



Friday - Saturday October 19-20, 2018

AZ Trail and Aravaipa Canyon Day Hikes

Approximately 130 Miles and 2.5 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH	Max Rating/Points: 3 / 1 ea	Elev. Change: <1500' ea	Length: Approx. 10 Miles ea.
Start Time: 8:00am	Duration: 5-7 hours	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: Never

Check all that apply
(give details in Desc.)

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

Contact Information

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Required Equipment: For day 1, Lunch, trail snacks, enough water for 5 hours of hiking, sturdy boots, hiking poles, camera, layered clothing, sunscreen, moleskin and hat. Day 2. Same equipment except footwear for water canyon hiking. Rain gear for both days.

Recommended Equipment:

Cautions and Special Preparations: Let me know by July 1st if you are going. We will be hiking the AZ trail on Friday and Aravaipa Canyon on Saturday. You will need to get your own hiking permits for Aravaipa Canyon 3 months in advance in July for the day of **October 20th**. I will be staying at Foster's Lodge in Mammoth, AZ. There are 2 other hotels in Oracle. Types of clothing will be dependent on the weather. Hiking in Aravaipa is in water and dress accordingly. 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
Friday 10/19
 Depart Phoenix about 6AM and drive to Oracle, AZ (about 120 miles, arrive at 8AM). Hike south on the AZ Trail to Oracle Ridge (Passage 12 from the American Flag trailhead).
 Stay overnight at Foster's Lodge in Mammoth, AZ just NE of Oracle. Or there are 2 hotels in Oracle, AZ (15 miles from Mammoth).
Aravaipa Canyon
 \$5 per person. Apply 3 months in advance at the beginning of July for the BLM day hike permit required for Aravaipa Canyon (**West entrance**) – Saturday 10/20. Permit website: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/permits-and-passes/lotteries-and-permit-systems/arizona/aravaipa>
Saturday 10/20
 Drive to west entrance of Aravaipa canyon (20 miles from Mammoth, AZ). Meet at 8AM and hike until 1PM, turn around to return to trailhead. Drive to Phoenix.
 Will send out more details near the time of the trip to those who have expressed interest.

Driving Directions:
 Directions to American Flag Ranch Trailhead for hiking south on the AZ Trail: From central Phoenix, there are two ways to get to Oracle. South on I10 to Tangerine Rd or south on State Route 79. Use Google to determine the best route. Approximately 2+ hours to Oracle. From Oracle, turn south at the eastern intersection of AZ 77 and East American Avenue, drive 1.5 miles on American Avenue, and then turn right onto Mount Lemmon Road. Continue 4.0 miles to American Flag Ranch Road and turn right (west) to reach the trailheads on both sides of the road, including parking areas near the historic American Flag Ranch.

Directions to Aravaipa Canyon West Entrance trailhead: From Mammoth which is located NE of Oracle on AZ 77, drive north on AZ 77 to the Aravaipa Road (8 miles). Turn right on Aravaipa Road and go 12 miles to the West trailhead along a paved and graded dirt road. From the trailhead, it is a 1.5-mile hike through Nature Conservancy land to the west wilderness boundary. (Mammoth is approximately 15 miles NE of Oracle on AZ 77.)