

## Wilderness Stewardship Program

# White Canyon Wilderness Graffiti Removal

February 15, 2015 (Sunday)

Difficulty:



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Camping:

One-Day Project

Mileage:

2+ miles *Total Mileage*

Time:

Start 9:00am Sunday

End 4:00pm Sunday

## About White Canyon Wilderness

The United States Congress designated the White Canyon Wilderness in 1990 and it now has a total of 5,800 acres and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Intricately carved and scenically splendid White Canyon runs north-south through the middle of this Wilderness. Narrow in places, this canyon's walls rise as much as 800 feet above the bottom. Throughout you'll find delicate, eroded formations and numerous side canyons. Sand, slick rock and sporadic willows cover the canyon's bottom. The Rincon, an enormous, amphitheater-like escarpment, stands near the southern boundary. Set in the rugged southeast portion of the Mineral Mountains, this Wilderness features a variety of vegetation from saguaro cacti to chaparral. When rainstorms flood the area, especially during summer "monsoons," waterfalls pour over the rim of White Canyon, or form quiet pools within sculpted terraces. Wildlife includes a myriad of birds, Black bears and mountain lions are permanent residents.



## Trip Description

Show your love for wild places and join us in the breathtaking White Canyon Wilderness area on Valentine's Day.

The graffiti removal project will be taking place on Sunday. However, we will be providing a Dutch oven dinner with salad and dessert for all who would like to join us on Saturday afternoon, Valentine's Day. Let us know if you plan on attending on Valentine's Day or just for the event on Sunday.

Participants should be prepared to day-hike, White Canyon Path ~2 miles to project site, carrying pressurized water containers and Elephant Snot (which is the name for the product used to remove the graffiti), and wire

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brushes.

All necessary training graffiti removal will be given at the event. Personal protective equipment (gloves, goggles) will be provided by the BLM. You will need to wear long sleeves, long pants and closed toed shoes for the event.



**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**For White Canyon Wilderness, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Questions? [wildstew@azwild.org](mailto:wildstew@azwild.org)

## Itinerary

**Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Valentine's Day Celebration!!

**12:00 pm**      **Rendezvous** at the AWC campsite, *directions below*

**5:00 pm**      **Dinner – Dutch oven style – RSVP required**

**Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

2 + miles Day Hiking with supplies

**9:00 am**      **Rendezvous** at AWC campsite – *directions below*

**9:15 am**      **Briefing & Safety Talk**

**9:45 am**      **Shuttle** closer to work location

Hike ~ 1 mile on White Canyon Path to project location

**12:00 pm**      **Lunch** at work site

**3:30 pm**      **Arrive** at shuttle vehicles

**4:00 pm**      **Arrive** at rendezvous. *Thanks for Participating!!!*

## Gear List

- Day Pack to carry supplies on day hike (water, food, camera, etc.)
- Water — 2–3 liters/day. *Water can be refilled as available at the creek.*
- Food —Lunch, snacks.
- 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. Warm layers for the evening. *See weather link below to plan appropriately.*
- Sun protection (sun screen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)



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## *Optional items*

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

## Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. Elevation is 2,400 ft. The weather forecast nearby: [White Canyon Wilderness, 2/15/2015](#)

## Driving Directions

### **From Phoenix, travel east to the Florence Junction.**

1. Take Highway 60 east to Superior,
2. Turn right (south) on State Route 177
3. Turn right (South) onto Battle Axe Road in approx. 9.8 miles
4. Continue on Battle Axe Road ~1.7 miles to rendezvous

### **From Tucson, travel north on the Oracle Highway (Highway 89) to Oracle Junction,**

1. Head northeast on State Route 77 to Winkelman,
2. Turn Left (north) on State Route 177 toward Superior.
3. Turn left (South) onto Battle Axe Road in approx. 22 miles
4. Continue on Battle Axe Road ~1.7 miles to rendezvous

The road from the rendezvous will most likely require a high clearance truck or 4WD. We can carpool or shuttle as necessary.

High-clearance or four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. At Walnut Canyon, the road has been damaged by periodic flooding. Proceed with caution.



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