

Whiterocks

Trail Access: Whiterocks Trailhead

Allowable Uses: Hiking

Distance: 4 miles (round trip)

Difficulty: Moderate

Hiking Time: 2 hours



Trail Description

From the Whiterocks trailhead along hwy 18, the hike crosses an open lava field and dry creekbed before meeting a T-intersection. From here, hikers can choose to take a short spur trail into the rocky cliffs ending at a natural amphitheater. Back at the T-intersection, a left turn will take hikers through sparse thickets of scrub oak before arriving at an expansive overlook of the main canyon. The trail turns down a steep slickrock slope and traverses the lava flow down to the next intersection with Gila Trail entering from the left. Continue in a SW direction along a route of mixed sand and basalt lava. Hikers will come to a red and white slickrock overlook of West Canyon Road. This trail ends shortly after at the intersection with Lava Flow Trail.

Special Features

The Whiterocks amphitheater features expansive views and offers opportunities for rock scrambling. Due to the change in elevation, this region of the park features different plants and wildflowers than lower regions.

Safety and Considerations

This trail features uneven rock surfaces and long stretches of sand with little to no shade. Wear suitable footwear

Park Rules

- All hikers are required to stay on mapped trails.
- Dogs not allowed on Whiterocks trail.
- Day Use hours are 6am-10pm