

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Grand Canyon National Park
Park Contact: Permits Coordinator
Email: GRCA_Permits_Mail@nps.gov

COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF P.L. 105-391 Section 418, (54 U.S.C. 101925)

1. Authorized Activity:

COMMERCIAL
BACKCOUNTRY HIKING

Select Specific Activity(ies):

Backpacking Day Hiking

Permit Number: **CUA GRCA-5600-2023-054**

Park Alpha-Number

Auth Date/Time: **January 1, 2023**

Expiration Date/Time: **December 31, 2024**

Name of Area: GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

2. Authorization Holder Information:

Business Name:

TSX Challenge LLC

Contact Name: Christopher Casado

Phone: (925) 255-5065

Address: P.O. BOX 1844 Orinda, CA 94563

Email: chris@tsxchallenge.com

3. The holder is hereby authorized to use the following described land or facilities in the above named area (area must be restored to its original condition at the end of the authorization):

Areas within Grand Canyon National Park open to the general public as designated by the attached authorization conditions.

4. Summary of authorized activity: (see attached sheets for additional information and conditions)

Commercial guided backpacking trips and/or day hiking trips within Grand Canyon National Park.

Out- of- Park: The commercial services described above must originate and terminate outside of the boundaries of the park area. This permit does not authorize the holder to advertise, solicit business, collect fees, or sell any goods or services within the boundaries of the park area.

5. NEPA/NHPA Compliance:

Categorical Exclusion EA/FONSI EIS Other Approved Plans PEPC NUMBER: 112322

6. Reasonable fee: (Cost recovery required at a minimum)

Application Fee: Required Amount **\$300.00** Date Received 10/13/2022

Market Price: Required Amount Determined with Annual Report

7. Insurance: *Auto insurance is required if you are transporting clients.*

Liability: Required Not Required Coverage Amount \$1,000,000.00

Auto: Required Not Required Coverage Amount See conditions for limits

ISSUANCE of this authorization is subject to the conditions below. The undersigned hereby accepts this authorization subject to the terms, covenants, obligations, and reservations, expressed or implied herein.

8. SIGNATURES

Authorization Holder:



Managing Member

10/14/22

Title

Date

Authorizing NPS Official:

Signature
LAWRENCE
GLICKMAN

Digitally signed by LAWRENCE
GLICKMAN
Date: 2022.11.30 14:22:49
-0700

Permit Specialist

Title

Date

Authorizing NPS Official:

Signature
STUART
RESMONDO

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RESMONDO
Date: 2022.12.05 10:43:55
-0700

Chief of Commercial Services

Title

Date

Signature

Additional Information: The National Park Service has terms and conditions on all commercial service agreements. The following terms and conditions will apply to all Commercial Use Authorizations. There may be additional terms and conditions based on the services provided. These may include but are not limited to limits on locations, times, group size, and employee licenses and certifications and providing such information to the park superintendent for approval.

CONDITIONS OF THIS AUTHORIZATION

- 1. False Information:** The holder is prohibited from knowingly giving false information. To do so will be considered a breach of conditions and be grounds for revocation: [RE: 36 CFR 2.32(a) (3)].
- 2. Legal Compliance:** The holder shall exercise this privilege subject to the supervision of the area Superintendent. The holder shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the area and terms and conditions of the authorization. The holder must acquire all permits or licenses of State or local government, as applicable, necessary to provide the services described above, and, must operate in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, including, without limitation, all applicable park area policies, procedures and regulations. All vehicles/vessels/aircraft are required to be registered and the operators are required to have the proper licenses to operate them commercially, as required by law or regulation.
- 3. Rates:** The holder shall provide commercial services under this authorization to visitors at reasonable rates satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
- 4. Operating Conditions:** The holder shall provide the authorized commercial services to visitors under operating conditions satisfactory to the area Superintendent.
- 5. Liabilities and Claims:** This authorization is issued upon the express condition that the United States, its agents and employees shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury, injuries, or death to any person or persons or property of any kind whatsoever, whether to the person or property of the holder, its agents or employees, or third parties, from any cause or causes whatsoever while in or upon said premises or any part thereof during the term of this authorization or occasioned by any occupancy or use of said premises or any activity carried on by the holder in connection herewith, and the holder hereby covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless the United States, its agents, and employees from all liabilities, charges, expenses and costs on account of or by reason of any such injuries, deaths, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of the same.
- 6. Insurance:** Holder agrees to carry general liability insurance against claims occasioned by the action or omissions of the holder, its agents and employees in carrying out activities and operations under this authorization. The policy shall name the United States of America as additional insured. Holder agrees to have on file with the park copies of the above insurance with the proper endorsements.
- 7. CUA Fees:** At a minimum, the holder shall reimburse the park for all costs incurred by the park as a result of accepting and processing the application and managing and monitoring the authorized activity. Administrative costs for the application process must be paid when the application is submitted. Monitoring fees and any additional costs incurred by the park to support the commercial activity will be paid annually or on a more frequent basis as determined by mutual agreement between the Holder and the area Superintendent.
- 8. Benefit:** No member of, or delegate to, Congress, or Resident Commissioner shall be admitted to any share or part of this authorization or to any benefit that may arise from this authorization. This restriction shall not be construed to extend to this Contract if made with a corporation or company for its general benefit.
- 9. Transfer:** This authorization may not be transferred or assigned without the written consent of the area Superintendent.
- 10. Termination:** This authorization may be terminated upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the area Superintendent.
- 11. Preference or Exclusivity:** The holder is not entitled to any preference to renewal of this authorization except to the extent otherwise expressly provided by law. This authorization is not exclusive and is not a concession contract.
- 12. Construction:** The holder shall not construct any structures, fixtures or improvements in the park area. The holder shall not engage in any groundbreaking activities without the express, written approval of the area Superintendent.
- 13. Reporting:** The holder is to provide the area Superintendent upon request a statement of its gross receipts from its activities under this authorization and any other specific information related to the holder's operations that the area Superintendent may request, including but not limited to, visitor use statistics, and resource impact assessments. The holder must submit annually the CUA Annual Report (NPS Form 10-660) and upon request the CUA Monthly Report (NPS Form 10-660A).

- 14. Accounting:** The holder is to maintain an accounting system under which its accounts can be readily identified within its system of accounts classification. This accounting system must be capable of providing the information required by this authorization. The holder grants the United States of America access to its books and records at any time for the purpose of determining compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.
- 15. Visitor Acknowledgment of Risks (VAR):** The holder is not permitted to require clients sign a waiver of liability statement or form, insurance disclaimer, and/or indemnification agreement waiving the client's right to hold the CUA holder responsible for accidents or injury occurring on NPS property. The holder is permitted to request or require a client to sign a form or statement acknowledging risk and/or indicating that certain prerequisite skills may be needed to participate in the commercial activity. The holder must provide the park with the current copy of all forms and/or statements used for this purpose and obtain written approval by the park to use the form and/or statement. A sample Acknowledgment of Risk form may be obtained by contacting the CUA office at grca_permits_mail@nps.gov or by going to the park CUA webpage at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/management/cua.htm>
- 16. Intellectual Property of the National Park Service:** Except with the written authorization of the Director of the National Park Service, the Holder shall not assert any legal claim that the Holder or any related entity holds a trademark, tradename, servicemark or other ownership interest in the words "National Park Service", the initials "NPS", or official name of any unit or part thereof, including but not limited to any facility, logo, distinctive natural, archaeological, cultural, or historic site, within the National Park System, or any colorable likeness thereof, or the likeness of a National Park Service official uniform, badge, logo, or insignia.
- 17. Nondiscrimination:** The holder must comply with Applicable Laws relating to nondiscrimination in providing visitor services to the public and with all equal employment opportunity provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended.
- 18. Notification of Employee Rights:** The holder must comply with all provisions of Executive Order 13496 of January 30, 2009, (Notification of Employee Rights Under Federal Labor Laws) and its implementing regulations, including the applicable contract clause, codified at 29 CFR part 471, appendix A to subpart A, all of which are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION CONDITIONS

In Addition to the Standard Conditions of this Authorization above, CUA holders operating in Grand Canyon National Park must comply with the following conditions:

- 19. All pages of this authorization must be carried and available for inspection by the holder and its employees at all times while operating within Grand Canyon National Park. Failure to carry all pages is a violation of terms and conditions of this authorization. The first page of the CUA must be a paper/hard copy; the remaining pages may be digital.**
- 20. All companies must show a printed/hard copy first page of this authorization to the entrance station ranger upon arrival to the park.**
- 21. Fees:**
- **Park Entrance Fees:** Entrance fees are required. A valid entrance ticket must be present at all times and available upon request. Payment of entrance fees will be the responsibility of the holder. The CUA application fee does not cover park entrance fees. Refer to the following website for more information: (https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/com_tour_fees.htm)
 - **Other:** The holder will be required to pay all applicable fees for additional activities or permits (backcountry permits, campground fees, permits, etc.).
- 22. Sub-Contracting:** CUA holders may enter into agreements with an entity that advertises, books, and/or sells trips to provide the services arranged by the other entity. However, the CUA holder must brand the trip and be identifiable as the CUA holder and not as the contracting entity while operating in the park.
- 23. Company Identification:**
- **Guides/Tour Leaders:** While operating in the park, all employees must display company information that meets the following minimum requirements:
 1. Visibly identify the CUA holder's company logo or name on a shirt and/or hat.
 2. The company name or logo must be clearly and easily visible.
 3. If wearing multiple logos, the CUA holder's name must be the prominent logo.
 - **Vehicle Markings:** All vehicles, including rental vehicles, must display company information that meets the following minimum requirements:
 1. CUA holder's company name. If there are several names/signs on the vehicle, the CUA holder's name must be the prominent name/sign.
 2. Number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) if applicable.

3. Markings must appear on the exterior of both sides of the vehicle.
 4. The letters must contrast sharply in color with the background on which the letters are placed.
 5. Markings must be legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet when the vehicle is stationary.
- 24. Behavior and Conduct:** The holder and its agents are required to exercise courtesy and consideration in their relations with the public and with NPS employees, volunteers, or other park agents. The holder will review and correct the conduct of any of its employees whose actions or activities are considered by the Service to be inconsistent with the safety, experience, enjoyment, and protection of visitors and public land.
- If there is a conflict with a ranger:
 1. Follow the directions of Ranger (if safe to do so)
 2. Report incident to grca_permits_mail@nps.gov. Include any documentation relating to the incident if applicable.
- 25. Employee/agent responsibility:** The holder shall ensure that all company employees and motor coach operators entering the park are informed of all the conditions of this authorization. CUA holders are responsible for reasonably ensuring the safety of their clients at all times.
- 26. Area Use:** The area(s) authorized for use under this authorization must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the activities authorized herein. This CUA does not authorize priority use of park areas. The holder is prohibited from blocking access or impeding the flow of traffic along any roads, trails, walkways, greenways, or any National Park Service (NPS) or concessioner facilities. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking spaces. See Conditions #49 - #54
- 27. Incidental Transportation:** CUA holders are authorized for incidental stops at visitor centers, museums, restaurants, wayside exhibits, and limited guided hiking along the rim.
- 28. Authorized Guiding Locations:**
- Above the rim trails. Only Backcountry Hiking CUA holders may conduct guided hiking below the rim.
 - Buildings open to the public unless otherwise stated below.
 - Desert View Watchtower: Conducting tours inside the Watchtower is prohibited.
 - Tusayan Museum Area:
 - Guided tours inside the museum by commercial tour operators are prohibited.
 - Guided tours outside in the pueblo area by commercial tour operators are authorized if no NPS guided tour is taking place or is scheduled to begin within 15 minutes of the commercial company's arrival to the pueblo area.
- 29. Archeological Sites:** Holder must abide by the Grand Canyon National Park Archeological Site Information Disclosure Policy: GRCA SOP 8213-01 Version 2021.1. (Attachment A) This document lists the sites that can be visited. Commercial guides and their clients may visit Class I and Class II sites; however, inappropriate behaviors and activities on any archaeological site is a violation of federal law and the Commercial Use Authorization. Class III sites are not approved for visitation. Class IV sites are closed to all visitation.
- 30. Tribal Lands:** This authorization applies only to National Park Service lands and does not grant access to tribal lands.
- The CUA holder is responsible for contacting the respective tribe for a permit to cross tribal lands.
 - The CUA holder must adhere to all closures or orders on tribal lands.
- 31. Interpretation:** All tours must provide - natural and/or cultural resource information about the park as well as safety and resource protection messages.
- Guides/Leaders will provide their clients with accurate information on a broad spectrum of topics related to the Grand Canyon and national parks, including, but not limited to, geology, wilderness impacts, human history, ecology, etc.
- 32. Public Health:** The holder will comply with applicable public health and sanitation standards and codes. The trip leader/guide will promptly report information about any human illness or any unusual contact with wild animals whether employees or guests, to the Public Health Consultant at 202.891.8599 or Ronan_King@nps.gov. This information will be evaluated to help identify outbreaks of illness associated with contaminated water or food sources or caused by other adverse environmental conditions.
- 33. COVID-19:** The holder should utilize and follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#)) and practice the preventive measures discussed in their guidance, as well as adhering to the most current public health measures that park has put in place. [Grand Canyon National Park Operations Update - Grand Canyon National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#); [Public Health Information for the Park Partner Community - Partnerships \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)
- 34. Food Preparation:** If your tour prepares food in the park, at least one staff member on each excursion will be a certified food handler and will be responsible for overseeing the storage, preparation, and serving of food. It is strongly recommended, however, that at least one staff member on each excursion be certified on a manager level. [RM-83A](#)

- 35. Waste Management:** The holder is responsible for the removal of all trash associated with the holder's visit to the park and is prohibited from depositing commercial waste generated outside of the park into park trash containers. Using the park's dump stations is prohibited.
- 36. Camping:**
- A. Backcountry camping (Backpacking):** Only authorized under a Backcountry Hiking Commercial Use Authorization. Backcountry Hiking CUA holders must have a valid backpacking permit under their company's name for the trip dates.
- B. Front country camping (Mather, Desert View, North Rim):**
- CUA holders and their customers must comply with all rules and regulations of the specific campground. Please check with the Campground Rangers and the Grand Canyon National Park website ([Camping - Grand Canyon National Park \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](#)) for more information.
 - **Campground Reservations:**
 1. Advance reservations are required through [Recreation.gov](#)
 2. All reservations must be made with the company's name, or the CUA holder's name as listed on the issued CUA. Reservations must not be made in the guide's or client's names.
 3. All reservations must be made using the email address as listed on the issued CUA.
 4. Commercial CUA holders are prohibited from reserving or using more than one campsite at any one time on any given night.
 5. Confirmation number must be presented when checking in.
 - CUA holders are allowed to occupy any combination of the three developed campgrounds within the park (Mather Campground, Desert View Campground, and North Rim Campground) for a cumulative total of no more than 30 nights in a calendar year.
 - Camping regulations prohibit more than 7 consecutive nights in the Grand Canyon National Park campgrounds.
 - Mather Campground: Commercial groups with a minimum of 7 individuals, including all staff members, must use designated Large Group Sites in Sage Loop.
 - Desert View Campground is limited to a maximum of 6 campers, including all staff, per campsite.
 - Groups with 6 individuals or fewer, including all staff members, are authorized to reserve ONE family site. Splitting groups between multiple family sites or reserving more than one family site per night per holder is prohibited.
 - In the event the reservation cannot be used contact Rec.Gov to cancel/change the date(s). "No Shows" will be charged for their reservation, and repeated incidents would be considered a violation of the CUA conditions.
- 37. Rock Climbing:** Technical rock climbing is prohibited. Technical climbing is defined to include rock climbing, snow and ice climbing, mountaineering, canyoneering, and caving, where climbing equipment, such as ropes and fixed or removable anchors, is generally used to support an ascent or descent.
- 38. Personal Consumption of Wild Edibles:** Gathering of fruits, nuts, berries, edible plants, or plant parts for personal consumption is permitted. Wild edibles or other plant matter may not be gathered for transport outside the park or for sale or commercial use.
- 39. Wildlife:** The holder and all participants will abide by all [DOI 36 CFR 2.2 Wildlife Protections](#).
- Calling, clicking, whistling or making noises of any kind to attract wildlife is prohibited
 - Feeding and/or watering of wildlife is illegal.
 - Do not approach wildlife or provide food or water to wildlife. View all wildlife such as elk, deer, bison or bighorn sheep from at least 100 feet (30 m).
 - Stopping in the road or along the shoulder to view wildlife is prohibited.
 - Review additional wildlife issues on the park's website: https://www.nps.gov/grca/learn/nature/wildlife_alert.htm
- 40. Cigarette Smoking.** Smokers must use caution when smoking to prevent dropping ashes or embers that might ignite a wildfire. Cigarette butts are trash and must be packed out for proper disposal. Guides are responsible for knowing and informing guests of [current fire restrictions](#).
- 41. Employee Firearm Possession:** In areas administered by the National Park Service, an individual can possess a firearm if that individual is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing the firearm and if the possession of the firearm complies with the laws of the state where the park area is located. 54 U.S.C. 104906. Unless expressly authorized, Federal law prohibits the possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon in NPS facilities. These buildings include, but are not limited to, government offices, visitor centers, ranger stations, fee collection buildings, and maintenance facilities. 18 U.S.C. 930. Unless authorized, the use or discharge of a firearm within a park area is prohibited. [36 CFR 2.4\(b\)](#) and [13.30\(c\)](#).
- 42. Separated Passengers / Rescues:** The holder is responsible for providing their clients with the necessary information to locate or contact their group if they become delayed or separated. Commercial operators may not abandon their clients in the park and are solely responsible for making arrangements for their clients to rejoin their group after being separated. Lost or missing clients must be reported to park immediately, at 928-638-7805. While self-rescue is encouraged in cases where no additional resources are needed, the National Park Service retains the authority to determine whether a situation warrants employing additional resources.

- 43. Reporting Accidents:** All accidents resulting in injury, death, personal/government property damage, or injury to park wildlife or resources must be reported to park law enforcement immediately at 928-638-7805 or by dialing 911. Commercial operators must remain on scene, if it is safe to do so, until the arrival of law enforcement officers. The Permits Office must be notified within 48 hours at grca_permits_mail@nps.gov

Commercial Motor Vehicles

- 44. Rental Vehicle Insurance:** If the CUA applicant or holder will use rental vehicles in performance of the activity authorized by the CUA, the applicant or holder is responsible for securing appropriate insurance for that rental vehicle in the amount required by the CUA application.

- 45. Idling:** Commercial vehicles (buses, vans, school buses, etc.) are only allowed to idle while actively loading and unloading passengers (passengers are physically getting on or off the bus). All operators must turn off vehicle engines at all times when parked or when not actively loading or unloading passengers. This restriction does not apply to vehicles stopped on roadways in obedience to traffic control devices or orders, or as needed in response to traffic safety concerns. Park Shuttle Buses are exempt.

The Holder **MAY NOT**, regardless of vehicle size, use, park, load, unload or stop at the following locations:

- In any area not designated as a parking space. If you are uncertain, then do not park.
- Vehicles may not take up more than two spaces within the parking lot and must be parked in between the white striped lines.
- Hermit's Rest Road. Only Backcountry Hiking CUA holders are authorized to drive on Hermit's Rest Road to access the trailhead.
- Picnic areas or the side of the road along Desert View Drive.
- Picnic Areas along Highway 67 on the North Rim.
- NPS Shuttle Bus Stops.
- Shoshone Point – Parking at the parking area or driving on Shoshone Point Road is prohibited.
- El Tovar loop- Parking is prohibited. A 15-minute maximum time limit is only authorized for loading or unloading guests with overnight accommodations.
- Hearst Tanks - CUA use is prohibited.
- Use of the Yavapai Lodge Road from South Entrance Road to Yavapai Lodges is prohibited unless authorized for guests with prior arrangements for overnight accommodations in Yavapai Lodges.

Conditions for vehicles or combination of length under 22 Feet

- 46. Authorized Parking, Loading/Unloading, Stopping Areas** for vehicles or combination of length under 22':
- All locations in the park in which the general public is permitted to park are authorized for use with the exceptions of Hermit's Rest Road, North Rim Lodge Access Road, and all residential or school areas.

Backcountry Office (Lot D)

- Vehicles under 22 feet in length should park in the standard size parking spots.
- The 14 parking spots in the middle of the lot are limited to vehicles over 22 feet in length.

Grandview Point

- Vehicles under 22 feet in length must park in a designated parking spot on pavement.

Tusayan Ruin/Museum

- Parking along the roadway is prohibited.

Conditions for vehicles or combination of length over 22 Feet

- 47. Authorized Parking, Loading/Unloading, Stopping Areas** for vehicles or combination of length over 22':

May **only** use the following authorized locations:

- All other locations are, by their omission, unauthorized for use pursuant to this authorization. (Exceptions: authorized school groups accessing Park Headquarters and Xanterra Tour buses accessing the Yavapai Geology Museum)
- Vehicles may not take up more than two spaces within the parking lot and must be parked in between the white striped lines.
- Drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times when stopping in area designated as loading/unloading only.
- All vehicles must proceed to an authorized parking area once unloading has been completed.

Bright Angel Lodge

- Parking in this area is prohibited.
- Vehicles may load/unload on both sides of the commercial vehicle lane adjacent to the lodge sidewalk.
- Loading/unloading or waiting for passengers in this lane is limited to 15 minutes maximum.

- Drivers must move vehicles forward (west) as vehicles leave so additional vehicles can enter the lane behind them.
- No vehicle may be unattended at any time in this area.
- Obstructing traffic on Village Loop Drive is strictly prohibited. If space does not allow, drive a lap around.

Maswik Lodge

- Parking: Three (3) designated bus parking spots which are limited to vehicles over 22 feet in length and located on the eastern side of the building near the railroad tracks directly across from the backcountry office.
- Loading/Unloading: West side of building where the bus loading/unloading signs are posted.

Yavapai Lodge

- Loading/unloading is restricted to commercial vehicle parking spaces located in the front/eastside of the building.
- Stopping on the Market Plaza side of the building is prohibited.

Kachina and Thunderbird Lodges

- Loading/unloading of vehicles in this area is only authorized for guests with prior arrangements for use of the Banquet/Conference room or for overnight accommodations. It is restricted to the curbside immediately east of the Thunderbird Lodge (See lodge staff for assistance.).

Market Plaza

- Due to traffic congestion, vehicles over 22 feet in length are discouraged from entering the Market Plaza Parking Lot.
- Vehicles may not stop in the traffic lane that leads to the shuttle bus stop and Yavapai Lodge to load and unload passengers.
- Vehicles may not stop in the traffic lane in front of the general store, post office, or bank to load and unload passengers.

Park Headquarters (Lot A)

- Vehicles over 22' are prohibited from using Parking Lot "A".

Backcountry Office (Lot D)

- Designated oversized vehicle parking area located in the southwest side of the backcountry office.
- The 14 parking spots in the middle of the lot are limited to vehicles over 22 feet in length.
- Vehicles may only take up one space and must be parked between the striped lines.
- Commercial vehicles are prohibited on the northwest side of the building .

Grand Canyon Visitor Center (GCVC)

- Commercial vehicles over 22' are prohibited from using Parking Lot "4" (located at the Grand Canyon Visitor Center adjacent to the bicycle rental shop).
- All commercial vehicles may use the commercial parking lot at GCVC.
- Vehicles may load or unload passengers in the designated zone, but after doing so must proceed to the parking area immediately.
- Vehicles may not enter the shuttle bus only entrance.
- Accessing the GCVC via the Yavapai Lodge Road from South Entrance Road to Yavapai Lodges is prohibited unless prior arrangements have been made for overnight accommodations.

Grandview Point

- Commercial Vehicles may access the upper parking lot only and must park in an oversized parking spot.

Desert View/Watchtower

- Vehicles may only park in the authorized commercial/oversized vehicle parking area only.
- Food and beverages are not permitted inside the Watchtower.
- Vehicles may utilize the shuttle bus stop to load or unload passengers, but parking is prohibited.
- Vehicles must proceed to an authorized parking area once unloading has been completed.

**CONDITIONS OF SPECIFIED USES
NORTH RIM**

- 48. Water:** Personal water bottles can be filled using the water filling station at the Administration Building / Backcountry Permit Office. If hooking up a hose, the water spigot at the campground dump station must be used.
- 49. Food Service:** Commercial groups are prohibited from setting up food service / picnic areas at the North Kaibab Trailhead and at the North Rim Administrative Area / Backcountry Office.

50. Gear: Commercial groups shall not congregate (or sort gear) in a manner that interferes with other park visitors or park operations in these areas. Commercial groups shall always ensure their group activities and gear preparation are organized and sightly.

Conditions for vehicles or combination of length under 22 Feet

51. Vehicles 22 feet and under in length may park in any standard size vehicle parking space.

Conditions for vehicles or combination of length over 22 Feet

52. Authorized Parking Areas: Vehicles or combination of length **over 22 feet** (including passenger vans with trailers) may only use the following authorized locations: (All other locations are, by their omission, unauthorized for use pursuant to this authorization.)

North Rim Lodge Access Road/North Rim Visitor Center

- Commercial vehicles over 22 feet are prohibited from using the Widforss/Point Sublime/Swamp Point and Cape Royal/Point Imperial Roads.
- All commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in front of the North Rim Visitor Center (except when actively loading and unloading passengers). Two temporary parking stalls immediately below the Visitor Center (with signage designating a loading/unloading area) are the only authorized areas for loading and unloading in the vicinity of the Grand Canyon Lodge/Visitor Center.
- Active loading and unloading shall not exceed 15 minutes.
- Ensure that drivers have coordinated an exact pick-up time with passengers, as parking and idling are both prohibited in this location.
- After unloading, vehicles that are over 22 feet are required to park in a temporary parking area north of the Grand Canyon Lodge in the concessioner area approximate to the Employee Dining Room.
- Buses are prohibited from driving past the North Rim Service Station into the campground area or parking at the campground kiosk.

North Kaibab Trailhead

- Vehicles **over 22 feet** are prohibited from entering, parking, loading, or unloading in the North Kaibab Trailhead parking lot.
- Vehicles **22 feet and under** may utilize the North Kaibab Trailhead parking lot. However, these vehicles must park in only in paved parking spaces.
- No vehicles may park on the gravel administrative road near corral area.
 - All Commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking, loading or unloading, along the roadside of highway

**CONDITIONS OF SPECIFIED USES
COMMERCIAL GUIDED BACKCOUNTRY HIKING**

In Addition to the Grand Canyon National Park Commercial Use Authorization Conditions, Commercial Guided Backcountry Hiking CUA holders must comply with the following conditions for the applicable Authorized Use:

AUTHORIZED USES DEFINED:

- **Backpacking**
 - i. Organized groups of 1 to 11 persons (including guides) traveling on a guided overnight backpacking tour for leisure/recreational purposes on authorized trails below the rim in Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP).
 - ii. Only trails identified in the Guided Hiking Backcountry Locations document (Attachment B) and specified in the CUA Conditions are authorized.
 - iii. A separate backpacking permit is required for overnight backcountry camping.
- **Day Hiking**
 - i. Organized groups of 1 to 11 persons (including guides) traveling on a guided day hiking tour for leisure/recreational purposes on authorized trails above or below the rim in Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP).
 - ii. Only trails identified in the Guided Hiking Backcountry Locations document (Attachment B) and specified in the CUA Conditions are authorized.

53. Approved Locations: The holder is authorized to use the following described lands or facilities within Grand Canyon National Park. ALL LOCATIONS IN THE PARK NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS AUTHORIZED FOR USE ARE, BY THEIR OMISSION, UNAUTHORIZED FOR USE PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORIZATION.

- **The holder is responsible for organizing and providing reasonable and appropriate trips for their clients' abilities.**

54. Authorized Locations for Day Hiking: The holder is authorized to use the following described lands or facilities within Grand Canyon National Park:

- Commercial guided Day Hiking will be on established trails only. Off-trail hiking is prohibited.
- All guided hiking trips will incorporate GCNP's Hiking Tips - Hike Smart guidelines.

55. Unauthorized Locations for Day Hiking

- **Rim-to-River-to-Rim day hikes are prohibited.**
 - Commercial companies and paid guides are prohibited from conducting or sponsoring Rim-to-River-to-Rim day hikes.
 - Commercial Day Hiking will not be advertised as endurance events.
 - The CUA holder is responsible for organizing and providing reasonable and appropriate hikes for their clients' abilities.
- Phantom Ranch use is not authorized for day hikes.
- Shoshone Point - Bicycling, hiking or driving on Shoshone Point Road is prohibited.

56. Authorized Locations for Backpacking: Backcountry Permits for below-the-rim commercial guided Backpacking may be requested for the following trails:

- **Corridor Trails:** The North Kaibab, South Kaibab, Bright Angel, Plateau Point, and River Trails.
- **Threshold Trails:** Hermit, Clear Creek, Thunder River, Bill Hall, and Grandview Trails.
- **Primitive Trails:** South Bass, Tonto (South Bass to Hance Rapid), Boucher, South Canyon, Hance, Tanner, Beamer, Escalante Route, Nankoweap, North Bass, Deer Creek / Thunder River plus the river route between, Kanab Creek, and river attraction site trails.

CUA use is not permitted on inner-canyon Routes and in Wild areas not cited above. See the attachment and map, *CUA Guided Hiking Backcountry Locations*, for more details.

- **Phantom Ranch:** Holder must inform Xanterra that trip is commercial when making reservations. Commercial trip itineraries must be emailed to Commercial Services at GRCA_Permits_Mail@nps.gov a minimum of 2 weeks prior to trip. Itineraries reserved as noncommercial cannot be amended at a later date to be commercial in nature. Guides must sign-in at the Phantom Ranger Station.

57. Parking and Loading/Unloading: In addition to the locations listed in #46, #47 and #52 of the GRCA General Conditions document, the following parking and loading/unloading locations are specifically allowed for Backpacking and Day Hiking CUA holders:

- **Grandview Point** (Grandview Trail access): Limited to vehicles less than 22 feet in length. Commercial vehicles must park only in paved parking spaces.
- **Hermits Rest Trailhead** (Hermits Trail access): Holder is only authorized to park at Hermits Rest and accessing the area must be for the purpose of a day hike or backpacking trip on the Hermit Trail. Holder may not stop at any other parking areas, viewpoints, pull-outs, etc. along Hermit Road.
- **New Hance Trailhead:** Commercial vehicles less than 22 feet in length may pull out on the north side of Desert View Drive to drop off and pick up passenger at the New Hance Trailhead. Stopping is only permitted long enough to load/unload passengers and gear. After dropping off passengers, driver must proceed to either Moran Point, or to the gated road on the south side of Desert View Drive, approximately .5 miles west of the New Hance Trail. Parking is restricted to vehicles less than 22 feet in length that have valid backcountry permits for an itinerary that is scheduled to hike in/out of New Hance Trail and vehicles must be parked so that access to gated road is not impeded.
- **North Kaibab Trailhead:** Limited to vehicles less than 22 feet in length. Commercial vehicles must park only in paved parking spaces. Due to limited parking availability, carpooling and/or shuttle services are encouraged.
- **South Kaibab Trailhead:**
 - Day Hiking:** Commercial vehicles less than 22 feet in length may drive around the barriers and drop off/pick up clients at trailhead. Parking is not permitted. Vehicles may not proceed to Yaki Point.
 - Backpacking:** Commercial vehicles less than 22 feet in length may drive around the barriers and drop off/pick up clients at trailhead. Parking is restricted to vehicles less than 22 feet in length that have valid backcountry permits for an itinerary that is scheduled to hike out of South Kaibab trail. Vehicles may not proceed to Yaki Point.
- **Lipan Point** (Tanner Trail access)

58. Permits: A separate Backcountry Permit is required for backpacking. Holder is required to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Backcountry Information Center (BIC) regarding the application for and acquiring of Overnight Backcountry Permits. BIC rules and regulations are available on the park website or from the BIC.

- 59. Most Recent Form** - To request a commercial overnight itinerary, operators are required to use the most recent version of the Backcountry Permit Request Form and Verifiable Client List Form available at: https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/CUA_permit_request.pdf
- 60. Verifiable Client:** A verifiable client is a client who is listed and submitted with the Verifiable Client List form who is contactable by Grand Canyon National Park via phone, email or mail and who confirms a nexus with the company, dates and use area requested. Occasionally Grand Canyon may verify group size, group association, zip code or other information. Additional Requirements:
- Minimum Clients:** Companies need a minimum of 1 verifiable client to reserve a small camp site and at least 6 verifiable clients to reserve a large camp site.
 - Clear Intent:** General information inquiries do not equal verifiable clients. If an individual contacts a guide company but does not expressly direct the company to request a backcountry permit for a specific campground or use area on specific date(s), then using their information on the client list makes the application invalid and a violation of the CUA.
 - CUA Signature:** Verifiable Client Lists will not be accepted without signature by company representative.
 - Backup Documentation:** It is highly recommended that a written record be kept that documents communication with the client. This can be in the form of an email or if necessary, it can be notes from a telephone conversation. All communication should reference a date and the name of the company representative that spoke with the client. Information must be legible, specific and detailed enough to stand on its own without explanation.
 - No Subdividing:** Subdividing groups, itineraries or a range of dates so that a single request becomes multiple requests in order to increase odds of obtaining a permit is not authorized.
 - Non-transferable:** Permits (reservations) are non-transferable. Itineraries reserved as noncommercial cannot be amended at a later date to be commercial in nature.
 - Changes to Verifiable Clients:** CUAs need to submit to the Backcountry Information Center (BIC) an updated Verifiable Client List when the verified clients for particular trips changes. When a client cancels, the updated Verifiable Client Form must be submitted to the BIC within 72 hours. If no Verifiable Clients remain for a particular permit, the BIC must be notified within 72 hours and the permit cancelled.
- 61. Transferring of Permits:** The re-selling or transferring of backpacking permits to individuals or other guide companies is prohibited. If all clients opt out of a given trip, then the backcountry permit needs to be returned to the Backcountry Office within 72 hours for cancellation.
- 62. Porterage:**
- Non-Embedded Porterage:** This is a separate service not authorized in the Backpacking/Day Hiking CUA. Non-Embedded Porters, which are not part of the overnight backpacking permit group, are not authorized.
 - Embedded Porterage:** An Embedded Porter is an employee of the CUA holder that travels with the group and may carry items for guests, set up and/or take down equipment, and may cook and/or clean. Embedded porters are authorized as long as they are included in the overall group size for the backpacking permit. . Separate day porter services are not authorized. Trips may not separate for the purpose of securing campsites ahead of other groups. CUA holders may only obtain a large group permit if they have a minimum of 6 Verifiable Clients
- 63. Guide Registration:** The holder will register all guides with the park by submitting a completed Staff Registration Form for all employees guiding within the park. The holder will employ a staff with the expertise to operate all services authorized under this CUA. New or updated guide information must be submitted to the Commercial Services office before a guide is authorized to operate in the park. Notification must be provided if guides leave the CUA holder's company within the span of the CUA.
- 64. Guide Qualifications:** The following minimum qualifications must be met by each guide operating within Grand Canyon National Park.
- Guides must be at least 18 years of age and physically capable of hiking in the canyon environment.
 - Wilderness First Responder:** All guides must possess a valid Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certificate plus adult CPR. More advanced first aid such as an Emergency Medical Technician certification are also accepted and encouraged. Photocopies of current WFR, first aid, CPR, and Food Handling Certification must be submitted with a Staff Registration Form.
 - Food Handler:** At least one guide on each excursion will be a certified food handler and will be responsible for overseeing the storage, preparation, and serving of food. It is strongly recommended, however, that at least one guide on each excursion be certified on a manager level. RM-83A
 - Guides must possess previous relevant outdoor experience and have traveled and camped on the trail to be guided on at least two separate trips prior to guiding it.
 - Guides must be trained in basic safety and resource protection, Leave No Trace principles, park rules and regulations and in the requirements of the CUA conditions.

- 65. Guide-to-client Ratios:** All CUA hikes must maintain a ratio of no fewer than 1 guide for 1-7 clients or 2 guides for 8-9 clients. Larger trips are not permitted; the maximum number of guides and clients on a hike can never exceed 11. A staff member participating on a hike in a training capacity may be counted as the second guide to fulfill this guide-to-client ratio requirement.
- 66. Group Trip Leaders/Guides:** Each group must have one person identified as the group or trip leader who will remain with the group at all times. If the party is divided into more than one group, each group will have a trip leader. The trip leader will inform the group of all park rules and regulations and has responsibility for the group.
- **Backpacking Side Trips:** In corridor locations only, groups are permitted to separate for guided side trips if the remainder of the group stays together within base camp. The guide must stay with clients while leading them on the side trip, which must be within the parameters of the Hiking Tips - Hike Smart guidelines and CUA conditions.
- 67. Orientations:** The trip leader must provide an orientation to clients for the proposed itinerary and be capable of revising the itinerary for the group or an individual if an emergency occurs. The orientation must include basic hiking etiquette when passing other hikers or mules, Leave No Trace principles, park rules and regulations, safety procedures, litter, human waste and emergencies. Each participant will be supplied with a map (may be photocopied) of the trail hiked.
- 68. Screening Trips:** Backpacking CUA holders may conduct guided Day Hikes as safety and health screening trips for clients, prior to a Backpacking trip, contingent upon having already having a valid Backcountry permit for the same group.
- 69. Guide Equipment:** Guides will also be prepared for emergency situations where they may need to revise their original trip plan to accommodate clients who may be struggling to complete their intended hike. Guides must carry at least a flashlight, extra food and water and emergency overnight equipment. At least 2 different water treatment purification methods (primary and back-up) are required due to the inconsistency of reliable water sources in the canyon.
- 70. Client Equipment:** A group size first aid kit will be carried by each group. The trip leader/guide will ensure that each member of the group has adequate food and water for the proposed itinerary, appropriate footwear, clothing, and light sources. Clients will also be prepared for emergency situations where the original trip plan may need to be revised due to unforeseen emergency situations.
- Dark Sky responsible portable light use, specifically that when stationary or in a campground portable light use must be:
 - 1) Used in red lamp mode.
 - 2) If red lamp mode is not available, on the lowest illumination setting available.
 - 3) Held whenever possible by hand or around the neck and not around the head so the light is pointing down.
- 71. Human Waste:** Groups are required to abide by all park rules regarding proper disposal of human waste in order to prevent the pollution of water sources, the spread of disease, and the aesthetic degradation of backcountry areas. Improper disposal of human waste is a violation of park regulations and violators are subject to fines. The use of backcountry toilets is preferred. When this is not possible, guides will provide a small shovel, toilet paper, zip-lock bags and instructions for their clients to dig a hole six inches deep and carry out their used paper or use an approved human waste container also carried out and disposed of properly.
- 72. Cigarette Smoking:** Smoking on trails is highly discouraged. Smoking is not authorized within 100 feet of Bright Angel, Indian Garden, and Cottonwood Campground. Smoking is also prohibited within 25 feet of Ranger Stations and Water Utility buildings. Smokers must use caution when smoking to prevent dropping ashes or embers that might ignite a wildfire. Cigarette butts are trash and must be packed out of the corridor/backcountry for proper disposal. Guides are responsible for knowing and informing guests of current fire restrictions.
- 73. Food:** When not being prepared or consumed, All food and food scented items with the backcountry must be secured in containers that prevent access by wildlife. In the corridor campgrounds, all food, toiletries (i.e. toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and disposable plastic (i.e. plastic bags, wrappers, etc.) must be stored and secured at all times in the provided food storage boxes. All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be carried out. It is a violation to feed the wildlife, including squirrels. Follow Leave No Trace principles. Guides are responsible for ensuring clients are educated to, and comply with, the food, toiletries, and plastic storage requirements.

74. Annual Report and Management Fees:

- **Annual Reports** for the previous operating year must be submitted no later than January 31st. If we do not receive your Annual Report for the previous operating year your CUA issued for the current operating year will be suspended until the Annual Report is submitted
- **Management Fees** (if applicable) must be paid no later than March 31st. If we do not receive your payment of the Management Fee for the previous operating year your CUA issued for the current operating year will be suspended until the Management Fee is paid.
- You will not be able to conduct business in Grand Canyon National Park until the Annual Report is received by our office and all applicable fees are paid.

75. Authorization Compliance: The holder and all participants authorized herein must comply with all of the conditions of this authorization, including all exhibits, amendments, application requirements, and written or verbal directives from the Superintendent. Failure to obtain an authorization to provide commercial services and not having a copy of the CUA available for inspection at any time while in the park are violations of the authorization terms for which a citation may be issued and may subject the commercial operator to penalties as prescribed by law or regulation, including exclusion from doing business in the park. The NPS Commercial Services office will receive a notice of any written warnings or citations issued to holders and these documents will become part of the holder's park record.

1. A first violation may result in a warning letter to the CUA holder sent by the Commercial Services office and/or a possible 30-day suspension of the CUA. The appropriate course of action will be based on the violation and the company's cumulative history.
2. A second violation within any two-year period may result in a 30 to 90-day suspension or revocation of the CUA, depending on the seriousness of the violation and the company's cumulative history. Upon revocation of the privileges granted by a CUA, a new application will not be considered for a period of 12 months.
3. In addition, the National Park Service may, at any time, terminate this authorization at its discretion or upon breach of any of the conditions based on the seriousness of the violation and the company's cumulative history.

Electronic signatures must be accompanied by a digital time/date stamp.

	10/14/22
Authorization Holder Signature	Date



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE ETIQUETTE POLICY
For Front and Backcountry Commercial Operators and CUA holders

This etiquette policy was developed as a preservation tool to protect archaeological sites in the front and backcountry. This policy classifies all known archaeological sites into one of four classes and helps direct visitors to sites that can withstand visitation and to minimize impacts to those that cannot. Commercially guided groups may visit Class I and Class II sites. These sites are excavated and often stabilized and can handle a certain amount of regular visitation. However, inappropriate behaviors and activities on any archaeological site is a violation of federal law and Commercial Operating Requirements. Class III sites are not appropriate for visitation because they have not been excavated or stabilized and cannot withstand recurring visitation. National Park Service employees, Commercial Operators, or CUA holders are prohibited from disclosing the location and nature of any Class III archaeological site. If clients encounter Class III archaeological sites during trips, guides should take the opportunity to talk about ancestral use of the Canyon, discuss the challenges faced in protecting archaeological resources in remote places, and reaffirm Leave No Trace practices. These include observing sites from afar, discouraging clients from collecting site coordinates and posting photographs and maps with location descriptions on social media. Class IV archaeological sites are closed to visitation. Refer to the Superintendent's Compendium for more information. Commercial guides may share the list of Class I and Class II sites with clients so that clients are aware of what sites they can visit. Only Class I and Class II sites may be visited and/or their locations disclosed to clients.

It is the responsibility of individual Commercial Operators and CUA holders to disseminate site etiquette information to all company employees and to ensure that their guides follow this policy and follow "Leave No Trace" practices.

Class I Archaeological Sites: These sites have been managed specifically to withstand greater volumes of visitors and to provide opportunities for interpretation.

Rim and Inner Canyon

- Bass' Camp, South Bass Trailhead (B:15:0099)
- Mallery's Grotto, Bright Angel Trail (B:16:0064)
- Bright Angel Ruin, Phantom Ranch (B:16:0001)
- Cliff Spring Ruin, Cape Royal Rd, North Rim (C:13:0077)
- Walhalla Ruin, Cape Royal Rd, North Rim (C:13:0081)
- Transept Trail Ruin, North Rim developed area (B:16:0071)
- Horseshoe Mesa Hist. Dist., Grandview Trail (C:13:0008)
- Tusayan Ruin, Desert View Drive (C:13:0124)

Colorado River

- FM Brown Inscription, RM 12 L (C:06:0002)
- USGS rock hammer, RM 15.9 R (C:06:0004)
- South Canyon Ruins, RM 31.5 R (C:05:0001)
- Bert Loper's boat, RM 41.5 R (C:09:0034)
- Graves at President Harding rapid, RM 43.6 L (C:09:0030)
- Willie Taylor's Grave, RM 44.8 L (C:09:0031)
- Nankoweap Granaries, RM52.3 R (C:09:0001)
- Nankoweap Ridgetop Site (C:09:0184)
- Beamer's Cabin, RM 60.5 L (C:13:0004)
- Hilltop Ruin (Cardenas), RM 71 L (C:13:0002)
- Unkar Delta Ruins (interpretive trail only), RM 72.5 R
- Ross Wheeler, RM 107.6 L (B:15:0096)
- George Parkins Inscription, RM 107.8 R (B:15:0124)
- Plaque at Separation Canyon, RM 239.6 R (G:02:0103)

Class II Archaeological Sites: Class II sites are more vulnerable to visitor impacts than Class I sites. Extra care must be taken to protect fragile site features.

Rim and Inner Canyon

- Uncle Jim's Cave (Harvey Meadow, North Rim)(B:16:0072)
- Boucher's Cabin, Boucher Trail (B:16:0049)
- Historic Hermit Camp, Hermit Trail (B:16:0138)
- Clear Creek Ruin, Clear Creek Drainage (B:16:0004)
- Bass' Shinumo Camp, North Bass Trail (B:15:0049)
- Garden Creek site, west side of creek (B:16:1221)
- Two-Mile Rock Art Boulder (B:16:0092)
- Old Bright Angel Trail Granaries (B:16:0030, B:16:0031)

Colorado River

- Harry McDonald Inscription, RM 23.3 L (C:05:0007)
- Marble Canyon Dam Adits, RM 39.6 Left only (C:09:0088)
- Tanner-McCormick Mine, RM 65.5 L (C:13:0098)
- First Pueblo ruin above Tanner petroglyph boulders, RM 68.3 R (C:13:0034)
- Tanner Rock Art Boulders, RM 68.3 R (C:13:0132)
- Hance Scout, RM 76.6 L (C:13:0005)
- Stanton's Switchyard, RM 108.3 R (B:15:0001)
- Rockshelter opposite Deer Creek, RM 136.3 L (B:10:0004)
- Deer Creek pictographs, RM 136.3 R (B:10:0005)
- Backeddy, RM 137.4 L (B:10:0001)
- Whitmore Rock Art Panel, RM 187.6 R (A:16:0001)
- 202-Mile Pictographs, RM 202 R (A:15:0005)
- Indian Canyon, RM 206.6 R (G:03:0004)

Historically, a limited number of campsites were designated by the NPS in archaeological sites. Designation occurred prior to the writing of current federal laws that protect archaeological sites. It is not a violation of this etiquette policy to camp at sites designated on your current backcountry permit such as South Bass

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Trailhead, Hermit Creek, Monument Creek (group site only), Cedar Springs, Salt Creek, and Horn Creek. Camping in non-designated camps that contain archaeological sites is strictly prohibited, even if those camps have been used historically. As the park works to mitigate damages from historic use of campsites, your efforts to avoid camping related damage will greatly benefit the public.

ETIQUETTE FOR VISITING ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

In Grand Canyon National Park, 12,000 years of human history have resulted in an astounding number and diversity of well-preserved archaeological sites. Following good site etiquette will help preserve fragile archaeological resources. Grand Canyon commercial operators are the cornerstone to cultivating a special awareness of these sites by teaching site etiquette to thousands of visitors every year. For the sake of future preservation and compliance with federal laws, please teach and practice Leave No Trace principles.

- Plan Ahead
 - Review this site etiquette policy before each trip and ensure that you bring a copy with you.
 - Create your own checklist of Leave No Trace principles and site etiquette prior to your trip and review these with your clients prior to visiting archaeological sites.
 - Be prepared to be the first into the site in order to point out sensitive features (artifacts, walls) to be avoided and remember to be the last out.
- Travel and Camp On Durable Surfaces
 - Away from NPS-designated campsites, do not camp in an archaeological site.
 - Guide small groups. Seek out durable surfaces off-site to assemble and talk to your group before heading onto an archaeological site rather than assembling “in” the actual site.
 - Demonstrate leadership by being in control of your group at all times.
 - Flat camp sites free of vegetation and near water have typically been used repeatedly for many centuries and often contain documented archaeological sites.
 - Due to their age and exposure to erosion, archaeological sites are very fragile and most have never been stabilized. Walk carefully and avoid stepping on walls, artifacts and easily eroded slopes.
- Dispose Of Waste Properly
 - Avoid eating meals while in an archaeological site. Crumbs may attract animals which in turn may disturb a site.
 - When needed away from your river camp, choose a suitable bathroom location and remember to dispose of waste at least 200 feet from archaeological sites, dry washes, camps, trails and water.
- Leave What You Find
 - Discourage unnecessary handling of artifacts.
 - After visiting a known archaeological site, everything should be in its original location. Once picked up and moved, artifacts lose their context and scientific value.
 - Do not create artifact collection piles.
 - Do not remove artifacts – each one contributes to the overall integrity of the site. It is illegal to be in possession of artifacts and natural objects in a national park.
 - Enjoy petroglyphs and pictographs from a distance to avoid the natural temptation to touch, which can crumble the rock surface. Oils from human skin can degrade pigments and rock surfaces. Never deface rock imagery by adding your own or enhancing pictograph or petroglyph elements for photography. Do not trample artifacts located below rock imagery. They are often the only means of dating the site.
- Be Considerate Of Other Visitors
 - Think about the next person to visit the site. If they see evidence of your passing like crushed plants, tramped ground, stacked rocks, litter or social trails, their experience will be greatly diminished.
 - Did you know that 11 modern-day American Indian tribes maintain connections to Grand Canyon’s archaeological sites as a direct link to their history and ancestors? By respecting those beliefs you will help preserve and protect archaeological sites and the cultural values they hold for associated tribes.

Each year, Grand Canyon National Park archeologists and law enforcement rangers actively monitor hundreds of archaeological sites, some of which have been inadvertently impacted or intentionally damaged. Archaeological sites in national parks are protected by federal laws. The National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act prohibit the excavation, removal, damage, alteration or defacing of archaeological remains. Camping and all related activities (pitching tent, cooking, etc...) in an archaeological site are prohibited.

Where Can Below-the-Rim CUA Guided Hiking Occur?

Backcountry Permits for below-the-rim commercial guided hiking may be requested for the following trails, all of which are marked on this map with a thick, green line. Backcountry CUA use is not permitted on inner-canyon Routes and Wild areas not cited below:

- **Corridor Trails:** The North Kaibab, South Kaibab, Bright Angel, Plateau Point, and River Trails.
- **Threshold Trails:** Hermit, Clear Creek, Thunder River, and Grandview Trails. (NOTE: should have Clear Creek highlighted green with the rest.)
- **Primitive Trails:** South Bass, Tonto (South Bass to Hance Rapid), Boucher, Hance, Tanner, Beamer, South Canyon, Escalante Route, Nankoweap, North Bass, Deer Creek, Kanab Creek, and river attraction site trails.

