

Corn Spring Day Hike

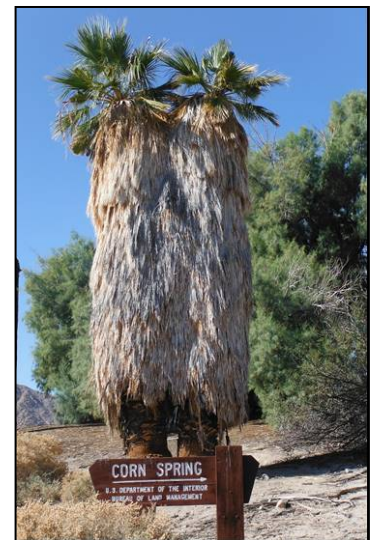
Number of Nights	Day Hike, Car Camp
Trailhead Location	Corn Spring
Directions	BLM campsite Take I-605 N Take I-10E From Interstate 10, take Exit # 201 onto Chuckwalla Valley Road. Follow Chuckwalla Valley Road to the left (south) to Corn Springs Road. Turn right onto Corn Springs Road and drive 6.8 miles You will see the sign for Corn Springs Campground in front of the oasis. Turn right into the campground; located about 10 miles from Interstate 10.
Trailhead Distance	190 miles (from Long Beach, CA)
Backpack RT Distance	6.5 miles
Elevation	1,600 ft
High Adventure Award	LBAC Corn Spring Award
Water Source	Corn Spring Campground
Bathroom Facility	Pit toilets
Contact	(760) 833-7100
Cost	\$6 total for the site per night

Summary

Corn Spring Campground is located in an oasis of California palms deep in a painted canyon of the Chuckwalla Mountains. The group campsite has picnic tables, potable water, grills, new pit toilets, free firewood, and shade ramadas.

This oasis supports abundant wildlife and is an important stopping place for migratory birds. It is the site of prehistoric Native American tribal groups to include the Chemehuevi, Cahuilla, and Yuma people. The petroglyphs at Corn Spring are one of the finest examples of rock art in the Colorado Desert and date back as far back as 10,000 years. This trip is perfect for Scouts working on their Indian Lore and Archeology merit badges.

The enclosed day hike will allow Scouts to explore the petroglyphs at this site, visit the ruins of prospector August “Gus” Lederer’s home and mill site (which date back to the late 1800s), and hike to his final resting place at Aztec Well.



Map to Corn Spring



High Level Map of Route from Corn Spring to Aztec Well



Begin your hike at Corn Spring campground and hike over to the cliff face indicated on the map. Explore the petroglyphs carved into the rocks. When ready, hike over to the cliff face on the opposite side of Corn Springs Road and explore the petroglyphs there.



When ready, get back onto Corn Springs Road and hike back towards camp. Turn left at the fork in the road (a right turn would take you back into the Corn Spring campground) and follow Corn Spring road until you reach Gus Lederer's cabin which will be on the right side of the road. Go in and explore the cabin and imagine your life 100 years ago.



When ready, continue heading west on Corn Springs road until you reach Aztec Well which is identifiable by a fork in the road and a prospector cabin on the left just past the fork. Turn left onto the road past the prospector cabin. Approximately 1/10 mile you will see another road/trail that cuts back to the left again and up the hill. You will see the gravesite on your left.



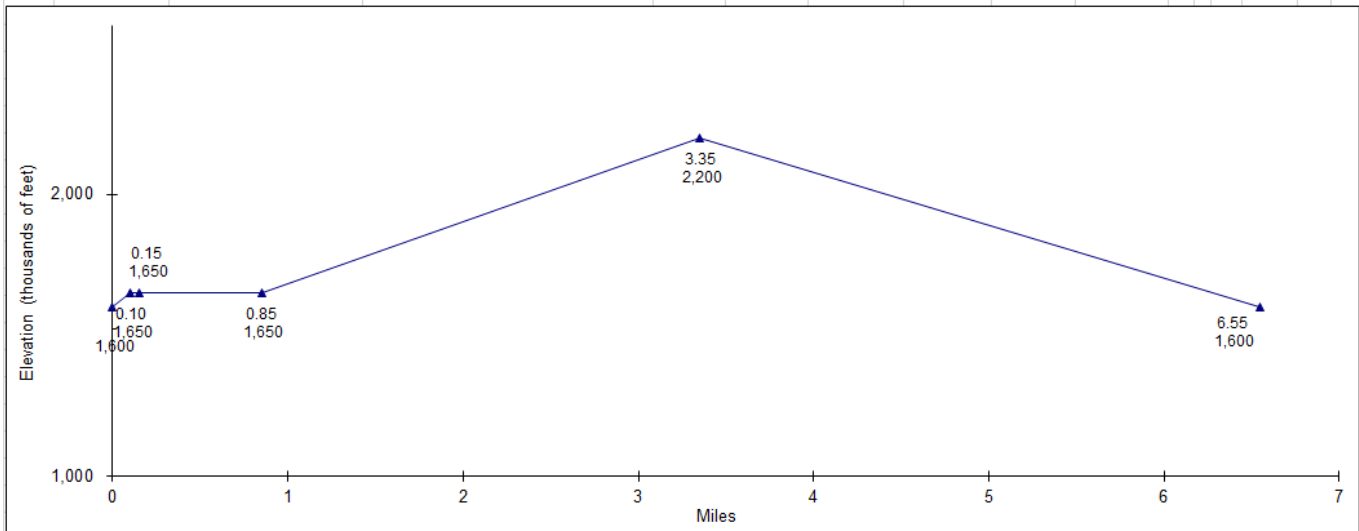
Trail Profile / Trail Schedule

Location: Corn Spring
Date: December, 2014
Attendance: Troop 67

Hike Criteria & Assumptions

mileage with pack	0.00	Per mile pace, with pack	2
mileage with out pack	6.55	Per mile pace, no pack	2.5
total mileage	6.55	Add 1 hour of hiking with pack for elevation gain of	1000
total elevation gain	0,600	Add 1 hour of hiking no pack for elevation gain of	1500

Trail Profile



Trail Schedule

Leg	Trail Location / Waypoint	With Pack	Elevation		Mileage		allowances in minuet for elevation	total time between legs	accumulative trail time for entire trip
			Actual At Point	Gain Per Leg	Between Points In Leg	Cum. Trip Total			
0	33.626102, -115.325559 Start, Corn Spring	No	1,600						
1	33.624978, -115.324526 Petroglyphs	No	1,650	50	0.10	0.10	02 02 0	04	0 : 00
2	33.625688, -115.324148 Petroglyphs	No	1,650	-	0.05	0.15	00 01 0	01	0 : 04
3	33.627811, -115.335996 Gus Lederer's Cabin	No	1,650	-	0.70	0.85	00 17 0	17	0 : 06
4	33.632953, -115.374641 Gus Lederer's Grave, Aztec Wells	No	2,200	550	2.50	3.35	22 60 1	22	1 : 22
5	33.626102, -115.325559 End, Corn Spring	No	1,600	(600)	3.20	6.55	00 77 1	17	3 : 44

Topographical maps & sources use to prepare:

USGS Corn Spring Quadrangle
 BLM Eagle Mountains 30x60 min

Peaks Climbed

N/A

Additional Information

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/corn_springs_campground.html