


## Wilderness Stewardship Program

### Salome Wilderness Monitoring Backpack Trip

April 12-13, 2014 (Saturday - Sunday)

**Difficulty:**  4/5 [read more](#)

**Mileage:** 10.5 miles Total

**Camping:** Dispersed

**Time:** Start 8:00 am Saturday  
End 4:00 pm Saturday

#### About Salome Wilderness Area

Salome Wilderness is 18,531 acres of rugged terrain centered on Salome Creek canyon within the Tonto National Forest. With only three official trails within its boundaries, Salome offers solitude and a nearly boundless landscape of canyons, mountains, and ridges that will challenge even the most ardent wilderness explorer. Perennial water in drainages and springs provides for a diverse array of wildlife such as mountain lion, black bear, deer, javelina, and numerous species of birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish. The wilderness is probably best known for 'The Jug', a popular canyon route into the southern end of Salome Creek.



Looking onto Salome Creek Canyon from the Hell's Hole Trail, Salome Wilderness

#### Trip Description

This trip will be a backpack trip to a section on Workman Creek known as Hell's Hole located on the northern end of the wilderness. This place name will be a misnomer to those familiar with hiking in the Sonoran Desert region as Hell's Hole is a healthy riparian area with tall leafy trees, water, and picturesque soaring cliffs bands.

**Participants should be prepared to hike a total of 10.5 miles (5.2 miles each day) on rugged and at times steep Forest Service trails with overnight gear on their backs.** All necessary training for monitoring recreation impacts and non-native plants will be given at the event. Camping will be at a dispersed backcountry site with water available from the creek. AWC will provide a vegetarian dinner on Saturday.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



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#### Itinerary

Saturday, April 12th (~5.2 miles hiking)  
8:00am **Briefing and Safety Talk** (Reynolds Trailhead, *directions below*)  
8:30am Depart parking area



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Hike Hell's Hole Trail (#284) into Salome Wilderness while monitoring  
Lunch on the trail  
Continue hiking Trail #284 to its end at Hell's Hole (our camp area)

4:00pm Set up camp  
**Dinner** provided by AWC (*vegetarian*)

Sunday, April 13th (~5.2 miles hiking)  
7:30 am Breakfast and breakdown camp

8:30 am Depart camp  
Hike Trail #284 back to trailhead (first 0.5 miles difficult).  
Lunch on the trail

4:00 pm Arrive back at trailhead

### Gear List

- A large overnight backpack that holds all of your gear.
- Water — 3-4 liters/day. (We can refill as available at the creek)
- 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
- Swimsuit

### 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: [Salome Wilderness](#)

### Driving Directions

The roads to the Reynolds Trailhead are suitable for passenger vehicles.

NOTE: The Reynolds Trailhead is 100 yards south of the Reynolds Creek Group Campsite. We are meeting at the Reynolds Trailhead.

### Coming from Tucson/Phoenix:

1. From Phoenix, take US-60 West towards Globe. Follow US-60 for 75 miles past I-10 intersection.
2. Take AZ-188 north. The junction of US-60 and AZ-188 is at a traffic light intersection.
3. Follow AZ-188 for 15 miles



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4. Turn right onto AZ-288 North (Globe-Young Highway)
5. Follow AZ-288 for 26.5 miles to Reynolds Trailhead on the left.

### Coming from Central and Northern AZ (Prescott, Verde Valley, Flagstaff):

1. From Camp Verde, take AZ-260 33 miles to the junction with AZ-87
2. Turn right onto AZ-260/87 South and follow for 26 miles to Payson
3. In Payson, turn left onto AZ-87 South and follow for 16.5 miles
4. Turn left onto AZ-188 South and follow for 46 miles
5. Turn left onto AZ-288 North (Globe-Young Highway)
6. Follow AZ-288 for 26.5 miles to Reynolds Trailhead on the left.

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