

# DETAILS FOR HIKING

## Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness East

### **1. To purchase a permit and for hiking details:**

<http://www.recreation.gov/wildernessAreaDetails.do?page=detail&contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74989>

Permits can be purchased a maximum of three months in advance. No permit is required for hiking in Turkey Creek. There is a maximum of 20 hikers permitted each day in Aravaipa East and a maximum of 10 hikers allowed in a group.

### **2. For a map of the Aravaipa Canyon area:**

See page 3.

### **3. For details on the Four Mile Canyon camp ground (car-camping with facilities):**

<https://www.go-arizona.com/Fourmile-Canyon-Campground/#>

Located near Klondyke; no reservations available; first-come, first-served. Accommodates tents, RVs, or sleeping in vehicle.

### **4. Closest lodging:**

Located in Thatcher which is just west of Safford on Rt.70:

<http://www.yellowpages.com/safford-az/motels>

### **5. Primitive car-camping grounds:**

Located in Turkey Creek Canyon. See c) in "Logistics" for location. Can drive 4x4 vehicle up Turkey Creek Canyon to camp sites. Limited camp sites (first-come, first-served). No facilities. No fee for camping. No permit required.

### **6. Backpacking camp sites:**

There are several spacious backpacking camp sites in the main canyon. Also, backpackers can use Turkey Creek camp sites (see #5).

### **7. Logistics:**

- a) From SCOV to campground in Klondyke via I-10: (about 165 miles) Take I-10 east to Willcox (Exit #340) and turn north; go short ways to truck stop on right for fuel and food; continue north to Bonita; then west on Aravaipa Rd. (graded dirt road) to Klondyke; then left on Four Mile Canyon Road about one mile to campground on left.
- b) From SCOV to Klondyke via Globe: (about 185 miles) North on Rt.77 to Globe; east on Rt.70 to just past Ashurst; turn right onto Klondyke Rd. (very good graded dirt road); go about 25 miles; at "Y", turn right and about 8 miles to Klondyke; then left on Four Mile Canyon Road about one mile to campground on left.
- c) From Klondyke to Aravaipa trailhead: About 8 miles of graded dirt road; OK for most vehicles; not for low ground clearance vehicles such as sport cars. Note – trailhead is another 1 ½ miles to the start of hiking (see par. 7d below).

d) From trailhead to start of Aravaipa Canyon and Turkey Creek Canyon: 1½ miles of normally **rough** dirt road; only for 4x4 vehicles with high clearance; otherwise, park at trailhead and walk the 1½ miles to start of Aravaipa Canyon and start of Turkey Creek Canyon. (see par. #9 below).

### **8. Travel and hike plans:**

- a) Drive to Aravaipa East in the morning of Day #1; set-up camp; then hike Turkey Creek Canyon in the afternoon (permit not required).
- b) Day #2 = hike Aravaipa Canyon (permit required) to and up Hell Hole Canyon; lunch at Spring source in Hell Hole Canyon; return on same route. This takes all day.
- c) Day #2 Option = hike Aravaipa Canyon past Hell Hole Canyon to half way point in the Aravaipa Canyon (where normally reached from West end; lunch here and return).
- d) It takes a full day's hike to reach the halfway point in the main Aravaipa canyon and return. To accomplish this, there is insufficient time to hike any side canyons.
- e) See the Aravaipa East map (#2) for locations of Turkey Creek Canyon and the other side canyons.
- f) Day #3 = drive to deserted Aravaipa mining camp and explore old buildings and abandoned gold mine shafts.
- g) Day #4 = break camp and return to SCOV

### **9. Aravaipa East Canyon Road**

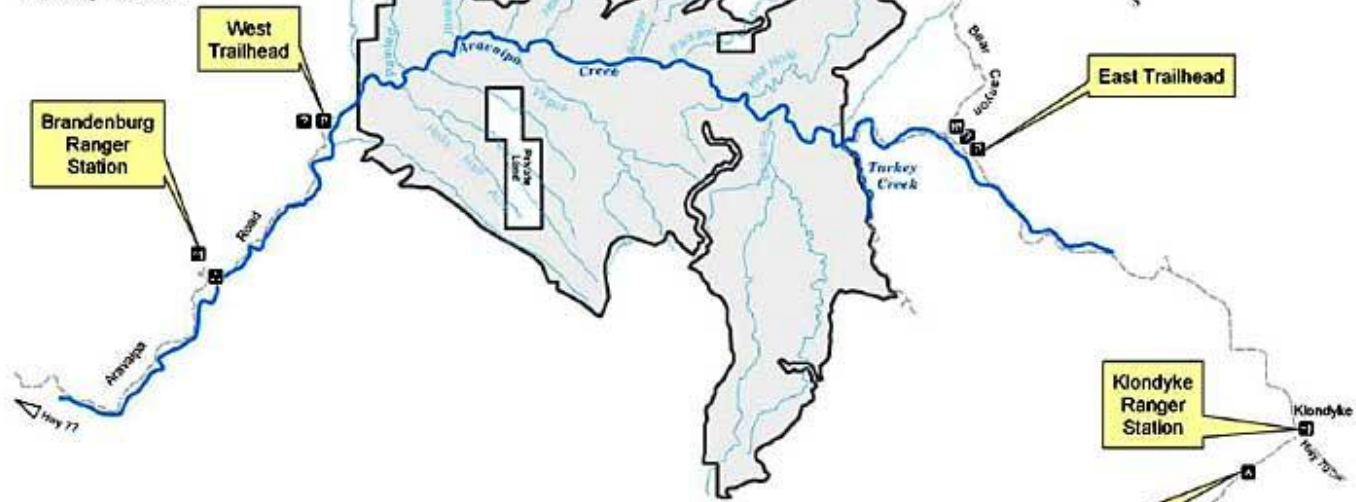
The 1½ miles of Aravaipa Canyon Road, from the official trailhead to where the canyon begins, is the only access to the East Entrance. This road typically floods several times during monsoon season (June 15-Sept 30), making it impassable to vehicles. But flooding can happen any time of year. Road conditions can change very quickly due to localized storms. Four-wheel drive high-clearance vehicles are recommended or plan on hiking this 1 ½ miles.

### **10. Other pertinent information:**

- a) When taking the I-10 route, the last gasoline/groceries/restroom stop is at the Willcox exit.
- b) When taking the northern route thru Globe (Rt.77 + Rt.70), the last gasoline/groceries/restroom stop is in Globe; unless, on Rt.70, you drive past the Klondyke Road for a few miles where there is a gasoline/convenience store on the right side in the village of Pima.
- c) It is recommended to fill-up with gasoline at the last available location before driving to the camp grounds or to the trailhead.
- d) The restroom at the Four Mile Canyon camp ground has one 110 volt outlet which can be used to recharge electronic devices but not for those requiring more amps (e.g., hair dryer).
- e) Night time temperatures at the campsite can be in the low 30's. Frost has been experienced on prior camping trips.
- f) If there is a high % chance of rain, the trip could be cancelled.
- g) For those who have signed-up, a meeting will be held two weeks in advance to decide responsibilities for shared items (e.g., dinners, cooking ware, firewood, etc.).

Permit Required  
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Canyon Entrance Distances  
North Side Canyons

West Trailhead		Painted Cave	Javelina	Horse Camp	Booger	Paisano	Hell Hole	East Trailhead				
0	1.1	2.0	2.33	3.45	4.45	4.85	6.35	7.1	8.35	8.95	10.75	12.25
WEST												EAST
12.25	11.15	10.25	9.02	8.8	7.8	7.4	5.9	5.15	3.9	3.3	1.5	0
West Boundary		Hall's Hill Acre		Virgus				Parsons		East Boundary		

Canyon Entrance Distances  
South Side Canyons

Fourmile Canyon Campground

- Information Kiosk
- Restroom
- Parking Area
- Campsite
- Campground
- Ranger Station
- Unpaved Roads

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