

Getting Around Grand Canyon

Ride the Free Shuttle Buses

Reducing air pollution and taking nearly a half-million vehicles off park roads each year, shuttle buses offer a hassle-free transportation option.

HERMITS REST ROUTE— RED ON MAP BELOW

- 80 minutes round-trip
- Nine overlooks
- Toilets at Hopi Point
- Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermits Rest
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:45 am
 - 15 minutes 6:45 am to sunset
 - 30 minutes from sunset to an hour after sunset

VILLAGE ROUTE— BLUE ON MAP BELOW

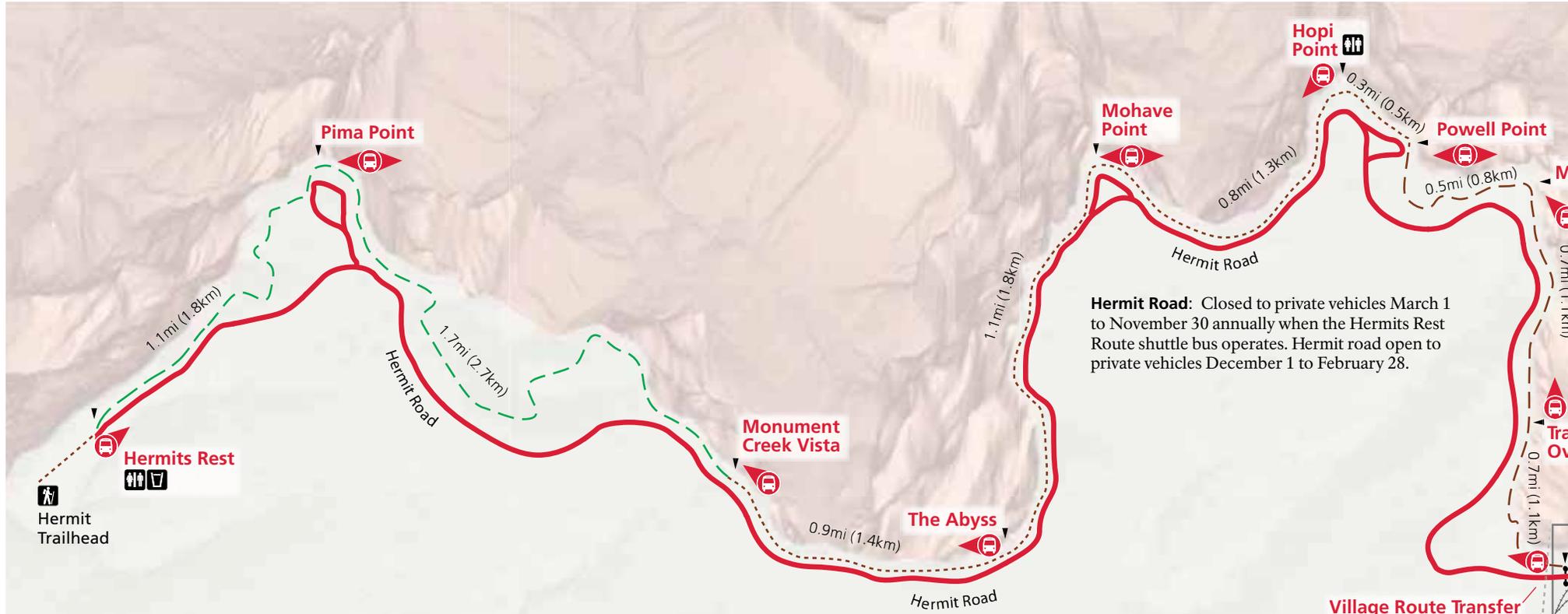
- 50 minutes round-trip
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, campgrounds
- Scenic canyon views are a short walk from some stops
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:15 am
 - 15 minutes 6:15 am–7 pm
 - 30 minutes 7–11 pm; visitors should be at a bus stop by 10:30 pm

KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE— ORANGE ON MAP BELOW

- 50 minutes round-trip
- Five viewpoints
- Grand Canyon Visitor Center and Yavapai Geology Museum
- Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
- Buses run every:
 - 30 minutes 4–6:30 am
 - 17 minutes 6:30 am to sunset
 - 30 minutes from sunset to an hour after sunset

TUSAYAN ROUTE— PURPLE ON MAP BELOW

- 40 minutes round-trip
- IMAX, Best Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, Grand Hotel, Big E Grand Canyon Steakhouse and Saloon, Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Buses run every 20 minutes:
 - First bus leaves IMAX at 8 am; last bus leaves at 9:45 pm
 - First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 am; last bus leaves at 9:30 pm.





LEGEND			
	Drivable park roads		Drinking water
	Village Route and bus stop		First aid
	Kaibab/Rim Route and bus stop		Information
	Hermits Rest Route and bus stop		Parking
	Tusayan Route and bus stop		Picnic area
	Arrows indicate direction of travel		Restrooms
	Shuttle bus gate		Telephone
	Paved Rim Trail		Theater
	Unpaved Rim Trail		Trailhead
	Paved Greenway Trail		

Maswik Lodge
See Grand Canyon Village map below, left.

Car and Driving FAQ

Where can I drive my car?

You can drive anywhere there is a solid black line on the maps in this Guide. Hermit Road and Yaki Point Road are closed to private vehicles; a free shuttle bus provides access.

Where is the best place to see views of the canyon using my car?

Consider driving Desert View Drive, a 25-mile (40 km) road with many viewpoints. Don't forget to stop at Desert View Watchtower; see page 8 for information.

Where can I park?

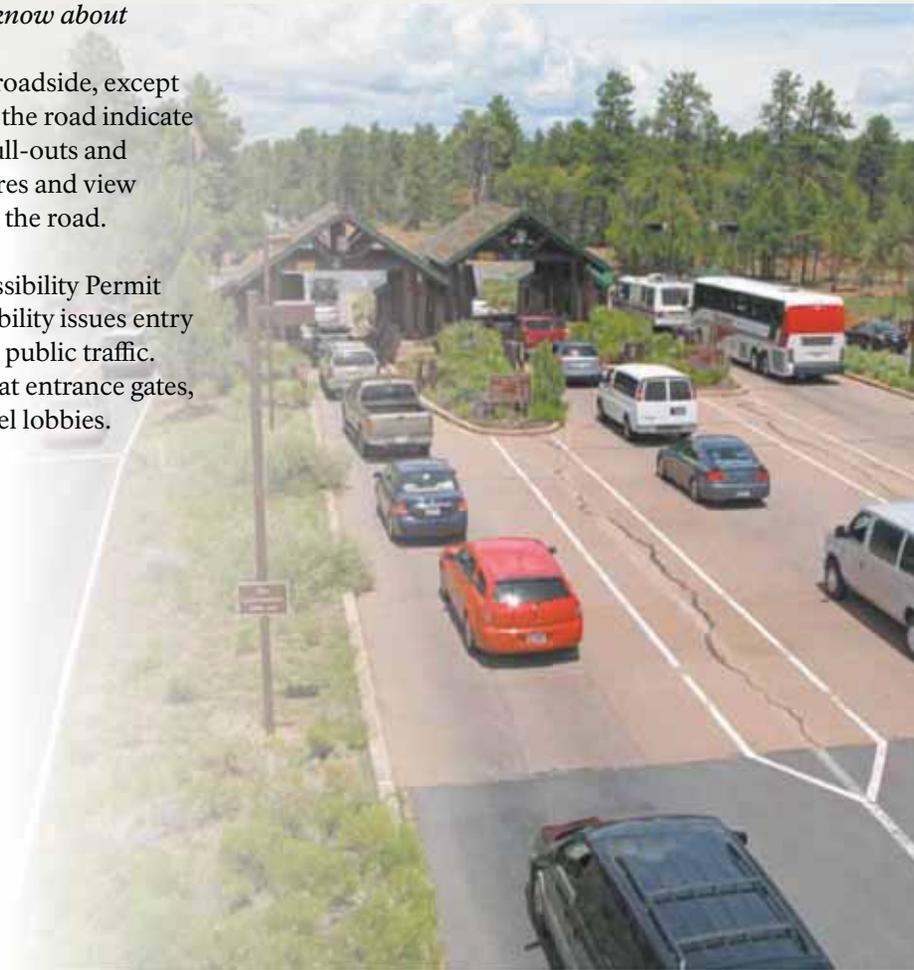
All parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near free shuttle bus stops.

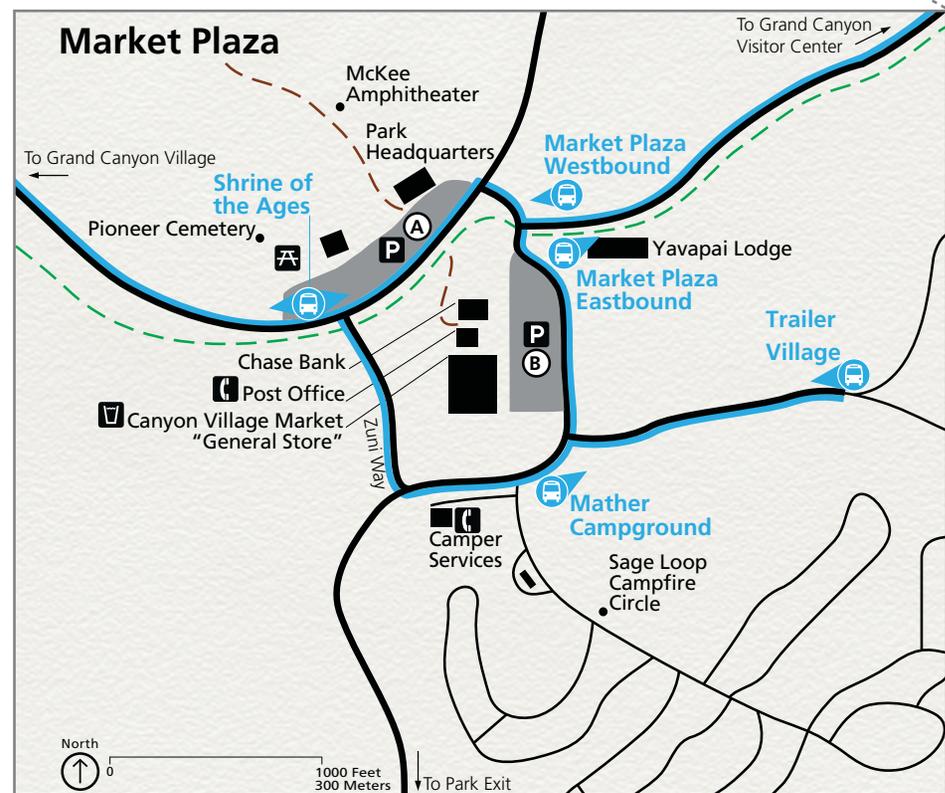
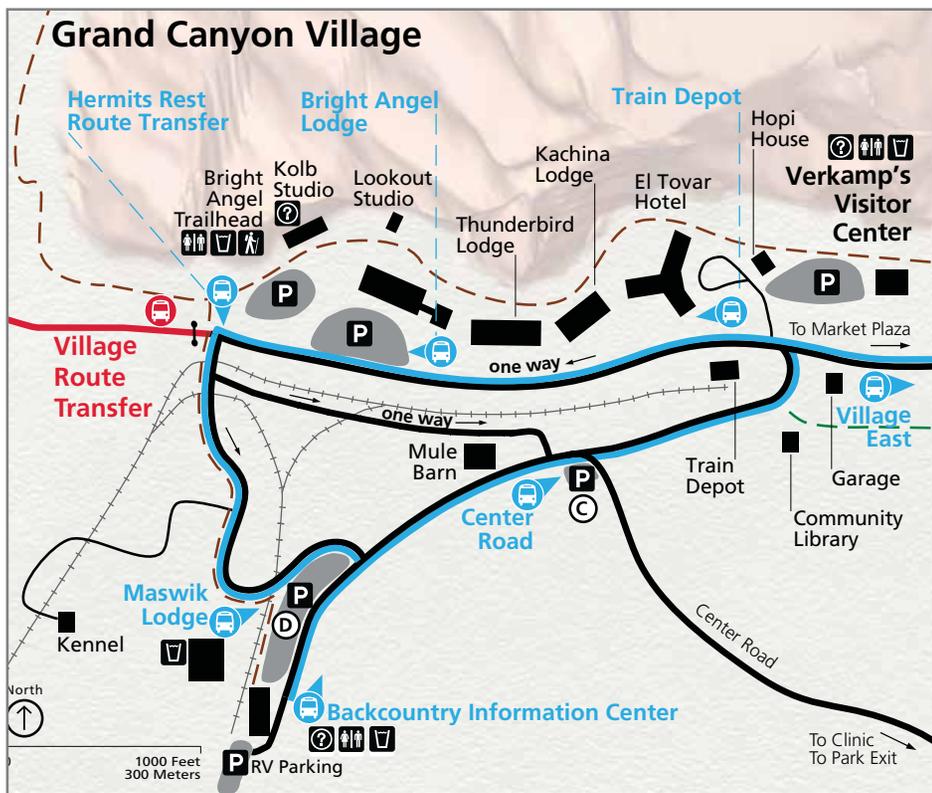
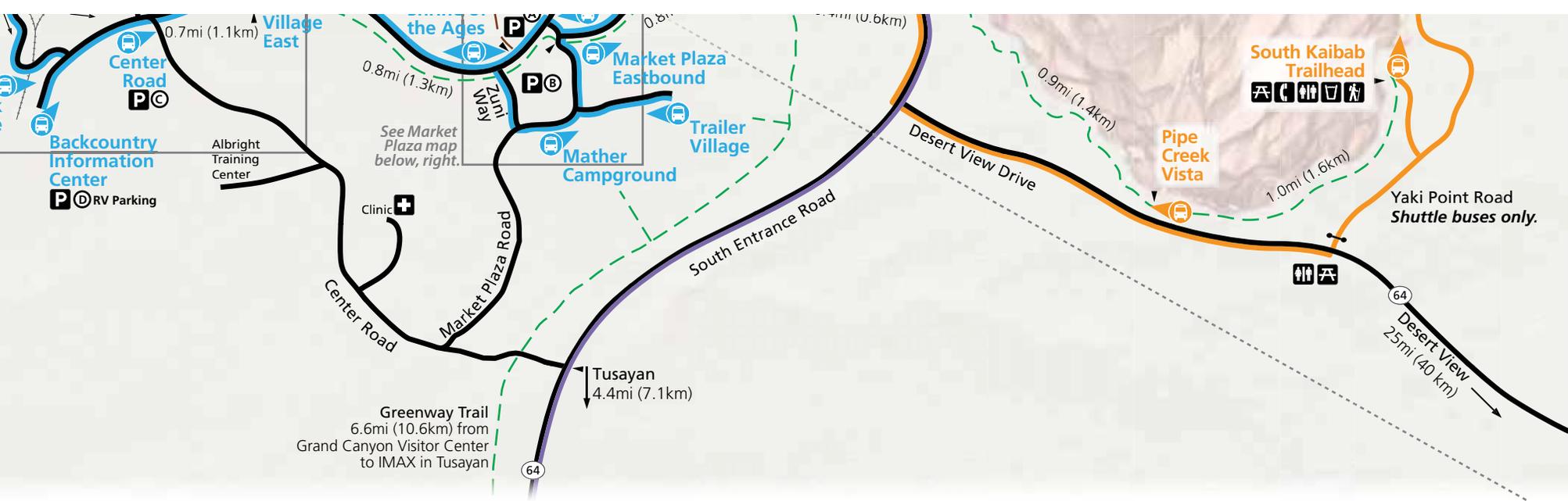
- **Parking lots 1–4;** Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
- **Parking Lot A,** Park Headquarters
- **Parking Lot B,** Market Plaza
- **Parking Lot C,** near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village
- **Parking Lot D,** Backcountry Information Center. Lot D includes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

What else do I need to know about driving?

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

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





Rim Hiking and Biking Explorations

Stroll the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown and green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. From a short 30-minute sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. The Rim Trail is wheelchair accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Distances are one way.

Difficulty	Start	Finish	Distance	Attraction
Easy, popular Wide, paved trail; accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance	Mather Point	Yavapai Point	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	View the Colorado River and Phantom Ranch
	Yavapai Geology Museum	Verkamp's Visitor Center	1.3 miles (2.1 km)	See and touch canyon rocks along the award-winning Trail of Time
	Verkamp's Visitor Center	Kolb Studio	0.6 miles (1 km)	Explore local history in the village historic district
Easy, Less Traveled Little elevation gain	South Kaibab Trailhead	Mather Point	2.1 miles (3.4 km)	Great views of an inner-canyon trail; paved
	Monument Creek Vista	Hermits Rest	2.8 mile (4.5 km)	Quiet and uncrowded with forest and canyon views; paved
	Hopi Point	Powell Point	0.3 miles (0.5 km)	Expansive east and west views of the canyon; unpaved
Moderate Some elevation gain and/or rough terrain	Mohave Point	Monument Creek	2.0 miles (3.2 km)	Unpaved trail with great views
	Hermits Rest Route Transfer	Trailview Overlook	0.7 miles (1.1 km)	Overlooks Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail; paved, steep grade

Pedal the Greenway Trail

Bicycle along the canyon rim and through ponderosa pine forests by following the green dashed lines on the map on pages 4–5. Bicycles are only permitted on the Greenway Trail, paved roads, and dirt roads open to the public. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and trails down in to Grand Canyon.

On Hermit and Yaki Point roads, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when buses pass. Obey all traffic regulations, ride single file with the flow of traffic, and wear bright colors and a helmet.

Bright Angel Bicycles Bicycle rentals and guided tours; located near parking lot 4 at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. 8 am–6 pm. 928-638-3055 or www.bikegrandcanyon.com



South Rim Services and Facilities

Locations shown on the maps on pages 4–5.

Food and Beverage

BRIGHT ANGEL BICYCLES NEAR GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER
Café at Mather Point 6 am–8 pm

BRIGHT ANGEL LODGE

The Arizona Room Lunch 11:30 am–3 pm; Dinner 4:30–10 pm; no reservations
Bright Angel Coffee House 5:30–10 am
Bright Angel Fountain 10 am–7 pm
Bright Angel Restaurant Breakfast 6–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–4 pm; dinner

Lodging

Bright Angel Lodge \$94–362
El Tovar Hotel \$183–440
Kachina Lodge \$180–191
Maswik Lodge \$92–176
Thunderbird Lodge \$180–191
Yavapai Lodge \$125–166
Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631
Advance reservations: 888-297-2757
www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Services

Camping

Mather Campground (NPS) \$18/night family site; \$50/night group site; \$25/night horse site. No hook-ups; dump station nearby. Maximum vehicle length 30 feet (9.1 m). Reservations: 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Trailer Village (Xanterra Parks & Resorts)

\$35/night for two people; \$3.50 for each additional person over age 16. Pull-through sites with hook-ups. Same-day reservations: 928-638-2631. Advance reservations: 888-297-2757

Tours and Trips

Mule Trips Two-day trips to Phantom Ranch depart daily. A 3-hour forest ride to The Abyss departs twice daily.

Bus Tours Daily Desert View, Hermits Rest, sunrise, and sunset tours.

Phantom Ranch Dormitory and cabin space located at the bottom of the canyon. Reservations required: 888-297-2757

4:30–10 pm; lounge 11 am–11 pm

CANYON VILLAGE MARKET

Canyon Village Deli 7 am–8 pm

EL TOVAR HOTEL

El Tovar Dining Room Breakfast

6:30–10:45 am; lunch 11:15 am–2 pm; dinner 4:30–10 pm—reservations required 928-638-2631, ext. 6432; lounge 11 am–11 pm

HERMITS REST

Hermits Rest Snack Bar 8 am to sunset

MASWIK LODGE

Maswik Cafeteria 6 am–10 pm

Maswik Pizza Pub 11 am–11 pm

YAVAPAI LODGE

Yavapai Cafeteria 6 am–9 pm

Books and Gifts

Bright Angel Lodge 7 am–10 pm

El Tovar Hotel 7 am–10 pm

Grand Canyon Association Park Stores

at **The Visitor Center Plaza** 8 am–8 pm

at **Kolb Studio** 8 am–8 pm

at **Verkamp's Visitor Center** 8 am–8 pm

at **Yavapai Geology Museum** 8 am–8 pm

Hermits Rest Gift Shop 8 am to sunset

Hopi House 8 am–8 pm

Lookout Studio 8 am to sunset

Maswik Lodge 7 am–10 pm

Yavapai Lodge Curio 7 am–10 pm

ATM Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge

Canyon Village Market Groceries, hiking supplies, and gifts available. 7 am–9 pm

Chase Bank Monday to Thursday 9 am–5 pm; Friday 9 am–6 pm. 928-638-2437

Garage Emergency repairs and tow service. 8 am to noon and 1–5 pm. 928-638-2631

Kaibab Learning Center Day care for one to 12 year olds; immunization records required. Monday to Friday, 7:30 am– 5:30 pm. 928-638-6333

Kennel Dogs and cats need proof of inoculations. 7:30 am–5 pm, 928-638-0534 For retrieval after 5 pm: 928-638-2631

Laundry and Showers at Camper Services 6 am–11 pm, last laundry load 9:45 pm

Lost and Found 928-638-7798, 928-638-2631

Post Office Monday to Friday 9 am–4:30 pm; Saturday 11 am–1 pm; closed Sunday and federal holidays. 928-638-2512

Religious Services See schedules at Mather Campground, Shrine of the Ages, Grand Canyon Post Office, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Park Headquarters

Taxi 928-638-2822

WiFi and Public Computer Access

Park Headquarters: Free WiFi available 8 am–5 pm, every day. Computers with internet access available 8 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except federal holidays.

Community Library: Free WiFi and computers available, 10:30 am–5 pm, Monday to Saturday.

Hotel Lobbies: WiFi available 24 hours a day; fees may be charged.

or www.grandcanyonlodges.com

Visit transportation desks to get help with tours and trips, or call 928-638-2631, ext. 6015, or visit www.grandcanyonlodges.com. Bright Angel Lodge: 5 am–8 pm; Maswik Lodge: 5 am–8 pm; Yavapai Lodge: 8 am–6 pm.

Tusayan, Arizona

Located seven miles (11 km) south of Grand Canyon Visitor Center on Highway 64.

Lodging

Best Western Premier Grand Canyon

Squire Inn 928-638-2681

Canyon Plaza Resort 928-638-2673; pets ok

Grand Hotel 928-638-3333; pets ok

Holiday Inn Express 928-638-3000

Red Feather Lodge 928-638-2414; pets ok

7 Mile Lodge 928-638-2291

Camping

Camper Village (Private) Hook-ups, coin-operated showers, laundry, propane, dump station, and store. 928-638-2887 or www.grandcanyoncampervillage.com

Ten-X Campground (Kaibab National Forest)

\$10 per vehicle per night; no hookups or showers. Most individual sites first-come, first-served. Reserve some individual and all group sites: 877-444-6777 or www.recreation.gov

Additional Resources

Arizona Highway Information Dial 511 or 888-411-ROAD; www.az511.gov

Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce

888-472-2696, www.grandcanyonchamber.com

Paid Activities

Fixed-wing and helicopter tours.

Grand Canyon Airlines 800-528-2413

Grand Canyon Helicopters 800-541-4537

Maverick Airlines 800-218-9932

Maverick Helicopters 800-962-3869

Papillon Grand Canyon Helicopters 800-528-2418

Vision Airlines 800-256-8767

Westwind Aviation 888-869-0866

Grand Canyon Apache Stables

Horseback riding reservations: 928-638-2891

Big E Grand Canyon Steakhouse and Saloon

Lunch 12–4 pm; dinner 4–10 pm; variety show 6–10 pm. 928-638-0333 or www.bigsteakhouse.com

IMAX Theater Open 8 am–10 pm. Movie

shown every hour on the half hour. First show 8:30 am, last show 8:30 pm. Food and gifts available. 928-638-4629

River Rafting

SMOOTH-WATER RAFT TRIPS OUTSIDE PARK

Colorado River Discovery

888-522-6644 or www.raftthecanyon.com

WHITEWATER RAFT TRIPS IN PARK

See www.nps.gov/grca/ for information about reserving multi-day whitewater raft trips.

Day Hiking Below the Rim

Day hiking into the canyon affords an unparalleled experience. For an enjoyable hike you must prepare for extreme conditions. Gauge your fitness level, be honest about your health, and don't compare yourself to five or 10 years ago. Know your limits and average walking distance and time. Grand Canyon is an extreme environment!

Trail	Difficulty	Destination	Distance Round-Trip	Elevation Change One Way	Time Round-Trip	Facilities
Bright Angel Trail: Follow the Bright Angel Fault down Garden Creek Canyon on a maintained trail. Plan to park at Grand Canyon Visitor Center and ride the Village Route shuttle bus to the Hermits Rest Route Transfer stop or park at the Backcountry Information Center and walk to the trailhead. Water available at trailhead; water occasionally not available at Indian Garden and resthouses due to pipeline breaks. Always bring a method to treat water.	easy	1st Tunnel	0.4 miles (0.6 km)	60 feet (20 m)	20 minutes	none
	moderate	2nd Tunnel	1.7 miles (2.8 km)	590 feet (180 m)	1–2 hours	none
	moderate	1½-Mile Resthouse	3 miles (4.8 km)	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	toilets, water, emergency phone
	difficult	3-Mile Resthouse	6 miles (9.6 km)	2,120 feet (645 m)	4–6 hours	toilets, water, emergency phone
	very difficult	Indian Garden	9 miles (14.4 km)	3,040 feet (925 m)	6–9 hours	water, toilets, ranger station, camping, emergency phone
South Kaibab Trail: Follow an exposed ridge line on a maintained trail for the best views for a relatively short hike. Ride the Kaibab/Rim Route or Hikers' Express shuttle bus to the South Kaibab Trailhead. Water, toilets, and pay phone located at trailhead. For Skeleton Point start before 6 am to avoid hiking in mid-day heat.	moderate	Ooh Aah Point	1.8 miles (2.8 km)	760 feet (230 m)	1–2 hours	none
	difficult	Cedar Ridge	3 miles (4.8 km)	1,120 feet (340 m)	2–4 hours	toilets
	very difficult	Skeleton Point	6 miles (9.6 km)	2,040 feet (620 m)	4–6 hours	none
Hermit Trail and Dripping Spring Trail: Gives intimate views of a long side canyon; rough and unmaintained—for experienced hikers. Begins west of Hermits Rest; water and toilets available at Hermits Rest.	difficult	Hermit Basin	2.8 mi (4.5 km)	1,240 feet (380 m)	2–4 hours	none
	very difficult	Santa Maria Spring	5 miles (8 km)	1,680 feet (510 m)	4–6 hours	treat water
	very difficult	Dripping Spring	7 miles (11.3 km)	1,040 feet (315 m)	5–7 hours	treat water



Prepare a Day Pack With:
Water One quart/liter for every two hours, or drink to thirst. Know your water sources.

Maps do not show all trails; use for trip planning only. Consider purchasing a trail guide at Park Stores before venturing down the trail.

