



43 - Buckskin Mountain

Winter Road to Utah Border

General Information

Managed by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, this final section of the trail offers spectacular views of the Vermilion Cliffs, site of the reintroduction of California Condors to the wild.

Location: Northern Arizona on BLM land near Vermilion Cliffs at the Utah Border

Length: 10.8 miles

Difficulty: easy

Recommended Seasons of Use: Spring, Summer, Fall



Access: Southern trailhead: From I-40 travel north on Hwy 89 to Bitter Springs, then take Hwy 89A north over Navajo Bridge at Marble Canyon, past Vermilion Cliffs Lodge and Cliff Dwellers Lodge to House Rock Valley. Turn north (right), on BLM Road #1065 and follow this road for 15 miles, sticking to the best surface at forks. At the junction with BLM Road #1025, turn west (left). Drive up BLM Road #1025 for 4.0 miles.* Brown decayed posts and a large metal sign mark the AZT northbound to the right as you drive in. On the other side of BLM Road #1025, the trail continues south for 1.5 miles to a gate that marks the boundary to the Kaibab National Forest and the beginning of the Kaibab Plateau North passage.

Northern trailhead: From I-40, take Hwy 89 to Page; enter Utah, then travel through Big Water City and Church Wells, passing the BLM sign to Paria Canyon Information Station. When Hwy 89 turns to the north after passing through the massive ridge known as "The Cockscomb", turn south (left) onto a dirt road at the sign that says "House Rock Valley." This is BLM Road #700, although it is unmarked at most intersections. Continue south on this road for 9 miles, past the Buckskin Gulch and Wire Pass Trailheads. At the Utah/Arizona border, turn west (right) into the Stateline Campground. The trailhead parking is here, and the campground contains restroom and 5 primitive campsites.

Alternate northern access route through Marble Canyon: From I-40 travel north on Hwy 89 to Bitter Springs, then take Hwy 89A north over Navajo Bridge at Marble Canyon, past Vermilion Cliffs Lodge and Cliff Dwellers Lodge to House Rock. Turn north on BLM Road #1065 Coyote Valley Road. Take #1065 almost to the state line and turn left to trailhead.

Trail Route Description:

This passage begins at the US Forest Service boundary, 1.5 miles south of the Winter Road (BLM Road #1025). The route proceeds in a northerly direction. At the 1.1 mile mark, north of the Winter Road, the trail reaches Dead Man Canyon. After crossing that drainage it continues north and crosses Red Canyon at 2 miles. There is a road crossing at 2.3 miles and another one a half mile later. After reaching Basin Canyon, the trail switchbacks in and then out of that canyon and crosses another road at 3.7 miles. At 4.5 miles an unnamed small canyon is crossed. On the top of this canyon the trail goes through a gate (which should be kept closed) and then does another road crossing at the 5.2 mile mark. There is a hard turn to the east and then a slight turn to the northeast after a half a mile. After crossing another road at 6.7 miles, the trail works its way through the upper end of North Larkum Canyon. It parallels this canyon for a while and then comes to the edge of a plateau at around 8 miles. There are great views down into Coyote Valley from here. The trail executes some 22 switchbacks, working its way down off the plateau, and then crosses sage-covered flats to the Utah border trailhead.

***NOTE:** Winter Road (BLM Road #1025) is for high clearance vehicles.

Resources: Maps:

Custom map at 1:24,000 is available from the the Bureau of Land Management Information Center.

USGS Topographic Maps: Coyote Buttes, AZ and Pine Hollow Canyon, UT.

USFS Map: Kaibab National Forest (North Kaibab Ranger District)

Books:

"Arizona Trail: the Official Guide" by Tom Lorang Jones and the Arizona Trail Association, Westcliffe

"Biking the Arizona Trail" by Andrea Lankford, Westcliffe Publishers.

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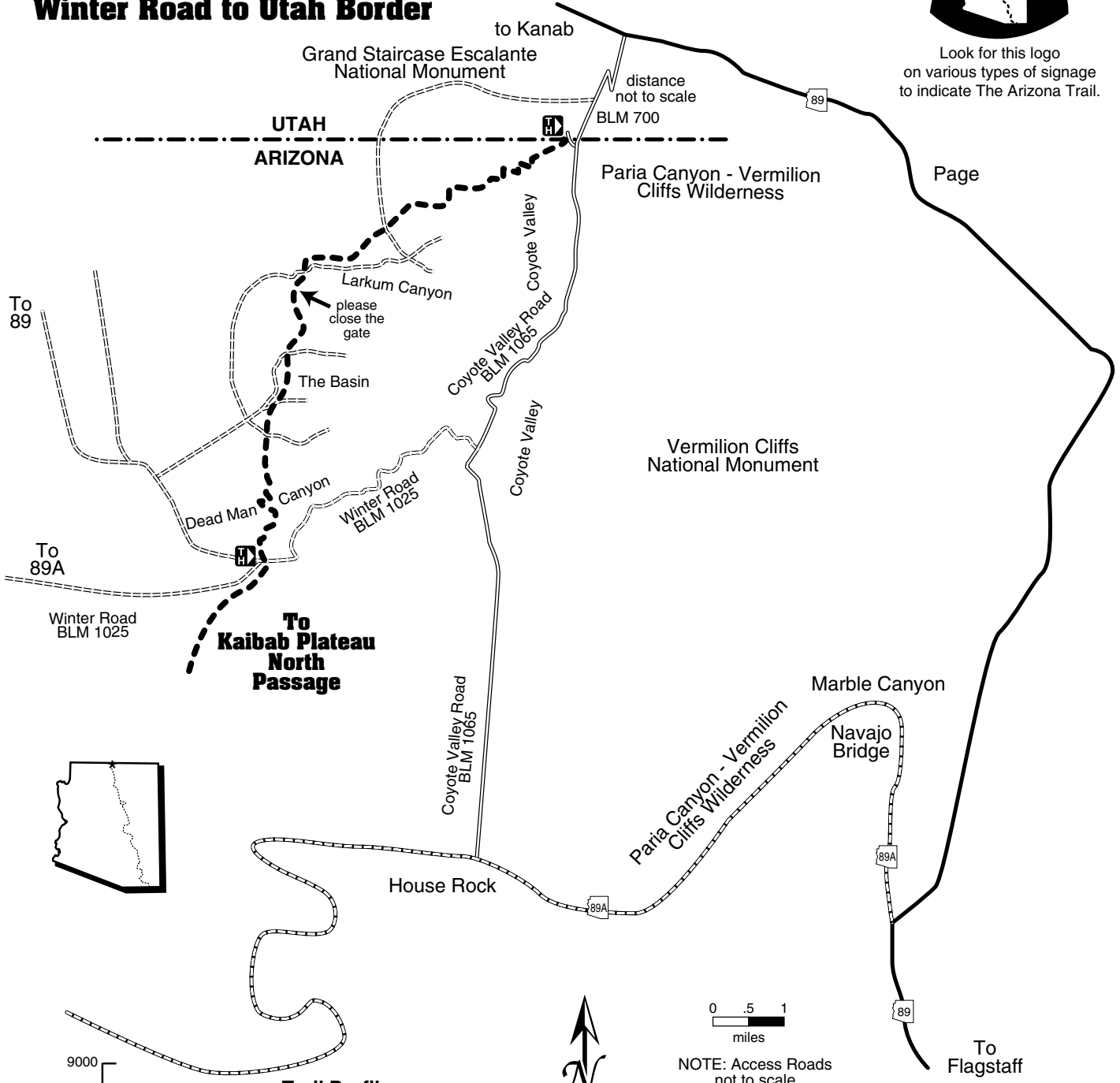
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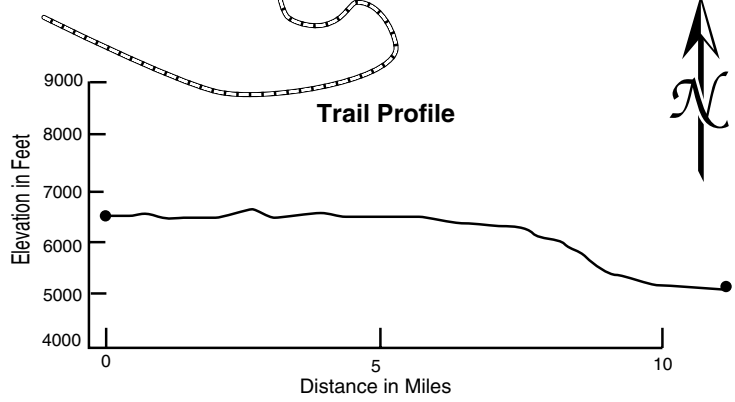
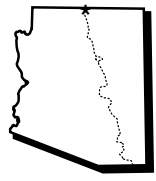


To 89

To 89A

Winter Road BLM 1025

To Kaibab Plateau North Passage



	The Arizona Trail		Trail (TR)
	AZ Trail Route		Forest Road
	4-W Drive Road		Trailhead
	Dirt Road		Mountain
	All-Weather Road		Recreation Site
	Paved Road		