Aravaipa Trip

We will be leaving from BioSci East on Friday.

We will camp at the east side of Aravaipa on Friday night. You will need a sleeping bag and flash light. It can get cool at night so a sweater or jacket is advisable. Most people bring a tent or cot to sleep in/on. On Saturday, we will camp on the west side at TNC property. We should be done before noon on Sunday and it is about 1.5 hours back to Tucson. The hikers will leave at 7AM on Saturday – it is usually very cool but after the first site, things warm up.

We have nine sites – 3 east side, 3 in canyon and 3 west side.

Food and Water – I will provide dinner on Friday and Saturday evenings – these will be spaghetti one night and burritos the other night. You will be responsible for breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks. Something that does not need cooking is best. We will stop to get gas at Wilcox – this will be the last opportunity to purchase anything on Friday. Those that drive around can stop on Saturday afternoon. Do not drink Aravaipa water without a filter. I will carry (in my truck) a supply (30 gallons) of extra water.

Clothing – Hiking through Aravaipa is a difficult and strenuous hike. I have found that neoprene socks and old running shoes work well for the hike. I do not recommend TEVA’s or leather boots to hike through. You hike about 50% of the time in the water and you get a lot of sand and gravel in your shoes. There is no established trail to follow. If you want to try TEVA’s, you have to carry an extra pair of shoes. It does get hot hiking through the canyon and rocks are slippery. Other will wear gaiters over their shoes to prevent gravel from getting in. When we are electroshocking, you need to be careful and insulated – I have a couple pairs of waders that can be used.