

Grand Canyon National Park Shuttle Bus Guide



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Editor's Note

There is an extensive FREE shuttle bus system around the South Rim. There are four main routes, plus an early morning Hiker's Express. Two of them run all year and two shut down in winter.

This guide will help you understand each route.

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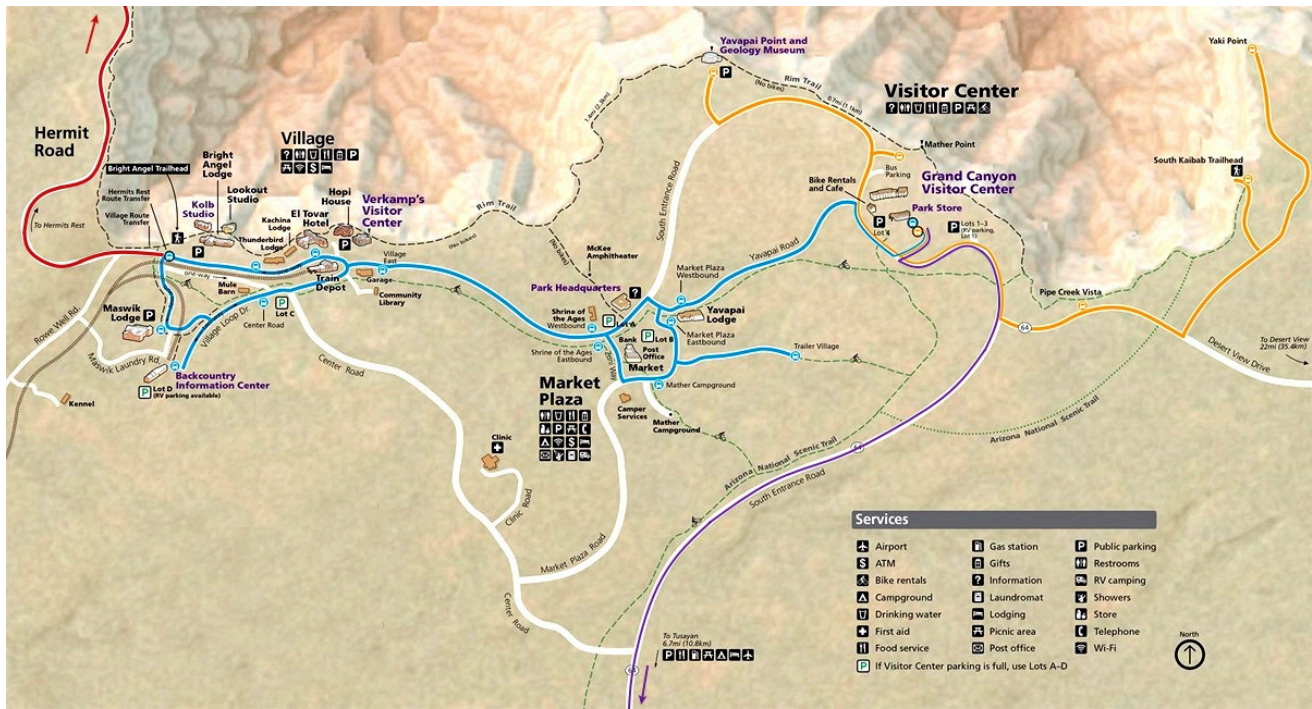
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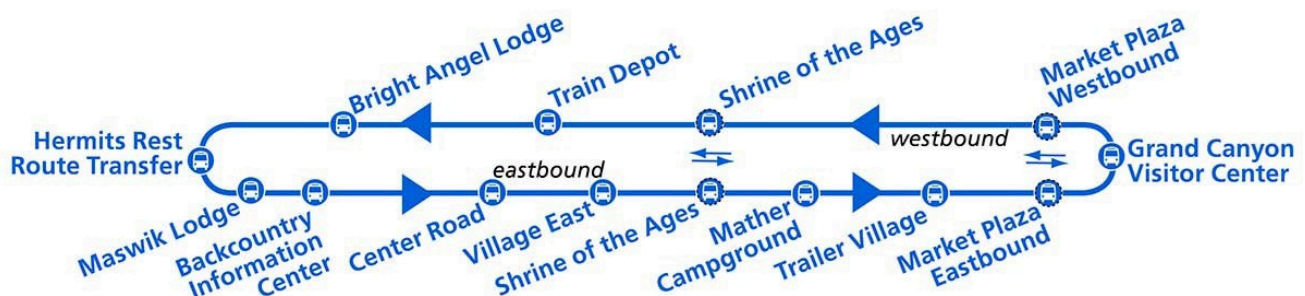


Village Route [blue]

This route travels all around Grand Canyon Village, from the Visitor Center at the east end (which connects to the orange Kaibab Route) to the Hermit's Rest Route transfer at the western end. It stops off at the accommodations and services along the way. You don't have to take it, but it will save a lot of walking time.

The full loop, without getting off, takes 50 minutes. Note that it stops at Market Plaza and the Shrine of Ages east and westbound, but all of the other stops are either eastbound OR westbound stops, not both.

This route operates all year. There are buses every 15 minutes or so most of the day. The [current schedule is here](#).





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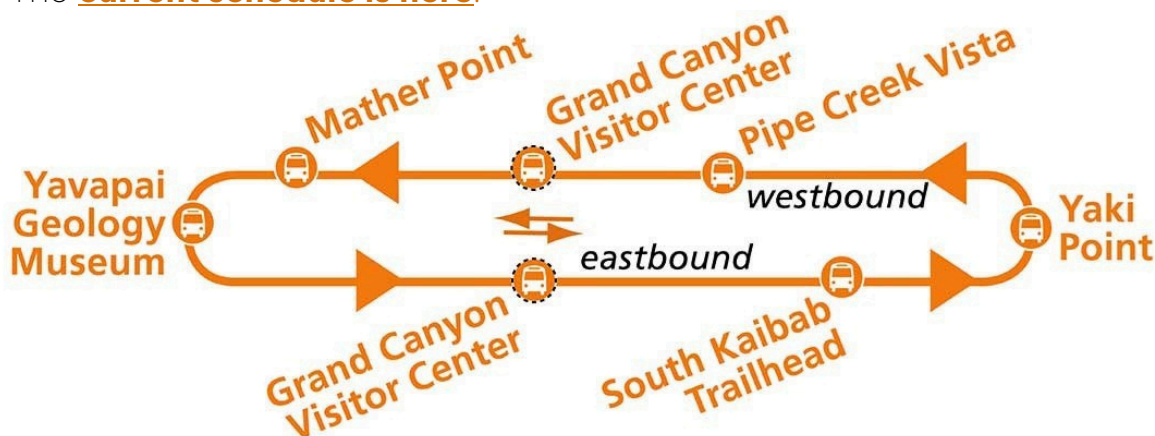
Kaibab Rim Route [orange]

This route travels a figure 8 from the Visitor Center, where it connects with the blue Village Route, to points of interest in the eastern section of the South Rim area.

The side road to South Kaibab Trailhead and Yaki Point is closed to vehicular traffic, so this is only way, other than walking, to get there.

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Hiker's Express Shuttle

This is an early morning shuttle that runs from Bright Angel Trailhead to South Kaibab Trailhead, stopping at the Backcountry Information Center and the Visitor Center on the way. This is only one way and there are only three a day, very early in the morning.

This express shuttle operates all year. The [current schedule is here](#).

Hermit Road Route [red]

This route travels along hermit Road from the western edge of Grand Canyon Village (connecting with the blue Village Route at the Hermit's Rest/ Village Route Transfer stop) and Hermit's Rest.



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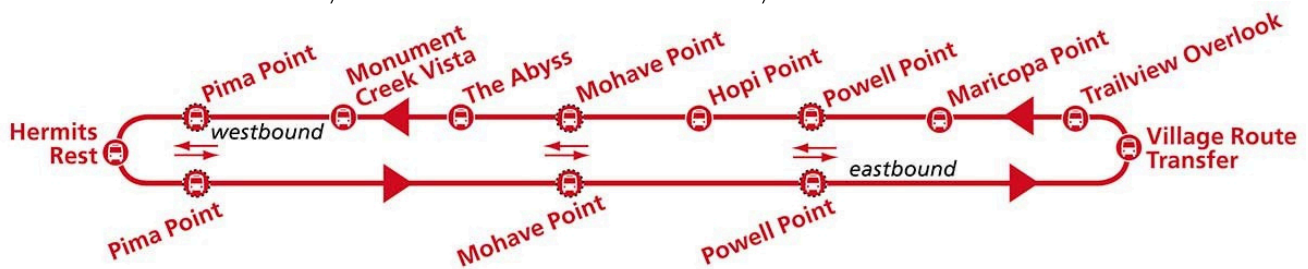
Hermit Road Route [red]

This route travels a figure 8 from the Visitor Center, where it connects with the blue Village Route, to points of interest in the eastern section of the South Rim area.

The full loop, without getting off, takes 80 minutes. Note that it stops at all nine viewpoints on the westbound route, but only Pima Point, Mohave Point and Powell Point eastbound. So, if you want to turn around before going all the way to Hermit's Rest, these three viewpoints are where you can transfer back to the Village.

This route operates March 1 - November 30. During these months, Hermit Road is closed to private vehicular traffic, so you have to take the shuttle (or walk or cycle). If you visit December - February, you can drive to the viewpoints on Hermit Road.

There are buses every 15 minutes most of the day. The [current schedule is here](#).



Tusayan Park & Ride Route [purple]

This route makes four stops in the gateway town of Tusayan, then travels to the Visitor Center inside the national park, where it connects with the blue Village Route and the orange Kaibab Rim route. It bypasses the regular entrance gate, so if you get a late start, this is a way to skip the long lines that form at the South Entrance.

The round trip, without getting off, takes 40 minutes. This route operates March 1- September 30. There are buses every 20 minutes from 8:00AM - 9:30PM. The [current schedule is here](#).

