

What to do at the GRAND CANYON SOUTH RIM

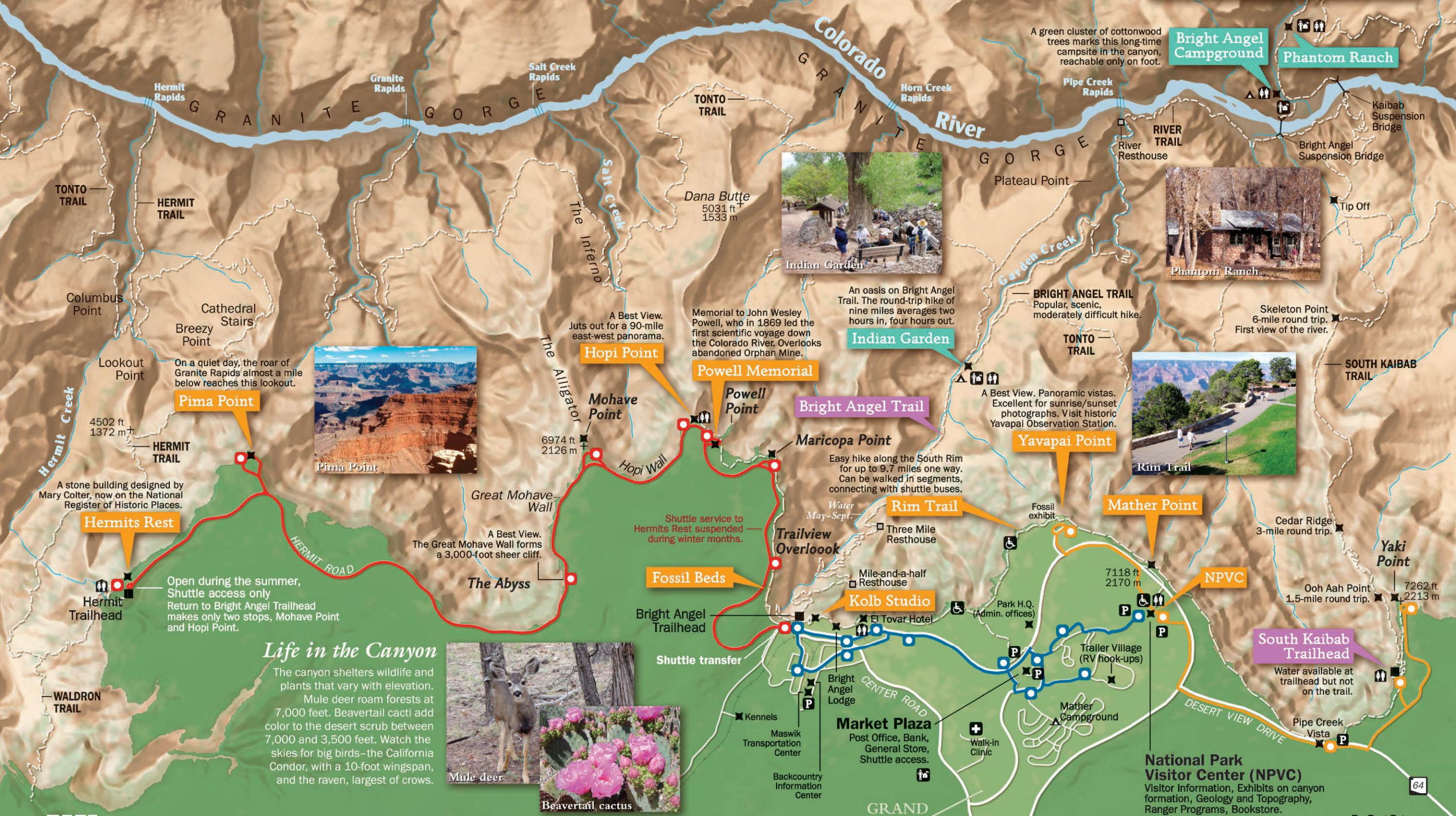
Timeless vistas wrought in rock and water, the Grand Canyon is nature at its most spectacular. Ancient peoples, John Wesley Powell, miners, artists, photographers, and visitors—all come and go. The canyon remains. When you visit, practice “Leave No Trace” principles:

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

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

Scale: 0 to 1 Mile / 0 to 1 Kilometer



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 go

Activities are arranged for time and ease; if you have more time, you can do any of the ideas listed 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 Grand Canyon 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 on this map. The best way to get close to the Grand Canyon is on foot.

At Canyon View Information Plaza (CVIP), you can get information and view exhibits.

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 the 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 leisurely rim walk.

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 from 4 to 14 can sign up for Junior Ranger Programs. The Grand Canyon Field Institute offers one to eight day classes and field trips.

- Grand Canyon Visitor Center IMAX film “Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets” Tickets, Reservations
- National Park Visitor Center (NPVC) Parking available
- Tight Schedule. Limited Physical Activity**
 - Mather Point Most popular lookout, wheelchair accessible
 - Yavapai Point and Geology Museum Great photo opportunity, many exhibits
 - Rim Trail between Mather Point and Yavapai Point Wheelchair accessible from Mather Point to Bright Angel Trailhead
 - Trail of Time Between Yavapai and Verkamp’s Visitor Center
- Flexible Schedule, Higher Activity Level**
 - Fossil Beds
 - Rim Trail to Maricopa Point
 - Hopi Point
 - Powell Memorial 10 minute walk from Hopi, great photo opportunity
 - Pima Point
 - Hermit’s Rest Refreshments available
 - Ranger Interpretive Programs Information on history, geology, and wildlife
 - Flight Tours Reserve at the National Geographic Visitor Center
 - Land Tours by Jeep or Horse Reserve at Bright Angel Lodge. Learn about the flora and fauna of the Kaibab National Forest
- Physically Active Hikes**
 - Bright Angel Trail to Indian Garden. During the non-summer months you can go to Plateau Point for a view of the river
 - South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge 3 mile round trip
- Camping at Indian Garden or Bright Angel Campground booked months in advance. Ask about daily openings at the Back Country Information Center
- Phantom Ranch Ask about daily openings at the Back Country Information Center and make bookings at Bright Angel Lodge.
- Visit Tusayan Ruins near East Entrance 3-hour round trip
- Drive to North Rim 8-hour round trip: open in summer months only

Where to start

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER

For more information call (928) 638-2468 or visit explorethecanyon.com

The Grand Canyon Visitor Center is here to help you enhance your visit to one of the world’s most extraordinary natural wonders. The Grand Canyon 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 4,000 years of Grand Canyon history in only 34 minutes.
- Adventure Store** Maps, books, games, “Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets” on DVD, Native American crafts.
- Photo Gallery** Historic pictures of Major Powell’s expedition, Native American life and expeditions to map the Canyon.
- Explorer’s Café** Pizza Hut Express, fresh deli sandwiches, soups, salads, Asian rice bowls and more.
- Pink Jeep Tours** The newest addition to the Grand Canyon Visitor Center is the world-famous Pink Jeep Tours. Enjoy an open-air tour experience of the Grand Canyon to some of the most fascinating points of interest and unforgettable views of the South Rim.
- National Park Service Park & Ride (seasonal)** Avoid traffic lines at the entrance and searching for places to park within the National Park by taking a shuttle from the Grand Canyon 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).



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 & Tours

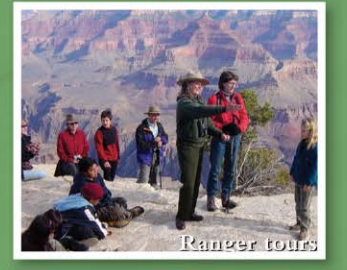
Ride the Shuttle

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.



SOUTH ENTRANCE ROAD

GRAND CANYON VISITOR CENTER

1.5 miles to South Entrance Station

National Park Service Park & Ride

Grand Canyon Visitor Center Shuttle Stop (seasonal)