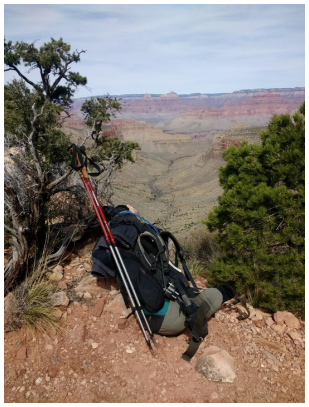

Earlham Wilderness 50th Anniversary Alumni Trips

Grand Canyon Backpack

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Location: Grand Canyon, AZ

Dates: 04/25/2021 to 05/01/2021 (Sign-up by November)

Cost: Shared costs: permits (about $75/person) & food, campground fees, etc. If we do carpools (e.g. on rentals from airports) I presume that individuals will work out cost sharing.

Difficulty:

Level of fitness

Easy (No sweat, no hurry)	Moderate (Active lifestyle)	Strenuous (Regular vigorous exercise)

Experience level

No experience necessary	Some experience with this type of trip	Significant experience required

Folks who can backpack into and out of the Grand Canyon, where there isn't an easy option to leave if something isn't going well. Robert (my son) was 10 for his first Grand Canyon hike and I will be 70 for this one. Fitness matters more than age.

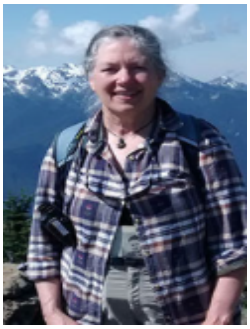
Itinerary

Sunday, April 25 - "duffel shuffle" and final logistics at campsite on the rim (maybe have the campsite reserved Saturday and Sunday nights, if some people want to come early and spend a day on the rim). Monday- Friday hike either the Hermit-Monument (old SWFS favorite), Grandview to Hance Rapids, Tanner or some other trail we agree on.

Role of participants

Everyone brings their own gear. Share food planning via google doc. As a group we would decide on the trail we want to hike. Permit application needs to be done in late November.

Biography of the organizer



I led a few trips during my time at Earlham, including Southwest Field Studies. More recently I did 2-night Grand Canyon hikes in 2018 and 2020 and was reminded that down is harder than up (oh the legs hurt the second day) but slow and steady works. The names of plants and geologic layers came back from deep memory, and the scenery is as magical as ever.