

Four Springs Trail #652



Distance: 8.3 Miles, 9 miles with Lake Mountain Spur

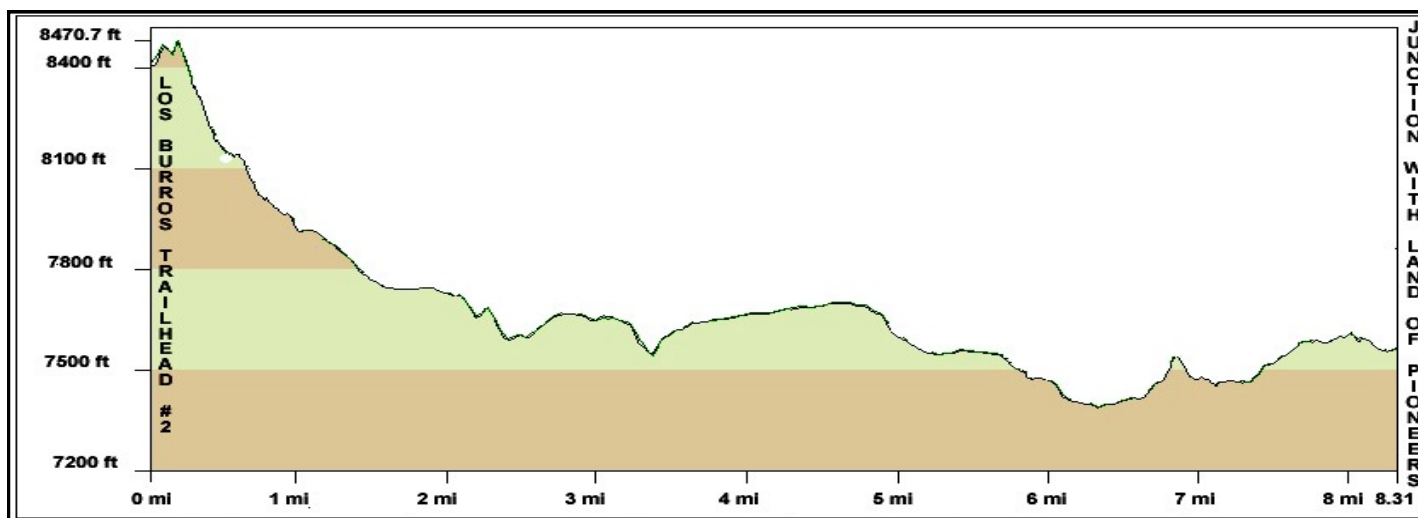
Difficulty: (as rated by the US Forest Service)

Hiking - Difficult
Mountain Biking - Difficult
Equestrian - Difficult

Trailhead Parking: Los Burros Trailhead and Land of the Pioneers Trailhead accommodate trailers.

Access to Trail: The Four Springs Trailhead may be accessible only during June and July at the Lake Mountain Lookout tower. From Lakeside, travel south on AZ 260 to McNary. Go north on Apache County 3140 (Vernon-McNary Rd) for about 9 miles and turn left on FR 267. Travel about one-half mile to the Lake Mountain Lookout Road and turn left. The trailhead is just below the Lake Mountain Fire Lookout, near the top of the mountain. The trail may also be accessed from Los Burros Trailhead 2 by the Four Springs Connector.

Trail Highlights: Four Springs Trail connects Los Burros Trail #631 and Land of the Pioneers Trail #651. The trail winds between four springs and Hidden Lake. Dipping Vat Spring is the site of a historic sheep camp. Remnants of the dipping vat can be found in the meadow several hundred feet to the north of the tank. Several outstanding views of the White Mountains can be seen from the spur trail to Lake Mountain. Portions of this trail are extremely steep. Elevations range from 8500 feet on top of Lake Mountain to 7500 feet near Mud Spring. The "lake" on top of Lake Mountain is a natural depression on the east side of the mountain. The lake is ephemeral, filling with water from the snowmelt and during summer monsoons. There is a short, steep spur



This trail has coded white diamonds, approximately ¼ mile apart, which correspond to the codes on the map below. If you need to call 911 for an emergency, tell the 911 operator the code on the nearest white diamond so that emergency responders can more readily locate you.



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- Connector - Yellow Dots
- Shortcut - Red Dots
- Vista - Green Star
- Trailhead - Green Star