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Fort Bowie Loop, AZ

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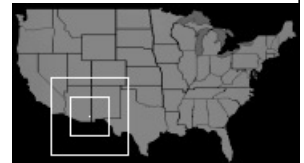
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Statistics

- Difficulty: 2.5 Route Finding: 1
- Distance Round Trip 3 miles
- Trailhead Elevation 4700 feet
- Elevation Gain 452 feet
- Accumulated Gain 515 feet
- Avg Time Round Trip 2.5 hours
- HAZ Quasi 5.58 Kokopelli

A Hike Through the Old West
by IRIE_LION

Large Profile
Forecast
Historical Weather
Radar



Interest: Historic

Course: Lasso-Loop Hike

Author IRIE_LION



Descriptions 2
Routes 0
Photos 292
Trips 35 map (207 Miles)
Age 29 Gender
Location Tolleson, AZ

HAZ Member Photos

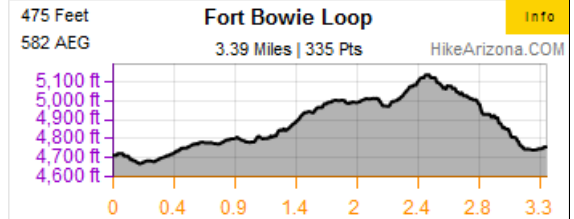


Count	Date	Member
10	2010-06-06	AZWaterRat
3	2010-04-11	wildjohn
47	2010-01-16	tibber
8	2009-06-02	Preston Sands
14	2008-11-16	cabel
10	2008-02-27	Preston Sands
18	2007-11-18	AZLOT69
16	2006-11-04	IRIE_LION

Photosets Rated Viewed

NPS Fort Bowie Historic Site

Seasons - ALL



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GPS Routes

Date	Points	Distance
2007-11-24 AZLOT69	335 Points	3.39 mi 582 ft
2010-01-16 tibber	958 Points	4.81 mi 1,172 ft

Spring Name

Reports Spring Name Map!

1 1 Apache Spring

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Nearby Hikes Springs
Direct Air Miles Away to Trailhead

- 1.2 • Butterfield Trail-Fort Bowie
- 5.1 • Emigrant Canyon Trail #255
- 10 • Dos Cabezas
- 11 • Bonita Creek Trail-Chiricahua N.M.

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Culture

- Graveyard
- Photograph
- Pioneer Fort/Fortification
- Pioneer Stone Dwelling
- Power Plant - Dam
- Stagecoach Station

Fauna

- American Kestrel
- Bald Eagle
- Coues Deer
- Great Horned Owl
- Heron
- Mexican Jay
- Peregrine Falcon
- Phainopepla
- Red Tailed Hawk

Flora

- Arizona Rainbow Cactus
- Arizona Walnut*
- Cane Cholla
- Desert Willow
- Engelmann Prickly Pear
- Mistletoe
- Ocotillo
- Prairie Zinnia

Geology

- Horquilla Limestone

This hike has alot of history to offer! With a rich past in Native history (Chochise and Geronimo) and the conquest of the American west by the US. The Trailhead to Fort Bowie begins from a parking lot on the graveled Apache Pass Road that runs south from the town of Bowie, or east from Ariz. 186. A 1.5 mile (3 mile loop) interpretive trail gives all the details of history which occurred in the area. The first trail junction from your left is the return route so stay on the trail heading straight.

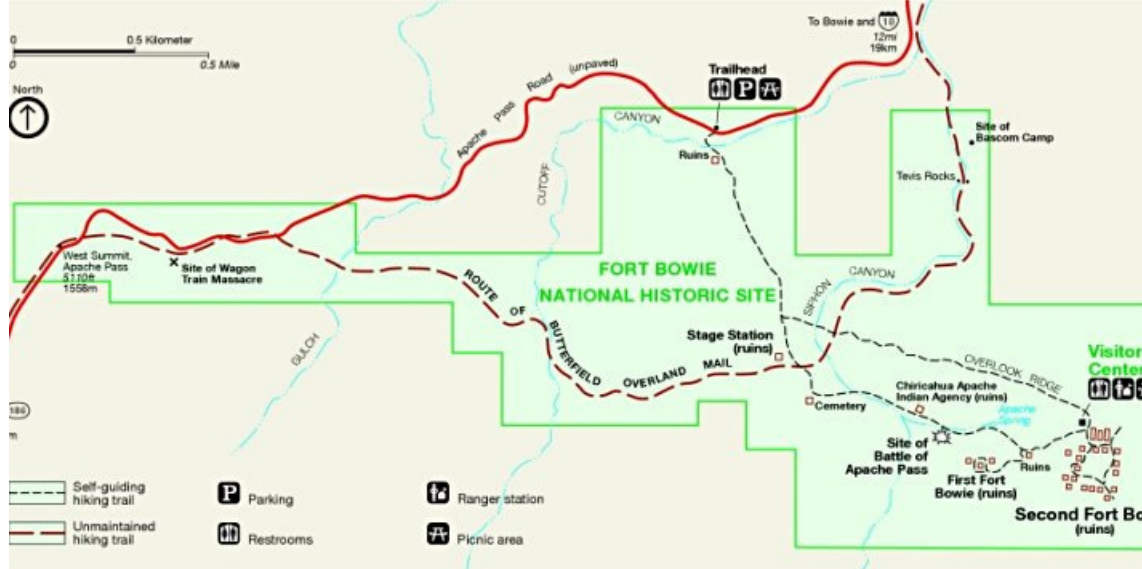
The first ruins to be seen is an old miners cabin sight. The famous Butterfield Overland Trail can be seen along with the ruins of its stage station. Next comes the post cemetary were still rest some civilians killed by apaches along with "Little Robe" one of Geronimo's sons. The U.S. Army casualties had been moved to San Francisco in 1895. The next sight is ruins of the adobe foundation of the Chiricahua Indian Agency which hints at the spirit of cooperation that existed during the first years of the Chircahua Reservation. Next is a recreation of an Apache Wickiup which gives the sense of what life was like in the ancient of days. Farther still come the Apache spring. The focal point for of which this history ocured. It was the only reliable water source for miles, and both the US establishment, and natives were reliant on it. For that reason there was much bloodshed over this source of water. The spring still runs, however signs around it say not to drink it. So examining the water it looked clean and clear, so I tasted it, and it was good. Far better than any tap water I've had. Just drink at your own risk. There is water available up at the visitor center not far from the spring, so I would advise just to wait until then. Next comes the ruins of the first site of Fort Bowie, a smaller fort situated on top of a small hill which a small side trail leads to 1/8th of a mile away. Retrace back down the trail to head up east to the much larger ruins and the grand site of the second Fort Bowie ruins. There is a visitor center filled with artifacts, pictures, and books of the area. Water is available outside of the visitor center. Also note that this does not get an extreme amount of visitors due to the fact the only way to access the ruins is by the 3 mile loop hike. So you may have the place to yourself.

The return trail heads up to Vista point which a small and steady climb to the top of a hill will give an overview of the forts sites, and also give a good vantage point of the valley. The trail then switchbacks back down the hill to intersect with the trail you started on. This may be a little rough for small children, but I would rate it slightly moderate. This is defenatly a hike to do if you like to hike to see historic sights, and this trail by far gives a great tour through the history of the area. At times its seemed as if I had traveled back in time.

- Nov 06 2006 **IRIE_LION**

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Water/Source: See Description Above
 Preferred Start Time: 10 AM Cell Phone Signal: ??? Sunrise 6:10am Sunset 6:36pm Login Required



Road/Vehicle: FR / Dirt Road / Gravel - Car Okay
 Fees/Permit: None
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Directions to hike: From Tucson take I-10 east to Willcox. From Willcox take Ariz. 186 22 miles to gravel Apache Pass Rd. Head east into Apache Pass Fort Bowie NHS Trailhead parking lot.

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WARNING! Hiking and outdoor related sports can be dangerous. Be responsible and prepare for the trip. Study the area you are entering and plan accordingly. Dress for the current and unexpected weather changes. Take plenty of water. Never go alone. Make an itinerary with your plan(s), route(s), destination(s) and expected return time. Give your itinerary to trusted family and/or friends.

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 - 44 Full | 29 Sheep Ridge
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- 2011-04-09 [1, 0, 1] Cooper Camp Loop 4-9-2011
- 2011-04-17 [2, 1, 0] AZT-Sycamore Trail segments Sunday Apr. 17
- 2011-04-23 [1, 0, 0] **Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training (Certifie**
- 2011-05-22 [3, 3, 1] Collins Spring to Kane Gulch - May 22-26, 2011
- 2011-08-10 [1, 1, 0] Chilkoot Trail - August

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