

TONTO National Forest



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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

VINEYARD TRAIL 131

RANGER DISTRICT

Tonto Basin Ranger Station
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East End: (Vineyard Trailhead): From State Highway 188, pull off immediately northwest of the Roosevelt Bridge. No signs identify the trailhead parking area.

West End: (Mills Ridge Trailhead): From the Roosevelt Dam, drive 3.4 miles northwest to Forest Road (FR) 429. Turn left and follow this road another 4.6 miles. High clearance vehicles recommended.

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light

Trail difficulty: More difficult

Trail length: 4.5 miles

Season of Use: All year

USGS maps: Theodore Roosevelt Dam

Elevation: Highest: 3600 feet, Lowest: 2200 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

As the trail leaves the highway from Vineyard Trailhead, it passes through historic Camp O'Rourke, an area inhabited by Theodore Roosevelt Dam workers and their families in the early 1900's. The trail climbs steeply over a converted jeep-track that was once used to access an electronic reflector on Vineyard Mountain. From the reflector, the trail leaves the old road. The trail crosses Vineyard Mountain and descends to Forest Road (FR) 132 and follows the road for a short distance where it crosses FR 336 (FR 132 and FR 336 are open to motor vehicles) The trail then leaves the road and follows a ridge top for approximately 1.5 miles where it terminates at the Mills Ridge Trailhead at the end of FR 429.

CONNECTING TRAILS

As part of the Arizona Trail, the route continues west on the Four Peaks Trail 130, or southwest across Roosevelt Bridge to the Thompson Trail 121.

ATTRACTIONS

- Trail passes through a variety of Lower Sonoran Desert vegetation plant communities.
- Spectacular views of Roosevelt Lake, Apache Lake, Roosevelt Dam and Four Peaks
- Historic Camp O'Rourke located near the east terminus. Signs of long-abandoned tent sites and building foundations are visible from the trail.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Motor vehicles are prohibited on this trail.
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- At the lower elevations, temperatures can exceed 110°F in summer. At the higher elevations, snow occurs during the winter.
- Help keep your trails clean: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Trail is open to hikers, horses and mountain bikes; however, travel by mountain bike is difficult due to rugged terrain and steep slopes.

