

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Fossil Springs Wilderness Trash Pickup and Haul Out July 12, 2015 (Sunday)

Difficulty:	Difficult	Camping:	One Day event
Mileage:	8+ miles <i>Total Mileage</i> Day 1: 8+ miles Day Hike	Time:	Start 8:00am Sunday End 4:00pm Sunday

About Fossil Springs Wilderness

Described as the most diverse riparian area in Arizona, Fossil Springs Wilderness is 11,550 acres of a lush ecosystem that supports over 30 species of trees and shrubs and over 100 species of birds. The stream seems to appear out of nowhere, gushing 20,000 gallons a minute out of a series of springs at the bottom of a 1,600 foot deep canyon. Over the years these calcium-laden waters have laid down huge deposits of a material called travertine. That rock-like substance encases whatever happens to fall into the streambed – forming the fossils for which the area is named.



Trip Description

Wild Stew volunteers will be hiking down to Fossil Springs to pick up trash following the big Fourth of July weekend. Bring your swimsuit and a sack lunch and enjoy the afternoon in the water.

Participants should be prepared to hike approx. 8 miles down to fossil creek and back to the trailhead. This will be a strenuous hike with an elevation lose and gain of 1500ft. Trash pickup will occur along the trail and down at the creek. Participants will be carrying out bags of trash to the trailhead. A large backpack you could line with a trash bag or tape bags of trash to would make hauling the trash out a bit easier.

Please bring ample water to drink (water in creek needs filtration) and lunch. It will be a hot day!! AWC has gloves if you need them.

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Itinerary

Sunday, July 12th	8+ miles Day hiking with bags of trash
8:00 am	Rendezvous Fossil Springs Trailhead, <i>directions below</i>
8:15 am	Briefing & Safety Talk Hike to Fossil Springs 4 miles elevation loss 1500ft
11:00 am	Arrive at Fossil Springs Pick up and bag trash
12:00 pm	Lunch And Swim???
1:00 pm	Return to trailhead. 4 miles elevation gain 1500ft.
4:00 pm	Arrive at TH. <i>Thanks for participating</i>

Gear List

- Large Day Pack to carry supplies on day hike (water, food, camera, etc.) and Trash
- 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.)

Optional items

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



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Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. The weather forecast nearby: [Fossil Springs Wilderness, 7/12/2015](#)

Driving Directions

From Camp Verde off I-17

1. From I-17, head east on AZ-260 towards Payson approx. 33.9 miles
2. Turn right on Hwy 87 continue approx. 7.7 miles
3. Turn right onto Fossil Creek Road continue approx. 4.7 miles
4. Fossil Creek TH parking area will be on the right

From Payson intersection of Hwy 87 & AZ-260

1. From the intersection of Hwy 87 & AZ-260 head north on Hwy 87 towards Strawberry approx. 17.8 miles
2. Turn left onto Fossil Creek Road continue approx. 4.7 miles
3. Fossil Creek TH parking area will be on the right



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