

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

HORTON SPRING TRAIL 292

RANGER DISTRICT

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TRAILHEADS (TH)

Upper Tonto Campground
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TERMINI INFORMATION

South end: (6600 feet elevation): at Highline Trail 31

North end: (7800 feet elevation): at Forest Road (FR) 300 above the Mogollon Rim

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Moderate

Trail difficulty: MOST difficult

Trail length: 1.3 miles

Estimated hiking time: 1 hour one-way

Season of Use: Spring - fall

USGS maps: Promontory Butte, Knoll Lake

Elevation change: 1200 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

The first ¼ mile is gentle; it then becomes very steep, going up a rocky side hill with switchbacks. Just north of the junction with the Highline Trail 31, water gushes out of the ground, forming Horton Spring.

ATTRACTIONS

- A beautiful area with pine, fir and wildflowers in the spring
- Horton Spring Trail offers excellent views
- Zane Grey and "Babe" Haught used this trail to reach hunting areas above the rim.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Not recommended for horses
- No motorized 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, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.
- Portions of the trail are rough in places and should be traveled with caution.
- The rim has the second highest incidence of lightning in the U.S. so use caution during the summer rainy season.

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

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

