



Hualapai Tribe and Skywalk



The Hualapai (WALL-uh-pie), the “People of the Tall Pines,” have lived in the Southwest for untold generations. Traditionally their homelands stretched from Grand Canyon to the Bill Williams River in west-central Arizona and from the Black Mountains bordering the Colorado River to the San Francisco Peaks. Primarily nomadic hunter-gathers, they also traded with nearby tribes. The Hualapai Reservation of just less than 1,000,000 acres (404,686 ha) was established in 1883.

Today the tribe counts about 2,300 members. Peach Springs on Highway 66 is the tribal headquarters. The tribe operates a hotel, restaurant, and gift shop in Peach Springs. While limited ranching, timber harvest, and guided hunts provide some income, the tourist industry offers the best opportunity for employment of tribal members.

The Skywalk at Grand Canyon West

The Hualapai Tribe has chosen a site at the far western end of Grand Canyon about 250 miles (400 km) by road, a five hour drive, from Grand Canyon Village to offer a variety of visitor services including the Skywalk in a development called Grand Canyon West. Food service is limited and usually as part of a package tour.

The Skywalk, managed by the Hualapai Tribe and located on tribal lands, consists of a horseshoe-shaped steel frame with glass floor and sides that projects about 70 feet (21 m) from the canyon rim. While the Skywalk is the most famous attraction at Grand Canyon West, tours also include other points of interest and unique canyon views.

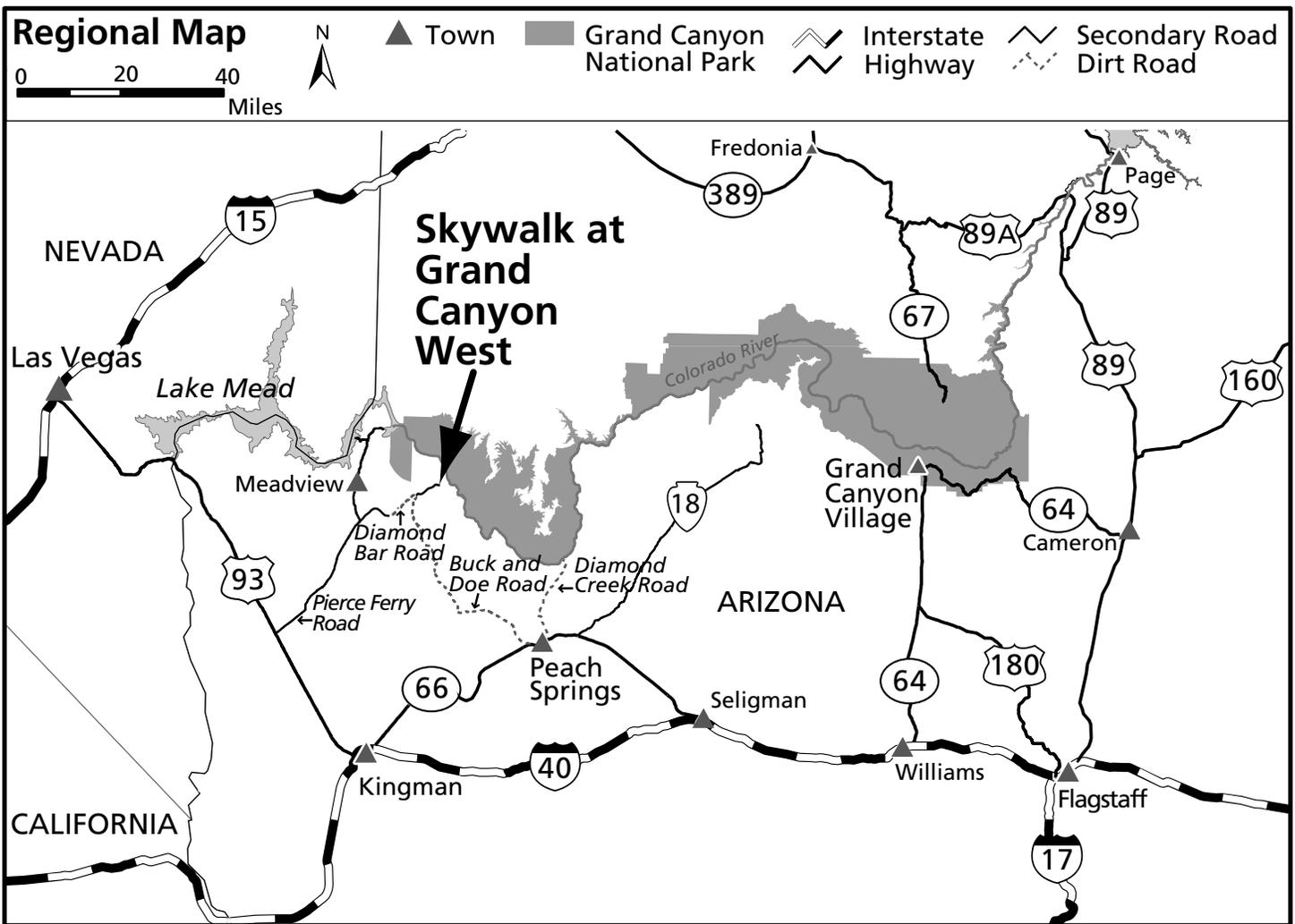
Fees and Contact

The Hualapai Tribe collects fees to enter any part of the reservation and certain parts of the reservation are restricted to the general public. All fees are subject to change at any time.

For information on Grand Canyon West and Skywalk, visit www.grandcanyonwest.com

For reservations, call **888-868-9378** or **928-769-2636**.

For reservations at Hualapai Lodge in Peach Springs, call 928-769-2230.



Directions

To drive to Grand Canyon West, take I-40 to Kingman, Arizona. Turn north on US 93 and proceed about 30 miles (48 km) to the Pierce Ferry Road; watch for a billboard on the east side of highway. Turn right. After 28 miles (45 km) on the Pierce

Ferry Road, turn right on Diamond Bar Road. It is then 14 miles (22 km) of dirt road and seven miles (11 km) of paved road to Grand Canyon West. Shuttle service is available from the reservation boundary for a fee.

Exploring the Hualapai Reservation

Paved Roads

Route 66: The longest, still-drivable section of historic Highway 66 is the approximately 100 miles (161 km) from Seligman to Kingman passing through Peach Springs and the southern edge of the reservation.

Indian Highway 18: This road heads north from Highway 66 seven miles (11 km) east of Peach Springs. Climbing into the ponderosa pine forest that gives the tribe its name, the two-lane road leads to Hualapai Hilltop and the start of the trail to Supai.

Primitive Roads: High Clearance Vehicles

Special use permits may be required from the Hualapai Wildlife Conservation Office; call 928-769-2227, 928-769-2410 (fax), or contact the Hualapai Lodge in Peach Springs. Travelers on these roads must be prepared with sufficient fuel, water, and a dependable spare tire.

Diamond Creek Road: This rugged road descends from Peach Springs to the Colorado River at Diamond Creek. Watch for wild burros as you traverse the sparse desert.

Buck and Doe Road: This dusty, winding road heads northwest from Highway 66 just west of Peach Springs and joins the road to Grand Canyon West after about 45 miles (72 km).