**

While it does not happen often, your permit may be canceled or changed due to unanticipated park closures, fires, weather, or conflicts with other park uses. In all cases the park superintendent makes the final determination of the use of Shoshone Point.

Contact the park at:

Grand Canyon National Park  
ATTN: Special Use Permits

P.O. Box 129

Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

928-638-7707

928-638-7701 fax

[www.nps.gov/grca/concessions/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/concessions/index.htm)

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## Rules and Regulations

### User groups

Shoshone Point is available for non-commercial use only. Permits will not be issued to Commercial Use Authorization holders or other commercial permittees.

### Season and Hours

Shoshone Point is available May 1 – October 15. The site may be used from sunrise to midnight. Overnight use is not allowed.

### Parking

Parking in the event area is limited to no more than 15 vehicles. Larger groups may want to arrange shuttles from the parking area near the gate. Park only in designated areas. Never restrict access for emergency vehicles.

### Fires

- Open fires may be restricted during the driest weeks of spring and summer. Check with the park for current status.
- You must bring your own firewood. Wood collecting is NOT allowed anywhere in the park.
- If you do have a fire, you must bring your own water to extinguish it.

### Hikers

Your reservation does not guarantee the exclusive use of Shoshone Point. Hikers may pass through your event as they walk along the rim or to Shoshone Point.

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## Accessibility

The ground surface of the event area and the trail leading to it is unimproved and rough. Although the area is relatively level, participants using wheelchairs or walkers will need assistance. There are no railings at the edge of the rim.

An unimproved trail leads from the table area a short distance to the point. You will encounter steep drop-offs and uneven steps along the way with no guardrails or walls. Please stay out of the signed revegetation areas.

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## How to get to Shoshone Point

The unsigned turn-off is on the north side of Desert View Drive (AZ Highway 64) 1.2 miles east of the Yaki Point Road. A locked gate limits access to the unpaved, single lane road that leads one mile through the forest to the event area. This road accommodates most passenger cars and vans, although it may

become impassable during wet weather. Buses are not permitted beyond the gate. The gate should remain closed at all times. The combination to the gate will be sent to you via U.S. Mail by the National Park Service approximately two weeks prior to your event.

