

Mile 86.0 to Mile 91.5 - Map 16

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Approaching Horn Creek Rapid. Much of the work of rowing the big rapids is in the set-up. (Brian Coggan)



If you are exchanging passengers at Phantom Ranch, the hike offers spectacular views. This is looking back down Pipe Creek. (Duwain Whitis)



Zoroaster Temple is about two miles northeast from the river at river mile 86.5 and 4,700 feet above the river. (Tom Martin)

Horn Creek Rapid, at river mile 90.8, is a truly fun rapid. At low water flows of 7,000 cfs or below, the run is a right-to-left move, going right of the right horn with momentum to the left. At higher water levels, it is possible to “split the horns” and enter left of the right horn. Mind the wall on the left at the bottom. This rapid can best be scouted on river right. The pull-in for this scout is just above the rapid.

High above the river left shoreline but at the base of the Tapeats Sandstone, a **lone Ponderosa Pine** tree is visible at the head of the drainage at river mile 90.7.

Below Pipe Creek Camp is at river mile 89.9 on river right. This camp is on a cobble bar with fast moving current along the shore. There is no practical way to hike from here back upstream to Phantom Ranch.

Pipe Creek Rapid is at river mile 89.5. There is a strong eddy on river right at the foot of this rapid that can be passed by staying to the left through this rapid.

Bright Angel Rapid, at river mile 88.3, extends downriver to just past the silver suspension bridge.

The **Phantom Ranch boat beach** is just past the black Kaibab suspension bridge on river right at river mile 88.1. A water spigot is available for filling water jugs just downstream and up on the debris fan from this boat beach, by the river runners’ bulletin board. Phantom Ranch is one half mile up Bright Angel Creek. Mail may be sent to Phantom Ranch for river pick up at the canteen if mailed c/o Phantom Ranch River Mail, PO Box 1266, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86023.

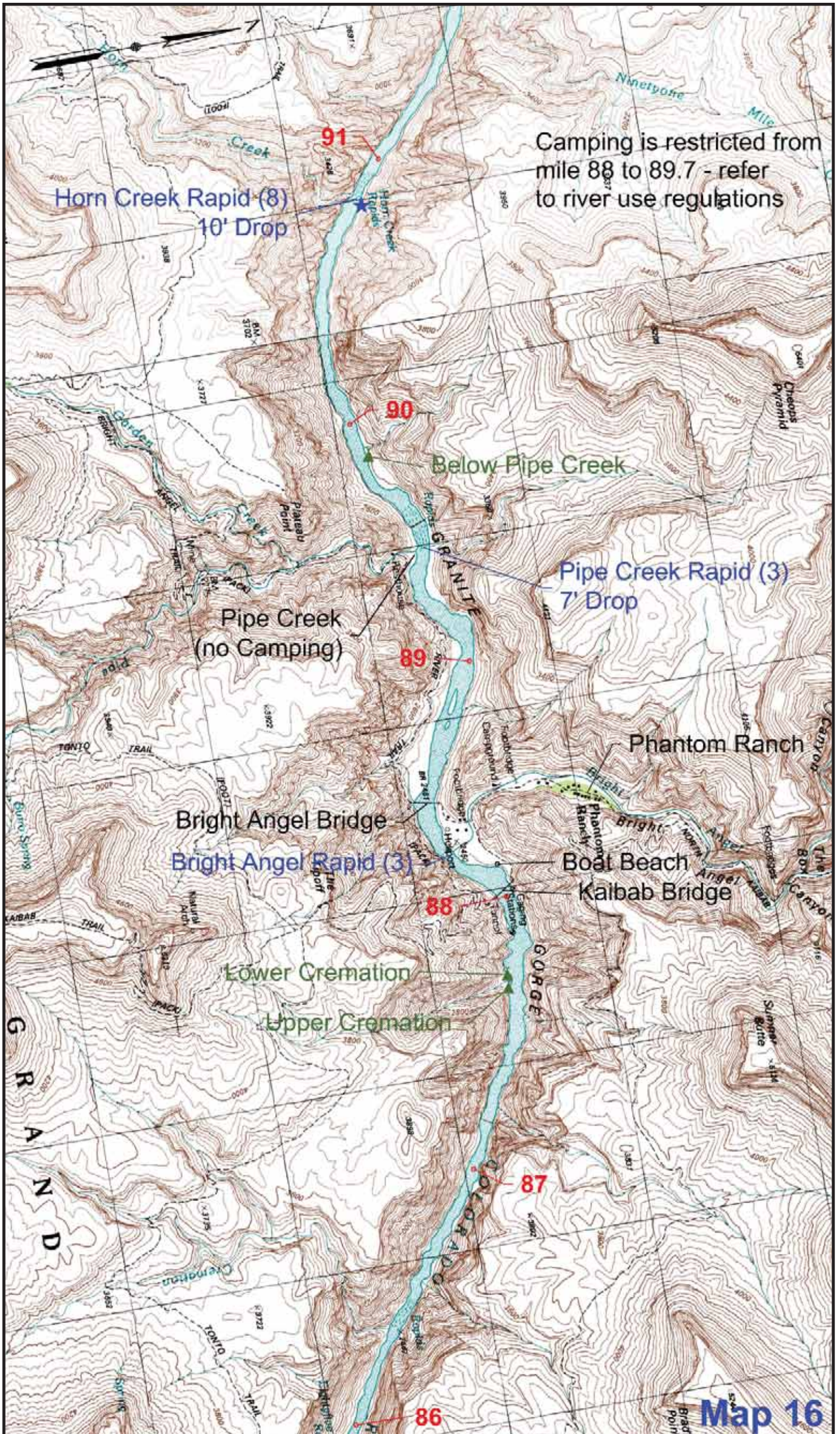
NO CAMPING is allowed from river mile 88.0 until you pass Pipe Creek at mile 89.7. (See River Use Regulations for updates.)

Lower Cremation Camp is at river mile 87.7 on river left. This camp is just below the riffle, and at the top of the eddy, at the foot of the debris fan. This medium-sized camp, just like Upper Cremation Camp, is a very popular camp for river trips exchanging trip participants at Phantom Ranch. You can row across the river from this camp and back. This makes it possible to hike downstream to Phantom Ranch.

Upper Cremation Camp, at river mile 87.7 on river left, is just above the riffle formed by a debris fan. This small camp is susceptible to flash flooding in monsoon season and is a very popular camp for river trips exchanging trip participants at Phantom Ranch.



Just 100 yards from the boat beach is a bulletin board and a water spigot for filling water jugs. Check here for emergency bulletins, weather and water flow information. (Tom Martin)



Camping is restricted from mile 88 to 89.7 - refer to river use regulations

Horn Creek Rapid (8)
10' Drop

Below Pipe Creek

Pipe Creek Rapid (3)
7' Drop

Pipe Creek
(no Camping)

Bright Angel Bridge
Bright Angel Rapid (3)

Phantom Ranch
Boat Beach
Kaibab Bridge

Lower Cremation
Upper Cremation