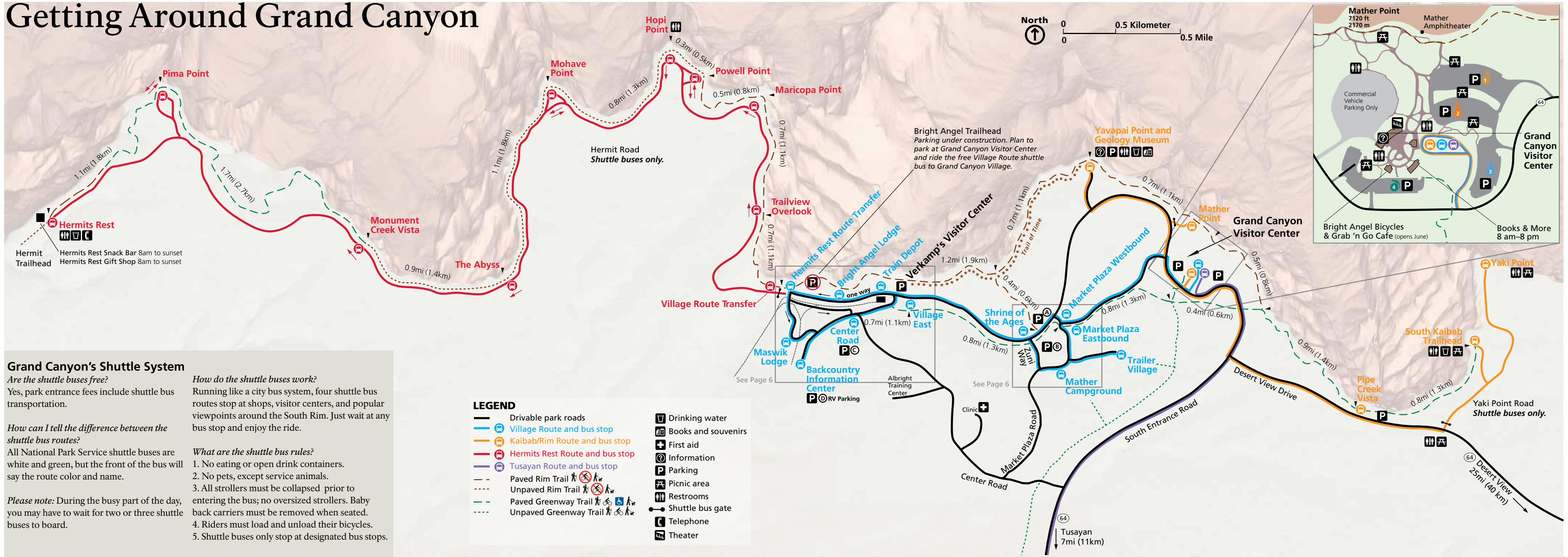


# Getting Around Grand Canyon



## Grand Canyon's Shuttle System

**Are the shuttle buses free?**  
Yes, park entrance fees include shuttle bus transportation.

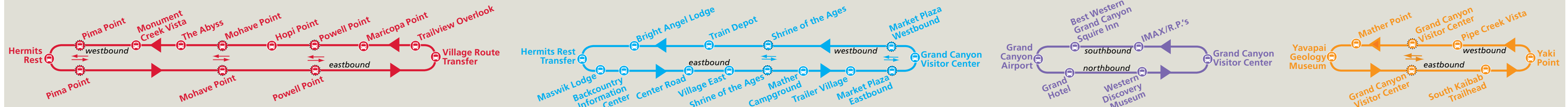
**How can I tell the difference between the shuttle bus routes?**  
All National Park Service shuttle buses are white and green, but the front of the bus will say the route color and name.

**Please note:** During the busy part of the day, you may have to wait for two or three shuttle buses to board.

**How do the shuttle buses work?**  
Running like a city bus system, four shuttle bus routes stop at shops, visitor centers, and popular viewpoints around the South Rim. Just wait at any bus stop and enjoy the ride.

**What are the shuttle bus rules?**

1. No eating or open drink containers.
2. No pets, except service animals.
3. All strollers must be collapsed prior to entering the bus; no oversized strollers. Baby back carriers must be removed when seated.
4. Riders must load and unload their bicycles.
5. Shuttle buses only stop at designated bus stops.



## Ride the Free Shuttle Buses

Reducing air pollution and taking nearly a half-million vehicles off park roads each year, shuttle buses offer a hassle-free transportation option.

**HERMIT REST ROUTE—RED ON MAP ABOVE**  
Without getting off the bus, this 7-mile (11 km) route takes 80 minutes round-trip. Shuttles stop at nine overlooks westbound, but only Pima, Mohave, and Powell points going east from Hermit Rest.

May buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:30 am–7:30 am  
15 minutes 7:30 am to sunset  
30 minutes sunset to one hour after sunset

June, July, and August buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:15 am–7:30 am  
15 minutes 7:30 am to sunset  
30 minutes sunset to one hour after sunset

September buses run every:  
30 minutes 5:15 am–7:30 am  
15 minutes 7:30 am to sunset  
30 minutes sunset to one hour after sunset

**VILLAGE ROUTE—BLUE ON MAP ABOVE**  
This 50-minute round-trip route provides transportation between Grand Canyon Visitor Center, hotels, restaurants, and campgrounds. Scenic canyon views are a short walk from some stops.

May buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:30 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am–7:30 pm  
30 minutes 7:30 pm–10 pm

June, July, and August buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:15 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am–9 pm  
30 minutes 9 pm–11 pm

September buses run every:  
30 minutes 5:15 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am–7:30 pm  
30 minutes 7:30 pm–10 pm

**KAIBAB/RIM ROUTE—ORANGE ON MAP ABOVE**  
This 50-minute round-trip route stops at five viewpoints and Grand Canyon Visitor Center. This route and the morning Hiker's Express shuttle bus offer the only access to South Kaibab Trailhead.

May buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:30 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset

June, July, and August buses run every:  
30 minutes 4:15 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset.

September buses run every:  
30 minutes 5:15 am–6:30 am  
15 minutes 6:30 am to one hour after sunset

**TUSAYAN ROUTE—PURPLE ON THE MAP ABOVE**  
Buses provide transportation between Tusayan, Arizona, and Grand Canyon Visitor Center. You must have a park entrance permit to use this shuttle. Buses run every 15 minutes and the ride takes 20 minutes each way.

First bus leaves Tusayan at 8 am from IMAX.  
First bus leaves Grand Canyon Visitor Center at 8:40 am.  
Last buses leave from both areas at 9:30 pm.

**HIKER'S EXPRESS**  
Service to South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus begins at Bright Angel Lodge, then stops at Backcountry Information Center, Grand Canyon Visitor Center, and South Kaibab Trailhead. Bus leaves Bright Angel Lodge at:

5 am, 6 am, 7 am in May and September  
4 am, 5 am, 6 am in June, July, and August

**ACCESSIBILITY**  
Buses are equipped with ramps to carry passengers in wheelchairs smaller than 30 inches wide by 48 inches long (76 by 122 cm). Most motorized scooters will not fit on buses.

The Scenic Drive Accessibility Permit allows visitors with mobility issues entry to some areas closed to public traffic. The permit is available at entrance gates, visitor centers, and hotel lobbies.

## Wander the Rim Trail

The Rim Trail offers a diverse hiking experience along 13 miles (21 km) of the canyon, shown by brown dashed lines on the map above. From a short 30-minute sunrise walk to a full afternoon hike, choose your adventure. The Rim Trail is wheelchair accessible from Lookout Studio to South Kaibab Trailhead. Distances and times are one way.

**EASY, POPULAR HIKES**  
Wide, paved trail; accessible by strollers and wheelchairs with assistance  
**Village Historic District**  
Verkamp's Visitor Center to Kolb Studio  
Explore local history.  
0.6 miles (1 km), 20–30 minutes

**Trail of Time**  
Yavapai Geology Museum to Verkamp's Visitor Center  
See and touch canyon rocks.  
1.3 miles (2.1 km), 1–2 hours

**Yavapai Point to Mather Point**  
Views of Colorado River and Phantom Ranch  
0.7 miles (1.1 km), 30–45 minutes

**EASY, LESS-TRAVELED HIKES**  
Little elevation gain  
**South Kaibab Trailhead to Mather Point**  
Great views of an inner-canyon trail  
2.1 miles (3.4 km), 1.5–2 hours

**Monument Creek Vista to Hermit Rest**  
Accessible by bicycle or on foot  
2.8 miles (4.5 km), 2–2.5 hours

**Hopi Point to Powell Point**  
Dynamic views of the canyon; unpaved  
0.3 miles (0.5 km), 30–45 minutes

**MODERATE HIKES**  
Some elevation gain and/or rough, narrow trail  
**Mohave Point to Monument Creek Vista**  
Unpaved trail with great views  
2.0 miles (3.2 km), 1.5–2 hours

**Hermit Rest Route Transfer to Trailview Overlook**  
Paved, steep grade, overlooks Grand Canyon Village and Bright Angel Trail  
0.7 miles (1.1 km), 20–30 minutes



## Pedal the Greenway Trail

Explore the Greenway Trail on a bicycle; follow the green dashed lines on the map above. Travel along the canyon rim and through ponderosa pine forests.

Bicycles are also permitted on all paved and some unpaved roads open to the public. Bicycles are prohibited on the Rim Trail and inner-canyon trails. Bicyclists must obey all traffic regulations. Ride single file with the flow of traffic and wear bright colors and a helmet. On Hermit Road, bicyclists must pull to the right shoulder and dismount when buses are attempting to pass.

**Bright Angel Bicycles**  
Bicycle rentals and guided tours; located at Grand Canyon Visitor Center.  
928-814-8704 or [www.bikegrandcanyon.com](http://www.bikegrandcanyon.com)

## Explore in Your Car

You can drive anywhere there is a solid black line on the map above. You cannot drive the Hermit Road or Yavapai Point Road; free shuttle buses operate in these areas. If you would like to explore more of the park by vehicle, consider driving to Desert View (see page 8).

All parking lots in Grand Canyon Village are located near free shuttle bus stops. Parking lots 1–4 are at Grand Canyon Visitor Center. Lot 1 includes auto, RV, and trailer parking.

Parking lots A (Park Headquarters) and B (Market Plaza) are large and may have empty spaces. Parking lot C (near Center Road in Grand Canyon Village) is small; lot D (Backcountry Information Center) offers auto parking in the north end and RV and trailer parking in the south end.

Do not park along the roadside, except where signs or lines on the road indicate it is permissible.

