

# Grand Canyon Visitor Use Study

## Pre-Experience Survey

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1) Including this visit, how many times have you visited Grand Canyon National Park? (Please insert your number of visits)

\_\_\_\_\_ visits in the past month  
 \_\_\_\_\_ visits in the past year  
 \_\_\_\_\_ visits all time

2) Which of the following forms of transportation did you personally use to enter Grand Canyon National park on this trip? (Please select one)

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal or rental vehicle        | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational vehicle or motorhome | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour bus                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Tusayan shuttle bus          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tour van                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Train                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____ |

3) How important are the following regarding your transportation choice in entering Grand Canyon National Park? (Please select one response for each item)

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important	Not applicable
Frequency of shuttle service	1	2	3	4	5	0
Personal comfort	1	2	3	4	5	0
Space for personal items	1	2	3	4	5	0
Saving time	1	2	3	4	5	0
Traffic	1	2	3	4	5	0
Parking availability	1	2	3	4	5	0
Lines at the entrance station	1	2	3	4	5	0
Freedom	1	2	3	4	5	0
Saving money	1	2	3	4	5	0
Clear signage and directions to shuttle parking area	1	2	3	4	5	0
Information availability	1	2	3	4	5	0
Other (please specify)	1	2	3	4	5	0

4) Which of these activities do you plan on participating in at Grand Canyon National Park today? (Please select all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife viewing                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trail running  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting        | <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in a commercial guided activity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canyoneering   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stargazing                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography    | <input type="checkbox"/> Visiting the national park visitor center     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic driving |  |

5) From the activities you selected in Question 4 above, please indicate the **primary activity** you plan on participating in during today's visit. (Please select only one response)

- Hiking
- Trail running
- Rafting
- Canyoneering
- Camping
- Photography
- Picnicking
- Scenic driving

- Wildlife viewing
- Bicycling
- Participating in a commercial guided activity
- Stargazing
- Shopping
- Visiting the national park visitor center
- Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

6) Please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with each of the statements. (Please select only one response for each item)

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel this place is part of me	1	2	3	4	5
I identify strongly with this place	1	2	3	4	5
I am very attached to this place	1	2	3	4	5
Visiting this place says a lot about who I am	1	2	3	4	5
This place is the best place for what I like to do	1	2	3	4	5
No other place can compare to this place	1	2	3	4	5
I wouldn't substitute any other place for the experience I have at this place	1	2	3	4	5
I get more satisfaction out of visiting this place than any other	1	2	3	4	5
Doing what I do here is more important to me than doing it in any other place	1	2	3	4	5
I have a lot of fond memories about this place	1	2	3	4	5
I have a special connection to this place and the people who use it	1	2	3	4	5
I will (do) bring my children to this place	1	2	3	4	5
I feel a sense of pride in my heritage when I am at this place	1	2	3	4	5

7) Below is a list of statements related to your visit to Grand Canyon National Park. Please rate how true the following statements are according to your visit today.

During my visit to Grand Canyon National Park, I am motivated to...	Not at all True	Slightly True	Moderately True	Very True	Completely True	Not Applicable
...view scenic beauty.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...be close to nature.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...view wildlife.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...experience tranquility.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...feel independent from the rest of society.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...be away from crowds of people.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...physically relax.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...have my mind move at a slower pace.	1	2	3	4	5	0

During my visit to Grand Canyon National Park, I am motivated to...	Not at all True	Slightly True	Moderately True	Very True	Completely True	Not Applicable
...get away from the noise back home.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...enjoy the sounds of nature.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...experience natural quiet.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...take risks.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...have thrills.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...experience a sense of exploration.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...bring my family closer together.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...have fun with my family.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...share the outdoors with my children.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...be with friends.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...be with people who share similar values.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...be with others who enjoy the same things I do.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...gain a sense of self-confidence.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...learn what I am capable of.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...show others my abilities.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...share photos on social media.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...tell others about my trip.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...have others know that I have been here.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...learn about the cultural history of Grand Canyon.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...engage with historical sites.	1	2	3	4	5	0
...learn about the geologic history of Grand Canyon.	1	2	3	4	5	0

8) Which of these categories best indicates your ethnicity? Answer only for yourself. Please select one or more

- American Indian or Alaska Native
  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  
 Asian
  White  
 Black or African American

9) For you only, are you Hispanic or Latino? (Please respond "yes" or "no")

- YES  
 NO

10) In what year were you born? (Please respond in the blank below) \_\_\_\_\_

11) Are you a permanent resident or citizen of the United States? (Please respond "yes" or "no")

- NO - What is your country of origin? \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES - What is your primary Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

