



Obtaining a Permit for Shoshone Point



Grand Canyon National Park offers Shoshone Point on the South Rim for reservation by groups wishing to host a wedding, celebrate a birthday, conduct a memorial service, hold a family reunion, or similar event. The site features a covered pavilion, picnic tables, grills, trash cans, and a vault toilet. There is no water or electricity. An unimproved dirt road leads to this isolated area with spectacular views of Grand Canyon.

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You may obtain a permit no earlier than one year prior to the requested date on a first-come, first-served basis. To obtain a permit, visit: <http://www.nps.gov/grca/parkmgmt/sup.htm>. Grand Canyon National Park will confirm available dates upon receiving a completed application with payment. You will receive confirmation by mail or email. Bring the permit with you when you come to the park.

The non-refundable fee is \$325. Make checks or money orders payable to: U.S. Department of the Interior—NPS. The park also accepts credit cards; please provide credit card information on the application.

Although rare, cancellations or changes to your permit due to unanticipated closures, fires, weather, or conflicts with other park uses may occur. In all cases the park superintendent makes the final determination of the use of Shoshone Point.

Accessibility

The ground surface of the event area and the trail leading to it is unimproved and rough. Although relatively level, participants using wheelchairs or walkers will need assistance.

An unimproved trail leads from the event area a short distance to the point. You will encounter steep drop-offs and uneven steps along the way with no guard rails or walls.

Rules and Regulations

User Groups

Only non-commercial groups may use Shoshone Point. Maximum group size is 85 people. Permits will not be issued to Commercial Use Authorization holders or other commercial permittees.

Season and Hours

Event dates for Shoshone Point must fall on or between May 1 and October 15. The site may be used from sunrise to midnight. Overnight use is not allowed.

Parking

Extremely limited at site; no more than five vehicles may park in the event area. Larger groups may want to arrange shuttles from the parking area near the gate, one mile (1.6 km) south of the site. Park only in designated areas. Never restrict access for emergency vehicles.

Fires

Bring your own firewood; you may not collect wood in the park. If you do have a fire, you must bring your own water to extinguish it. Fires may be restricted during the driest weeks of spring and summer. Check with the park for current status.

Careful!

Please be respectful of vegetation. Park on hard-packed dirt and stay on trails.

Directions

You will find an unsigned turn-off on the north side of Desert View Drive (Highway 64) 1.2 miles (1.9 km) east of Yaki Point Road and just west of mile marker 246. A locked gate limits access to the unpaved, single lane road that leads one mile (1.6 km) through the forest to the event area.

This road accommodates most passenger cars and vans, although it may become impassible during wet weather. Vehicles over 22 feet (6.7 m) are not allowed beyond the gate. The gate should remain closed at all times. The park will include the gate combination with your permit.

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