



## GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

### **Compendium of Designations, Closures, Use and Activity Restrictions, Permit Requirements and Other Regulations**

In accordance with the delegated authority provided by regulations as published under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following regulatory provisions are established for the management, protection, and public use of Grand Canyon National Park.

Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained elsewhere in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Parts 1 through 7.

The closures and restrictions delineated in this compendium do not apply to official/administrative use or applications (36 CFR 1.2(d) and 1.5(a)).

This Compendium supersedes all previous releases. All prior releases are rescinded.

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS  
TITLE 36**

**36 CFR SECTION 1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES  
AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

No special determinations at this time.

Closures:

**Areas Closed To Public Presence, Use, and Access under 36 C.F.R. 1.5(a)(1):**

Park Wide:

**Caves (and mines)**

Public presence, use, and access in all Class 2 – 5 caves, as defined below, is prohibited without a valid permit from the Superintendent. “Cave of the Domes” is presently unclassified and does not require a permit for public entry.

The Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 defines the term "**cave**" as:

Any naturally occurring void, cavity, recess, or system of interconnected passages beneath the surface of the earth or within a cliff or ledge, including any cave resource therein, and which is large enough to permit a person to enter, whether the entrance is excavated or naturally formed. Such term shall include any natural pit, sinkhole, or other feature that is an extension of a cave entrance or which is an integral part of the cave.

*For management purposes, Grand Canyon National Park extends this definition to include natural features only if they contain a twilight zone and a zone of perpetual darkness (i.e. Redwall Cavern is not a cave). In addition, artificial anthropogenic features (i.e., mine works) which comprise a twilight zone and a zone of perpetual darkness will be managed as caves except more latitude will be given for mitigating hazards to human health and safety.*

South Rim District:

**South Rim Water Treatment Plant**

The South Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant, located to the east of Rowe Well Road 0.5-mile south of the Canyon Rim and enclosed by a six-foot chain link fence, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals

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conducting administrative business.

**South Rim Lagoons and Access Road**

The South Rim Wastewater Lagoons, located at the end of fire road W-6 approximately 3-miles south of the canyon rim and 0.4-mile NW of Rowe Well Road, are closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business. This area is defined by a three-strand wire fence with public closure notices posted.

**South Rim Land Fill Site**

The South Rim Landfill site, located 0.75-mile west of the South Entrance Road and enclosed by a chain-link fence encompassing 17-acres, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Desert View Lagoons and Access Road**

The Desert View Wastewater Treatment Plant and accompanying lagoons, located to the east of Desert View Road (Highway 64) 0.5-mile east on Cedar Mountain Road and enclosed by a chain-link fence, are closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**South Gate Storage Site**

The South Gate Road and storage area, as defined by the road closure gate and posted signs, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Orphan Mine**

The area surrounding the Orphan Mine sites (upper - located approximately 200-yards north of the Hermit Road between Maricopa and Powell points, lower – located north of the existing head-frame but 1,100 below the canyon rim) and defined by a three-strand wire fence, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Park Service Maintenance Operations Center and Wildland Fire Base**

Public presence, use and access on Shuttle Bus Road, including the dirt shoulder, is prohibited beyond a point 250' south of the intersection with Center Road (posted with a sign); and within the National Park Service Maintenance Operations Center, fueling facilities, Shuttle Bus compound, Wildland Fire Base, and Aviation Operations Area (AOA) as either enclosed by chain-link fencing or public postings along the forested boundary. This restriction does not apply to individuals conducting administrative business at these facilities Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The U.S. Courthouse and Park Law Enforcement Office**

The U. S. Courthouse and Park Law Enforcement Office, located on the SW corner of Center and South Village Loop Roads, is closed to public entry, access, or presence except for individuals conducting administrative business. The

functions performed within this building pertain to sensitive criminal justice investigations, judicial actions and records; and legal guidelines require a high degree of security on files and records pertaining to these functions. Public access to open court proceedings is deemed to constitute “administrative use” under this proposal, and is additionally subject to rules and order of the court, as well as screening by armed security personnel.

### **Maricopa Plant Endangered Area**

The Maricopa Plant Endangered Area located on the east side of Maricopa Point and enclosed by a fence with public closure notices, is closed to public presence, use and access within the defined area. The area may be entered by obtaining a permit from the Superintendent’s Office.

### Canyon District:

#### **Phantom Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The Phantom Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant building and accompanying raised drying beds, located adjacent to the Bright Angel Trail 100-yards north of the Colorado River, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

#### **Lower Granite Gorge**

No person shall operate a vessel engaged in predominantly upstream travel or having a horsepower in excess of 55 between River Mile 239.5 (Separation Canyon – marked with a mid-stream buoy) and River Mile 226 (Diamond Creek).

#### **Hopi Salt Mines**

The cultural resource known as the “Hopi Salt Mines”, located within the Tapeats sandstone above river mile 63.75, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business without a written permit from the Superintendent. This closure extends from the existing water edge to the top of the Tapeats layer and from river mile 63.0 to 64.5

#### **Anasazi Bridge**

The cultural resource known as “Anasazi Bridge”, located within the Redwall formation above river mile 43, is closed to public presence, use, and access without a written permit from the Superintendent. This closure includes the climbing route within the Redwall formation above and below the “bridge”.

#### **Bass Asbestos Mine**

The area within 500-feet of the Bass Asbestos Mine and associated tailings, located within Hakatai Canyon, is closed to public presence, use, and access without a written permit from the Superintendent.

#### **Furnace Flats**

The cultural resource area known as Furnace Flats, from river mile 71.0 to river mile 72.0, is closed to public presence, use, and access without a written permit from the

Superintendent. This closure extends from the existing water edge, north at river mile 71 to the 2,800-foot contour, SW to the river mile 72 drainage, then east to river mile 72 and N.

North Rim District:

**North Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant**

The North Rim Wastewater Treatment Plant and accompanying lagoons, located 0.5-mile northwest of the administration building and enclosed by a chain-link fence, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Marble Flats Landfill Site**

The Marble Flats Landfill site, located 1.25 miles NE of the Widforss trailhead on fire road NW-1 and identified by four corner posts, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Lindbergh Hill Landfill Site**

The Lindbergh Hill Landfill site, located .5-mile east of the North Rim Entrance road from the Lindbergh Hill Picnic area and identified by a road closure gate along with boundary posts, is closed to public presence, use, and access except for individuals conducting administrative business.

**Areas Closed To General Public Presence, Use, and Access Except During Specified Times of Day under 36 C.F.R 1.5 (a)(1):**

No special determinations at this time.

**Designated Roads Closed To The Presence, Possession, and/or Use of Motorized Vehicles under 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1):**

(Note: These closures do not apply to vehicles used for official/administrative applications).

*The roads listed below have been closed to general public motor vehicle use and many of the roads are either impassable to conventional motor vehicles or are closed to motor vehicles by the use of locked gates. Unlimited motor vehicle access to these roads and "natural areas" could lead to disruption of wild life activities, result in additional road damage/erosion, diminish the natural quiet of the areas, and result in visitor use impacts previously not experienced in these areas. The proposed restriction to motor vehicles allows for the objectives of the GMP to be realized without restricting other less impacting uses.*

South Rim District:

E-1  
E-2  
E-3  
E-4  
E-4a  
E-4b  
E-5  
E-6  
E-7  
E-9  
E-10b  
E-11  
E-12  
E-12a  
E-13  
E-13a  
E-14  
E-15  
Old Entrance Road  
W-1  
W-1a  
W-1b  
W-1c  
W-4  
W-5  
W-6  
W-6a  
W-6b  
W-7  
W-8  
W-8a  
W-9 (except from FS-328 to W-9a)  
All power line roads  
Cape Solitude from E-14  
Jicarilla Point from W-1

North Rim District:

Kaibab Plateau

Thompson Canyon (NE-1)  
Point Imperial (NE-1A)  
Old Bright Angel Trail Access (NE-2)  
Komo Point (NE-4)  
Francois Mathes Point (NE-5)

**Francois Mathes Point spur (NE-5A)**  
**Walhalla Glades (NE-6)**  
**Walhalla Glades spur (NE-6B)**  
**Cape Final (NE-7) [converted to trail]**  
**Widforss Point (NW-1C)**  
**Tiyo Point (NW-1D)**  
**Tiyo Point spur one (NW-1DA)**  
**Tiyo Point spur two (NW-1DB)**  
**Lower Little Park (NW-1E)**  
**Crystal Creek (NW-1F)**  
**Upper Little Park (NW-2)**  
**Elephant Bog (NW-3)**  
**Fawn Spring One (NW-3A)**  
**Fawn Spring Two (NW-3B)**  
**South Lancelot Point (NW-4A)**  
**Tipover Springs (NW-4B)**  
**Walla Valley (NW-5)**  
**Bedivera Point (NW-6)**  
**Galahad Point (NW-6A)**

Kanab Plateau (East to West) (Note: Roads do not have common names)

**K-37 from park boundary south to jct. with K-38**  
**K-30 from its jct. with K-26 & K-28 east to end (jct. with K36 & K-37)**  
**K-35 K-34 K-33**  
**K-32 K-31 K-27**  
**K-26 from the park boundary south to jct. with K-25**  
**K-29 K-24 K-16**  
**K-18 K-20 K-15**  
**K-17 K-1 K-13**  
**K-22 K-40 K-23**  
**K-41 K-11 K-12**  
**K-13 K-9 K-2**  
**K-7 K-8 K-42**  
**K-43 K-44 K-45**

Toroweap Valley

**T-2 from Landfill to the Cove**  
**T-3**  
**T-4**  
**T-6 from Tuckup Trailhead at Dream Rock (1/4 mile east of T-1 jct.) to end**  
**T-7**  
**T-8 from north end of Toroweap Camp Ground at site 9 to end (jct. with T-6)**  
**T-9**  
**T-10**  
**T-11**

Sanup Plateau

**S-1**

Grand Wash Cliffs:

**GW-1**

**GW-2**

**GW-3**

**Designated Roads Closed To the Presence, Possession, and/or Use of Mechanized Vehicles under 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1):**

(Note: This includes motorized vehicles (see above list), as well as all cycles and other wheeled and/or tracked modes of transportation).

*The roads listed below comply with the intent of the Wilderness Act of 1964 and with NPS wilderness policy as outlined in DO-41. Use of these roads for motorized/mechanized general public travel and access is in opposition to law and policy, and could lead to derogation of park and wilderness values. In order to provide for public access, the 1993 Wilderness Recommendation for Grand Canyon National Park maintains access to various trailheads and overlooks by developed roads.*

South Rim District:

**W-8**

**W-8a**

**W-9 (except from FS-328 to W-9a)**

**Cape Solitude from E-14**

**Jicarilla Point from W-1**

North Rim District:

Kaibab Plateau

**Thompson Canyon (NE-1)**

**Point Imperial (NE-1A)**

**Old Bright Angel Trail Access (NE-2)**

**Komo Point (NE-4)**

**Francois Mathes Point (NE-5)**

**Francois Mathes Point spur (NE-5A)**

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**Walhalla Glades spur (NE-6B)**

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**K-6 K-3 K-4**  
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**T-10**  
**T-11**

Sanup Plateau

**S-1**

Grand Wash Cliffs:

**GW-1**  
**GW-2**  
**GW-3**

**Designated Roads Closed To General Public Presence, Use, and Access Except During Specified Times of Year under 36 CFR 1.5(a)(1):**

(Note: These closures do not apply to vehicles used for official/administrative applications).

South Rim District:

The following roads are closed to the presence, possession, and/or use of Motorized Vehicles from March 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup> each year. (Vehicles with Handicap Placards and Resident Decals are permitted).

**West Rim Drive to Hermits Rest**  
**Yaki Point Access Road**  
**South Kaibab Trailhead Access Road**

**The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted under 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2):**

Watercraft:

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

Camping:

See 36 CFR 2.10 in the compendium for detailed camping area designations.

Boat Launching:

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

Water Skiing:

See 36 CFR 3.20 in the compendium.

Swimming and Bathing:

See 36 CFR 3.21 in the compendium.

Personal Watercraft:

No determination at this time.

All waters within Grand Canyon National Park are closed to the use of Personal Watercraft.

Technical Rock Climbing Routes:

No determination at this time.

**The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted under 36 CFR 1.5(a)(2):**

Passenger Carrying Busses:

Commercial buses, vans and school buses must turn off their engines while loading and unloading passengers, or while parked. This restriction does not apply to vehicles stopped on roadways in obedience to traffic control devices or orders, or as needed in response to legitimate traffic safety concerns.

Park Shuttle Buses are exempt.

Shoshone Point:

This is a limited closure that prohibits motor vehicle travel on the Shoshone Point road, and/or organized events at the picnic area without a valid special use permit issued by the park's permit office. This restriction will affect all users, and will restrict public use of the area during those times a permit is issued for organized activities.

**Other Use Restrictions:**

See 36 CFR Section 7.4, et seq.

**The following restrictions, limits, closures, designations, conditions, or visiting hour restrictions imposed under Section (a)(1) or (2) have been terminated:**

None at this time.

## **36 CFR SECTION 1.6 - ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

### **36 CFR SECTION 1.5(d) - Areas Restricted to Public Presence, Use and Access by Permit Only:**

#### Park Wide:

**Caves (and mines).** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

#### South Rim District:

**Maricopa Plant Endangered Area.** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

#### Canyon District:

**Hopi Salt Mines.** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

**Anasazi Bridge.** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

**Bass Asbestos Mine.** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

**Furnace Flats.** See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.2 - Transportation of Legally Taken Wildlife**

See 36 CFR 2.2 section in the compendium.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.4(d) - Carry or Posses a Weapon, Trap, or Net**

No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.5(a) - Specimen Collection (Take Plant, Fish, Wildlife, Rocks or Minerals)**

No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.10(a) - The Following Camping Activities :**

All overnight use within the backcountry of Grand Canyon National Park.

See 36 CFR 2.10 section in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.12 - Audio Disturbances**

See 36 CFR 2.12 section in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.17 - Aircraft and Air Delivery**

See 36 CFR 2.17 section in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.23(b) - The Following Special Recreation Activities (per 36 CFR 71)**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.37 - Soliciting or Demanding Gifts, Money Goods or Services**  
(pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under 36 CFR 2.50, 2.51 or 2.52)

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION - 2.38 Explosives**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.50(a) - Conduct a Sports Event, Pageant, Regatta, Public Spectator Attraction, Entertainment, Ceremony, and Similar Event**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.51(a) - Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views**

See section 36 CFR 2.51(c)(e) in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.52(c) - Sale or distribution of printer matter that is not solely commercial advertising**

See section 36 CFR 2.52(c)(e) in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.60(b) - Livestock Use**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 2.62 - Memorialization**

See 36 CFR 2.62(b) in the compendium.

**36 CFR SECTION 3.3 - Use of a vessel**

See 36 CFR 7.4(b).

**36 CFR SECTION 4.11(a) - Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 5.1 - Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 5.3 - Engaging in or soliciting any business**

Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations. Contact Park Concession Office.

**36 CFR SECTION 5.4(a) - Commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles**

See 36 CFR 7.4(a).

**36 CFR SECTION 5.5 - Commercial Photography/Filming**

- (a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television. Contact superintendent's office.
- (b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising. Permit required. Contact superintendent's office.

**36 CFR SECTION 5.6(c) - Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads**

No special determinations at this time.

(The superintendent may issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).

**36 CFR SECTION 5.7 - Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 6.9(a) - Operation of a solid waste disposal site**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 7.4 - Special Regulations**

See 36 CFR 7.4(b) and (c)

## **36 CFR SECTION 2.1 - Preservation of Natural, Cultural, and Archeological Resources**

**(a)(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park is prohibited, with the following exceptions:**

Employees and the public may gather firewood (dead wood lying on the ground) for noncommercial use in designated fire rings on the North Rim from the following areas:

1. The area of Bright Angel Peninsula bounded on the North by an East/West axis line extending from the North end of the North Kaibab Trailhead Parking Lot, East to the rim of Roaring Springs Canyon and West to the rim of Transept Canyon. The South boundary will be the rim of the Bright Angel Canyon.
2. Within 150-feet from the pavement edge of any paved roadway in the district to include the entire length of the North Entrance Road, Fuller Canyon Road, Pt. Imperial Road, and Cape Royal Road.
3. Within 75-feet from the center of the NW-4 Fire Road (Old Entrance Road)

Driftwood below the historical high water mark along the Colorado River may be collected for aesthetic or warming fires by river permittees between October 1 and April 30.

Dead wood on the ground within a 30' perimeter of residences may be collected by occupants/tenants of those residences for their personal use.

Chainsaws or other motorized equipment is not permitted to assist in gathering wood.

**(b) Leaving a designated trail or walkway within Grand Canyon National Park to shortcut between two portions of the same trail or walkway or to shortcut to an adjacent trail or walkway is prohibited.**

**(c)(1-2) Reasonable quantities of the following may be gathered for personal use and on-site consumption while within Grand Canyon National Park:**

No exceptions presently authorized.

## **36 CFR SECTION 2.2 - Wildlife Protection**

**(d) Wildlife lawfully taken outside of the park may be transported through the park subject to the following conditions:**

1. Individuals or park residents wishing to transport legally taken wildlife into or through the park on Highway 64 (South Entrance Road-Desert View Drive) will

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declare that intention at the Desert View or South Entrance Stations. (Hunters/residents transporting wildlife will provide the Entrance Station personnel with hunter name, animal type and description, and destination, which will be logged as a record of permission for transporting legally taken wildlife in/through the park. Whenever the Park Entrance Stations are not staffed, hunters/residents transporting animals in/through the park will notify Park Dispatch (928 638-7805) of their intention prior to transport and prior to entering the park.)

2. Animals being transported through the park will be enclosed within the vehicle, or otherwise covered in such a way as to conceal the nature of the transported item. No legally taken wildlife will be displayed or in open public view, while inside the park boundaries.
3. No game animals will be transported into the park without prior park notification and permission, via the Grand View Fire Tower Road or Rowell Well Road.
4. With the exception of residents transporting legally taken wildlife to their residences on the North Rim, NO game animals will be allowed to enter the park via Highway 67 or any Forest Road. Hunters wishing to visit the North Rim must make arrangements to store their game animals outside of the park before proceeding south of the North Rim Entrance Station.
5. Hunters transporting legally taken wildlife from the Arizona Strip/Parashant National Monument will utilize alternate road systems without entering Grand Canyon National Park.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.3 - Fishing**

No determinations at this time. State laws apply.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.4 - Weapons, Traps and Nets**

No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.10 - Camping and Food Storage**

Camping is defined under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.4(a) as "...the erecting of a tent or shelter of natural or synthetic material, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer, or mooring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy."

- (a) A valid permit issued by the Superintendent or his/her designee is required for all camping within Grand Canyon National Park.

**The following are “designated” campsites/areas:**

Front Country Sites:

**Mather Campground** (fees required)  
**North Rim Campground** (fees required)  
**Tuweep Campground**  
**Desert View Campground** (fees required)

Corridor Sites: (Developed Backcountry Sites, accessible by foot or pack animal)

**Indian Garden** (fees/permit required)  
**Phantom Ranch** (fees/permit required)  
**Cottonwood** (fees/permit required)

Backcountry Use Areas / Sites Where Camping is Permitted:

Contact Backcountry Permit Office for Current Listing

**Unless listed below, camping “At Large” in the park’s Undeveloped Use Areas (as defined on the Trails Illustrated map of Grand Canyon - 2000) is allowed with a valid permit.**

South Rim Undeveloped Use Areas:

Camping is prohibited in the following areas:

**Tusayan Use Area (TUS)**  
**Long Jim Use Area (LJM)**

Camping and occupancy is allowed at designated sites with a permit under the following conditions: All camping activity, with the exception of sanitation, is limited to the impacted soils within a 15’ radius from the fiberglass or wooden post identifying the campsite.

**Pasture Wash Use Areas (SE1, SE2, SE3)**  
(These campsites are designated as SE1 at Signal Hill, SE2 at Ruby Point, and SE3 at the South Bass Trailhead)

Camping and occupancy is allowed “At Large” with a permit under the following conditions:

**Pasture Wash Use Area (SE0)**  
(Camping is prohibited within 500’ of the historic Pasture Wash Ranger Station and outbuildings.)

North Rim Undeveloped Use Areas:

Camping and occupancy is allowed at designated sites with a permit under the following conditions: All camping activity, with the exception of sanitation, is limited to the impacted soils within a 15' radius from the fiberglass or wooden post identifying the campsite.

**Cape Final Use Area (NA1)**

**Point Sublime Use Area (NH1)**

**Swamp Ridge Use Area (NJ9)**

(These campsites are designated as NJ1 at Fire Point and NJ2 at Swamp Point.)

Camping and occupancy is allowed "At Large" with a permit under the following conditions:

**Ken Patrick Use Area (NC9)**

(Camping is prohibited west of the Ken Patrick & Uncle Jim Loop Trail junction, including the Uncle Jim Loop Trail.)

**Robbers Roost Use Area (ND9)**

(Camping is prohibited within the area depicted on maps as "The Basin" and defined as the meadow areas and 100' beyond the tree line.)

**Toroweap Valley (NM9)**

(Camping is prohibited within the Toroweap Valley [described as beginning at the Lava Fall Trailhead, west along the Canyon Rim to the park boundary, north to the 5,000-foot elevation contour, and then east and north along the 5,000-foot contour to the park boundary].)

Backcountry Use Areas:

Camping is prohibited in the following areas:

**Manzanita Use Area (MAN)**

**Transept Use Area (TRA)**

**Uncle Jim Use Area (UNJ)**

Camping and occupancy is allowed at designated sites with a permit under the following conditions: All camping activity, with the exception of sanitation, is limited to the impacted soils within a 10' radius for parties (1 – 6 people) and 20' radius for groups (7 – 11 people) from the fiberglass or wooden post identifying the campsite.

**Deer Creek Use Area (AX7)**

**Hermit Use Area (BL4, BL5, BL6, BL7, BL8, BM6, BM7)**

(These campsites are designated as BL4 – Horn Creek, BL5 – Salt Creek, BL6 –

Cedar Spring, BL7 – Monument Creek, BL8 – Granite Rapids, BM7 – Hermit Creek, BM8 – Hermit Rapids.)

#### **Horseshoe Mesa (BF5)**

#### **Tapeats Use Area (AW7, AW8)**

(These campsites are designated as AW7 - Upper Tapeats and AW8 - Lower Tapeats.)

Camping and occupancy is allowed “At Large” with a permit under the following conditions.

#### **Clear Creek**

The following areas within the Clear Creek Use Area or Clear Creek drainage as defined below are closed to overnight camping: in the Clear drainage, areas below the first major side canyon north of the river that enters from the east, popularly known as “Wotans Alley”. This closure also includes the area just to the west of the confluence of Clear Creek and the Colorado River.

#### **Deer Creek**

The following areas within the Deer Creek Use Area are closed to camping; the Deer Creek drainage from its confluence with the Colorado River, including ¼ mile upstream and ¼ mile downstream of the confluence and to the upper end of “narrows” or the popularly known as “the patio”, a distance of approximately 1/4 mile. The Deer Creek Use Area allows for camping in designated sites only. All other areas within the Use Area are closed to camping.

#### **Elves Chasm**

The following area within the Garnett Use Area is closed to camping: the Royal Arch Drainage or what is popularly known as Elves Chasm from its mouth at the Colorado River to the Arch at the 3000 foot contour. This includes the area within ¼ mile upstream & downstream of the confluence with the river. The closure affects approximately one mile of the drainage. The mouth of Royal Arch Creek is located on the Colorado River at river mile 116.5.

#### **Havasu Creek**

The following area within the Olo Use Area is closed to camping: Havasu Creek drainage from its confluence with the Colorado River to the park boundary at Beaver Falls. The closure affects approximately three miles of the drainage.

#### **Phantom Creek**

The following area within Phantom Creek is closed to camping; from Bright Angel Creek at its confluence with Phantom Creek and the 3600’ (foot) contour line as shown on the 7.5 minute Bright Angel Point Quadrant. The closure affects approximately 2 miles of the creek. The mouth of Phantom Creek is approximately 1.5 miles north of Phantom Ranger Station.

### **Saddle Canyon**

The following area within the Saddle Canyon Use Area is closed to camping; from above the historical high water mark of the Colorado River to the top of Redwall Formation. The closure affects approximately 2 miles of the drainage. The mouth of Saddle Canyon is located on the Colorado River at river mile 47.

### **Thunder River**

The following area within the Tapeats Creek Use Area is closed to overnight camping: Thunder River drainage from the edge of Surprise Valley at the 3800 foot contour to its confluence with Tapeats Creek. The closure affects approximately one mile of the drainage.

#### **(b) Food Storage**

No special determinations at this time.

#### **36 CFR SECTION 2.11 - Picnicking**

No restrictions at this time.

#### **36 CFR SECTION 2.12 - Audio disturbances (Notation):**

Operating chain saws in residential areas, at specified times, pursuant to the current, approved Grand Canyon Housing Policy is permitted.

#### **36 CFR SECTION 2.13 - Fires**

##### **(a)(1) Fires are permitted under the following conditions:**

1. Campgrounds – wood, charcoal, and gas fires are permitted. Wood and charcoal fires may only be ignited within the fire ring or established elevated charcoal grill.
2. Picnic Areas – wood, charcoal, and gas fires are permitted only within an elevated charcoal grill.
3. Wood and charcoal fires are permitted along the Colorado River under conditions established within a valid River Permit.
4. Residential areas - wood, charcoal, or gas fires for esthetics, warming, or food preparation may be lighted and maintained by park residents and visiting students at the Albright Training Center within constructed receptacles or fire rings located within the curtilage (area immediately adjacent) of their residence.
5. Fires will be constantly monitored while burning and will be completely extinguished after use. Following each fire use, park residents will dispose of all ash and cold fire residue in an appropriate receptacle.
6. It is prohibited to light or maintain a fire on the grounds of formal, communal living

areas, i.e. dormitories, resident halls, and motel units used for employee residences. The use of barbecue grills for food preparation at these locations is allowed upon approval of the operating concessionaire.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.14 - Sanitation and Refuse**

#### Solid Waste:

All persons within the backcountry of Grand Canyon National Park must carry out their trash. Burning, burying, or leaving trash including toilet paper is prohibited.

#### Human Waste:

All persons within Grand Canyon National Park must properly dispose of human waste by making use of provided toilet facilities where available. In backcountry areas lacking toilet facilities, human waste must be buried in a small hole dug in soil at least six inches deep and at least 200 feet from any trail, campsite or water source.

In areas within 300 feet of the Colorado River without access to approved sanitary facilities; backcountry and river users must properly dispose of liquid waste by urinating directly into the river (not onto sand beaches).

All boaters on the Colorado River, whether traveling upstream from Lake Mead or downstream from Lee's Ferry, shall properly dispose of human waste by using a washable, reusable toilet or EPA approved waste disposal system carried on their vessel.

Also, see 36 CFR Section 7.4(b)(4).

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.15 - Pets**

#### **(a)(1) Pets are prohibited at the following areas:**

##### South Rim District:

Within the fenced perimeter of the Grand Canyon Cemetery

##### North Rim District:

Bright Angel Point Trail  
Ken Patrick Trail  
Widforss Trail  
Transept Trail  
Cliff Springs Trail  
Uncle Jim Trail

## Tiyo Point Trail

### Canyon District:

All areas below the rim of the Grand Canyon.

These restrictions do not apply to service animals accompanying visually or otherwise impaired persons.

- (a)(5) Pet owners shall bag and properly dispose of pet excrement in trash containers.
- (e) Residents may keep pets in accordance with guidelines set out in the Grand Canyon National Park Housing Policy

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.16 - Horses and Pack Animals**

- (a) Horses, mules, and burros are designated as "pack animals"
- (b) The use of stock or pack animals is permitted in the following areas:

#### South Rim District:

All primitive roads and on the Bridle Paths (South Kaibab Trailhead to Mather Campground, Bright Angel Trailhead to the Xanterra Barn).

Stock use is prohibited on the Rim Trail from Pipe Spring Overlook to First Trailview.

#### North Rim District:

Uncle Jim, Ken Patrick, and Arizona Trails, and the Bridle Path from the North Kaibab Trailhead to the Grand Canyon Lodge.

Primitive roads.

#### Canyon District:

Bright Angel, South Kaibab, North Kaibab, Plateau Point, and Whitmore Trails, and the section of Tonto Trail between the Bright Angel and South Kaibab Trails.

- (g) All stock users must abide by the following conditions:
  - 1. Camping with stock is only allowed by permit at specified sites and at least one member of the party must occupy the stock site overnight.
  - 2. Grazing: Grazing is prohibited. Feed for stock must be packed in, certified weed free and excess food must be packed out.

3. Stock is restricted to using the Kaibab Bridge for crossings of the Colorado River at Phantom Ranch.
4. Maximum group size is 12 riders or stock (Due to campsite size limitation)
5. Maximum ratio of packstock to saddlestock is 5:1
6. Maximum of one pack animal per non-rider.
7. Tree savers must be used when stock is tied to trees.  
Use of caulk shoes (sharpshod) is required whenever snow or ice is present or anticipated on park trails.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.17 - Aircraft and Air Delivery**

Permit required pursuant to FAA regulations. Contact the FAA.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.18 - Snowmobiles**

- (c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited – no designated routes are established or authorized.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.19 – Winter Activities**

No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.20 – Skating, Skateboards and Similar Devices**

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices (including in-line skates) is prohibited except in the following areas, by park residents or their guests:

The use of roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, and foot powered scooters is permitted on the paved residential bike trail system and established roads within the South Rim residential housing area (identified as being west of Trailer Village, south of Village Loop, east of the Maswick Transportation Center, and north of the NPS Maintenance/Fire Base Complex), and on the Greenway from the terminus at Canyon View Visitor Center to the Village Library.

NOTE: The use of such devices is prohibited on the Rim Trail, at visitor facilities (e.g., Canyon View Visitor Center, Yavapai Lodge, Maswick Transportation Center), and Grand Canyon Unified School District Facilities. Motorized scooters are prohibited on all pathways.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.21 – Smoking**

No special determinations at this time.

All federal buildings and structures are closed to smoking pursuant to Executive Order 13058.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.22 - Property**

(a)(2) No special time limits or other conditions established.

Also, see 36 CFR Section 7.4(c).

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.23 - Recreation Fees**

(c) No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.35 - Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances**

(3)(i) The following areas are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or that has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

The area within Grand Canyon Village bounded by Center Rd. to the east, Albright St. to the south and west, and Boulder St. to the north, including all school grounds and buildings, parking lots, day-care center, recreational fields and recreation center; provided, however, that this closure/restriction shall not apply to residents (and guests) of quarters (both permanent and temporary) within this area while utilizing those quarters or provided outside picnic facilities; nor shall it apply to persons serving/consuming alcoholic beverages at the recreation center, community ramada, or church, pursuant to a valid permit.

*This restriction is intended to supplement - but not replace - restrictions on the possession/consumption of alcoholic beverages within school zones that are imposed under state law.*

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.38 – Explosives**

No special determinations at this time.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.62 - Memorialization**

- (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Director)
- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

A permit is required for the scattering or placement of any crematoria within the

boundaries of Grand Canyon National Park. No part of this permit will be construed as to allow for the placement of any temporary or permanent memorial.

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.51(c)(e) - Locations Available For Public Assemblies**

A permit issued by the Superintendent is required for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views. A map showing areas within Grand Canyon National Park that are designated as not available for public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views based on one of the criteria stated in 36 CFR § 2.51(e) is available in the Office of the Superintendent. All other areas of the park are potentially available for these activities. The Superintendent will consider requests for permits on a case-by-case basis in light of the criteria listed in 36 CFR § 2.51(c).

### **36 CFR SECTION 2.52(c)(e) - Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter**

A permit issued by the Superintendent is required for the sale or distribution of printed material. A map showing areas within Grand Canyon National Park that are designated as not available for the sale or distribution of printed material based on one of the criteria listed in 36 CFR § 2.52(e) is available in the Office of the Superintendent. All other areas of the park are potentially available for the sale or distribution of printed material. The Superintendent will consider requests for permits on a case-by-case basis in light of the criteria listed in 36 CFR § 2.52(c).

### **36 CFR SECTION 3.3 – Vessel Permits**

A permit is required Between Lee's Ferry (river mile 0.0) and Diamond Creek (river mile 226).

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

### **36 CFR SECTION 3.6 – Boating Operations**

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

### **36 CFR SECTION 3.20 - Water skiing**

Water skiing is prohibited within Grand Canyon National Park. No special waters have been designated for use of water skis.

**36 CFR SECTION 3.21 - Swimming and bathing**

See 36 CFR Section 7.4(b)(8).

**36 CFR SECTION 3.23 – Scuba and Snorkeling**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 3.24 – Personal Watercraft (PWC)**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 4.11 – Vehicle Load, Weight and Size Limits**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 4.21 – Speed Limits**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 4.30 - Bicycles**

**(a) & (b) The following areas (within developed areas and/or special use zones) are designated for bicycle use:**

The Greenway from the Canyon View Visitor Center to Navajo Street.  
The paved residential bike trail system.

(NOTE: The use of bicycles is prohibited on the Rim Trail and other undesignated dirt trail systems).

**36 CFR SECTION 4.31 – Hitchhiking**

No special determinations at this time.

**36 CFR SECTION 7.4 – Grand Canyon National Park**

(a) Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles. The prohibition against the commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles to Grand Canyon National

Park contained in Sec. 5.4 of this chapter shall be subject to the following exception: Motor vehicles operated on a general, infrequent, and nonscheduled tour on which the visit to the park is an incident to such tour, carrying only round-trip passengers traveling from the point of origin of the tour, will be accorded admission to the park.

(b) Colorado whitewater boat trips. The following regulations shall apply to all persons using the waters of, or Federally owned land administered by the National Park Service, along the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park, upstream from Diamond Creek at approximately river mile 226:

(1) No person shall operate a vessel engaging in predominantly upstream travel or having a total horsepower in excess of 55.

(2) U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers must be worn by every person while on the river or while lining or portaging near rough water. One extra preserver must be carried for each ten (10) persons.

(3) No person shall conduct, lead, or guide a river trip unless such person possesses a permit issued by the Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park. The National Park Service reserves the right to limit the number of such permits issued, or the number of persons traveling on trips authorized by such permits when, in the opinion of the National Park Service, such limitations are necessary in the interest of public safety or protection of the ecological and environmental values of the area.

(i) The Superintendent shall issue a permit upon a determination that the person leading, guiding, or conducting a river trip is experienced in running rivers in white water navigation of similar difficulty, and possesses appropriate equipment, which is identified in the terms and conditions of the permit.

(ii) No person shall conduct, lead, guide, or outfit a commercial river trip without first securing the above permit and possessing an additional permit authorizing the conduct of a commercial or business activity in the park.

(iii) An operation is commercial if any fee, charge or other compensation is collected for conducting, leading, guiding, or outfitting a river trip. A river trip is not commercial if there is a bona fide sharing of actual expenses.

(4) All human waste will be taken out of the Canyon and deposited in established receptacles, or will be disposed of by such means as is determined by the Superintendent.

(5) No person shall take a dog, cat, or other pet on a river trip.

(6) The kindling of a fire is permitted only on beaches. The fire must be completely extinguished only with water before abandoning the area.

(7) Picnicking is permitted on beach areas along the Colorado River.

(8) Swimming and bathing are permitted except in locations immediately above rapids, eddies and riffles or near rough water.

(9) Possession of a permit to conduct, guide, outfit, or lead a river trip also authorizes camping along the Colorado River by persons in the river trip party, except on lands within the Hualapai Indian Reservation which are administered by the Hualapai Tribal Council; Provided, however, That no person shall camp at Red Wall Cavern, Elves Chasm, the mouth of Havasu Creek, or along the Colorado River bank between the mouth of the Paria River and the Navajo Bridge.

(10) All persons issued a river trip permit shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the permit.

(c) Immobilized and legally inoperative vehicles. (1) An immobilized vehicle is a motor vehicle which is not capable of moving under its own power due to equipment malfunction or deficiency. This term shall also include trailers whose wheels have been removed or which, for other reasons, cannot be immediately towed from their location, excluding trailers being used as residences which are occupying sites designated for this purpose by the Superintendent. A legally inoperative vehicle is a motor vehicle capable of movement under its own power, but not licensed to legally operate on roads.

(2) Leaving, storing, or placing upon federally owned lands within the park, any immobilized or legally inoperative vehicle for a period exceeding 30 days is prohibited, except under the terms of a permit issued by the Superintendent.

(3) A revocable permit for an immobilized or legally inoperative vehicle may be issued without fee by the Superintendent for a specific period of time, upon a finding that the issuance of such a permit will not interfere with park management or impair park resources.

(i) Any permit issued will be valid for the period stated on the permit, unless otherwise revoked or terminated by the Superintendent, and will state the name and address of the owner, the description of the vehicle, and the exact location where it may be left, stored or placed.

(ii) The permittee will affix the permit securely and conspicuously to the vehicle.

(iii) The permit shall be nontransferable.

(iv) Any person issued a permit shall comply with all terms and conditions of the permit. Failure to do so will constitute cause for the Superintendent to terminate the permit at any time.

(v) A permit may be revoked at any time for the convenience of the National Park Service or upon a finding that continued authorization under the permit would interfere with park management or impair park resources.

(4) An immobilized or legally inoperative vehicle left in excess of 30 days without a permit will be removed at the owner's expense.

(5) An immobilized or legally inoperative vehicle constituting a safety hazard, causing an obstruction to roads or trails, or interfering with maintenance operations will be removed immediately at the owner's expense. Such interference or impairment may include, but shall not be limited to, the creation of a safety hazard, traffic congestion, visual pollution, or fuel and lubricant drip pollution.

(6) The Superintendent shall have the right of inspection at all reasonable times to ensure compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.