

Park Ranger Programs

Discover Grand Canyon with free programs given by park rangers and volunteers in or near Grand Canyon Village. For Desert View programs, see page 8. Since parking is limited, park rangers recommend you ride the free shuttle buses to program locations. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Most programs take place outdoors and may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather. Times are mountain standard, which is the same as Pacific time until November 1 and then the same as mountain time beginning November 2.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9 am	Fossil Discovery Walk Explore what fossils tell us about the geologic story of ancient life and learn why fossils should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
10:45 am Sept 2 to Nov 5	Raptors in Flight Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journey and enjoy their beauty during this short talk.	Yaki Point Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
11 am	Condor Talk Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival.	Lookout Studio	60 minutes			√		√		√
1:30 pm	A Walk Through History Hear stories of people's enduring relationships with Grand Canyon as you stroll through the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2 pm	Geology Glimpse Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
2:30 pm Sept 2 to Nov 5	Raptors in Flight Thousands of raptors migrate over Grand Canyon every fall. Learn about their journey and enjoy their beauty during this short talk.	Yaki Point Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
3:30 pm	Geology Glimpse Gain a quick insight into Grand Canyon's unique geologic story. Following the talk, consider walking the Trail of Time or exploring Yavapai Geology Museum. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
5:30 pm	Elk Talk Discover the secrets behind elk survival, understand their behavior, and learn about the park's management concerns.	Sage Loop Campfire Circle in Mather Campground	30 minutes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
7:30 pm	Evening Program Relax in a beautiful auditorium and enjoy a presentation about Grand Canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible.	Shrine of the Ages Auditorium	60 minutes	√		√		√		√
Check visitor centers for information.	Ranger Rendezvous Discover Grand Canyon in the evening! Explore some of the park's lesser-known stories and facts. Programs include campfire talks, star walks, night hikes, cemetery tours, and more.	Check visitor centers for information.	Check visitor centers for information.		√		√		√	

Raptor Rove

Between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm visit with a park ranger about park science or current research at Yaki Point. Offered Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday. Accessible.

Discover the Canyon by Phone

Enjoy two-minute park ranger talks at 30 locations throughout the park. Look for cell phone tour signs, dial 928-225-2907, and enter the stop number. Hosted by the Grand Canyon

Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover what is inside Grand Canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs.

Indian Garden, times vary, Saturday to Tuesday

Check the bulletin board for

Phantom Ranch, 4 pm and 7:30 pm, Daily

Check bulletin boards for program

Explore Virtual Caches

Discover EarthCaches™ specifically tailored to geology, educational experiences, modern technology, and outdoor adventures. Stop by Grand Canyon Visitor Center or visit nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/virtual-caching.htm to get EarthCache™ information and start your adventure today. You will need your own GPS-enabled device to participate.

The Sun and Moon

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
September 1	6:00 am	6:57 pm
September 15	6:11 am	6:37 pm
October 1	6:23 am	6:13 pm
October 15	6:35 am	5:54 pm
November 1	6:51 am	5:33 pm
November 15	7:05 am	5:21 pm
December 1	7:20 am	5:14 pm

Full Moon Date	Rise Time
September 8	6:30 pm
October 8	6:22 pm
November 6	5:38 pm

The North Rim

Grand Canyon's North Rim offers you a tranquil experience, but requires a four-hour, 215-mile (346 km) drive from Grand Canyon Village. Facilities are open mid-May through mid-October. Accommodations fill in advance; reservations are strongly recommended.

Grand Canyon Lodge

877-386-4383 or foreverresorts.com

North Rim Campground

877-444-6777 or recreation.gov

Association.

Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, and Distance Learning
928-638-7931 or [nps.gov/grca/forteachers/Expeditions for Teens](http://nps.gov/grca/forteachers/Expeditions%20for%20Teens)
nps.gov/grca/forkids/camp.htm

Grand Canyon Semester

Grand Canyon National Park is proud to partner with Northern Arizona University and Prescott College to offer a unique, semester-long program: Grand Canyon Semester. This interdisciplinary program engages students through a progressive, place-based learning experience that uses the greater Grand Canyon ecoregion as its classroom and laboratory. Classroom-based academics combined with extended field opportunities create a learning environment unparalleled in academics. nau.edu/Honors/GCS/prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html

program topics, locations, and times. Wilderness Explorer Junior Ranger booklet available.

locations and topics. Phantom Ranch Junior Ranger activity booklet available.

These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.

Earn Your Junior Ranger Badge

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from a 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.

Junior Ranger programs are also available on the North Rim (May to October), at Indian Garden and Phantom Ranch, and at more than 250 national parks, seashores, and monuments nationwide. The Grand Canyon Association generously supports the Junior Ranger program.

