

Roundup Hike Descriptions

Ordered roughly from easiest to most difficult. All hikes depart from main tent on Saturday morning.

Lower Muddy Creek (4-5 hours/8 miles or much shorter depending on needs of group). This is an easy meander through the beautiful Muddy Creek Gorge, perfect for families, slower-paced hikers and dogs. Individuals can head back to camp on their own at any time. Numerous stream crossings are involved so expect shoes to get wet. Stream flow varies from year to year but it is typically ankle to mid-calf deep. This is a great hike for kids, with opportunities to play in the water and/or mud!

Hike Leader: Scott Groene

Departure Time: 10am

Wayne's Wiggle/Hidden Splendor Overlook (3-5 hours/6+ miles). This moderate hike begins with a steep, rocky push followed by a short scramble through a narrow passageway to the mesa top. Hikers are then rewarded with magnificent views of Hidden Splendor and the Muddy Creek proposed wilderness. The hike may continue along the mesa top for as long as the group desires.

Hike Leader: Kathlene Audette & Gina Riggs

Departure Time: 9am

Chimney Canyon (5-6 hours/10 miles). A long, moderate hike with great views of the Swell's Kessel Country and a stop at the well-preserved Little Susan Mine site. **Note:** there are two exposed scrambles at the entrance to this canyon (one 8 feet, one 20 feet). A hand line may be set up to assist hikers if needed.

Hike Leader: Neal Clark

Departure Time: 9am

Mud Canyon (5-6 hours/9 miles). A long, moderately difficult hike through an intimate Moenkopi sandstone canyon with some scrambling over large chockstones. Pools may be present so wading shoes and plastic bags (for cameras, etc.) are recommended. Return trip includes roughly 2 miles of hiking along the Hidden Splendor road back to camp.

Hike Leader: Robin Kirker

Departure Time: 9am

Technical Canyoneering Adventure (6-8 hours, location TBA). For those with at least some climbing/canyoneering experience. This will be a challenging slot canyon adventure involving some rappels and possible water-filled potholes. Bring your own climbing harness and helmet, a warm layer, and waterproof bags to keep gear dry. Depending on conditions, a wetsuit may also be advisable.

Hike Leader: Tom Jones

Departure Time: 8am

Other Activities:

Writing Workshop (Time/location TBA). Join Brooke Williams in exploring the creative space where inner and outer wilderness meet. Bring pen/paper/open mind.

Informal Stargazing/Astronomy Talk (Saturday night). Weather/clouds permitting, Emily Stock will share her knowledge of the night sky.