

What to do at the GRAND CANYON SOUTH RIM

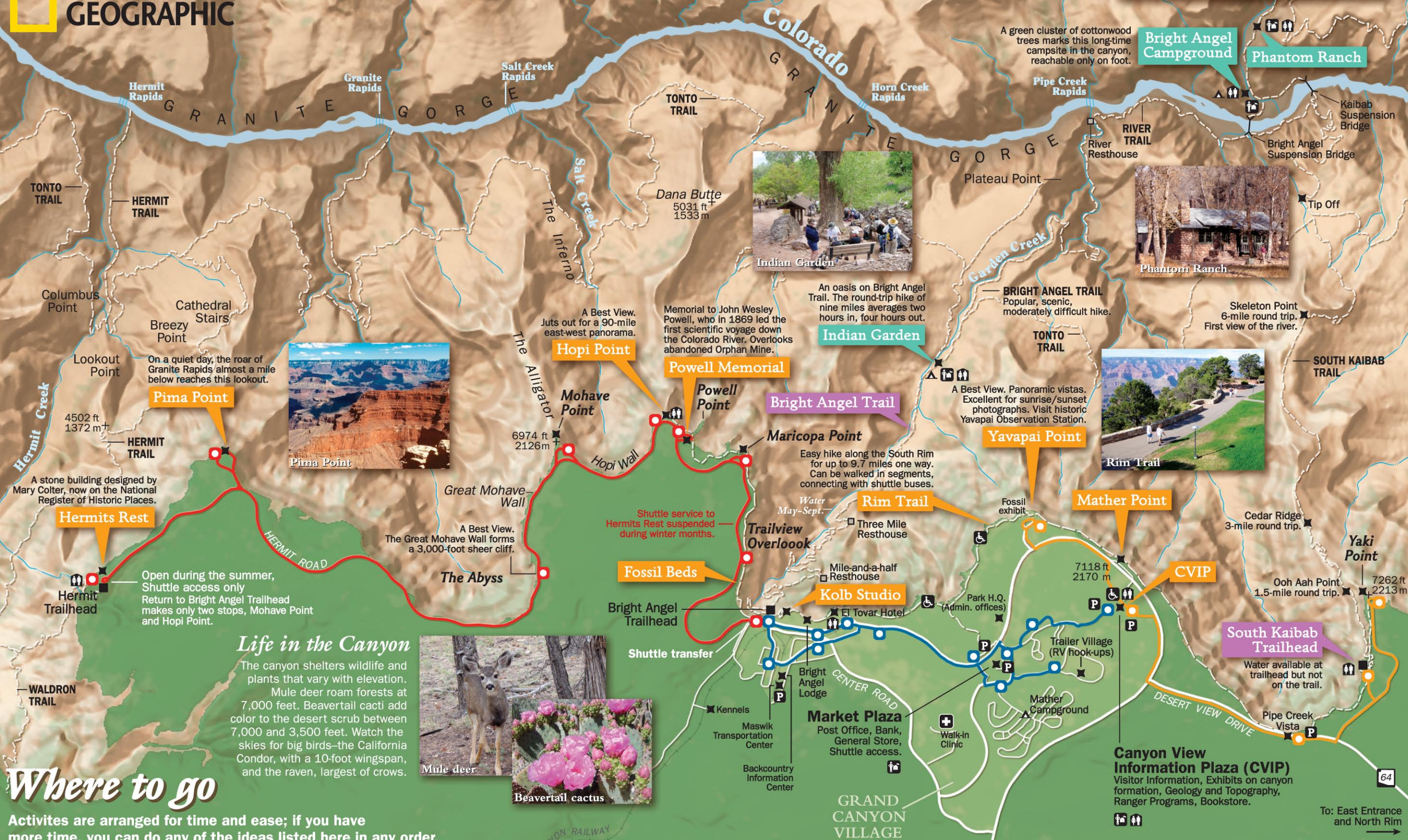


Timeless vistas wrought in rock and water, the Grand Canyon is nature at its most spectacular. Ancient peoples, John Wesley Powell, miners, artists, photographers, and visitors—all come and go. The canyon remains. When you visit, practice "Leave No Trace" principles: dispose of trash responsibly, keep pets leashed, and be considerate of others. President Theodore Roosevelt, who established the Grand Canyon National Monument in 1908, said, "Do nothing to mar its grandeur, for the ages have been at work upon it."

Map Key

Full access	Paved	Parking
Shuttle access only/ Shuttle stop	Unpaved	Point of interest
Village	Trailhead	Ranger station
Hermit's Rest	Campground	Restrooms
Kaibab/Rim	Resthouse	Wheelchair access

0 1/2 1 Mile
0 1/2 1 Kilometer



Where to go

Activities are arranged for time and ease; if you have more time, you can do any of the ideas listed here in any order.

IF YOU HAVE A

Half day or less

Choose from any of the activities or sites listed at right to help plan your half day at the Grand Canyon. You might begin by seeing the IMAX film, "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets" at the National Geographic Visitor Center. This 34-minute giant-screen film introduces viewers to the canyon, telling the story of the Native Americans, John Wesley Powell, and the unique wildlife.

The free shuttle service will take you around. Places to park are marked **P** on this map. The best way to get close to the Grand Canyon is on foot.

At Canyon View Information Plaza (CVIP), reached via Village Shuttle or on foot from the Rim Trail, you can get information and view exhibits. Or go directly to Mather Point, most people's first view.

The four-mile section of Rim Trail from Mather Point to Maricopa Point is mostly paved for easy walking. The path from Mather Point to Kolb Studio is wheelchair accessible. Bring water, and drink often to avoid the effects of altitude and heat.

IF YOU HAVE A

Full day

With more time, you can do any of the half-day suggestions and add in a ranger program, flight tour, land tour, or, if physically active, a hike. You might, for example, view the "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets" IMAX film, do a fly-over, and then take a vigorous hike or a leisurely rim walk.

Explore the canyon with National Geographic Expeditions. Four to five hour naturalist guided tours depart daily at the National Geographic Visitor Center. 888-355-0550.

IF YOU HAVE

Two days or more

With the luxury of time, you can mix any of the above activities with the suggestions at right. Make inquiries early in the day for last-minute openings. You might consider day hiking into the canyon along Bright Angel or South Kaibab trails. Kids 4 to 14 can sign up for Junior Ranger Programs. The Grand Canyon Field Institute offers one- to eight-day classes and field trips.

Life in the Canyon

The canyon shelters wildlife and plants that vary with elevation. Mule deer roam forests at 7,000 feet. Beavertail cacti add color to the desert scrub between 7,000 and 3,500 feet. Watch the skies for big birds—the California Condor, with a 10-foot wingspan, and the raven, largest of crows.



Where to start



For more information call (928) 638-2468 or check the web at explorethecanyon.com

National Geographic Visitor Center is here to help you enhance your visit to one of the world's most extraordinary natural wonders. National Geographic Visitor Center can give you both the canyon-wide overview and the up-close view from below the rim.



Visitor Center
National Park Pass Tickets, Reservations, Tours. Make early arrangements for canyon flights, horse rides, guided tours, and activities.

IMAX Theater
"Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets" runs every hour on the half hour. Explore beyond the rim in this spectacular adventure film.

Off The Beaten Path - Grand Canyon Adventures
Naturalist Guided Touring and Hiking Excursions. Departures daily from the National Geographic Visitor Center. Reservations: 928-638-0200

NEW! CONDOR ENCOUNTER LIVE BIRD SHOW
Get up close and personal with a variety of birds from the Grand Canyon area. **Starts May 14, 2011.** (seasonal)

National Geographic Store
Maps, books, games, "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets" on DVD, Native American crafts.

National Geographic Photo Gallery
Historic pictures of Major Powell's expedition, Native American life, and expeditions to map the canyon.

Explorer's Café
Pizza Hut® Express, sandwiches, rice bowls & more.

Arizona Office of Tourism
Information on the Grand Canyon and Arizona.

National Park Service Park & Ride (seasonal)
Avoid traffic lines at entrance and searching for a place to park within the National Park by taking a shuttle from the National Geographic Visitor Center. Shuttle will take you to the main visitor center within the Park and from there you can take a free shuttle to the various view points located along the South Rim (see Shuttles and Tours copy).

National Park Service Park & Ride Schedule for IMAX Shuttle Stop (May 15-Sept. 15)

8:00 AM	8:20 AM	8:40 AM	9:00 AM	9:20 AM
9:40 AM	10:00 AM	10:20 AM	10:40 AM	11:00 AM
11:20 AM	11:40 AM	12:00 PM	12:20 PM	12:40 PM
1:00 PM	1:20 PM	1:40 PM	2:00 PM	2:20 PM
2:40 PM	3:00 PM	3:20 PM	3:40 PM	4:00 PM

*Schedule subject to change.

Grand Photographs

No one sees the same canyon twice. As the sun moves and clouds pass, the rock changes color and reflects light and shadow. Best points for sunrise: Yaki, Mather, or Yavapai. For sunset: Hopi and Pima, as well as Mather and Yavapai. To photograph the river, take a panoramic or zoom lens to Pima or Hopi points.



How to get around

Shuttles and Tours

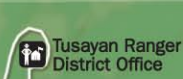
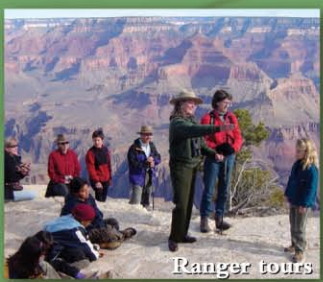
Ride the Shuttle

Free shuttle routes, color-coded on this map, run along the rim. Check The Guide, free at the National Geographic Visitor Center and park entrance, for schedules. The shuttles stop and pick up all day long during the summer, from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.



Ranger Programs

Check out The Guide for the current talks and tours offered by U.S. Park Rangers. Enjoy the stories rangers tell of the canyon's human history, natural history, and geology. Evening programs are often held at Shrine of the Ages. Children can earn badges at Junior Ranger Programs.



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