



Saturday May 7, 2022

Willow Springs Drainage

Approximately 120 Miles and 2 1/4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 200	Length: 6.5 miles
Start Time: 8:00 AM	Duration: 4.5 Hr	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 2022

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

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Required Equipment: Normal day hiking gear. Sunscreen. Hat. 2 quarts water

Recommended Equipment: Sturdy shoes/boots are always suggested. Over half the hike will be cross country

Cautions and Special Preparations: No water along the trail nor at trail head

Description: The hike will start at Willow Springs Lake and drop of at the overflow into Willow Springs Canyon. We will follow an easy trail in the bottom for about 2 miles. At the end of the designated trail, we will back track about 1/2 mile and then do a relatively easy climb out to the West. Once on top we will continue to the West for about 2 miles to the edge of Woods Canyon. Depending on the feeling of the group, we may drop into the canyon. The return trip will be on a slightly different line and hopefully we will pass by two small tanks. From these tanks it will be a straight track to the East and the parking lot.

We will meet at the parking lot/restroom area on the right just as you are first able to see the lake. There is no water at the parking lot nor anywhere close, unless you count the lake.

There will be a lot of people at the lake and the parking will fill early.

Driving Directions: Take Arizona 87 to Payson and then Arizona 260 to the east to just on top of the rim. About 0.8 mile past the rim's edge the turnoff to Willow Springs Lake will be on your left at mile marker 283. The sign is on the right at the turn. No early warning. There is a turning lane. The parking lot is on the right just less than 1 mile, next to the restrooms.