



# Friday May 25, 2018

## Red Butte Trail, Tusayan

Approximately 210 Miles and 3 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH	Max Rtg/Pts: 2 / 1	Elev. Change: 866	Length: 2.5
Start Time: 1:00 PM	Duration: 2 Hrs	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:

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**Required Equipment:** Normal gear for a light day hike on a good trail including 1 to 2 quarts of water.

**Recommended Equipment:** Camera, trekking poles.

**Cautions and Special Preparations:** I have seen a rattlesnake at the top.

**Description: THE HIKE:** A well-defined and maintained trail starts on the western base. You start up in a series of gentle switchbacks. You have vistas stretching for at least a hundred miles in all directions. The junipers provide some shade and a forest feeling. At about 3/4 Mile, the switchbacks become a little steeper and you get some cardio workout. At 1 1/4 mile you top out on the butte and see the Forest Service Lookout Tower. A notice on the lookout tower identifies it as a National Historic Site. This is a working fire lookout and in years past the ranger (Bruce who is a good artist) was very friendly and receptive to visitors. He even remembers some of us that hike this almost every year. There is a picnic table so relax and enjoy the views. The views in all directions are magnificent, especially to the San Francisco Peaks to the southeast. You really can't see much of the Grand Canyon from here.

**Driving Directions:**

**Road/Vehicle:** FR / Dirt Road / Gravel-Car Okay. Road Conditions: All roads, when dry, are suitable for sedans. Any significant rain makes the dirt roads impassable. I will assess immediately to the hike and cancel if required.  
**Directions to trail:** Heading north from Williams on Highway 64/180 watch for MP 224 about 10.5 Miles north of Valle (Valle is where 180 from Flagstaff and 64 from Williams converge). There is a big "Entering Kaibab Forest" marker about 100 yards north of the turn on the east side of Highway 64/180. FR 320 is approximately 12 miles South of Tusayan. Turn east off Highway 64/180 onto Forest Road (FR) 320. Travel east for 1.5 miles and turn Left (north) onto FR 340. Travel .75 mile on this road then turn right (east) onto a spur road. The trailhead is at the end of this .25 mile road. The trailhead is well marked and has parking for several vehicles.

