

TONTO National Forest



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Guide

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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

SINKHOLE TRAIL 179

RANGER DISTRICT

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TRAILHEADS (TH)

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TERMINI INFORMATION

West end: (6750 feet elevation): at 260 Trailhead

East end: (7600 feet elevation) at Forest Road (FR) 300

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Moderate

Trail difficulty: More difficult

Trail length: 2½ miles

Estimated hiking time: 1½ hours one-way

Season of Use: Spring - fall

USGS maps: Woods Canyon

Elevation Change: 850 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

This is probably the easiest trail down the Mogollon Rim in terms of steepness and hazards along the way.

ATTRACTIONS

- The upper portion of this trail follows the original military road built by General George Crook. While building the road, the army came upon a sinkhole and used it as a water stop. A fissure later caused this to become a dry hole.
- The trail climbs through juniper, Gambel oak and pine.
- Higher in the dense pine forest are spectacular views of the country below.

CONSIDERATIONS

- No motorized vehicles are allowed
- 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.
- Portions of the trail are rough in places and should be traveled with caution
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.

RELATED INFORMATION SOURCES

- Visitors Guide to Mogollon Rim*, Southwest Natural & Cultural Heritage
- Arizona's Mogollon Rim*, Don Dederer, Arizona Highways Books

