

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

PIONEER TRAIL 196

RANGER DISTRICT

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TRAILHEADS (TH)

Pinal Peak TH
Pioneer Pass TH

TERMINI INFORMATION

South end: Forest Road (FR) 112

North end: Forest Road (FR) 651F

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light

Trail difficulty: More difficult

Trail length: 2.3 miles

Season of Use: Spring - fall

USGS maps: Pinal Peak

Elevation: 6156 feet to 7800 feet

ATTRACTIONS

- The Pinal Mountains are noted for their scenic beauty and ruggedness.
- As you travel along the trail, you will see spectacular panoramic views of Pioneer Basin as well as several different types of vegetation.

TRAIL NARRATIVE

From the Pinal Peak Trailhead, the Pioneer Trail 196 drops abruptly off the east-facing side of the peak and initially follows the bottom of a shallow fern-covered drainage in a southeasterly direction. After ¼ mile, the trail passes through a gate (be sure to close it) to Squaw Spring. After about 1.5 miles, travelers can view Pioneer Basin from a ridge. In the last 1000 feet before reaching Pioneer Pass, the trail was an old jeep road. Starting from the Pioneer Pass Trailhead, this trail is one of the easier ascents to Pinal Peak.

CONSIDERATIONS

- After rain, travel can be difficult
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.
- If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.

