

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Kendrick Mountain Wilderness 2-Day Monitoring Trip

July 12-13, 2014 (Saturday - Sunday)

Difficulty:  4/5 [read more](#)

Camping: Car Camping

Mileage: ≥ 16 miles *Total Mileage*
Saturday ~8-9 miles
Sunday ~8 miles

Time: Start 8:00 am Saturday
End 4:00 pm Sunday

About Kendrick Mountain Wilderness Area

Kendrick Mountain Wilderness was established in 1984, with 6,510 acres. This wilderness encompasses Kendrick Peak, one of the highest peaks in the vast San Francisco volcanic field located on the Coconino Plateau in north-central Arizona. In 2000 the entire wilderness was involved in a large wildfire. Fire intensities ranged from light to very severe, with more intensely burned areas most evident on the west, north, and east slopes of the peak. Montane mixed conifer forests are present in the unburned and lightly burned areas. Natural recovery processes are occurring in more intensely burned areas, with aspens and other early seral species becoming established in those areas. Unstable volcanic soils have undergone severe erosion on the steeper slopes within burned areas, and will take many more years to stabilize.



Kendrick Mountain Wilderness

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Trip Description

This Wild Stew weekend will consist of two day hikes (~8-9 miles each day) to monitor all three of the maintained trails providing access to the wilderness. There are no reliable water sources on the mountain, so we'll need to carry plenty of water for each day hike. All of the trails are considered to be challenging with big elevation gains and trail erosion from the fire.

On Saturday we will hike the north side of the wilderness to monitor the Pumpkin Trail up to the summit of Kendrick Mountain, and loop back on the Bull Basin Trail (~8-9 miles). Due to the 2000 wildfire, we anticipate a lot of non-native plant species and downed trees, so the our progress may be slow-going in order to collect data and maneuver along the trail.

Sunday morning we will venture to the south side of the wilderness to hike the Kendrick Mountain Trail (~8 miles) - one of the highest vistas in northern Arizona. From Kendrick's 10,418 foot summit, we'll see the Grand Canyon to the north and Oak Creek Canyon to the south.

All necessary training for monitoring recreation impacts and non-native plants will be provided on site. Camping will be near our vehicles at a dispersed location. **Water is not available - please bring what you will need for two day hikes and car camping.** AWC will provide dinner Saturday night.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Itinerary

Saturday, July 12th

(8-9 miles hiking, ~2,400-ft elevation gain)

8:00am

Briefing and Safety Talk (Camping rendezvous, *directions below*)

8:30am

Hike social trail from camping area to intersect mid-way on Pumpkin Trail
Hike Pumpkin Trail (#39) to Kendrick Mountain summit
Descend Kendrick Mountain via Bull Basin Trail (#40)
Take Pumpkin connector trail back to Pumpkin Trail
Lunch on the trail

4:00pm

Return to vehicles/campsite
Dinner *provided by AWC (vegetarian)*

Sunday, July 13th

(~8 miles hiking – 2,640-ft elevation gain)

7:30 am

Breakfast & break down camp

8:00 am

Caravan from campsite to Kendrick Mountain Trailhead
Hike Kendrick Mountain Trail (#22) to summit (~4 miles)
Lunch on the trail
Return to trailhead (~4 miles)

4:00 pm

Arrive at trailhead

Gear List

- **We will be car camping, with one long day hike each day.**
- A large daypack to carry water, food, and other gear.
- Water — 3-4 liters/day. Water is not available along the route nor at camp - you must bring all of your water for the weekend.
- Food — Breakfast, Lunches/snacks. AWC will provide dinner on Saturday.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS FOR HIKING).
 - Under our volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, *you must wear closed-toe shoes for trail work or you will not be able to join us.*
 - Sandals are okay in camp.
- Appropriate clothing. Warm layers for the evenings. *See weather link below to plan appropriately.*
- Sun protection (sun screen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- Car Camping equipment: sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent/shelter, flashlight (batteries), plate/bowl, utensils, toiletries/toothbrush, first aid kit, other?

Optional items

- Camera/Binoculars
- Hiking pole(s) or stick — *highly recommended for this trip, we will have significant elevation gain*
- Swimsuit

Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. We will be camping at approximately 7,200-foot elevation. The weather forecast near where we will camp: [Kendrick Mountain Wilderness, July 12-13th](#)



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Driving Directions

We will rendezvous at our campsite in an open meadow near the Pumpkin Trail trailhead. Travel time from the Parks exit is about 1 hour 15 minutes.

The roads are suitable for standard passenger vehicles (low-clearance cars like a Honda Civic will find it slow-going). The roads are paved or all-weather gravel, and a few miles of unsurfaced road.

From Flagstaff:

1. Take I-40 West to Parks exit #178.
2. Go North from the exit and then Left at the "T" intersection.
3. Turn Right at the Parks store onto Forest Road (FR) 141/Spring Valley Road.
4. Continue north on FR 141/Spring Valley Rd for ~11 miles.
 - FR 141 takes a sharp turn to the west, continue north onto FR 144
5. Continue north onto FR 144 for ~3 miles to FR 90.
6. Turn Right (east) onto FR 90 for ~4 miles.
 - Follow FR 90 through the meadow past Tiptop Tank.
7. In the large meadow, there will be a dirt road on the right (south), marked by an AWC sign.
8. Follow this road south to our camping spot.

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