



Name Of Trail Loop: Alamo Canyon Loops

Passage And Location: Alamo Canyon Passage 17; west of Superior

Length Of Loop Trail: Forest Road 4 North Loop: 13.3 miles

Forest Road 4 South and Alamo Canyon Loop: 15.2 miles

FR4 to FR4 loop: 5.2 miles

If returning to trailhead north on FR4, total loop: 19.3 miles

If returning to trailhead down Alamo Canyon, total loop: 19.7 miles

Loop Trail Description:

Forest Road 4 North Loop. From the trailhead hike/ride approximately 7.2 miles on the Arizona Trail until reaching Forest Road #4. Head north/left onto FR4, dipping down to a small wash, then gain about 100' of elevation. (Hikers can go down the small wash paralleling the road, rejoining the road in about a half mile.) After 2.3 miles as you are nearing Picketpost Mountain, take a route/path heading west over a little saddle for 0.6 miles until reaching the Arizona Trail. At this intersection, turn north onto the Arizona Trail reaching the trailhead in 3.2 miles.

Forest Road 4 South Alamo Canyon Loop. From the trailhead hike/ride approximately 7.2 miles on the Arizona Trail until reaching Forest Road #4. Turn south/right onto FR4. Continue on FR4 as it switches back in about 0.8 miles, staying on FR4 for another 1.5 miles in a north westerly direction. At a high point as the road turns south there is a trail off to the right (waypoint is 4.84172E 36.74406N) As the trail starts downhill, there is a gate almost immediately. Continue on the trail going north and down Alamo Wash. At the windmill, take the jeep road to the left/west. The road (the old Arizona Trail) will go in and out of washes, gain elevation and then drop back down. The road will lead back to the trailhead about 5.8 miles north of FR4.

FR4 to FR4 Loop. From the trailhead hike/ride approximately 7.2 miles on the Arizona Trail until reaching Forest Road #4. Cross FR4. After about 2.5 miles, the Arizona Trail crosses a saddle and winds down to a major wash. Take a sharp right heading northwest up the wash. An old jeep trail goes in and out of the wash, then finally heads up a steep hill. Continue on jeep road for a total of 2.3 miles until reaching FR4 as it switchbacks.

If returning to trailhead by taking FR4 north - go right/north. In 0.8 miles, FR4 will cross the Arizona Trail. Continue north on FR4 as indicated in the FR4 North Loop description.

If returning to the trailhead down Alamo Canyon - go left/west on FR4 for 1.5 miles in a north westerly direction, as pointed out in the FR4 South and Alamo Canyon Loop. At a high point as the road turns south there is a trail off to the right (waypoint is 4.84172E, 36.74406N). Follow direction as indicated in FR4 South and Alamo Canyon loop.

Recommended Seasons Of Use: Fall, Winter, Spring

Elevation Start: 2387'

Elevation Gain/Loss: Forest Road 4 North Loop 1479'

Forest Road 4 South and Alamo Canyon Loop 2387' FR4 to FR4 loop:

If returning to trailhead north on FR4, total loop 2622'

If returning to trailhead down Alamo Canyon, total loop 2936'

Access Points: Turn south onto Forest road (FR) 231 from Highway 60 approximately 0.4 miles east of milepost #221, which is 5 miles west of Superior and 1.7 miles west of Boyce Thompson State Park. Signs on

the highway say “Picketpost Trailhead”. Drive 0.2 miles past a corral and windmill until you reach a “T” intersection. Turn left (east) onto an old asphalt road and continue approximately 0.6 miles to the trailhead.

Water: Seasonal seeps about 0.6 mile before FR4; seasonal pot holes just north of trail at FR4. There is a seasonal seep about 0.6 mile north of FR4 in Alamo Canyon. Just north of the Alamo Canyon windmill about 425’ there is seasonal water in pot holes, often flowing from pipes from the windmill; there is a route back up to WKH road just after the water pools. In the FR4 to FR4 Loop, there is a seasonal seep after leaving the Arizona Trail heading northwesterly in less than a quarter mile. For up to date details on water sources please visit the Arizona Trail Water sources at <https://aztrail.org/explore/water-sources/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/> which has user comments about the status of water sources.

Notes: For specific turn by turn information on the Arizona Trail visit the Arizona Trail databook <https://aztrail.org/explore/databooks/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/>

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