

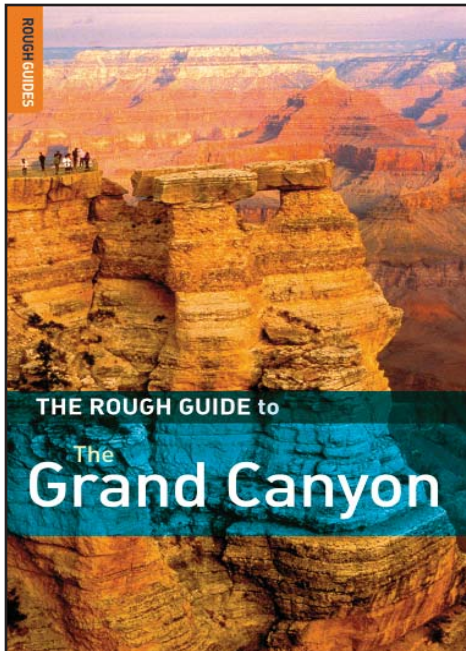
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## The Rough Guide to The Grand Canyon by Greg Ward

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**South Kaibab Trail to Cedar Mesa** (3-mile round-trip):

Perhaps the most instantly rewarding of all Grand Canyon hikes, this stark, exposed trail sets off from Yaki Point, not far east of Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim. The views are especially sublime if you set off at dawn, but in summer the heat farther down can be oppressive.

**North Kaibab Trail to Supai Tunnel** (4-mile round-trip):

The North Rim's best-loved trail is demanding from the word go; unless you're especially fit, it's best only to go as far as the dramatic viewpoint atop the Redwall.

**Hermit Trail to Santa Maria Spring** (4.6-mile round-trip):

The peaceful, seldom busy Hermit Trail leaves the South Rim from the far west end of Hermit Road, descending through some of the canyon's most verdant scenery to a lovely little oasis that offers great views.

**Bright Angel Trail to Three-Mile Resthouse** (6-mile round-trip):

The canyon's oldest and busiest trail descends steep switchbacks from the heart of Grand Canyon Village, with fabulous new panoramas opening up at every twist.

**North Kaibab Trail to Roaring Springs** (9.4-mile round trip):

It takes a major physical effort to hike to and from this stunning North Rim waterfall in a single day, but the scenery along the way is utterly breathtaking.