



Diamondback Gulch
 Rating: Adventurous
 Time: 2.0 hours

START
 Reset 0.0



Grid size: 1 mile

- Key
- Paved roads
 - - - Easy dirt roads - 4H
 - · · Moderate to Adventurous - 4L
 - · - · Other or not recommended roads

To get to the Trailhead: From Hwy 89A in West Sedona, turn right (north) on Dry Creek Road. Turn left at T (unmarked, Boynton Canyon Rd). Turn left again at next T onto Boynton Pass Road. Pavement ends after about 2 miles, at a cattle guard.

- 1 Approximately 1 mile from the cattle guard at the end of pavement, look for houses on the right and sign for Bear Mountain Estates. Turn left onto wide trailhead directly across from the houses. 152A sign is about 100 feet in from road. Shift to 4H. Reset trip odometer to 0.0. Stay left in the first mile of the trail where several lesser roads go right. Watch for rocks and holes, keep speed below 10 mph. Use 4L if the rock steps are bigger than 6 inches high (usually beginning at the first wash crossing).
- 2 Pass an old cattle chute (corral) at 2.2 miles. At 2.6 miles turn right where a locked gate blocks the trail going left. Trail becomes steeper in places, with rock ledges to pick your way around.
- 3 The top of the Diamondback Gulch is at 3.5 miles, a steep 300-foot descent, and a 400-foot climb back up the other side. You may want to scout on foot carefully first, in order to avoid any blind drop-offs. Shift to 4L. stay in 4L for the remainder of the trail. While feathering the brake, let the Jeep slowly crawl straight down, with minor corrections to avoid holes and drop offs.
- 4 When you climb back up the other side of Diamondback Gulch, let the Jeep pull you up in 4L at a walking speed. Continue straight on the main trail—rockier from here. Watch for blind drop offs and rocks. If a rock is basketball size or bigger, go around or carefully place a tire on it to lift you up and over.
- 5 Cattle guard at 4.8 miles. Go over the cattle guard then stay left—watch for a few more blind drop-off rocky spots.
- 6 At 5.3 miles, exit from FR 9513 onto FR 525, a wide graded gravel road. Turn left to return to Hwy 89A (about 3 miles south), Or turn right to go to Ruins or Outlaw, or back to Sedona via Boynton Pass Road.