

## Experiential Learning Itinerary

### Exploring Tonto Natural Bridge Country



**Transportation:** 12-PASSENGER VANS (non-smoking)

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

**Tour:** Tonto Natural Bridge, under the Mogollon Rim north of Payson, is one of the more unusual features of Arizona. The bridge, somewhat more a huge natural tunnel, is 150 feet wide, nearly 200 feet tall, and 400 feet long. Several trails thread their way through and around the bridge. We'll hike these trails, somewhat flexible on distance, exploring the bridge and its environs and have our lunch at the picnic area there. We'll also see the historic Goodfellow Lodge adjacent to the bridge, dating from the 1920s. Our journey there and back will feature spectacular views from the Mogollon Rim, an historic stone mileage marker from the original General Crook Trail, and a visit to the historic Strawberry one-room schoolhouse.

**7:15AM** – Arrive at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. **Meet your van in the parking lot in front of the Lifelong Learning, Building 31.**

**7:30AM** – Depart Campus

**8:15AM** – Pickup in Camp Verde and restroom stop

**9:00AM** – Stop at 13-mile Rock on US 260 (a marker from the original General Crook Trail)

**10:00AM** – Arrive Tonto Natural Bridge and spend the balance of the morning hiking

**Noon** – Lunch at Tonto Natural Bridge

**1:15PM** – Visit historic Strawberry Schoolhouse

**2:15PM** – Head out on the Rim Road (Forest Road 300 off Highway 87)

**3:00PM** – Explore fantastic views, talk about Mogollon Rim in general

**4:00PM** – Head back to campus

**5:15PM** – Camp Verde drop off

**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**

