



# Access Your Park



## Welcome

This brochure outlines accessible services, facilities, and activities. Grand Canyon National Park strives for full and equal participation of all visitors and continually upgrades facilities to make them more accessible. Use this publication for information about hearing, sight, and mobility concerns in the park.

## Access Pass

- Free, lifetime, non-transferable pass for US citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities.
- Admits owner and passengers in the same private vehicle to federal recreation sites that charge entrance fees. Visit [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov) for information about federal recreation sites.
- Provides discounts on camping, swimming, boat launching, and guided tours.
- Requires documentation of permanent disability and residency or citizenship. For information about types of documentation accepted and to download an application, visit [go.nps.gov/passes](http://go.nps.gov/passes).
- Obtain in person at entrance stations and Park Headquarters or by downloading an application and submitting it through the mail.
- Does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessioners.

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## Service Animals

- Allowed in all facilities and on all shuttle buses and rim trails
- Must always be leashed
- Can only be taken into the canyon after checking in at the Backcountry Information Center
- Are not emotional support animals, comfort animals, or therapy dogs according to Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Unlike service animals, these categories of animals are not allowed on shuttle buses, in buildings, or below the rim. Persons wishing to take a service animal into the canyon must first check-in at the Backcountry Information Center.



Scout, a service dog visiting Grand Canyon.



# Accessible Facilities

## ATMs

- **South Rim:** Chase Bank and Maswik Lodge have ATMs equipped with Braille and headphone jacks.
- **North Rim:** Roughrider Saloon and North Rim Country Store have partially accessible ATMs.

## Bookstores, Gift Shops

All bookstores and gift shops are wheelchair accessible except for South Rim's Kolb Studio and the upper floors of Desert View Watchtower.

## Food

All food service facilities are wheelchair accessible.

## Lodging, Campgrounds

- All hotels offer wheelchair-accessible rooms. Visit <http://go.nps.gov/gc-lodging>.
- Mather and North Rim campgrounds offer wheelchair-accessible sites but do not provide hookups. Trailer Village offers hookups but no wheelchair-accessible sites. Visit <http://go.nps.gov/fcdle0>.

## TTY Phones

Available at Bright Angel Lodge, El Tovar Hotel, and Yavapai Lodge Services

# Services

## ASL Interpreters

- Contact the park at least three weeks ahead of time to request an ASL interpreter for a free park ranger program: 928-638-7888 or [grca\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:grca_information@nps.gov).
- Check visitor centers or visit [go.nps.gov/gc\\_programs](http://go.nps.gov/gc_programs) for information on park ranger programs.

## Medical Facilities

- Emergency: Dial 911 or 9-911 from park hotel rooms.
- **South Rim:** Call the North Country Clinic at 928-638-2551.
- **North Rim:** Call 911 for emergency medical technicians.

# Getting Around

## Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit

- Allows visitors with mobility issues to drive their personal vehicles on Hermit Road and Yaki Point Road, two scenic roads closed to public traffic
- Available at entrance stations and visitor centers
- Must be displayed on vehicle dashboard
- Does not qualify vehicles to park in designated handicap parking spaces; a government-issued handicap parking pass is still required

## Shuttle Buses

- Free and accessible
- Provide wheelchair ramps and low entrance/exit steps close to ground
- Offered on South Rim only; not available on South Rim's Desert View Drive or on North Rim
- Accommodates wheelchairs 30 inches (76 cm) wide by 48 inches (121 cm) long; larger chairs do not fit on buses
- Cannot accommodate motorized scooters
- Check visitor centers or [go.nps.gov/gc\\_shuttle](http://go.nps.gov/gc_shuttle) for bus routes and times.



Shuttle bus wheel chair ramp

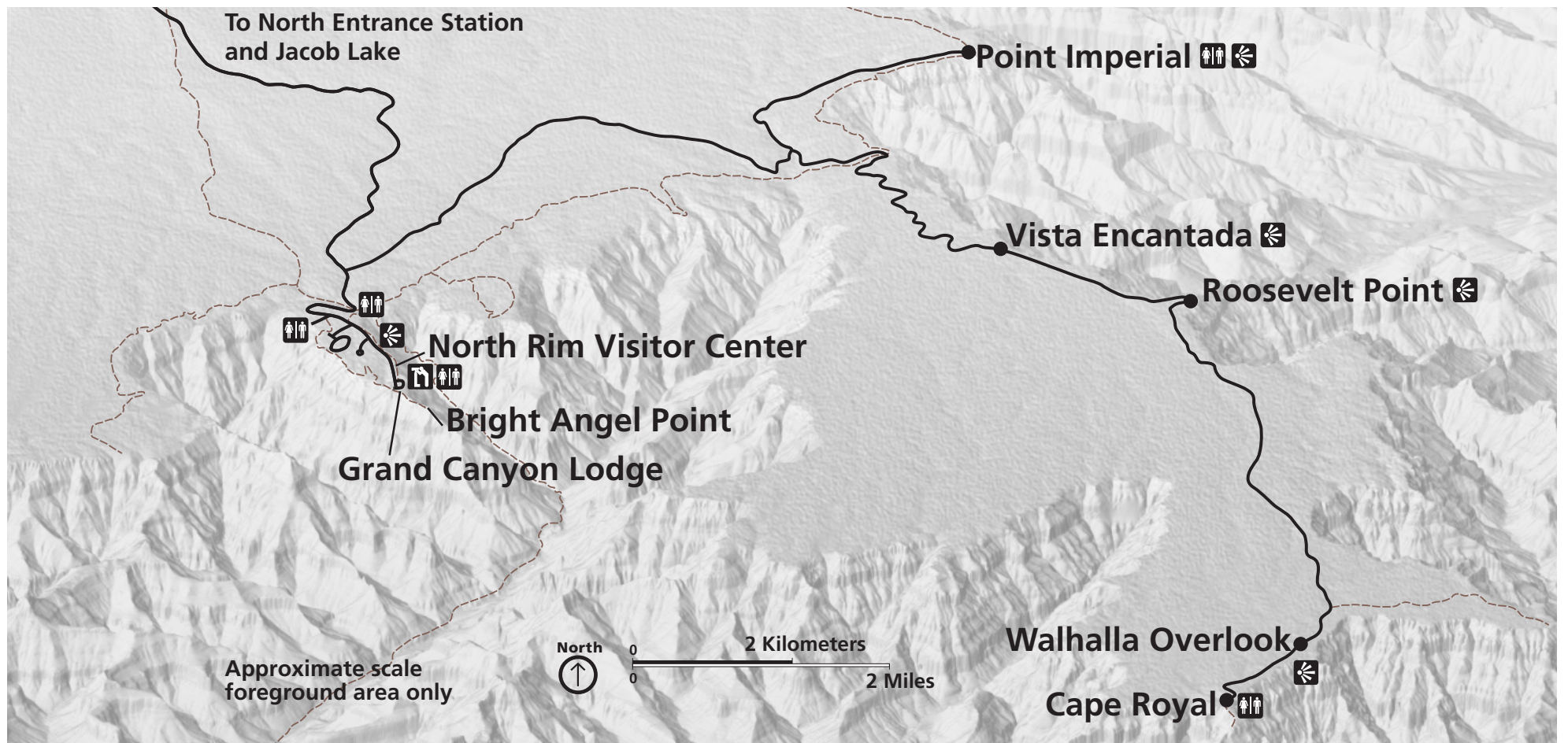
## Wheelchairs, Bicycles

- South Rim: Wheelchairs and tandem bicycles available for rent at Bright Angel Bicycles next to Grand Canyon Visitor Center; 928-814-8704 or [bikegrandcanyon.com](http://bikegrandcanyon.com).
- North Rim: A limited number of free wheelchairs are available for loan from the North Rim Visitor Center.



# North Rim Activities

Open May 15 through Mid-October



## North Rim Visitor Center

- Open 8 am–6 pm (9 am–3 pm Oct 16–31)
- Displays exhibits about geology, ecology, and human history
- Park rangers available to answer questions and describe exhibits

## Park Ranger Programs

- Topics may include ecology, geology, history, condors, hiking, fossils, astronomy, prehistory
- Program locations, dates, and times available at visitor center or visit [go.nps.gov/gc\\_programs](http://go.nps.gov/gc_programs)




## Scenic Drives

- Point Imperial: 11 miles (18 km) one way
- from the visitor center; Point Imperial is highest point on either rim at 8,803 feet (2,742 m); spectacular views of Mt. Hayden and Marble Canyon
- Cape Royal: 32.5 miles (52 km) one way from entrance station; scenic viewpoints along the drive
- Maximum vehicle length: 30 feet (9 m)

## Windshield Views

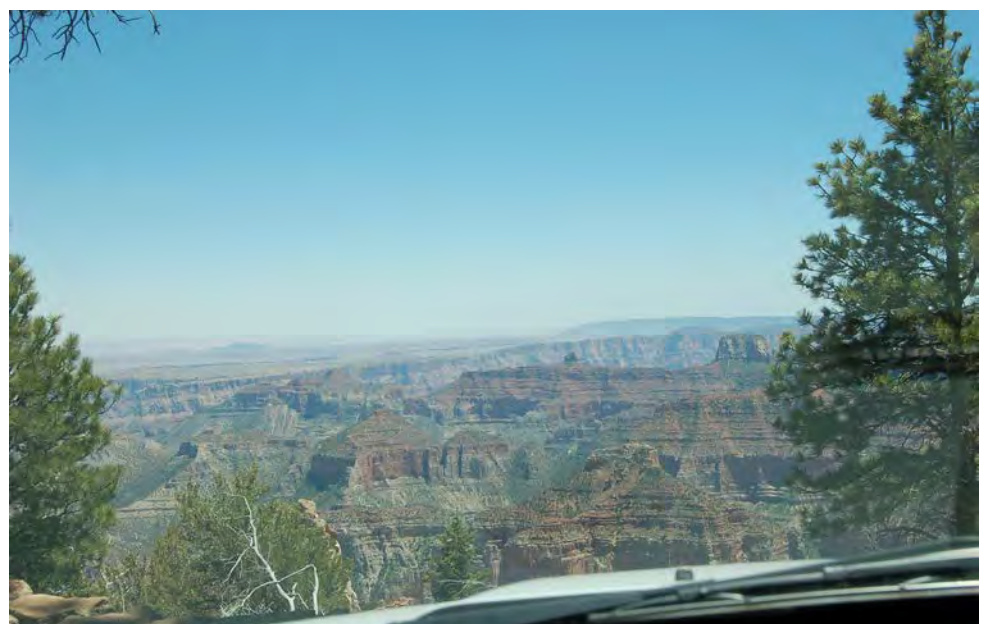
- Views as noted on the map are available without leaving your vehicle.

### Legend

- Non-wheelchair-accessible trail due to steep grade and/or unpaved surface
- Park roads
-  Wheelchair-accessible scenic view
-  Wheelchair-accessible restrooms
-  Windshield views



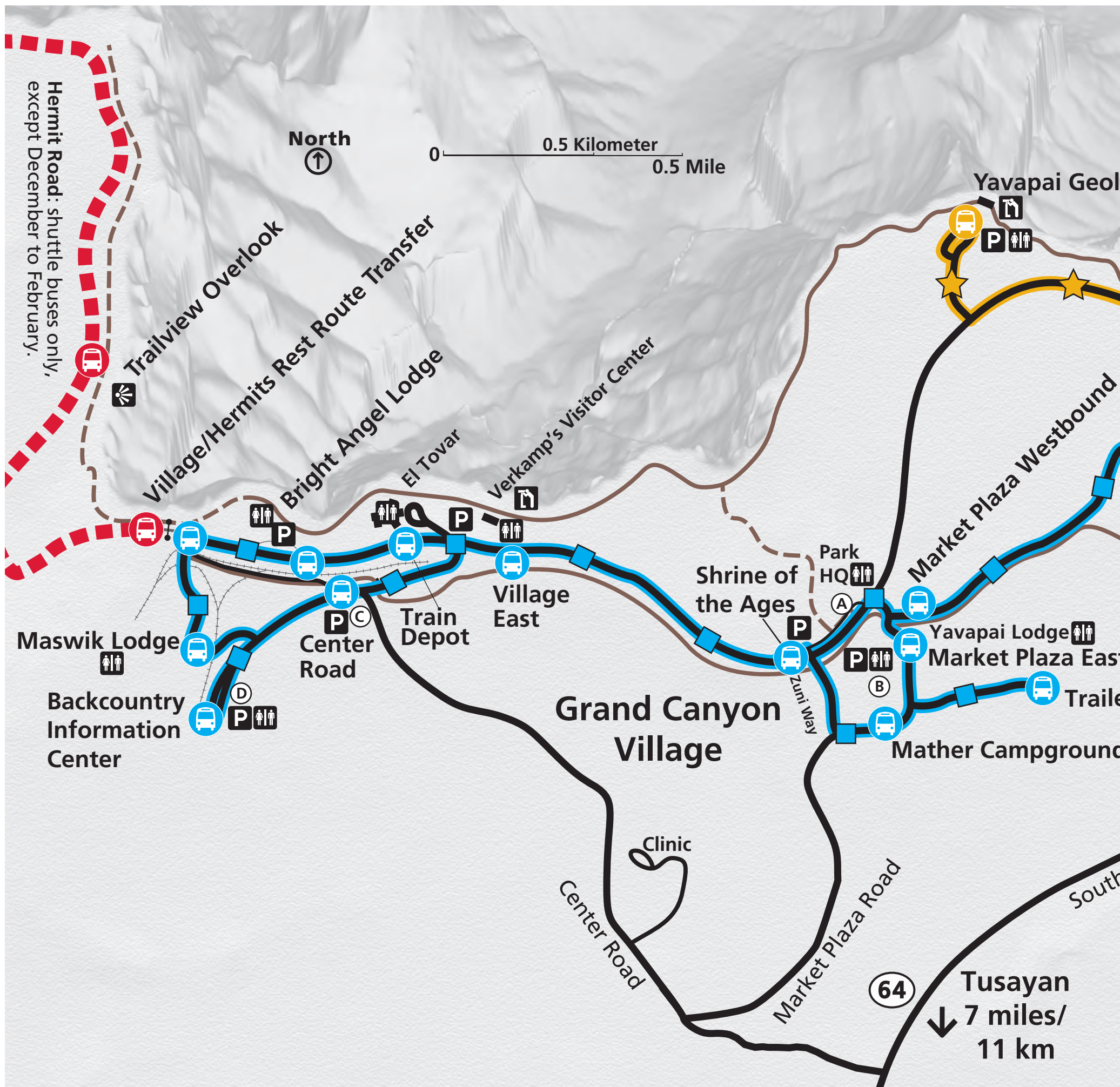
North Rim Visitor Center accessible by ramp on left.



Windshield view from Point Imperial on North Rim.



# South Rim Activities: Grand Canyon Village



## Grand Canyon Visitor Center

- Park Rangers available for questions
- Science on the Sphere: Video display with touchable exhibits accompanied by Braille labels and open captioning

## Mather Point

- Wheelchair-accessible views of Grand Canyon and Phantom Ranch

## Park Movie

- Located in Grand Canyon Visitor Center
- Open captioning is used in all showings
- Assistive listening devices available upon request

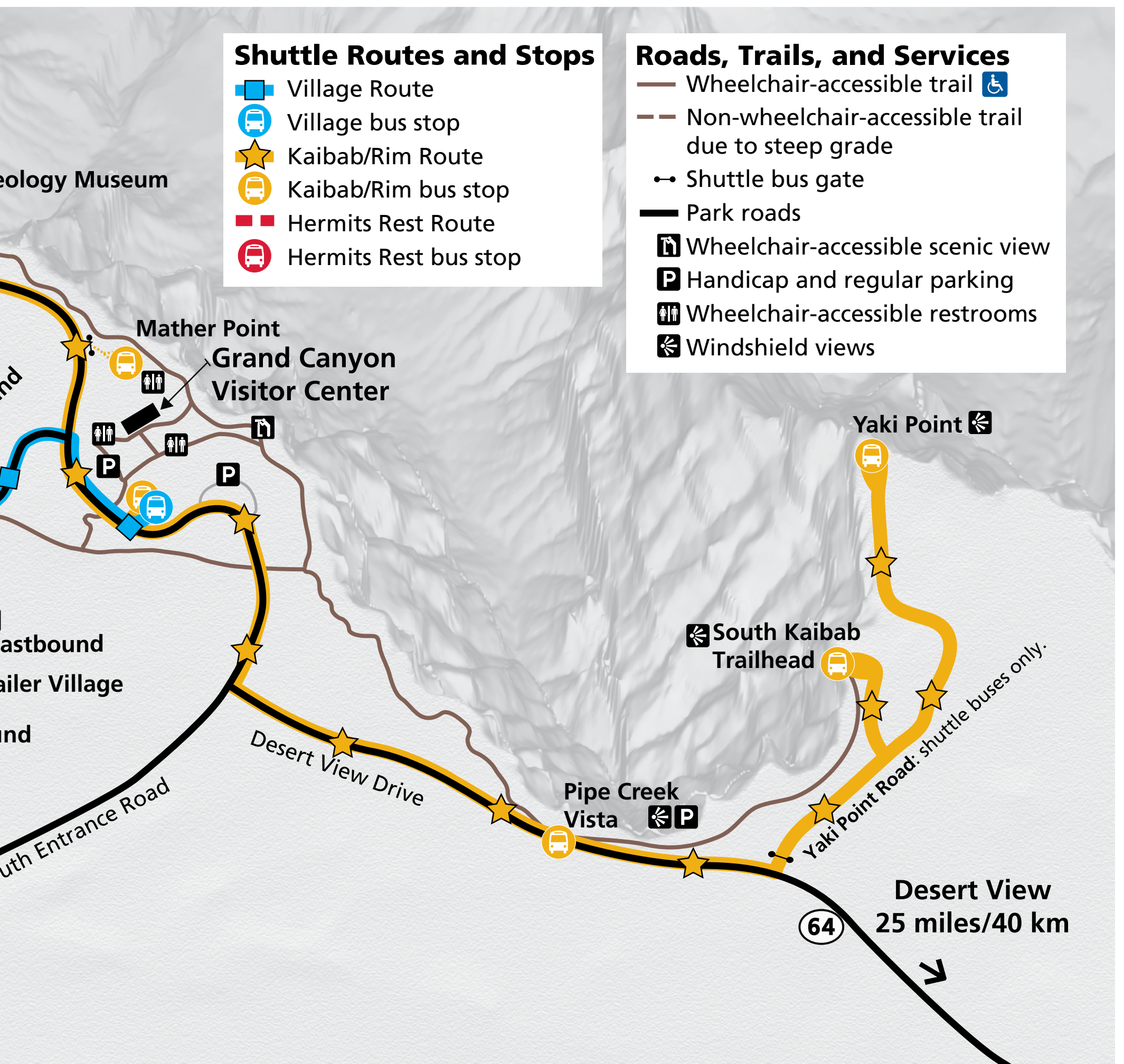
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## Trail of Time

- Wheelchair-accessible 1.3-mile (2.1 km) trail between Verkamp's Visitor Center and Yavapai Geology Museum
- Touchable samples of Grand Canyon's rocks





## Yavapai Geology Museum

- Tactile Grand Canyon relief map
- Indoor views of Grand Canyon



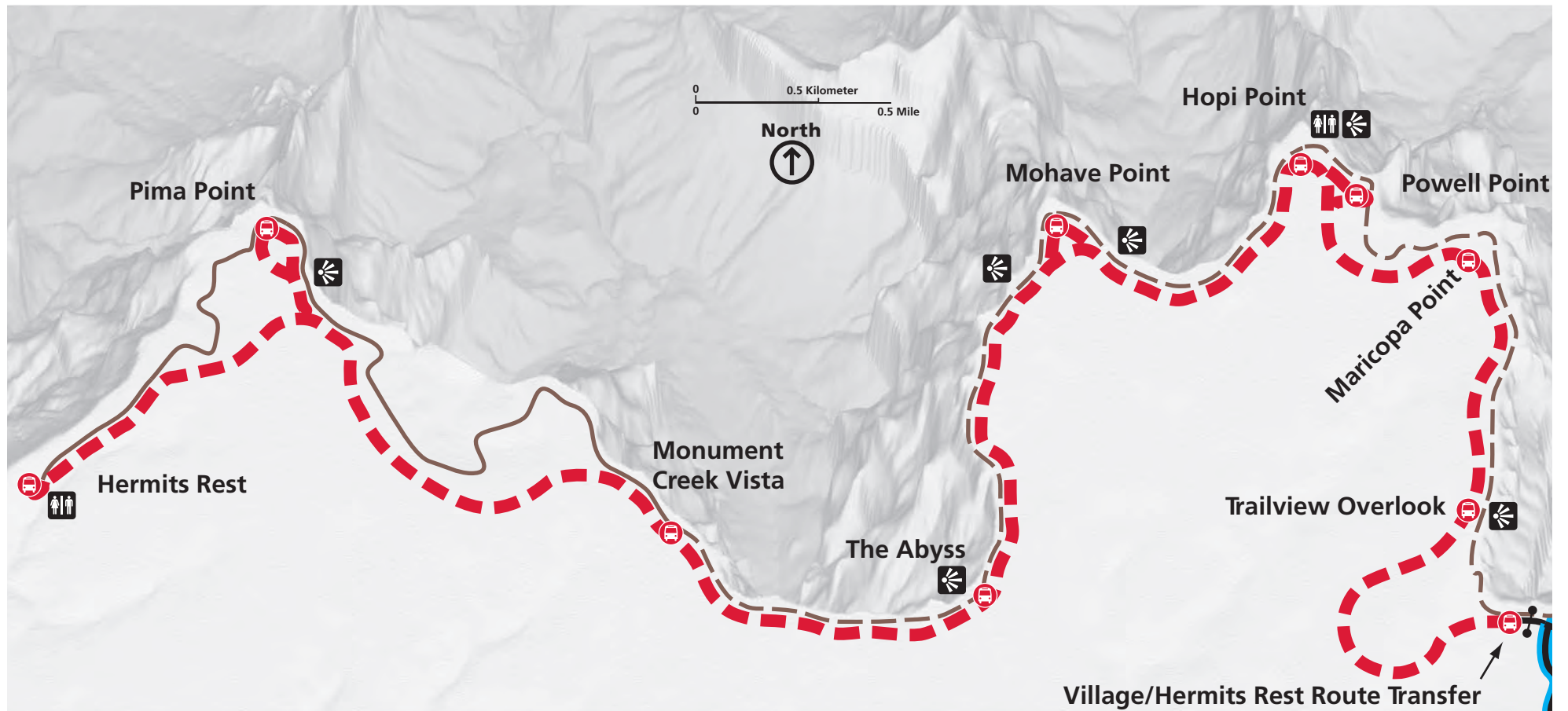
Visitors using the tactile relief map at Yavapai Geology Museum.



Trail of Time touchable rock samples.



# South Rim Activities: Hermit Road



## Windshield Views

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## Hermits Rest

- Designed by Mary Colter and opened in 1914
- Wheelchair-accessible restrooms, snackbar, and gift shop

## Hermit Road Viewpoints

### Trailview Overlook

- View of Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail
- Maricopa and Powell points
- View the Orphan Mine site
- Learn about uranium mining history

### Powell Point

- Memorial to John Wesley Powell and crews' river expeditions

### Hopi Point

- Highest point on Hermit Road
- Provides most expansive east to west view, including Colorado River

### Mohave Point

- Views of Colorado River's exhilarating rapids
- The Abyss
- 3,000-foot (914 m) sheer drop into canyon

### Monument Creek Vista

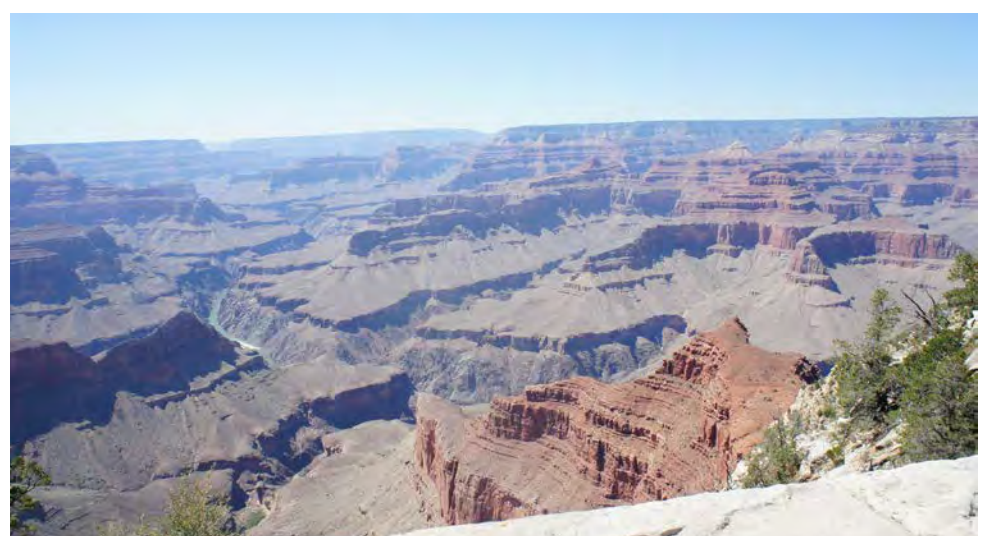
- Start of wheelchair-accessible part of Rim Trail to Hermits Rest

### Pima Point

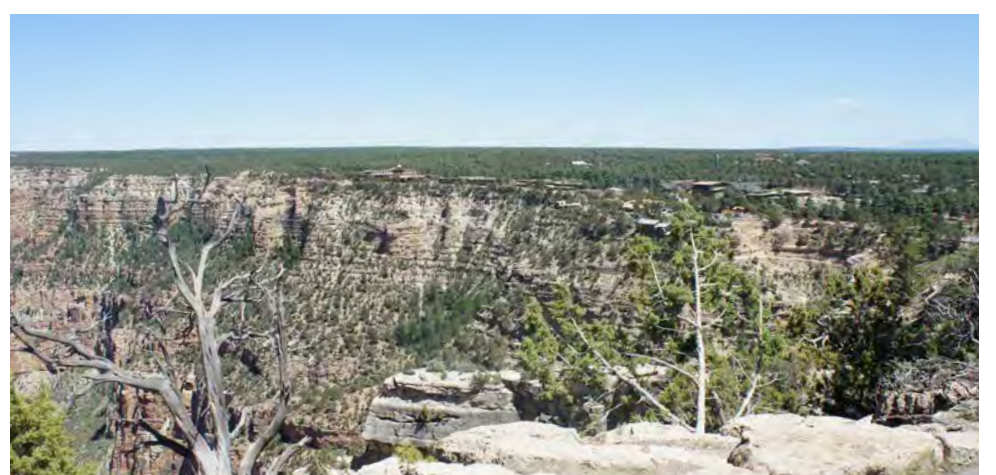
- See expansive river view
- Hear rapids roaring a mile (1.6 km) below

## Legend

- Wheelchair-accessible trail
- - Non-wheelchair-accessible trail due to steep grade and/or unpaved surface
- Shuttle bus gate
- - Hermit Road: Shuttle buses only, except December through February. Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit available at visitor centers.
- ♿ Wheelchair-accessible restrooms
- ☀ Windshield views
- 🚌 Hermits Rest Route shuttle bus stop



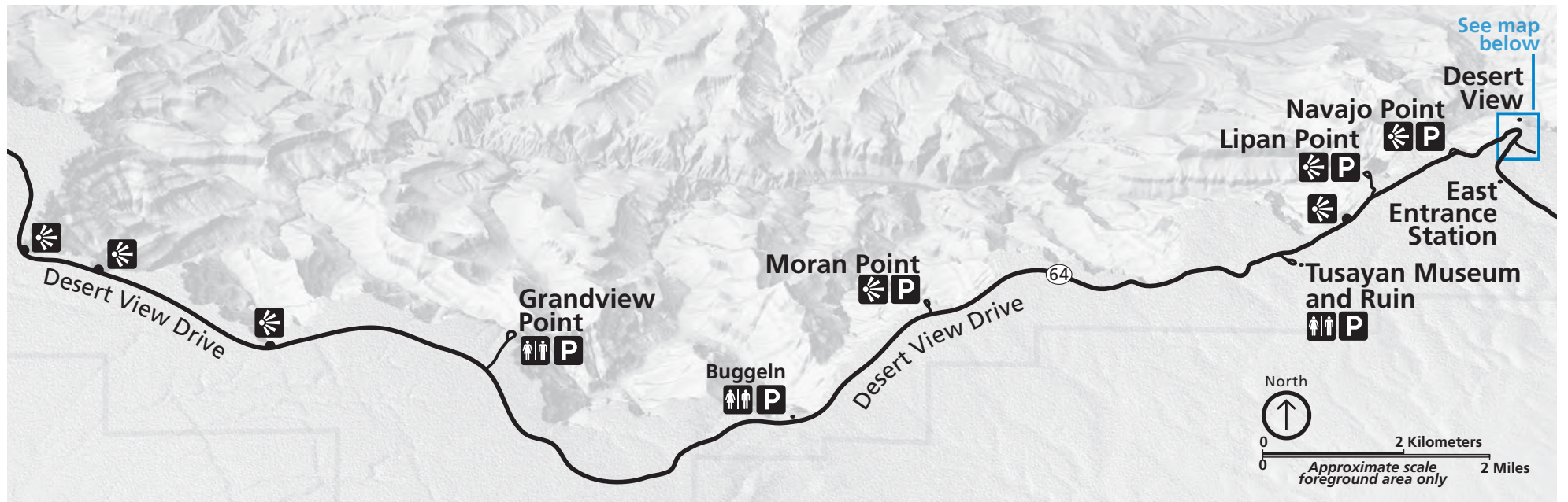
Windshield view around Mohave Point.



Windshield view of the Village from Trailview Overlook.



# South Rim Activities: Desert View Drive



## Tusayan Museum and Ruin

- Learn about Traditionally Associated Tribes
- Tour ancestral Puebloan village on wheelchair-accessible trail
- Visit wheelchair-accessible bookstore and museum

## Windshield Views

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## Desert View Drive Viewpoints

### Grandview Point

- Panoramic views of Grand Canyon
- Mining history exhibit

### Moran Point

- View Cape Royal on the North Rim, eight miles (13 km) across canyon
- Views of Colorado River

### Lipan and Navajo points

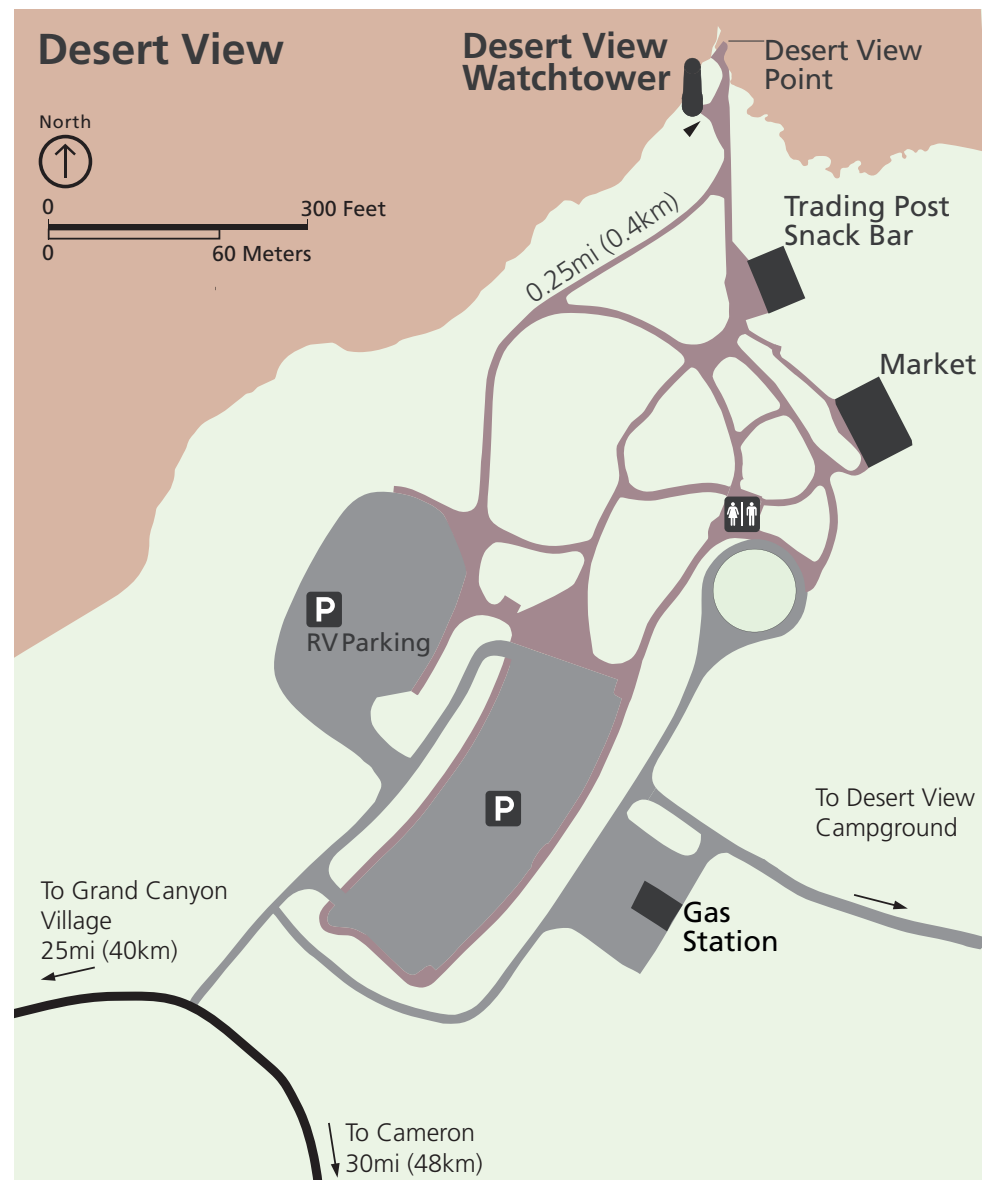
- View tilted Grand Canyon Supergroup rocks
- Views of Colorado River

### Desert View Point

- Expansive view of the inner canyon, North Rim, Colorado River, Navajo Nation, Vermilion Cliffs, Echo Cliffs, and Navajo Mountain

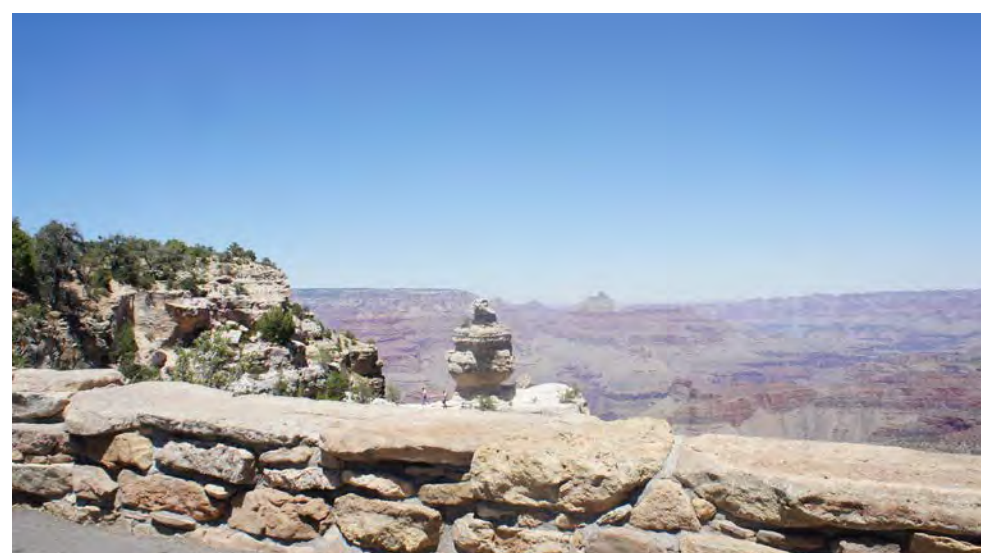
### Desert View Watchtower

- Designed by Mary Colter opened in 1933
- Upper floors not wheelchair-accessible; requires climbing a five-story building
- Views of the canyon and Painted Desert from the top



### Legend

- Paved road
- P** Handicap and regular parking
- Wheelchair-accessible restrooms
- Windshield views



Windshild view of Duck on a Rock, west of Grandview Point.



# For Your Health

## Weather

### Summer

- **Daytime average temperatures:** North and South rims: 70–80s (21–32° C); Inner Canyon: 100s (38–43° C)
- **Nighttime average temperatures:** North and South rims: 40–50s (4–15° C); Inner Canyon: 70s (21–27° C)
- **Weather:** Monsoon rain from July to early September with dangerous lightning

### Winter

- **Daytime average temperatures:** North and South rims: 30–40s (-1–10° C); Inner Canyon: 50–60s (10–21° C)
- **Nighttime average temperatures:** North and South rims: 10s (-12– -7° C); Inner Canyon: high 30s (2–4° C)
- **Weather:** snow and ice

## Smoke and Fire

- Fire is natural and important for maintaining healthy forests.
- Smoky skies are possible spring through fall.

## Elevation

- South Rim: 7,000 feet (2,134 m)
- North Rim: 8,000–9,000 feet (2,438–2,743 m)
- Phantom Ranch: 2,550 feet (777 m)

High-altitude sickness and other issues caused by elevation have the following symptoms:

- Shortness of breath
- Light-headedness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Headaches



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