



## **Back-Packing Routes & Itinerary**

### **Trips and Grade Levels:**

- **Sept 10 to 13 (9th & 12th Grades)**
- **Sept 24 to 27 (10th & 11th Grades)**

**\*Night 1:** Sept 10 and Sept 24

**\*Night 2:** Sept 11 and Sept 25

**\*Night 3:** Sept 12 and Sept 26

### **Route Numbers**

#### **1. High Fitness route**

- a. *Description:* Group enters wilderness at Sheep Corral trailhead and comes out at Alum Camp trailhead. *Approximate distance: 20 miles*

\*If heavy rain is forecast, this group goes in at Sheep Corral & goes out at Sapillo, with possibility of exploratory orienteering from a base-camp on the overland portion of #247.

- i. *Trail sequence:* #231 to #724 (north, upstream) to 788
- ii. *Approximate Itinerary & Campsites:*
  - i. Night 1: Convergence of #160 and #724
  - ii. Night 2: Murtock's Hole on #724
  - iii. Night 3: Convergence of #403 and #724

## 2. Mid Fitness route:

- *Description:* Three-night campsite two'ish miles downstream on Sapillo creek from where #247 begins to go overland from Sapillo Creek to the Gila river, with day hikes from that basecamp.

## 3. Mid-Fitness Route:

*-Description:* Group enters wilderness at TJ's corral trailhead and goes (a) out at The Visitor Center if low water levels and no chance of rain, OR (b) out and back, with a day hike to Jordan warm spring. *Approximate distance: 8 to 11 miles*

i. Trail 729 to 157 (downstream)

ii. *Approximate Itinerary & Campsites:*

\*Night 1: convergence of #729 with Middle Fork of Gila river (#157)

\*Night 2: same as night #1

\*Night 3: convergence of #157 & #27

## 4. Mid-Fitness Route:

*-Description:* Group enters wilderness at Woody's Corral and goes out at the Gila Cliff Dwellings, with optional day hike mid-trip toward Granny Mountain or Granite Peak.

*-Approximate distance: 7 to 9 miles*

i. *Trail Sequence:* Trail 160 to 162 (going right, to northwest) to 163 to 151, proceeding downstream on the West Fork and out at trailhead near the Gila Cliff Dwellings

ii. *Approximate Itinerary & Campsites:*

\*Night 1: convergence of #160 & #161

\*Night 2: same as night 1

Night 3: convergence of #151 and #813

#### 5. Mid-Fitness Route:

*-Description:* Group enters wilderness at Grapevine trailhead, and proceeds downriver from Grapevine if no chance of rain, with an out at Alum Canyon if needed.

- *Approximate distance: 7 to 10 miles*

- If Heavy Rain is forecast, this route becomes a forest service corral trailhead near the visitor's center to the middle fork.

- i. *Trail Sequence:* Trail 724 downstream, out at 785... with ability to explore on 724 down

ii. *Approximate Itinerary & Campsites:*

\*Night 1: convergence of Rincon canyon and #724

\*Night 2: same as night 1

\*Night 3: convergence of #724 and #785

6. Low-Fitness Route (with possible transformation into a mid-level route, with pre-planned day hikes):

- *Description:* Group enters wilderness at Rain Creek trailhead, to Rain Creek, out and back to the same trailhead. *Approximate distance: 6 miles*

i. *Trail Sequence:* In on Trail 189, out on 189

ii. *Approximate Itinerary & Campsites:*

\*Night 1: One mile upstream on Rain Creek from where trail #189 diverges from Rain Creek

\*Nights 2 & 3: same as Night 1