



Saturday September 22, 2018

Derrick Trail-Horton Loop , Tonto National Forest,

Approximately 83 Miles and 2.5 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH	Max Rating/Points: 3 / 1	Elev. Change: 600	Length: Approx 8.8 mi
Start Time: 8:30am	Duration: 6 hours	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 9/2017

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: hiking boots, at least 2 quarts of water, lunch, first aid kit, rain gear

Recommended Equipment: camera, trekking poles, hat, water filter, sunscreen

Cautions and Special Preparations:

Description: The Derrick Trail shares its beginnings with the Horton Spring Trail. The trail does offer some outstanding views of Promontory Butte and the Rim, a good workout and access to a nice section of the Highline Trail. Most importantly, it is a pleasant change of pace from the usual out and back hike to Horton Spring, and should help avoid some of the crowds, especially during the peak summer season. This is a nice hike below the Mogollon Rim. A great change from the desert in Phoenix to the pines above Payson. After parking at the Horton Creek Trailhead, cross the bridge and walk up to the very beginning of the road going into Horton Springs campground. Instead of going up into the campground, follow the paved road back down toward the freeway. The Derrick trail will be seen on the left side of the road in about a quarter of a mile. Follow it to the intersection with the Horton Springs trail very near the end next to the location of the spring. This is a great place to stop and have lunch or just admire how beautiful Arizona is. The trail is rocky in places so sturdy boots are recommended. We will return down the Horton Springs trail to the trailhead.

Driving Directions: From Phoenix take Beeline Highway north to Payson. From Payson drive East on SR 260 for 16 miles toward Show Low. Just past Kohl's Ranch, turn left onto the road to the Tonto Creek Fish Hatchery. One mile up this road is the trailhead parking on the west side. The trail begins across the road in the campground. I am starting a little earlier this year due to the fact that parking can be premium as this is a popular hike. I can arrange carpooling if requested. Meeting at the Target store in Fountain Hills is recommended if carpooling is something that you want to do.