

How Much Time?

Just checking out viewpoints from Hermit's Rest to Desert View on the South Rim takes a full day. If you want to head over to the North Rim (which you should—there are a few very special viewpoints over there and smaller crowds), that's a four hour drive!

How much more time? Well, you can spend 20+ days rafting the entire canyon or several nights backpacking from rimto-rim-to-rim. Even if you aren't a big hiker or interested in any of the other activities, I'd suggest spending two nights on the South Rim and another night at the North Rim. It's a very pretty place, and changes year-to-year, season-to-season, day-to-day, hour-to-hour. Enjoy a few sunrises and sunsets while you're visiting this incredible creation of Mother Nature's patient handiwork.

There is one problem.
There's a lot to see in this corner of the country. Be sure to check out this POI map and the suggested road trips below.

Need to Know

- Reservations are required for camping.
- South Rim is open year-round.
 North Rim closes for winter.
- Compared to the South Rim, it's about 7°F cooler on the North Rim, and 20°F warmer at the canyon floor.
- There are <u>four free shuttle</u> routes at the South Rim.
- You don't have to go Rim-to-Rim to have fun in the inner canyon. South Kaibab and Bright Angel are great as outand-backs. Just turn around long before you're tired.
- A 4x4 unlocks awesome places like Toroweap.

Maps

Grand Canyon National Park Map: PDF | JPG

Perspective Map: PDF | JPG Inner Canyon: PDF | JPG South Rim: PDF | JPG North Rim: PDF | JPG Region: PDF | JPG

Google Map w/ Trails and Attractions

All 63 National Parks Map: PDF | JPG Southwestern NPS Units Map: PDF | JPG

Highlights

There are unlimited outstanding views here!

South Rim: Yavapai Point, Lipan Point, Mohave Point, Desert View, Mather Point, Yaki Point, Hopi Point, Trailview Overlook North Rim: Toroweap Point, Cape Royal, Point Imperial, Point Sublime, Bright Angel Point



Favorite Trails

Easy

Rim (South Rim)
Cape Royal (North Rim)
Bright Angel Pt (North Rim)
Transept (North Rim)

Moderate

Cape Final (North Rim)

Strenuous

South Kaibab (South Rim)
Plateau Point (South Rim)
Hermit (South Rim)
Bright Angel (South Rim)
North Kaibab (North Rim)

Road Trip

Here's a <u>Google Map</u> to help plan road trips from the east (Petrified Forest), north (Zion), west (Las Vegas, NV), and south (Saguaro). It's a good start, but I'd highly recommend making your own.

There's much more to our country. Here's another **Google**Map with points of interest across all types of public land.

For campers, here's a <u>Google Map</u> with National Forest campgrounds. National Park campgrounds are difficult to reserve (there are about 200!). With nearly 5,000 national forest campgrounds, you can usually pull in and find a spot.

Activities

Hiking
Backpacking
Mule Rides
Biking
Flightseeing
Train Excursions

See this <u>Google Map</u> for pins to favorite trails and attractions.

Highlights Sunset Crater NM (AZ)

Coral Pink Sand Dunes SP (UT) Lee's Ferry (Glen Canyon NRA) Horseshoe Bend (AZ) Antelope Canyon (AZ) Glen Canyon/Lake Powell (AZ)

Hoover Dam (NV)

Superstition Mountains (AZ) (Tonto National Forest)
Tonto Natural Bridge SP (AZ)
Sedona (AZ)
(Coconino National Forest)

There's a ton to do in Sedona. Check the POI map.

When To Go



