



TRAILS

NORTH CANYON TRAIL #4

General Attractions: This trail is the entrance to the northern part of the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Beginning from Forest Development Road (FDR) 611, the trail descends through mixed conifer and oak thickets into North Canyon. The trail then leads back and forth across a small stream as it follows the canyon down to the lower trailhead at FDR 631. There is a perennial stream in the upper reaches of the canyon, with protected, native trout inhabiting some of the larger pools. Birds, flowers, and plants exist here that are seen nowhere else on the Plateau. Only experience trail horses should attempt this trail due to steep drop-offs and narrow passages.

Fee: None.

Access #1: From Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center go south on AZ 67, a paved road, for 27.5 miles (0.6 miles beyond DeMotte Campground entrance) and turn left onto FDR 611; continue 4.0 miles to the trailhead at East Rim Viewpoint. FDR 611 is suitable for passenger cars.

Access #2: From Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center go east on US 89A, a paved road, for about 20 miles to FDR 8910 (House Rock Wildlife Area); turn right and go 17.5 miles to the junction of FDR 631. Turn right and go about 3 miles to the trailhead. FDR 8910 is suitable for passenger cars and FDR 631 is recommended for high clearance vehicles.

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

Round Trip Driving Distance from Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center: Access #1 - 58.5 miles; Access #2 - 81 miles

Length of Trail One Way: 7 Miles

Elevation: Upper trailhead at 8800 feet; lower trailhead at 6130 feet

USGS Map: Dog Point

Recommended Seasons: Late spring to early fall

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

Difficulty: Difficult except for a few easy sections

Use: Light



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