



**Saturday - Monday  
May 29 - 31, 2021**

**Grand Canyon Memorial Day Weekend Day Hikes**

Approximately 236 Miles and 44 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Day Rating/Pts: 6/2	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 2019

- Major Hike:
- Cross-Country:
- Exploratory:
- Individual Effort:
- Options:
- Pass/Fees Required.:
- Restroom at Trailhead

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Water at Trailhead

**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. 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.

**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](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-112.1166579867777&lat=36.05761116968772#.XCY8sPZFyhd) <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-112.1166579867777&lat=36.05761116968772#.XCY8sPZFyhd>

[Phantom Ranch - GCNP](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-112.09414515054662&lat=36.10526821864096#.XCY8_ZFyhd) [https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-112.09414515054662&lat=36.10526821864096#.XCY8\\_ZFyhd](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-112.09414515054662&lat=36.10526821864096#.XCY8_ZFyhd)

[North Rim - GCNP](https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=36.2105&lon=-112.0613#.XCY9LfZFyhd) <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=36.2105&lon=-112.0613#.XCY9LfZFyhd>

**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 services go to the

following three links

<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/village-blue-route.htm> and scroll down to the section for Summer of 2021 which begins on Saturday May 29

<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/kaibab-orange-route.htm>

<https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hiker-express-shuttle.htm>

Sunday is a layover day on the North Rim which can be used to relax, sight see or to participate in Mike Nelsons Widforsss Trail hike in the morning. There is no “Tea Party” planned for this year.

On Monday, Memorial Day, the hike will go 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 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 \(nps.gov\)](#)

#### Lodging

Depending on your plans and personal preference, lodging on or near 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 <https://www.visitgrandcanyon.com/>

Lodging reservations for the North Rim are handled by Forever Resorts and can be made by calling (Reservations: 877-386-4383 or visiting <https://www.grandcanyonforever.com/>). Limited group reservations may be available, contact coordinator for details. As of 19 Apr 2021, two Western cabins including dinner reservations are available.

Dining options for the North Rim can be found by visiting:

<https://www.grandcanyonforever.com/dining> Please note that reservations are required for the dining room and are limited to in house guests (lodging & camping).

#### Driving Directions:

Take I-17 to Flagstaff, SR 180 north out of Flagstaff or I-40 west to Williams then R-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 (\$35.00) good for seven (7) days for both the North and South Rims. Annual or Geeser passes will get you in for free.

Note: My Status for this year's activity:

Regretfully I will not be attending this year because our little Lucy has become very high maintenance due to complications with her diabetes. Her sensitivity to her routine of eating, exercise, potty breaks and the timing of her twice daily insulin shots and sporadic incontinence make it impossible to leave her for very long and when we do go anywhere for an extended period, we must take her with us. Since the cabins at the north rim lodge do not allow pets, we will not be able to go to the Grand Canyon this year.

That being said, I will continue to coordinate this activity and manage the group room reservations with Forever Resorts.

My absence at the south and north rim will affect the following two things:

First, I will not be able to check the group with group reservations in at the north rim. So, to cover this task I am looking for a volunteer that will be at the north rim mid-afternoon on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> to check in and distribute the keys to the rest of the group.

Secondly, I will not be available to transport gear bags from the south to the north and back again. So, unless you have or plan to make other arrangements, I can think of 3 alternatives; 1) Determine, by looking at the 2021 Rim to rim Participant Google sheet (which you will receive a link to after you've notified me that you are going to attend) to see if there is anyone that might be willing to carry a small bag for you. 2) The Transcanyon shuttle has a bag service and can carry a small bag for you. Click on <https://www.trans-canyonshuttle.com/rim-to-rim-shuttle-schedules> for details. 3) Find someone from the Google sheet that might be willing to haul a small bag for you either or both ways between **Phoenix** and the north rim.

Other than not being there, I will continue to do what I normally do and will, hopefully, keep things organized as required. Let me know if you have questions, suggestions or need additional details.

Sorry that I won't be there, but family comes first, and everyone knows that pets are family.

Rolly