Backpacking
Paria Canyon Wilderness, AZ

$525 Student Member
$650 Community/Staff Member
*Participants cover 7 meals during road travel.

ROPE will be holding Two Pre-Trip meetings to ensure that participants are prepared for this adventure.

Attendance is necessary for participation.

Pre-Trip Meetings:
February 3rd 5pm at the OAC
February 17th 5pm at the OAC
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Schedule

Saturday February 27th
6:30AM – Meet at Outdoor Adventure Center
6:45AM – Depart in van
9:00PM – Camp at Santa Rosa Lake SP, NM
*Lunch & Dinner on Road

Sunday February 28th
6:30AM – Breakfast
7:30AM – Depart in van
7:00PM – Camp at Ponderosa Grove BLM
*Lunch on road

Monday February 29th
8:00AM – Breakfast
9:00AM – Permit Run
Day Hiking in Coral Pink Sand Dunes State Park
6:00PM – Camp at Wire Pass TH

Tuesday March 1st
On Trail – Buckskin Gulch/Paria Canyon

Wednesday March 2nd
On Trail – Paria Canyon (Entrance to Wrather Canyon)

Thursday March 3rd
On Trail – Paria Canyon

Friday March 4th
On Trail – Exit to Lee’s Ferry

Saturday March 5th
6:30AM – Breakfast
7:30AM – Depart in van
8:00PM – Camping in West Texas
*Lunch & Dinner on Road

Sunday March 6th
6:30AM – Breakfast
7:30AM – Depart in van
8:00PM – Arrive
*Lunch & Dinner on Road
The spectacular scenic beauty of Paria Canyon is known nationwide. Hikers are drawn to its colorful, winding corridors of stone; its narrow, constricted gorges and its stunning display of seven major geologic formations exposed like the pages of a book.

Expect the wild! No designated trails, campsites, signs, or facilities will be found within the wilderness boundary. The canyon terrain is rugged and hikers should be in good physical condition.

Paria Canyon is a national wilderness area known for its narrow winding gorges. Connecting to Paria, the Buckskin Gulch is longest slot canyon in the world. ROPE is excited to offer this incredible trip into the American high desert. The terrain is inspiring but can be hazardous. Slot canyons change with each seasonal rain, where flash floods can quickly flood and carry boulders and sediment crashing down the canyon.

ROPE will conduct this trip will all due caution and risk management in order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our participants. Participants should expect a moderately difficult and sometimes strenuous trip. The terrain is often rugged and participants will find themselves walking through cold pools of water frequently before drying off at the day’s end. The challenge is high, but the rewards are great with such an experience.

In addition to being much more arid than Houston, the desert environment can be quite cold at night with large swings in temperature during the day. During this season we can expect 30F nights with cooler days spent inside the canyon. There will be extended periods during which the sun will not touch the canyon floor.

**Participants are expected to:**

- Be in good physical health and possess the physical strength to manage challenges including: carrying a 35lb backpack, scramble boulder fields with rope guides, hike for 10-13 miles over rugged terrain, maintain composure during challenges.

- Learn and practice exemplary Leave No Trace philosophy and methods.

  *Hikers must carry out all trash and solid human waste in Paria Canyon.*

- Follow directions where the group takes precautionary action to minimize risk.

- Provide essential footwear and clothing that meets the demands of this trip.
Gear List for Backpacking Trips

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Make sure to bring everything listed below to ensure a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

All gear that is listed as provided must still be rented out by each participant at the pre-trip meeting or some other time arranged with the trip leaders. There is no fee for this rental.

Essential items ROPE provides:

- Backpack
- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Bowl & Personal Utensils
- Headlamp
- Whistle
- Neoprene Socks
- Tents
- Water Filters
- Cooking Equipment
- Trail Meals

Necessary Personal Items

- 1 Pair of Hiking Boots or Hiking Shoes
- Medications (for allergies, etc.)
  You Must inform us if you take any medications.
- 2 synthetic T-shirts
- 1-2 Long sleeve synthetic shirts
- 1 synthetic pants (zip-off preferable; NO jeans)
- 1 pair of synthetic shorts
- 1 Hooded Rain Jacket (No Ponchos)
- 1 warm fleece or down jacket
- 1 insulating long-sleeve shirt
- 1 insulating legs layer
- 3-4 of hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
- 3-4 of underwear
- 1 warm hat
- Personal Toiletries (Toothbrush, etc.)
- 2 Bottles for water (storage for 2 liters)
- Warm Gloves
- Small and lightweight hand towel

Optional yet recommended

- Camera (H2O protection encouraged)
- Journal & Pen
- Cards/Game
- Favorite Snack Foods
- Lightweight Drinking Mug
- Campshoes (lightweight; e.g. sandals)
- Sun hat
- Camelback water bladder
- Sunglasses
- Bandana(s)
- Waterproof stuff sacks

Small Bag for Travel

- 1 pair pants/shorts
- 2 shirts
- 2 underwear
- 1-2 socks
- Toiletries for shower
It is not necessary for you to purchase a lot of expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. Our major concern is that all participants have appropriate equipment for a safe and comfortable experience.

If you are unsure whether an item or clothing you own is appropriate for this trip, please contact us prior to the trip or bring the item/clothing to the pre-trip meeting.

Please leave jewelry and other non-essentials at home.

These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.

Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will not be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do not bring them!