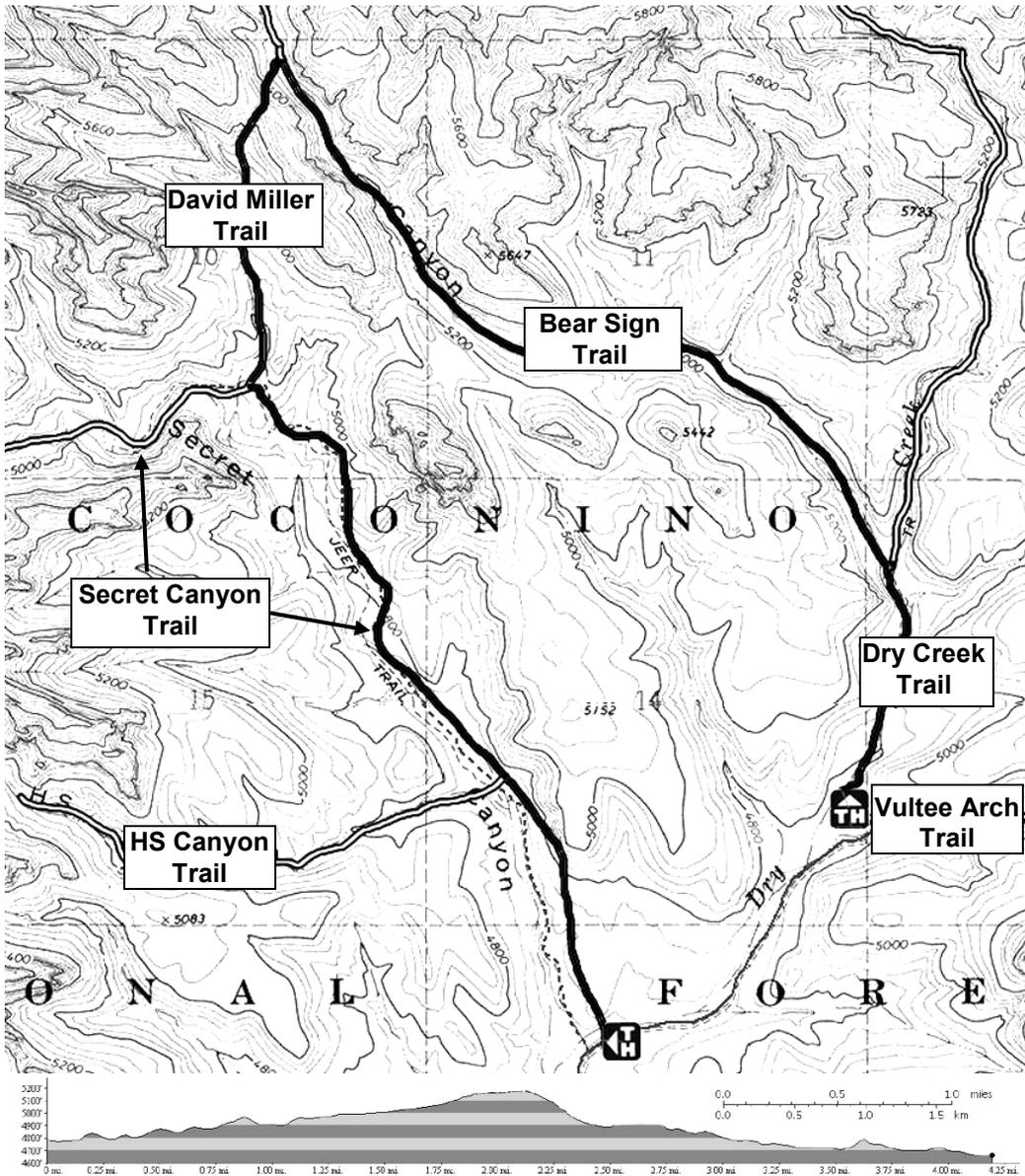


# Coconino National Forest Trail Guides - David Miller / Secret Canyon Loop Trail



**Length:** 6.5 mile loop including the 1 mile hike along FR 152 to return to the originating trailhead

**Rating:** Strenuous

**Use:** Infrequent,

**Season:** Year 'round

**Hiking Time:** Allow 4-5 hours roundtrip

**Cumulative Elevation:** 950 ft

**USGS Map:** Wilson Mountain

**Location:** 38 miles south of Flagstaff in scenic Red Rock Country.

**Notes:** Watch for poison ivy in the dry creek crossings. Suitable for horses but no mechanized vehicles in the Wilderness area.

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This is a scenic red rock country loop which involves the use of four trails. It can be hiked in either direction. The clockwise direction loop starting from the Secret Canyon Trail is described here. Start at the signed railhead for the Secret Canyon Trail across the usually dry streambed of Dry Creek west of the parking area. The trail immediately enters Wilderness. The wide, nearly flat trail leads into the wide canyon mouth with nice views, *but* no shade. At 1.75 miles, turn right onto the David Miller Trail at the signed fork. It climbs gently for about .5 mile then more steeply for another .25 mile to a saddle which overlooks Bear Sign Canyon and the Dry Creek drainage area. The trail now descends steeply 200 feet into Bear Sign Canyon and ends at its intersection with the Bear Sign Trail, Turn right and follow this shady trail to the southeast as it gradually descends beside the canyon drainage for 2.25 miles to the confluence of the Bear Sign and Dry Creek washes. Turn right and follow the Dry Creek Trail southward. After nearly .75 miles on this trail, it crosses the creek, turns left

and ends at the trail head parking area complete the loop, follow the road southwest for about 1 mile to return to the Secret Canyon Trail parking area,

**Access:** From the junction of Routes 89A and 179, take 89A west 3.2 miles to Dry Creek Road on the right. Go 1.9 miles to FS 152 on the right. Take this unpaved road 4.4 miles to trailhead parking at its end. Forest Road 152 should only be accessed by a high clearance vehicle and is not suitable for passenger cars or less than full sized SUVs.