

Day Hike - Rim Trail

Grand Canyon National Park

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Trail Condition: Inclines to flat. Well defined. Shade along trail. Most of the trail is paved and some sections are accessible. Excellent walking for quiet views of the inner canyon and for visitors who desire an easy hike with minimal elevation change. In winter surfaces may be slippery or icy when snowy. Beware of lightning during summer thunderstorms. Leashed pets are permitted on the trail but not on park shuttle buses.

Directions to Trailhead: Begin from any viewpoint in Grand Canyon Village or along Hermit Road. Can access the trail from many of the shuttle bus stops.

Trailhead Elevation: 6,820 feet, varies approximately 200 feet.

Note: NO water along trail. Water in Grand Canyon Village area and at Hermits Rest.

The Rim Trail stretches from Pipe Creek Vista west to Hermits Rest, a distance of approximately twelve miles (19 km), most of the trail is paved. Between Pipe Creek Vista and Bright Angel Lodge only a few short sections of the trail have grades that exceed accessibility standards. West of Bright Angel Lodge, the Rim Trail narrows and climbs the Bright Angel Fault to viewpoints along Hermit Road. Between Powell Point and Monument Creek Vista the trail is a 3 foot wide dirt trail. The section of the Rim Trail between Monument Creek Vista and Hermits Rest is also known as the Hermit Road Greenway Trail.

Destination (heading west)	Distance (in miles) to next point	Services: W = Water T = Toilet		Notes
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Pipe Creek Vista	1.3			Paved trail begins here and heads west towards the village. Shuttle bus stop.
Mather Point	.7		X	Closest overlook to Canyon View Information Plaza.
Yavapai Point	.75		X	Glass observation area with canyon information. Shuttle bus stop.
Park Headquarters junction	1			The trail between this point and the next passes historic buildings, restrooms, and water.
Village Route Transfer	.7			Shuttle bus stop.
Trailview Overlook	.7			Good views of the Bright Angel Trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Maricopa Point	.5			Shuttle bus stop.
Powell Point	.3			Pavement ends and trail becomes 3 foot wide dirt trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Hopi Point	.8		X	Great spot for viewing the sunset. Shuttle bus stop.
Mohave Point	1.1			Shuttle bus stop.
The Abyss	.9			Shuttle bus stop.
Monument Creek Vista	1.7			Dirt trail ends and trail becomes a 9 foot wide paved trail. Shuttle bus stop.
Pima Point	1.1			Shuttle bus stop.
Hermits Rest		X	X	Small gift shop and snack bar. Shuttle bus stop.

Everyone needs to carry water! Even though you will be hiking on the rim, you still need to carry water. Always remember to eat as well as drink while hiking.

Successful hikers:

- Plan their hike before they start and go prepared.
- Hike during the cooler, shadier time of the day (in summer).
- Go slowly, rest often, and stay cool.
- Eat salty foods and drink water or sports drink.

Depending on how prepared you are, your trip can be a vacation or a challenge, a revelation or an ordeal. Over 250 people are rescued from the canyon each year. The difference between a great adventure in Grand Canyon and a trip to the hospital (or worse) is up to YOU.

