

A scenic photograph of the Grand Canyon National Park at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow across the sky and the canyon's layered rock formations. In the foreground, dark, rugged rock cliffs frame the view. On the right, two people are silhouetted against the bright sky as they stand on a rocky outcrop, looking out over the vast canyon.

# PLANNING YOUR TRIP: Grand Canyon National Park

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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

At the Grand Canyon Association, we think the canyon is one of the most spectacular places on earth. We are excited you are thinking about visiting, and we want to help you make the most of your Grand Canyon experience. We have developed this guide to introduce you to the wonder that Grand Canyon National Park holds in store for you.

This guide is intended to provide general information that you may find useful as you plan a visit. It is not intended to be the only resource with which you plan your trip. There is an abundance of helpful materials, some of which are available in our online store.



## GRAND CANYON ASSOCIATION

Grand Canyon Association is the official nonprofit partner of Grand Canyon National Park. Federal dollars support baseline operations and activities at Grand Canyon National Park. However, these funds do not cover other needs of the park, including wildlife research, trail preservation and educational programs for the public. That's why our mission is to raise private funds to benefit the park through the support of members, donors and visitors like you.

As you begin planning a trip, it's the perfect time to consider joining the Grand Canyon Association. You will enjoy wonderful benefits that will enhance your experience with the Grand Canyon, like a 15% discount for trip planning kits, maps, books, gear, clothes, gifts and more, both online and at GCA stores in the park. You'll also receive a 10% discount at lodge gift shops at Grand Canyon National Park and discounts on most Grand Canyon Field Institute classes and early registration opportunities. But the best part for most of our members is the satisfaction of knowing we are preserving this iconic park together, for generations to come! [www.grandcanyon.org/join](http://www.grandcanyon.org/join)



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[www.grandcanyon.org/news-events/subscribe](http://www.grandcanyon.org/news-events/subscribe)



# ABOUT GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Canyon National Park spans 277 miles of the Colorado river and adjacent uplands. It is located entirely in northern Arizona.

Most visitors (90%) choose to see Grand Canyon National Park from the overlooks along the South Rim. The South Rim, which is the most accessible part of the park, includes historic Grand Canyon Village, Hermit Road, and Desert View Drive. The South Rim is open all year long, even on holidays.

A much smaller number of people (10%) see the canyon from the North Rim of the park. The North Rim lies just 10 miles across the canyon from the South Rim, but it is a 220 mile, or approximately 4.5 hour drive by car, all the way around the canyon. It has a shorter season, with lodging and restaurants that are open from May 15 through October 15 each year.



# GETTING TO THE PARK

## Airports and Drive Times

There are several ways to arrive at Grand Canyon National Park. Many visitors fly into Phoenix, Arizona, and Las Vegas, Nevada. There are also limited flights arriving in Flagstaff, Arizona. You will need to rent a car from these airports or reserve a shuttle to the park from Phoenix or Flagstaff.

### Drive time to South Rim

Phoenix, AZ 231 miles/approximately 3.5 hours

Las Vegas, NV 278 miles/approximately 4 hours

Flagstaff, AZ 81 miles/approximately 1.5 hours

**Directions:** [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/directions\\_s\\_rim.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/directions_s_rim.htm)

## Free Shuttle Bus Service

### From Outside the Canyon

The Tusayan Route provides free direct shuttle bus service, between the gateway community of Tusayan and the Grand Canyon Visitor Center from mid May to early September. Tusayan, Arizona, is located 7 miles south of Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim and free shuttle buses operate on several routes.

When boarding the bus, you do not need a ticket but you must present a valid park entrance pass. Entrance passes may be purchased at park entrances or at various businesses in Tusayan.

### Within the Canyon

There are several free shuttle routes within Grand Canyon National Park connecting lodges, campgrounds, restaurants and shops with Market Plaza, the Visitors Center and Grand Canyon Association Park Store.

### Shuttle Bus Maps

For maps of shuttle bus routes and more information about specific routes, availability, or how to effectively combine hiking with shuttle bus stops, visit:

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm)



### Walk the Trail of Time

**Insider TIP**

A good walk along the rim provides an intimate experience with Grand Canyon. Walk 100 yards in either direction of a main viewpoint or bus stop, and you will be surprised at the quiet solitude in a place that sees almost five million annual visitors.

If you have limited time in the park, a fun and educational option is to walk the Trail of Time.

Enjoy stunning vistas and almost 50 large rock samples illustrating Grand Canyon's geologic history through time. For more information on the Trail of Time, visit [tot.unm.edu/use\\_it.html](http://tot.unm.edu/use_it.html)

# GENERAL PARK INFORMATION

## Fees

Private Vehicle: \$25

Pedestrian, Motorcyclist, Bicyclist: \$12

Admission is for seven days and includes entrance to both South Rim and North Rim.

## Free Entrance Days

The National Park Service offers free entrance days several days a year. Typically, days with free entrance are holidays like Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day Weekend, Veterans Day, and several others. For more information, visit:

[www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm](http://www.nps.gov/findapark/feefreeparks.htm)

For more information on Annual, Active Military, Senior and Access passes and fees:

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/fees.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/fees.htm)

Other fees such as reservation, camping, lodging, tours, concession and fees collected by third parties are not included unless stated otherwise.

## Park Hours and Seasonality

Park Entrances: *Open 24 hours a day*

North Rim Facilities: *Open mid-May and close in mid-October*

Desert View Campground: *May 1st through mid-October*

South Rim Facilities and Grand Canyon Village: *Open all year*

*While park entrances are open 24 hours a day, stations are not always manned.*

## Accessibility

Many of the facilities at Grand Canyon are historic and were built before current accessibility standards were set. The terrain is rugged with narrow, rocky trails and steep cliffs. Visitors using wheelchairs or who have visual impairments may need assistance.

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/accessibility.htm)

## Pets

Pets are permitted in the park if leashed, but not below the rim, in park lodging, inside buildings or on buses, with the exception of service animals. People who want to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center.

There is a kennel for dogs and cats at the South Rim, open 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. daily.

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/pets.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/pets.htm)



### Reduce, Reuse, Refill!

Insider TIP

Did you know that disposable plastic bottles at one time comprised an estimated 20% of Grand Canyon's waste stream and 30 percent of the park's recyclables? In 2012, in order to reduce plastic waste originating at the canyon, litter along trails and walkways, and greenhouse gas emissions, Grand Canyon National Park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers.

So remember to bring a reusable water bottle or buy one at any Grand Canyon Association Park Store when you arrive. Water refilling stations are located throughout the park for your convenience.



# VISITOR CENTERS AND MUSEUMS

## South Rim

### Grand Canyon Visitor Center

*Location:* By Mather Point

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily (summer hours)

### Backcountry Information Center

*Location:* In the Village Historic District just east of the Maswik Lodge

8:00 a.m. – noon

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### Verkamp's Visitor Center

*Location:* Just east of the El Tovar Hotel and Hopi House

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily (summer hours)

### Yavapai Geology Museum and Park Store

*Location:* One mile east of Market Plaza

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily (summer hours)

### Kolb Studio

*Location:* Village Historic District at the Bright Angel trailhead

8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily (summer hours)



Kolb Studio



## Desert View

### Desert View Watchtower

*Location:* 25 miles east of Grand Canyon Village

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily (summer hours)

### Tusayan Museum and Tusayan Ruin

*Location:* 3 miles west of Desert View

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Free Admission

## North Rim

### North Rim Visitor Center and Park Store

*Location:* Adjacent to the parking lot on Bright Angel Peninsula, by the Grand Canyon Lodge

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily, mid-May to mid-October

### Family Activities at Grand Canyon Park:

**Insider TIP**

- **Junior Ranger:** Stop by a visitor center to pick up a Junior Ranger booklet. Children four and older attend a free ranger program and complete activities to become Junior Rangers.
- **Park ranger program:** Attend a fossil walk, geo-glimpse or condor talk and have your kids get their Junior Ranger booklet signed.
- **Stroll the village:** Walk with your family along the canyon rim through historic Grand Canyon Village. Take in the view, grab a bite to eat and learn about early visitors to the canyon.
- **Sunrise/sunset:** Explore Yavapai Geology Museum and stay to watch sunset at Yavapai Point.

# LODGING INSIDE THE PARK

## South Rim Lodging

A variety of historic lodges, motels and hotels are located right inside Grand Canyon National Park. From the historic El Tovar Hotel and Bright Angel Lodge to the more modern Maswick, Thunderbird and Yavapai Lodges, the park offers a perfect place from which to base your time at the canyon.

**Xanterra Parks & Resorts:**

[www.grandcanyonlodges.com](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com)

**Delaware North Corporation Parks & Resorts:**

[www.visitgrandcanyon.com/](http://www.visitgrandcanyon.com/)

## North Rim Lodging

The Grand Canyon Lodge is the only lodging inside Grand Canyon National Park on the North Rim. Located at Bright Angel Point, the lodge offers comfortable guest rooms and cabins.

**Forever Resorts:** [grandcanyonforever.com/](http://grandcanyonforever.com/lodging/?keyword=lodging)

[lodging/?keyword=lodging](http://grandcanyonforever.com/lodging/?keyword=lodging)

## Lodging Below the Rim

Phantom Ranch is the only Grand Canyon lodging below the rim. The Ranch can only be reached by mule, by foot or by rafting the Colorado River.

**Phantom Ranch:** [www.grandcanyonlodges.com/](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/phantom-ranch)

[lodging/phantom-ranch](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/phantom-ranch)



**Insider  
TIP**

Follow these tips to help ensure a stay near the rim.

- **Plan early** — book a room at Grand Canyon up to a year in advance.
- **Time your trip after a major holiday.** Generally the two-week period after a holiday is less crowded. In summer, the best availability is during the first two weeks of June (after Memorial Day) or the first two weeks of September (after Labor Day). The last two weeks of August see fewer travelers. January is the slowest month of the year, followed by November and February.
- **Try for last-minute cancellations.** Many travelers reserve rooms ahead of time then cancel at the last minute, freeing up rooms.
- **Stay in Tusayan.** The town of Tusayan adjoins Grand Canyon's South Rim.
- **Try the off-season.** Consider a winter excursion to enjoy smaller crowds, a frosting of snow on the rim, brilliant early sunsets and great photo opportunities.



# CAMPING IN THE PARK

National Park Service campgrounds are available on both the North and South Rims of Grand Canyon National Park. They offer large sites, fire/BBQ pits, picnic tables, potable water, and are adjacent to showers and laundry facilities. They're a great place to unwind.

## South Rim

### Mather Campground

\$18/night

Open year round

1-877-444-6777 or

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

### Trailer Village

From \$36.00 per night

Open year round

[www.visitgrandcanyon.com/trailer-village-rv-park](http://www.visitgrandcanyon.com/trailer-village-rv-park)

### Desert View

\$12/night

Open mid-May thru mid-October

No reservations.

## North Rim

### North Rim Campground

\$18-\$25/night

Open in season

1-877-444-6777 or

[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

For more information about reserving a campsite, visit

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/camping.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/camping.htm)



There are many ways you can experience tribal culture at Grand Canyon National Park:

Insider TIP

- Desert View Watchtower was constructed in 1932 as a replica of a prehistoric Indian tower. It commands a magnificent view of the Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert to the east and the San Francisco Peaks to the south. The interior walls of the tower feature murals by Hopi artist Fred Kabotie.
- Tusayan Ruin and Museum provides a glimpse of Pueblo Indian life some 800 years ago. Tusayan Ruin is located 3 miles west of Desert View.
- Hopi House, built by Mary Colter, opened in 1905. This Pueblo-style building features a large selection of authentic Native American handicrafts and a Native American art gallery. Hopi dancers put on a demonstration seasonally at Hopi House plaza.
- American Indian Heritage Days annually honors Grand Canyon's original inhabitants in the month of August. The event has grown over the years to include a variety of presenters from Grand Canyon's Traditionally Associated Tribes.

## LODGING OUTSIDE THE PARK

### Tusayan

There are a number of options for lodging near but not in Grand Canyon National Park. Tusayan, 7 miles south of Grand Canyon Village, has a number of hotels and is a great place to stay if all the in-park lodging is full.

*Options include:*

#### **7 Mile Lodge**

Walk in only

#### **Best Western Premier Grand Canyon Squire Inn**

[www.grandcanyonsquire.com](http://www.grandcanyonsquire.com)

#### **Canyon Plaza Resort**

[www.grandcanyonplaza.com](http://www.grandcanyonplaza.com)

#### **Grand Canyon Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites**

[www.gcanyon.com](http://www.gcanyon.com)

#### **Red Feather Lodge**

[www.redfeatherlodge.com](http://www.redfeatherlodge.com)

#### **The Grand Hotel**

[www.grandcanyongrandhotel.com](http://www.grandcanyongrandhotel.com)

### Flagstaff, Williams and Sedona

There are also several communities located within two hours of the park including Flagstaff (1.5 hours), Williams (1 hour), and Sedona (2 hours). Consider staying in one of these towns if you plan to visit more than one park or attraction while in northern Arizona.

For more information about staying in Flagstaff, visit [www.flagstaffarizona.org](http://www.flagstaffarizona.org)

For more information about staying in Sedona, visit [www.grandcanyoncvb.org/rsedona](http://www.grandcanyoncvb.org/rsedona)

For more information about staying in Williams, visit [www.grandcanyoncvb.org/rwilliams](http://www.grandcanyoncvb.org/rwilliams)



# HIKING

Many people choose to hike in Grand Canyon to create lasting memories and enriching experiences. There is some danger due to temperatures in the summer and hypothermia or slippery trail accidents in the winter, so be sure to thoroughly research each trail you're thinking of hiking. There is information about elevation changes, water availability, rest rooms, distances and stopping points on the national park website or in the NPS trip planning guide. [www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/upload/trip-planner-grca.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/upload/trip-planner-grca.pdf)

## Popular Trails

### South Rim

Rim Trail

Bright Angel Trail

South Kaibab Trail

### North Rim

Bright Angel Point

Widforss Trail

North Kaibab Trail

## Hike Smart

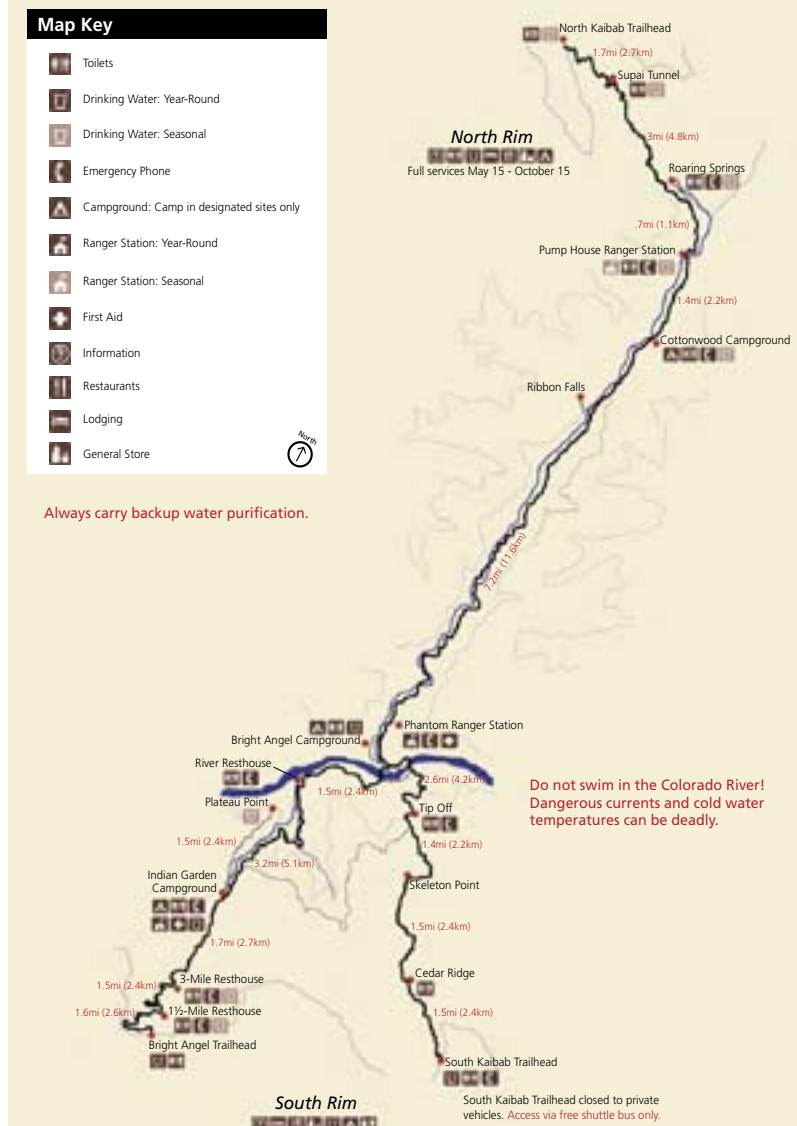
Know your abilities and choose an appropriate hike.

You will be hiking at high elevation in hot, dry desert conditions with a steep climb out at the end of the day. Everyone who hikes in the canyon for the first time reports that it was more difficult than they expected. Be conservative in planning your hike! Stay within your training, physical limitations, and abilities. Learn more about hiking safely at Grand Canyon, here [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-tips.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-tips.htm)

## Trail Guides

For official park trail guides, shop the Grand Canyon Association Store: [www.grandcanyon.org/shop/online-store](http://www.grandcanyon.org/shop/online-store)

### Hiking Map: North Kaibab, South Kaibab, and Bright Angel Trails





## OTHER POPULAR ACTIVITIES

With close to five million visitors annually, Grand Canyon National Park draws individuals with a wide range of recreational and educational needs. While planning your desired activities you should take into consideration a number of factors including your level of fitness, familiarity with the outdoors, length of visit, budget, and whether you're coming to learn, relax, recreate, find solitude, make new friends, or a combination thereof. Popular activities include:

### River Trips

Many commercial companies offer trips to raft the Colorado River through Grand Canyon, with options for a diversity of time frames and budgets, from several days to several weeks.

For a list of companies licensed to provide multi-day whitewater rafting trips within Grand Canyon National Park, visit the Grand Canyon River Outfitters Association: [www.gcroa.org](http://www.gcroa.org)

### Backpacking

Backpacking is a great way to experience the canyon, but is imperative that you come well prepared. If you are backpacking for the first time, we highly recommend that you read a backpacking book and/or find some informational videos online in advance. Additionally, Grand Canyon National Park requires permits for all overnight backcountry camping including hiking, horseback riding, cross-country ski trips, off-river hikes by rivertrip members, and camping at rim sites other than developed campgrounds. Day hiking, day horseback riding, river trips, mule trips and overnight stays in dorms or cabins at Phantom Ranch do not need permits.

[www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-permit.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-permit.htm)



### Venturing Below the Rim

**Insider TIP**

If you plan a hike that involves staying overnight at one of the many backcountry areas of Grand Canyon, you must obtain a permit. Some tips that may help you obtain a permit:

- Familiarize yourself with the Grand Canyon National Park Backcountry Use Area Map to choose trails and campsites.
- **Get your permit first**, then book your airline and lodging reservations.
- **Be flexible on dates.** Tell the rangers you will accept alternate dates and alternate trip lengths.
- Submit your permit request as early as possible – up to four months prior to the desired start date for your trip.
- Specify more than one possible itinerary for a better chance for a permit.
- Be flexible on trails. If possible, tell the rangers you will accept alternate trail choices.
- **Consider a Grand Canyon Field Institute trip to learn more about the canyon from expert guides.** Let them do the planning and permitting for you! Go to <https://www.grandcanyon.org/learn/grand-canyon-field-institute> for more information or to place a permit request.

## Bicycle Rentals

Many people enjoy seeing the spectacular sights at the Grand Canyon while bike riding, which is considered one of the top ways to see Grand Canyon National Park. Bright Angel Bicycles offers bike rentals, stroller rentals and maps of bike routes to give you options for cruising the canyon on wheels.

[www.bikegrandcanyon.com](http://www.bikegrandcanyon.com)



## Guided Hiking Trips, Backpacking Classes and Tours

If you're interested in an educational guided hiking trip or tour on the South or North Rim during your Grand Canyon stay, consider the Grand Canyon Field Institute. Offering everything from single-day classes and tours to multi-day backpacks to river rafting, this program of the Grand Canyon Association serves thousands of visitors each year. For more on the Grand Canyon Field Institute, visit:

[www.grandcanyon.org/learn/grand-canyon-field-institute](http://www.grandcanyon.org/learn/grand-canyon-field-institute)



## Mule Rides

You can experience the Canyon the way many of the area's first tourists did in the early 1900's. Mule trips make daily excursions and overnight trips into the canyon. Xanterra Parks and Resorts offers two guided rides using this time-honored method of canyon transportation with the sure-footed mule. For more information, visit:

[www.grandcanyonlodges.com/things-to-do/mule-trips](http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/things-to-do/mule-trips)



## Air Tours

If you're interested in experiencing a view of Grand Canyon from above, there are companies that offer helicopter and fixed-wing tours. All scenic air tours originate from Grand Canyon Airport in Tusayan, Arizona, outside the South Rim of the park. For a full listing of companies offering air tours, visit:

[www.azdot.gov/about/GrandCanyonAirport/tour-operators](http://www.azdot.gov/about/GrandCanyonAirport/tour-operators)



# GRAND CANYON FIELD INSTITUTE

Grand Canyon Field Institute is a program of the Grand Canyon Association, the official nonprofit park partner, and serves thousands of Grand Canyon visitors each year. We offer fun and informative educational classes and guided hiking tours for everyone, from seasoned backpackers to families with children on their first visit to Grand Canyon.



## Day Hike Classes and Tours

One-Day Classes and Tours are perfect for individuals, families and small groups with limited time who want an engaging insider's tour of the South Rim and its famous trails.

[www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/day-hike-classes-and-tours](http://www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/day-hike-classes-and-tours)

## Backpacking Classes and Trips

Backpacking Classes are for the adventurous types! Trek to remote areas in the heart of the Grand Canyon. See waterfalls, wildlife, geologic wonders and more.

[www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/backpacking-classes-trips](http://www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/backpacking-classes-trips)

## Multi-day Rim Classes & Tours

Multi-day Rim Classes & Tours are for those seeking breathtaking views, rim walks, day hikes below the canyon's rim and in-depth instruction on a variety of exciting topics.

[www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/multi-day-rim-classes-tours](http://www.grandcanyon.org/class-duration/multi-day-rim-classes-tours)

**There are many different types of classes you can enjoy, including:**

- Family
- Beginner Backpacking Classes
- Natural History
- Cultural History
- Photography, Art and Yoga
- Service-Based
- Wilderness Skills
- Women Only



*On day hikes, overnight backcountry treks and rim-based learning adventures, you'll share the wonders of Grand Canyon with Field Institute experts!*



# SEASONAL INFORMATION

When it comes to weather at the Grand Canyon, we recommend that you expect the unexpected! Weather conditions vary greatly at the Grand Canyon, so be prepared for all conditions in all seasons.

## Summer

During the summer, visitors can experience dramatic changes in temperatures. Excessive heat in the canyon can be dangerous or fatal during the day, while at night you may want a jacket. Monsoonal weather patterns also bring swift and sudden rainfall with the threat of flooding, so stay alert for warnings.

## Fall and Spring

These transition months bring a variety of weather conditions. Seasonable temperatures make these times more suitable for hiking and overnight camping, and it may take more time to obtain permits. Snow may appear on the rims in October. In late April and May, it is often windy.

## Winter

The park plows South Rim roads, but the North Rim closes with the first heavy snowfall. With significant snow, temporary closures of the South Rim may occur as well.

Season	Average Rim Temperatures		Average Inner Canyon Temperatures	
Summer	40°F	84°F	92°F	106°F
Spring/Fall	29°F	65°F	56°F	84°F
Winter	18°F	41°F	36°F	56°F

## Dangerous Conditions

Summer storms bring dangerous lightning to the rim, and floods and falling rocks to the Grand Canyon.

If you plan on hiking, be prepared! While many hikes are initially easy with a downhill path, unprepared hikers may experience illness, injury or death if the temperatures or path conditions lead to dangers.

In any season, stay aware of weather conditions and park alerts to ensure your comfort and safety.

**For more detailed weather conditions, visit**

[go.nps.gov/grca\\_wr](https://go.nps.gov/grca_wr)

[www.grandcanyon.org/what-should-i-expect-weather](https://www.grandcanyon.org/what-should-i-expect-weather)



# GRAND CANYON ASSOCIATION PARK STORES

Your purchase supports the Park. Grand Canyon Association operates 7 retail stores at Grand Canyon National Park. They feature a wide variety of books, maps, DVDs and gifts to help you plan your trip to Grand Canyon, learn more about its geology, ecology and human history, or find the perfect canyon-inspired gift.

Park store purchases help fund new exhibits, scientific research, trail restoration, wildlife monitoring, ecological restoration, support for the arts, Junior Ranger and education programs, and historic building preservation.

*Grand Canyon Association members receive a 15% discount on all GCA store purchases and online orders. Sign up today!*

[www.grandcanyon.org/join](http://www.grandcanyon.org/join)



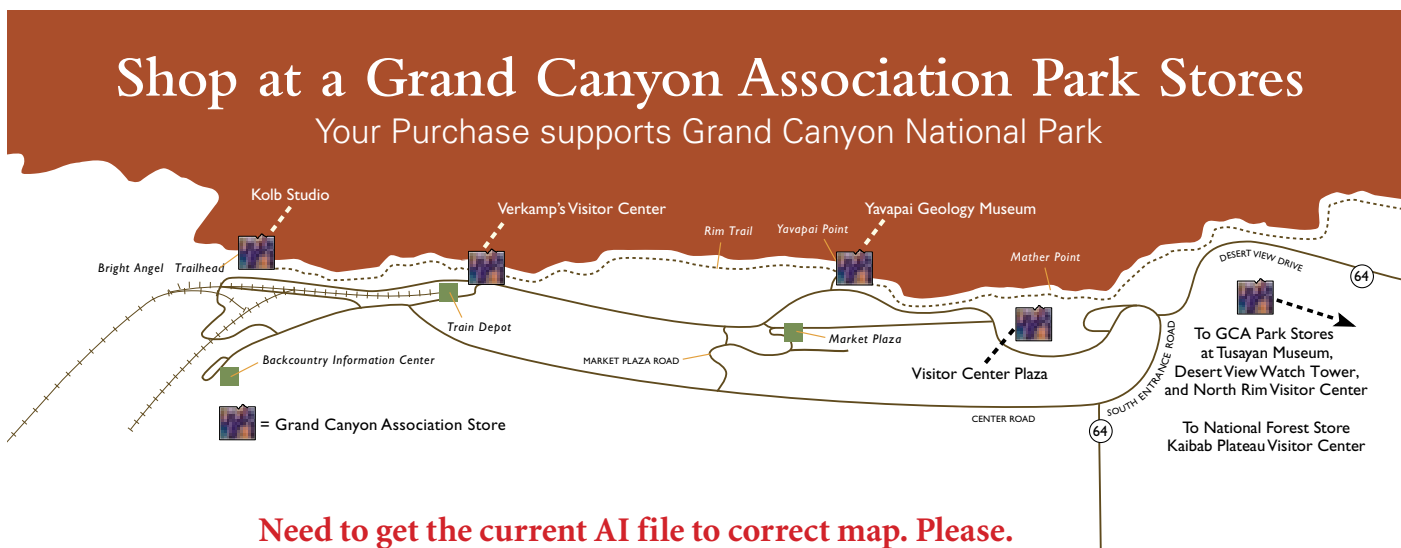
## South Rim:

**Grand Canyon Visitor Center**  
**Yavapai Geological Museum**  
**Verkamp's Visitor Center**  
**Kolb Studio**  
**Tusayan Museum & Bookstore**  
**Desert View Watchtower**



## North Rim:

**Bookstore and National Park Visitor Center**



## ATTRACTIONS OUTSIDE THE PARK

There are several areas visitors might want to see while on a trip to Arizona and the Grand Canyon. These areas are **not** a part of Grand Canyon National Park so you should plan extra time on your trip if you want to these other attractions.

### Havasupai Indian Reservation

Havasupai Canyon, a side canyon located in western Grand Canyon, is home to the Havasupai Indian Reservation and beautiful Havasu Falls. Outside the boundaries of the national park, the Havasu Trail can be reached from Arizona Highway 18. Havasupai tribal lands include a large tributary canyon on the south side of the Colorado River, approximately 190 miles (310 km) west of Grand Canyon Village. Many feel that Havasu Canyon's blue-green waterfalls are some of the most stunning in the world. Access the Village of Supai by an 8-mile (13 km) hike or horse ride.

To obtain a hiking permit or make reservations at the lodge at Supai:

928-448-2121 Tourist Office

928-441-2111 Lodging

[www.havasupai-nsn.gov](http://www.havasupai-nsn.gov)



### The Skywalk at Grand Canyon West

Located west of Grand Canyon National Park, the Skywalk is a glass walkway that protrudes about 70 feet over the rim. The Skywalk, which is on the Hualapai Indian Reservation, is a Hualapai Tribal business located 250 miles from the South Rim and 90 miles from Las Vegas, Nevada. The Hualapai Tribe collects fees to enter any part of the reservation, which are subject to change at any time. Food service is limited, usually as part of a package tour.

For information or to make reservations, contact the tribe directly.

888-868-9378 or 928-769-2636

[www.grandcanyonwest.com](http://www.grandcanyonwest.com)

### Kaibab National Forest

Surrounding both South and North rims, discover unique experiences in national forests.

[www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab/home](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab/home)



## OTHER HELPFUL TRIP PLANNING RESOURCES

### Grand Canyon Association Online Store

The Grand Canyon Association online store offers a trip planning package for savings on a special selection of books, guides and maps.

[www.grandcanyon.org/shop/online-store/trip-planning-package](http://www.grandcanyon.org/shop/online-store/trip-planning-package)



### Grand Canyon National Park Trip Planner

The National Park Service has a comprehensive guide about visiting the park with detailed information about lodging, camping, hiker safety, trails, food, recreation, permit requirements, and many other things. This is a great resource for your next steps in planning your trip to Grand Canyon National Park:

[www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/upload/trip-planner-grca.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/upload/trip-planner-grca.pdf)

### Grand Canyon National Park Website:

[www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/index.htm)

### Grand Canyon National Park Newspapers:

[www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/newspaper.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/parknews/newspaper.htm)

#### Trip Planning Package

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