



# Saturday April 13, 2019

## Hoyle Canyon (cross country)

Approximately 125 Miles and 2 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 700	Length: est. 6 miles
Start Time: 9:00 AM	Duration: 4 Hr	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 day hiking gear. Sunscreen. Hat. 1 quart water

Recommended Equipment: Sturdy shoes/boots as part of hike is cross country

Cautions and Special Preparations: We will do some cross country trekking. There are **no restrooms** or water in the immediate area. Willow Springs Lake is just on top of the rim plus 1/2 mile (mile post 283), on the north and has restroom facilities about 3/4 mile off the highway.

Description: The hike generally is along forest dirt roads and through a couple of shallow canyons in the ponderosa forest and through parts of the Rodeo-Chediski fire area. We will park on a dirt road off of the south side of highway 260. We will generally head east along old forest road 9260 along a ridge. The road number has been removed. Toward the end, we will drop into and cross Hoyle Canyon and climb to another ridge, generally southwest direction. We will continue along this ridge past two stock tanks. At the second we will head northeast and drop into Hoyle canyon again. We will climb out of Hoyle after about a mile and make our way back to the cars. Actual mileage will be determined by gps readings.

Driving Directions: Take Arizona 87 to Payson and then Arizona 260 to the east to just past mile post 296. We will need to turn right off 260 onto old FS9260 which is about 1/4 mile past MP296. The turn out is not easy to see. There are two large highway signs on the north side of the road. We will park just off the FS road within 100 yards of the 260.