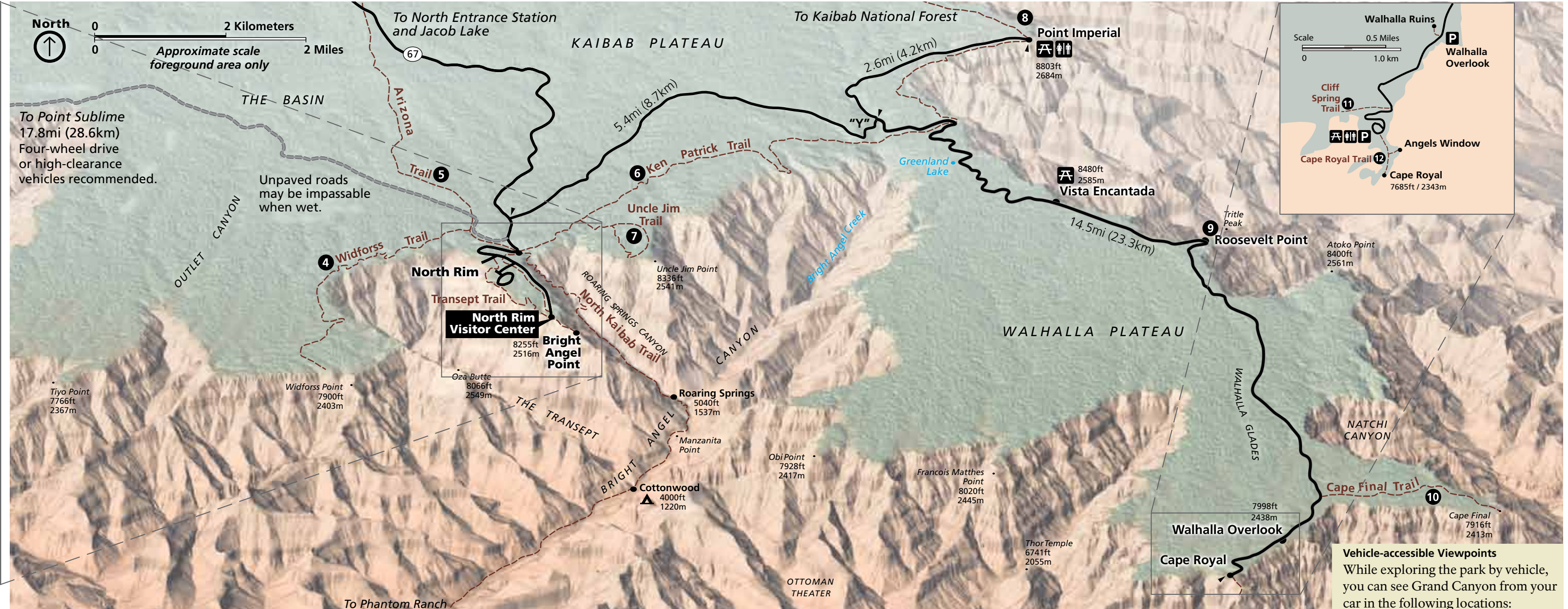
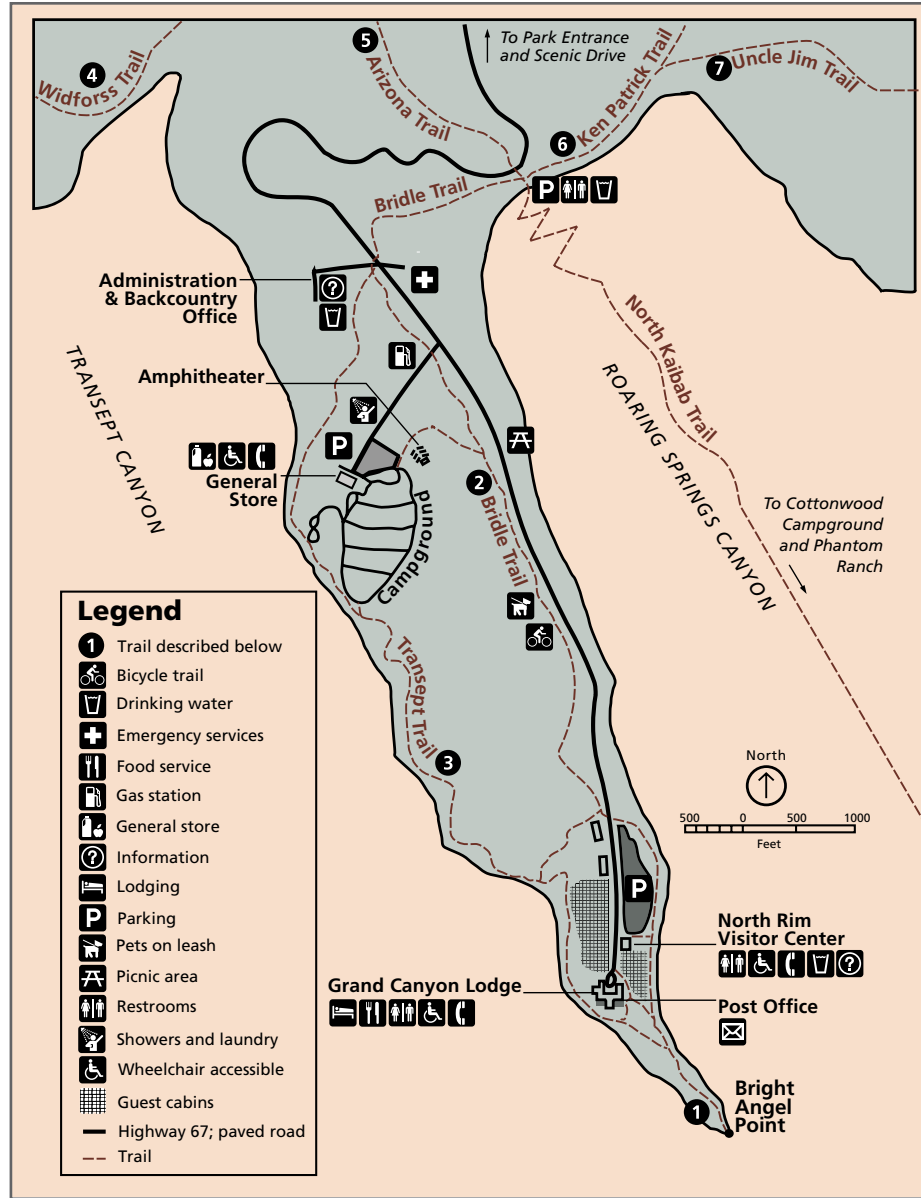


North Rim Driving and Trail Guide



Note: Vehicles longer than 30 feet (9 m) are not recommended on the roads to Cape Royal and Point Imperial.

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 8.

1 Bright Angel Point Trail
0.5 mi (0.8 km) round-trip
30 minutes 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.

2 Bridle 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.

3 Transept 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.

4 Widforss Trail
10 mi (16 km) round-trip
6 hours round-trip
Wander through a blend of forest and canyon scenery—even 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.

5 Arizona Trail
10 mi (16 km) one-way
6 hours one-way
A section of this trail enters the park near the North Entrance and roughly parallels Highway 67 until it connects with the North Kaibab Trail.

6 Ken Patrick Trail
10 mi (16 km) round-trip
6 hours one-way
Trail winds through the forest and along the rim from Point Imperial to the North Kaibab Trail parking area.

7 Uncle Jim 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.

8 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 Nankoweap Trail and US Forest Service roads.

9 Roosevelt Point Trail
0.2 mi (0.3 km) round-trip
20 minutes round-trip
Stroll this secluded woodland loop offering spectacular views and benches for relaxing. Trail begins from the Roosevelt Point parking area.

10 Cape Final Trail
4.0 mi (6.4 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 and the Painted Desert. Trail begins 2.4 miles (3.9 km) north of the Cape Royal parking lot.

11 Cliff Springs Trail
1.0 mi (1.6 km) round-trip
1 hour round-trip
Path meanders down a forested ravine and ends where a chest-high boulder rests under a large overhang. The spring is on the cliff side of the boulder. Please do not drink the water since it may be contaminated. Trail begins directly across the road from a small pullout on a curve 0.3 miles (0.5 km) north of Cape Royal.

12 Cape Royal Trail
0.6 mi (1.0 km) round-trip
30 minutes round-trip
An easy walk on a flat, paved trail offering views of the canyon, Angels Window, and the Colorado River. Markers along the trail interpret the area's natural history. Trail begins at the southeast side of the Cape Royal parking area.



Where 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 souvenir water bottles are available at Park Stores and gift shops.