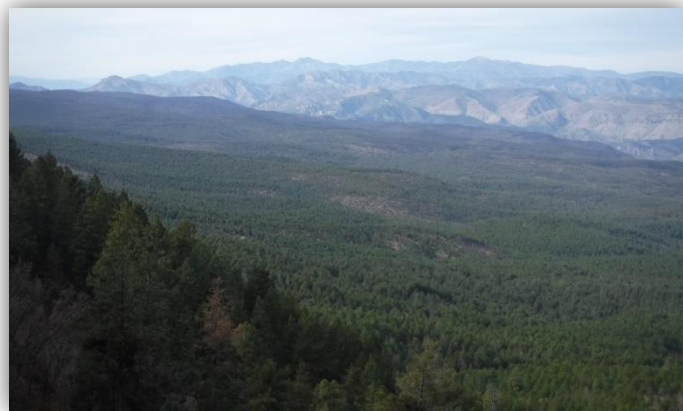


Tadpole Ridge from Sheep Corral, Trail 232

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Trail 232 across Tadpole Ridge features dynamic views of the Gila's distant mountain ranges on the broad horizons to the north. This hike begins at Sheep Corral and the 7-miles of dirt road to the trail head are worth the drive to hike the west end of this prominent ridge. A high-clearance vehicle is recommended.

Park at the corral and hike up the slope toward the water tank to find the trailhead marker. From the trailhead, it's about 1.3 miles to a saddle. At the saddle, the trail climbs steeply to Tadpole Lake, a small pond that usually has water. Past the pond, the trail continues ascending along a narrow, rocky ridge. This section of the trail offers outstanding views to the north. The turnaround point for this hike is at 5.4 miles when the trail begins a steep descent to the saddle on the east end of the ridge. It's a 10.8-mile roundtrip, but a turnaround can be done at any point. Most of the hiking is in pines with some exposure on the narrow ridgeline. There is about 2,200 feet total ascent. Favorite aspects of this trail are the views, the wildness of the area, and its proximity to Silver City.

Kudos go out to Jeff Arndt and Mary Barrett, who have worked seasonally to keep this trail brushed out and open for hikers.

Getting to the trailhead. From Silver City at the intersection of Hwy 180 and 90, go east on 180 one half mile then turn left onto Hwy 15. Go north on Hwy 15 for 17 miles then turn left onto the dirt road to Sheep Corral. Go 7 miles and park at the corral.

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