



Friday May 4, 2018

Backpacking Aravaipa Canyon (Use the Links)

Approximately 130 Miles and 3 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Backpack	Max Rtg/Pts: 4/2	Elev. Change: 600'	Length: 20 Estimate
Start Time: 9 AM	Duration: 3 days	Max No of Part: 6	Last Scouted: Never

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

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Required Equipment: Shoes for hiking in the water old boots, trail runners or sandals (No flip-flops) and [neoprene socks](#) to keep your feet warm. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks for 3 days, Backpack, Headlamp with fresh batteries, Insulated Jacket, Prescription Medications, Rain Jacket, Sleeping Bag, Sleeping Pad, Toilet Paper, Hand Sanitizer, Spoon, Mug, 2 Liters of water, personal first aid kit.

Recommended Equipment: (We can share our Stove and Water filter but you will need to let me know before the hike if you want to share so I can bring the extra gas). Hiking Poles, Camp Shoes so your feet can dry out, [Critter Food Bag](#), [Air Pillow](#), Base Layer Tops and Bottoms, Gloves, Hat, Hiking Socks, Insect Repellant, Large Plastic Garbage Bag, Long Sleeve Shirt, Pack Rain Cover, Sun Block and Lip Balm, Sun Hat, Sunglasses, Tee Shirt, Toiletries, Underwear, [Backpacking Adult Beverage Ideas](#)

Cautions and Special Preparations: Prepare for wetness you *will get wet*. We have to cross the Aravaipa Creek multiple times, and **may** have to deal with water over the knees. There are no designated trails, campsites, signs, or facilities within the wilderness boundaries. The land is rugged and hikers should be in good condition to pass through dense riparian vegetation and multiple stream crossings.

Description: This is a trip I have wanted to make for years. [There is a lot to cover, so I found a video that is arguably the best summation of the hike. You need to Watch this Video so just click this.](#)
This is our Itinerary: Friday backpack 5 to 7 miles and setup camp. Saturday side hike 10 mile RT day hike to Deer Creek – Hells Hole or you can just stay in camp and relax, Sunday pack up and hike out 5 to 7 miles. We will probably camp around Horse camp #2 or Booger camp #3 check out our hike on this [custom Map](#) I made for our trip.
 Note - We have 6 permits and at this time we have 6 people interested in going. Mike R., Monica, Bill, Larry, Lisa, & Becky. If someone else wants to go we will have to implement the Kactus Kicker lottery.
[REI Trip cost is \\$1,149](#) however with this special M&M Kactus Kicker guided trip the cost is per person permit \$17 + carpool gas that excludes food. What a deal! Please keep in mind this does not included gratuities to the guides which is appreciated. ☺

Additional Reading: Discerption [Backpackers](#), [BLM Site](#), [BLM Map](#), [Weather at Camp](#), [Hike AZ description](#).

Driving Directions: **Carpool 6AM** will need to work this out it's a 3 hour drive. (We need to find a nice camp so I would like to be on the trail at 9AM.)
 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness **WEST** trailhead 10 mi. N of Mammoth, or 11 mi. S of Winkelman, turn east off AZ Hwy 77 onto paved Aravaipa Road, which becomes graded dirt in ~4 mi. Continue past the Brandenburg BLM ranger station (9 mi.) to the large dirt lot at the end of Aravaipa Rd., 12 miles from the AZ 77 turnoff. No camping allowed at the trailhead. [Google Map Link](#) to the Trailhead.