Bob Bear Trail #18

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FROM April 1 TO Oct. 1

Length: 3.1 miles
Rating: Strenuous
Use: Heavy
Season: Year round
Hiking time: 6-7 hours (round trip)
Cumulative Elevation: 1755 ft.
USGS Maps: Strawberry
Location: Near Strawberry, Ariz. (10 miles)

GPS: 34°24'24.3"N 111°34'06.4"W (https://goo.gl/maps/rSfCl)

Notes: No mechanized vehicles or remote control aircraft in Wilderness. Respect private property boundaries.

For more information:
Red Rock Ranger District, (928) 203-2900 or www.coconinonationalforest.us

Fossil Springs is a riparian Wilderness Area with plenty of shade and deserves the protection and respect of those who visit it. Please observe all Wilderness regulations as the springs lie within the Fossil Springs Wilderness Area. The Bob Bear Trail was once a rough wagon road that served as a mail route from Camp Verde to the Pine and Payson communities from 1884 to 1911. It is now a steep trail and has little shade. Caution should be taken when using this trail in the summer heat.

Carry an adequate supply of drinking water, one gallon/per person/per day. Do not drink the untreated water: Giardia, protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams. Nearly a million gallons of 72 degree-water, per hour, flow from the springs at the headwaters of Fossil Creek. Overnight camping permitted from Nov. 1 to March 31 only.

If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!! Also, please consider picking up trash left behind by the uncaring. This is a protected area.

Access: From Exit 287 on I-17, drive 34.1 miles east on SR 260 to SR 87, turn right and drive 7.2 miles to Strawberry. Turn right on Fossil Creek Road and drive 4.75 miles to the Trail Head.