

# 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.

Programs take place outdoors, but may be cancelled or moved inside during inclement weather or when lightning danger is present. Times are mountain standard (same as Pacific time during summer). Arizona does not recognize daylight-saving time.

Time	Program	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
7 am	<b>Into the Canyon Hike</b> Discover the canyon's beauty and natural history while descending 1,120 ft (340 m) on an unpaved trail. Strenuous hike; not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Bring water, snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes.	South Kaibab Trailhead Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus.	3–4 hours 3 miles (4.8 km)	X				X	X	X
8:30 am	<b>Rim View Walk</b> Travel the paved Rim Trail and learn about natural history and some of the critical issues facing Grand Canyon. To return, you may choose to hike back, continue on to Hermits Rest, or ride the shuttle bus.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	2 hours 2 miles (3.2 km)	X		X		X		
9:30 am	<b>Fossil Discovery Walk</b> This easy walk explores what fossils tell us about the geologic story of ancient life and why they should be protected.	Bright Angel Trailhead sign	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:30 am	<b>Canyon in Focus</b> For centuries explorers, scientists, and artists have tried to capture the majesty of Grand Canyon through art or writing. Hike a less-traveled trail and find what inspires you. Journals provided.	South Kaibab Trailhead Ride the free Kaibab/ Rim Route shuttle bus.	60 minutes 0.5 miles (0.8 km)		X	X	X			X
11 am	<b>Greatest Stories in Stone</b> Discover Grand Canyon's amazing geologic story. Why is it so deep, wide, and grand? Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1 pm	<b>A Walk through History</b> Hear stories of people's enduring relationship with the canyon and take a short walk around the village historic district. Perfect for train passengers. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	60 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3 pm	<b>Geo Glimpse</b> Take a quick peek at Grand Canyon's visible geologic story written in the landscape. Accessible.	Yavapai Geology Museum	30 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4:30 pm	<b>Condor Talk</b> Learn about the majestic and endangered California condor, its reintroduction to northern Arizona, and its ongoing struggle for survival.	Lookout Studio	60 minutes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8:30 pm, May to July 8:00 pm, Aug to Sept	<b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check visitor centers for topics. Accessible with assistance. <i>For program June 21–28, join Star Party.</i>	McKee Amphitheater	60 minutes		X		X		X	X
Varies	<b>Ranger Rendezvous</b> 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.	Ask a park ranger at visitor centers	60 minutes	X		X		X		
Varies	<b>Science in the Park</b> Get hands on and learn about research in the park.	Ask a park ranger at visitor centers	Varies		X		X		X	

## Ranger on the Rim

Stop by between the times listed below to visit with a park ranger about park science, current research, or to just simply enjoy the sunset. Offered daily. Accessible.

### California Condor

1–3 pm

Hopi Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

### Colorado River

3–5 pm

Pima Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

### Grand Canyon Sunset

6 pm to sunset

Hopi Point; ride the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus

# Junior Ranger Programs



Time	Programs for Families with Children Ages 6–14	Meeting Location	Duration/Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
9 am	<b>Family Adventure Hike</b> Hike the challenging Hermit Trail, and enjoy the canyon's wonders while learning about rocks, fossils, plants, and animals. Bring water, salty snacks, sunscreen, and wear sturdy hiking shoes. To arrive on time, board the free Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus by 8 am. Steep, rocky, strenuous hike not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems, difficulty walking, or an extreme fear of heights.	Hermits Rest (at the bell)	2–2.5 hours June 8 to August 9 2 miles (3.2 km)		X	X	X		X	X
10 am	<b>Natural Wonders</b> Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accessible.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
10:30 am	<b>Walk on the Wild Side</b> Explore the canyon's natural world during this walk through the forest to the canyon rim. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy shoes advised.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60 minutes June 8 to September 1 0.5-mile (0.8 km)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2 pm	<b>Critter Chat</b> Learn about Grand Canyon's diverse wild inhabitants. Accessible.	El Tovar Hotel (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2:30 pm	<b>Natural Wonders</b> Discover what makes Grand Canyon one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Accessible.	Grand Canyon Visitor Center (flagpole)	30 minutes June 8 to September 1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 pm	<b>Kids Rock!</b> Enjoy games and activities introducing children to the natural and historic wonders of Grand Canyon.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60 minutes June 8 to August 9	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7:30 pm	<b>Twilight Zone</b> Experience the wonders of the night with activities connecting children to the canyon's nocturnal world. Rocky surfaces and uneven terrain; sturdy walking shoes advised. Bring a flashlight.	Shrine of the Ages (wooden benches)	60–90 minutes June 8 to August 9	X				X		

## Park Fun for Kids

Children ages four and older can pick up a free Junior Ranger booklet from any visitor center and earn a badge; must attend one of the free park ranger programs listed above.

## Learn in an Outdoor Classroom

**Teachers: Field Trips, Workshops, Ranger Classroom Visits, 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)

## Grand Canyon Semester

<https://nau.edu/Honors/GCS/>

<http://www.prescott.edu/learn/non-degree/grand-canyon-semester.html>

## Discovery Packs for Families

**Pack check out with ID: 8 am to noon Grand Canyon Visitor Center**

Borrow a discovery pack and explore the natural wonders of Grand Canyon with your family. Binoculars, field guides, and other naturalist tools included. Participants who complete four or more activities in the discovery pack journal are eligible to purchase a patch. Parents sign out packs and must return them to Grand Canyon Visitor Center within 24 hours.

## Park Ranger Programs Down in Grand Canyon

Are you hiking to Phantom Ranch or Indian Garden? If so, discover the many wonders of the inner canyon with a wide range of natural and cultural history programs. *These programs are only accessible by a long, strenuous hike or mule ride.*

**Indian Garden, times vary, Saturday to Tuesday**

Check the bulletin board 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.