

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK BACKCOUNTRY PERMIT REQUEST FORM

Submit form by fax (928) 638-2125 (preferable) or by mail to:
Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon National Park, PO Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023
For additional information, call direct Monday - Friday, 1-5 PM at (928) 638-7875
or contact us by e-mail: grca_bic@nps.gov

Name: _____	Phone _____
Address: _____	e-mail _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Trailhead Vehicles _____ st pl # st pl #
Country: _____	Organization: _____
# of People: _____ * if part of a larger group obtaining more than one permit, organization name is required	Beginning Trailhead: _____
# of Horses: _____	Ending Trailhead: _____

Please do not send me a Grand Canyon Hiking Video (I already have one).

Associated Groups: In order to preserve the backcountry experience for all visitors and to decrease impacts caused by social trailing, regulations stipulate that all permits are void when a group (i.e. same club, organization, group of friends, etc.) obtains multiple permits for the same campground or use area for the same night. Please contact the Backcountry Information Center for further clarification prior to applying.

To assist us in understanding your intentions, please include nights at Phantom Ranch, on Forest Service land, on Tribal land, and at rim stock sites. Dates should be consecutive within itinerary. Itinerary requests can be longer than 6 nights.

First Choice:	Second Choice:	Third Choice:
Date (m/d/yy) / Use Area or Campsite	Date (m/d/yy) / Use Area or Campsite	Date (m/d/yy) / Use Area or Campsite
1 _____	1 _____	1 _____
2 _____	2 _____	2 _____
3 _____	3 _____	3 _____
4 _____	4 _____	4 _____
5 _____	5 _____	5 _____
6 _____	6 _____	6 _____

Acceptable Variations

Startdate earliest _____ latest _____	Campsites	Trip Length minimum _____ maximum _____	Group Size If space for a large group (7-11 people) is not available, I am willing to accept a permit for 6 people.
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Frequent Hiker Membership: Waives the \$10 permit fee for 12 months from date of purchase

I am already a member
Please enroll me for 1 year/ \$25
No Thanks

Payment Information: Pay by credit card or check. Payments are non-refundable. Cost: \$5 per person per night plus \$10 flat fee.

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Exp. Date: /

Total Authorized permit Cost: _____ Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Information, Deadlines, and Constraints:

Canyon hikers are fully responsible for knowing and obeying all regulations; obtain a free copy of the Backcountry Trip Planner by calling (928) 638-7888 or visit the backcountry section of our website at nps.gov/grca. Permit requests can be made by fax, mail, or in person (see contact information above). Permit requests are not accepted by telephone or email. Requests must be postmarked or faxed no earlier than the first of the month, four months prior to the proposed start month; please allow up to 3 weeks for your request to be processed. Permits cancelled at least 4 days in advance will receive a hiker credit (minus a \$10 cancellation fee) valid for 1 year. All fees paid to the Backcountry Information Center are NON-REFUNDABLE! Denied requests will not incur a charge.



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2008 Winter Backcountry Permits

Your permit request should arrive at the Backcountry Information Center at least 21 days prior to the start of your hike to ensure enough time to process your request. Any remaining sites will be given out in person at the Backcountry Information Center. **Many North Rim trailheads and viewpoints are closed or not accessible in the winter. Expect icy trail conditions January, February and March!** The advance reservation totals below do not include last minute walk-in permits.

	Bright Angel Campground (CBG)	Indian Garden Campground (CIG)	Cottonwood Campground (CCG)
Dec 2008	44% full	34% full	12% full*
Jan 2009	19% full	16% full	5% full*
Feb 2009	19% full	20% full	5% full*
Mar 2009	82% full	84% full	31% full*
Apr 2009	97% full	100% full	34% full*

* North Kaibab trailhead not accessible by vehicle until mid-May 2009.

Bright Angel full Dec 27 and 29. Indian Garden and Bright Angel 99% full Mar 10-31.

Options for hikers who are unable to obtain a permit in advance:

Last Minute Permits/Waitlist: Several campsites in Bright Angel, Indian Garden, and Cottonwood Campgrounds are made available each morning for the next day. For best chance of success arrive at Grand Canyon National Park two or more days before you wish to backpack. Go to the Backcountry Information Center and get a waitlist number. Return to the Backcountry Information Center by 8 a.m. the next morning. Campsites are awarded to the lowest numbers present. Those who do not obtain a permit the first morning will receive a lower waitlist number for the following morning.

Day Hike: No permit needed to day hike. Be prepared for winter hiking conditions. In-step crampons may be necessary and can be purchased from the South Rim general store for around \$10. Weather and trail conditions are variable and change dramatically from one year to the next. Plan Ahead and Prepare.

Non-Corridor Permit Updates:

- Hermit, Monument, and Indian Garden are available all nights in December. Salt and Horn are booked for about half of the nights in December.
- April 2009: Horn (BL4) 100% full all month; Cremation (BJ9) 100% full from 1-8 & 23-30; Nankoweap (AE9) 100% full from 26-30; Tanner (BB9) 100% full from 13-23.

North Rim (Kaibab Plateau/ Highway 67/ North Kaibab Trailhead): The North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park is closed and will not be accessible by vehicle until it reopens, tentatively mid-May 2009. The North Rim campground is available for winter camping (backcountry permit required) but is only accessible via inner canyon trails from the South Rim or by a 45-mile cross-country skiing or snowshoeing trip from Jacob Lake. A permit can be obtained from the South Rim Backcountry Information Center. Backcountry permits for North Rim winter camping are also available at Pipe Spring National Monument in Fredonia, AZ, or at the Bureau of Land Management District Office in St. George, UT; however, you must obtain your permit in person and several days in advance at these locations.

For information on trail conditions and situations affecting the backcountry of Grand Canyon National Park visit www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/trail-closures.htm

December 19, 2008