



**Saturday
April 1, 2017**

Verde Canyon Railroad

Approximately 100 Miles and 1 3/4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Family	Max Rating/Points: 0/1	Elev. Change: N/A	Length: 0 miles
Start Time: 1:00 PM	Duration: 4 Hr	Max No of Part: 10	Last Scouted: Apr '16

- Major Hike:
- Cross-Country:
- Exploratory:
- Individual Effort:
- Options:
- Pass/Fees Rqd.:

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Required Equipment: **None**

Recommended Equipment: **sunglasses, sun screen, camera, binoculars**

Cautions and Special Preparations: **Only 10 first class reservations have been made. Cost is \$88.50 each. About March 1, I'll offer the tickets to non KK folks (I don't want to eat the cost for unused tickets).**

Description: Rex will have all the tickets. I'll be there around noon. Boarding will be shortly after 12:00 with a 1:00 departure time. At the depot there are numerous informational story boards giving interesting facts about the area, train, etc. There is also a small museum with some old memorabilia. All the tickets are for 1st class seating which has living room type seating, a small complimentary appetizer set up, full service cash bar, large viewing windows. We also have access to an open air canopy covered viewing car. Outdoor attendants who are well versed in canyon history, geology, and wildlife share highlights and answer questions. The restored cars are pulled by two of only 10 existing restored FP7 locomotives. There are several bridges and trestles, some of which are 100 years old. We will also go through a 680 foot man made tunnel where it gets completely dark. There are ancient Sinagua ruins in the cliffs of the canyon. We will also have the opportunity to see various wildlife and birdlife, including bald eagles. The ride turns around at Perkinsville which used to be a small town, but is now just the train turn around spot with some ranching activities and buildings in the area. See the attached site for more information and pictures <https://verdecanyonrr.com>
 Pre Ride: We can do lunch at a Mexican food restaurant (Bonita) just past the 260/89A intersection (north side of 89A). Would need to be there at 11:00 when they open! An after trip meal is also an option.

Driving Directions: **Take Interstate 17 north to Exit 287 (Camp Verde). Take Hwy 260 west approximately 14 miles. Turn left on Main Street (historic 89A). Continue 4+ miles through Old Town Cottonwood (past Tuzigoot National Monument) to Broadway. Bear right. Cross 1 lane bridge. About 0.4 miles past turn. Parking is on the right hand side with the depot across the street.**