

Mormon Lake Campout & Mount Humphreys Hike

Friday, June 25 to Sunday, June 27, 2010

Join your hosts, David and Eric, for a summer escape with Desert Adventures. Dairy Springs Campground is in a cool grove of ponderosa pines and white firs 24 miles south east of Flagstaff. Three hiking trails originate at Dairy Springs. These trails lead to scenic overlooks of nearby Mormon Lake. Wildlife watching is also a popular activity in this area. The scenic little mountain resort village of Mormon Lake is conveniently close to the camp, offering horseback rides, mountain bike rentals. You'll also find a country store, service station, and a picturesque cowboy steak house there (and maybe a cowboy or two). Elevation at Dairy Springs is 7,000 feet.

On Saturday, those who are interested are invited to travel to Mount Humphreys for a hike to the highest peak in Arizona (elevation 12,633'). The hike is rated STRENOUS. The hiking trip is 8 miles round trip and includes an elevation gain of 3272'. The entire round trip hike takes about 5 hours. We will leave at 7:30 AM to get to Mt. Humphreys, about an hour away. The trail starts out in a nice flat meadow but quickly gains elevation as it ascends in a series of long switchbacks. After about 3 miles, the trail reaches a saddle at 11,800 feet. This saddle connects Humphreys Peak with Agassiz Peak to the south. From the saddle, the Humphreys Trail continues north for another mile as it passes several false summits. The trail follows the rocky treeless ridge to the main summit. Mount Humphreys is the highest point for hundreds of miles around, and a large portion of Arizona is visible from the summit. As you stand on the summit, you will gain a real sense of standing on top of the world.

- Dairy Springs Group Campsite A
- Tents and small motor homes up to 35'
- No utility hookups
- Pets must always be on a leash
- \$30 per person for members
- \$35 for non-members
- Price includes Saturday dinner
- Bring a side dish to share
- Cocktails at 5:30, dinner at 6:30 on Saturday
- Arrive after 2PM on Friday
- Depart prior to 2PM on Sunday
- Bring firewood
- Space is limited, register by June 20th
- Questions??? Email David at vidsmith@gmail.com, or call 480-262-7548

Directions: From Phoenix north on I-17 to Flagstaff. Drive south from Flagstaff 20 miles on Forest Highway 3 (Lake Mary Road) to the intersection of Forest Road 90. Turn west on FR 90 and drive 3.5 miles to Dairy Springs Campground

