

Grand Canyon

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Grand Canyon National Park

Day Hiking the Grandview Trail



Warning

Do not use this trail to access the Colorado River for a day hike.

Know how to rescue yourself. YOU are responsible for your safety and the safety of your family and friends. Rescue is not guaranteed, and assistance may take hours or days due to weather or other emergencies.

Check the Backcountry Information Center for the latest trail conditions prior to starting your hike. Detailed trail information can be found at go.nps.gov/grcatrails.

Built in 1893 as a mining route, this rocky, exposed, and strenuous trail requires caution. Large steps and extreme dropoffs intensify the steepness of the trail. Upper portions can be extremely icy in winter and early spring—use over-the-shoe traction devices.

Hike Smart

Before You Go

- Choose the appropriate trail for your abilities or consider walking the Bright Angel Trail for an easier hike.
- Check the weather and adjust plans; avoid summer heat. Remember, the weather can change suddenly.
- Leave your itinerary with someone who will notice if you are overdue and report it to 911.
- Hydrate, but don't force fluids. Eat a good meal, and get a good night's sleep. If you do not feel well, do not hike.
- Prepare yourself for a faster hike down with high impact on your joints and a slow, strenuous hike out that may take twice as long or longer.

10 Essentials for Your Day Pack

1. Water: bring a sufficient amount and extra in case of emergency; always bring a water treatment method
2. Salty snacks and high-calorie meal(s)
3. First aid kit, prescriptions, blister care, duct tape, and pocket knife
4. Map or trail guide
5. Flashlight or headlamp with spare batteries
6. Sunscreen, wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses
7. Whistle, signal mirror, and cell phone
8. Lightweight tarp or emergency shelter
9. Broken-in hiking boots with good soles and hiking poles
10. Layers of clothing



For more information about Leave No Trace strategies, hiking tips, closures, roads, trails, and permits, visit go.nps.gov/grca-backcountry.

Accessing the Trailhead

Desert View Drive may close, with little notice, due to inclement weather.

Private Vehicles

Take Desert View Drive 12 miles (19 km) east of the Village or 13 miles (20 km) west of Desert View and park at Grandview Point.

Trail begins on the east side of the stone retaining wall at Grandview Point.

Additional Information

No drinking water on trail to Horseshoe Mesa; springs below mesa not reliable. For experienced desert hikers. Allow extra hiking time; conditions are more difficult than the

Bright Angel, South Kaibab, and Hermit trails. Please leave rocks, plants, wood, and artifacts where you find them.

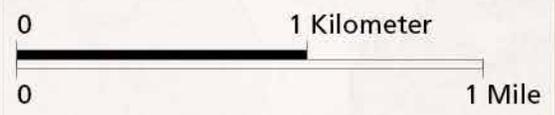
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Grandview Trail Destinations

Legend



- Campground (permit required)
- Restrooms
- Trailhead
- Road
- Day hike trail
- Overnight trail; seek advice at Backcountry Information Center



Horseshoe Mesa
 Elevation: 4900ft (1495m)
Please be respectful of campers.

Cottonwood Creek
 Elevation: 3900ft (1189m)
Recommended only for experienced hikers. Spring is reliable during cooler seasons, but can dry up during hot weather. Must treat water.

Page Spring
 Elevation: 4360ft (1330m)
Recommended only for experienced hikers. Water contains high arsenic levels.

Grandview Trailhead
 Elevation: 7400ft (2255m)

Destination	Elevation Change from Top	Distance One-Way	Time Roundtrip
Coconino Saddle	1000ft (305m)	1.1mi (1.8km)	2-4 hours
Horseshoe Mesa	2500ft (762m)	3mi (4.8km)	6-9 hours
Page Spring	3040ft (927m)	3.7mi (6km)	6-9 hours
Cottonwood Creek	3900ft (1189m)	4.5mi (7.2km)	6-9 hours



Coconino Saddle
 Elevation: 6400ft (1950m)
Recommended summer day hike. Not signed.

To Grand Canyon Village
 To Desert View
 Desert View Drive