

Arizona Wilderness Coalition

Verde River Day Hike “Easy”

March 15, 2014 (Saturday)

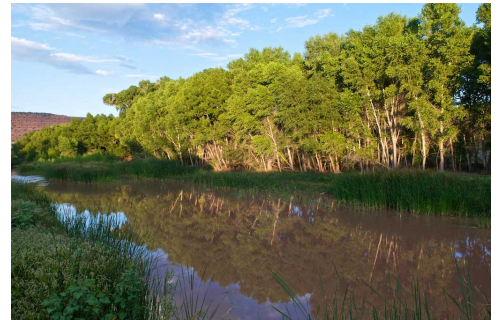
Difficulty:  1/5 [read more](#)

Mileage: ≤ 3 miles Round Trip
Off-trail Travel

Time: Start 9:00 am
End 3:00 pm

About the Verde River

The Verde River, along with the San Pedro River in southeast Arizona, is considered one of the last, free-flowing rivers in our state. Bubbling to the surface from springs above the Mogollon Rim and flowing into the heart of the Sonoran Desert, the Verde headwaters meander through the pinyon-juniper grasslands and pine forests of the Prescott National Forest. Almost every native fish that resides in the river is already — or soon-to-be — listed under the Endangered Species Act, along with a number of endangered terrestrial and bird species. From a recreational perspective, the river is regionally famous for its hiking, birding, and swimming holes!



Upper Verde River, a proposed *Wild & Scenic River*

Trip Description

Join AWC on a day hike along the Verde River. Beginning at the Croll Wildlife Area (US Game & Fish Property) on the Verde River, we will meander along the banks of the river, taking the time to enjoy the beauty of the waterway and learning about the ecology of the area. This ‘easy’ hike will be at a suitable pace for everyone, and there will be ample opportunities for photos — so bring a camera and lots of good snacks! We will be stopping frequently throughout the day both to appreciate the natural beauty of the landscape and also discuss some of the realities of this waterway. This walk is appropriate for all ability levels and should be enjoyed by all.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Itinerary

Saturday, March 15th (≤ 3 miles hiking — along the river banks)
9:00am Rendezvous/Carpool (Safeway in Chino Valley, *directions below*)
9:30am Depart Croll Wildlife Area
Hike along the banks of the Verde River
Lunch on the trail
3:00pm Return to Rendezvous



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Gear List

- A daypack — large enough to carry your gear for the day.
- Water — 2 liters. Water will be available along the Verde River, filtration required.
- Food — Eat a good breakfast; Bring lunch/snacks for the trail.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are recommended as we will be walking along the banks of the river.
 - Participants may choose to get their feet wet in the river, but it is not required for this hike.
- Appropriate clothing. *See weather link below to plan appropriately.*
- Sun protection (sun screen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)

Optional items

- Camera/Binoculars
- Hiking pole(s) or stick
- Swimsuit

Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. The weather forecast near where we will hike: [Verde River Hike, March 15th](#)

Driving Directions

We will meet at the Safeway Grocery store in Chino Valley and carpool to the hike location.

Safeway Grocery

1031 Arizona 89
Chino Valley, AZ 86323
[directions](#)

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