

# Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village; see page 8 for Desert View programs. Parking is limited. Park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations.

Outdoor programs may be cancelled during inclement weather. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All program times are Mountain Standard; Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time.

Time	Programs	Meeting Location	Duration	Notes
10 am	<b>Geo-glimpse</b> Learn how Grand Canyon formed while exploring Yavapai Geology Museum during this short introductory talk. Consider walking the Trail of Time following the program.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	Perfect for Junior Rangers. Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
10:30 am	<b>Ranger on the Rim: Climate Change and Fire Ecology</b> Stop by anytime between 10:30 am and 12:30 pm to learn about park science and current research.	Pipe Creek Vista	Park ranger present for two hours	Program only offered Sept 3 to Oct 5. Parking is limited; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
10:45 am	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty with representatives from HawkWatch International.	Yaki Point	30 Minutes	Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday only. Last program Nov 4. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus.
11:00 am	<b>Fossil Walk</b> Explore a 270-million-year-old fossil bed to discover what it can tell us about this part of the continent before the age of the dinosaurs on this 0.5-mile (0.8 km), one-way walk along the rim.	Bright Angel Lodge (rim-side patio)	60 minutes	No program Oct 7–11. Parking is limited; ride the free Village Route shuttle bus.
1:30 pm	<b>History Walk</b> Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with the canyon over thousands of years as you stroll through the village historic district.	Verkamp's Visitor Center	45 minutes	No program Oct 7–11. Perfect for train passengers. Parking is limited; ride the free Village Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
2:30 pm	<b>Raptors in Flight</b> Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journeys and enjoy their beauty with representatives from HawkWatch International.	Yaki Point	30 Minutes	Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday only. Last program Nov 4. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus.
2:30 pm	<b>Geology Walk</b> Discover the amazing story of one of the greatest geologic features on Earth. Why is Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here and nowhere else in the world?	Yavapai Geology Museum	60 minutes	No program Oct 7–11. Ride the free Kaibab/Rim Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
3 pm	<b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor and its reintroduction to northern Arizona.	Hopi Point (parking lot)	45 minutes	No program Oct 7–11. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
3:45 pm	<b>Ranger on the Rim: California Condor</b> Stop by anytime between 3:45 pm and 5 pm to learn about park science and current research.	Hopi Point	Park ranger present for 75 minutes	No program Oct 7–11. No access for private vehicles; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
5 pm Sept 3–Oct 5 4:30 pm Oct 6–Nov 2	<b>Elk Talk</b> Discover the secrets behind elk survival, understand their behavior, and learn about the park's management concerns.	El Tovar Hotel (rim-side lawn)	30 minutes	Parking is limited; ride the free Village Route shuttle bus. Accessible.
7:30 pm	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history.	McKee Amphitheater	60 minutes	No program Oct 8–10. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus. Trails to the amphitheater

presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history.  
Check visitor centers for topics.

Sept 3-7  
Shrine of the Ages  
Sept 8 to Nov 30

Route shuttle bus. Trails to the amphitheater  
are paved; short sections exceed 5% grade.  
Shrine of the Ages is accessible.

## Special Programs

As staffing allows and weather permits, park rangers may offer additional programs and walks. Check visitor centers for times and locations of potential full/new moon walks, star talks, and graveyard tours.

## Inside the Canyon

Going to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? Join a park ranger to discover the many wonders of the inner canyon. Programs vary and cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. *Offered down inside Grand Canyon, these programs are only accessible by a long strenuous hike or mule ride. A backcountry permit or Phantom Ranch reservation is required to spend the night inside Grand Canyon.*

### Indian Garden

Times vary

Friday to Monday

Check bulletin boards for program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available. Accessible only by hiking 4.5 miles (7.2 km) down Bright Angel Trail.

### Phantom Ranch

4 pm and 7:30 pm

Daily

Check bulletin boards for program locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available. Accessible only by hiking or a mule ride to the bottom of Grand Canyon.

## Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute interpretive park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Wherever you see a cell phone tour sign, dial 928-225-2907 and enter the stop number. There is no additional charge; standard calling rates apply. Funded by the Grand Canyon Association.

Grand Canyon National Park Service U.S. Department of the Interior  
**Park Ranger Audio Tour**  
Use your Cell Phone to Discover the Park  
**Dial 1-928-225-2907**  
Press **22**  
1 Rewind 2 Pause/Play  
3 Fast Forward 4 Stop  
0 Leave Comments  
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## Fun for Kids: Junior Rangers

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center. Have fun learning about Grand canyon by completing at least four activities and attending a park ranger program. Turn in the completed booklet at any visitor center and earn a badge and certificate. Special patches are also available for purchase at Grand Canyon Association Park Stores.



Unique Junior Ranger programs are also available on the North Rim (May to October) and at more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Junior Ranger program is generously supported by the Grand Canyon Association.

## For Your Next Visit

**LEARN IN AN OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**  
**Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, and Distance Learning** 928-638-7931 or [www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/](http://www.nps.gov/grca/forteachers/)

### Expeditions for Teens

[www.nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm)

### RELAX ON THE NORTH RIM

The far reaches of the North Rim provide visitors with a tranquil experience. Open mid-May through the end of October, the North Rim is a five-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations strongly recommended.

### Grand Canyon Lodge

877-386-4383 or [www.foreverresorts.com](http://www.foreverresorts.com)

### North Rim Campground

877-444-6777 or [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)