

Phantom Ranch Hike Information



These details established by fiat. They are not negotiable. I learned this from Gerry.

Itinerary

Date	Time	What
April 18	3:00 PM or later	Thunderbird Lodge check-in at Bright Angel Lodge
April 18	5:30 PM	Group meeting to organize mule duffels and make final departure plans. Location to be determined. We have 3 duffels for the group, ~8 to 9 pounds per person.
April 18	By 6:30 PM	Mule duffels late drop off at Bright Angel Transportation Desk http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/phantom-ranch/duffel-services/
April 18	tbd	Supper at Bright Angel restaurant (no reservations) http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/dining/bright-angel-restaurant/
April 19	5:30 AM	Breakfast at Bright Angel Coffee House http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/assets/2016-Coffee-House-Small-Menu.final_.pdf
April 19	tbd	Get on hikers shuttle to South Kaibab trailhead
April 19	6:30 PM*	Dinner at Phantom Ranch Canteen – Hiker’s Stew http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/dining/phantom-ranch-canteen/
April 20	5:00 AM*	Breakfast at Phantom Ranch Canteen
April 20	tbd	Drop off outbound mule duffels, pick up sack lunches
April 20	3:00 – 4:00 PM	Pick up mule duffels at the mule barn (otherwise 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM the next day)
April 20	tbd	Dinner at El Tovar (Reservation can be made one month in advance)
April 21	–	Breakfast on your own
April 21	11:00 AM	Latest check out from Thunderbird Lodge

* There is no flexibility in Phantom Ranch meal times. Meals are already reserved, group seating.

Park Admission

Do yourself a favor and get a National Park Senior Pass: <https://store.usgs.gov/pass/senior.html>. \$20 if you order by mail, gets you lifetime access to every national park and many other facilities.

Rim Lodging and Other Information

- Thunderbird Lodge, <http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/thunderbird-lodge/>
- Nights of April 18, 19 and 20, 2017
- We have a block of 9 rooms reserved, will cancel some if appropriate when we know the trip demographics. All rooms have 2 queen beds, located on the canyon side of the hotel.
- Cost is \$259.77 per room per night (subject to change).
- Check in after 3:00 PM at the Bright Angel Lodge, next door to Thunderbird.
- Dining facilities are located in the Bright Angel Lodge and other places at the south rim, see "South Rim Pocket Map and Services Guide", <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/maps.htm>. There are many other useful maps on that link.
- Lots of useful information at <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/index.htm>
- Although crowds are less of a problem at this time of year, take a look at "South Rim Crowding: A Survival Guide", <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/sr-tips.htm>
- Learn to ride the shuttle busses.

Phantom Ranch Information

- Phantom Ranch: <http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/lodging/phantom-ranch/>
- We have a 10-person bunkhouse with half bath, showers nearby: <http://www.grandcanyonlodges.com/groups/phantom-ranch-groups/>
- Bed linens and towels are included.
- Cost is \$138.56 per person including meals (subject to change).

Hiking Information

- We will hike down the South Kaibab Trail and back up the Bright Angel Trail.
 - https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/South_Kaibab_Trail.pdf
 - https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/Bright_Angel_Trail.pdf
- We will be on the trail shortly after first light each day, to minimize sun exposure both days and maximize time at the base of the canyon on the 19th.
- We don't expect to hike by flashlight but you never know. Also useful for seeing the scorpions at night down at the ranch.
- Plan to carry lunch on the 19th, even though we will probably reach Phantom Ranch by approximately lunch time.
- Bring rain gear, we are locked in to these dates.
- We have 3 mule duffels each way, 30 pounds each duffel, for the group. Maximum dimensions 36" x 20" x 13". Think change of clothes, warm jacket, alternate footwear. Maybe some snacks for the afternoon.
- Weather and temperature info: <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/weather-condition.htm>. Scroll down to the bottom of the page to see average temperatures and precipitation.
- Trail map: https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/upload/corridor_map.pdf
- Hiking advice:
 - <https://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/hiking-faq.htm>
 - <http://phantomphiles.com/index.html>
 - <http://detail.travelfit.us/page13/>
- Spoiler alert: The entire length of the South Kaibab and Bright Angel trails can be seen from hiker level on Google Street View. Also Phantom Ranch and the canyon rim.