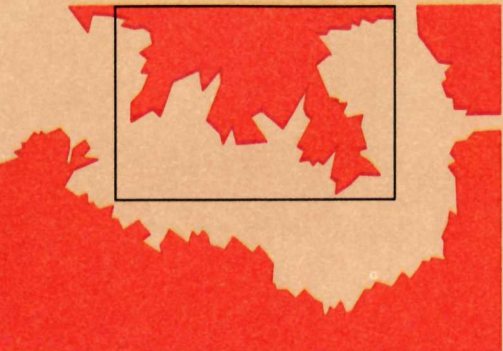


North Rim



Information Centers

Jacob Lake Information Station, 51 kilometers (32 miles) north of the North Rim Entrance Station, is operated jointly by Grand Canyon National Park and Kaibab National Forest.

North Rim Entrance Station is about 21 kilometers (13 miles) north of Bright Angel Point, which is on the canyon rim.

North Rim Information Station is located at the National Park Service Information Desk in Grand Canyon Lodge at Bright Angel Point. Park rangers provide information and orientation and answer questions. Trail guides, brochures, and maps are available, and publications are for sale.

How to See the Park

Private auto. A 35-kilometer (22-mile) paved road leads from Grand Canyon Lodge to **Cape Royal**. It provides an eastward view of the canyon toward the Painted Desert. Angels Window is on Cape Royal. **Point Imperial**, 5 kilometers (3 miles) off the Cape Royal Road, offers the best park view across the canyon to the Painted Desert. **Point Sublime Road** begins 1.2 kilometers (3/4 mile) south of the North Rim Entrance Station. This primitive road is 27 kilometers (17 miles) long and is not recommended for vehicles with low bottom clearance. No camping; no water.

On foot. Take short or long hikes along the rim or on the self-guiding nature trails at Bright Angel Point, Cape Royal, and at Walhalla Ruins on Cape Royal.

Commercial tours. **Bus Trips** leave every afternoon in the summer from Grand Canyon Lodge to Point Imperial and Cape Royal where geology talks are presented. **River Float Trips** leave by bus from the North Rim to Glen Canyon Dam, Page, Ariz., for a 5-hour, smooth-water float trip down the Colorado River to Lees Ferry; return the same day (summer only.) For additional information inquire at the Transportation Desk, Grand Canyon Lodge.

THE NORTH RIM IS CLOSED IN WINTER.

Other Visitor Activities

Evening programs are presented every night in the summer at the campground amphitheater. Scheduled ranger guided walks and hikes are presented in the summer.

Religious services are conducted by the Christian Ministry at Grand Canyon (interdenominational), the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the Roman Catholic Church.

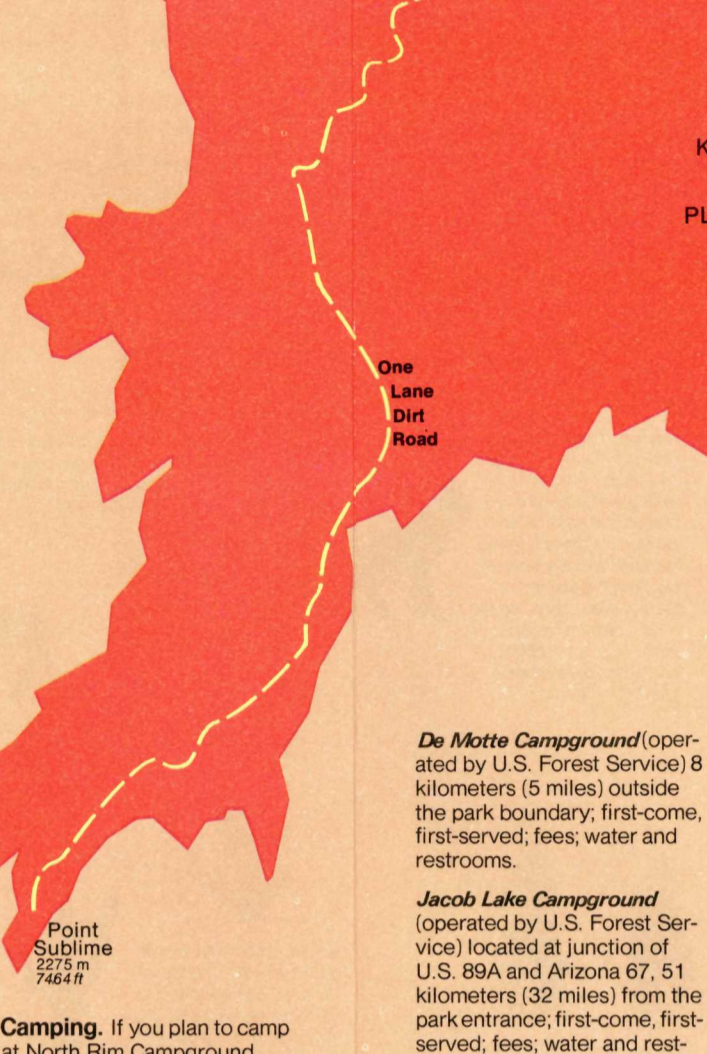
Visitor Facilities

Services and supplies. General store, U.S. Post Office, showers and laundry, and sanitary dump station (at campground) are located on the North Rim. Service stations are located at V T Park and Jacob Lake north of the park.

Meals. Restaurants and refreshments are located on Bright Angel Point at Grand Canyon Lodge and outside the park.

Lodging. Inside the Park: For rates and reservations for Grand Canyon Lodge write T.W.A. Services, 4045 South Spencer St., Las Vegas, NV 89109, phone (800) 634-6951.

Outside the Park: Motels are located at Kaibab Lodge, 8 kilometers (5 miles) north of the North Rim Entrance Station, and at Jacob Lake, 51 kilometers (32 miles) north of the Entrance Station. Both are in Kaibab National Forest. Other accommodations are available at Fredonia, Marble Canyon, and Page, Ariz., and Kanab, Utah.



Camping. If you plan to camp at North Rim Campground, you might consider staying at Jacob Lake the night before. The next morning, enjoy a leisurely drive across the Kaibab Plateau and arrive in the park early enough to assure yourself of a campsite.

North Rim Campground (operated by the National Park Service) first-come, first-served; fees; water and restrooms. For organized group reservations, write to Group Reservations, North Rim, Grand Canyon National Park, Grand Canyon AZ 86023.

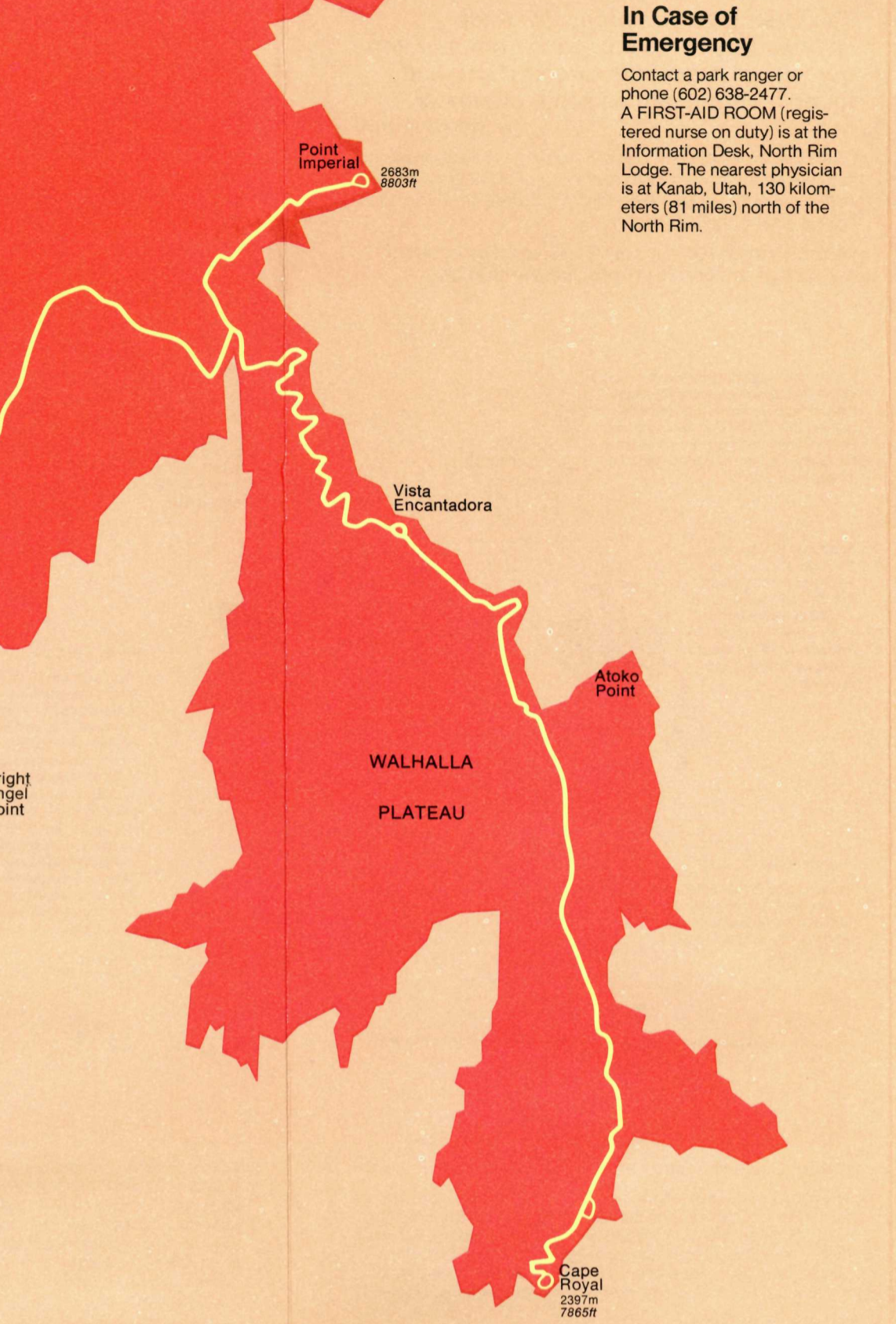
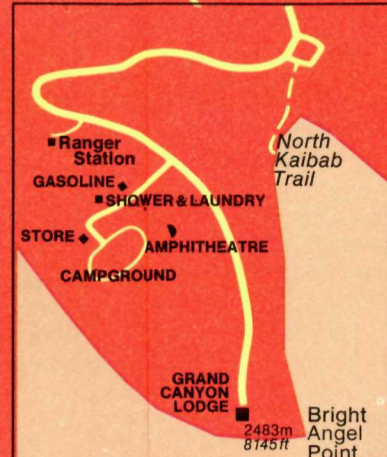
De Motte Campground (operated by U.S. Forest Service) 8 kilometers (5 miles) outside the park boundary, first-come, first-served; fees; water and restrooms.

Jacob Lake Campground (operated by U.S. Forest Service) located at junction of U.S. 89A and Arizona 67, 51 kilometers (32 miles) from the park entrance; first-come, first-served; fees; water and restrooms.

Traveling From Rim to Rim

Though only 16 kilometers (10 miles) separate the developed areas of the North and South Rims, traveling from rim to rim is a challenge. The distance by road is 344 kilometers (214 miles), quite a trip despite the convenience of the automobile. The most direct way to cross the canyon is by foot on the Kaibab Trail, which leads from Yaki Point on the South Rim down to the river, across to Phantom Ranch, and then up the North Rim slope, ending 3 kilometers (2 miles) from Grand Canyon Lodge. The distance by trail is 33.6 kilometers (20.8 miles).

Modern man has an advantage the early Indians and explorers did not have: a steel suspension bridge spanning the Colorado River wide enough to carry a man as well as a mule. The bridge was built in 1928. From the South Rim, pack mules carried 122 tons of steel, equipment, camp supplies, and other materials 10.2 kilometers (6.3 miles) down the trail to the river. Each of the eight suspension cables was unwound along the rim of the canyon and then carried to the site by 42 Havasupai Indians hired for the occasion.



In Case of Emergency

Contact a park ranger or phone (602) 638-2477. A FIRST-AID ROOM (registered nurse on duty) is at the Information Desk, North Rim Lodge. The nearest physician is at Kanab, Utah, 130 kilometers (81 miles) north of the North Rim.

Planning Your Visit

Seasons. Because of heavy snowfalls, the North Rim is closed every year from about mid-November to mid-May. The other seasons, however, offer something special and quite different from the South Rim. Elevation on the North Rim ranges from 2,400 to 2,700 meters (7,800 to 8,800 feet) above sea level; thus the climate is cooler and wetter than on the South Rim, where elevation is about 2,100 meters (7,000 feet).

Winter (December, January, February)—The North Rim is closed, often buried under as much as 3 meters (10 feet) of snow. Average high and low temperatures: 4°C and -8°C (39°F and 18°F). Average monthly precipitation: 7.8 centimeters (3.1 inches).

Spring (March, April, May)—The North Rim is usually open by mid-May, sometimes earlier, but even before the snow has completely retreated, warm updrafts from the Inner Canyon will have caused spring flowers to bloom on Cape Royal. Between the North Entrance and Bright Angel Point, flower-filled meadows are ringed by snowbanks near the forest's edge. But despite the sunshine, the air is chilly and the nights are cold. Average high and low temperatures: 12°C and -2°C (53°F and 28°F); average monthly precipitation: 4.7 centimeters (1.8 inches).

Summer (June, July, August)—One of the most rewarding experiences of a summer visit is a drive to Cape Royal past fragrant locust in bloom and countless field and mountain flowers. Summer days are generally clear and crisp with occasional afternoon thunderstorms or heavy rains. Evenings are chilly. Average high and low temperatures: 24°C and 6°C (75°F and 43°F); average monthly precipitation: 4.8 centimeters (1.9 inches).

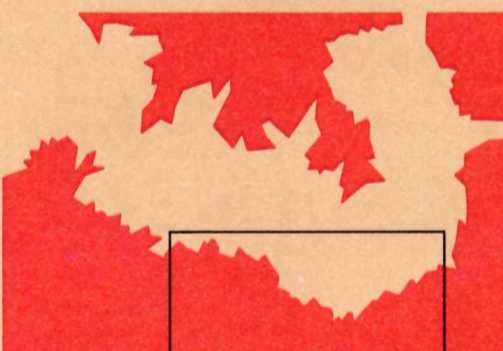
Fall (September, October, November)—The days from September until the snows arrive and close the North Rim in mid-November are pleasant. Aspens mantle the hillsides with gold, and the crisp air is invigorating. Average high and low temperatures: 15°C and 0°C (59°F and 32°F); average monthly precipitation: 4.1 centimeters (1.6 inches).

Transportation to the North Rim

Private motor vehicles. Arizona 67 leads southward from U.S. 89A at Jacob Lake. The distance from Jacob Lake to the North Rim Entrance Station is 51 kilometers (32 miles); the canyon rim at Bright Angel Point is 21 kilometers (13 miles) further south. The park road is closed by snow from about mid-November to mid-May.

Air. In summer only, Grand Canyon Airlines provides two flights daily from Grand Canyon Airport (South Rim) to DeMotte Park Airstrip, just north of the park in Kaibab National Forest. Commercial transportation is available from the airstrip to North Rim.

South Rim



Information Centers

The visitor center, located in Grand Canyon Village, 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) north of the South Entrance Station, is open every day, hours vary with the seasons. Park rangers provide information and orientation and answer questions. Trail guides, brochures, and maps are available at the Information Desk; publications and maps are for sale, and schedules of Park Service activities are posted on bulletin boards and listed in the park newspaper.

Exhibits in the visitor center museum sketch the natural and human history of Grand Canyon and the surrounding area. Native American craftsmen demonstrate their work.

Yavapai Museum, perched on the rim of the canyon 800 meters (0.5 mile) east of the visitor center, offers a view of the canyon from large observation windows. Exhibits highlight the geological history of the canyon.

Tusayan Museum, adjacent to Tusayan Ruins on the East Rim Drive, is 5 kilometers (3 miles) west of Desert View. Displays describe the life of the prehistoric dwellers of 800 years ago.

How to See the Park

Canyon shuttle. From May to September, Grand Canyon Village is served by free minibuses that provide transportation to lodges, restaurants, shops, and Mather Campground; to various ranger activities and visitor facilities; and, May through mid-September, along scenic West Rim Drive.

Private auto. The **West Rim Drive**, from Grand Canyon Village to Hermit's Rest, is 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) long and passes several canyon overlooks. IN SUMMER, THE DRIVE IS CLOSED TO PRIVATE VEHICLES; ACCESS IS BY CANYON SHUTTLE. The **East Rim Drive** to Desert View is 40 kilometers (25 miles) long. At Desert View the Watchtower overlooks the canyon and the Painted Desert; along the way are Tusayan Ruins and museum and Lipan Point, with perhaps the finest view of the canyon.

Bicycle. You can rent bikes on West Rim Drive in summer only, when the Drive is closed to all vehicle traffic except buses.

On foot. Take short or long hikes on the self-guiding nature trails, paths, and undeveloped trails along the rim between Yavapai Museum and Hermit's Rest, a distance of 14 kilometers (9 miles). The views change from point to point, and the canyon changes as the sun moves across the sky. Other enjoyable hikes begin at many canyon overlooks on both the East and West Rim Drives.

Commercial tour. Bus and Limousine Tours are provided by Grand Canyon National Park Lodges from Grand Canyon Village to: (1) Hermit's Rest, (2) Desert View, and (3) to Cameron (summer only) on the Navajo Indian Reservation east of the park. **Air Tours** leave (1) from Grand Canyon Airport, 14 kilometers (9 miles) south of the Village, by Grand Canyon Airlines; and (2) from Tusayan, 13 kilometers (8 miles) south of the Village, by Grand Canyon Helicopters. Commercial air tours are also available at Page and Williams, Ariz., and Las Vegas, Nev. **Guided Hikes and Vehicle Tours** (summer only) are offered by Grand Canyon Trail Guides, Santa Fe Railroad Depot, Grand Canyon Village. **River Float Trips** leave by bus from Grand Canyon Village to Glen Canyon Dam, Page, Ariz., for a 5-hour, smooth-water trip down the Colorado River to Lees Ferry; return the same day (summer only.)

Other Visitor Activities

Evening programs are presented year-round in Grand Canyon Village; similar programs are presented at Desert View Campground in summer.

Ranger-guided walks and hikes are presented on a scheduled basis at Grand Canyon Village throughout the year and at Desert View and Tusayan Ruins in summer.

Special summer programs include the Junior Ranger Program (an "awareness of nature" program for children aged 7 to 13). Schedules for other programs are shown in the Grand Canyon "Guide."

Religious services are conducted by Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Grand Canyon Community Church (interdenominational), Christian Ministry at Grand Canyon, Jehovah's Witnesses, Roman Catholic Church, and Southern Baptist Church.

Visitor Facilities

Services and supplies. **Grand Canyon Village:** Babbitt Bros. General Store, U.S. Post Office, and Valley National Bank (Master Charge only) are in the Mather Center, across the main road from the visitor center.

Meals. Grand Canyon Village has restaurants in El Tovar Hotel and Bright Angel Lodge; cafeterias in Yavapai Lodge and the Motor Lodge; and a delicatessen in the General Store. Some facilities are closed in winter. There is a snack bar at Desert View; other restaurants are in Tusayan.

Lodging. Inside the park there are cabins, motel units, and hotels. Make reservations well in advance to Reservations Dept., Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023; phone (602) 638-2401. There is no lodging at Desert View. **Outside the park** motels are located at Tusayan, 13 kilometers (8 miles) south of Grand Canyon Village; Cameron, 51 kilometers (32 miles) east of Desert View; Gray Mountain, 14 kilometers (9 miles) south of Cameron; and Flagstaff and Williams.

Laundry and showers are in the Camper Services Building, Mather Campground. **A sanitary dump station** (closed in winter) is located in Trailer Village, just south of Mather Center. **Telephones** are located at most public use facilities. The **telegraph office** is in the Grand Canyon National Park Lodges General Offices. **A pet kennel** is just west of the Village, phone 638-2631.

Lost and found facilities are at the Visitor Center Information Desk and Grand Canyon National Park Lodges General Offices.

Desert View: General store and service station (CLOSED IN WINTER).

Tusayan: General store and service stations.

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Camping. Grand Canyon Village: Mather Campground (operated by National Park Service), open year-round; fees; first-come, first-served; tables, fireplaces, and water. **Trailer Village** (operated by concessioner) open year-round; utility hookups; sanitary dump station (closed in winter). For reservations write Grand Canyon National Park Lodges, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023; phone (602) 638-2401.

Desert View: Campground (operated by National Park Service) closed in winter; fees; first-come, first-served; tables, fireplaces; water and restrooms.

Outside the park: Ten X Campground (operated by U.S. Forest Service) open year-round; 16 kilometers (10 miles) south of Grand Canyon Village; no water; no fee. **Private campgrounds** are at Valle, Ariz., 50 kilometers (31 miles) south of the village; **public and private campgrounds** are near Flagstaff and Williams, Ariz.

In Case of Emergency

Contact a park ranger or phone 638-2477. A physician is on duty at the GRAND CANYON CLINIC, Center Road between South Entrance Station and Grand Canyon Village, phone 638-2551.

Information Bulletins

For up-to-date recorded information about weather, road conditions, and interpretive activities, telephone (602) 638-2245, 24 hours a day.

Planning Your Visit

Seasons. The South Rim, like the canyon, changes with the seasons. Roads and many facilities are open all year, and each season has its advantages and disadvantages.

Spring (March, April, May)—If you visit the park during Easter vacation and the weeks surrounding it, you'll have to do more advance planning than at other times of the year. Many facilities are still closed, and moderately heavy snows can occur through April, with light snow as late as mid-May. School vacations contribute to crowded conditions when the weather is good. In early spring trails may be snowpacked and icy. Average high and low temperatures: 16°C and 0°C (60°F and 32°F); average monthly precipitation: 2.5 centimeters (1.0 inch).

Summer (June, July, August)—Long lines and crowded conditions are the rule at most visitor facilities. Campgrounds are often full by 10:00 a.m., and other accommodations may fill by midafternoon. Afternoon showers, thunderstorms, and occasional heavy rains can be expected. Average high and low temperatures: 28°C and 11°C (82°F and 51°F); average monthly precipitation: 7 centimeters (2.7 inches).

Fall (September, October, November)—This is the best time to visit Grand Canyon! The park is not crowded and the weather is delightful, although snow can fall in late October. Average high and low temperatures: 18°C and 2°C (64°F and 36°F); average monthly precipitation: 3.0 centimeters (1.2 inches).

Winter (December, January, February)—Many believe that the canyon is at its best when snow mantles its higher elevations. The park is not crowded, but many facilities are closed; those open are usually filled to capacity during holiday periods. Snows are frequent—you should have snow tires or chains any time between late October through April. Average high and low temperatures: 6°C and -7°C (43°F and 20°F); average monthly precipitation: 3.8 centimeters (1.5 inches).

Transportation to the South Rim

Private motor vehicles. I-40 (U.S. 66) crosses northern Arizona through Flagstaff and Williams. Grand Canyon Village is 132 kilometers (82 miles) northwest of Flagstaff, and 97 kilometers (60 miles) north of Williams. Desert View, the east entrance to the South Rim, is 51 kilometers (32 miles) west of Cameron, which is located in the Navajo Indian Reservation on U.S. 89.

Air. Grand Canyon Airport, 14 kilometers (9 miles) south of Grand Canyon Village, is served by Cochise Airlines, Hughes Airwest, and Scenic Airlines. Commercial ground transportation is available to the park.

Bus. Navajo-Hopi Tours provides scheduled bus service from Flagstaff to Grand Canyon Village.

Car rentals are available at hotels on the South Rim. Grand Canyon Airport, and in Flagstaff. Flagstaff is served by commercial air and bus lines and by Amtrak.

