

Getting Around South Rim



Hermit Road: Closed to private vehicles March 1 to November 30 when the Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus operates. Hermit road opens to private vehicles December 1 to February 28.

Common Shuttle Bus Questions

Are the shuttle buses free?
Yes, your entrance fee includes free shuttle bus transportation.

How do the shuttle buses work?
Running like a city bus system, three shuttle bus routes stop at viewpoints, visitor centers, lodges, restaurants, and gift shops. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. Shuttle buses do not drive to Desert View.

Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly. You may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

Common Driving and Parking Questions

Where can I drive my car?
You can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this Guide newspaper. Yaki Point Road and Hermit Road are closed to private vehicles. To reach these areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. This permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.



How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?

The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

What are the shuttle bus rules?

- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-back carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

Where can I park?

- Parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near shuttle bus stops.
- **Parking lots 1-4:** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
 - **Parking Lot A:** Park Headquarters
 - **Parking Lot B:** Market Plaza
 - **Parking Lot C:** near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
 - **Parking Lot D:** Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

Where can I learn about road conditions?

Check at visitor centers or call 928-638-7496. Please slow down, take your time, and drive carefully.

What else do I need to know about driving?

Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is allowed. Use pull-outs to take pictures and view wildlife.

Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?

Shuttle buses are equipped with ramps to accommodate wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on shuttle buses.



HERMITS REST ROUTE—RED ROUTE

- 80 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at nine viewpoints
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Schedule:
 - Every 30 minutes, 5-6 am
 - Every 15 minutes, 6 am to one hour after sunset
 - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 3.

KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE—ORANGE ROUTE

- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Schedule:
 - Every 15-20 minutes, 5-6:30 am
 - Every 15 minutes, 6:30 am to one hour after sunset
 - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset. See sunset times on page 3.

VILLAGE ROUTE—BLUE ROUTE

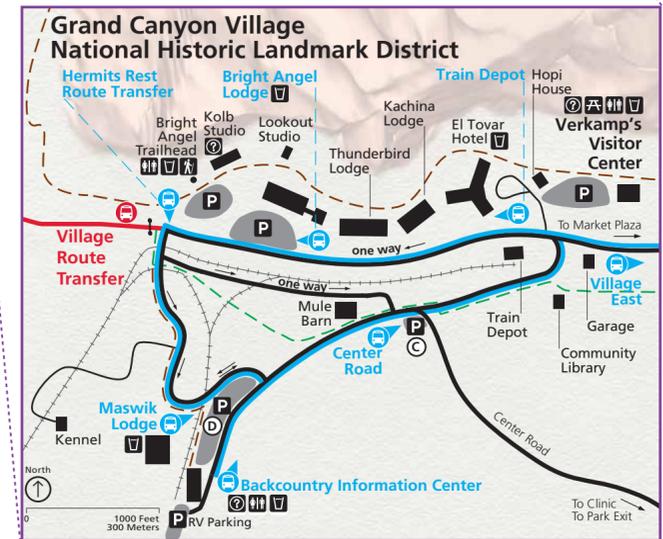
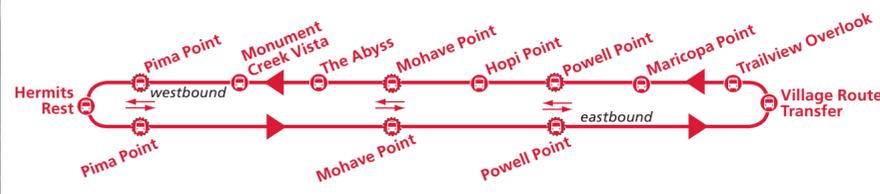
- 50 minutes roundtrip
- Stops at Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds
- Grand Canyon views are a short walk from some shuttle bus stops
- Schedule:
 - Every 30 minutes, 5-6 am
 - Every 15 minutes, 6 am-7:30 pm
 - Every 30 minutes, 7:30-10 pm
 - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 9:30 pm.

Note: September 2-5, shuttle buses will begin one hour earlier than the times listed. The Village Route shuttle bus will run until 11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm.

HIKERS' EXPRESS

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus starts at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:

- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September
- 6 am, 7 am, and 8 am in October
- 7 am, 8 am, and 9 am in November



Find food, lodging, restrooms, free drinking water, gift shops, GCA Park Stores, and an ATM in the Grand Canyon Village National Historic Landmark District.



Find food, lodging, camping, restrooms, free drinking water, groceries, gift shops, and an ATM at Market Plaza.

