



# Saturday May 19, 2018

## Forest Lakes

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

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 300	Length: 8 miles
Start Time: 8:30 AM	Duration: 4 Hr	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: Aug '16

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

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Required Equipment: Normal day hiking gear. Sunscreen. Hat. 2 quarts water

Recommended Equipment: Sturdy shoes/boots are always suggested, but this hike will be along a normally closed roadway

Cautions and Special Preparations: No water along the trail nor at trail head

Description: The hike is along a normally closed forest service road (236) and has very little elevation change. We will leave the parking area at the trailhead and head west and then north for about 4 miles, getting close to the edge of Chevelon Canyon. The last 1/2 mile will be along what appears to be an abandoned logging road. We will return on the same trail. The trail is through a part of the ponderosa forest that is fairly open and gives good opportunities to see elk, deer or turkey. Mileage 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 trail head parking is about 1/2 mile north of the 260, on the left. There are restrooms at the trailhead but no water. Sometimes the restrooms are closed. Closet public restrooms that are sure to be open are at Willow Springs Lake, about 4 miles before the turnoff of 260, mile marker 283.