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# Grand Canyon – North Rim Uncle Jim Trail

7K/11K/15K Rated: 2B Y1646

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**JUNE 1 to SEPTEMBER 30 ONLY!**

(Weather permitting)

**Know before you go! Check with the Grand Canyon Park Headquarters for weather conditions at the North Rim. Website: [Plan Your Visit-North Rim](#). The website [AZ511.com](#) gives road conditions and closures in Arizona.**

***You will need to pay an entry fee or have a National Parks pass to enter Grand Canyon National Park.***

The North Rim Grand Canyon Lodge where the walk starts generally opens mid-May and closes by mid-October, but, portable toilets are available as long as the road is open.

**911 Emergency phone service is available close to the lodge, but may not be available on area trails.** The North Rim, Grand Canyon Lodge is ranger staffed when open. Phone number is [\(928\) 638-7888](#).

#### **Driving Directions to the North Rim, Grand Canyon Lodge:**

**From the Northwest**, take I-15 in Utah East onto Hwy 389 to Fredonia, AZ. Then **Right** on Hwy 89A to Jacob Lake, AZ. And, **Right** (south) on Hwy 67, 30 miles to the Park Entrance. Travel an additional 14 miles south of the entrance to the Grand Canyon Lodge at the North Rim. Hwy 67 is closed in winter. Check highway conditions before you go from mid-October to May.

**From Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim**, go **East** in the Park to Desert View parking area. Then continue out of the Park on Hwy 64 to Cameron. **Left** (north) on US 89 to The Gap. At The Gap, continue north on US 89 to Hwy 89A. **Left** (west) on 89A to Jacob Lake, AZ and continue on Hwy 67 as above.

**North Rim Lodge GPS Coordinates:** 36.1972° N, 112.0530° W

**Hike Conditions:** The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is located at an altitude of 8,000+/- feet above sea level. The air at this elevation is thin, with less oxygen. Don't hurry. Stop frequently to lower your heart rate. Carry ample fluids to continually hydrate and bring energy snacks. A basic first-aid kit and bug repellent are good ideas. It is never advisable to hike alone.

**Temperatures** during the day can range from a low of 40 degrees to 80+ degrees depending on the season. Layer clothing and be prepared for unexpected changes in weather. Rain in the area can move in and out rapidly. Carry rain gear but avoid umbrellas as lightning strikes can occur frequently.

The terrain is undulating with less than 100 foot elevation gain and loss over several ups and downs. Walking poles are recommended as well as shoes with good ankle support and tread suitable for the various types of ground cover including gravel, rocks, roots, dirt and fine sand.

**All participants on the Uncle Jim Trail may share it with mules. Be aware of protocol and follow directions of mule team leader when encountering the beast of burden.**



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### ***All participants:***

**START** from inside the Grand Canyon Lodge viewing Room on lower level. If the Lodge is not open, go around the building to the Trail and start at #2

- 1) **RIGHT** at bottom of steps and walking out double doors cross outside dining area cross to iron stairs and descend stairs to ***Transept Trail***.
- 2) **LEFT** along ***Transept Trail*** to ***Bright Angel Point Trail***.
- 3) **RIGHT** out to ***Bright Angel Point*** for overview of the Grand Canyon.
- 4) **RETURN** to "Y" intersection in trail.
- 5) **RIGHT** at "Y" intersection along east rim of canyon passing Guest cabins, North Rim Visitor Center and parking lot to ***Bridle Path Trail*** at end of parking lot.
- 6) **LEFT** diagonally crossing street (do not go down steps) and...
- 7) **RIGHT** continuing on ***Bridle Path Trail***, crossing two roads and continuing to crosswalk at the main road.

***For 7km retrace your steps to Visitor Center & Lodge to Finish.***

***11km and 15km Continue:***

- 8) **CROSS** street and continue on ***Bridle Path Trail*** down to the corral and ***North Kaibab Trailhead***.
- 9) **Continue** through parking lot (*pit toilets on left*) to mule corral.
- 10) **Turn RIGHT** crossing North Kaibab Trail through fence post openings.

Continue on ***Ken Patrick Trail/Uncle Jim Loop Trail*** to "Y" intersection.

***For 11km retrace your steps to Visitor Center & Lodge to Finish.***

***15km Continues:***

- 11) **RIGHT** on the ***Uncle Jim Loop Trail*** to next "Y" intersection.
- 12) **LEFT** up what looks like a rocky creek bed for about 400 feet where trail levels off.
- 13) **CONTINUE** around the ***Uncle Jim Loop Trail*** to metal hitching posts and small building at trail intersection.
- 14) **LEFT** on short trail out to canyon overlook.
- 15) **TURN AROUND** back to hitching post.
- 16) **LEFT CONTINUING** around on Loop Trail back to "Y" intersection.
- 17) **LEFT** back to next "Y" intersection.
- 18) **LEFT** back to ***North Kaibab Trailhead Parking Lot***
- 19) **RETURN** along ***Bridle Path Trail*** back to Visitor Center & Lodge for 15km and the Finish.

We hope you enjoyed this trail and will explore more of the amazing National Park that is the Grand Canyon North Rim.

**Event related assistance or suggestions for improvement please contact:**

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