

# Day Hike - Rim Trail

## Grand Canyon National Park

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**Trail Condition:** Inclines to flat. Well defined. Shade along trail. Most of the trail is paved and some sections are accessible. Excellent walking for quiet views of the inner canyon and for visitors who desire an easy hike with minimal elevation change. In winter surfaces may be slippery or icy when snowy. Beware of lightning during summer thunderstorms. Leashed pets are permitted on the trail but not on park shuttle buses.

**Directions to Trailhead:** Begin from any viewpoint in Grand Canyon Village or along Hermit Road. Can access the trail from many of the shuttle bus stops.

**Trailhead Elevation:** 6,820 feet, varies approximately 200 feet.

**Note:** NO water along trail. Water in Grand Canyon Village area and at Hermits Rest.

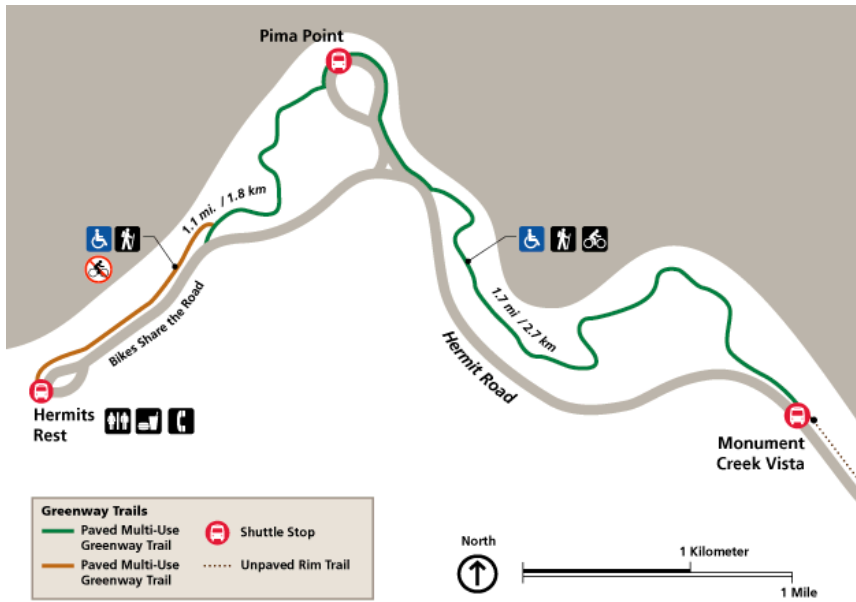
The Rim Trail stretches from the South Kaibab Trailhead west to Hermits Rest, a distance of approximately thirteen miles (21 km), most of the trail is paved. Between Pipe Creek Vista and Bright Angel Lodge only a few short sections of the trail have grades that exceed accessibility standards. West of Bright Angel Lodge, the Rim Trail narrows and climbs the Bright Angel Fault to viewpoints along Hermit Road. Between Powell Point and Monument Creek Vista the trail is a three foot wide dirt trail. The section of the Rim Trail between Monument Creek Vista and Hermits Rest is also known as the Hermit Road Greenway Trail. For shuttle bus schedules and stops visit [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm)

Destination (heading west)	Distance (in miles) to next point	Services:		Notes
		W = Water W	T = Toilet T	
South Kaibab Trailhead	.8	X	X	Shuttle bus stop.
Pipe Creek Vista	1.4			Shuttle bus stop.
Mather Point	.7		X	Closest overlook to Grand Canyon Visitor Center.
Yavapai Point	.7	X	X	Glass observation area with canyon information. Shuttle bus stop.
Park Headquarters junction	1.2			The trail between this point and the next passes historic buildings, restrooms, and water.
Village Route Transfer	.7			Shuttle bus stop.
Trailview Overlook	.7			Good views of the Bright Angel Trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Maricopa Point	.5			Shuttle bus stop.
Powell Point	.3			Pavement ends and trail becomes 3 foot wide dirt trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Hopi Point	.8		X	Great spot for viewing the sunset. Shuttle bus stop.
Mohave Point	1.1			Shuttle bus stop.
The Abyss	.9			Shuttle bus stop.
Monument Creek Vista	1.7			Dirt trail ends and trail becomes a 9 foot wide paved trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Pima Point	1.1			Shuttle bus stop.
Hermits Rest		X	X	Small gift shop and snack bar. Shuttle bus stop.

Everyone needs to carry water! Even though you will be hiking on the rim, you still need to carry water. Always remember to eat as well as drink while hiking.

### Avoid trouble by Hiking Smart

- Plan your hike before you start.
- Balance your food and water intake. Eat salty snacks and drink water or sports drinks.
- Go slowly, rest often, stay cool. Allow the weakest hiker to set the pace.
- During the summer, hike during the cooler, shadier times of the day.



**Shuttle Bus Information for Hermits Rest Route** - This route operates from March 1 to November 30. Buses provide transportation between the Village Route Transfer and Hermits Rest with stops at nine canyon overlooks. During the return trip, buses stop only at Hermits Rest, Pima, Mohave, and Powell Points.

Weather dependent, Hermit Road is open to private vehicles December 1 to February 28. Be aware that in wintertime inclement weather can cause Hermit Road to close temporarily with little notice as storms move through the area.

### Trail Accessibility

The Hermit Road section of the Greenway Trail accommodates hikers, bicyclists, and visitors using wheelchairs. The trail meets Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas. Much of the trail follows the 1912 alignment of Hermit Road. There are six overlooks, including Pima Point, in addition to multiple resting areas along the trail.

**Trail Length:** 2.8 mi / 4.5 km

#### Trail Activities



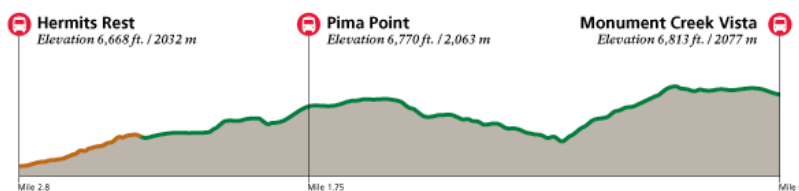
**Average Trail Grade:** 4%  
0.6 mi. / 1 km of the trail has a slope between 5% and 8.3%  
0.4 mi. / 0.6 km of the trail is approximately 8.3%

**Average Cross Slope:** 2%

**Tread Width**  
0.4 mi. / 0.6 km averages 5 ft. / 1.5 m  
2.4 mi. / 3.9 km of the trail is 8-9 ft / 2.4-2.7 m

**Trail Surface:** Asphalt

### Trail Profile



## Hermit Road Greenway Trail Map