Getting Around Grand Canyon

Shuttle Bus FAQ

**Are the shuttle buses free?** Yes, your entrance fee includes free shuttle bus transportation.

**How do the shuttle buses work?** Running like a city bus system, four shuttle bus routes stop at gift shops, visitor centers, and viewpoints. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride. No shuttle bus drives to Desert View. Note: During the busy part of the day, buses fill quickly. You may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

**How can I tell the difference between shuttle bus routes?** The front of the free, green and white shuttle bus displays the name of the route and its color.

**What are the shuttle bus rules?**
- No eating or open drink containers.
- No pets. Service animals permitted.
- Collapse strollers before entering the shuttle bus. No oversized or jogging strollers. Remove baby-bak carriers when seated.
- Shuttle buses can accommodate two or three bicycles, but not tag alongs, baby trailers, or children's bicycles with wheels less than 16 inches (41 cm). Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
- Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.

**Will my wheelchair fit on the bus?** A Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. This permit is available at entrance to some areas closed to public traffic.

**What are the shuttle bus routes?**
- **Tu Sayan Route—Blue Route**
  - 30 minutes roundtrip
  - Stops at six viewpoints
  - Water, snack bar, toilets, and gift shop at Hermit Rest
  - Buses run every: 6:30 am, 7 am; later than 30 minutes after sunset.
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

- **Kaibab/Rim Route—Orange Route**
  - 40 minutes roundtrip
  - Stops at several viewpoints, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and Yavapai Geology Museum.
  - Access to South Kaibab Trailhead
  - Buses run every: 6:45 am, 7 am; later than 30 minutes after sunset.
  - For the last bus, be at a bus stop no later than 30 minutes after sunset.

- **Vaughn’s Hill Route—Yellow Route**
  - 40 minutes roundtrip
  - Stops at IMAX, Rest Western Grand Canyon Squire Inn, The Grand Hotel, Big E Steakhouse & Saloon, and Grand Canyon Visitor Center.
  - Buses run every 20 minutes:
    - First bus leaves IMAX at 8 am; last bus leaves at 9:45 pm
    - First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:25 am; last bus leaves at 9:30 pm.

- **Hermit Road Closed to private vehicles March 1 to November 15. No private vehicles are allowed on shuttle bus routes. Hermit road open to operate vehicles December 1 to February 28.

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**Driving and Parking FAQ**

**Where can I drive my car?**
- Yes, you can drive roads indicated by a solid black line on the maps in this Guide. Yaki Point Road and Hermit Road are closed to private vehicles. To access these areas, ride the free shuttle bus.

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**Where can I park?**
- Parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near shuttle bus stops.
  - Park lots 1-4 Grand Canyon Visitor Center.
  - Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.
  - Parking Lot A Park Headquarters
  - Parking Lot B Market Plaza
  - Parking Lot C North Rim Center Road in Grand Canyon Village.
  - Parking Lot D Backcountry Information Center; includes auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

**Where can I learn about road conditions?** Check at visitor centers or call 928-638-7496. Please slow down, take your time, and drive carefully.

**What else do I need to know about driving?**
- Do not stop in the road, block traffic, or parks along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible. Use pull-outs to take pictures and view wildlife.

**Hiking Express**

Express service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Shuttle bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at the Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead.

Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in May
- 4 am, 5 am, and 6 am in June, July, and August
- 5 am, 6 am, and 7 am in September

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