



TRAILS

JUMPUP-NAIL TRAIL #8

General Attractions: This trail is located within Kanab Creek Wilderness. As it descends from Sowats Point the trail offers a panoramic view of Sowats and Jumpup Canyons while dropping 2,000 feet among vermilion colored cliffs interspersed with natural rock sculptures, pockets of juniper and pinyon and steep, molded sandstone canyons. At the base of the Point, the trail follows a sandy bench to the edge of Sowats Canyon, then crosses it. After leaving Sowats, the trail winds its way around the Point and enters Jumpup Canyon. The Ranger Trail to Kanab Creek joins Trail #8 here, allowing the hiker to continue up Jumpup Canyon until it meets FDR 423. Kwagunt Hollow and Sowats Canyon are popular accesses to Kanab Creek and Colorado River. Because of the steep-sided and narrow pathway on this trail, riders should use only experienced trail horses. This trail is in a remote area, with limited water, high summer temperatures, and extremely rugged terrain. It is therefore recommended that specific and current information be obtained from the Visitor Center.

Fee: None.

Access: Turn right off AZ 67 on Forest Development Road (FDR) 461, 0.3 mile south of Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center. Go 5.5 miles west on FDR 461 to FDR 462; go right for 3 miles to the intersection of FDR 22. Turn left for about 12 miles to FDR 425; turn right on FDR 425 for 8 miles and turn right onto FDR 233; follow FDR 233 for 9.5 miles to Sowats Viewpoint at the end of the road. FDRs 461, 462, 22 and 425 are suitable for passenger cars, while on FDR 233, a high clearance vehicle is advised.

Water & Facilities: None. Bring everything that you will need.

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: 76 miles

Length of Trail One Way: 6 Miles

Elevation: 6170 feet

USGS Map(s): Fish Tail Mesa and Jumpup Point

Recommended Seasons: Spring and fall

Use Restrictions: No motor vehicles or motorized equipment may be operated in the Kanab Creek Wilderness.

Difficulty: Difficult in first mile; some sections are easy. Difficult again as trail crosses Sowats Canyon.

Use: Moderate to Heavy



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