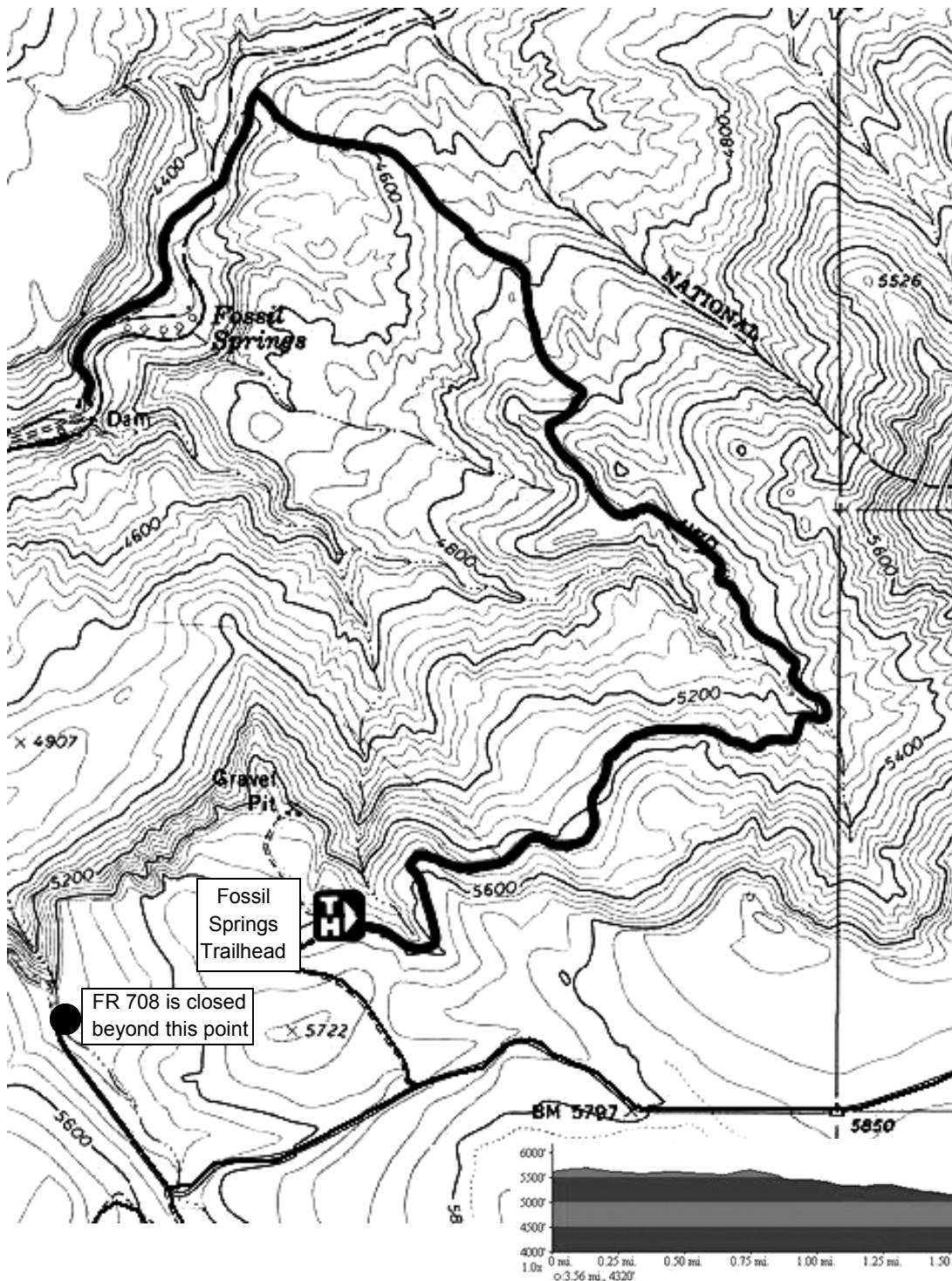


Coconino National Forest Trail Guides - Fossil Springs Trail #18



Length: 7 miles (round trip)

Rating: Strenuous

Use: Heavy

Season: Spring through fall

Hiking time: 6-7 hours (round trip)

Cumulative Elevation: 1755 ft.

USGS Maps: Strawberry

Location: 5 miles south of Strawberry on FR708 from the junction with SR 260/SR 87

Notes: Camping is permitted, however, no camp fires are permitted in the Fossil Springs area. Toilets are located only at the trailhead. Practice good camp sanitation by burying your fecal waste at least 200 feet away from the creek and trail.

For more information contact: Red Rock Ranger District, P.O. Box 20429, Sedona AZ 86341, (928) 203-2900

Fossil Springs is a riparian Wilderness Area with plenty of shade and deserves the protection and respect of those who visit it. Please observe all Wilderness regulations as the springs lie within the Fossil Springs Wilderness Area. The Fossil Springs Trail was once a rough wagon road that served as a mail route from Camp Verde to Pine/Payson communities from 1884 to 1911. It is now a steep trail and has little shade. Caution should be taken when using this trail in the summer heat. Carry an adequate supply of drinking water, one gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods. Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams. Nearly one million gallons of 72 degree water per hour flow from the springs at the headwaters of Fossil Creek. Overnight camping is permitted however, no campfires are allowed and strictly enforced. **PLEASE - If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!** and please consider picking up trash left behind by the uncaring.

Access: From Exit 287 on I-17, drive 34.1 miles east on SR 260 to SR 87, turn right and drive 7.2 miles to Strawberry. Turn right on Fossil Creek Road (FR 708) and drive 4.75 miles to the Trail Head. FR 708 is closed one mile beyond the Fossil Springs Trailhead.