Grand Canyon National Park

Services, Facilities, and Viewpoints Inside the Park

North Rim Visitor Center / Grand Canyon Lodge
Information, lodging, restaurants, services, and Grand Canyon views

North Rim Visitor Center and Park Store
Park in the designated parking area and walk to the south end of the parking lot. Bring this Pocket Map and your questions. Features interpretive exhibits, books, gifts, passport stamp, park ranger programs, restroom, drinking water, self-pay fee station, canyon views, and access to Bright Angel Point Trail. Hours vary by season.

Grand Canyon Lodge
Due to high demand, advanced lodging and dine-in reservations required. Contact Forever Resorts: 877-386-4383 or 480-998-1981; grandcanyonforever.com. Reservations available on a 13-month rolling basis. Features National Historic Landmark, ranger programs, restroom, drinking water, and access to Bright Angel Point Trail, Transept Trail, and Birdie Path. Operates mid-May to mid-October.

Dining Options
Meals and grab and go food are available in the vicinity of Grand Canyon Lodge at the Deli in the Pines, the Lodge Dining Room, and the Rauhstorf Saloon. The General Store at the Campground offers limited grocery and drinks. Inquire at the lodge, or at grandcanyonforever.com for hours. Food service is available from mid-May to mid-October.

Gift Shop
Souvenirs and books; 8 am–9 pm

Post Office
Window service Monday through Friday, 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm; closed weekends and federal holidays

Religious Services
Check the bulletin board in the lodge for a schedule of services

Canyon Trail Rides
Offers one-hour rides along the rim, three hour rides along the rim, and 3 hours below the rim. Register at canyonrides.com; the Canyon Trail Rides desk in the lodge lobby, 7 am–5 pm, or call 435-679-8665.

Services Outside the Park
Kaibab Lodge
18 miles (30 km) north of the North Rim Visitor Center. Information at 928-638-2389 or kaibablodge.com

North Rim Country Store
18 miles north of the North Rim Visitor Center; open May 15 to mid-October. Offers convenience store, gas station, tire repair, propane, and ATM. 928-638-2383

Jacob Lake Inn
45 miles (72 km) north of North Rim Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona; open year-round, hours vary by season. Offers a restaurant, gift shop, propane, and gas station with 24 hour pay-at-the-pump.

Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center
45 miles north of North Rim Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, Arizona. Offers information and a Grand Canyon Conservancy Park Store with books, maps, and gifts. 928-643-7298

Trip Planning
Hiking, viewpoints, and scenic drives

1-2 Hours
Hiking
Take the Bright Angel Point Trail to one of the best views of Grand Canyon (15 minutes from the Visitor Center). Then, wind along the Canyon rim on the Transept Trail. Take in sweeping views on this easy to moderate trail. Follow the path until you are ready to turn around, or make a loop with the less scenic Birdie Path: 4 miles (6.4 km), 90 minutes round trip.

OR
Cape Royal Road
Point Imperial, Vista Encantada, and Roosevelt Point make for a quick, but spectacular visit to the scenic drive. Stroll the Ken Patrick Trail south from Point Imperial for a half mile for an easy hike with breathtaking views. 20 miles (32 km), 30 minutes one way. More details below.

Trip Planning Continued
Half Day
Hiking
Take the Bright Angel Point Trail to one of the best views of Grand Canyon (15 minutes from the Visitor Center).

Next, enjoy magnificent views on the Widforss trail. This trail skirts the Canyon rim for most of its 5 miles (8 km) before arriving at Widforss Point. Hike as much as you have time for, but remember your return trip. Parking and bathrooms are available at the trailhead. Water is not available.

OR
Hike the North Kaibab Trail to Supai Tunnel. Hiking into the Canyon offers a different perspective. Be prepared for strenuous hiking and high temperatures. Hike Smart. Bring water, sunscreen, sun protection, and avoid hiking between 10 am and 4 pm to avoid the hottest part of the day. Water at Supai Tunnel is unreliable. Bring water for your return trip: 4 miles (6.4 km), 2-4 hours round trip.

Cape Royal Road
Explore the view points and trails along the scenic drive. Cape Royal and Point Imperial are the “must see” views. Hike to Cape Final for sweeping canyon vistas (4.2 mi, 6.8 km round trip). Allow at least 3 hours to travel the entire road. Visit Point Imperial, Vista Encantada, and Roosevelt Point for a shorter stay. Bring food and water. 23 miles (37 km), 45 minutes driving time one way. More details below.

Best Places to See Sunset
Cape Royal
Bright Angel Point
Grand Canyon Lodge Veranda

Best Places to See Sunrise
Point Imperial
Bright Angel Point
Grand Canyon Lodge Veranda

Scenic Drive
A winding scenic drive to diverse viewpoints, picnic areas, and hiking trails. No food or water is available on the Scenic Drive. No vehicles longer than 22 feet (7 m) allowed. A half a, to a full-day.

Point Imperial
Park, restroom, picnic area, and access to the unmaintained Ken Patrick Trail and Point Imperial Trail. Highest point on the North Rim at 8,803 feet (2,683 m); overlooks the Painted Desert, Marble Canyon, and eastern Grand Canyon. Layers of red and black Precambrian rocks, not visible at Bright Angel Point, add contrast and color. Point of the viewpoint is accessible. Eleven miles (18 km) from North Rim Visitor Center; allow 20 minutes driving time one way.

Vista Encantada
Parking, picnic area, canyon views

Roosevelt Point
Parking, access to Roosevelt Point Trail

Wallhalla Overlook / Walhalla Glades Pueblo
Parking, canyon views, short trail to ancestral Puebloan home site.

Cape Royal
Parking, restroom, picnic area, accessible Cape Royal Trail leads to a viewpoint giving expansive east and west vistas. See the natural arch of Angels Window framing the Colorado River, and look for Desert View Watchtower across the canyon on the South Rim. 23 miles (37 km) from the North Rim Visitor Center; 45 minutes driving time one way.

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Grand Canyon National Park
Located in northern Arizona, this World Heritage Site encompasses 277 miles (446 km) of the Colorado River and adjacent uplands. One of the most spectacular examples of erosion anywhere in the world, Grand Canyon offers visitors incomparable vistas.

The Pocket Map is published by Grand Canyon National Park with support from your entrance fees. It is available in French, German, and Japanese. An Accessibility Guide is also available. Ask at the North Rim Visitor Center for a hiking brochure.

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Grand Canyon

North Rim Visitor Center / Bright Angel Point

Day hiking beyond Redwall Bridge is not recommended

North Rim Day Hikes

1. Bright Angel Point Trail: 0.5 miles (0.8 km) roundtrip; allow 30 minutes. Visit the visitor center before hiking the North Kaibab Trail.

2. Transient Trail: 2 miles (3.2 km) one-way; allow six hours. This trail follows the road as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.

3. Wulffina Trail: 0.6 miles (1.1 km) roundtrip; allow six hours. This trail follows the road as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.

4. Uncle Jim Trail: 4.7 miles (7.6 km) roundtrip; allow three hours. This trail follows the road as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.

5. Ken Patrick Trail: 9.8 miles (15.8 km) one-way; allow six hours. This trail follows the road as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.

North Kaibab Trail

Distances and hiking times vary; ask for a hiking brochure at the North Rim Visitor Center. This is the only maintained trail into the canyon from the North Rim. Under no circumstances should you attempt to hike from the rim to the Colorado River and back in one day. The opening of this trail may be delayed due to winter damage. Mules may be available for transport. Trailhead parking lot.

Cape Royal Trail

0.8 miles (1.3 km) roundtrip; allow one hour. Path meanders down a forested ravine and then up a steep, boulder-strewn eastern slope. Trailhead parking lot.

Walhalla Overlook

0.2 miles (0.3 km) roundtrip; allow 20 minutes. This trail overlooks the northern end of the canyon and beyond to the Painted Desert. Trailhead parking lot.

Services

- Amphitheater
- Bicycle trail
- Campground
- Drinking water
- First aid
- Food service
- Gas station
- Parking
- Pets on leash
- Restrooms
- Showers
- Wi-Fi

To Point Sublime: 12.1 miles (19.5 km) roundtrip; allow six hours. This trail follows the forest as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted.