

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 _____
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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 (if all choices listed above are unavailable, please retry above choices with the variations marked below):

Campsites	Trip Length (# of nights) minimum _____ maximum _____	Group Size <small>If space for a large group (7-11 people) is not available, I am willing to accept a permit for 6 people.</small>	Startdate earliest _____ latest _____
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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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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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2009 Summer Backpacking Season

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. The advance reservation totals below do not include last minute walk-in permits.

Corridor Campgrounds	Bright Angel Campground (CBG)	Indian Garden Campground (CIG)	Cottonwood Campground (CCG)
May 2009	100% full	100% full	100% full*
Jun 2009	97% full	97% full	100% full
Jul 2009	50% full	50% full	50% full
Aug 2009	50% full	50% full	50% full
Extremely hot, average 105°F in shade. Strong thunderstorms. Lightening danger. Flash flood danger. Not recommended to hike between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Hike at your own risk.			

* North Kaibab trailhead not accessible by vehicle until May 15, 2009

September Corridor Update: All large group sites (7 to 11 people) for the Corridor have been reserved. Maximum group size in the Corridor for September is 6 people. Contact the Backcountry Information Center for more information on planning a hike with a large group.

Outside the Corridor: North Bass trailhead and Point Sublime will not open to vehicle traffic until the roads have been cleared and are dry, sometime between May 15 and June 15. Contact the park for an update.

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. Weather and trail conditions are variable and change dramatically from one year to the next. Plan Ahead and Prepare.

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 on May 15, 2009. The North Rim Backcountry Information Center will open for the season on May 15, 2009. Non-corridor backcountry permits may also be obtained from these remote stations: Pipe Spring National Monument in Fredonia, AZ, and the Bureau of Land Management District Office in St. George, UT (permits are issued no more than six days in advance from these remote stations).

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

May 6, 2009