Solitude Monitoring
Saddle Mountain Wilderness
Nankoweap / Saddle Mountain Trail

Monitoring Area

Between the two trailheads of the Nankoweap/Saddle Mountain Trail #57 in the Saddle Mountain Wilderness. Primary access is from the lower trailhead to the National Park Service boundary where the Nankoweap Trail continues into Grand Canyon, especially during the winter season, but there is also access from the upper trailhead used in the summer.

You do not need to hike the entire length of the monitoring area in the monitoring session.

Driving Directions

Lower (winter) trailhead:

From the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, go east on US 89A, a paved road, about 20 miles to FR 8910 (House Rock Wildlife Area). Turn right and go 23.5 miles to where FR 8910 forks and take the right fork and go another 4 miles to the trailhead. FR 8910 is suitable for passenger cars.

Trailhead coordinates: 36.3476117, -111.9523546

Upper (summer) trailhead:

From the Kaibab Plateau Visitor Center in Jacob Lake, go south on AZ 67, a paved road, for 27.5 miles (0.6 miles beyond DeMotte park Campground entrance). Turn left onto FR 611. Approximately 1.4 miles turn right onto FR 610 and go 12.3 miles to the end of the road and the trailhead. FR 610 and FR 611 are both suitable for passenger cars.

Trailhead coordinates: 36.3031103, -111.99476