



## Desert View Route – free shuttle bus

The Desert View Route (Orange Route), a part of Grand Canyon National Park’s visitor transportation system on the South Rim, provides free shuttle bus service between the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza and Desert View at the park’s east entrance with three stops along Desert View Drive. The Desert View Route, 25 miles in each direction, provides an excellent way to see a lesser- visited section of the South Rim.

### Route times

Service on the Desert View Route operates every day between July 7 and September 5.

Buses run every 20 minutes. Ride time to from Canyon View Information Plaza to Desert View and return is 2½ hours without getting off the bus.

**Service on the Desert View Route stops before sunset.**

- First bus leaves Canyon View Information Plaza at 7:00 a.m.
- Last bus leaves Canyon View Information Plaza at 5:00 p.m.
- First bus leaves Desert View at 8:10 a.m.
- Last bus leaves Desert View at 6:10 p.m.

### Shuttle stops

The shuttle bus makes stops at three locations along Desert View Drive, in addition to Canyon View Information Plaza and Desert View. The shuttles stop both east and west bound. For additional maps see the park newspaper, *The Guide*. Stops include:

- Canyon View Information Plaza
- Grandview Point
- Moran Point
- Tusayan Ruins
- Desert View
- Tusayan Museum

### Route Map



Attractions at each stop are highlighted on the reverse.

## Stop information

Stops listed west to east



### Canyon View Information Plaza

Visit the park's visitor center, open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily, to talk with a ranger, view exhibits, or attend a free ranger program. Take a short walk to the rim at Mather Point or connect with the park's walking and biking greenway system. Visit the Books and More bookstore, open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.

Drinks and limited snacks are available for sale outside Books and More. Restrooms and water fountains are located on both sides of the visitor center.

### Grandview Point

Enjoy excellent canyon views, including the Colorado River and Horseshoe Mesa. During the 1890s, prospectors mined ore veins below the point, while tourists arrived by stagecoach from Flagstaff to the Grand View Hotel.

Chemical toilets are available, but no drinking water.

The Grandview Trail, an unmaintained steep trail best for experienced desert hikers, leads to Horseshoe Mesa and beyond. Hike with caution along the narrow sections. No water sources exist along the trail.

### Moran Point

This point honors Thomas Moran, a Western landscape artist whose paintings of Grand Canyon and Yellowstone led to the preservation of these areas as national parks. Excellent views up and down canyon unfold from here.

No restrooms or water available.

### Tusayan Ruin and Museum

Visit the museum, open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, to learn about the Native American cultures in this region, both past and present. Take the easy 0.1-mile (0.2-km) walk around an 800-year-old ancestral Puebloan village. Rangers present programs at the site daily.

Water is available for sale inside museum. Chemical toilets are a short walk from the stop.

### Desert View

Step inside and climb the stairs of the historic Watchtower, built in 1932 by Fred Harvey Company architect Mary Elizabeth Jane Colter, open 8:00 a.m. until sunset daily. The Desert View Bookstore, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, features information about the park.

The restroom and water fountains are always popular. Food and drinks are offered at the Trading Post Snack Bar and Desert View Marketplace.

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## In-park shuttle system

The Desert View Route shuttle stops at Canyon View Information Plaza. There visitors can connect with other free shuttle bus loops serving many South Rim attractions, viewpoints, and visitor services. Canyon View Information Plaza includes the ranger-staffed visitor center and the Books and More bookstore. Mather Point and the

park's Greenway Trail are within a short walking distance of Canyon View Information Plaza.

For more information about the entire free shuttle bus system, see the park's newspaper *The Guide*, available at entrance stations and visitor centers throughout the park.

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## Your comments, please

Please take a moment to fill out a *Visitor Comment Form* regarding your trip on the Desert View Route. Forms are available at the visitor center and on Desert View Route shuttle

buses. Return forms via prepaid mail, or hand forms to National Park Service employees or shuttle bus drivers, or email comments to [www.nps.gov/grca/contacts.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/contacts.htm).