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Other Ways to Register:

Register by phone: (928) 717-7755

Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am – 4 pm

Walk-in registration at Building 31, Room 108 on the Prescott Campus. See map on last page.

Age Requirements:

EDventures trips are open to the public and students 18+ years.

Fees:

Tuition fees are due and payable at time of registration. Fees vary in accordance with trip length and other expense factors. Trips must meet minimum enrollment. In the event of any administrative cancellation, you will receive a full refund of your tuition.

Please enroll early. Trips will be canceled one to two weeks prior to the start date if enrollment is too low.

Refund/Cancellation Policies

EDventures Day Trip Cancellation

21 days or more prior to departure = Full Refund

15-20 days = 75% Refund

14 days or less = No Refund

(Unless substitute student is identified)

EDVENTURES IN LEARNING – TRAVEL TO LEARN AND EXPLORE YOUR WORLD!

At EDventures, our tour leaders are eager to share their knowledge and enthusiasm for the colorful local history, fascinating cultures, and inspiring natural features when you travel with us!

DAY TRIPS

DRIVE TO BOTTOM OF GRAND CANYON

Wednesday, September 18 • **SU24C-91824**

Reserve by 9/4.

Follow Diamond Creek Road as it winds through Peach Springs Canyon – the only road access to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Diamond Creek Road will take us down the canyon to the banks of the Colorado River. Along the way, we will stop to enjoy the views and learn about Hualapai history, cultures, and the geology and the natural history of the canyon. You will enjoy a picnic lunch with an optional walk the last mile to the Colorado River following a narrow canyon that crosses Diamond Creek. Includes driving on a bumpy and winding dirt road to the Colorado River. **Activity Rating: Levels 1-2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$180 per person – Tuition includes transportation, Hualapai permits, box lunch and field instruction. **Departs 7:30AM from Prescott Campus.** *Chino Valley pickup available.

EXPLORE COCONINO COUNTY: BILL WILLIAMS MOUNTAIN

Friday, Sept. 6 • **SU24C-9624**

Reserve by 8/23.

Bill Williams Mountain, visible to the north from most of the Prescott area, is the westernmost 9,000-foot peak in Arizona. The mountain is named for a preacher/guide/mountain man from North Carolina whose story will weave through the day. We will circle the mountain on the Bill Williams Loop Road starting at Devil Dog Lake just off I-40, then drive to the summit fire tower, enjoying distant views across much of northern Arizona. We'll do some short walks, but no significant hiking, as we talk about the geology and ecology of the mountain. There's a good chance of seeing Elk and other wildlife along the way. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$170 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. **Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus.** *Chino Valley pickup available.

EDVENTURES TRIPS

EXPLORE COCONINO COUNTY: CRATER LAKE AND LAVA TUBES

Wednesday, August 28 • **SU24C-82824**

Reserve by 8/14.

Northwest of Flagstaff is a little-known crater lake, surrounded by meadow and aspen groves, hidden inside a small volcanic cinder cone just east of the Kendrick's Mountain Wilderness Area. Our day afield will focus heavily on the volcanic history of the San Francisco Volcano Field surrounding Flagstaff and Williams. We will drive up the access road to the ski area on San Francisco Peaks, hike into Crater Lake for lunch, then in the afternoon visit a lava tube (with optional exploration of the tube) south of Kendrick's Peak. We will also traverse some of the old Route 66 on the way home. Total hiking distance for the day is about two miles at elevations near 8,000 feet. **Activity Rating: Level 3.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$175 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. **Departs 7AM from Prescott Campus.**
**Chino Valley pickup available.*

EXPLORE COCONINO COUNTY: RED MOUNTAIN AND KEYHOLE SINK

Friday, September 13 • **SU24C-91324**

Reserve by 8/30.

Near the northern edge of the great field of volcanos that surrounds Williams and Flagstaff is an otherwise average cinder cone, about 1,000 feet tall, called Red Mountain. What makes this little mountain unique is how erosion has carved a spectacular amphitheater out of the heart of this extinct volcano, creating a magical landscape of cliffs, spires, and little slot canyons. While talking about the history and dynamics of the San Francisco Volcano Field, and the local ecosystems, we will hike into the heart of Red Mountain, enjoying our lunch inside the volcano. Inside Red Mountain there's some optional off-trail exploring. After our main hike, we'll travel back roads south to Parks, then west on Historic Route 66 to Keyhole Sink, hiking into this unusual feature with petroglyphs and a seasonal waterfall. Hiking distance is about 4.5 miles, mostly on well-maintained trail; at elevations about 7,000 feet. **Activity Rating: Level 3.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$175 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch and field instruction. **Departs 8AM from Prescott Campus.**
**Chino Valley pickup available.*

EXPLORE COCONINO COUNTY: THE LAND BETWEEN THE CANYONS

Friday, August 16 • **SU24C-81624**

Reserve by 8/1.

North of Verde Valley is a little-visited plateau, surrounded on three sides by rugged wilderness areas. On the east is West Fork Wilderness and Oak Creek Canyon; on the west is Sycamore Canyon Wilderness; and on the south is Redrock/Secret Canyon Wilderness. We will explore this beautiful, forested landscape, culminating with utterly amazing views of the redrock country of Sedona, seen from above. Along the way we'll talk about geology, including visiting a baby sinkhole, forest ecology and the logging railroads of the early 20th century. We'll also talk about the handful of people who have lived out there, including Bear Howard, who literally made his living hunting bear, and the wild Casner Clan, who have multiple local landmarks named after them. Lots of short walks, but no serious hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$180 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, and field instruction. **Departs 7AM from Prescott campus.**
**Chino Valley pickup available.*

EXPLORE YAVAPAI COUNTY: THE NORTHERN BRADSHAW

Wednesday, August 21 • **SU24C-82124**

Reserve by 8/7.

The Northern Bradshaw Mountains overlooking Prescott are the highest range in Yavapai County, peaking out near 8,000 feet. We'll explore south through this region on the old Senator Highway as far as the site of the town of Goodwin, then head east to Mayer and return via Highway 69. Along the way we will visit old mining and homestead sites on Wolf Creek, explore the ruins of the Senator Mine, enjoy distant views from the Mt. Union Divide, and other historic and natural features. We will also pass through the burn area of the Goodwin fire of 2017 and talk about fire management and the role of fire in the natural ecosystem. The trip will include about two miles of moderate hiking. **Activity Rating: Level 2.**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$170 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, and field instruction. **Departs 7AM from Prescott campus.**

RAFT THE BOTTOM OF THE GRAND CANYON

Wednesday, September 11 • SU24C-91124
Reserve by 8/1.

This one-day rafting trip of the Grand Canyon is full of EDventures! Join us on a rafting excursion with the Hualapai River Runners. Your river guide will navigate the Colorado River white water (plan on getting wet!) and relate the history and culture of the Hualapai people. Lunch in the canyon, and then take an optional [short but steep] hike to beautiful Travertine Waterfall. Dinner TBD (on your own) before heading home. Experience the Canyon like never before!

Activity Rating: 2-3.

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$780 per person – Tuition includes ground transportation, raft excursion, lunch on the river, permit fees, gratuities, field guides and instruction. **Departs 5AM from Prescott campus.**

ROCK ART RANCH AND LA POSADA

Wednesday, September 4 • SU24C-9424
Reserve by 8/21.

Step back in time with a visit to Chevelon Canyon on Rock Art Ranch, home to some of the finest ancient petroglyphs in the world on a privately-owned ranch. Visit the cowboy museum and working ranch to learn about ranching history, the Hashknife Cattle Company and military and Indian activity in the area. Tour the excavated prehistoric pueblo sites and an historic Navajo camp with intact hogan. Take a short, steep hike into Chevelon Canyon to view the multiple petroglyph panels. Visit Winslow, AZ and take a photo next to the 'Standing on the Corner' sculptures. We will finish the day with dinner at the famous La Posada, the beautifully restored Fred Harvey Hotel in Winslow with dinner (on your own) in the award-winning Turquoise Room. **Activity Rating: Levels 2-3 (steep stairs).**

Instructor: Chris Wuehrmann

\$200 per person – Tuition includes transportation, box lunch, ranch tour admission, and field instruction. **Departs 7AM from Prescott campus. *Chino Valley pickup available.**



COURSE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVEL RATING CHART*

Activity Rating Level 1

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, climb stairs, sit, or stand for up to 1 hour, get in and out of vehicles easily, and walk a few blocks indoors or out.

Activity Rating Level 2

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, participate in physical activity for 1-2 hours, climb stairs, sit, or stand for over 1 hour, and walk on uneven and/or varied terrain from three blocks up to one mile at a 2.0-mph pace over the course of the day (may include slight elevation changes.)

Activity Rating Level 3

Participants must be able to carry luggage, packs, and/or equipment, sit, or stand for over 2 hours, be in good health, mobile, able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day, and walk on uneven and/or varied terrain up to five miles at a 2.5-mph pace over the course of the day and/or for multiple consecutive days (may include moderate elevation changes.)

**Trip activities may vary. Not all trips will include all aspects of the assigned activity rating. For more information on individual trip activity levels, or to request special accommodations, please contact EDventures at 928-717-7755.*

VIRTUAL EDVENTURES VIDEOS

VIRTUAL EDVENTURES VIDEOS are a new way to enjoy our trips, without the bumpy van ride. Join Chris and Rita Wuehrmann for any or all of these seven EDventures Videos.

DUFF SPRINGS

Video ID #ONL1 • \$15

Alexander Duff came to Arizona Territory in 1879, as a trapper, prospector, and market hunter, married to a Shoshone Indian woman. He left the territory in 1906 as a respected hotel and mercantile owner. Duff homesteaded at a beautiful spot on the Verde River, overlooked by a centuries-old cliff dwelling, where a crystal-clear spring bears his name. Join this exploration of Duff's story and of some of the history and natural features.

JOHNSON CANYON

Video ID #ONL2 • \$20

When the Santa Fe Railroad was constructing their line across northern Arizona in the early 1880s, they overcame many physical obstacles in the rugged landscapes they traversed. One of the more difficult was the steep drop westwards off the Coconino Plateau, between Williams and Ash Fork. Our explorations will include some strange and interesting natural features, and the story of rancher and homesteader George Johnson, after whom the canyon is named.

NORTHERN BRADSHAW

Video ID #ONL3 • \$20

In 1863, during the height of the Civil War, several parties of intrepid prospectors discovered gold in the flanks of what became known as the Bradshaw Mountains. While the Walker party was most notable, the range was named for William Bradshaw, who died under mysterious circumstances in December 1864. We will explore the northern part of the range, which overlooks Prescott, visiting old mine sites, ghost communities, homesteads, and the historic Palace Station, established by the Spence family in 1875.

THE MOQUI STAGE ROAD TO GRAND CANYON

Video ID #ONL4 • \$25

In 1903, two young girls traveled to the Grand Canyon with their families. They rode from Flagstaff to the Canyon by stagecoach, stayed in the historic, long extinct Grand View Hotel and took a 3-day trip by burro into the Canyon with Captain John Hance, the Canyon's first tour operator and renowned storyteller. Chris Wuehrmann re-creates their journey to the Canyon via the route of the Moqui Stage. We will hear about their histories as miners and tour operators in the Grandview Point area, and little-known histories of other Northern Arizona pioneers and places.

PROSPECTORS, MINERS, AND THE IMPOSSIBLE RAILROAD IN THE SOUTHERN BRADSHAW MOUNTAINS

Video ID #ONL5 • \$25

In 1863, during the height of the Civil War, several parties of prospectors discovered gold in what became known as the Bradshaw Mountains. We'll explore the southern part of the range, visiting desert communities like Cleator, Bumblebee, and the mountain town of Crown King. We will talk about the original Yavapai Indian inhabitants, the challenges of passage via rail, and some history of mining in the rugged and forbidding landscape of the Southern Bradshaws.

EXPLORING DATE CREEK: NATIVE PEOPLES AND TERRITORIAL FORTS TO MODERN RANCHERS

Video ID #ONL6 • \$25

Date Creek flows from the crest of the Weaver Mountains above Yarnell west into a vast desert plain, studded with rugged mountain ridges, finally joining the Santa Maria River above Alamo Lake. Originally home to the Yavapai People, Date Creek's first Anglo visitors were led by Charles Genung in 1863, who upon seeing one of the creek's green valleys declared it to be the Garden of Eden. Near this spot the military post of Camp Date Creek operated from 1867-1874. We will explore this little-known landscape, seeing ancient rock art, viewing the ruins of Camp Date Creek, and visiting with modern ranchers.

THE LAND BETWEEN THE CANYONS

Video ID #ONL7 • \$25

Leading southwards into Verde Valley are two spectacular red rock canyons. To the east, well-known Oak Creek Canyon is followed by highway, although the west flanks are wilderness area. To the west, lightly visited Sycamore Canyon is entirely wilderness area. Between the lower ends of these canyons is more wilderness area offering utterly amazing views, exotic volcanic features, and steep and wild canyons. Enjoy exploring this wild country and rugged back roads. We'll talk about geology, natural history, forest management and logging railroads. We'll also talk about the handful of early pioneers who braved this remote wilderness; and the historic logging railroads that once traversed the area.



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Community Education & EDventures Offices
Building 31, Room 108
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Is getting to your Class a challenge because of a disability?

For those who need assistance in finding appropriate parking and getting to your classroom, we offer the following information:

Disability parking is located at the second floor level behind Buildings 3 and 4 and in parking lot M. You must have a disability permit to park in these areas. You may take the elevator in Buildings 2, 3 and 4 to the first floor level.

If there are any other disability concerns or requests for accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact Disability Resources for assistance at 928-776-2079.

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