

EDventures Itinerary

Exploring Yavapai County: Hiking to Baby Canyon Ruins



Transportation: 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

Meals: Box lunch and some drinking water provided. Bring extra drinking water and snacks if desired.

Tour: Perry Mesa, in Agua Fria National Monument, was heavily occupied by prehistoric people some 700 years ago. There are significant abandoned village sites all across the mesa. One of the largest of these, and one of the least visited, is Baby Canyon Ruin, several hundred rooms perched on a butte on the south side of Baby Canyon, a little over a mile from the Agua Fria River. We'll visit this site while talking about the prehistory of the area, and a bit of geology and ecology. The hike is about 6 miles total, largely off trail, and includes a nearly 400-foot steep elevation gain at the end to reach the ruin. The footing on the climb is very stable and not hand and foothold climbing, just steep hiking, but a lot of work. ***This is a Level 5 activity. Students should be seasoned hikers able to handle physically demanding activity. ***

7:45AM – Arrive at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. **Meet your van in the parking lot in front of the Lifelong Learning, Building 31**

8:00AM – Depart the Prescott Campus

8:40AM – Pick up additional students (if necessary) in Cordes Junction

9:15 AM – Arrive at the Silver Creek trail head to begin the hike

12:00AM – Enjoy box lunch at a Baby Canyon Ruins.

3:45PM – Return to trail head

4:20PM – Drop off Cordes Junction students

5:00PM – Approximate arrival time in Prescott.

Itineraries are subject to change due to timing, weather, facility closures and other factors. Efforts will be made to stay as close to the original schedule as possible. Times are approximate and may vary slightly. Please arrive at your pickup location early so that we can stay as close to the schedule as possible.

TIPS:

- Bring your camera and an extra battery. Bring your binoculars for bird watching at the Preserve.
- Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes for the day.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen even if you usually tan!
- Bring or wear insect repellent for bug bites.
- Check the weather the night before and dress in layers if you are uncertain.
- Be prepared for back road travel along winding and bumpy roads.
- Bring extra drinking water and snacks. Some drinking water will be provided for you.
- Please arrive early so we can check you in and depart on time.
- There will be steep off trail hiking on uneven ground with approximately 400-feet of elevation gain.
- Have **FUN!**

Health Form:

The electronic Health form link will be **emailed** with the finalized itinerary to the email address on your student profile. If you do not receive this link or you're unable to submit the electronic form, please contact our office. You **MUST** provide a health form to your trip leader on the morning of departure.

Please call **928-717-7755** with any questions. Experiential Learning office hours are Monday to Friday, 8AM-5PM.

Driver Contact: If you are running late the morning of the trip, our trip leader will call the number we have on file for you. If you know ahead of time that you will not be able to attend a trip, please call the Experiential Learning office number **during business hours**, Mon-Fri, 8am to 5pm at: 928-717-7755.

Prescott Campus Map

