

Experiential Learning Itinerary

Traversing the Beale Wagon Road



Transportation: 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

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

Tour: Journey through history on the Beale Wagon Road, a significant route developed between 1857 and 1859 by Navy Lieutenant Edward Fitzgerald Beale. Commissioned by the US government to support westward expansion, this 1,240-mile trail stretches from Fort Smith, Arkansas, to the Colorado River, offering a glimpse into the past through the landscapes of New Mexico and Arizona. The Beale Road, popular from 1858 until the AT & SF Railroad's arrival in 1882, paved the way for Arizona and California settlers and military use. Today, Historic Route 66 and Interstate 40 follow its path, yet the original road is still traceable and partially used for local travel.

6:45AM – Arrive at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. **Meet your van in the parking lot in front of the Lifelong Learning, Building 31.**

7:00AM – Depart Prescott Campus

9:00AM – Visit Partridge Creek and Crookton Bridges

11:00AM – Visit Russel's Tank, a popular stop for travelers along the Beale Wagon Road

12:00PM – Lunch at scenic view mountain vista along Beale Wagon Road

1:00PM – Arrive at Laws Spring and discuss the geology and prehistoric rock carvings near the original Beale Road segment

2:00PM – Explore Government Mountain and discuss the geologic history of the San Francisco Volcanic Field, emphasizing local Obsidian

3:00PM – Visit Government Prairie to see the remnants of the Beale Wagon Road still in existence

4:30PM – Head back to campus

6:00PM – Arrive back at Prescott Campus

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.
- 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
- 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. Monday to Thursday during the summer.

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. Monday to Thursday during the summer.

Prescott Campus Map

