



HIKING DIRECTIONS (use Access map to reach TH)
 Trail starts at the back of parking area, up slope by No Shooting sign. At top you can see the trail winding down to Poland Creek. You will soon see a yellow sign about the burn area, which also gives the trail number. The first part of trail is sometimes deeply gullied – watch your footing (hiking poles may help)! Burn area is obvious ahead, but you leave it before reaching Poland Crk.
Total out-and-back hike is 4.4 miles (strenuous)
 TH elevation is 5460 feet, low point (creek) 4450 feet, end 4570'
Description: This hike drops down a thousand feet to Poland Creek, with no shade. It's a tough climb out!! Take this hike towards end of Spree when weather is cooler, or a cloudy day.

GLADIATOR FIRE
 Started in a house on the outskirts of Crown King on May 13, 2012. It took a month before it was 100% contained, having burned over 25 square miles in the ponderosa pines and chaparral. As you drove up Crown King Road, you entered the burn area where marked on the Access Map. The first mile of the hike goes through the burn area, although a few trees and other plants were spared. Some bushes are already regrowing.

CASTLE CREEK WILDERNESS
Wilderness Information Here is a quote from the 1964 Wilderness Act: "Wilderness is an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvement or human habitation."

ALGONQUIN MINE
 The mine was established in the early 1900s in an area called Hells Hole. The trail you have been hiking is along the old road used to take ore back up to the RR. Building this road was a major construction effort. An old corrugated-iron building remains beside the trail where the road ends. Considering its age, it is in reasonable shape with two rooms, a stone wall, windows (no glass) and a sliding door (broken).
 - In the ground near the door there's a rounded iron casting "Buffalo Forge."
 - In early August, a spring was seeping close by.
 - Between building and creek, more machinery.
 - Another bldg. and more remains across creek.

CROWN KING
 Drive 2.4 miles from TH to Crown King crossroads, into ponderosa pines as you cross the bridge over Poland Creek. At crossroads, go right to "downtown" to general store and saloon. Go left to Mill Restaurant, built from salvaged mining material. This includes a reconstructed 1893 stamp mill (from Gladiator Mine). Other important dates:
 - 1875: "Crowned" King Mine established (over \$1 million in gold and silver).
 - 1888: first Post Office in Crown King
 - 1904: Bradshaw Mountain Railway completed to Crown King (see RR History box on Access map)
 Best website: apcrp.org/Crown%20King/Crown_King_071607

Look down - occasional pools along creekbed

Turn-around point at the Algonquin Mine building, end of road (read info on right).

OPTION: LONGER HIKE
 Continue 0.5 miles on 225 to junction with trail 30

There are lots of tall trees with plenty of shade here. Relax and explore before starting the climb out.

11. Algonquin

ROADS	LAND USE 1
Surfaced Roads	Private Land
Dirt Roads	Prescott National Forest
Spree Road Route	Wilderness Area
Historical RR	Trail Point/Junction (with approx. mileages between points/junctions)
TRAILS	Purple grids are for GPS (UTM NAD83)
SPREE Trail Route	Scale is 1:12,500
Other trails	Yavapai County assumes no responsibility for errors, omissions, and/or inaccuracies in this mapping product. NJER Revised 08/27/13

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