

TONTO National Forest



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Opportunity
Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

DERRICK TRAIL 33

RANGER DISTRICT

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TRAILHEADS (TH)

Upper Tonto Campground

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South end: (5480 feet elevation): at Upper Tonto Campground, Forest Road (FR) 289

North end: (6640 feet elevation): at Highline Trail 31

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Heavy

Trail difficulty: More difficult

Trail length: 2½ miles

Estimated hiking time: 1½ hours one-way

Season of use: Spring - fall

USGS maps: Promontory Butte

Elevation change: 1160 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

The trail begins at the eastern end of the campground. Once on the trail, travel until you pass through a gate. When through the gate, make a sharp right turn. Follow this trail past the Derrick Spur Trail 32 junction and onto the Highline Trail 31.

ATTRACTIONS

- A nice all-day loop hike is possible by taking Derrick Trail and Highline Trail, then going north on Highline Trail 31 to Horton Spring: Follow Horton Creek Trail 285 back to Upper Tonto Campground.
- Both Horton Creek and Tonto Creek have trout

CONSIDERATIONS

- At the Upper Tonto Campground, park below entrance to gate on the north side: do not block the road.
- No motor vehicles are allowed
- If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.
- Caution should also be taken when using this trail in the summer heat.
- Portions of the trail are rough in places and should be traveled with caution.

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Visitors Guide to Mogollon Rim*, Southwest Natural & Cultural Heritage
- Arizona's Mogollon Rim*, Don Dederer, Arizona Highways Book

