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Grand Canyon National Park
Backcountry Information Center

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Grand Canyon National Park plans to move its overnight backcountry reservation system to Recreation.gov for all calendar year 2024 and later permits. For Grand Canyon backcountry permits and Recreation.gov FAQs visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-permit-questions.htm>

Backcountry Permit Application

Things to Know Before Applying

How to Apply (for start dates in 2023). ONLY ONE APPLICATION IS ACCEPTED PER GROUP. When applying for more than one trip at a time, please write a note of explanation.

- Fax application to 1-928-638-2125
- OR mail to Backcountry Information Center, 1824 S Thompson St #201, Flagstaff AZ, 86001
- OR bring to the Backcountry Information Center, located inside the park on both the South Rim and the North Rim
- PERMIT APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY TELEPHONE OR EMAIL.

When to Apply (for start dates in 2023). For the best chance of success, submit your group's backcountry permit application during the Earliest Consideration period (before 5pm MST on the 1st of the month that is four months prior to your proposed start date). Earliest Consideration permit applications can be submitted up to 10 days before the 1st of the month. All early applications received before 5pm on the 1st of the month are placed in a computer generated random order and are then processed in that order. Only after all Earliest Consideration applications have been processed are later applications considered in the order received.

Note: Corridor sites are usually all claimed during the Earliest Consideration period. Hikers submitting an application after this period should look at the Corridor Availability Snapshot to see what is available (<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/CorAvail.pdf>).

Permit Cost (for start dates in 2023). \$10 per permit plus \$12 per person or stock animal per night camped below the rim and \$12 per group per night camped above the rim. Denied applications do not incur a charge. Permits cancelled at least four days in advance receive hiker credit (minus \$10) valid for one year. Charges are NON-REFUNDABLE!

Itinerary. You may submit as many itinerary choices per application as you wish (use additional pages if necessary and include the trip leader's full name on all pages). Itineraries can be longer than seven nights. Dates must be consecutive within itinerary. Include nights at Phantom Ranch, on Forest Service land, and on Tribal land.

Group Size. Only one application is accepted per group regardless of group size. More permits are available for small groups (1-6 people) than for large groups (7-11 people).

Permit Response Time. Allow up to three weeks for your backcountry permit application to be processed. Applications are responded to by email.

Safety. Travel in Grand Canyon's backcountry has inherent risks and hikers assume complete responsibility for their own safety. Rescue is not a certainty. Backcountry users should be in good physical condition and take all necessary precautions. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hike-tips.htm>

Regulations. Grand Canyon hikers are responsible for knowing and obeying all backcountry rules and regulations. Visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry-regs.htm>

Multiple Permits. Regulations stipulate permits are void when a group (i.e. same club, organization, group of friends, etc.) obtains multiple permits for the same campground or use area for the same night.

For more information including seasonal hiking tips, trail information, Leave No Trace, Hike Smart, and private stock requirements visit <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/backcountry.htm>

Note: Only one application is accepted per group.

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BACKCOUNTRY/WILDERNESS USE PERMIT APPLICATION

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial
Street or Physical Address				
City	State/Province	Postal Code	Country	
Email Address			Contact Phone	
Commercial Guided Trip?		Group Name		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

TYPE OF BACKCOUNTRY/WILDERNESS USE REQUESTED (Check All That Apply)

☐ Backpacking ☐ Camping ☐ Canyoneering ☐ Pack rafting ☐ Pack and Saddle Stock Use
Quantity _____

ITINERARY DETAILS

	CHOICE ONE			CHOICE TWO		
	Group Size	Entry Location	Exit Location	Group Size	Entry Location	Exit Location
	Daily Itinerary Details (use additional pages if necessary)			Daily Itinerary Details (use additional pages if necessary)		
	Date	Camp Location / Use Area		Date	Camp Location / Use Area	
Night 1						
Night 2						
Night 3						
Night 4						
Night 5						
Night 6						
Night 7						

Additional Choices: If all choices above are unavailable, the Backcountry Information Center will retry using options selected below:

☐ Reverse Itinerary ☐ Similar/Nearby Campsites Minimum Group Size _____
Alternate Dates _____ to _____ Trip Length (# of nights) _____
(note: alternate start dates only) (note: minimum # nights only)

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION (note: trailhead vehicles only, leave blank if unknown)

Motor Vehicle(s) (Including ORVs and Motorcycles) Parking Location _____
Rental? ☐ Yes ☐ No Registration/Plate # _____ State/Province _____

PERMIT FEE PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Use hiker credit on file

Name on Card	Total Amount Authorized \$
Credit Card Number	Expiration Date
Signature	

NOTICES

Privacy Act Statement

General: This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), December 21, 1984, for individuals completing this form.

Authority: 54 U.S.C. §100101, NPS Organic Act; 16 U.S.C. 1131-1136, Wilderness Act; 43 U.S.C. §1701 et seq., 16 U.S.C. §6801-6814, the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act; 36 CFR Part 71, Recreation Fees; 36 CFR 1.6, Permits; and 36 CFR 2.23 Recreation Fees.

Purpose and Uses: To establish and verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct certain activities within the National Park System and to process permits for individual members of the public and organizations interested in obtaining a permit authorizing an activity. Information collected will be used to provide the public and permittees with permit-related information, to monitor activities conducted under a permit, to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use park resources, to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. The DOI and NPS may use the information to meet reporting requirements, to generate budget estimates and track performance, and to assist park staff with visitor education, fee collection, resource management and protection, recreational use planning, law enforcement and public safety personnel for such purposes as emergency contact and search and rescue efforts; to provide permit holders and participants with information about parks and their partners; and to provide reports of activities conducted under an issued permit.

Based on the disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, the National Park Service may share information with first responders and Federal, state, and local governments to provide information needed to locate an individual or render aid in an emergency; to recover debts owed to the United States; to respond to a violation or potential violation of the law; in response to a court order and/or discovery purposes related to litigation; or other authorized routine use when the disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were compiled.

Effects of Nondisclosure: It is in your best interest to answer all of the questions. The U.S. Criminal Code, Title 18 U.S.C. 1001, provides that knowingly falsifying or concealing a material fact is a felony that may result in fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years in prison, or both. Deliberately and materially making false or fraudulent statements on this form will be grounds for not granting you a Backcountry/Wilderness Use Permit.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) and 36 CFR 1-7, 12 and 13 which authorize the National Park Service to require applicants to fill out this form to monitor resources and to protect visitors. This information is being collected to allow the park management to make value judgements necessary to enhance the safety and enjoyment of both the visitors and wildlife. All applicable parts of the form must be completed in order for your request to be considered. You are not required to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Estimated Burden Statement

Public Reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including the time it takes for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form should be sent to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Do not send this application to this address but rather to the park address listed at the top of the first page.