



**Saturday
May 13, 2017**

Horse Trap Canyon Exploratory

Approximately 120 Miles and 2 1/4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

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| Type: Day Hike | Max Rating/Points: 3/1 | Elev. Change: 850ft | Length: 9.5 miles |
| Start Time: 8:30 AM | Duration: 6-8 Hr | Max No of Part: N/A | Last Scouted: exploratory |

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

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Required Equipment: **Sturdy hiking boots**

Recommended Equipment: sunglasses, sun screen, hiking poles

Cautions and Special Preparations: **Hiking in a rocky creek bottom and some possible boulder hopping**

Description: This will be an exploratory hike down Horse Trap canyon to its confluence with Chevlon canyon. I've been on the first 3/4 mile and it is a gentle slope. The remaining 4 miles is unknown. There may be a bit of water in the canyon since this time of year is shortly after the last snow should be melted. However, in 2015 my hike in the area had a snow storm. The hike should be in relatively solid tree cover.

Actual route will be determined by terrain and length will be determined by GPS.

Driving Directions: Take Arizona 87 to Payson and then Arizona 260 to the east to just on top of the rim. About 5 mile past the rim's edge, turn left on FS237 (just past the 2 large transmission lines. This is just before mile marker 287. The parking is about 1mile north of the 260, on the left, just as FS237B takes off to the right and you just leave the transmission line corridor. There are no restrooms or water at the trailhead or along the trail. Closet for sure public restrooms are at Willow Springs Lake, about 4

miles before the turnoff of 260, mile marker 283. Sometimes a restroom is open about ½ mile onto the FS237.