

Experiential Learning Itinerary

Exploring the Mogollon Rim around Forest Lakes



Transportation: 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

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

Tour: Forest Lakes, Arizona, is a captivating destination known for its stunning view and natural beauty, particularly along the Mogollon Rim. The Rim is a dramatic escarpment that stretches across Arizona, offering panoramic views of the surrounding forests and valleys. The Manganese Denison Mine is a historical site that speaks to the region's mining past. This mine was active in the 20th century, contributing to the local economy by extracting manganese, a critical industrial mineral. Woods Canyon Lake is one of the prominent lakes in the area and is ideal for fishing, kayaking, and picnicking, making it a popular destination for families and adventurers alike.

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 Campus

8:00AM – Pickup in Camp Verde and restroom stop

8:30AM – Visit the historic Camps Verde Salt Mines to better understand their history, for when Native Americans first mined them 2,000 years ago up until the 1930s.

10:30AM – Stop at the Mogollon Rim Visitor Center along Highway 260 to take in the spectacular views of the forested mountains, lakes, and valleys to the south. A featured geologic discussion of the area is also included.

11:00AM – Explore Woods Canyon Lake known for its high-altitude charm and recreation.

12:30PM – Have lunch at Forest Lakes

1:30PM – Visit the historic Denison Mine to discuss the history of manganese mining operations in the area and interpret fossils embedded in limestone at this site.

2:00PM – Travel to Heber pointing out changes in land topography and Forest Ecology along with a visit to the historic Rock House Museum.

3:00PM – Explore Blue Ridge Reservoir

3:45PM – Head back to campus

5:15PM – Camp Verde dropoff

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

