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South Rim Nature Trail

One of the best ways to experience the Grand Canyon is to take a hike. Most of the inner Canyon trails, however, are strenuous and time consuming. If you are only in fair condition or have small children with you, an excellent alternative is the Rim Trail.

The trail extends along the rim of the Canyon between Maricopa Point on the West Rim and Yavapai Museum east of the Visitor Center. The entire length of the trail is paved and it is level in most sections providing a sharp contrast to the Inner Canyon trails. While the overall length of the trail is 3½ miles, you can walk any part of it, making your trip as long or as short as you wish.

The section of the trail between Verkamp's Curio, Yavapai Museum and the Visitor Center is a self-guiding nature trail. Pamphlets explaining the biology and geology of the Grand Canyon are available at the Visitor Center and at each end of these sections of the trail. They cost 25¢.

Have a Safe Stay in the Park

Watch Your Children. Your hand and your voice may be too far away once your child has climbed over barrier or wall.

Keep Your Distance from Wild Animals. Do not feed or attempt to disturb or touch animals in the park. Rodents may bite and large animals have been known to kick when frightened.

Know Your Limits. The south Rim of Grand Canyon is 7,000 (2,133 meters) above sea level. Unaccustomed exercise at this altitude can be dangerous.

Find a Friend. The majority of hiker fatalities occur with solo hikers. Make sure someone knows your plans.

Keep Track of Your Belongings. Remove all valuables from your car and trunk. Immediately report any suspicious activity to a ranger. A thief works quickly.

REMEMBER: You are responsible for your own safety.

How to See Grand Canyon

There is no "best way" to see Grand Canyon. However, visitors often seek recommendations about what to do or where to view the canyon. For some, the answer may be to simply relax and enjoy the serenity. For others the following list may be helpful. Here's what you do if you have:

Two or Three Hours

1. Visit Yavapai Geologic Museum for exhibits about the geologic history and see a panoramic view of the Canyon.

2. For scenic views of Grand Canyon, drive the 8 miles along the West Rim Drive to Hermit's Rest. The Colorado River can be seen from Hopi Point, Mohave Point, and Pima Point.

Half Day

1. See the exhibits in the Visitor Center and watch the 12-minute orientation slide program for a good introduction to the park.

2. Visit Yavapai Museum for exhibits about Canyon geology and a panoramic view.

3. Take a walk along the Rim Trail. This self-guiding nature trail can be started at Yavapai Museum, the Visitor Center or near Verkamp's Curio Shop. At each location is a leaflet box with trail guides (25 cents each).

4. For scenic views of Grand Canyon,

drive the 8 miles along the West Rim Drive to Hermit's Rest. The Colorado River can be seen from Hopi Point, Mohave Point, and Pima Point.

One Day

1. Visit Yavapai Museum, the Visitor Center and see the West Rim — all described above.

2. Drive the East Rim Drive to Desert View (25 miles one way) for different view of the Canyon. At Desert View is the famous Watchtower, views of the Painted Desert and the Colorado River. The Tusayan Ruins are located two miles west of Desert View and afford a step back in time at Grand Canyon circa 1185 A.D.

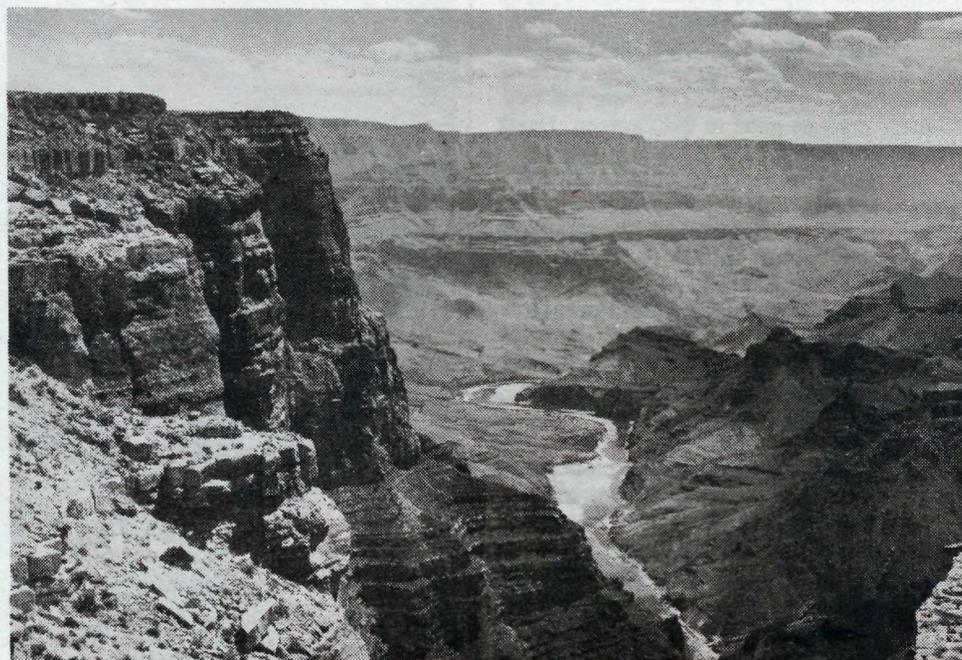
3. Take a walk along the self-guiding nature trail on the rim (described above) or hike two or three hours below the rim on the Bright Angel or South Kaibab trails. Stop at the Visitor Center for trail maps and conditions.

Overnight

1. Take in as many recommended tours listed above as you have time for.

2. See sunrise and sunset on the Canyon rim. Recommended locations are: Yavapai Point, Yaki Point, Hopi Point, Pima Point, or Lipan Point.

3. Attend the National Park Service Evening Program. (See description under Things to Do.)



The Colorado River as it flows through the Grand Canyon.

Grand Canyon News Briefs

Lost and Found

The park lost and found desk is located at the Visitor Center in Grand Canyon Village.

Emergency?

National Park Service Rangers are here to provide you with assistance if an emergency occurs. If you need an ambulance, medical assistance, need to report a lost person, have a vehicle breakdown, or need a law enforcement official, contact a Ranger or call 638-2477 anytime day or night (this is an emergency number only, for information call 638-7888). If you are in the vicinity of the Visitor Center you may stop in to make a report. After hours an emergency phone is located to the left of the front doors of the Visitor Center and can be used to report emergencies.



Mule strings travel up and down the Bright Angel and Kaibab trails daily as they have since the early 1900s. When you hike, and especially if you run, on these trails there are guidelines which you should observe for your own safety as well as the safety of other hikers on the trail around you.

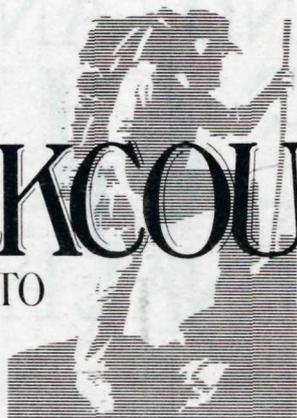
Mules are naturally afraid of humans and are easily startled or "spooked." Wranglers will advise you of the proper procedures when you encounter a mule string on the trail, and periodically halt the mules so hikers may pass by. Please pass the mules at a walking pace — no sudden movements. Hiker carelessness — banging a walking stick, moving rapidly by, dropping or throwing objects (coats, backpacks, canteens, etc.) — can endanger the hiker and unsuspecting bystanders.

Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.23 (f) states that hikers shall remain quiet when mule strings pass on the trail.

Courtesy on the trail will help assure your safe hike in and out of Grand Canyon.

BACKCOUNTRY

HIKING INTO THE CANYON



Hiking Reservations and Permits

In Grand Canyon National Park a free permit system has been established to limit and distribute use in the Inner Canyon. Advance reservations for overnight backpacking are necessary to ensure that you will be able to hike when and where you wish. Reservation requests for overnight backcountry hiking and camping are accepted by mail or in person only. Beginning on October 1, reservation requests will be accepted for the remainder of the current year and for the following calendar year. For example: beginning October 1, 1983, reservation requests will be accepted for the period from October 1, 1983 through December 31, 1984; beginning on October 1, 1984, reservations will be accepted for the period from October 1, 1984, through December 31, 1985, etc. Demand for backcountry permits for the "spring break" period (March 1-April 30), for weekends, holidays, and other vacation periods far exceeds the use limits which have been established to protect backcountry resources and the quality of your experience. As a result, many visitors will not be successful in making reservations.

Permits are needed for overnight hiking only, day hikes do not require a permit.

Reservation requests should be sent to: Backcountry Reservations Office
P.O. Box 129

Grand Canyon, AZ 86023

Reservation requests must include proposed dates for your trip, specific camp areas, number of people in the group as well as alternate dates or areas. Groups are limited to 16 people. There is a two night (consecutive or non-consecutive) limit at each campground.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE CLAIMED BY 9 A.M. MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME THE DAY OF YOUR HIKE OR THEY WILL BE CANCELED.

Hikers arriving without reservations should contact the Backcountry Reservations Office. It may be possible to obtain a Backcountry Use permit by placing their name on a waiting list for cancellations. The waiting list will be started when the office opens, the day before the hike would begin. Names are placed on the waiting list **IN PERSON ONLY**. Hikers on the waiting list must be present at 9 a.m. on the day of their hike to check on the availability of permits.

The Backcountry Reservations Office maintains a Backcountry Information Telephone Line to answer your questions concerning trip planning, trail and weather conditions, and water sources. Please note we do NOT accept reservations requests over the information line. The Backcountry Information line is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; call (602) 638-2474. Permits are valid **ONLY** at the location and dates

specified, and must be in your possession. The Backcountry Reservations Office is located in a building adjacent to Camper Services. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hiking Safely in the Canyon

Along the three maintained backcountry trails in the Grand Canyon, the Bright Angel, North Kaibab and South Kaibab trails, there are three designated campgrounds in which hikers must camp. Indian Gardens, Bright Angel and Cottonwood campgrounds have staffed ranger stations, toilets, purified drinking water, picnic tables, metal poles on which to hang food to protect it from animals.

A hike into the Canyon will test your mental and physical endurance. The average descent takes four hours on the South Kaibab and five hours on the Bright Angel Trail, where water and shade are available. Indian Gardens has water year-round and in the summer water is available at the 3-mile and 1½-mile resthouses on the upper Bright Angel Trail. There are no toilets in either resthouse.

A suggested day hike is to Plateau Point on the Bright Angel Trail. Plateau Point offers a spectacular view of the Colorado River. This is a 12-mile round trip, requiring about 8 hours of hiking. It should be attempted only by experienced hikers. A shorter day hike would be to Cedar Ridge (3-mile round trip) on the South Kaibab trail.

The following recommendations are offered to help you better prepare for a safe hike into the Canyon:

— Water is the most important item you should carry. Each hiker should carry at least two quarts or liters of water per day. Water does no good in the canteen. Drink plenty of water as you hike.

— Cold foods are convenient for backpacking, but if you prefer to cook, take along a lightweight backpacking stove or canned heat. Fires are not allowed in the Canyon.

— Eliminate all unnecessary items from your pack.

— Comfortable footwear is essential. This is not the time to break in new boots! Sandals, street shoes and bare feet are an invitation to painful blisters. Wear two pairs of socks to reduce friction between your feet and boots. At the first sign of any soreness apply moleskin to the "hot spot."

— Take a first-aid kit. It should contain band-aids, moleskin, sunscreen lotion and a signal mirror. Maps and a flashlight are recommended.

— Heat cramps — painful muscle spasms, usually in the arms and legs — can be caused by strenuous exercise and depletion of body salts. For relief, eat salty foods, drink water and gently massage the affected area.

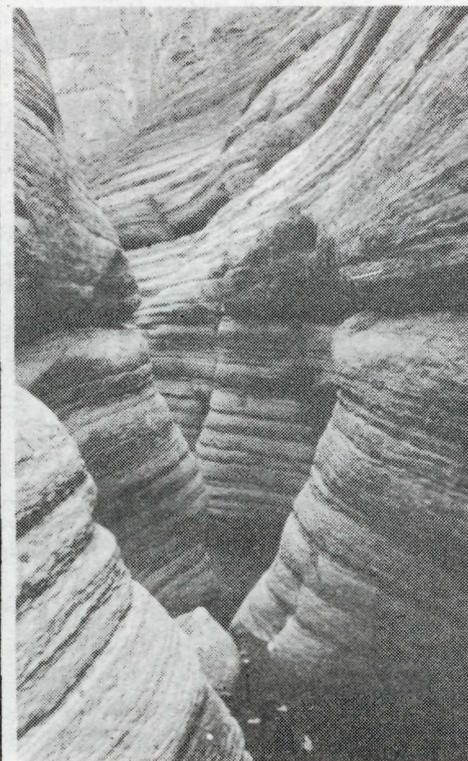
— Heat exhaustion can be caused by overexertion in hot weather. Symptoms: pale face; nausea; cool, moist skin; headache; cramps. Treatment: find shade, drink water, cool the body, rest.

— Heat stroke — Symptoms: red face, dry skin, weak and rapid pulse, high body temperature, inability to cope, unconsciousness. **VICTIM IS IN EXTREME DANGER!** Treatment: find shade, cool victim with water, **GO FOR HELP!**

— In cooler temperatures, when your body loses heat faster than it can produce it, there is the possibility of hypothermia. The best defense against hypothermia is to prevent it. Stay dry and warm; put on wool clothes before you get cold. Symptoms include shivering, fumbling hands, lurching walk and drowsiness. The victim should be given dry clothes, protected from the wind, rain and cold, given warm drinks and warmed by skin contact with another person. Hypothermia can occur when the temperature is as warm as 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

— Do not attempt to swim in the Colorado River. It is swift and extremely cold.

Your hike is what you make it. Take time to plan. If you have further questions, contact the Backcountry Reservations Office.



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Camping on the South Rim

You must camp within a designated campsite in a National Park. Camping in the forest or at one of the overlooks could result in a costly fine.

Reservations for camping at Mather Campground (no hookups) in Grand Canyon National Park can now be made for the summer through Ticketron. Reservations can be made in person at any Ticketron outlet in the country up to eight weeks in advance of the desired camping date.

In Arizona, reservations can be made at Mather Campground or at the National Park Service Office, 1115 N. First Street, Phoenix, AZ. Mail-in reservations can be made through Ticketron Reservation Office, P.O. Box 2715, San Francisco, CA 94126. Mail reservations require approximately two weeks to process.

No telephone reservations are accepted at any location.

Campsites at Mather Campground (no hookups) are \$6 per site per night. In addition, a one-time fee of \$2.50 is charged if the reservation system is used. The amount must be paid at the time the reservation is made.

Computer sales terminals are located at the following National Park Service locations: Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Rocky Mountain, Shenandoah, Great Smoky Mountains, Cape Hatteras, the Phoenix Field Office, Los Angeles Field Office, and the San Francisco National Park Service Information Office.

Trailer sites with hookups are available at Trailer Village located next to Mather Campground. Registration is handled at the entrance to Trailer Village (8 a.m. to 7 p.m.).

Camper Village: located 7 miles south of the Park in the town of Tusayan. Hookups are available.

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South Rim

Lodging

Bright Angel Lodge: On the rim. Rooms and cabins standard double occupancy \$30-\$45.

El Tovar Hotel: On the rim. Standard double occupancy \$65-\$115.

Kachina Lodge: On the rim. Make reservations at El Tovar Hotel. Standard double occupancy rooms \$70.

Thunderbird Lodge: On the rim. Make reservations at Bright Angel Lodge. Standard double occupancy rooms \$70.

Mushwhip Lodge: Located at the west end of the village. Double occupancy rooms \$40-65.

Front desks of the above lodges are open 24 hours a day. For same-day reservations call (602) 638-2631. For advance reservations call (602) 638-2401.

Grand Canyon International Hostel: 76 Tonto Street, 638-9018. Check in 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Phantom Ranch: Overnight dorm space is often available before 9 a.m. and can be reserved by contacting the Bright Angel Transportation Desk in person.

The following lodges are located in Tusayan, 8 miles south of the park on U.S. Highway 64 South.

Grand Canyon Squire Inn: double room \$48. (602) 638-2681.

Red Feather Lodge: double room \$32-\$36. (602) 638-2673.

Moqui Lodge: Rooms \$31-\$47. (602) 638-2424.

Food & Drink

El Tovar Dining Room: Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; dinner, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Slacks required at dinner. View of the Canyon. Lounge open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily, Sunday 12 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Bright Angel Restaurant: Family dining. Open 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lounge open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily, Sunday noon to 1 a.m.

Arizona Room Steakhouse: Open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Located between Bright Angel Lodge and Thunderbird Lodge on the Rim.

Yavapai Cafeteria: Located in Yavapai Lodge. Breakfast, 6:30 to 11 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Lounge open 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

Babbitt's General Store: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Babbitt's Delicatessen: Located in Babbitt's General Store. Open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The following businesses are located in Tusayan, 8 miles south of the entrance station on Highway 64 South.

Red Feather Lodge: Restaurant open from 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Canyon Food Mart: Open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.

We Cook Pizza, ETC.: Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Lunch and dinner. 638-2278.

General Store: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Moqui Lodge: Breakfast, 7-10 a.m.; dinner, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mexican and American food. Lounge open 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Grand Canyon Squire Inn: Coffee Shop open 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dining Room open 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Lounge open 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Other Facilities

Medical Services

EMERGENCY/AMBULANCE: 638-2477. If busy call 638-7888.

Grand Canyon Medical Clinic: Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 638-2551 or 638-2469. After 5 p.m. EMERGENCY ONLY 638-2477.

Grand Canyon Pharmacy: open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 638-2460.

Payments at both the clinic and pharmacy are on a cash only basis. Credit cards are accepted.

Backpacking Equipment

Babbitt's General Store: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday

Grand Canyon Trail Guides: Backpacking, camping, hiking equipment rental and repair services. Located in the train depot. Open 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (602) 638-2391.

Transportation

Bright Angel Transportation Desk: located in Bright Angel Lodge. Handles arrangements for bus and air tours and mule trips. Open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bus: Nava-Hopi Bus Lines run daily between Grand Canyon and Williams and Flagstaff, Arizona, with connection to other commercial bus lines. Contact Bright Angel Transportation Desk in Bright Angel Lodge for tickets and schedules.

Taxi: Available to the airport, trailhead and other destinations. Call 638-2822. The service is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Pet Kennels

The kennels are open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. After 5:30 p.m. contact Fred Harvey switchboard, 638-2631.

Animals cannot be retrieved after 6 p.m.

Post Office

Located across from Visitor Center. Window service: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Lobby open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Service Stations & Garage

Grand Canyon Garage: Located west of Grand Canyon National Park Lodges Office. Open 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Grand Canyon Chevron: across from the Visitor Center. Service bay open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pumps 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Diesel and propane fuel available.

The following stations are located in Tusayan, 8 miles south of the park on U.S. Highway 64 South.

Grand Canyon Shell: Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Grand Canyon Mobil: Open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Moqui Lodge Service Station: Open 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily.

Service Clubs

Grand Canyon Rotary Club: Meets every Thursday at 12:10 p.m. at the El Tovar Hotel.

Lions Club: Meets first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Grand Canyon Squire Inn.

Beauty and Barber Shops

Bright Angel Hair Design: located in the Bright Angel Lodge. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Later and earlier hours by appointment. Call 638-2210 for appointments.

Moqui Beauty & Barber Shop: Located in Moqui Lodge in Tusayan. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Telegraph Office

Located in Grand Canyon National Park Lodges Office. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Showers & Laundry

Camper Services: Includes shower and laundry (coin-operated). Located next to Mather Campground. Open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., 7 days a week.

Dry Cleaning: Located in the Recreation Building across from the Ranger Office. The public is responsible for own pickup and delivery. Lodge guests may contact front desks. Three-day service. Open 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bank

Valley National Bank: Located across from the Visitor Center. Open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Will cash traveler's checks and exchange foreign currency. We cannot accept out of town checks. Cash advances on charge cards are available and we also accept wire transfers.

Propane

Available at Grand Canyon Chevron across from Visitor Center. Available in Tusayan, 8 miles south of the park on Highway 64 South at the Grand Canyon Shell and the Grand Canyon Mobil service stations.

Guided Tours

Phantom Ranch: One, two, and three-day mule trips into the Canyon are normally available on a daily basis. Contact the Bright Angel Transportation Desk for full information, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Guided Bus Tours: **Desert View-Watchtower Tour:** The three hour (\$13) East Rim tour begins at 12:50 p.m. daily and travels 23 miles to the east to the Desert View Watchtower and returns. Purchase tickets at the Bright Angel Transportation Desk. **The Indian Land Tour:** This limited tour travels 322 miles and is designed to introduce sincere visitors to the dynamic cultures of the Navajo and Hopi nations. Contact the Bright Angel Transportation Desk for details. This ten hour tour costs \$52 per adult. **Hermits Rest Tour:** Leaves Bright Angel Lodge at 9:10 a.m. daily. This 2 hour tour costs \$9. Purchase tickets at Bright Angel Transportation Desk.

Air Tours: Reservations for helicopter and airplane tours can be made at Bright Angel Transportation Desk or by calling Grand Canyon Helicopters 638-2419; Madison Aviation (helicopter) 638-2688; Air Grand Canyon 638-2618; or Grand Canyon Airlines 638-2407.

Grand Canyon Trail Guides: Guided hiking services. Located in the train depot. Open 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. (602) 638-2391.

Shops

Verkamps Curio 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Bright Angel Curio 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Bright Angel

History Room 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
El Tovar Curio 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
El Tovar Newsstand 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Hopi House 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Lookout Studio 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Yavapai Curio 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Hermits Rest

Trading Post 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Desert View

Desert View is located 25 miles (40 km) east of Grand Canyon on Highway 64 (the road to Cameron, Arizona). The Desert View Watchtower stairs close 30 minutes before the Watchtower Gift Shop. Services at Desert View include:

Watchtower Gift Shop 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Trading Post Gift Shop 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Trading Post Fountain 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Babbitt's General Store 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Service Station 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



THINGS TO DO



South Rim

Grand Canyon Village Visitor Center

*The Visitor Center is located 3 miles north of the South Entrance Station and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. General information about the park, maps and brochures can be obtained at the Information Desk.

An exhibit hall features exhibits on the human and natural history of Grand Canyon. Special exhibits may be on display from time to time. Boats and rafts used on the Colorado River during this century are on display in the courtyard.

The Grand Canyon Natural History Association bookstore, open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily, is located in the lobby. Publications and maps about Grand Canyon are available for purchase.

The Backcountry Reservation Office is no longer located at the Visitor Center. It has moved to the Camper Services area near Mather Campground.

Orientation Program

A 15-minute narrated slide program is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily in the Visitor Center Auditorium. The program begins on the hour and the half hour and offers a brief introduction to Grand Canyon.

Yavapai Museum

*Yavapai Museum, located 3/4 miles east of the Visitor Center, features exhibits on the geologic history of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado River, including a geologic time clock, rock samples, and explanations of the formation of the Canyon. From the museum's large glass windows you can see a panorama of the Canyon. The museum is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Programs

*Visitor Center Canyon Talk: A 15-minute talk on an aspect of the geological, cultural or natural history of the Canyon. Presented at 9:15 a.m., 2:15 and 3:15 p.m. daily.

El Tovar Historic Tour: 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays, April 3 and 10 only. MEET A RANGER IN THE HOTEL LOBBY. It's 1910 for the "Harvey Girl" who leads this walk back in time through the historic El Tovar Hotel. Limited to 25 on a first-come basis.

*Yavapai Geology Walk: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily. MEET AT YAVAPAI MUSEUM. This 60 minute walk with a ranger examines Grand Canyon geology in detail. You will see ancient mountains, fossils, seas and the reason the Canyon came to be in northern Arizona. This walk is one-half mile long to Grandeur Point and back.

*Yavapai Geology Talk: 11:15 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily. MEET AT YAVAPAI MUSEUM for a 20-minute program on Grand Canyon geology.

*Yavapai Canyon Talk: 1 and 4 p.m. daily. MEET AT YAVAPAI MUSEUM. A 15-minute talk on some aspect of the geological, cultural or natural history of the Canyon.

*Rim Walk: 1:15 p.m. daily. MEET AT THE EL TOVAR HOTEL FLAGPOLE ALONG THE CANYON RIM. This 60 to 90 minute ranger-guided walk along the rim of the Canyon will introduce you to the Canyon's history, geology, plants and animals. The walk is about one mile on a paved trail.

*National Park Service Evening Program: Program canceled. Due to a remodeling project in the Shrine of Ages Building, the auditorium is unavailable for public programs. The building is closed between March 18 and April 14.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

For recorded announcement of evening program topic, visitor activities, and programs, dial 638-9304. Updated daily.

DISABLED?

*Programs accessible to the physically handicapped. We ask you to be aware that all walks listed are moderately strenuous and may require an attendant. The National Park Service also provides wheelchairs for temporary use by park visitors. No rental fee is charged. The wheelchairs are available at the Visitor Center and Yavapai Museum. A copy of the Grand Canyon National Park Accessibility Guide is available free upon request at the Visitor Center and Yavapai Museum.

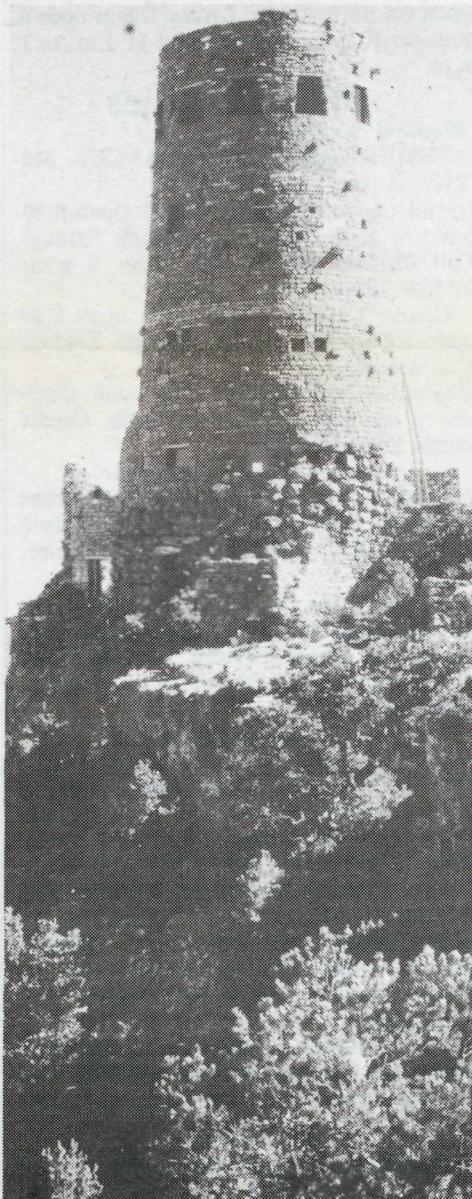
North Rim

The North Rim is closed for the winter.



Desert View

Tusayan Museum is located on the East Rim Drive just four miles west of Desert View and welcomes visitors from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Native American cultures and crafts from this area, past and present, are displayed. Adjoining the museum is a self-guiding trail around a prehistoric Indian village.



Religious Services

The following faiths conduct scheduled services at Grand Canyon: A Christian Ministry in the National Parks (interdenominational), El Cristo Rey Parish (Catholic), Grand Canyon Assembly of God, Grand Canyon Baptist Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Schedules of services are available on community bulletin boards, hotel desks, and the Village Visitor Center.



Sunrise & Sunset

March 18	6:36 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
March 19	6:34 a.m.	6:39 p.m.
March 20	6:33 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
March 21	6:31 a.m.	6:41 p.m.
March 22	6:30 a.m.	6:42 p.m.
March 23	6:28 a.m.	6:43 p.m.
March 24	6:27 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
March 25	6:25 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
March 26	6:24 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
March 27	6:23 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
March 28	6:21 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
March 29	6:20 a.m.	6:48 p.m.
March 30	6:18 a.m.	6:49 p.m.
March 31	6:17 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
April 1	6:15 a.m.	6:50 p.m.
April 2	6:14 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
April 3	6:13 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
April 4	6:11 a.m.	6:53 p.m.
April 5	6:10 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
April 6	6:08 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
April 7	6:07 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
April 8	6:05 a.m.	6:56 p.m.
April 9	6:04 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
April 10	6:03 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
April 11	6:01 a.m.	6:59 p.m.
April 12	6:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
April 13	5:59 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
April 14	5:57 a.m.	7:01 p.m.



Road Conditions

Listed below are commercial phone numbers for a recorded message of road conditions surrounding the Grand Canyon area:

Grand Canyon National Park	(602) 638-2245
Flagstaff, AZ	(602) 779-2711
Phoenix, AZ	(602) 273-7511
Tucson, AZ	(602) 294-3113
Nevada: Las Vegas & west	(702) 385-0181
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