GRAND ADVENTURES

Don’t have time to thru-hike the Grand Canyon? Try one of these weekend trips instead.

Find maps, detailed trail descriptions, and park information at grandcanyontrust.org/hikes

1. EXPLORE THE CONFLUENCE

TANNER AND BEAMER TRAILS

Getting there isn’t easy. It takes several days and 36 tough miles to reach the confluence of the Colorado and Little Colorado rivers on foot, but it’s worth every step.

Distance: 36.2 miles
Number of days: 4
Suggested campsites: BB9, BA9, BB9

Need to know: There is no water along the Beamer Trail until you get to the confluence. Plan accordingly.

2. DITCH THE SOUTH RIM CROWDS

GRANDVIEW, TONTO, AND SOUTH KAIBAB TRAILS

Escape the South Rim hubbub and spend your days snaking in and out of side drainages instead. Just be sure to save enough energy to huff it back to the rim!

Distance: 28.7 miles
Number of days: 3
Suggested campsites: BG9, BJ9

Need to know: Check with the backcountry office about the reliability of springs along the Tonto Trail.

3. GRAB YOUR CAMERA AND GO

HERMIT, TONTO, AND BRIGHT ANGEL TRAILS

The views on this route are a photographer’s dream. Take a detour to see one of the rowdiest rapids on the Colorado River. If you’re lucky, you might even see a raft crash through.

Distance: 24.8
Number of days: 4
Suggested campsites: BM8, BL7, BL4

Need to know: The water at Horn Creek is radioactive from a now-defunct uranium mine located higher up the drainage. Don’t drink it.