

South Rim

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK • ARIZONA



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On the northern part of the Coconino Plateau, some 7,000 feet above sea level, the pine-forested South Rim looks across the mile-deep, 217-mile-long canyon to the higher North Rim—9 miles across by line of sight and 214 miles by road.

From Grand Canyon Village, center of South Rim activities, roads stretch east and west along the rim, and trails follow the rim and go down into the canyon.

SEASONS

As roads on the South Rim remain open all year, you can enjoy the canyon in any season.

Spring is sometimes punctuated by cold snaps. From June into September, temperatures range from the midforties at night to the mideighties in the daytime; relative humidity is generally low. It seldom rains in June, but brief thunderstorms are frequent in July and August. In the canyon, mid-summer temperatures reach 100° to 120°.

Autumn, a short season here, is followed by the crisp, clear days of winter. Snow may first fall in October or November. From November to April, temperatures are likely to drop below freezing at night, but by day the forties and fifties are the rule.



The Abert (South Rim) and Kaibab (North Rim) races of the handsome tassel-eared squirrel have evolved from a common ancestor that thousands of years ago was divided by the mile-deep barrier of the Grand Canyon into separate populations. The Abert (shown here) has a grayish tail and white underparts; the Kaibab has an all-white tail and black underparts.



View from South Rim near Hotel El Tovar.

HOW TO REACH THE SOUTH RIM

U.S. 66 crosses northern Arizona through Williams and Flagstaff. The Grand Canyon is less than a 2-hour drive from either city over a paved road. U.S. 89, a major north-south highway 32 miles east of the Grand Canyon, passes through Cameron. An all-weather scenic road from Cameron (Ariz. 64) enters the park near Desert View.

Airlines, buslines, and a railroad serve Williams and Flagstaff, both of which have bus service to Grand Canyon Village.

Airlines serve the park directly by means of an airport south of the park. Bus service is available for passengers going to and from the airport.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND SERVICES

Campgrounds with tables and fireplaces are maintained at the village and at Desert View. Firewood is not available; however, other fuels can be purchased from a concessioner. Water and comfort stations are nearby. Camping, permitted only in designated campsites, is limited to 7 days. Dispose of all burnable rubbish in your campfire, which must be built in a designated area; put other refuse in trash cans. Before leaving camp, be sure your campfire is thoroughly extinguished.



Grand Canyon from Powell Memorial Point.

Trailer Village, near the visitor center, has utility hookups.

Hotel facilities. For rates and reservations, write to Fred Harvey, Inc., Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

Grand Canyon Hospital is on Center Road.

A *post office* is in Grand Canyon Village. Mailing address: Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

General services include a bank, service station, garage, and general store. Laundry and showers are also available.

Church services are conducted on Sundays all year. Services include Protestant, Latter-Day Saints, and Roman Catholic. Complete information as to time and place is posted at the Shrine of the Ages Chapel and other locations throughout the park.

Telephones are available at the hotel, lodges, visitor center, and campground, and adjacent to the general store, with service to the North Rim and Phantom Ranch.

A *movie and slide program* of the early Colorado River exploration is shown daily at the Kolb Studio, west of Bright Angel Lodge. This is a concessioner service for which there is a small charge.

Picnic areas are available in the village, at Desert View, and at designated spots along most roads.

DOWN INTO THE CANYON

By Muleback

One way to see the river is to take the mule trip and view the canyon from below. You should reserve a mule before you get to the park. (Write to: Fred Harvey, Inc., Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.)

Persons weighing more than 200 pounds and children under 12 years of age are not permitted to take the mule trips.

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

On Foot

Going on foot can be arduous. Unless you are very certain of your stamina, do not hike to the river. A canyon trip is the reverse of mountain climbing; the uphill grind (an ascent of nearly 5,000 feet) comes at the end, not at the beginning when you are fresh. Therefore, allow yourself plenty of time. Carry an adequate supply of water; 1 gallon a day per person is recommended. Wear a hat and a long-sleeved shirt. Since canyon temperatures may rise as high as 120°, heat exhaustion is common. You are cautioned to obtain the *Hiker Information Bulletin* at any ranger station before a canyon hike.

Persons planning to camp in the inner canyon must reserve camping space.

Hiking conditions are best in spring and autumn when weather is mild on the rims and within the canyon. Anyone planning to use trails not de-

scribed in this folder must get a permit from the district ranger's office.

Bright Angel Trail follows a twisting 8-mile course from the South Rim to the river. The 9-mile round trip to Indian Gardens is a good day's hike for the sturdiest. Water is available in summer only at two points between the South Rim and Indian Gardens. From there to the river, the hottest part of the trip, none is available.

River Trail, 2 miles long, connects Bright Angel and Kaibab Trails.

South Kaibab Trail leads 7 miles to the river from the rim at Yaki Point. The hike to Cedar Ridge, 1½ miles down the trail, is a good ½-day outing. No water is available. Hikers can be accommodated at Phantom Ranch with reservations.

North Kaibab Trail, which joins the South Kaibab Trail at the river, completes the cross-canyon link to the North Rim. The trail crosses Bright Angel Creek at many points. There are two campgrounds between Phantom Ranch and the North Rim; reservations are required.

Emergency service. A guide and mule sent down from either rim costs \$25 to \$47, depending on location and time.

Trail telephones, for emergency use only, are on Bright Angel and Kaibab Trails.

Camping below the rims can be a rewarding experience, if you plan carefully. Camp only in designated areas; reservations are required. Carry out all trash.

Trail shortcutting and rock-rolling are forbidden—they may cause landslides, endangering others as well as yourself. Watch for mule parties, and stand still on *either side of the trail* until they have passed. Wheeled vehicles are not allowed on park trails.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Regulations designed to protect national parks and monuments do not allow removing, defacing, or destroying any rock, fossil, or plant; or 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. They are not allowed on park trails.

Water is a limited resource—help us conserve it.

Fishing in park streams requires a valid Arizona license.

Littering is subject to fine.

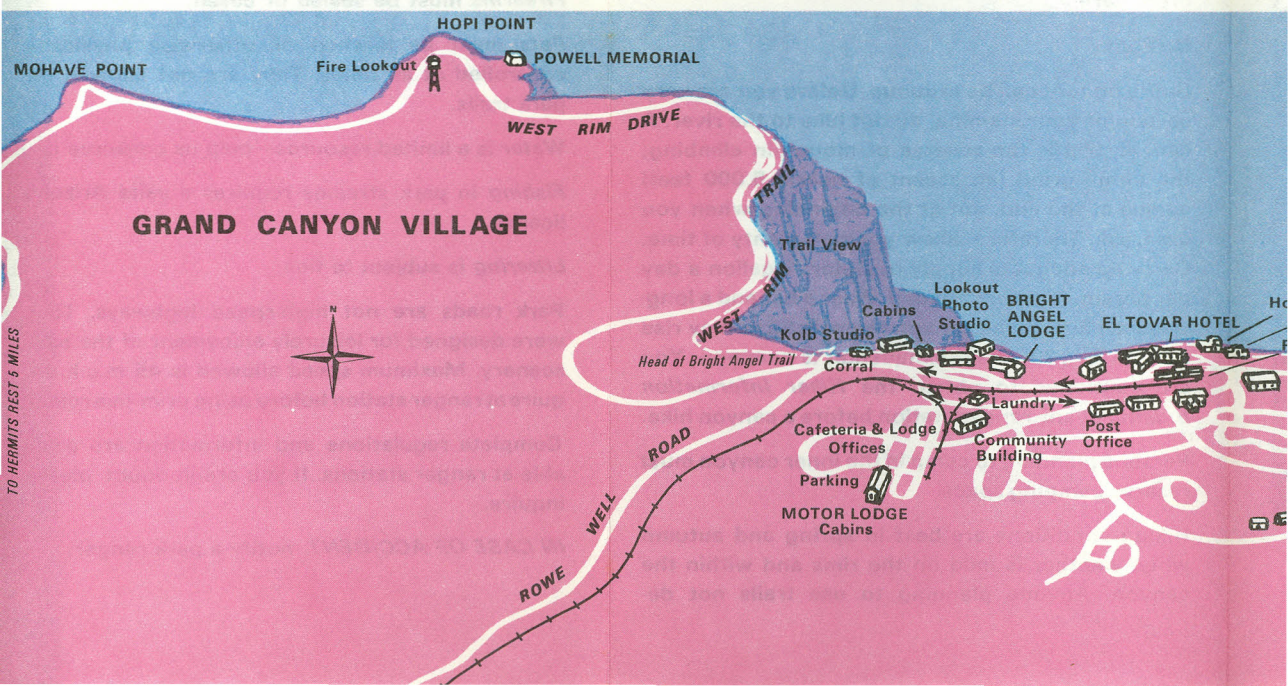
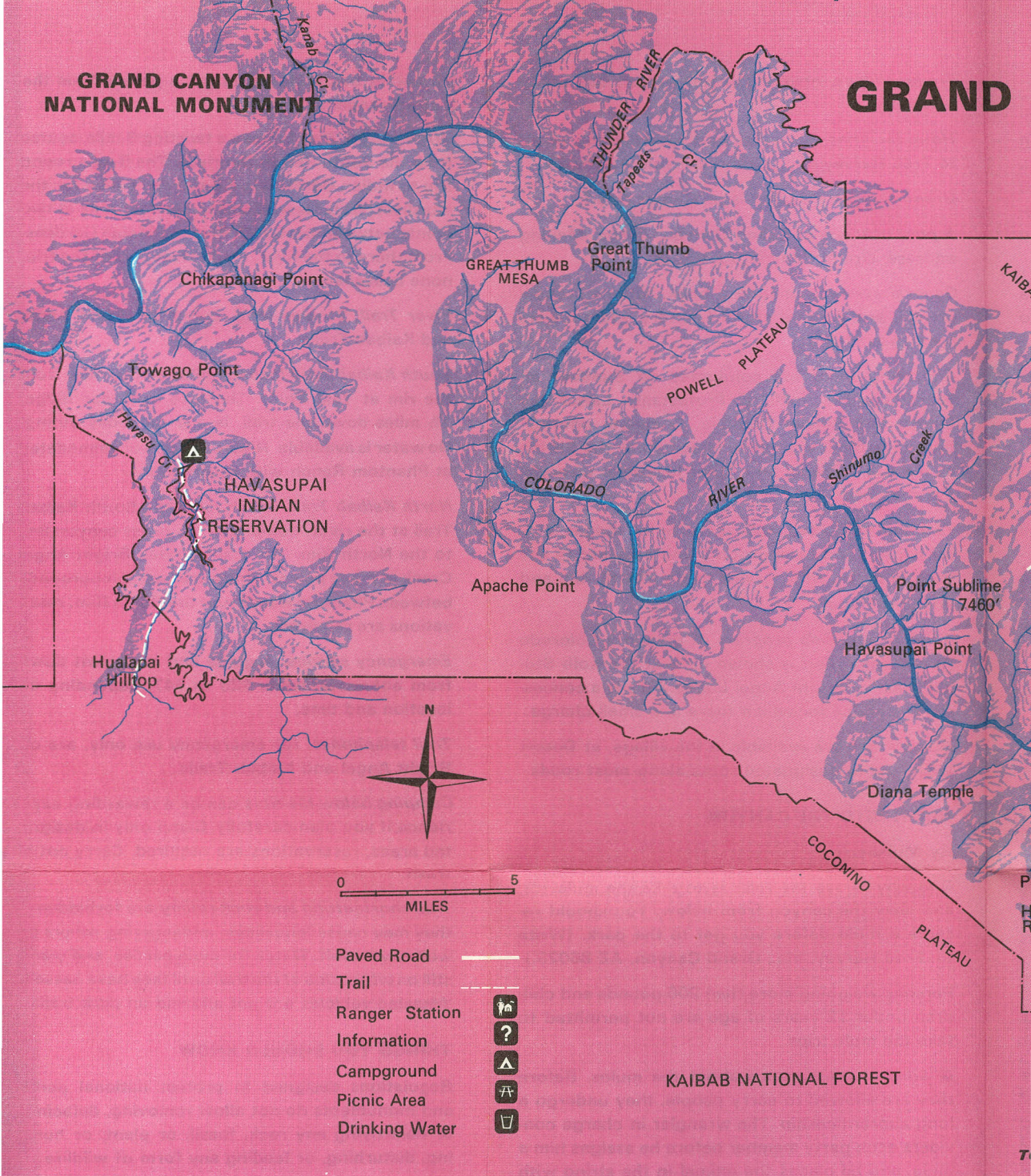
Park roads are not high-speed highways. They were designed for leisurely enjoyment of the park scenery. Maximum speed allowed is 45 m.p.h. Inquire at ranger station before using primitive roads.

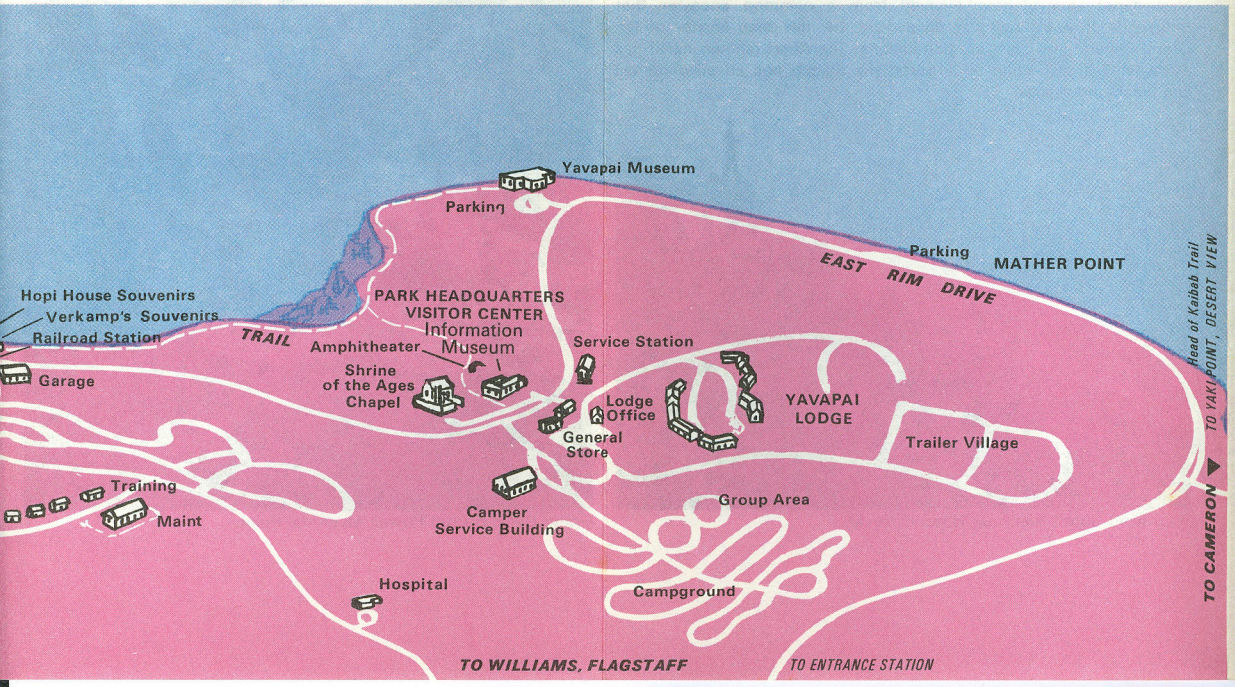
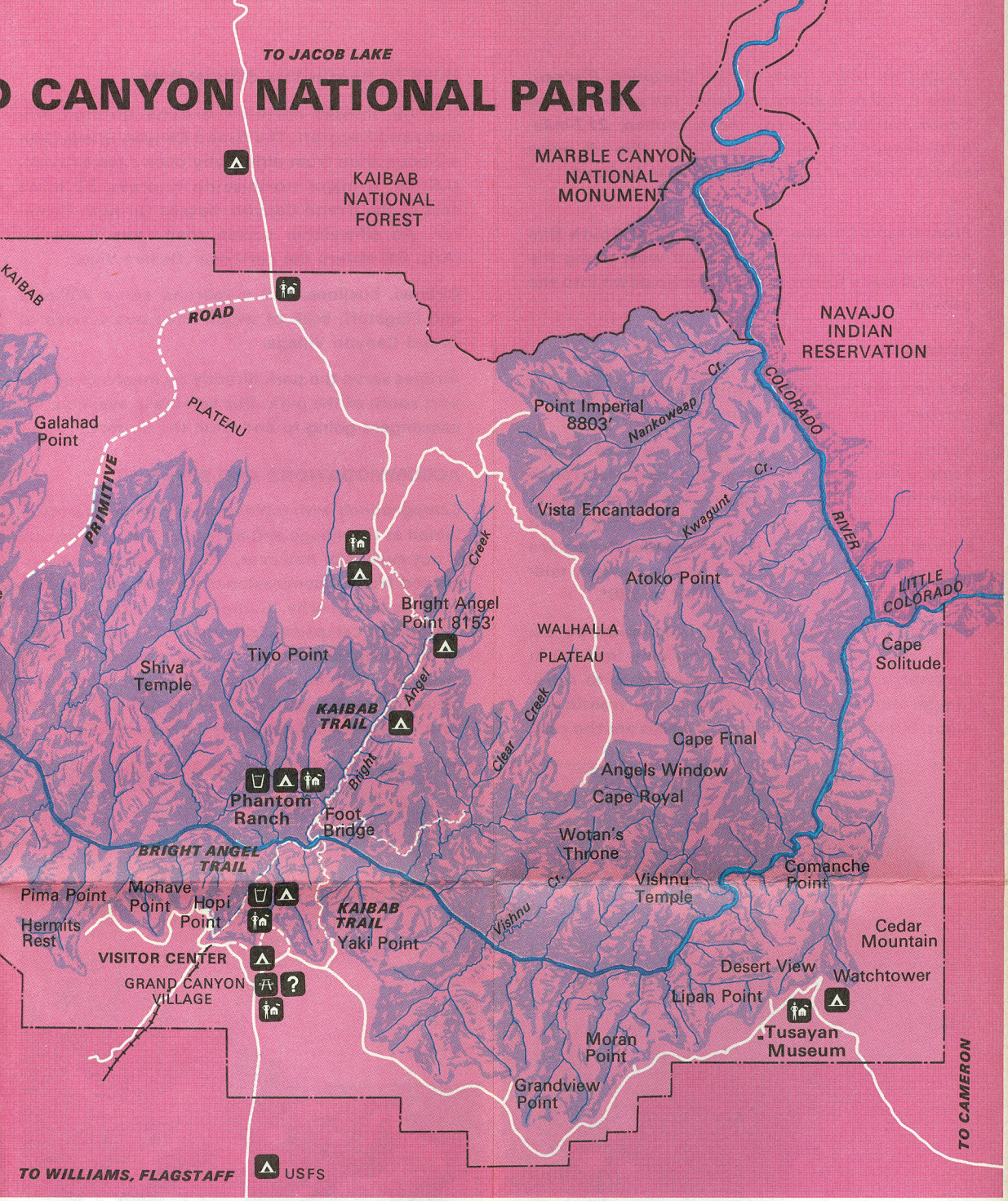
Complete regulations and information are available at ranger stations. If you are in doubt, please inquire.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT, notify a park ranger.

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GUIDE TO THE SOUTH RIM

West Rim Drive leads 8 miles from the village to Hermits Rest, passing excellent lookouts on the way—the best vantage points for enjoying the canyon's celebrated sunsets. Buses tour this drive.

East Rim Drive leads 25 miles from the village to Desert View, where the Watchtower perches on the rim. On the way, stop at Lipan Point, which many people think offers the most exciting view of all. The visitor center, Yavapai Museum, and Tusayan Museum are also on this drive. Buses tour this drive.

Rim Trail, an easy walk, follows the edge of the canyon for 4 miles, from Yavapai Museum to Maricopa Point.

Canyon Rim Nature Trail, 1½ miles long, leads from the hotel to the visitor center and Yavapai Museum. Part of this trail, from the visitor center to the hotel, is self-guiding.

VISITING HAVASU CANYON

A trip to the Havasupai Reservation in Havasu Canyon, deep in the westernmost end of the park, is a rugged but memorable experience. Information about a visit may be obtained in a separate brochure available from the superintendent, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. Information on saddle and pack stock, accommodations, and other questions may be obtained by writing the Havasupai Tourist Information, Havasupai Tourist Enterprise, Supai, AZ 86435; telephone 602-448-2121.

THE INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Park headquarters and the visitor center are in the eastern section of the village. Exhibits describe the geology, biology, prehistory, and history of the canyon.

Yavapai Museum, on the rim, 1 mile from the visitor center, features naturalist's talks, geological exhibits, and views of Grand Canyon.

Tusayan Ruin and Museum on the East Rim Drive contains exhibits about the early human history of the canyon area and the ruins of Tusayan pueblo, built about 1185. The museum is open only in summer.

Illustrated talks are given every summer evening at the amphitheater near the visitor center. They deal with human history, natural history, geology, and the seasons. Other interpretive talks are given at Desert View in summer.

See bulletin boards for complete interpretive schedules.

Safety is everybody's business. Your visit to this national park can be pleasurable and rewarding or it can be a time of vexation, distress, or even tragedy. Much depends upon how you and your family observe the simple rules of the park. These safeguards are for your protection.

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.

As the Nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has basic responsibilities for water, fish, wildlife, mineral, land, park, and recreational resources. Indian and Territorial affairs are other major concerns of America's "Department of Natural Resources." The Department works to assure the wisest choice in managing all our resources so each will make its full contribution to a better United States—now and in the future.

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