



Name Of Trail Loop: Alamo Canyon Shorter Loops

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

Length Of Loop Trail: Mile Alamo Canyon Loop 1.0 miles
Alamo Canyon Loop 4.4 miles
Windmill Loop 7.7 miles

Loop Trail Description:

Mile Alamo Canyon Loop. Go south on the Arizona Trail for 0.5 miles. There is an old jeep road leading from the wash east towards Picketpost Mountain. (This is the route to the top of Picketpost.) Turn right/west going across the wash to the road. Turn north/right reaching the trailhead in about 0.4 miles.

Alamo Canyon Loop. Head south on the Arizona Trail for about 2.4 miles. At this point the Alamo wash will be adjacent to the trail. Turn right/west into the wash, heading north. After 1.2 miles of wash walking/riding, there is an old jeep road, or one can stay in the wash. Soon walking/riding would be best on the old jeep road. Pass the jeep road heading toward Picketpost and reach the trailhead in about a half mile.

Windmill Loop. Keep on the Arizona Trail heading south, then southeast. After 3.2 miles as the trail bends south, there is a path going uphill towards FR4. Continue south on the Arizona Trail for another 0.8 miles. An old jeep road can be seen high on the ridge to the south once a little more elevation is gained. Just as the trail bends to left/east, go cross-country uphill (4.85032E 36.77615N) toward the old jeep road. The ridge going up is not very steep and there will be some cattle/game trails. Just before reaching the jeep road, the route gets a little steeper. Once on the jeep road, turn right/west heading downhill. The jeep road will turn sharply to the south at top of a little ridge. The jeep road goes down to Alamo wash about 400' north of the windmill. Going back to the trailhead can be on the road, which gains and losses elevation a few times, or down the wash. It's a total of 3.7 miles on the road to the trailhead.

Reversing the loop might make it easier to find and go cross-country downhill. After leaving the windmill, head up the jeep road (which is visible while heading to the wash from the windmill). After reaching the top of a little ridge, continue on the jeep road for a short distance uphill until there is a fairly easy way to go cross-country down the ridge (4.848777E 36.77175N). The basic idea is to reach the Arizona Trail without having to go down a steep slope and have to climb back up out of a small drainage. Looking at the lay of the land and using the cattle/game trails will lead you to the Arizona Trail which heads north once on the trail. If you start downhill too soon you may have to climb back up or just follow the drainage down to Alamo Canyon wash; often times hiking in drainages means going thru thick vegetation.

Recommended Seasons Of Use: Spring, Fall, Winter

Elevation Start: 2387'

Elevation Gain/Loss: Mile Alamo Canyon Loop 84'

Alamo Canyon Loop 453'

Windmill Loop 1142'

Access Point: 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: Just north of the Alamo Canyon windmill about 425' there is seasonal water in pot holes. 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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