

HIKE THE VERDE RIVER HEADWATERS

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

Transportation: 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

Meals: Box lunch and some drinking water provided. Bring extra drinking water and snacks.

Tour: Hike the headwaters of the Verde River. Explore the springs that are the source of the only perennial river flowing entirely in Arizona and a prehistoric winter solstice observatory site and rock art. Focus is on geology, prehistory and history of the area. Total hiking distance is about 4 miles with steep, but short, elevation change and a river fording.

7:45AM – Arrive at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. **Meet your van in the parking lot in front of the Lifelong Learning, Building 31.** You may park in any unreserved space in the main parking area of the campus.

8:00AM – Depart from Prescott Campus and drive to hike-in point downstream from the confluence with Granite Creek.

9:00AM – Begin hike into the Verde River along a gentle descent route.

11:00AM – Hike the river upstream.

12:00NOON – Enjoy sack lunch along the river.

1:00PM – Explore the springs and solstice observatory sites while discussing the prehistoric site, geology and natural history.

3:30PM – Return to vans for return drive.

5:00PM – Approximate arrival time in Prescott.

Itineraries are subject to change due to timing, weather, facility closures and other factors. Efforts will be made to stay as close to the original schedule as possible. Times are approximate and may vary slightly. Please arrive at your pickup location early so that we can stay as close to the schedule as possible.

TIPS:

- **Bring 2 quarts of drinking water and snacks in a daypack large enough to carry your lunch.**
- There will be walking a little more than 4 miles on uneven ground with several hundred feet elevation change. Vertical hiking is along a gentle historic wagon road.
- Bring your camera and an extra battery.
- Wear comfortable clothes and hiking shoes for the day. There will be some river crossings, so bring shoes that can get wet and a dry pair of socks for the return trip.
- Bring sunscreen, bug spray, and always wear a hat!
- When on the van, please refrain from using a cell phone.
- Please be sensitive of van mates and do not wear perfumes and heavy lotions.
- Check the weather the night before and dress in layers if you are uncertain.
- Be prepared for back road travel along winding and bumpy roads.
- Please arrive early so we can check you in and depart on time.
- Have Fun!

Health Form:

The electronic Health form link will be **emailed** with the finalized itinerary to the email address on your student profile. If you do not receive this link or if you are unable to submit the electronic form, please contact our office. You **MUST** provide a health form to your trip leader on the morning of departure.

Please call **928-717-7755** with any questions. EDventures office hours are Monday to Friday, 8AM-5PM.

Driver Contact: If you will be late or unable to make it to your pickup location, please call your driver **on the morning of departure** at **(928) 499-4527** prior to the scheduled pickup time.

Prescott Campus Map

