

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Munds Mountain Wilderness Hike to the Top & Scavenger Hunt! August 23, 2014 (Saturday)

Difficulty:  3/5 [read more](#)

Camping: n/a

Mileage: 7-9 miles *Total Mileage*

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

About Munds Mountain Wilderness Area

Arizona is well known for its red-rock formations, conjuring up images of magnificent crimson outcroppings set against azure skies. Munds Mountain Wilderness is home to many of these ruggedly beautiful specimens, along with several traditional high mesas common to central Arizona. Elevations on the mountain itself range from 3,600 feet to 6,825 feet, and moderate to steep slopes climb all along the Mogollon Rim. Cliff faces are marked with extensive outcroppings of Coconino and Supai sandstone, and ramp basalt flows everywhere.



Munds Mountain Wilderness

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Trip Description

AWC's Wild Stew program is headed back to Munds Mountain Wilderness to work with the Coconino National Forest. This day hike will take us to the heights of Sedona's world famous Red Rock Country where we will experience amazing panoramas from atop Munds Mountain. The primary objective of this trip is to investigate an abandoned camp and if we find it, haul out as much of the garbage as we can.

This trip will offer participants a chance to hike multiple trails including Schnebly Hill (#158) and Munds Mountain (#77). As one might expect when hiking to a high point overlook, the hiking will be primarily uphill on the way in and downhill on the way out, covering approximately 7-9 miles. Volunteers should expect to hike on uneven, sometimes steep terrain while carrying a light weight pack (essentially empty) holding essentials such as water, sun protection, food, etc. **If we find the abandoned camp**, we will haul out as much as we can such as tent, clothing, other gear, etc. Volunteers should bring large packs so as to carry out materials. AWC will provide garbage bags to line your pack/contain the trash. We recommend that you bring gloves.

Water is not available - please bring what you will need for the day.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



for Munds Mountain Wilderness, August 23rd
Questions? (928) 350-2204

Itinerary

Saturday, August 23rd (7-9 miles hiking)
8:00am **Briefing and Safety Talk** (Schnebly Hill Trailhead, *directions below*)
Volunteers should arrive with enough time to prepare their gear *before* the safety briefing.
8:30am Hike Schnebly Hill Trail (#158) to the junction with Munds Mountain Trail (~2.5 miles)



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Hike Munds Mountain Trail (#77) to the top of Munds Mountain (¾ miles)
Once atop Munds Mountain, volunteers will begin the scavenger hunt for the abandoned campsite. *Prize for the person who locates it first!*

Elevations atop Munds Mountain are around 6,000 feet.

4:00pm Return to vehicles via same route

Gear List

- **A large overnight backpack to haul trash, if found.**
- Water — 3-4 liters, minimum. **Water is not available along the route.**
- Food — Lunches/snacks for the day.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS).
 - Under our volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, *you must wear closed-toe shoes or you will not be able to join us.*
- Appropriate clothing. *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 hiking up to approximately 6,000-foot elevation. The weather forecast nearby: [Munds Mountain Wilderness, August 23rd](#)

Driving Directions

We will rendezvous at the trailhead located on Schnebly Hill Rd, approximately 5 miles east of the junction of AZ-89A and AZ-179 in Sedona.

The roads are suitable for standard passenger vehicles (higher-clearance like a Subaru Outback, not low-clearance cars like a Honda Civic).

From Sedona:

1. from the junction of Routes 89A and 179, take 179 south 0.3 miles
2. Turn left (east) on Schnebly Hill Road just past (south) the Oak Creek Bridge.
3. Go 5 miles (0.6 miles beyond the winter closure gate) on Schnebly Hill Rd.
 - Schnebly Hill Rd turns to dirt after one mile.
4. After 5 miles on Schnebly Hill Rd look for a **turnout/parking area on the LEFT** (northwest). The trailhead is 100 yards before another trailhead on the opposite side of the road.

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