



Saturday October 27, 2018

Bill Williams Mountain

Approximately 180 Miles and 2.7 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: See Desc.	Max Rating/Points: See	Elev. Change: 2350 ft	Length: 8.1 miles
Start Time: 9am	Duration: 1 day	Max No of Part: TBD	Last Scouted: 2017

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

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Required Equipment: Comfortable Hiking Boots/Shoes, Sunscreen, Hat, Socks, Adverse weather outer protection, Minimum 2-3 Qt. Water, Lunch/Snacks, Moleskin, Flashlight, Daypack, rain gear

Recommended Equipment: Trekking Poles, Radios set to Channel 6.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Fall Weather this time of year, expect Flagstaff temperatures at the bottom, cooler at the top. May have October storms.

Description:
 A 8.1 mile (per GPS) rt day hike on a forested dormant volcano. Start at 6900 ft and climb to 9250 ft. Nice switchbacks. Green. This trail starts in ponderosa pine and oak thickets. As it crosses West Cataract Creek, it goes through stands of aspen and fir carpeted by a dense ground cover of ferns, Oregon grape and Arizona wild rose. At several places on the trail, the hiker has a good view of the valley below and the peaks in the distance. There is no water available along the trail, but cool summer temperatures make this an enjoyable hike. Bill Williams Mountain marks the traditional boundary of lands inhabited by the early ancestors of the Hopi people. Your respectful use of this area while you are visiting here will be appreciated. This trail was originally built as a "toll road" in 1902. Builder Esau Lamb charged hikers and horseback riders a fee to ride to the top. This is a short (day) hike, with moderately difficult slopes going up the mountain and easy down-grades coming back down.
REMEMBER: Each hike is an individual effort. Hikers assume any and all liability

Driving Directions: I-17 north to I-40 west to Williams, exit 161, south to frontage rd west to Camp Clover Ranger station, 928-635-8200, or go west from downtown Williams on Railroad Avenue about one mile; turn left at the sign marking "Williams District Ranger Station" at the top of the hill, and proceed along the frontage road to the turnoff to the Williams Ranger District office. Follow the signs to the trailhead. **Travel Time:** About 10 minutes from Williams to the Ranger Station. **Road Condition:** Paved roads.