



## Recreational Opportunities



### Day Hiking

Day hiking occurs on both rims and in the canyon; the majority of canyon day hikes occur on Bright Angel and South and North Kaibab Trails, but Hermit and Grandview Trails are also regularly used.



### Backpacking

Grand Canyon is a world-renowned backpacking destination. Although most overnight backcountry trips occur in the canyon, opportunities also exist on North Rim trails like the Widforss, and on South Rim in areas such as Cape Solitude and Eremita Mesa.

#### Identified Concerns

- Organized groups present management challenges by overwhelming limited space on popular trails like South Kaibab and Bright Angel
- Success in permitting and providing trail-etiquette guidance to large groups is variable
- Very long day hikes, such as rim-to-river-and-back or rim-to-rim are a safety issue, particularly in summer's heat
- Failure to practice Leave No Trace ethics can lead to degradation of park resources
- Off-trail travel is permitted but causes impacts to resources



### Climbing and Canyoneering

Climbing or canyoneering permits are not required except when other permit policies apply.

#### Identified Concerns

- Fixed gear such as bolts or anchors
- Desirable side canyon canyoneering locations may contain sensitive park resources such as springs and seeps, cultural resources, and special status plant and wildlife species

### Bicycling

Bikes are authorized on roads open to vehicles, but are not permitted on roads in proposed wilderness.

#### Identified Concerns

- Use in unauthorized areas



### Trail Running

Trail runners have used Corridor trails for many years, and rim-to-rim runners are common spring and fall weekends when North Rim is open. Spring and fall are very popular seasons for backcountry activities.

#### Identified Concerns

- Pressures from different user groups can create conflicts, especially when trail and backcountry etiquette is not practiced
- Pressures to facilities from groups on high-use days during spring and fall weekends

### River-Assisted Backcountry Travel

Recently, there has been increased interest in river-assisted backcountry travel using equipment such as pack-rafts. River crossings incidental to a backcountry permit are currently authorized though the Superintendent's Compendium.

#### Identified Concerns

- What permits apply?  
River, backcountry, both?
- Safety



**What are your recreation concerns and solutions?**