

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Superintendent's Compendium

Summary of Changes

September 20th, 2024

The following items have been added, modified, or deleted since the previous edition of the Superintendent's Compendium. Changes are shown in red.

Minor changes such as formatting, spelling, and punctuation changes that do not change the meaning of the text are not recorded here.

CONTENT CHANGES:

ADDED:

36 FR Part 1: General Provisions

36 FR § 1.5: Closures and Public Use Limits

- (11) **Vehicles over 22 Feet in Length – Restricted:** Vehicles over 22 feet in length are restricted from the following North and South Rim roads and parking lots. This measurement reflects the total length of the vehicle from end to end, including anything towed. 36 CFR § 1.5 (a)(2)
- (a) On the North Rim they are prohibited from using the W1, W1A, W4, Fire Point, and Cape Royal Roads, and they are prohibited from parking in front of the North Rim Visitor Center (except when actively loading or unloading passengers). **They are also prohibited at Tuweep, including all park areas within Toroweap Valley, and all park areas on the Kanab Plateau.**
- (b) On the South Rim they are prohibited from parking in Parking Lots “A” (located at Park Headquarters), Parking Lot “4” (located at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center adjacent to the bicycle rental shop), and the Yavapai Geology Museum parking lot. Authorized school groups accessing Park Headquarters and Xanterra Tour Buses accessing the Yavapai Geology Museum are excepted.
- (This restriction is necessary due to limited space and parking lot configurations.)*
- (53) **Colorado River Rafting Permits:** No person shall conduct, lead, guide, or participate on a river trip within Grand Canyon National Park unless 1) that person has been authorized to do so through a current Grand Canyon National Park Noncommercial River Permit or through a Commercial River Concessions Contract and 2) that person abides by all the conditions of that permit.
- (a) **Commercial River Concessions Contracts:** Commercial River Concessions Contracts are required for all commercially guided river trips on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon. Sixteen river outfitters have been selected to utilize the entire Lees Ferry to Diamond Creek commercial river allocation and are permitted to provide a range of trip types in accordance with the National Park Service Concessions Management and Improvement Act of 1998 (16 USC 5961). No additional commercial river use is permitted. Individuals interested in

participating on a commercially guided river trip should contact the park's River Permit Office for a list of authorized companies. For more information on the process for obtaining a river contract, contact the park's Commercial Services Office. 36 CFR § 1.5 (a)(2), 1.6 (a)

(b) Noncommercial River Permits: Individuals interested in applying for a River Permit should contact the park's River Permits Office. The following are conditions of all Noncommercial River Permits: 36 CFR§1.5(a)(2), 1.6(a)

1. **No fee, charge, or compensation of any kind may be collected or received by any member of the trip for conducting, leading, guiding, outfitting, or performing services on any noncommercial river trip. 36 CFR § 5.3 and 36 CFR § 7.4(b)(3)(iii)**
2. **Exchanges:** Persons hiking in to camp with a river trip must, for each night, either:
 - a) Be included on the river permit, or
 - b) Be included on a backcountry permit for that use area.

(58) Day Hike Permits:

- (a) Commercial groups, commercial companies, and paid guides must have a Commercial Use Authorization to operate in Grand Canyon National Park and are prohibited from guiding Rim-to-River-to-Rim Day Hiking (36 CFR § 1.5 (a)(2)).
- (b) Any non-commercial group of 12 to 30 persons conducting an extended day hike below the rim on the same trail must obtain a permit regardless of how a group may be physically separated on the hike.
- (c) Non-commercial groups of less than 12 persons do not need a Special Use Permit.
- (d) Groups of more than 30 persons are not authorized to conduct extended day hiking in the inner canyon and shall not be issued a permit for those activities.
- (e) Groups may not break into smaller groups to avoid the regulations related to group size.

Definitions:

Extended Day Hiking: Hiking on any trail below the Tonto Platform, and on:

- South Rim below Tip-Off and Havasupai Gardens
- North Rim below Manzanita Resthouse.

Non-Commercial Groups: Any group traveling together and hiking on the same day, such as a group of friends, coworkers, or business associates, a club, a church, or “meet-up” group, who have created their own itinerary.

Commercial Groups: A group of persons that collectively or individually pays a company, organization, or individual to provide a product, activity, service, or function within NPS managed areas. All groups that don't meet this definition are considered non-commercial.

Commercial Companies: An entity that provides a product, activity, service, or other function in exchange for compensation.

(Organized and extended inner canyon hiking has increased dramatically in recent years, especially rim-to-rim and rim-to-rim-to-rim visitation. This restriction is necessary to protect park resources and maintain a positive visitor experience. 36 CFR § 1.5 (f), 1.6 (a))

(62) **Public Assemblies, Meetings, or Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter Permits:** The areas listed below are designated for demonstrations and the sale or distribution of printed matter. These areas may be occupied by groups of 25 or fewer persons without a permit provided that all terms of 36 CFR 2.51 and 2.52 are met.

(a) Shrine of the Ages: 24 South Entrance Road, SH1 - on the parking lot island at the intersection of the Shrine's sidewalk and the parking lot

(b) Mather Point Amphitheatre

(c) McKee Amphitheatre

(d) Market Plaza Area: 5 Market Plaza Parking

- MP1 - on the left side of the entrance to the Post Office
- MP2 - On the right side of the bank's entrance
- MP3 - Market Plaza Road, near the south entrance to the Yavapai Cafeteria

(e) Grand Canyon Visitor Center: 8 South Entrance Road

- GCVC1 - North of Shuttle Bus Transit
- GCVC2 - Northwest of Lot 1, shelters
- GCVC3 - Northwest of Lot 1, shelters
- GCVC4 - Northwest of Lot 1, shelters

(f) Desert View: 901 Desert View Road

- DV1 - Northeast corner of main parking lot
- DV2 - Southeast corner of Trading Post

(g) North Rim: End of Highway 67, North Rim, AZ

- NR1 - At North Rim Visitor Center sign at south end of parking lot
- NR2 - Northeast corner of Visitor Center

(h) The Worship Site on the South Rim: Hermit Road at West Rim Interchange on the Rim Trail

36 CFR Part 3: Boating & Water Use Activities

36 CFR § 3.3: Vessel Permits:

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

36 CFR § 3.6: Boating Operations:

See 36 CFR 7.4(b)

(12) **Evacuations, Loss, or Injury of Persons:** Any incidents resulting in evacuation from the canyon, personal injury requiring more than first aid, the death or disappearance of any

participant, property damage greater than \$500, or the occurrence of gastrointestinal illnesses must be reported to Grand Canyon National Park and is a condition of the River Permit. 36 CFR § 3.5

- (13) **Mechanically Propelled Personal Hydrofoils (eFoils), Motorized Surfboards (MSB), and Personal Watercraft (PWC):** Efoils, MSBs, and PWCs, as defined in 33 CFR 174.3 and USCG Policy Letter 01-22, are prohibited for use on the Colorado River within Grand Canyon National Park between river mile 0 at Lees Ferry and river mile 279 near Pearce Ferry.
- (14) **Non-Approved Vehicles Providing Motorized Propulsion:** All vehicles that provide motorized propulsion in or on water that are not already approved within the motorized use section of the river regulations may not be used within Grand Canyon National Park. Persons wanting to use vehicles that provide motorized propulsion in or on water that are not already approved within the motorized use section of the river regulations must submit a request to the Superintendent's Office.

(Per the Commercial River Trip Regulations, clients of commercial operators are not permitted to operate motorized vessels of any kind, and on a noncommercial motorized trip, per Noncommercial River Trip Regulations, four-stroke motors are the only type of motorized craft allowed on the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park. In addition, the superintendent's office and the office of the solicitor determined the use of eFoils, MSBs, and PWCs would be contrary to the NPS policy of managing proposed wilderness as wilderness)

MODIFIED:

*36 CFR Part 1: General Provisions
36 CFR § 1.5: Closures and Public Use Limits*

36 CFR § 2.15: Pets

(11) **Where Pets are Prohibited:** Pets are prohibited in the following areas:

- (a) **Below the Rim:** Pets are prohibited in all areas below the rim of the Grand Canyon, with the exception of Toroweap Road, Tuweep Campground, and Toroweap Overlook parking lot and picnic area. Pets in these areas must be restrained on a leash that does not exceed 6 feet in length, or otherwise physically confined at all times. 36 CFR § 2.15(a)(2).
- (b) **Grand Canyon Cemetery:** Pets are prohibited within the fenced perimeter of the Grand Canyon Cemetery, located in the South Rim District.
- (c) **North Rim Trails:** Pets are prohibited from all the following North Rim area trails:
- Bright Angel Point Trail
 - Cliff Springs Trail
 - Ken Patrick Trail
 - Tiyo Point Trail
 - Transept Trail
 - Uncle Jim Trail
 - Widforss Trail

DELETED:

None.

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