

North Rim

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK • ARIZONA



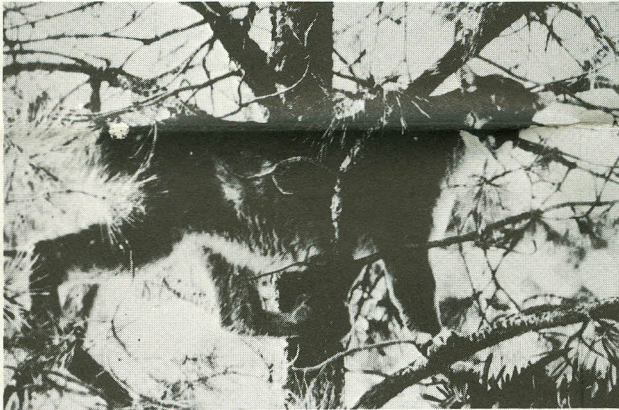
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The high Kaibab Plateau north of Grand Canyon is cool and moist, in contrast with the desert at its base. Fifty miles long and 35 miles wide, it is covered by a forest of ponderosa pine, spruce,

and aspen, broken here and there by grassy mountain meadows. The road to the North Rim leads through this virgin forest, a drive as memorable as the canyon scenery at its southern end.



Mule party ascending trail from the river.



Wild Kaibab cougar.



Aspen grove surrounding a beaver pond



Looking downstream from Toroweap Point (Grand Canyon National Monument), showing at right some of the lava flow that cascaded into the canyon from Vulcan's Throne.

SEASONS

Because North Rim elevations range from 7,800 to 8,800 feet above sea level, the seasons are cooler and the precipitation greater than at the South Rim, where the elevation is about 7,000 feet.

The North Rim is closed in winter.

More than 200 inches of snow may have fallen in winter, but by early May on Point Sublime and Cape Royal, warm updrafts from the inner canyon will have allowed spring flowers to bloom. Between the park entrance and Bright Angel Point, the meadows are filled with flowers, but snowbanks remain near the forest edge. Nights are cold, and even in sunshine the air is chilly.

One of the most impressive experiences of a summer visit is the drive to Cape Royal, past fragrant locust and countless field and mountain flowers. Summer days are generally clear and crisp; evenings, except in midsummer, are chilly. There are occasional severe thunderstorms.

From September until mid-October, days are still pleasant and aspens mantle the hillsides with gold.

HOW TO REACH THE NORTH RIM

Take Ariz. 67 southward from U.S. 89A at Jacob Lake. The distance to the park entrance is 30 miles; the canyon rim is 13 miles beyond the entrance. This road is closed by snow from about late October to mid-May.

Public transportation to the North Rim—bus from Cedar City, Utah—is available only from mid-June through August.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES

Accommodations are available only in summer. For rates and reservations at *Grand Canyon Lodge* and *North Rim Inn* write to the Utah Parks Co., Cedar City, UT 84720; or in summer, telephone or write to that company at North Rim, AZ 86022.

For *mule trips*, write to Grand Canyon Scenic Rides, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

A *campground* near the inn has tables, fireplaces, wood, running water, and comfort stations. Camping, permitted only in designated campsites, is limited to 7 days. Dispose of burnable rubbish in your campfire, which must be built in a designated spot; put other refuse in trash cans. Before leaving camp, be sure your campfire is thoroughly extinguished. Report unattended fires to a park ranger.

Medical attention. A nurse is on duty at the lodge.

A *post office* is in the lodge. Mailing address: c/o General Delivery, North Rim, AZ 86022.

Church services. Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Latter-Day Saints services are held on Sundays. Inquire at the lodge for time and place.

Telephones are at the lodge and inn.

A *service and grocery store* are at Bright Angel Point, on the road to North Rim Inn.

THE INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Talks on the geology of the canyon are given daily in summer at Cape Royal. Campfire programs, presented each evening at the campground near the inn, and the illustrated programs given nightly in the lodge deal with a variety of subjects.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day a ranger-naturalist leads the Transept Trail Nature Walk—a leisurely 1-mile (round trip) stroll, which begins at the trail shelter near the lodge. See bulletin board for schedules and locations of interpretive activities.

ENJOY BUT DON'T DESTROY

Regulations do not allow removing, defacing, or destroying any rock, fossil, or plant; nor hunting, disturbing, or feeding any form of wildlife.

Firearms must be sealed or cased.

Pets must be leashed or otherwise physically controlled at all times.

Fishing in park streams requires a valid Arizona license.

Littering is subject to fine.

Complete regulations and information are available at the ranger station. If you are in doubt, please inquire.

AND DOWN INTO THE CANYON

By Muleback

Going down the North Kaibab Trail by muleback matches the South Rim's Phantom Ranch trip for thrills and superb scenery. You can go to Roaring Springs, 4.6 miles, and return in 1 day. Another trip, 14 miles, takes you to Phantom Ranch. A minimum of three persons is required for each trip, and mules must be reserved. Half-day mule trips are offered each morning and afternoon.

A word about the mules. Before they are allowed to carry people, they undergo a long apprenticeship. The wrangler in charge considers each member before he assigns him a mule, and he places the animal in the string with great care.

On Foot

The 14-mile North Kaibab Trail to the river can be made one way in a day; however, you are urged to break your trip at one of the two campgrounds en route. Reservations are required for use of inner-canyon campgrounds. Obtain the *Hiker Information Bulletin* at the ranger station. The use of trails not described in this folder requires a permit issued by the district park ranger.

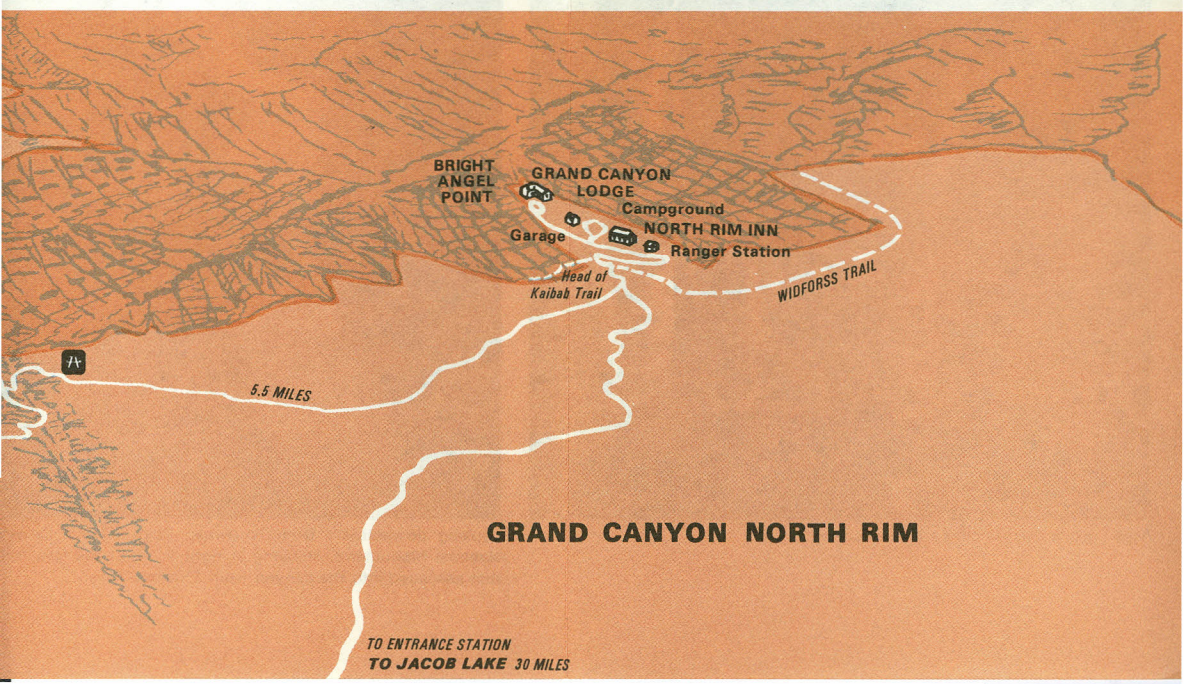
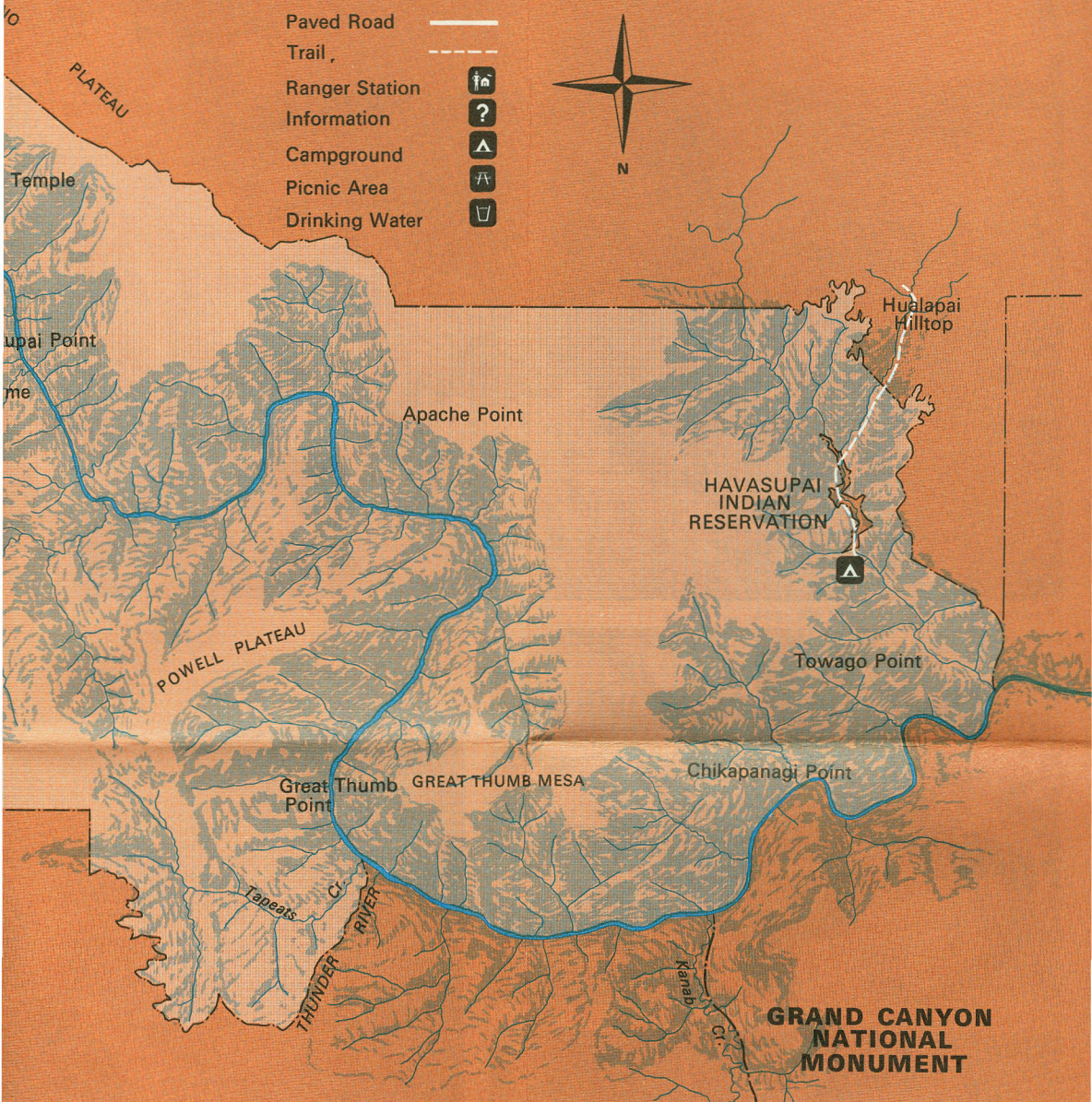
Hiking and riding call for care. Stay on the trails. If you shortcut, you may dislodge earth and rocks and seriously injure people below you. Horses and mules have the right-of-way; if you are on foot, stand quietly *on the outer side of the trail* until the animals have passed.

Pets and wheeled vehicles are not allowed on park trails.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK



- Paved Road
- Trail
- Ranger Station
- Information
- Campground
- Picnic Area
- Drinking Water



GUIDE TO THE NORTH RIM

Roads

Cape Royal, reached by a 26-mile road from Bright Angel Point, provides a view of the canyon eastward to the Painted Desert. Point Imperial (3 miles off Cape Royal Road) and Angels Window offer different views of the canyon.

Point Sublime is reached by a 17-mile primitive road through aspen and conifer forests. Here, the inner canyon seems to come closer than any other place along the North Rim. The road may be impassable in wet weather or closed in dry weather because of forest-fire danger. Inquire at the ranger station before using primitive roads.

The daily afternoon bus trip to Point Imperial and Cape Royal includes a nature talk at Cape Royal.

Park roads are not high-speed highways. They were designed for leisurely enjoyment of the park scenery. Maximum speed allowed is 45 m.p.h., except where posted. Drive carefully.

Trails

Bright Angel Point Trail is a 1/3-mile self-guiding nature trail beginning at the trailside shelter near Grand Canyon Lodge. Guide leaflets are available at the shelter and below the lodge.

Transept Canyon Trail is a leisurely 45-minute walk for 1-1/2 miles along the canyon rim from Grand Canyon Lodge to North Rim Inn and campground.

Uncle Jim Trail winds for 2-1/2 miles through the forest to end at a point overlooking the canyon and the Kaibab Trail. This easy 3-mile walk starts at the Kaibab Trail parking lot, 1 mile north of the campground.

Widforss Trail is the most beautiful of the North Rim trails. It blends forest and rim views in a 10-mile round trip walk of about 5 hours.

Cape Royal Trail is a 1/3-mile self-guiding nature trail from the Cape Royal parking lot. Metal photo markers interpret the area's natural history.

Horseback Trips, in morning and afternoon, follow the rim. Special parties can be arranged.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL MONUMENT

The monument, a primitive area of about 310 square miles, adjoins the park on the west. Toroweap Point offers one of the most awesome views of the canyon. Looking straight down the sheer rock walls, you can see the snakelike Colorado River, 3,000 feet below. Such a view is not possible in the national park.

The best route to Toroweap leaves the main highway at Fredonia near the Arizona-Utah border. The 65-mile graded road to Tuweep Ranger Station is easily passable in good weather. Toroweap Point is 5 miles by unimproved road beyond the ranger station. No supplies, lodgings, or meals are available beyond Fredonia. A small campground, with no water, is near Toroweap Point.

ADMINISTRATION

Grand Canyon National Park is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent whose address is Grand Canyon, AZ 86023, is in immediate charge.

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