

Wilderness Stewardship Program

West Clear Creek Wilderness Trail Upkeep Day Hike October 25, 2014 (Saturday)

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

Camping: Day hiking

Mileage: 8 miles *Total Mileage*
8 miles carrying trail maintenance tools

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

About West Clear Creek Wilderness

West Clear Creek is the longest canyon splitting the Mogollon Rim, running for approximately 25 miles from high up on the Colorado Plateau before emptying into the Verde River. Designated in 1984 under the Arizona Wilderness Act, West Clear Creek Wilderness contains 15,238 acres of land and water on the Coconino National Forest. Dubbed as one of the most beautiful and difficult to navigate canyons in Arizona, West Clear Creek Wilderness offers visitors opportunities to find solitude, view a variety of wildlife, test their luck catching trout, take Arizona Highways Magazine quality photos, and to find one's way (or get lost) amongst the verdant riparian vegetation and 1,000 foot tall red Supai sandstone walls.

Trip Description

This trip will be a single day hike for approximately 8 miles (4 miles out, 4 miles back) along the West Clear Creek Trail (17). Participants should be prepared to hike up to 8 miles total on trails which will require several creek crossings that may have loose and wet rocks, deep sand, and overgrown vegetation. Volunteers should expect to get wet up to their knees. Along the way, volunteers will perform basic trail maintenance such as cutting back brush, building or stabilizing cairns, and possibly some digging to remove rocks or vegetation. All necessary training will be provided on site. Water can be refilled from the creek with filtration.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



For West Clear Creek Wilderness, October 25th
Questions? wildstew@azwild.org

Itinerary

Saturday, October 25th - 8 miles day hiking with trail upkeep

8:00 am	Briefing and Safety Talk (Bull Pen trailhead, directions below)
8:30 am	Depart parking area Hike up West Clear Creek Trail (17) (4miles) Perform trail upkeep as necessary along the way Lunch on the trail Turn around and return via the same route (4miles)
4:00 pm	Arrive back at cars



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Gear List

- A day pack
- Water — 2 liter capacity, containers can be refilled at the creek with filtration
- Food — Lunch and snacks.
- Sturdy, closed-toe hiking shoes. NO SANDALS
- 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

Please follow this link to the specific area where we will be hiking: [West Clear Creek Wilderness, 10/25/14](#)
We will be at roughly 4,500 ft. elevation. Please check the weather as the event gets closer to ensure you are properly prepared.

Driving Directions

Bull Pen Recreation Area, West Clear Creek Trailhead

From I-17 at Camp Verde:

1. From I-17, take Exit 287 for AZ-260 (Camp Verde).
2. Follow AZ-260 East, towards Payson (pass through Camp Verde) for ~8 miles.
3. Turn left (east-northeast) onto Forest Road 618 (aka Beaver Creek Rd), look for the cattle guard.
4. Follow FR 618 for ~2.2 miles.
5. Veer right (east) onto FR 215 (aka Bull Pen Rd).
6. Follow FR 215 for almost 4 miles to the parking area.
 - FR 215 is often passable by cars but recent rains might have made it rough.

From the I-17 and AZ-260, it is ~14 miles to the trailhead (35-45 minutes)

From Phoenix: ~100 miles, 2 hours drive time

From Flagstaff: ~70 miles, 1.5 hours drive time

From Prescott: ~55 miles, 1.5 hours drive time

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