



Services, Facilities, and Viewpoints Inside the Park

North Rim Visitor Center / Grand Canyon Lodge

Information, lodging, restaurants, services, and Grand Canyon views

North Rim Visitor Center and Park Store

Park in the designated parking area and walk to the south end of the parking lot. Bring this *Pocket Map* and your questions. Features interpretive exhibits, books, gifts, passport stamp, park ranger programs, restroom, drinking water, self-pay fee station, canyon views, and access to Bright Angel Point Trail. Hours vary by season.

Lost and Found

Turn in found items at the North Rim Visitor Center. Inquire about lost items at the visitor center or Grand Canyon Lodge front desk.

Grand Canyon Lodge

Due to high demand, advanced lodgind and dining reservations required. Contact Forever Resorts: 877-386-4383 or 480-998-1981; grandcanyonforever.com. Reservations available on a 13-month rolling basis. Features National Historic Landmark, ranger programs, restroom, drinking water, and access to Bright Angel Point Trail, Transept Trail, and Bridle Path. Operates mid-May to mid-October.

Dining Options

Meals and grab and go food are available in the vicinity of Grand Canyon Lodge at the Deli in the Pines, the Lodge Dining Room, and the Roughrider Saloon. The General Store at the Campground offers limited grocery and drinks. Inquire at the lodge, or at grandcanyonforever.com for hours. Food service is available from mid-May to mid-October.

Gift Shop

Souvenirs and books; 8 am–9 pm

Post Office

Window service Monday through Friday, 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm; closed weekends and federal holidays

Religious Services

Check the bulletin board in the lodge for a schedule of services

Canyon Trail Rides

Offers one-hour rides along the rim, three hour rides along the rim, and 3 hour below the rim. Register at canyonrides.com. the Canyon Trail Rides desk in the lodge lobby, 7 am–5 pm, or call 435-679-8665.

Services Outside the Park

Kaibab Lodge

18 miles (30 km) north of the North Rim Visitor Center. Information at 928-638-2389 or kaibablodge.com

North Rim Country Store

18 miles north of the North Rim Visitor Center; open May 15 to mid-October. Offers convenience store, gas station, tire repair, propane, and ATM. 928-638-2383

Jacob Lake Inn

45 miles (72 km) north of North Rim Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona; open year-round, hours vary by season. Offers a restaurant, gift shop, propane, and gas station with 24 hour pay-at-the-pump. 928-643-7232

Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center

45 miles north of North Rim Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona. Offers information and a Grand Canyon Conservancy Park Store with books, maps, and gifts. 928-643-7298

Free Park Ranger Programs

Grand Canyon National Park offers free park ranger programs on the North Rim. Learn about geology, plants, animals, and people during walks, talks, hikes, and other ranger guided experiences! Programs may be canceled in inclement weather or during special events. Check North Rim Visitor Center or go.nps.gov/gc_programs for a full listing.

Campground / Backcountry Information Center

Camping, fuel, services, and hiking information

North Rim Campground

Operated by the National Park Service; \$18–25 per night; no hookups; dump station. Reservation only May 15 to October 15: 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov. Reservation or first-come, first-served October 16–31 with limited services. Features an amphitheater, park ranger programs, and access to the Bridle Path and Transept Trail.

Service Station

On the road to the campground; open daily 8 am–5 pm; 24 hour pay-at-the-pump; gas and diesel available

General Store

Adjacent to the campground; groceries, gifts, camping supplies, ATM, limited Wi-Fi. Hours vary by season.

Backcountry Information Center

Located in the Administration and Backcountry Office, 11.5 miles (18.5 km) south of the entrance station. Open 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. Information, hiking maps, overnight backcountry permits; drinking water, restroom. Information: nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm

Camping Outside the Park

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18 miles north of North Rim Visitor Center. Half the sites are first-come, first-served; reserve sites at 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov.

Jacob Lake Campground

45 miles north of North Rim Visitor Center. Half the sites are first-come, first-served; reserve half the sites at 877-444-6777 or recreation.gov.

Kaibab Camper Village

0.25 miles (0.5 km) south of Jacob Lake on Forest Service Road 461 off AZ 67. Reservations: 928-643-7804.

Dispersed Camping

Stop at the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona for information. Pack out what you take in. Bring water. Camp at least 0.25 mile (0.4 km) from water sources. Check fire restrictions; be fire safe; carry a shovel and bucket. Bury human waste at least 6 inches (15 cm) deep and 100 feet (30 m) from water sources and drainage bottoms. Practice backcountry ethics and eliminate all signs of your camp.

Trip Planning

Hiking, viewpoints, and scenic drives

1-2 Hours

Hiking

Take the Bright Angel Point Trail to one of the best views of Grand Canyon (15 minutes from the Visitor Center). Then, wind along the Canyon rim on the Transept Trail. Take in sweeping views on this easy to moderate trail. Follow the path until you are ready to turn around, or make a loop with the less scenic Bridle Path. 4 miles (6.4 km), 90 minutes round trip.

OR

Cape Royal Road

Point Imperial, Vista Encantada, and Roosevelt Point make for a quick, but spectacular visit to the scenic drive. Stroll the Ken Patrick Trail south from Point Imperial for a half mile for an easy hike with breathtaking views. 20 miles (32 km), 30 minutes one way. More details below.

Trip Planning Continued

Half Day

Hiking

Take the Bright Angel Point Trail to one of the best views of Grand Canyon (15 minutes from the Visitor Center).

Next, enjoy magnificent views on the Widforss trail. This trail skirts the Canyon rim for most of its 5 miles (8 km) before arriving at Widforss Point. Hike as much as you have time for, but remember your return trip. Parking and bathrooms are available at the trailhead. Water is not available.

OR Hike the North Kaibab Trail to Supai Tunnel. Hiking into the Canyon offers a different perspective. Be prepared for strenuous hiking and high temperatures. Hike Smart: Bring water, salty snacks, sun protections and avoid hiking between 10 am and 4 pm to avoid the hottest part of the day. Water at Supai Tunnel is unreliable. Bring water for your return trip. 4 miles (6.4 km), 2-4 hours round trip.

Cape Royal Road

Explore the view points and trails along the scenic drive. Cape Royal and Point Imperial are the “must see” views. Hike to Cape Final for sweeping canyon vistas (4.2 mi, 6.8 km round trip). Allow at least 3 hours to travel the entire road. Visit Point Imperial, Vista Encantada, and Roosevelt Point for a shorter stay. Bring food and water. 23 miles (37 km), 45 minutes driving time one way. More details below.

Best Places to See Sunset

Cape Royal
Bright Angel Point
Grand Canyon Lodge Veranda

Best Places to See Sunrise

Point Imperial
Bright Angel Point
Grand Canyon Lodge Veranda

Scenic Drive

A winding scenic drive to diverse viewpoints, picnic areas, and hiking trails. No food or water is available on the Scenic Drive. No vehicles longer than 22 feet (7 m). Allow a half- to a full-day.

Point Imperial

Parking, restroom, picnic area, and access to the unmaintained Ken Patrick Trail and Point Imperial Trail. Highest point on the North Rim at 8,803 feet (2,683 m); overlooks the Painted Desert, Marble Canyon, and eastern Grand Canyon. Layers of red and black Precambrian rocks, not visible at Bright Angel Point, add contrast and color. Part of the viewpoint is accessible. Eleven miles (18 km) from North Rim Visitor Center; allow 20 minutes driving time one-way.

Vista Encantada

Parking, picnic area, canyon views

Roosevelt Point

Parking, access to Roosevelt Point Trail

Walhalla Overlook / Walhalla Glades Pueblo

Parking, canyon views, short trail to ancestral Puebloan home site.

Cape Royal

Parking, restroom, picnic area, accessible Cape Royal Trail leads to a viewpoint giving expansive east and west vistas. See the natural arch of Angels Window framing the Colorado River, and look for Desert View Watchtower across the canyon on the South Rim. 23 miles (37 km) from the North Rim Visitor Center; 45 minutes driving time one-way.

Protect the Park, Protect Yourself

Use sunblock, stay hydrated, take your time, and rest to reduce the risk of sunburn, dehydration, nausea, shortness of breath, and exhaustion. The North Rim’s high elevation (8,000 ft / 2,438 m) and dry climate affects you differently than your home environment.

Drive With Care. Watch for people and wildlife. Increase caution at night and during wet conditions. Observe posted speed limits; maximum speed limit 45 mph (72 kmph). Vehicles longer than 30 feet (9 m) not recommended on the roads to Cape Royal and Point Imperial. Oversized vehicle parking limited; park at Grand Canyon Lodge or North Rim Campground. Arizona highway information: 511 or 888-411-ROAD or az511.gov.

Monsoon storms are common in summer. When you hear thunder or see lightning, move away from the canyon rim. Do not stand under a tree. Seek shelter inside a vehicle or building. Be aware of possible flash floods and falling rocks during and after storms.

Weather varies greatly and changes suddenly. Be prepared to layer clothing for heat, cold, rain, wind, or snow. Weather posted in North Rim Visitor Center. Park road and weather conditions: 928-638-7496.

Free, spring-fed drinking water is available from bottle filling stations at North Rim Visitor Center, Administration and Backcountry Office, and North Kaibab Trailhead.

Camping is only permitted in the North Rim Campground. For backcountry camping options (permit

required) check with the Backcountry Information Center.

Keep wildlife wild. Approaching and feeding wildlife is dangerous and illegal. Bison and deer can become aggressive and will defend their space. Keep a safe distance of two bus lengths or 100 feet (30 m) from all wildlife. Do not feed the squirrels. They will bite and can carry disease.

Leashed pets are only allowed on the Bridle Path and Arizona Trail—between North Kaibab Trailhead and the north entrance station. Pets are not allowed on any other trail or in buildings. These restrictions do not apply to service animals. Anyone wishing to take a service animal below the rim must check in at the Backcountry Information Center before starting their hike. No kennel is available on the North Rim.

Stay behind railings and away from cliffs. Hold on to children. Do not back up without looking around you. Always be aware of your surroundings.

Hikers and wildlife can be injured by rocks, coins, and trash tossed over the edge of Grand Canyon and rocks dislodged by walking off trail.

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft is prohibited inside Grand Canyon National Park.

The walls of Grand Canyon tell an amazing story. You alter that story when you leave graffiti.

Leave rocks, plants, wood, and artifacts where you find them.

Emergencies call 911

Information

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Grand Canyon National Park

Located in northern Arizona, this World Heritage Site encompasses 277 miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon offers visitors incomparable vistas.

The Pocket Map is published by Grand Canyon National Park with support from your entrance fees. It is available in French, German, and Japanese. An Accessibility Guide is also available. Ask at the North Rim Visitor Center for a hiking brochure.

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Grand Canyon

