



Sunday May 27, 2018

Widforss hike – North Rim

Approximately 353 Miles and 7.5 Hours from Central Phoenix “stack”,

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 300 ft	Length: 4.2-9.8 miles
Start Time: See descr	Duration: 2-6 hours	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 2016

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

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Required Equipment: : Normal gear for a medium day hike on well-maintained trails including 2-3 quarts of water and snacks. A welcoming smile for hiking in cool weather!

Estimated temps for North Rim GC												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High °F	34	36	39	47	57	68	72	70	63	54	41	35
Low °F	11	12	15	22	28	36	42	41	35	27	19	11
Rain	2.5	2.1	2.4	1.1	0.91	0.52	2	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.8

Recommended Equipment: trekking poles, raingear, sunscreen, 2- 3 qts water, radio on ch 6.0

Cautions and Special Preparations: possible mountain lion siting

Description: 2 options, depending on who is going and what vehicles we can get, we need to drive to trailhead. Directions below. The hike will start at the visitor’s center near the North Rim Lodge at 0800 and will meet up with drivers/hikers. No water at TH. Restroom at Visitor center.

Two hike options

- 4.2 mile rt, hike in 2.1 mile to from 1 to point 14 on trail guide at TH (170 ft elevation change).
- 9.8 mile rt (or gps), hike out to Widforss point overlook picnic area (8000 ft) and back.

Which hike or hikes we do depends on drivers/hikers pairing up on hike of choice – need driver volunteers please.

The Widforss trail is a beautiful plateau top trail that hugs the Transept, a tributary of Bright Angel Creek and a 4000 ft deep canyon, with mild up and down switchbacks, and in and out of trees and meadows. Starting at Harvey Meadow you go south through scattered groves of Aspen, white fir, ponderosa pine and Engelmann spruce, mostly away from the rim although you get glimpses at times.

The trail and point at end of rim were named for Gunnar Widforss known as “the painter of the national parks”, who painted numerous views of the Grand Canyon in the 1920’s-1930’s, his favorite (and mine) National Park.

Driving Directions: drive north on Hwy 67 to Widforss trailhead from N Rim Parking lot, turn west on good gravel road (per book) about 3 miles north of N Rim Lodge parking lot, sign says Widforss turn off, 0.25 miles S/O Cape Royal turn off (east), go 0.6 miles to trailhead in Harvey Meadow.

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