

AGUA FRIA NATIONAL MONUMENT 9-16-19

Badger Springs North Loop (I-17 North). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. The trail is along the Agua Fria River heading north. There will be some clambering over boulders. Since this hike involves a stream, bring along a hiking stick. This is a beautiful hike through a nice river canyon. Trail condition - the hike along the river is sandy with many large boulders to climb over. As of 5-25-17, the road to the trailhead & restrooms was passable by passenger car. There is no park entrance fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 134 miles RT.

Directions to Badger Spring Trail

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff.

Go to the Badger Springs exit #256.

Turn right at the stop sign and proceed to the trailhead.

Restrooms are near the trailhead (also at Sunset Point rest stop on I-17).

Badger Springs South Trail I-17 North). Rating B. This is a 7.7+ mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. The trail is along the Agua Fria River heading south. There is lots of clambering over boulders. Since this hike involves lots of rocks and water it is recommended to bring along a hiking stick or two. This is a beautiful hike through a nice river canyon. Trail condition - the hike along the river is sandy with lots of large boulders to climb over. As of 5-25-17, the road to the trailhead & restrooms was passable by passenger car. There is no park entrance fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 134 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-3/Badger-Springs-Wash-Trail>

Directions to Badger Spring Trail

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Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff.

Go to the Badger Springs exit #256.

Turn right at the stop sign and proceed to the trailhead.

Restrooms are near the trailhead (also at Sunset Point rest stop on I-17).

Sunset Point Canyon Trail (I-17 North). Rating C/B. This is a 6-10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 900-1200 ft. The trail goes from the exit for Sunset Point down to the Agua Fria River. You then have a choice of following the river bed or take the trail that parallels the river going South. There is lots of clambering over boulders in the river. This is a beautiful hike through a nice river canyon. Trail condition – the trail to the river is a typical desert trail but is well marked with yellow ribbons, but the hike along the river is sandy with lots of large boulders to climb over. There is no park entrance fee. Restrooms are at Sunset Point. Driving distance is 110 miles RT.

Directions to Sunset Point Canyon Trail

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff.

Go to the Sunset Point exit.

Turn right at the stop sign and proceed around the corner to the end of the pavement.

Parking is on the right (restrooms are at Sunset Point rest stop).

The trail starts on the left at the end of the pavement...look for a yellow ribbon.