



Name Of Trail Loop: Whitford Canyon Loops

Passage And Location: Reavis Canyon Passage 18; Whitford Canyon

Length Of Loop Trail: Whitford Canyon South Loop: 4.8 miles
Whitford Canyon North Loop: 4.6 miles

Loop Trail Description:

Whitford Canyon South Loop. Take the Arizona Trail south into the narrows of Whitford Canyon, reaching the road to Barnett Camp. After visiting the Camp 0.2 miles west, head east/left on the road reaching FR650 in 1.1 miles. Turn north onto FR650 for 1.5 miles arriving back at the Arizona Trail.

Whitford Canyon North Loop. Take the Arizona Trail north up and down, in and out for 3.1 miles reaching FR650. Turn left/south onto FR650 passing thru a gate and a corral, reaching the Arizona Trail in 1.5 miles.

Recommended Seasons Of Use: Spring, Fall, Winter

Elevation Start: 2746'

Elevation Gain/Loss: South Loop 450'
North Loop 575'

Access Point: When heading east towards Superior, just as the four lane road narrows to two lanes, there is a turn lane to the left/north to Hewitt Station Road at about milepost 222. There is a big parking area just off US60. Take FR8 toward the northeast for 1.8 miles. Turn left/north onto FR650—a 4 wheel drive road. Follow FR650 for almost 3 miles to the Arizona Trail at the Whitford Canyon wash crossing. Park anywhere in or beyond the wash (if not raining or flowing).

Water: For the south loop there is seasonal water in Whitford Canyon north and south of the narrows—sometimes just big pools.

For the north loop there is seasonal water just at the end of the loop just west of FR650. There are seasonal pools and seeps about 1.5 miles north of the end of the loop. 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/Warnings: Whitford Canyon is a notorious flood path, so be aware of the weather and don't enter this area when rain is imminent. 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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