



**Saturday
August 19, 2017**

Humphreys Peak Trail #51 - Flagstaff

Approximately 150 Miles and 2.75 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH Maj	Max Rtg/Pts: 5 / 2	Elev. Change: 3,333	Length: 10 miles
Start Time: 0800	Duration: 6-8 hours	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 2014

Check all that apply
(give details in Desc.)

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

Contact Information

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Required Equipment: Clothing appropriate for sunny weather or cold & wet. Waterproof, breathable jacket and pants. Sturdy footwear. Water for entire day and snacks.

Recommended Equipment: Hat. Sunglasses. Sun block. Trekking poles. Trip Leader will be carrying a first aid kit and a radio tuned to Channel 6.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Storms can appear suddenly at the higher elevation of Humphreys Peak (12,633 ft.) and the surrounding peaks. Be prepared to retreat below tree line should a storm appear. Be prepared for any weather from cold and windy to sunny & hot. This is a strenuous hike at high altitude, so being in good shape is a must.

Description:
Humphreys Peak was named in about 1870 for General Andrew A. Humphreys, a U.S. Army officer who was a Union general during the American Civil War, and who later became Chief of Engineers of the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The first 4 miles of the trail are a relatively easy, even ascent with no thigh crunching up hills. The trail switchbacks through coniferous forest providing shade from the sun or a bit of cover from precipitation. Near tree line you can see bristlecone pines which are among the oldest living trees in the world. Approaching Agassiz Saddle which connects Humphreys Peak and Agassiz Peak the forest thins and the views become expansive. To the east and below are the Inner Basin and Lockett's Meadow. Agassiz Saddle (11,800 ft.) marks the beginning of Arizona's sole tundra region, affords wonderful views, and is a nice destination for lunch and to turn around if choosing not to summit.* In inclement weather or if suffering from the effects of altitude sickness, Agassiz Saddle makes a nice place to turn around.....or to "gear up" for the final mile to the summit of Humphreys Peak; the most challenging stretch of the hike. This final mile beyond Agassiz Saddle is above the tree line and ascends sometimes steeply over boulders. The summit provides 360° unobstructed views as you look out from the highest point in Arizona. On a clear day, you'll be able to see the Grand Canyon and the Hopi mesas to the north, the White Mountains to the east, and Oak Creek Canyon to the south.

This hike is an individual effort due to the altitude and length.

Please email the Leader if you want to participate on this hike and indicate if you are going to begin with the group or start at a different time.

Leader plans to scout this hike in July. Also, Leader will be staying overnight in Flagstaff on Friday and Saturday. Leader invites you to join him for after climb festivities at the Beaver Street Brewery or El Capitan Fresh Mexican Grill (alternate).

* Hikers turning around at Agassiz Saddle will be given credit for 8 miles.

Driving Directions: Take I-17 north to Flagstaff. Go north on U.S. Route 180 for 7 miles to the Snow Bowl Road. Turn right onto the Snow Bowl Road and follow it 7.4 miles to the lower parking lot on the left side of the road. There is a porta potty next to the parking lot as you make your way to the trailhead located at the north end of the parking lot. As always, carpooling is encouraged.