



Saturday-Monday May 27 - 29, 2017

Grand Canyon Memorial Day Weekend Day Hikes

Approximately 236 Miles and 4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 6/4	Elev. Change: 10,000+/-	Length: 22+/- per day
Start Time: See Desc.	Duration: 6-14 hrs/day	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: May 2015

- Major Hike:
- Cross-Country:
- Exploratory:
- Individual Effort:
- Options:
- Pass/Fees Rqd.:

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Required Equipment: Comfortable Hiking Boots/Shoes, Sunscreen, Hat, Socks, Adverse weather outer protection, Minimum 3 Qt. Water, Lunch/Snacks, Moleskin, Flashlight, Daypack,

Recommended Equipment: Trekking Poles, Radios set to Channel 6

Cautions and Special Preparations: Weather this time of year at the Canyon is unpredictable so be prepared for low temperatures on the rim and higher temps at the lower elevations. Check the links below periodically for weather conditions and forecasts for the noted locations:

- [South Rim - GCNP](#)
- [Phantom Ranch - GCNP](#)
- [North Rim - GCNP](#)

Due to an aging pipeline, drinking water sources are not always reliable. A method to treat water, should the pipeline break, must always be included as part of your hiking gear. For recommendations and/or additional information regarding water sources please contact the hike coordinator. Please note link to corridor trail map below.

Description:
Activity
 This activity starts on Saturday with a day hike from the South to the North Rim via the Bright Angel or the South Kaibab trail on the south side and the north Kaibab Trail on the north side. For access to the South Kaibab trailhead via the free south rim shuttle bus service go to <http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/shuttle-buses.htm> and check out the [Hiker Express Shuttle](#) or the [Kaibab \(Orange\) Route](#) (The Orange route schedule is only good through the end of February so you will need to check it periodically for updates to include Memorial Day weekend)

Sunday is a layover day on the North Rim which can be used to relax, sight see or to participate in Mike Nelsons Widforss Trail hike in the morning. In the afternoon, starting at 1:00pm, Linda and I

will host the Tea Party at our Western Cabin, room # TBD. NOTE: The Tea Party attendance is awarded one point. It is a BYOB event and you are asked to bring your favorite party snack. Please keep it simple so that you don't ruin your appetite for dinner. Contact the Activity Coordinator for details.

On Monday, Memorial Day, we will hike from the north rim to the south using the south rim trail of your choice.

Note: This is an individual effort activity. Start times, pace, rest stops, route and side hikes, such as Ribbon Falls, are at your discretion. In order to allow finalization of the total mileage in a timely matter you need to contact the Activity Coordinator on the North Rim or the week after the hike to report which trails you hiked. Mileage will be awarded for all miles hiked.

A map of the corridor trails showing, among other things, water sources and restrooms can be found on page 6 in the following link: [Introduction to Backcountry Hiking](#)

Although the Kactus Kickers have always practiced good trail etiquette and leave no trace principles it wouldn't hurt to review a good list created by the park service which can be found here: [Trail Courtesy Practices That Leave No Trace](#)

Lodging

Dependent on personal preference and availability, lodging on or by the South Rim for Monday night may be needed.

Lodging reservations for the south rim for all but the Yavapai and Trailer Village are handled by Xanterra Parks and Resorts and can be made by calling 888-297-2757 or visiting <http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com>.

Lodging reservations for the Yavapai lodge and the Trailer Village are handled by Delaware North and can be made by calling 877 404-4611 or visiting <http://www.visitgrandcanyon.com/stay.aspx>

Lodging reservations for the North Rim are handled by Forever Resorts and can be made by calling (Reservations: 877-386-4383 or visiting <http://www.grandcanyonlodgenorth.com>).

Dinner reservations for the North Rim Lodge can be made by visiting <http://www.grandcanyonforever.com/dining>

Driving Directions: Directions Take I-17 to Flagstaff, SR 180 north out of Flagstaff or I-40 west to Williams then SR-64 and 180 into Grand Canyon Village. South Rim to the North, the distance is approximately 216 miles, traveling East on 64, north on 89 & 89A and then south on 67. Reminder, there is a NPS entrance fee (\$30.00) good for seven (7) days for both the North and South Rims. Annual or Geezer passes will get you in for free.