

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Woodchute Wilderness

Informational Kiosk Installation and Wilderness Education

January 24, 2015 (Saturday)

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

Camping: None

Mileage: Day hike up to 3 miles (time permitting)

Time: Start 10:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday

About Woodchute Wilderness

The United States Congress designated the Woodchute Wilderness in 1984 and it now has a total of 5,833 acres and is managed by the Forest Service.

An easily accessible Wilderness, Woodchute offers spectacular views of the San Francisco Peaks and panoramic vistas of the Verde Valley, as well as the red rocks of Sedona and Sycamore Canyon.

Historically, when the mining town of Jerome was booming, this area was used as a wood supply. A chute was constructed on the North side of the mountain to deliver the wood to Jerome, hence the name.

The high elevation of this area provides for comfortable summer temperatures, and growth of ponderosa pine forests. With the dramatic elevation changes from the bottom to the top of this wilderness, wildlife populations are diverse. Black bear, elk, mule and whitetail deer, mountain lions, golden and bald eagles can all be found here. This wilderness has 2 trails totaling 8 miles leaving a large area of the wilderness for nature to dominate.



Trip Description

Join AWC stewards, Forest Service, veterans, and other partners as we install an information kiosk at the Woodchute Trailhead (#102) and trash pick-up. With special presentations by Doug Hulmes on the natural history of the area and Wilderness. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided by AWC – let's celebrate the next 50 years of Wilderness.

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Participants should be prepared to dig holes, mix bags of concrete and install an informational kiosk. All necessary PPE such as, gloves, eye protection, and hard hats will be provided. AWC will provide snacks and hot chocolate.

Time and weather permitting there will be a short hike following the installation and presentations. Participants should be prepared to pick-up trash along the trail and throughout the day during this event.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Questions? wildstew@azwild.org

Trip Leader: Brian Stultz (775) 340-9154 (cell)

Itinerary

Saturday, January 24th

Approx. 3 mile day hike

- 10:00 am Rendezvous Woodchute Trailhead #102, *directions below*
- 10:15 am Introductions, Briefing, and Safety Talk
- 10:45 am Installation of Kiosk
- 12:00 pm Lunch and Presentations – Hot Chocolate!!
Hiking and trash pick-up
- 4:00 pm *Thanks for participating!!*

Gear List

- Day Pack to carry supplies on day hike (water, food, camera, etc.)
- Water — 2-3 liters/day. *Extra water will be available from containers provided by AWC.*
- Food — *AWC will provide snacks and hot chocolate.*
- **Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS) and Long-sleeved shirts.** 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.)

Optional items

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



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Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. The elevation is 7,200 ft. The weather forecast nearby: [Woodchute Wilderness, 1/24/2015](#)

Driving Directions

Take highway 89-A south from Cottonwood, or north from Prescott, to the turnoff for Potato Patch Campground at Mingus Pass (where the highway tops out).

From the Potato Patch Campground turn off at Mingus Pass

1. Turn west
2. Go approx.3 mile
3. Turn left onto FR-106. Park at the south trailhead here, or open the gate and drive 1/2 mile (high-clearance only) back to the original trailhead.

Additional directions and signs will be posted on the gate



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