

TRAILS
HELLS GATE WILDERNESS

There is a network of “system” trails serving the Hells Gate Wilderness Area and contiguous areas. Their condition varies from satisfactory to very poor. All trails are closed to motor vehicles and mechanical transport such as bikes.

Use a great deal of caution when traveling on backcountry trails such as this one and be aware of the risks you assume.

A few brief comments are in order about the following trail:

Mescal Ridge Trail 186: 3 miles in length. Most of this route is an old jeep trail. An easy trail that works its ways south on Mescal Ridge (with excellent views of the countryside) to a stock tank located between Tonto Creek and Bull tank Canyon. Elevation: 5400 - 5580 feet. Termini: Bear Flat Trail 178 and dead ends on ridge above Tonto Creek.

Use of any mechanized or motorized is prohibited on this trail. No more than 15 people are allowed to be in a group. No more than 15 head of livestock are allowed in a group.