GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK
2012

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 All prior releases are rescinded.

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I. 36 CFR SECTION 1.5 – CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS

(a)(1) The following 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:

Caves

Public presence, use, and access in all caves, as defined below, is prohibited without a valid permit authorized by the Superintendent. "Cave of the Domes" presently 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 which occurs beneath the surface of the earth of within a cliff or ledge (including any cave resource therein, but not including any vug, mine, tunnel, aqueduct, or other manmade excavation) and which is large enough to permit an individual to enter, whether or not the entrance is naturally formed or manmade. Such term shall include any natural pit, sinkhole, or other feature which is an extension of the entrance.

For management purposes, Grand Canyon National Park extends this definition to include any dissolution or erosion feature 50 feet or longer where the entrance is not wider than the cave is long (e.g. Redwall Cavern is not a cave by definition).

(This restriction is necessary to protect the many unrecorded features, archaeological resources, and various life that may reside in the thousands of Grand Canyon caves.)

Mines

Public presence, use, and access in all mines, as defined below, is prohibited except for individuals conducting permitted research or administrative business. *For management purposes, Grand Canyon National Park defines mine as any anthropogenic feature excavated for the purposes of mineral extraction. This definition includes adits, shafts, pits, tunnels, prospects, and tailings piles associated with mining.*

(This restriction is necessary to protect human health and safety, unrecorded features, archaeological resources, and wildlife habitat.)

Unmanned Aircraft

Operating an Unmanned Aircraft, including radio controlled aircraft, model aircraft, and aircraft operated by first person video is prohibited in Grand Canyon National Park. The toy class remote controlled aircraft can be used within the curtilage of residential structures.

(Title 36 CFR 2.17 (d) allows the NPS to adopt FAA regulations. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) defines aircraft as a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air (Title 14 CFR 1.13). This FAA definition includes unmanned aircraft (UA). Flying UA within Grand Canyon NP may adversely impact Threatened and Endangered Species including the California Condor and Mexican Spotted Owl, the park's active aviation program, wildlife and archaeological resources and wilderness characteristics. FAA has special Federal Aviation Regulations within the Grand Canyon and this closure is consistent with those regulations.)

South Rim District:

South Rim Range Road
Public use, access and presence on the South Rim Range Road are prohibited.

South Rim Wastewater 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 entry, access or presence.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to protect the public from potential hazards associated with wastewater treatment.)

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 entry. This area is defined by a three-strand wire fence with public closure notices posted.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to protect the public from potential hazards associated with wastewater treatment.)

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 entry.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to South Rim Landfill to protect the public from a potentially hazardous site and materials.)

Desert View Wastewater Treatment Plant, 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 entry.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to protect the public from potential hazards associated with wastewater treatment.)

South Gate Storage Site (Maintenance and Protection storage area)
The South Gate Road and storage area, as defined by the road closure gate and posted signs, is closed to public use, access and presence.

(Public access of this area needs to be restricted for the protection of the government property.)

South Rim Remediated Leaking Underground Storage Tank
The construction of any permanent facility is prohibited between NPS building #1536 and the above ground fuel tanks (an area of 75' east to west and 35' north to south) within the National Park Service maintenance yard.

(This is the former site of a 20,000-gallon tank that experienced a leak resulting in an unknown amount of fuel loss into the surrounding soils. This closure is necessary to meet Arizona Department of Environmental Quality regulations regarding public safety at environmentally impacted sites.)

Orphan Mine (Upper and Lower sites)
The area surrounding the Orphan Mine sites (upper - located approximately 200-yards north of the Hermit Road between Maricopa and Powell points, lower – located 1,100 feet below the canyon rim) and defined by a three-strand wire fence, is closed to public entry.

(The Orphan Mine was an active uranium mine from 1956 - 1969 and the area has a number of safety hazards including open shafts, sharp metal, and varying levels of radioactivity.)

Park Service Maintenance Operations Center and Wildland Fire Base
Public access, use and presence 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 is necessary to protect government property, files and enhance employee safety.)

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 entry.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to protect the public from potential hazards associated with wastewater treatment.)

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. This closure extends from the existing water edge to the top of the Tapeats layer and from river mile 63.0 to 64.5.

(This restriction is necessary for the protection of a significant cultural resource that is also composed of fragile natural materials.)

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".

(This restriction is necessary to protect a significant cultural resource and ensure public safety since the route involves climbing the Redwall formation.)

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

(This restriction is necessary for the protection of a significant cultural resource and public health due to the high levels of asbestos fiber and employee safety.)

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 NE along the shore to river mile 71.

(This restriction is necessary for the protection of a significant cultural resource.)

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 entry.

(Per Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to protect the public from potential hazards associated with wastewater treatment.)

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 entry.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to the Marble Flats Landfill to protect the public from a potentially hazardous site.)

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 entry.

(Per the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, public access must be denied to the Lindbergh Hill Landfill to protect the public from a potentially hazardous site.)

Tuweep Area
No more than 30 vehicles or 85 visitors may be in the Tuweep area, including the Toroweep Overlook, campground, Vulcan's Throne area and local trails, at any one time.

River District:

Colorado River - 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).

(This section of river remains whitewater where the upstream travel would present a danger to oar powered rafts.)

Deer Creek Drainage, river mile 136.9, right bank of the Colorado River
Climbing and/or rappelling (ascending or descending) in the creek narrows, with or without the use of ropes or other technical equipment, is prohibited. This restriction extends within the creek beginning at the southeast end of the rock ledges, known at the "Patio" to the base of Deer Creek Falls.

(This restriction is necessary for the protection of a significant cultural resource).

Little Colorado River
Boats may not enter or park in the Little Colorado River channel. Boat travel is restricted to the Colorado River mainstem channel, and is independent of the mixing line between the two bodies of water.

(Boat travel on the Little Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park requires a special use permit).

The southern half of the Little Colorado River (mid-stream to south shore), from the confluence to the park boundary approximately 2 miles upstream of the confluence with the Colorado River, is closed to swimming and wading from March 1st to November 30th.

Stream crossings are only allowed at approximately 0.2 miles upstream of the confluence with the Colorado River.

(These restrictions are to protect the nurseries and critical habitat for the endangered humpback chub.)

Roads: The following roads are closed to **motorized** modes of transportation. (Note: These closures do not apply to official/administrative use.)

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-15
Old Entrance Road
W-1, (Except that portion of the road that is between the Rowe Well Ramada and the intersection of W-1b. This portion leads to a temporary parking lot for the Waldron Trailhead; see below).
W-1a
W-1b (Except that portion of the road from the intersection of W-1, west to the temporary parking lot, which will serve as a temporary alternate access for the Waldron Trailhead. The length of the temporary access road from the Rowe Well Ramada to the temporary parking lot is approximately 2.2 miles).
W-1c
W-4
W-5
W-6
W-6a
W-6b
W-7
All power line roads

The following road is closed from **March 1st – November 30th** each year:

West Rim Drive to Hermits Rest

The following roads are closed to motor vehicles:

Yaki Point Access Road
South Kaibab Trailhead Access Road

(Handicap permits are available, and this closure does not apply to employees, residents, and official/administrative use.)

The following roads are closed to ALL ***motorized and mechanized*** *travel.*

South Rim District:

Cape Solitude from E-14 Road
W8
W8a
Jicarilla Point from W1
W-9 (Except from FS-328 to W-9A)

North Rim District:

Kaibab Plateau

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)
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]

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-3 from Tuckup at Dream Rock (1/4 mile east of T-1 jct.) to end
T-4 from Landfill to the Cove
T-4a
T-5
T-6 north end of Toroweap CG at site 9 to end (jct. with T-3.)
T-7
T-8
T-9

Sanup Plateau

S-1 from the NPS boundary to two-track north of the "Fort Garrett" Ruin and two-track south of the ruin, across Sanup Plateau to the Canyon rim.

Grand Wash Cliffs:

GW-1
GW-2
GW-3

(The above listed roads fall within The Final Wilderness Recommendation, 1993 Update and 2010 Update.)

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

Passenger Carrying Busses

Commercial vehicles (busses, vans, school busses, etc.) are only allowed to idle while actively (passengers are physically getting on or off the bus) loading and unloading passengers. All operators must turn off vehicle engines at all times when parked or when not actively loading or unloading passengers.

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 Picnic Area and Access Road

A permit is required for motor vehicle access on the Shoshone Point Road corridor (E-5) and/or organized public use of the Shoshone Point Picnic Area. The general public is restricted from the Shoshone Point Road and Picnic Area, including the actual Shoshone Point rock outcropping, during the times specified on an authorized permit.

(Unrestricted public vehicle use on this single lane dirt road would lead to resource degradation. During permitted gatherings, other visitors have to walk directly through the picnic site often disrupting the activities or around the site in areas recently rehabilitated. Therefore this restriction is necessary for resource protection and to control visitor activities in confined areas of impacts.)

II. 36 CFR SECTION 1.6 - ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

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

1.5(d) - Areas Restricted to Public Presence, Use and Access by Permit Only:

Caves (and mines) - See 36 CFR 1.5 section in the compendium.
Maricopa Point Endangered Plant Area
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.

2.10(a) - Camping Activities:

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

Persons hiking in and camping with a river trip must have a valid backcountry permit for the use area in which they wish to camp with a river party.

Any party joining a river party must be included on the river permit.

River crossings incidental to a backcountry hiking permit are allowed under the following conditions:

- Only the minimal amount of river travel necessary to gain the hiking terrain of the opposite shore is permitted.
- Multiple crossings are approved if the permitted itinerary requires them.
- Backcountry permits involving such crossings will only be issued for backcountry use areas that are immediately adjacent (across the river) from one another.
- If proposed crossings for a given itinerary result in five or more miles of travel upon the water, a private river trip permit is required.
- The five mile limit applies to same side, river-level hikes for which entry into the river is necessary in order to navigate around terrain that prohibits travel by foot.

All campers staying within the developed areas of the South and North Rims must obtain a valid permit and camp within the designated boundaries of the Mather, Desert View, North Rim, or Tuweep Campgrounds.

(Grand Canyon hosts more than 238,000 campers annually. This restriction is necessary to protect park resources and maintain an appropriate visitor experience.)

2.12 - Audio Disturbances:

(a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
(a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 2.50 or 2.51

2.17 - Aircraft and Air Delivery:

(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
(c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft

2.51 - Public assemblies, meetings:

(a) 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).

2.52 - Sale or distribution of printer matter:

(a) The sale or distribution of printed matter, provided that the printed matter is not solely commercial advertising. 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).

3.3 – Vessel Permits

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

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.

5.4 - Commercial passenger-carrying motor vehicles:

(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicles

Also, see 36 CFR 7.4(a).

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. Contact superintendent's office.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR 2.1 – Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archaeological Resources

(a)(4) From November 1st through the end of February, river users may collect driftwood from along beaches along the Colorado River to use as firewood. Gathering of wood from any standing or on-site fallen trees, dead or alive, is prohibited. Collecting and/or burning driftwood is prohibited outside of these dates.

(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) The gathering, by hand, of pinyon nuts for personal use or consumption is allowed. Each gatherer is allowed twenty-five (25) pounds, in a shell, per day. This is approximately the volume of one large flour sack or standard size pillow case. Sale or commercial use of pinyon nuts gathered within the boundaries of the Grand Canyon National Park is strictly prohibited. Gathering of plants, rocks, or firewood is also strictly prohibited.

(c)(2)(ii) The following limits to location of gathering pinyon nuts are in place: Gathering of pinyon nuts may not occur within campgrounds and housing areas, except by permitted campers and residents, respectively. Pinyon gatherers must follow established park regulations for designated parking and camping activities.

36 CFR 2.2 - Wildlife Protection

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

- 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 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.)
- 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 he transported item. No legally taken wildlife will be displayed or in open public view, while inside the park boundaries.
- Individuals or park residents will not transport game animals into the park, via the Grand View Fire Tower Road or Rowe Well Road, without

notifying Park Dispatch (928-638-7805) of their intention prior to transport and prior to entering the park.

- 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.
- Hunters transporting legally taken wildlife from the Arizona Strip/Parashant National Monument will utilize alternate road systems without entering Grand Canyon National Park.

(This access will allow hunters to travel through the park with legally taken game with no increased risk to park resources and the risk of inadvertent law enforcement contacts will be reduced.)

36 CFR 2.10 - Camping and Food Storage

(a) The superintendent may require permits, designate sites or areas, and establish conditions for camping.

All overnight use within the backcountry of Grand Canyon National Park requires a permit. The following are "designated" campsites/areas:

Developed Areas:

All campers staying within the developed areas of the South Rim and North Rim must obtain a valid permit and camp within the designated areas of the Mather, Desert View, North Rim, or Tuweep Campgrounds. Fees are required at Mather, Desert View and North Rim.

(Grand Canyon NP hosts more than 238,000 campers annually. This restriction is necessary to protect park resources and maintain an appropriate visitor experience.)

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)

River sites:

It is prohibited to occupy a campsite unless all members of the party are present. If the entire trip is not present at a campsite, participants must not block access to the campsite for other river trips, including, but not limited to, not blocking the main boat parking and not using the main group areas of the campsite.

Splitting a river trip is not allowed for safety reasons, except under the following conditions:

1) Participants may separate to shuttle boats for a loop hike, which is defined as a hike that begins and ends at different locations on the river.
2) Participants may separate to take passengers who are hiking out at Phantom Ranch or Pipe Creek to the trail head, when environmental conditions warrant an overriding safety need to hike at the earliest part of the day.

All camping along the river corridor must be conducted within 100 yards of the water line.

The following conditions also apply:

Redwall Cavern
Wood fires are never allowed.

Nankoweap Special Use Area
The Nankoweap area, on river right from River Mile 52.1 to 53.5, is restricted to four designated campsites – Little Nankoweap Camp at River Mile 52.1 located at the upstream corner of Nankoweap delta; Upper Nankoweap Camp (or the Bay Camp) at River Mile 53.1 located in a large cove behind a gravel bar; the Main Nankoweap Camp at River Mile 53.4; and Lower Nankoweap Camp (or the Point Camp) at River Mile 53.5 located downstream and around the corner from the Main Camp. Each camp has a capacity of one river trip party.

Little Colorado River
Camping is prohibited on river left at the confluence of the Little Colorado River with the Colorado River from approximately River Mile 61.5 to River Mile 62, including the island at the confluence.

Shinumo Creek
Camping is prohibited within 100 yards upstream or downstream of the confluence of Shinumo Creek and the Colorado River.

Tapeats Creek
Camping is prohibited on river right from 1/8 mile upstream to 1/8 mile downstream of the confluence of Tapeats Creek and the Colorado River.

Deer Creek
Camping is prohibited on river right from 0.25 miles upstream to 0.5 miles downstream of the confluence of Deer Creek and the Colorado River.

Kanab Creek
Camping is prohibited on river right from 0.25 miles upstream to 0.25 miles downstream of the confluence of Kanab Creek and the Colorado River.

Matkatamiba Canyon
The mouth of Matkatamiba Canyon and the Canyon itself are day-use areas only. Camping is prohibited.

RM 185 – RM 187.5
Between May 1 and September 30, camping is restricted to river trips with passenger exchanges at Whitmore Wash.

(Grand Canyon NP hosts more than 238,000 campers annually. This restriction is necessary to protect park resources and maintain an appropriate visitor experience.)

Backcountry Use Areas / Sites Where Camping is Permitted:

Contact Backcountry Permit Office for Current Listing

(These restrictions are necessary to protect a fragile desert ecosystem, maintain the visitor experience, and are in concert with the 1988 Backcountry Management Plan.)

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 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 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 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 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 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 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.

36 CFR 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. Fires must be contained within a fire receptacle (such as a fire pan, chiminea, metal portable fire pit, or the like) 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 2.14 - Sanitation and Refuse

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

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. Toilet paper may be left in toilet facilities.

Human Waste: All persons within Grand Canyon National Park must properly dispose of human waste by making use of toilet facilities where available. In backcountry areas lacking toilet facilities, human waste can either be packed out using approved, commercially available bag systems*, or must be buried in a small hole dug in soil at least 6 inches deep and at least 200 feet away from any trail, campsite or water source.

* At this time the EPA approved products we are aware of are the Restop® and Wagbag® systems. Both may be legally introduced into the municipal waste stream and can be placed in trash cans and dumpsters.

36 CFR 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.

(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 Plan.

- No more than two dogs or two cats, or a combination of one dog and one cat, shall be permitted in each household. In addition, the following are allowed: two caged birds, two rodents, two amphibians, two reptiles, and two rabbits. There is no restriction on aquarium fish.
- Pets not permitted include:
  - Native wildlife
  - Federally or state protected rare, threatened or endangered species
  - Pets that cannot be permanently confined within the employee's residence and employee's immediate yard area
  - Dangerous pets displaying hostile or threatening behavior, which might harm humans or native wildlife
  - Domestic livestock, swine, or fowl

  Dogs must wear collars with current rabies tags as well as identification tags or implanted chips at all times. Cats must have identification tags or implanted chips.

  Pet owners are responsible for the disposition of unwanted pets or pets deemed undesirable by the park superintendent.

No food is to be left outside on a permanent basis for the purpose of feeding a pet.

(These restrictions are established as the minimum requirements because excluding pets from the park would be an undue hardship for park residents, and many of the visitors coming to Grand Canyon annually. However less restrictive measures would lead to resource degradation or damage to park property or structures.)

36 CFR 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 Creek 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.

8. Use of caulk shoes (sharpshod) is required whenever snow or ice is present or anticipated on park trails.
9. Stock is not allowed in the stream above or below trail crossings.

(These limitations and conditions are necessary to protect the resource and prevent incidents involving private stock within Grand Canyon where the heat and ecosystem can quickly overtax livestock.)

36 CFR 2.17 - Aircraft and Air Delivery

Permit required pursuant to FAA regulations. Contact the FAA.

36 CFR 2.20 – Skating, Skateboards and Similar Devices

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 Grand Canyon Visitor Center to the Village Library.

The use of such devices is prohibited on the Rim Trail, at visitor facilities (e.g., Grand Canyon Visitor Center, Yavapai Lodge, Maswick Transportation Center), and Grand Canyon Unified School District facilities.

Motorized scooters are prohibited on all pathways.

(It is appropriate to allow the opportunity for skating, etc. to local children recreating, or adults exercising, on the paved residential paths.)

36 CFR 2.21 – Smoking

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

36 CFR 2.35 - Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

(a)(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.

36 CFR 3.3 – Vessel Permits

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

36 CFR 3.6 – Boating Operations

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

36 CFR SECTION 3.12 - 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 3.16 - Swimming and bathing

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

36 CFR SECTION 4.21 – Speed Limits

(b) Speed limits, other than 45 miles per hour and 15 miles per hour, are designated as posted on roads within Grand Canyon NP.

(The Superintendent has determined that these restrictions are necessary to promote traffic and visitor safety, and to reduce wildlife mortalities caused by vehicular collisions.)

36 CFR SECTION 4.30 - Bicycles

(a) The greenway beginning south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center and continuing south of Village Loop Road to Grand Canyon Village (known as Greenway II), the South Rim residential greenway system, and the Hermit Road Greenway beginning at Monument Creek Vista and continuing to the junction with Hermit Road (approximately ¼ mile east of Hermit's Rest) are open to the use of bicycles. Also, the greenway beginning south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center and continuing east to Pipe Creek Overlook and the South Kaibab trailhead is open to bicycles.

All other areas of Grand Canyon National Park, except park roads open to general motor vehicle traffic, remain closed to the use of bicycles, including the section of greenway directly on the rim between the greenway intersection to the southeast of Mather Point and the Bright Angel Trailhead on the South Rim.