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## 2009 Summer / Fall Backpacking Season

Your permit request should arrive at the Backcountry Information Center at least 21 days prior to the start of your hike to ensure enough time to process your request. Any remaining sites will be given out in person at the Backcountry Information Center. The advance reservation totals below do not include last minute walk-in permits.

Corridor Campgrounds	Bright Angel Campground (CBG)	Indian Garden Campground (CIG)	Cottonwood Campground (CCG)
<b>Jun 2009</b>	97% full	97% full	100% full
<b>Jul 2009</b>	50% full	50% full	50% full
<b>Aug 2009</b>	50% full	50% full	50% full
Extremely hot, average 105°F in shade. Strong thunderstorms. Lightning danger. Flash flood danger. Not recommended to hike between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Hike at your own risk.			
<b>Sep 2009</b>	95% full	92% full	100% full
<b>Oct 2009</b>	83% full	83% full	74% full

As of June 4 the Backcountry Information Center is still processing requests received on June 1; 500-800 requests are still pending.

### Corridor Updates:

- September: A few sites remain available at CBG and CIG for small groups (1- 6 people) prior to the 7<sup>th</sup>.
- October: CBG and CIG are 99% full prior to the 19<sup>th</sup>; all large group sites (7-11 people) are full for the month. CCG is 99% full prior to the 29<sup>th</sup>; a few large group sites are available after the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Outside the Corridor:** North Bass trailhead is open from the west side. Point Sublime will not open to vehicle traffic until the roads have been cleared and are dry, contact the Backcountry Information Center for an update.

### Options for hikers who are unable to obtain a permit in advance:

**Last Minute Permits/Waitlist:** Several campsites in Bright Angel, Indian Garden, and Cottonwood Campgrounds are made available each morning for the next day. For best chance of success arrive at Grand Canyon National Park two or more days before you wish to backpack. Go to the Backcountry Information Center and get a waitlist number. Return to the Backcountry Information Center by 8 a.m. the next morning. Campsites are awarded to the lowest numbers present. Those who do not obtain a permit the first morning will receive a lower waitlist number for the following morning.

**Day Hike:** No permit needed to day hike. Be prepared for winter hiking conditions. Weather and trail conditions are variable and change dramatically from one year to the next. Plan Ahead and Prepare.

**North Rim (Kaibab Plateau/ Highway 67/ North Kaibab Trailhead):** Grand Canyon National Park facilities on the North Rim will begin **closing down for the season at noon on Oct. 16**. The North Rim Backcountry Information Center will remain open through Nov. 30, unless snow closes Highway 67 leading into the park prior to that date. The public transit shuttle that runs between the North and South Rims begins reduced services after Oct. 15.

For information on trail conditions and situations affecting the backcountry of Grand Canyon National Park visit [www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/trail-closures.htm](http://www.nps.gov/grca/planyourvisit/trail-closures.htm)

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