

Wilderness Stewardship Program

Woodchute Wilderness

Woodchute Trail Brushing

October 14, 2017 (Saturday)

Difficulty:	Easy	Camping:	Day hike
Mileage:	6+ miles <i>Total Mileage</i>	Time:	Start 8:00 am Saturday End 4:00pm Saturday

About Woodchute Wilderness

The United States Congress designated the Woodchute Wilderness in 1984 and it now has a total of 5,887 acres and is managed by the Prescott National 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 and the Prescott National Forest for a day of trail maintenance on the Woodchute Trail in the Woodchute Wilderness. Participants will be completing routine trail maintenance including cutting back overgrown vegetation, cleaning out drainages and improving other water mitigation features. There is no water along this trail so participants will need to bring enough water for the entire day minimum of 3-4 liters and lunch/snacks. Participants will need to be prepared to hike up to 6 -7 miles while carrying food, tools, and supplies, stopping along the way to work on areas.

There is no experience necessary for these activities and all tools and training will be provided. **All participants MUST wear long pants, long sleeves, eye protection (sunglasses), and closed toed shoes (sturdy**

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hiking boots) for all work activities. Gloves and hardhats will be available, however feel free to provide your own.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Questions? brian@azwild.org

Itinerary

Saturday, October 14th

6+ miles day hiking

8:00 am	Rendezvous at the parking area (directions below)
8:15 am	Briefing & Safety talk
8:45 am	Begin hike up to the Woodchute Trail; working along the way
12:00 pm	Lunch on the trail
4:00 pm	Arrive back at parking area. Thanks for participating!!

Gear List

- Day Pack to carry supplies on day hike (water, food, camera, etc.)
- Water — minimum 3–4 liters/day.
- Food — *lunch and snacks for the day*
- Sturdy, boots – closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS). Under our volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, *you must wear closed-toe shoes, long sleeves and pants, gloves, and eye protection 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

Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. We will be working at approx. 6500–7000 ft. The weather forecast nearby: [Woodchute Wilderness 10/14/2017](#)



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Driving Directions

From Jerome Volunteer Fire Department

101 Main St, Jerome, AZ 86331

1. Head northwest on Perkinsville Rd.
2. Continue onto Jerome–Perkinsville Rd. approx. 2.0 miles
3. Jerome–Perkinsville Rd. turns slightly right and becomes Forest Service 318 Rd. continue approx. 5.7 miles
4. Turn left onto Forest Service Rd 318A Rd Continue approx. 1.4 miles
5. **Trailhead 102 will be on the left** side just past a stock tank on the right.

Follow this link for the Woodchute Northside Trailhead 102

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Forest+318A+Rd,+Chino+Valley,+AZ+86323/@34.7696052,-112.1716169,5002m/am=t/data=!3m1!1e3!4m19!1m13!4m12!1m6!1m2!1s0x872d111f6ba81cad:0xab42d9c11bf187fb!2sJerome+Volunteer+Fire+Department,+Main+Street,+Jerome,+AZ!2m2!1d-112.1178361!2d34.751858!1m3!2m2!1d-112.1886437!2d34.7826565!3e0!3m4!1s0x872d14292dcb3429:0x3fd55129dde7dbee!8m2!3d34.7820841!4d-112.1904524>



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