



Turn around where the trail bends north after switchbacks for a 6 mile hike.

Junction with northbound BCT at .85 miles.

River crossing at 1.5 miles for a 3 mile hike

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2024 Hiking Spree



Black Canyon Skyline Trail

TRAIL HEAD DIRECTIONS

Distance from Prescott to TH is 55.5 miles. From Courthouse Plaza, drive SR 69 to I17 southbound. Take exit 242 (Rock Springs) and turn right (north). The trailhead access road is immediately on the left.

Description: The Black Canyon Trail (BCT) is a long distance trail originally used to bring sheep to market. It stretches over 80 miles from Carefree Highway to SR 169. This section of the trail runs through an upland desert scrub ecosystem, where you will see Saguaro, Ocotillo, and Palo Verde. The trail crosses the Agua Fria river at Horseshoe Bend, and there is usually some water, although it is usually possible to cross on rocks. The elevation at the TH is about 2000 feet, and about 1850 at the river. The temperatures will be warmer than in Prescott.