Hiking along the North Rim

Day hiking along Grand Canyon’s rim is one way to experience the canyon’s rich natural beauty and immense size. No permits or fees are required.

Assuming you are physically fit and have adequate food and water, the following day hikes are considered reasonable for most people.

Bring at least 3 quarts/liters of water per person, plenty of snacks, sturdy shoes or boots, hat, and sunscreen on your hike. Always check the status of trails before traveling to the trailhead.

Trail numbers correlate with the maps above. All hiking times are approximate. For information about hiking below the rim, see page 6.

- **Bright Angel Point Trail**: 5.5 mi (8.8 km) round-trip 6 hours round-trip A short walk on a paved trail leads to a spectacular view of the canyon. Trail begins at the log shelter in the visitor center parking area or from the lodge back porch.
- **Brihuega Trail**: 1.2 mi (2 km) one-way 45 minutes one-way This trail follows the road as it connects Grand Canyon Lodge with North Kaibab Trailhead. Pets on a leash and bicycles are permitted on this hard-packed trail.
- **Transvaal Trail**: 3.0 mi (4.8 km) round-trip 1.5 hours round-trip Trail follows the canyon rim from Grand Canyon Lodge to North Rim Campground.
- **Widforss Trail**: 10 mi (16 km) round-trip 6 hours round-trip Wander through a blend of forest and canyon scenery—a short walk can be very satisfying. To locate the trailhead, take the dirt road 0.25 mile (0.4 km) south of Cape Royal Road for one mile (1.6 km) to the Widforss Trail parking area. Self-guiding trail brochure available at trailhead.
- **Arizona Trail**: 10 mi (16 km) one-way 6 hours one-way A section of this trail enters the park from Point Imperial to the North Kaibab Trail parking area.
- **Roosevelt Trail**: 5.0 mi (8.0 km) round-trip 3 hours round-trip Stroll through the forest to a viewpoint overlooking the canyon and the North Kaibab Trail switchbacks. Begin from the North Kaibab Trail parking lot. This trail is also used by mules. See page 10 for etiquette and safety information.
- **Point Imperial Trail**: 4.0 mi (6.4 km) round-trip 2 hours round-trip This easy trail passes through areas burned by the 2000 Outlet Fire and ends at the north park boundary. From there, it is possible to continue to the Nonjavea Point Trail and US Forest Service roads.
- **Ken Patrick Trail**: 10 mi (16 km) one-way 6 hours one-way Trail winds through the forest and along the rim from Point Imperial to the North Kaibab Trail parking area.
- **Uncle Jim Trail**: 5.0 mi (8.0 km) round-trip 3 hours round-trip Enjoy a forested walk through the North Kaibab Trail parking lot.
- **Cape Royal Trail**: 0.6 mi (1.0 km) round-trip 1 hour round-trip Path meanders down a forested ravine and ends where a sheer cliff with no handrails faces a sheer cliff with no handrails.
- **Roosevelt Point Trail**: 6.0 mi (9.6 km) round-trip 2 hours round-trip Enjoy a forested walk from the dirt parking area to Cape Final. This trail offers a view of the canyon from the Painted Desert. Trail begins 2.4 miles (3.9 km) north of the Cape Royal parking lot.
- **Uncle Jim Point Trail**: 5.4 mi (8.7 km) round-trip 1.5 hours round-trip Path meanders down a forested ravine and ends where a sheer cliff with no handrails faces a sheer cliff with no handrails.

**When Can I Find Free Drinking Water?**

In an effort to reduce litter along hiking trails, plastics in the waste stream, and greenhouse gas emissions, Grand Canyon National Park eliminated the sale of water packaged in individual disposable containers—including plastic and glass bottles. Water bottle filling stations are available: Bring or buy a reusable water bottle and fill it up for free at the Visitor Center, Administration & Backcountry Office, or North Kaibab Trailhead. Reusable source water bottles are available at Park Stores and gift shops.