


Wilderness Stewardship Program

Santa Teresa Wilderness Monitoring Day Hiking* Trip

March 22-23, 2014 (Saturday - Sunday)

- Difficulty:**  4/5 [read more](#)
- Mileage:** 12-13 miles *LONG day hike*
- Camping:** Car Camping/Remote Setting
- Time:** Start 8:00 am Saturday
End 5:00 pm Saturday

About Santa Teresa Wilderness Area

Established in 1984, this 26,780 acres wilderness, located in the Coronado National Forest, lies between Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness and the San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation, and adjoins the North Santa Teresa Wilderness. One of the 'Sky Islands' mountain ranges of southern Arizona, the Santa Teresa's are little visited which means the trails are obscure, the wildlife is plentiful, and the solitude is bountiful. Just getting to this area in a vehicle can prove difficult!



Holdout Canyon, Santa Teresa Wilderness

Trip Description

This trip to the Santa Teresa Wilderness will possibly be THE most remote trip AWC has ever attempted. This will be an arduous day hike trip on a rugged and obscure trail following Cottonwood Canyon then ascending onto Cottonwood Mountain and passing below Cottonwood Peak, the highest in the Santa Teresa Mountains. Once we reach the junction with the Black Canyon Trail (about 6 miles one way) we will turn around and return to the cars for the night. While hiking, participants will be monitoring for non-native plants and recreation impacts.

Participants should be prepared to hike up to 13 miles TOTAL IN ONE DAY in terrain such as drainages, loose rock, steep slopes, deep sand, and overgrown vegetation. Participants should be prepared to carry all necessary gear for the entire day, including water.

All necessary training for monitoring recreation impacts and non-native plants will be provided on site. Camping will be at our vehicles with NO SERVICES (water, toilets, etc.). AWC will provide a vegetarian dinner on Saturday night.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



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Itinerary

- Saturday, March 22nd (12-13 miles hiking)
- 8:00am **Briefing and Safety Talk** (Forest Road 677 campsite, *directions below*)
- 8:30am Depart campsite/parking area to carpool up remaining FR 677
Hike Cottonwood Mountain Trail (#66)
Follow trail up Cottonwood Canyon to Cottonwood Mountain ridge line (2,000 ft. elevation gain), and continue to junction with Black Canyon Trail (6-6.5 miles)
Lunch on the trail
Return via same route (6-6.5 miles)
- 5:00pm Return to vehicles
Dinner *provided by AWC (vegetarian)*
- Sunday, March 23rd Nurse sore muscles, and return home

Gear List

- A large day pack that holds all of your gear, lunch/snacks, and water for the **long** day hike.
- Water — Volunteers must bring all their own water. MINIMUM one gallon for the hike, plus whatever is necessary for staying overnight.
- Food — Breakfast, Lunches/snacks. AWC will provide dinner on Saturday.
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes (NO SANDALS FOR HIKING) - this is **very rugged** terrain.
 - Under our volunteer agreement with the Forest Service, *you must wear closed-toe shoes or you will not be able to join us.*
 - Sandals are okay in camp.
- Appropriate clothing. Warm layers for the evenings. *See weather link below to plan appropriately.*
- Sun protection (sun screen, sunglasses, hat, etc.)
- Camping equipment: sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent/shelter, flashlight (batteries), plate/bowl, utensils, toiletries/toothbrush, first aid kit, other? *Camping equipment will be left at the vehicles.*

Optional items

- Camera/Binoculars
- Hiking pole(s) or stick — *highly recommended for this trip over rugged terrain.*

Weather

As the event gets closer, please check the weather to ensure you are properly prepared. We will be camping at approximately 5,000-foot elevation. The weather forecast near where we will camp: [Santa Teresa Wilderness](#)

Driving Directions

We will rendezvous on Forest Road 677, near the southeast portion of Santa Teresa Wilderness.

AWC will arrive on Friday, March 21 and choose a campsite along FR 677, which will be clearly marked. We can carpool from the campsite up FR 677 and then begin hiking as near the trailhead as possible.

- Klondyke-Aravaipa Rd is suitable for 2WD vehicles. A short distance off Klondyke Rd and on FR 677, the conditions deteriorate and high clearance is necessary (4WD recommended). We will set up a basecamp before 4WD is necessary.



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From Phoenix/North - follow directions from Globe:

1. From Globe, follow US-70 East for ~ 60 miles
2. Turn Right onto Klondyke-Aravaipa Rd
3. Follow Klondyke-Aravaipa Rd for ~19 miles (dirt road, 2WD suitable)
4. Turn Right onto FR 677 (dirt road, conditions will eventually deteriorate)
5. Follow FR 677 and look for AWC selected campsite (keep an eye out for the AWC signboard).
 - *we will set up camp before 4WD is required*

Approximate driving time from Globe is about 2.5 hours. ([Google map](#))

From Tucson/South - follow directions from Safford:

1. From Safford, follow US-70 West for ~ 15 miles (north of Safford)
2. Turn Left onto Klondyke-Aravaipa Rd
3. Follow Klondyke-Aravaipa Rd for ~19 miles (dirt road, 2WD suitable)
4. Turn Right onto FR 677 (dirt road, conditions will eventually deteriorate)
5. Follow FR 677 and look for AWC selected campsite (keep an eye out for the AWC signboard).
 - *we will set up camp before 4WD is required*

Approximate driving time from Safford is about 2 hours. ([Google map](#))

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