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During your visit the National Park Service encourages you to participate in the programs listed below. All programs are free. We hope that learning more about Grand Canyon National Park and its resources will lead to a greater appreciation of your

Grand Canyon Village



Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Cedar Ridge Hike 				
This program begins May 10.				
With a ranger, descend 1,140 feet (347m) below the rim on the unpaved South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Ridge. This strenuous 3-mile (5 km) round-trip hike is not recommended for people with heart or respiratory problems or difficulty walking. Participants should wear sturdy footwear and bring 1-2 quarts (1-2 liters) of water per person. Hat, sunscreen, and snacks strongly recommended. Hikers cannot drive to the trailhead. Ride the free Village Route shuttle bus to Canyon View Information Plaza and hop on the Kaibab Trail Route shuttle bus by 7:10 a.m. Allow 45 minutes for total travel time. Program begins May 10.	South Kaibab Trailhead	7:30 a.m.	3-4 hours	Daily
Fossil Walk: Remnant Impressions 				
This program given March and April only.				
Walk among brachiopods, sponges, and other marine creatures that thrived on this part of the continent 270 million years ago, before the age of the dinosaurs. This easy ½-mile (0.8 km) one-way walk explores an exposed fossil bed along the rim. Parking may be limited; park in Lots C, D, or E or ride the free Village Route shuttle to the Bright Angel Lodge stop. Walks conducted only in March and April. An alternative activity will be offered during inclement weather.	Patio on rim side of Bright Angel Lodge	9:30 a.m.	1 hour	Daily
Introduction to Grand Canyon Geology  				
Why is the Grand Canyon so deep, wide, and grand? Why does it exist only here in the world? Come and participate in this fascinating talk to learn how Grand Canyon was formed. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	10:00 a.m.	30-45 minutes	Daily
Colorado River Talk   				
Enjoy the grandeur and power of the Colorado River as you explore and discuss the river's role in Grand Canyon. Program may include a short walk on a paved path. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No programs May 4 - 7.	Bicycle rack outside Yavapai Observation Station	10:00 a.m.	30-45 minutes	Daily
The Human Story  				
For thousands of years, humans have been part of Grand Canyon. Join park staff outside of Verkamp's Visitor Center to take a look at the history of the South Rim area. Programs may include a walk around the village historic district or a talk inside if the weather is poor. Parking may be limited; consider parking at Lots C or D or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop. No programs May 4 - 7.	Verkamp's Visitor Center front porch	1:00 p.m.	30-45 minutes	Daily
Ranger's Choice  				
Explore the world of Grand Canyon during this in-depth special program. Topics change daily; check at the Visitor Center for the day's subject. Possible programs include nature talks, Native American culture, or pioneer history. Plan sufficient time to arrive at the Visitor Center by the free Village Route shuttle bus.	Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza	1:30 p.m.	30 minutes	Daily
Geo-Glimpse  				
Enjoy the geology exhibits at Yavapai Observation Station and explore a selected aspect of the canyon's geology during these short talks.	Inside Yavapai Observation Station	2:30 p.m.	20 minutes	Daily

national park. Some programs, except the Evening Program, are cancelled May 4–7 to allow our rangers to attend training.

Grand Canyon Village, continued

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Rim Walk   				
Grand Canyon is a colorful landscape with a rich history. Enjoy an intriguing walk with a park ranger exploring the canyon's natural and cultural history. This is an easy ½-mile (0.8-km) walk on a paved trail. Parking may be limited; consider parking at Lots C or D or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Train Depot stop. No walks May 4–7.	Verkamp's Visitor Center front porch	3:00 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
Nature Walk   				
Learn more about the complexity and diversity of nature with a short hike along the rim. Topics vary and may include: animals and plants adapting to changing seasons, man's impact on nature, rare and endangered species, or Native American use of plants and animals. Parking may be limited; plan to arrive by the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Yavapai Observation Station stop. No walks May 4–7.	Bicycle rack outside Yavapai Observation Station	3:30 p.m.	45–60 minutes	Daily
Condor Talk: Wings over the Canyon  				
What highly endangered bird with a 9-foot wingspan is often spotted at Grand Canyon? The California condor! Learn about these majestic birds and their reintroduction in northern Arizona in a talk on the canyon's rim. Parking is limited; consider parking at Lots C or D or riding the free Village Route shuttle bus to the Bright Angel stop. No talks May 4–7.	In front of Lookout Studio near Bright Angel Lodge (You may have to use stairs to arrive at the program site.)	4:00 p.m.	30–45 minutes	Daily
Evening Program  				
The perfect way to end your day at the Grand Canyon! Enjoy a ranger presentation on a significant aspect of the canyon's fascinating natural or cultural history. For this evening's topic check the schedules posted around the park. Arrive by walking, driving, or riding the free Village Shuttle Bus. No programs May 13 and 20.	Shrine of the Ages auditorium	March–April 7:30 p.m. May 8:00 p.m.	1 hour	Daily

Special Programs

Full Moon Walks and Star Talks 				
During nights around the full moon and new moon, rangers may offer moon walks and star talks at the Mather Point overlook. Check bulletin boards at the visitor centers and campgrounds to see if these events are scheduled. Programs may be presented in the 3 days around new and full moons.	Mather Point	March 6:00 p.m. April 7:00 p.m. May 8:00 p.m.	1 hour	See page 5 for moon phase dates
Spring Break Programs 				
During late March and early April, park rangers will offer programs for our younger visitors including story time, short walks, or other activities. Check at visitor centers or park bulletin boards for current activities. Parents must accompany children to activities.	Locations vary	Varies	Varies	Varies
Additional Programs				
As staffing permits, rangers will offer additional programs which may include Fossil Walks, Kolb Studio Tours, and condor programs as staffing is available. Look for signs in the Village area or at the visitor centers to confirm times and availability.	Locations vary	Varies	Varies	Varies



Ranger Programs, continued

Desert View and Tusayan Museum

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Glimpses of the Past  	Tusayan Museum , 3 miles (5 km) west of Desert View	11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	30 – 45 minutes	Daily

Have you ever wondered how 800 years ago people found food, water, and shelter? Join a ranger to explore the remains of an ancestral Puebloan village and envision a thriving community in this harsh and demanding environment. This walk entails a journey on a 0.1 mile (0.2 km) flat, paved trail.




Inside the Canyon You must hike or ride the mules to these locations.

Activity	Location	Time	Duration	Frequency
Indian Garden 	Indian Garden on the Bright Angel Trail.	As posted	Varies	Thursday through Sunday
These programs begin March 5.				
Phantom Ranch 	Phantom Ranch	4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.	45 minutes	Daily
These programs begin March 6.				

Rangers present evening programs at the amphitheater just south of the Indian Garden Campground. Check the bulletin board in the campground for times and topics. Rangers also post information on additional programs as scheduling permits. Programs begin March 5. **No programs May 3 - 8.**

Programs are given daily at Phantom Ranch, reachable only by hiking or riding the mules to the bottom of the canyon. Talks cover a wide range of natural and cultural history topics. Upon arrival, check the Bright Angel Campground bulletin board or the Phantom Ranch Canteen for program locations and subjects. Programs begin March 6. **No programs May 3 - 8.**

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

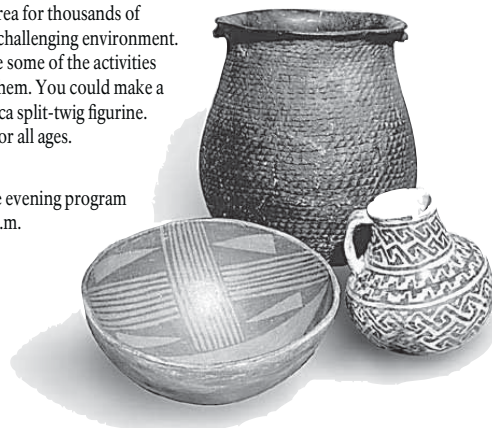
-  All outdoor programs may be cancelled in inclement weather or when lightning danger is present.
-  These programs are wheelchair accessible with assistance. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza.
-  These family-oriented programs are ideal for meeting the ranger program requirement for Grand Canyon's Junior Ranger badge. Any ranger program, however, may serve the requirement on page 2 of the Junior Ranger Activity Booklet.

Archeology Day: March 28, Saturday Visitor Center at Canyon View Information Plaza

People have lived in the Grand Canyon area for thousands of years, learning to sustain themselves in a challenging environment. Presentations throughout the day explore some of the activities of past peoples and how we learn about them. You could make a pot, identify artifacts, or construct a replica split-twig figurine. Activities and presentations are suitable for all ages.

Park archeologist Ian Hough presents the evening program at Shrine of the Ages auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

March is Arizona Archeology Month



Celebrate Wildlife Day: May 2, Saturday Shrine of the Ages

Staff from the National Park Service, Grand Canyon Association, and Arizona Game and Fish Department will hold an open house at the Shrine of the Ages near parking lot A on Saturday, May 2 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Displays will highlight canyon wildlife and current research projects. Researchers and rangers will offer indoor and outdoor programs. Check at any National Park Service visitor center, park headquarters, or the Shrine of the Ages for a schedule of events or visit www.nps.gov/grca/naturescience/wildlife-day.htm.

The evening program at 8:00 p.m. features Robert Mesta of the Sonoran Joint Venture, a bird conservation program between the U.S. and Mexico.

