

Facts About the Grand Canyon

- 1 The Grand Canyon is located in the state of Arizona.
- 2 The Grand Canyon is 446 km (277 mi.) long, up to 29 km (18 mi.) wide and, at its deepest point, 1.8 km (over one mile) deep.
- 3 The Colorado River runs through the Grand Canyon.
- 4 Scientists still debate how old the Grand Canyon is (i.e., how long since the Colorado River started cutting through the rock to form the canyon). The estimates vary from 5–6 million years to 70 million years.
- 5 The oldest rock layer in the Grand Canyon is about 2 billion years old.
- 6 The most recent layer of rock in the Grand Canyon is about 230 million years old.
- 7 The Grand Canyon became a national park in 1919.