



**AMERICA'S
WALKING CLUB**
— ESTABLISHED 1976 —

Grand Canyon – North Rim Widforss Trail

8K/16K Rated: 2B Y1646

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JUNE 1 to SEPTEMBER 30 ONLY!

(Weather permitting)

Know before you go! Check with the Grand Canyon Park Headquarters for weather conditions at the North Rim. Website: [Plan Your Visit-North Rim](#). The website [AZ511.com](#) gives road conditions and closures in Arizona.

Restrooms and water:

The only restroom on the Widforss trail is a pit toilet at the trailhead parking lot. There is no water here or on the trail. You may continue on main road about 3 miles past the road to Widforss Trailhead in directions below to the North Rim Grand Canyon Lodge and Visitor's Center (about 14 miles from park entrance) for restrooms, food and water.

911 Emergency phone service is available close to the lodge, but may not be available on area trails. The North Rim, Grand Canyon Lodge is ranger staffed when open. Phone number is [\(928\) 638-7888](#).

Driving Directions to the North Rim, Widforss Trailhead:

From the Northwest, take I-15 in Utah East onto Hwy 389 to Fredonia, AZ. Then **Right** on Hwy 89A to Jacob Lake, AZ. And, **Right** (south) on Hwy 67, 30 miles to the Park Entrance. **You will need to pay an entry fee or have a National Parks pass to enter.** Travel an additional 11 miles south of the entrance to turn right on dirt/gravel road ¼ mile after Cape Royal Road junction. Continue one mile on unpaved road to gravel parking lot on left with Widforss Trailhead kiosk and pit toilet. the Grand Canyon Lodge at the North Rim. Hwy 67 is closed in winter.

From Grand Canyon Village on the South Rim, go **East** in the Park to Desert View parking area. Then continue out of the Park on Hwy 64 to Cameron. **Left** (north) on US 89 to The Gap. At The Gap, continue north on US 89 to Hwy 89A. **Left** (west) on 89A to Jacob Lake, AZ and continue on Hwy 67 as above.

Widforss Trailhead GPS Coordinates: 36.22386° N, 112.06533° W

Hike Conditions: The North Rim of the Grand Canyon is located at an altitude of 8,000+/- feet above sea level. The air at this elevation is thin, with less oxygen. Don't hurry. Stop frequently to lower your heart rate. Carry ample fluids to continually hydrate and bring energy snacks. A basic first-aid kit and bug repellent are good ideas. It is never advisable to hike alone.

Temperatures during the day can range from a low of 40 degrees to 80+ degrees depending on the season. Layer clothing and be prepared for unexpected changes in weather. Rain in the area can move in and out rapidly. Carry rain gear but avoid umbrellas as lightning strikes can occur frequently.

The terrain is undulating with less than 100 foot elevation gain and loss over several ups and downs. Walking poles are recommended as well as shoes with good ankle support and tread suitable for the various types of ground cover including gravel, rocks, roots, dirt and fine sand.



All participants:

The pit toilet here is the only “facilities”.
There is no water here or on the trail. This is
an out and back trail.

- 1) **Enter** Widforss Trail at the information kiosk. Trail follows the rim of Transept canyon with great views and intermittent old growth forest stands.
- 2) Continue for 4 km to **Sculptured Rocks** on left.



- 3) For 8 km, **RETRACE** your steps back to the Widforss Parking Lot to Finish.

16 km Walkers go to step 4

- 4) **CONTINUE** to follow the trail through the forest of mixed conifer and aspen, then open Ponderosa Pine woodland to the Viewpoint trail end.



- 5) **RETRACE** your steps back to the Widforss Parking Lot and the finish for a 16km hike.

We hope you enjoyed this trail and will explore more of the amazing National Park that is the Grand Canyon North Rim.

Event related assistance or suggestions for improvement please contact:

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Be sure to log back into the OSB system (my.ava.org) to finish/complete your online registration after doing the walk. The OSB system does not deduct any walking fee from a walker's Event Bank until they have submitted walk completion info including the date the event was walked, the distance walked, and the selection of applicable special programs that walker is participating in. (NOTE: The \$2 fee for event PDF Download is deducted from the user's Event Bank when the pdf is downloaded. This prepaid fee is applied against the credit fee(s) at the OSB "Finish Table" when you submit the walk completion info. However, the \$2 "coupon" for the downloaded PDF expires 60 days from download.)



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