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# Autumn

## *The Guide*

Maps and Information for Grand Canyon National Park



# Plan Your Visit

Welcome to Your National Park



## Welcome to Grand Canyon National Park!

As the new Superintendent, I want to extend a special welcome to all of you. Whether you are here for a few hours or a few days this is a spectacular place to visit, to be awed, to learn, and for all of us to be truly inspired. I want to point out some of the recent improvements and special opportunities that will improve upon your experience of the natural and cultural history of this spectacular landscape.

If you enter through the South Entrance, make the Grand Canyon Visitor Center your first stop and leave your car behind. Here you can view our new interpretive orientation film, purchase books about the park's geology and wildlife, and catch a free shuttle bus to the main village facilities and viewpoints.

From the visitor center, it is a short walk to your first breathtaking view of the canyon at Mather Point. Here visitors of all abilities can take advantage of the

improved accessibility at the viewpoint, enjoy a picnic, or attend a park ranger program at the new rimside amphitheater.

Less than a mile down the Rim Trail from the Grand Canyon Visitor Center is the Yavapai Geology Museum. The award-winning exhibits help you explore the geologic forces at work in the Grand Canyon; and the recently completed Trail of Time allows you to take a walk through the canyon's geologic history.

If you are entering through Desert View, the new Desert View Visitor Center should be your first stop for information and orientation; and you should be sure to visit the newly rehabilitated Desert View Watchtower.

In the Inner Canyon, the Bright Angel Pueblo wayside exhibits provide rafters and hikers with a new opportunity to learn about the native peoples who have called Grand Canyon home for thousands of years.

I highly recommend the Junior Ranger program; and if you should travel to the North Rim, the North Rim Junior Ranger Artist program provides a unique opportunity for kids to explore the park through their art.

The Grand Canyon is a world class natural wonder. While you are here, I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to not only see it, but to experience it, to learn about it, and like me, to be inspired by it.

### Safe Travels!

Dave Uberuaga  
Superintendent



## Information

### Village Area

#### Grand Canyon Visitor Center

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Plan your visit, see the park film, and learn about Grand Canyon. Books & More (open later), bicycle rental, and viewpoints nearby.

#### Backcountry Information Center

8:00 a.m.–noon; 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Chat with park rangers to obtain backcountry information and permits.

#### Kolb Studio

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

View exhibits in the restored 1904 Kolb brothers' home and photography studio.

#### Verkamp's Visitor Center

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Visit one of the oldest buildings in Grand Canyon Village and discover community history.

#### Yavapai Geology Museum

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Find answers to your geology questions with 3D maps and exhibits about the geologic story you see through the windows.

### Desert View Area

#### Tusayan Museum and Ruin

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Look into the past and present day lives of thriving Native American communities. Located 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Desert View.

#### Desert View Visitor Center

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Nov: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Explore how Grand Canyon inspired artists, writers, musicians, and conservationists.

*A National Park Service passport cancellation stamp is available at these facilities, except for the Backcountry Information Center.*

## Getting Around



### By Car

It is possible to drive your vehicle anywhere on paved park roadways except for the road to Hermits Rest and the road to South Kaibab Trail and Yaki Point. These sections of road are indicated on this guide's maps by dashed lines. If you would like to explore in your personal vehicle, consider driving Desert View Drive (64 East). This 25-mile (40 km) road offers access to scenic vistas, Tusayan Museum and Ruin, and Desert View Watchtower. See page 16 for more information.



### By Foot

Get out and stretch your legs. Whether it is going for a short walk along the Rim Trail or undertaking a more difficult venture below the rim, using your own two feet is a great way to see the canyon. Information on hiking trails, the Rim Trail, and hiking safety is available on pages 12–13 of this guide.



### Shuttle Bus

Leave your vehicle behind and ride the free shuttle bus. See pages 7–10 for routes and information for three options.



### Bicycle

Explore the canyon on a bike. Pathways marked on this guide's maps in green are accessible by bike. Visit Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals at Grand Canyon Visitor Center for rentals; see page 15 for information. Be sure to follow all safety procedures, and prepare for weather changes. Areas of the Rim Trail where bicycles are allowed are limited, so consult a park ranger when planning your ride.

# Things to Do

What to Do and Where to Go

## What Can I Do Here?

### Get Oriented

- *Grand Canyon—A Journey of Wonder*: See the park film at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Movie repeats on the hour and half-hour. Last show at 4:30 p.m.

### Explore Geology

- *Trail of Time*: Stroll the 1.3-mile (2.1 km) trail along the rim with samples of rock from all the canyon layers and information on how the canyon formed.

- *Yavapai Geology Museum*: Learn about the geologic history of the canyon and enjoy expansive views.

- *Geology Walk and Geo-Glimpse*: Hear the dynamic story of how Grand Canyon formed. See page 4 for park ranger programs.

### Uncover History

- *Verkamp's Visitor Center*: Explore more than 100 years of community life at Grand Canyon.

- *Tusayan Museum and Ruin*: Gain a glimpse into the lives of people who lived here hundreds of years ago. See page 5 for program information.

- *Historic Village*: Walk through the village historic district and explore the rustic buildings of Grand Canyon's early days.

- *Kolb Studio*: Learn about the Kolb brothers and their photographic ventures in the canyon.

### Discover Wildlife

- *Condor Talk*: Be inspired by the amazing story of the California condor at Grand Canyon. See page 4 for program information.

- *Plant and Animal Brochure*: Pick up a copy of the Life on the Rim brochure and look for wildlife along the canyon's rim.

### Enjoy the View

- *Hermits Rest Shuttle Bus (Red Route)*: Ride the 7-mile (11 km) shuttle bus route, stopping at nine scenic viewpoints. See page 10.

- *Desert View Drive*: Drive along 25 miles (40 km) of spectacular points with views of the Colorado River and Grand Canyon Supergroup. Climb to the top floor of Desert View Watchtower for a 360-degree view. See page 16.

- *Kaibab/Rim Route Shuttle Bus (Orange Route)*: Ride this 50-minute round-trip shuttle bus route to enjoy five scenic viewpoints. See pages 7-9 for information.

- *Colorado River*: See portions of the Colorado River from viewpoints along Hermit Road, Desert View Drive, and from Yavapai and Mather points.

### Explore on Foot

- *Rim Trail Hiking*: Walk along this trail to explore views along 13 miles (21 km). Distances and times vary. Refer to pages 8-10 and 12 for information.

- *Inner Canyon Day Hiking*: Venture part way into the canyon by way of Bright Angel, South Kaibab, and Hermit trails. See pages 12-13 to plan your hike.

- *Overnight Hiking*: The canyon can be a dangerous place to hike. With the right information and preparation you can explore deeper into the canyon and stay overnight at Phantom Ranch or in one of the campgrounds. See pages 12-13 for information or stop by the Backcountry Information Center.

### Pack a Picnic

- *Dine Outdoors*: Relax with a picnic lunch at Mather Point, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Shrine of the Ages, Train Depot, or along Desert View Drive.



### Sunrise or Sunset

There is no one best place for watching sunrise or sunset, just good places and better places. Look for a viewpoint that juts into the canyon with views both east and west.

- While Hopi Point is unquestionably a desirable viewpoint for sunset, it attracts crowds of people and buses. Nearby Mohave Point offers a quieter alternative.
- Yaki and Yavapai points are accessible by shuttle, offer spectacular views of the canyon, and are less congested.
- Lipan, Navajo, and Desert View points offer incredible views of the canyon with extensive stretches of the river below.

### Full Moon

Date	Moon Rise
September 12	6:44 p.m.
October 12	6:19 p.m.
November 10	5:33 p.m.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
September 12	6:18 a.m.	6:47 p.m.
September 19	6:23 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
September 26	6:27 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
October 3	6:33 a.m.	6:19 p.m.
October 10	6:37 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
October 17	6:42 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
October 24	6:47 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
October 31	6:53 a.m.	5:47 p.m.
November 7	6:59 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
November 14	7:05 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
November 21	7:12 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
November 28	7:18 a.m.	5:31 p.m.





### North Rim

Wonderfully relaxing, quiet, and peaceful, Grand Canyon's North Rim offers a unique opportunity to escape the crowds and find solace. Getting there requires a 215 mile (346 km), five-hour drive from the South Rim. Lodging and camping are available from mid-May to mid-October; reservations strongly recommended. To learn more, pick up a copy of *The Guide* (North Rim), available in National Park Service visitor centers.

# Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with the Rangers and Volunteers Who Know it Inside and Out

## Village and Mather Point Area

	LOCATION	TIME	DURATION	FREQUENCY
<b>Cedar Ridge Hike</b>  <p>Join a park ranger to discover the beauty of the inner canyon on this arduous hike. Hike descends 1,140 feet (347 m) below the rim on the unpaved South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge. This strenuous 3-mile (5 km) round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Sturdy footwear and 1–2 quarts (1–2 liters) of water per person are required. Hat, sunscreen, and snacks strongly recommended. If snow or ice is present on the trail this program will hike along the rim from the South Kaibab trailhead west toward the Grand Canyon Visitor Center. <b>Trailhead is closed to private vehicles.</b> Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle from Grand Canyon Visitor Center to trailhead.</p>	South Kaibab Trailhead accessible by shuttle bus only	Sept/Oct 8:00 a.m.  Nov 8:30 a.m.	3–4 hours	Daily
<b>Geo-Glimpse</b>  <p>Wondering how the Grand Canyon came to be? Enjoy this short introductory talk and learn about the geology of Grand Canyon while you explore the Yavapai Geology Museum. Arrive by riding the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Geology Museum stop or park in the nearby parking area. Consider walking along the Trail of Time following the program.</p>	Yavapai Geology Museum	9:30 a.m.	15–20 minutes	Daily
<b>History Talk</b>  <p>Join a park ranger to discover stories of humankind's enduring relationship with the canyon. Programs may include a walk around the historic heart of Grand Canyon Village. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop. Parking in the nearby lot may be limited.</p>	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1:30 p.m.	20–30 minutes	Daily
<b>Mather Point Talk</b>   <p>Join a park ranger for this short program to discover some of the many treasures of Grand Canyon. Topics vary daily. Great for Junior Rangers! Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Grand Canyon Visitor Center stop. Parking is available in lots 1 through 4.</p>	Mather Point Amphitheater	2:00 p.m.	20–30 minutes	Daily
<b>Geology Walk</b> <p>Grand Canyon is one of the greatest geologic features on earth. Join a park ranger to discover its amazing geologic story. Arrive by riding the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Geology Museum stop or park in the nearby parking area.</p>	Yavapai Geology Museum	2:30 p.m.	45–60 minutes	Daily
<b>Condor Talk</b>   <p>Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona in a talk along the canyon's rim. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. Parking may be limited.</p>	In front of Lookout Studio near Bright Angel Lodge	3:00 p.m.	30–45 minutes	Daily
<b>Evening Program</b>  <p>A perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! From the warmth of this beautiful auditorium, enjoy a park ranger presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic, check the schedules posted at National Park Service visitor centers. Arrive by walking, driving, or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to Shrine of the Ages.</p>	Shrine of the Ages (Note: Program at McKee Amphitheater Sept 9–10.)	7:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily
<b>Special Programs</b>				
<b>Full Moon Walk and Star Talk</b> <p>Discover the mysteries of the night! During nights around the full moon and new moon, park rangers may offer moon walks and star talks at the Yavapai Geology Museum. Programs are offered as staffing allows. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for times and locations.</p>	Yavapai Geology Museum	Varies	1 hour	Around new and full moons
<b>Graveyard Walk</b> <p>During nights around the full moon, park rangers may offer a moonlight tour of Grand Canyon's historic Pioneer Cemetery. Program is offered as staffing is allowed. Check at National Park Service visitor centers to see if this casual stroll is scheduled.</p>	Pioneer Cemetery west of the Shrine of the Ages	Varies	1 hour	Around full moons



## Desert View Area

### A Journey Through Time



Have you ever wondered what life was like at Grand Canyon 800 years ago? How did people find food, water, and shelter? Join a park ranger to explore the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village. Envision a thriving community in this harsh and demanding environment. Program includes a walk along a 0.1-mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail.

LOCATION	TIME	DURATION	FREQUENCY
<b>Tusayan Museum</b> 3 miles (4.8 km) west of Desert View	11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	30–45 minutes	Daily

### Inside the Canyon

*Note: These programs are offered in Grand Canyon's backcountry. You must hike or ride the mules to these locations.*

### Indian Garden

Park rangers present programs at the amphitheater just south of Indian Garden Campground. Check the bulletin board in the campground for times and topics. Park rangers also post information on additional programs as scheduling permits.

<b>Indian Garden</b> on the Bright Angel Trail	As posted	Varies	Friday to Monday
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### Phantom Ranch

Talks and evening programs cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. Check the Bright Angel Campground bulletin board, the Ranger Station, or the Phantom Ranch Canteen for program locations and subjects. Junior Ranger activity booklet available.

<b>Phantom Ranch</b>	4:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
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All outdoor programs may be cancelled in inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.

Programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance.

*Please Note: Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.*



### Become a Junior Ranger!

Grand Canyon National Park offers a Junior Ranger program for children ages four and older.

To take part in the FREE program, pick up a Junior Ranger booklet at any National Park Service visitor center. Complete four activities listed for the appropriate age level and attend a park ranger program.

Bring your completed booklet back to any National Park Service visitor center to receive an official Junior Ranger certificate and badge.

Junior Ranger programs are available at Phantom Ranch, the North Rim, and over 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide.

### Get Involved!

*Want to make a difference during your stay? Volunteer at Grand Canyon!*

Do you like plants and getting your hands dirty? Work with the National Park Service's Vegetation Program to restore native plant communities and protect the ecological integrity of Grand Canyon National Park. Drop in for a few hours or stay for the season. Contact the Vegetation Program Volunteer Coordinator at (928) 638-7753 for information about potential accommodations and upcoming opportunities.

For a current list of volunteer opportunities throughout the park, visit [www.volunteer.gov](http://www.volunteer.gov) or contact Todd Nelson at (928) 638-7307.



### Stay Safe!

#### Keep Wildlife Wild

- Never approach any animal.
- Stay at least 300 yards (274 m) away from larger animals.
- Deer and elk can be especially aggressive in fall and will defend their territory.
- Do not feed the squirrels and stay away from them; they can bite.

#### Near the Edge

- Stay at least 6 feet (2 m) from the edge and hold on to children.
- Never throw anything over the edge, including rocks and coins. Hikers and bighorn sheep may be just below and can be seriously injured.

#### Weather and Elevation

- Autumn weather varies greatly and can change suddenly. Be prepared with layered clothing.
- Direct sun can cause dehydration and sunburn. Drink water, stay out of the heat, and use sunscreen.
- At 7000 feet (2135 m) elevation you may feel short of breath, nauseous, or tire easily. Drink water and take it easy.

### Orphan Mine Site Field Investigation

From mid-September through October, the National Park Service will have field teams investigating historic soil contamination related to the Orphan Mine Site. Most of the activity will occur between Maricopa Point and Hopi Point along Grand Canyon's South Rim and in a small area along the railroad line west of Grand Canyon Village. Visitors will likely notice field sampling teams collecting soil samples in both clean (background) areas as well as in areas potentially impacted by mining activities. The results of this soil investigation will be used to develop a cleanup plan for any area that poses an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment.

Fact Sheets explaining the project in more detail are available at the site, on the park's website (<http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/publications.htm>), and in the Grand Canyon and Verkamp's visitor centers. The park's goal is to eventually re-open the original Rim Trail in this area and to preserve and protect the park's natural and cultural resources, as well as its scenic, aesthetic, and scientific values, so as to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

# Events and Opportunities

Unique Ways to be Inspired at Grand Canyon

Check at National Park Service visitor centers for more information about these and other special events and opportunities.

## Celebration of Art

**September 10–17**

The 3rd Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art features 30 artists from around the country in a plein air competition, exhibit and sale, and a quick draw event and auction.

**September 10–14**

### Mather Point Amphitheater

4:00 p.m., watch artist demonstrations with the grandeur of the canyon as a backdrop.

**September 15**

### Mather Point to Kolb Studio

Sunrise to 10:00 a.m., take a stroll and view artists painting along the rim.

### Shrine of the Ages Auditorium

7:00 p.m., *Chasing the Light*, a film featuring artists Bruce Aiken and P.A. Nisbet.

**September 16**

### El Tovar North Lawn

9:00–11:00 a.m., Quick Draw Event  
Noon–1 p.m., Auction

**September 17**

### Kolb Studio

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Opening Reception. View the paintings that capture the majestic and timeless beauty of Grand Canyon and were just created for this event!

**Through November 27**

### Exhibition and Sale at Kolb Studio

Proceeds will be dedicated to funding an art venue on the South Rim to preserve and showcase the masterpieces of art in the Grand Canyon Association and Grand Canyon National Park collections.

### Sponsors

The 3rd Annual Grand Canyon Celebration of Art is sponsored by the Grand Canyon Association, Arizona Public Service, The Gumbo Foundation, and Xanterra Parks & Resorts. With additional funding from Loven Contracting, The Picerne Fine Art Collection courtesy of Doreen, David and Danielle Picerne, Anonymous, and The Zuckerman Family Foundation. The Grand Canyon Association and Jack Dudley Memorial Fund Purchase Award is funded by the Jack Dudley Memorial Fund.

## Grand Canyon Music Festival

**September 9–10**

### Shrine of the Ages

7:30 p.m., Duo Binelli Ferman, Musical Ambassadors to the Americas, close out the award-winning Grand Canyon Music Festival's 28th season with "New Tango Visions." For programming notes and ticket information, visit the Music Festival's website at [www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org](http://www.grandcanyonmusicfest.org) or call (800) 997-8285. Tickets also available from the concierge at El Tovar Hotel or at the door the night of each performance.



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## Earth Science Week

**October 9–15**

including

### National Fossil Day

**October 12**



Earth Science Week promotes understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and its applications and relevance to our daily lives.

Grand Canyon National Park is an ideal place to celebrate Earth Science Week. The park is a natural classroom and laboratory for the earth sciences and is one of the most well-known and scenic geologic landscapes on the planet. Join us for special activities including exhibits, geology talks, fossil walks, Trail of Time walks, special evening programs, and more.

For additional information, visit <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/earthsci-week.htm>

## Artist-in-Residence

**September to November**

Grand Canyon hosts two Artist-in-Residence programs—a seasonal program on the North Rim and a year-round program on the South Rim. During their time at the canyon, each artist or group presents free, family-friendly workshops and presentations to the public. Ask in National Park Service visitor centers for program times and locations. Visit [www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/supportyourpark/air.htm) for information.

### September

**Antony Lyon**, sculptor/installation artist; Bristol, United Kingdom

### October

**Rhonda Rider**, cellist; Boston, Massachusetts. Special program: October 6, 7:30 p.m., Shrine of the ages.

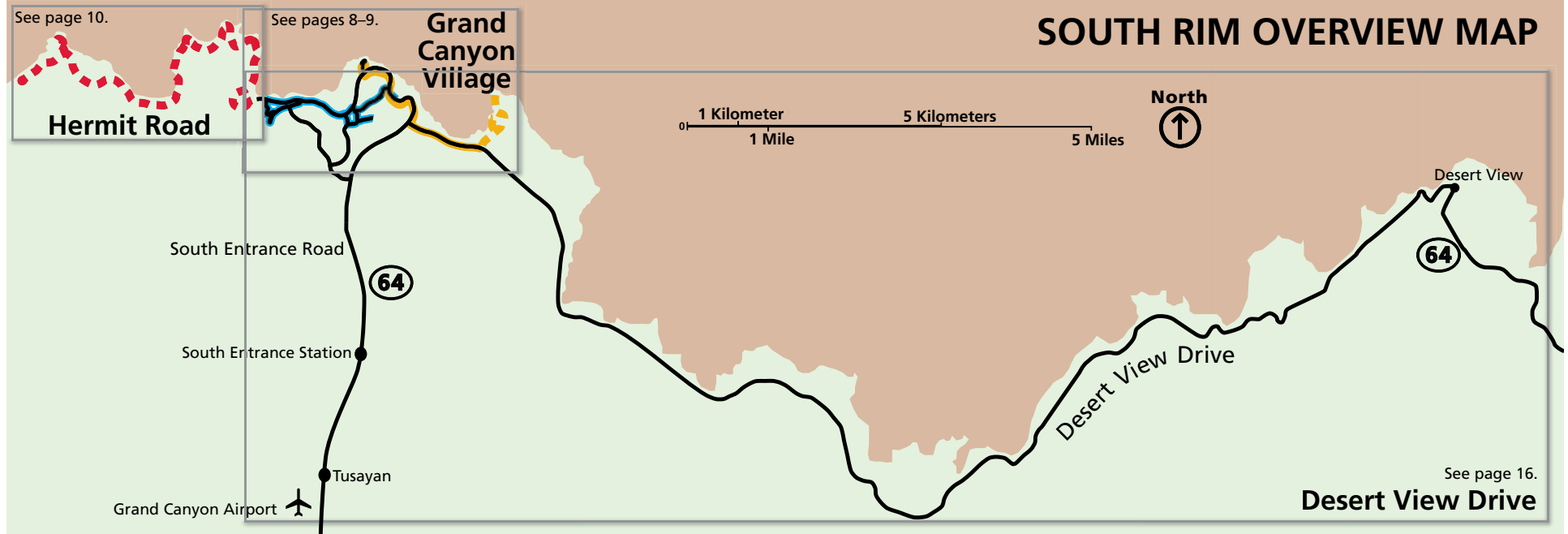
**Stan Honda**, photographer; New York City, New York

### November

**Michael Yinger**, found object sculptor; Brooklyn, New York



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## Ride the Free Shuttle Buses

### Village Route (Blue)

Free shuttle buses provide transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds, parking lots, and facilities in Grand Canyon Village. This is not a scenic route, but rim views are a short walk from many stops. See the map on pages 8–9 for the route and stops.

#### Round trip:

50 minutes without getting off the bus.

#### Buses run every:

30 minutes 5:00 a.m.–6:30 a.m.  
15 minutes 6:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m.  
30 minutes 7:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.

### Kaibab/Rim Route (Orange)

Free shuttle buses provide transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center and various viewpoints along the rim. This is the shortest scenic route and the only access to Yaki Point and South Kaibab Trailhead. See the map on pages 8–9 for the route and stops.

#### Round trip:

50 minutes without getting off the bus.

#### Buses run every:

30 minutes 5:00 a.m.–6:30 a.m.  
15 minutes 6:30 a.m. to one hour after sunset.

### Hermits Rest Route (Red)

See page 10 for information on this route.

### Hiker's Express

An early morning bus with service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus departs from Bright Angel Lodge bus stop on the hour; second stop at Backcountry Information Center; third stop at Grand Canyon Visitor Center; last stop at South Kaibab Trailhead.

September: 5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 a.m.  
October: 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 a.m.  
November: 7:00, 8:00, and 9:00 a.m.

### Bicycles

Bicycling is a great way to actively explore the South Rim of Grand Canyon. Riding a bike gives you the freedom to explore the less-crowded view points and avoid congested parking lots. Remember to always wear your helmet when riding a bike.

#### Where can I ride a bicycle?

Bicycles are permitted on all paved roadways and Greenway Trails (shown in green on the map on pages 8–9) in the park. Bicycles are NOT permitted on the Rim Trail or on hiking trails in the canyon.

#### Can I transport my bicycle by shuttle?

Each shuttle bus is equipped with a 2- or 3-capacity bicycle rack on the front. Bicyclists are required to load and unload their own bikes and are responsible for bike security.

#### Where can I rent a bicycle?

Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals, located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, offers bicycle rentals and tours, weather permitting. See page 15 for additional information.

## Parking

Parking lot locations are indicated on the center page map in this publication and are near shuttle bus stops. Avoid parking along the roadside except where signs or lines on the road indicate that it is permissible.

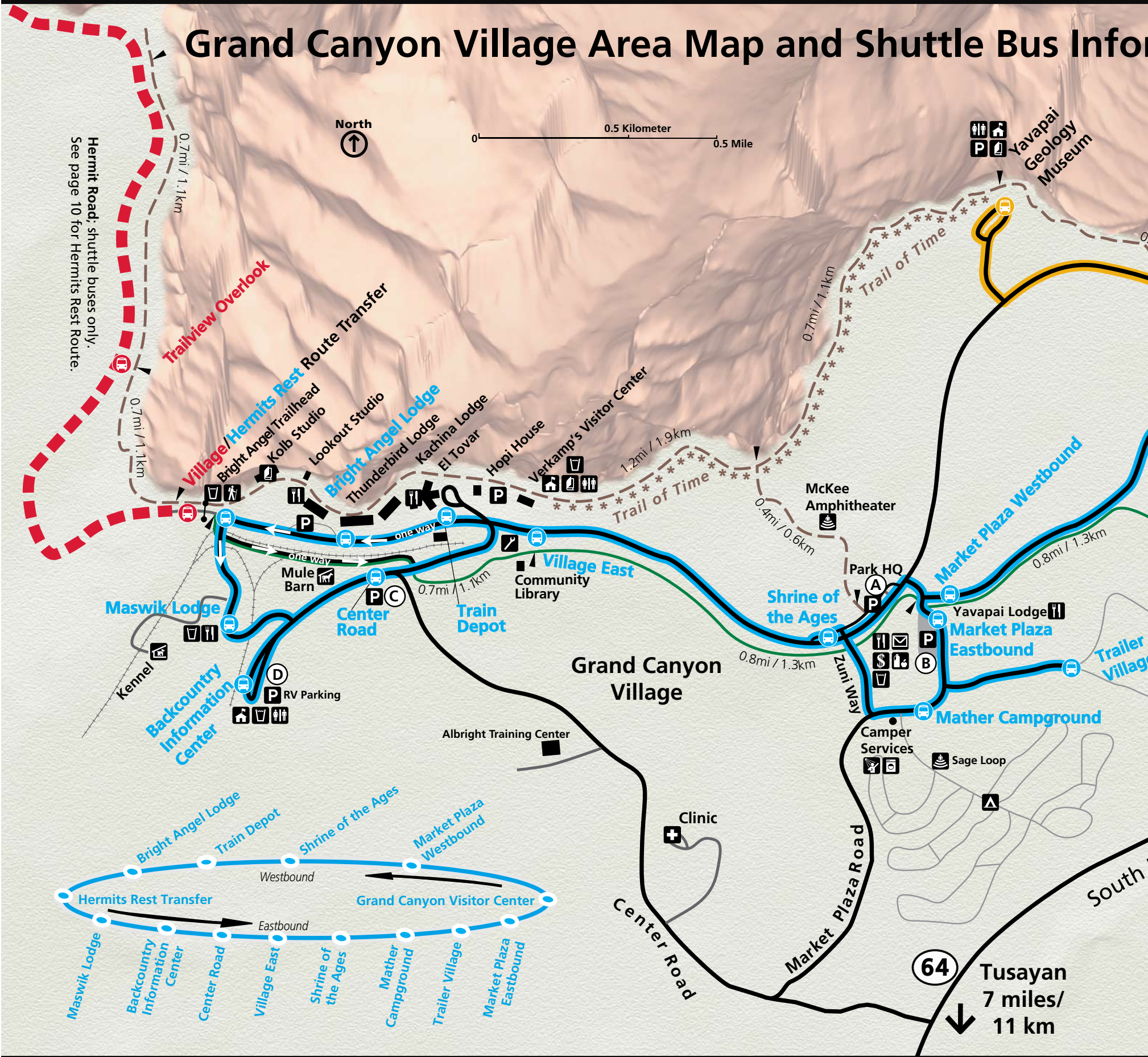
Parking lots 1–4 are located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking. Lots 1, 2, and 3 can fill by noon. Lot 4 usually has empty spaces.

The following parking lots in Grand Canyon Village often have empty spaces:

- (A)** Large lot near Park Headquarters.
- (B)** Large lot near the businesses in Market Plaza.
- (C)** Small lot near the intersection of Center and Village Loop roads.
- (D)** Large lot near the Backcountry Information Center. The north end features auto parking and the south end features RV and trailer parking.



# Grand Canyon Village Area Map and Shuttle Bus Info

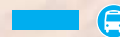






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


















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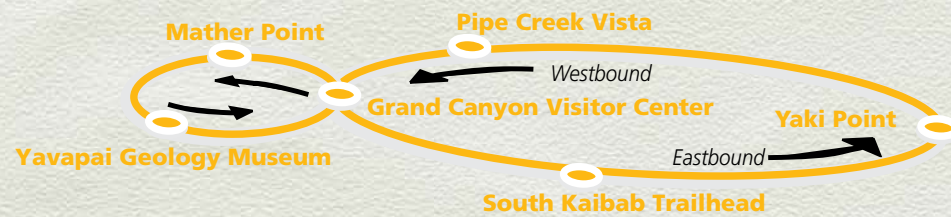
-  Village Route and Bus Stop
-  Kaibab/Rim Route and Bus Stop
-  Hermits Rest Route and Bus Stop

### Roads and Trails

-  Paved Rim Trail 
-  Wheelchair accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead.
-  Trail of Time
-  Paved Multi-Use Greenway Trail 
-  Shuttle Bus Gate
-  Park Roads: Open to personal vehicles unless otherwise noted.

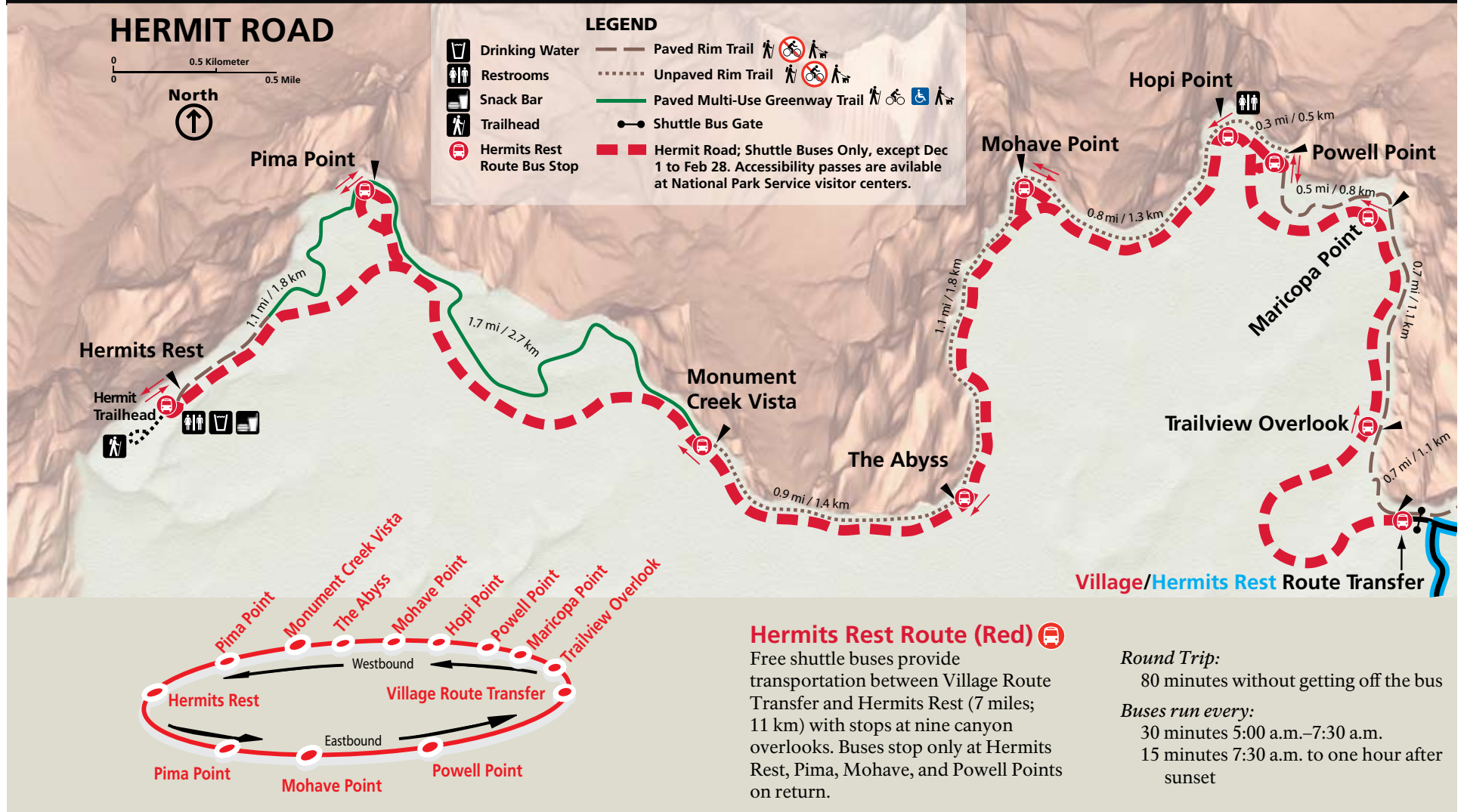
### Facilities

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|  Amphitheater    |  Groceries        |  R/V         |
|  Bank/ATM        |  Kennels          |  Restaurant  |
|  Bicycle Rentals |  Laundry          |  Restrooms   |
|  Bookstore       |  Medical / Clinic |  Shower      |
|  Camping         |  Mule Barn        |  Theater     |
|  Drinking Water  |  Parking          |  Trailhead   |
|  Garage          |  Picnic Area      |  Information |
|   |  Post Office      |   |



**64** Desert View  
25 miles/40 km  
See map on page 16.





## Reduce, Reuse, REFILL!



Almost 30% of Grand Canyon's waste stream is disposable plastic bottles!

Did you know that Grand Canyon National Park is a World Heritage Site? In an effort to reduce litter in this world-class landscape, plastics in the park's waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs), the National Park Service and its partners, including the Grand Canyon Association, Delaware North Companies, and Xanterra South Rim, have developed a reusable water bottle program.

**We have filling stations!** Filling stations that provide fresh Grand Canyon spring water are now available throughout the park:

- Hermits Rest
- Bright Angel Trailhead
- South Kaibab Trailhead
- Canyon Village Market
- Desert View Market
- Verkamp's Visitor Center
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Desert View Visitor Center
- Maswik Lodge

**Fill 'er up!** What can you do to help? Bring or buy a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free. You can purchase reusable, souvenir water bottles at all park retailers.

**Why refill?** When you refill your bottle you:

- Enjoy fresh Grand Canyon spring water.
- Reduce litter within the park, plastics in the waste stream, and GHGs.
- Save money—Grand Canyon spring water is FREE!
- Help save our environment!



# Park Partners

Preserving and Protecting Grand Canyon

## Sustainable Grand Canyon—A Team Effort

The National Park Service (NPS) and park concessioners at Grand Canyon National Park invite you to join them in their commitment to environmental sustainability. Working together, we are minimizing our impact on the park's natural resources and improving your experience.



**Grand Canyon National Park** is managed to preserve and protect its natural and cultural resources and ecological processes, as well as its scenic, aesthetic, and scientific values, and to provide opportunities for visitors to experience and understand the environmental interrelationships, resources, and values of Grand Canyon without impairing the resources.

- Implemented new bike rentals, bike paths, and employee bike share program.
- Operated clean-burning compressed natural gas (CNG) shuttle buses. In 2010, over 1.3 million riders took 445,000 vehicles off park roads!
- Utilized alternative fuel vehicles and recycled vehicle fluids, tires, and batteries.
- Installed photovoltaic, passive solar, and wind renewable energy sources.
- Encouraged use of reusable water bottles by installing water bottle filling stations.
- Met LEED standards (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) in all new construction.
- Joined in Climate Friendly Parks program to reduce carbon emissions 30% below 2008 levels.



**Xanterra Parks & Resorts®** provides South Rim lodging, dining, transportation services, shops, and operates the Grand Canyon Railway. Award-winning sustainability efforts include:

- Won the NPS Environmental Achievement Award for numerous sustainability initiatives and progress toward federal environmental targets.
- Implemented a LEED Gold renovation at Bright Angel Lodge, with waterless urinals, dual flush toilets, ultra low-flow faucets, super efficient hand dryers, occupancy sensors, and a renewable energy system for sensor faucets. Installed an efficient HVAC system and new skylights in gift shop.
- Replaced diesel buses with nine efficient compressed natural gas full-sized tour buses.
- Purchased 23.81% of food and beverages locally or sustainably produced.
- Powered the Grand Canyon Railway steam locomotive with 100% waste vegetable oil, collected from South Rim restaurants.
- Replaced individual 1oz bottles with bulk bathroom amenities in most guest rooms.
- Tracked how many disposable bottles are eliminated at water filling stations in Maswik Lodge Cafeteria.

## Grand Canyon Association: Be a Part of Something Grand

*You can make a difference at Grand Canyon National Park!*

Grand Canyon Association (GCA), a non-profit member organization, helps preserve and protect Grand Canyon National Park by cultivating support, education, and understanding of the park.

GCA cooperates with the National Park Service to fund a variety of projects and programs, including new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, and historic building preservation.

On the South Rim, GCA operates bookstores in Desert View Visitor Center, Tusayan Museum, Yavapai Geology Museum, Verkamp's Visitor Center, Kolb Studio, and their main store, Books and More, across from Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Purchases of educational and enjoyable gifts benefit Grand Canyon National Park.

Want to do something grand? Grand Canyon Field Institute offers 100+ classes annually that vary from a few hours of personal interpretation to multi-day guided trips into the canyon.

Teachers can benefit from GCA's outreach program, including educational Travelin' Trunks and DVDs for loan.

Supporting the arts is another focus of GCA. Several free, rotating exhibits at Kolb Studio are developed and hosted by GCA annually. The Grand Canyon Celebration of Art brings artists

**Delaware North Companies (DNC)** provides markets at the South Rim and Desert View and is a key partner in environmental stewardship at Grand Canyon.



- Won the NPS Environmental Achievement Award (2010) for a green interior remodeling of Canyon Village Market at Market Plaza.
- Installed water bottle filling stations in Desert View and Canyon Village markets.
- Used an Environmental Management System, GreenPath®, to guide environmental operations. DNC is an international ISO 14001 standard certified organization.
- Offered organic groceries, earth-friendly cleaning supplies, and gifts made from organic material and recycled content. The Deli disposable cups, utensils, and containers are 85% compostable.

**Forever Resorts** operates Grand Canyon Lodge, shops, and restaurants on the North Rim. Their award-winning Forever Earth™ Environmental Management System is certified to ISO 14001:2004 and provides sustainable operations guidance.



- Increased solid waste diversion rate to nearly 100% through an extensive recycling program. Sent only a small amount of waste to a landfill and used only one dumpster.
- Used an organic composter to digest restaurant food waste into an organic, odor-free liquid that safely travels through the waste system. Composted more than 19,000 pounds last year, reducing 15,827 pounds of greenhouse gas.
- Recycled plastic and glass containers with a reverse vending machine that rewards the environmentalist with a General Store coupon credit.
- Practiced green purchasing throughout operations, including retail and gift items, cleaning and maintenance supplies, food, and beverages. Purchased organic, locally, regionally, and repurposed items whenever available to support the local economy.

## You, Our Visitors

Here's what you can do to reduce your impact at Grand Canyon National Park:

- Ride the shuttle buses, ride a bike, walk, or hike.
- Use recycling bins throughout the park.
- Fill your reusable water bottle at water filling stations.

to the canyon for eight days of special events each fall. Proceeds from this event are dedicated to funding a new, permanent art venue on the South Rim.

GCA priority projects for funding in 2011 include:

- *Wilderness Trail Restoration:* Maintaining backcountry trail system to protect native vegetation and wildlife.
- *Interpreting Sustainable Practices:* Creating displays to help explain sustainability and climate friendly practices within the park.
- *Sharing the Park with Kids Across America:* Funding helps purchase distance learning hardware and software to provide free park ranger-led programming for school districts across the country.

To become a member or to make a donation, visit a GCA bookstore, call toll-free 800-858-2808, or visit [www.grandcanyon.org](http://www.grandcanyon.org).



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# Hiking Trails

Spectacular Vistas, Challenges, and Quiet Corners

## Explore the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail provides a diverse experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon. From a short 30-minute sunrise hike to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. Hike between any two points and catch a free shuttle bus when you are tired. Consult the maps on pages 8–10 for locations. Distances and times below are one way.

### Easy Hikes

Wide, paved trail; accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance

#### Trail of Time

Verkamp's Visitor Center to Yavapai Geology Museum  
Learn how Grand Canyon formed  
1.3 miles/2.1 km, 1–2 hours

#### Village Historic District

Verkamp's Visitor Center to Kolb Studio  
Explore local history  
0.6 miles/1 km, 20–30 minutes

#### Yavapai Point to Mather Point

Views of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch  
0.7 miles/1.1 km, 30–45 minutes

### Easy, Less Traveled Hikes

Little elevation gain

#### South Kaibab Trailhead to Mather Pt.

Great views of an inner canyon trail  
2.1 miles/3.4 km, 1.5 to 2 hours

#### Monument Creek Vista to Hermits Rest

Accessible by bicycle  
2.8 miles/4.5 km, 2–2.5 hours

#### Hopi Point to Powell Point

Dynamic views of the canyon; unpaved  
0.3 miles/0.5 km, 30–45 minutes

### Moderate Hikes

Elevation gain and/or rough, narrow trail

#### Mohave Point to Monument Creek Vista

Unpaved rough trail with great views  
2.0 miles/3.2 km, 1.5 to 2 hours

#### Hermits Rest Route Transfer to Trailview Overlook

Paved, steep grade, overlooks Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail  
0.7 miles/1.1 km, 20–30 minutes



## Want to Descend into the Canyon? Hike Smart!

Consider the topics below as you plan your hiking trip into Grand Canyon.

### Fall Weather Varies

Inner canyon temperatures in September can soar past 100°F (38°C). The first snowstorms may come to the South Rim as early as mid-October. Know the weather forecast and dress appropriately.

### 5 Strategies for an Enjoyable Hike

1. Until the weather turns cool, start hikes descending into the canyon before sunrise. Do not hike during the heat of the day.
2. If hiking mid-day is your only option, and the temperature is still warm, consider the Rim Trail, or descend no further than a mile-and-a-half (2.4 km) down into the canyon.
3. Double your calories, double your fun. Consume salty snacks and water on any hike lasting longer than 30 minutes. Snack every time you drink.
4. For every hour hiking in the canyon, drink one-half to one quart/liter of water.
5. Rest often in the shade: sit down, prop your legs up, and take a 5- to 10-minute break once every hour.

### Gear

- Dress appropriately in layered



clothing for rain, sun, wind, heat, and cold. Hike with a shirt on to limit sun exposure.

- Wear and bring sunscreen. Reapply regularly.
- Wear a hat that covers your ears and carry a headlamp to use in the dark.
- Bring food, water, a map, and any medicine you may need on your hike.

### Plan for the Unexpected

**Heat Exhaustion:** Result of dehydration due to intense sweating. Hikers can lose 1–2 quarts/liters of water per hour.

- **Symptoms:** pale face, nausea, cool and moist skin, headache, and cramps.
- **Treatment:** drink water, eat high-energy foods, rest in the shade, and cool the patient.

**Heat Stroke:** Life-threatening emergency where the body is overwhelmed and can no longer regulate core temperature.

- **Symptoms:** flushed face, dry skin, weak rapid pulse, high body temperature, poor judgment or inability to cope, and unconsciousness. Danger!
- **Treatment:** find shade, cool patient with water, and send for help.

**Hyponatremia:** Mimics early symptoms of heat exhaustion. Results from low sodium in the blood from drinking too much water, not eating enough salty

foods, and losing salt through sweating.

- **Symptoms:** nausea, vomiting, altered mental states, and frequent urination.
- **Treatment:** have the patient rest and eat salty foods. If mental alertness decreases, seek immediate help!

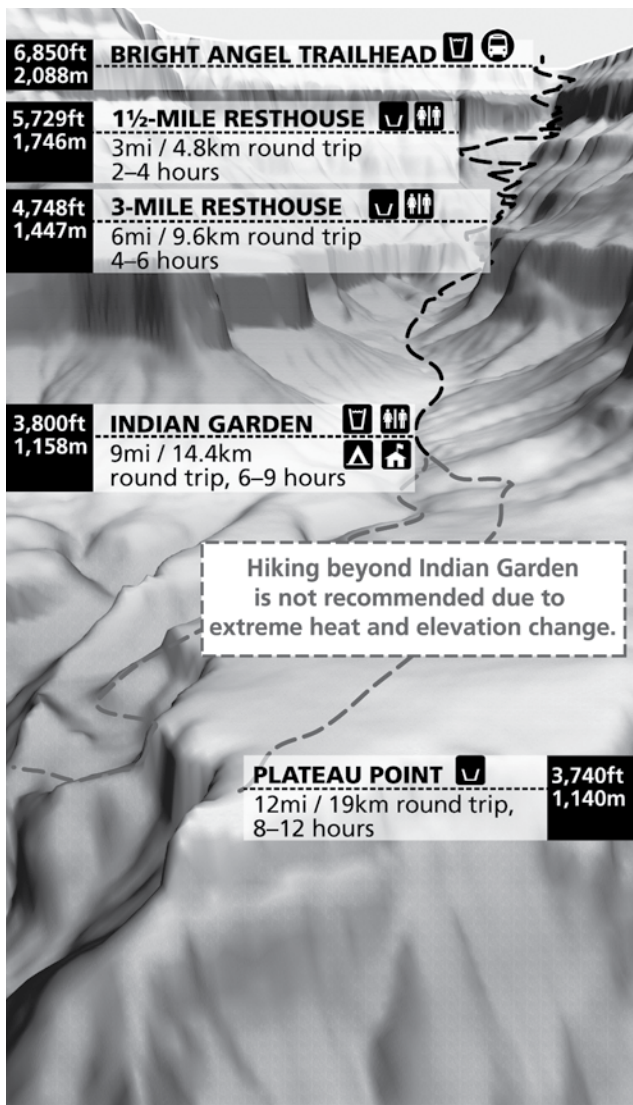
### Pick your Hike

Now that you know more, use the maps on page 13 to choose a safe hike that best fits your abilities and available time. *Plan on taking twice as long to hike up as it took to hike down.*

### Remember:

- **Hiking to the river and back in one day is dangerous and never recommended** due to limited shade, extreme heat, and a near 5,000 foot (1,524 m) elevation change!
- The only dogs allowed below the rim are service animals.
- Colorado River is fast, wide, and cold (55° F / 13°C). Do not swim in the river.
- Rocks tossed over or dislodged by taking shortcuts can injure hikers below.
- A permit is required to camp in the backcountry. Stop by the Backcountry Information Center to obtain a permit. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. Visit [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm) for information.



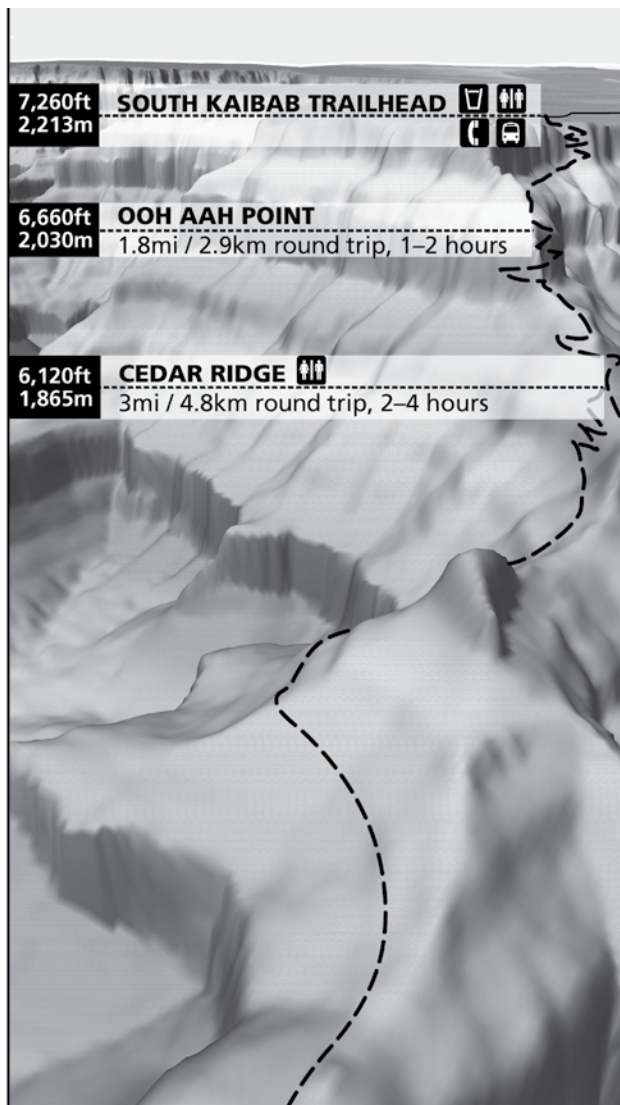


## Bright Angel Trail

COLORADO RIVER

**2,480ft / 756m**

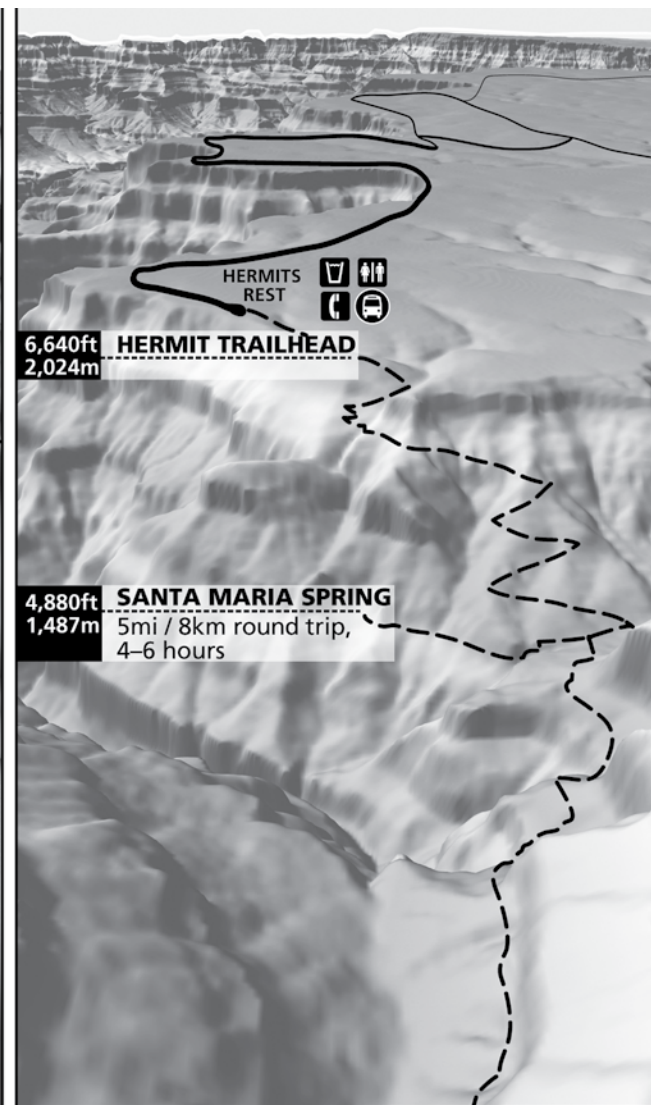
The most popular trail into Grand Canyon begins west of Bright Angel Lodge. Seasonal drinking water is available along the trail, subject to line breaks. Water at resthouses is turned off when freezing starts. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions and water availability. Emergency phones are located at 1 1/2-Mile Resthouse, 3-Mile Resthouse, and Indian Garden. Trail is shaded early and late in the day. The upper portion drops down Garden Creek Canyon.



## South Kaibab Trail

Hiking beyond Skeleton Point is not recommended due to extreme heat and elevation change.

This trail begins almost a mile south of Yaki Point; you must ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus to the South Kaibab Trailhead stop. Best views for a relatively short hike. Water available at the trailhead, but not along the trail. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions. This trail follows an exposed ridge line.



## Hermit Trail

### LEGEND

- [Shuttle Bus Stop] Shuttle Bus Stop
- [Water, Year Round] Water, Year Round
- [Water, Seasonal] Water, Seasonal
- [Restrooms] Restrooms
- [Camping] Camping
- [Information] Information
- [Telephone] Telephone

This rough, unmaintained trail starts 500 feet (150 m) west of Hermits Rest. Recommended for experienced desert hikers only. Hiking boots recommended. Check at National Park Service visitor centers for trail conditions. Water available at Hermits Rest. Water from springs must be treated. Hermit Trail gives intimate views of a long side canyon.

# Visitor Services

Locations and Hours for all Your Needs



## Food and Beverage

### The Arizona Room

Outside Bright Angel Lodge; no reservations  
Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. through Oct 30  
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. through Nov 30  
Lounge: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. through Nov 30

### Bright Angel Coffee House

In Bright Angel Lodge  
Through Sept 30: 5:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.  
Beginning Oct 1: 6:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

### Bright Angel Fountain

Rim side of Bright Angel Lodge; open weather permitting  
Through Sept 30: 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Beginning Oct 1: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### Bright Angel Restaurant

In Bright Angel Lodge  
Breakfast: 6:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m. through Sept 30; 6:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m. beginning Oct 1  
Lunch: 11:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m.  
Lounge: 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

### Canyon Village Deli

In Canyon Village Market  
8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; closed Thanksgiving day

### El Tovar Dining Room

In El Tovar Hotel  
Breakfast: 6:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.  
Lunch: 11:15 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Dinner: 4:30 p.m.–10:00 p.m. through Sept 30; 5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m. beginning Oct 1. Dinner reservations required: (928) 638-2631, ext 6432  
Lounge: 11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

### Maswik Cafeteria

In Maswik Lodge  
6:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

### Maswik Pizza Pub

In Maswik Lodge  
11:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.

### Yavapai Cafeteria

In Yavapai Lodge  
Through Sept 30: 6:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Oct 1 to Oct 29 and Nov 24–27: 6:30 a.m.–8:00 p.m. Closed during dates not listed

### Desert View Snackbar

In Desert View Trading Post  
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### Hermits Rest Snack Bar

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.



## Park Lodging

### South Rim

For same-day reservations call (928) 638-2631.  
For advance reservations call (888) 297-2757 or visit [www.grandcanyonlodges.com](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com)  
Prices subject to change.

<b>Bright Angel Lodge</b>	\$70–178
<b>El Tovar Hotel</b>	\$178–426
<b>Kachina Lodge</b>	\$173–184
<b>Thunderbird Lodge</b>	\$173–184
<b>Maswik Lodge</b>	\$92–173
<b>Yavapai Lodge</b>	\$114–163

### Phantom Ranch

Dormitory and cabin space located at the bottom of the canyon. Advance reservations required. Call (888) 297-2757 or inquire at Transportation Desks in Bright Angel, Maswik, or Yavapai lodges.

### North Rim

**Grand Canyon Lodge**  
Located 5 hours (215 miles, 346 km) from Grand Canyon Village. For reservations call (877) 386-4383 or visit [www.foreverresorts.com](http://www.foreverresorts.com)  
Last night of lodging for the season is Oct 15.

### Tusayan, AZ Lodging

**Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn**  
(800) 937-8376 or (928) 638-2681

**Canyon Plaza Resort**  
(800) 995-2521 or (928) 638-2673

**Grand Hotel**  
(888) 634-7263 or (928) 638-3333

**Holiday Inn Express**  
(888) 473-2269 or (928) 638-3000

**Red Feather Lodge**  
(866) 561-2425 or (928) 638-2414

**7 Mile Lodge**  
(928) 638-2291



## Medical

**24-Hour emergency care dial 911**  
From hotel rooms dial 9-911

**North Country Grand Canyon Clinic**  
Through Oct 13: 7 days, 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Beginning Oct 14: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
(928) 638-2551



## Camping

### Mather Campground

Operated by the National Park Service. No hook-ups; dump station available. Maximum vehicle length: 30 feet (9.1 m). Campsites: \$18 per night. Some sites may be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Check at the campground entrance. Reservations available until November 19. Call (877) 444-6777 or visit [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

### Trailer Village

Operated by Xanterra Parks & Resorts. Pull-through sites with hook-ups. \$34.50 per night for two people; \$3.00 for each additional person over age 16. Register at Trailer Village entrance. Advance reservations: (888) 297-2757 or [www.grandcanyonlodges.com](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com)  
Same-day reservations: (928) 638-2631.

### Desert View Campground

Operated by the National Park Service. Located 25 miles (40 km) east of Grand Canyon Village. No hook-ups available. Maximum vehicle length: 30 feet (9.1 m). \$12 per site per night. First-come, first-served self-registration. Closes mid-October.

### In the Backcountry

To camp anywhere other than Mather Campground, Trailer Village, or Desert View Campground, you must obtain a permit from the Backcountry Information Center. Open daily 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. or call (928) 638-7875 from 1:00–5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

### Outside the Park

#### Camper Village

Commercial campground located one mile (1.6 km) south of park entrance in Tusayan. Hook-ups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store available year round. Call (928) 638-2887 or visit [www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com](http://www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com)

#### Ten-X Campground

Operated by Kaibab National Forest. Located 2 miles (3.2 km) south of Tusayan. \$10.00 per vehicle per night. No hook-ups or showers. Most individual sites first-come, first-served. Some individual and all group sites available by reservation: (877) 444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) For information call (928) 638-2443. Closes for season on September 30.

## Services



### Groceries

#### Canyon Village Market

Through Oct 2: 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Oct 3 to Nov 27: 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.  
Thanksgiving day: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Beginning Nov 28: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

#### Desert View Market

Through Oct 2: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Beginning Oct 3: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Closed Thanksgiving day



### Chase Bank and ATM

At Market Plaza. 24-hour ATM.  
Monday–Thursday: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
(928) 638-2437  
ATM also in Maswik Lodge lobby.



### Child Day Care

Kaibab Learning Center offers day care for one to 12 year olds on a space available basis. Immunization records must be provided. Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (928) 638-6333



### Garage Services

Located east of the train depot at east end of Xanterra General Offices. Open daily: 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00–5:00 p.m. Provides basic emergency repairs and tow service to Williams or Flagstaff. (928) 638-2631



### Laundry and Showers

Located at Camper Services at Mather Campground entrance.  
Through Sept 15: 6:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.  
Last laundry load: 9:45 p.m.; Sept 16 to Oct 27: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. Last laundry load 7:45 p.m.; beginning Oct 28: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Last laundry load 4:45 p.m.



### Lost and Found

For items lost or found in hotels, restaurants, or gift shops, call (928) 638-2631. For all other items call (928) 638-7798 and (928) 638-2631.



### Post Office

Located at Market Plaza.  
Monday–Friday: 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Saturday: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
(928) 638-2512



## Transportation

### Arizona Shuttle

Service between Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, Tucson, and other locations. (877) 226-8060 or (928) 226-8060  
www.arizonashuttle.com

### Flagstaff Shuttle and Charter

Service between Flagstaff and Grand Canyon, as well as between the North and South rims. (888) 215-3105

### Transcanyon Shuttle

Service between the North and South rims. Reservations required. (928) 638-2820  
www.trans-canyonshuttle.com

### Grand Canyon Railway

Service between Williams and Grand Canyon. (800) THE-TRAIN  
www.thetrain.com

### Local Taxi Service

Daily, 24-hour service to Grand Canyon Airport, trailheads, and other destinations. (928) 638-2822

### Arizona Highway Information

511 or (888) 411-ROAD  
www.az511.gov

## Religious Services

Religious services are offered in the park and the nearby community. Current schedules are posted at Mather Campground (near the check-in station), Shrine of the Ages, the information kiosk near the post office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Park Headquarters, and Verkamp's Visitor Center.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Gary Bishop, Branch President  
(928) 638-2792

### El Cristo Rey Roman Catholic

Rev. Michael Accinni-Reinhardt  
(928) 638-2390

### Grand Canyon Assembly of God

Brian and Debbie Fulthorp, Pastors.  
(928) 707-2904

### Grand Canyon Baptist Church

Rick Wiles, Pastor  
(928) 638-0757

### Grand Canyon Community Church

Patrick Dotson, Pastor  
(928) 638-2340

### Jewish Services and Programs

Rabbi Nina Perlmutter  
(928) 777-8172

## Books and Gifts

### Village Area

#### Books & More near Grand Canyon Visitor Center

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

#### Bright Angel Lodge

7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

#### El Tovar Hotel

7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

#### Hopi House

Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### Kolb Studio

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

#### Lookout Studio

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### Maswik Lodge

7:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m.

#### Verkamp's Visitor Center

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

#### Yavapai Geology Museum

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.  
Nov: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

#### Yavapai Lodge Curio

Through Oct 31: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Beginning Nov 1: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

### Desert View Area

#### Desert View Trading Post

Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### Desert View Visitor Center

Sept, Oct: 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Nov: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

#### Desert View Watchtower

Through Oct 20: 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Beginning Oct 21: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Watchtower stairs close half-hour before closing.

#### Tusayan Museum

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Pets Must Be Leashed at All Times

Leashed pets are allowed on rim trails throughout the developed areas of the South Rim, but not below the rim. The only exception is service animals. Persons wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in first at the Backcountry Information Center.

### Kennels

Daily: 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
(928) 638-0534

For retrieval after 5:00 p.m., contact Fire and Safety: (928) 638-2631

## Learn More!

### Environmental Education

#### Class Trips, Camps, and Workshops

Teachers: (928) 638-7931  
www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/

#### Summer camps:

www.nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm

Grand Canyon Youth: www.gcyouth.org

### Grand Canyon Field Institute (GCFI)

#### Hiking, Backpacking, and More!

Offers a wide variety of educational classes throughout the park. For more information call (866) 471-4435 or visit  
www.grandcanyon.org/fieldinstitute

### Community Library

Monday to Saturday: 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
Public access computers and Wifi available. Located next to the Village East shuttle bus stop.

### Cell Phone Tour

Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial (928) 225-2907 and enter the indicated stop number. Enjoy a two-minute interpretive park ranger talk at 30 locations throughout the park. There is no additional charge; standard rates apply.

### Wifi

Park Headquarters offers public computer access 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Wifi available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

### Hermits Rest Area Gifts

#### Hermits Rest

9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Paid Tours and Activities

### Transportation Desks

Information about mule trips, Phantom Ranch facilities, motorcoach tours (including wheelchair accessible tours), horseback riding, air tours, and one-day float trips is available in the lobbies of Maswik, Bright Angel, and Yavapai lodges. (928) 638-2631, ext. 6015.  
www.grandcanyonlodges.com

**Mule Trips:** Two-day trips to Phantom Ranch depart each morning. Three-day trips begin November 1. A 3-hour forest ride to The Abyss overlook departs twice daily through Oct 31 and once daily beginning Nov 1.

**Bus Tours:** Tours to Desert View and Hermits Rest; sunrise and sunset tours available daily.

**Grand Canyon Apache Stables:** Horseback riding; located outside the park at the north end of Tusayan. Reservations: (928) 638-2891.

**Air Tours:** Fixed-wing and helicopter tours originate daily from Grand Canyon Airport, located outside the park in Tusayan.

**Smooth-Water Raft Trips:** Day trips on the Colorado River from Glen Canyon Dam to Lees Ferry; provided by Colorado River Discovery. (888) 522-6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com

See www.nps.gov/grca for information about multi-day whitewater raft trips and other tour options.

### Bright Angel Bicycle Rentals & Tours:

Located near Parking Lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Rent a bike or take a downhill tour along Hermit Road. Tours offered twice daily. Times weather dependent. Through Oct 1: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Oct 1 to Nov 1: 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Beginning Nov 1: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (928) 814-8704  
BABrentals@gmail.com  
www.bikegrandcanyon.com

### IMAX Theater

Movie shown every hour on the half hour. Through Oct 31: 8:30 a.m.–8:30 p.m. Beginning Nov 1: 10:30 a.m.–6:30 p.m. (928) 638-4629

## Available in Tusayan

### Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce

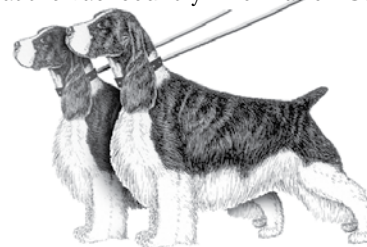
Provides information about Tusayan and local businesses. (888) 472-2696 or (928) 638-2901  
www.grandcanyonchamber.com

### Kaibab National Forest

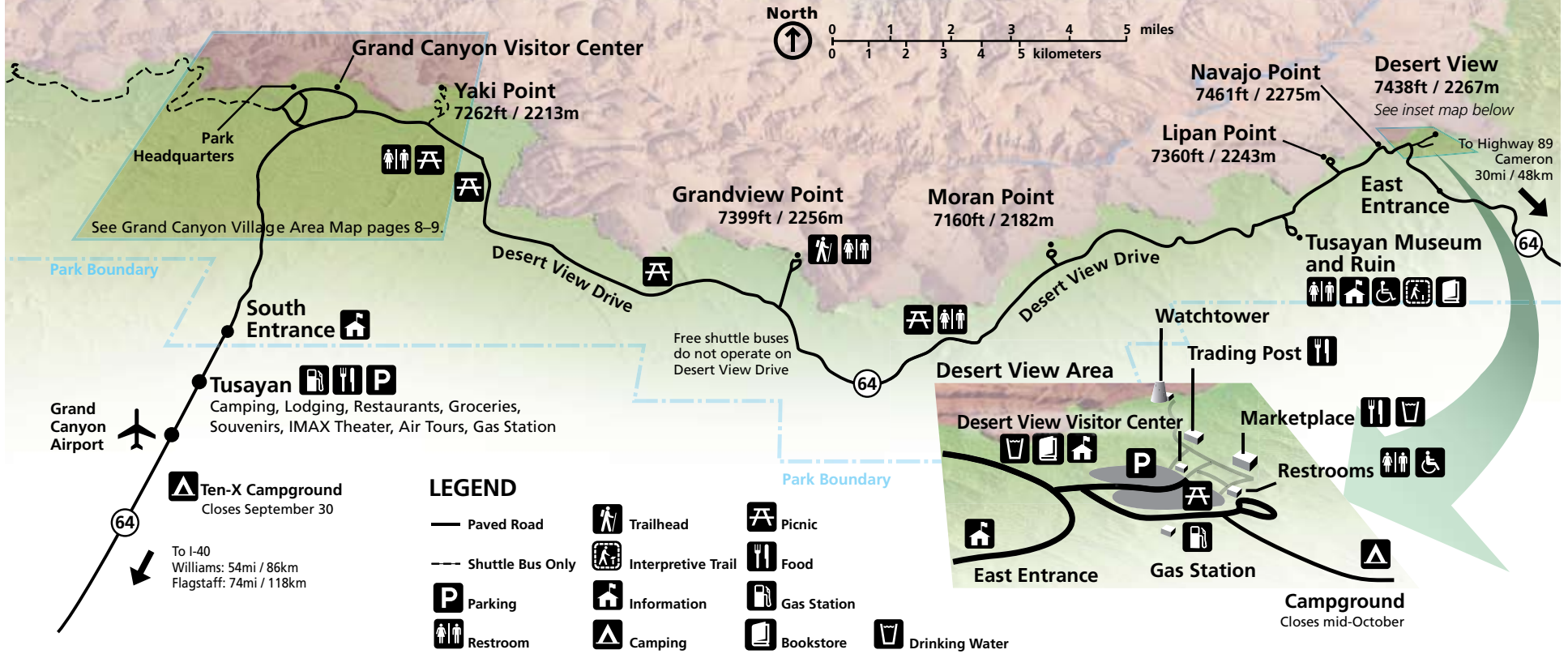
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### News and Weather

KNAU: Radio FM 90.3



## DESERT VIEW DRIVE



### Inspiring Landscapes

Have you ever experienced a sight that took your breath away? Can you close your eyes and recall a place in vivid detail though you are no longer there? The Grand Canyon is such a place for many of us—today as we stand on the rim and tomorrow as our life's journeys continue.

The scenic Grand Canyon landscape has inspired a diverse group of people for hundreds of years, such as Thomas Moran. His paintings first introduced the beauty of Grand Canyon to

Americans in the late 1800s. Moran Point along Desert View Drive honors his artistic legacy.

Take time to explore and experience this magnificent environment. Keep in mind that the National Park Service, with your help, will preserve and protect it for future generations. May this enduring landscape create precious memories that remain in your heart forever.

### Explore Desert View Drive

Experience the ever-changing moods of Grand Canyon with an excursion along Desert View Drive. Take some time to investigate the many breathtaking overlooks and pullouts. Observe how fire restored a more natural landscape through managed fires along the drive.

**The Watchtower:** Mary Colter gained inspiration through her travels in the Southwest for this impressive building reminiscent of ancient cultures' architecture. Climb the 85 steps for a 360 degree view.

**Navajo and Lipan Points:** Look across the canyon and toward the river to see the tilted layers of the Supergroup. These rocks are only visible from a few areas along the South Rim and tell an interesting geologic story.

**Moran Point:** Look a mere eight miles (12.9 km) across the canyon to Cape Royal on the North Rim. Glimpse the mighty Colorado River as it continues to aid in carving the Grand Canyon.

**Grandview Point:** This popular viewpoint offers panoramic views of Grand Canyon from east to west and offers a chance to learn about the area's mining history.

### Services

**Desert View Visitor Center:** See page 2 for hours.

**Gas Station:** Available 24 hours with credit card.

**Desert View Market:** See page 14 for hours.

**Trading Post Gift Shop:** See page 15 for hours.

**Watchtower Gift Shop:** See page 15 for hours.

**Watchtower Stairs:** Close 30 minutes before gift shop.

**Desert View Campground:** First-come, first-served; closes mid-October.

**Tusayan Museum and Ruin:** 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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