

BSA Troop 379 - Desert Cross Lutheran Church - Tempe, Arizona
Bonanza Wash
February 11th and 12th, 2012



Bonanza - and Hop Sing is gone!

Location: Bonanza Wash and The 27,440-acre Upper Burro Creek Wilderness is located in Yavapai and Mohave counties, 60 miles west of Prescott, Arizona and 60 miles southeast of Kingman, Arizona. The small mining town of Bagdad is located 10 miles southeast of the wilderness.

This wilderness lies along the upper reaches of Burro Creek, a perennial stream and one of the few streams in Arizona to flow relatively undisturbed into the lower desert. Nine miles of Burro Creek lie within the wilderness. In this area, Burro Creek passes through incised bedrock where it runs deep, creating clear blue pools connected by small waterfalls. In other areas, the creek has backed up into long, marshy pools ringed with young trees and other water-loving vegetation.

Away from the stream corridor, the wilderness preserves an expanse of basalt mesas and the desert grassland found on there rolling upland surfaces. The Burro Creek area is also a great collecting place for the rock hounds with good locations for collecting: purple agate, pastelite, opalite and jasper.

The Trip: Head west young scouts, actually more northwest. Take SR60 to I-10, bare right at I-10 - I-17 junction and take I-17. Exit at the Carefree Hwy, west to Grand Avenue to Wickenburg. Continue heading NW out of Wickenburg on State Route 93. Turn right at Nothing. OK, after about 80 miles on SR 93 out of Wickenburg, start to look at the milepost signs. Find milepost 132 and you'll see Nothing right about then. Rendezvous here for the next leg of our journey.

Guide NW out of Nothing at 1/2 mile you see a fork in the road, guide right and go under the power lines. If at any time your turn NE before this goes back to Nothing and head NW. From here it is about 15 miles from Nothing, down Suicide wash to Burro Creek at 6 mile Crossing. High clearance vehicles can get from Nothing to the top of Suicide wash - 4WD is strongly recommended for further travel. Many 2WD have done fine, just our recommendation.

The Hike: This will be a car camp with an in and out hike. Down and then up Bonanza wash. Another option may be to hike down Bonanza wash Saturday and if weather is warm and creek is low have most of the group hike up Burro Creek to six mile crossing. The choice will be made the morning of the hike. Average temperatures are 35° to 55° F maybe a bit cooler for the area. Also bring a change of clothes that can be left with the vehicles in case you get wet.

Cost: \$5.00 fee for scouts not accompanied by a driver, tips are always appreciated.

Gear: Pack light and warm. Bring water, there is plenty of good water to pump and filter. However, if we have to hike in and out to the river there is a mile plus where there is no water. Suggest long pants and long sleeve light shirts, sun block and water shoes or some type of footwear that can get wet. Bring a few changes of dry socks, just in case. You will be in the wilderness and you will need to bring food for 1 dinner, 2 lunches and 1 breakfasts and snacks. Work with your patrol and mates to reduce redundant gear and weight. Great time for advancement stuff to be accomplished. Mind the weather.



Burro Creek

No burros were harmed in the making of this creek.

Easy to moderate skill level of a hike.

Rules For All Scout Outings:

- 1.) BSA policies: 10 scouts per adult leader, permission slips signed, and buddy system always.
- 2.) Respect fellow scouts; no activity that destroys the personal dignity of the scout, no hazing of any sort, be helpful to your fellow scout, no foul language and no weapons.
- 3.) The Outdoor Code: **Clean** in your outdoor manner, **Careful** with fire, **Conservation** minded, **Considerate** of others.
- 4.) Safety conscious: Stay between point and drag, **Stop** if you become separated, Carry enough stuff in your pack for an emergency overnight by yourself, Use good common sense.

Emergency Phone List:

Alan Garlington cell (602) 459-0854
 Duane Lidman cell (602) 722-1989
 Craig Evans cell (480) 229-9446
 L. Burke Files (480) 239-1745

Saturday

6:00 am Meet at Church
 6:30 am Depart Church
 FF on the road (*road kill?*)
 10:00 am Parked and hiking
 4:00 pm High Tea
 11:10 pm Find the missing ASM

Sunday

8:00 am Up
 9:00 am Depart
 11:00 am Find cars and head home
 1:00 pm Arrive Church

These times are a guide not a rule. We will do our best to alert parents of approximate time of arrival at Church for pick up once we are in Phoenix.

PERMISSION SLIP AND RELEASE FORM

My son/ward _____ has my permission to participate in the car camping and hiking at Bonanza Wash with Boy Scout Troop 379 on February 11th and 12th, 2012. I understand that there are risks involved with car travel, camping and hiking. I have reviewed the activities for this outing and believe him capable and properly prepared. I accept the judgment of the adult leaders.

As a scout I promise to act in a safe manner, live by the troop rules for the outdoors and follow the Scout Motto and Law. I promise to keep my seat belt on at all times while the vehicle is moving.

PARENT SIGNATURE

SCOUT SIGNATURE

Parents or guardians can be reached this weekend at the following phone numbers.

Home: _____

Cell: _____