



GREENLEE COUNTY 4-H GRAND CANYON HIKE OCTOBER 21 -23, 2022

WHEN: OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 22, 2022

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21: Arrive at campsite at the Mather Campground on the south rim in the Grand Canyon National Park. Set up tents and beds.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 - Staying at Mather Campground on Friday night provides three separate options for hiking into the Grand Canyon on Saturday. Each person can choose the option that fits his/her ability.

Option 1 = 9 miles

Hike down Bright Angel Trail to Indian Gardens and hike back to the top. Indian Gardens is an oasis with large cottonwood trees, picnic tables and water. This hike is nine miles (4.5 down to Indian Gardens and 4.5 miles back to the top). This is a strenuous hike with many switchbacks and very steep in most places. It is the most common hike into the Grand Canyon. It would give any hiker a true sense of being in the Grand Canyon and experiencing the size of the Grand Canyon. This hike will be difficult and will require adequate preparation.

Option 2 = 12 miles

Hike down Bright Angel Trail to Indian Gardens and then hike onto Plateau Point and look into the inner gorge to see the Colorado River. This hike is an additional three miles (it is 1.5 miles from Indian Gardens to Plateau Point and 1.5 miles from Plateau Point back to Indian Gardens). It's a total of 12 miles. This hike will be difficult and will require adequate preparation.

Option 3 = 16.3 miles

Hike down the South Kaibab Trail to the Colorado River and hike up Bright Angel Trail. This hike is 16.3 miles. It is very strenuous and difficult. This hike is for those that are in EXCELLENT shape. This hike will take around 12 hours to do. This hike will require a significant amount of preparation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 – Pack up and return home.

It is approximately 330 miles from Duncan to Grand Canyon. It will take 6-7 hours to drive, depending on stops.