



Black Canyon Trail Mountain Biking

LENGTH: 3 Days / 2 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping

FITNESS LEVEL: Intermediate to advanced

[For up-to-date pricing and dates, please visit our website.](#)



The Black Canyon Trail offers the traveler a history lesson on a backdrop of endless vistas. The BCT follows a route used since the times of pre-historic Native American travelers and traders. In 1919, the Department of the Interior officially established the route as a livestock driveway. During that time it was often used by shepherds from the Phoenix area to herd sheep to and from their summer ranges in the Bradshaw and Mingus Mountains. Later, sections of the trail were used as a stagecoach road between Phoenix and Prescott.

In 2008, the trail was designated a “National Recreation Trail”. This 80 mile IMBA-designed trail winds along the floor of saguaro-clad desert and through classic frontier scenery. Our first section, from Bumble Bee to the Table Mesa trailhead offer the most dramatic scenery and the most adventurous riding. We will cross the Aqua Fria River many times along our exciting route.

Trip Amenities and Meals

All camping on this trip is in primitive camp areas. There are no shower facilities, but solar showers will be available. Cell phone service is good. All meals on this trip are prepared by your guides.

Day 1 | Big Bug to Bumblebee camp

After meeting in Phoenix, a short shuttle ride will deliver us to the BCT trailhead. Our first ride begins with the Big Bug segment in the Prescott National Forest. Today marks the highest points on our ride and will result in a net downhill for the day! We will see much of the high desert and catch some great views as we head through the towering Saguaro cactus towards the Bradshaw Mountains. As we head into camp a delicious dinner awaits us.

Total Mileage | 25 miles



Day 2 | Bumblebee to Black Canyon City

Energize with a hearty breakfast for this morning's invigorating ride to Black Canyon City! Our second day of riding paints the true picture of why the Black Canyon Trail was named Arizona's best trail in 2012. We will ride through miles of cactus, across awe-inspiring mesas and along spectacular singletrack. Today's ride is more technical than the day before, making those views well worth the effort! When we arrive in Black Canyon City we will shuttle back to our comfortable camp at Bumblebee.

Total Mileage | 22 miles

Day 3 | Black Canyon City to Emery Henderson Trailhead

Wake up to fresh brewed coffee and a hot breakfast. We will break camp and hop in the shuttle for a ride to Black Canyon City and the start of today's adventure. Our final day cuts through to the heart of the BCT. Today we have it all, from tight twisting cactus filled singletrack, river crossings and wide open desert views.

Total Mileage | 22 miles

Trip Cost Includes: Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

Trip Cost Does Not Include: Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between the guides.

This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.



The Basics

State: Arizona

Duration: 3 days/2 Nights

Type: Camping

Airport: Phoenix, AZ

Mileage: 80 Miles

Season: Spring/Fall/Winter

Elevation: 2,000–4,300ft

MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Best Western Airport Inn

Address: 2425 S 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona
85034

Time: 09:00am

*Please arrive in Phoenix at least 12 hours prior to tour departure to allow for rest and acclimation.

*We will return to Phoenix around 5pm on the last day.

BIKE RENTALS

We offer Santa Cruz and Specialized bikes. Please click for more information.

[Learn more about our rental gear on our website.](#)

CAMPING RENTALS

- Three-man tent with fly and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag
- Camp Pillow
(BYO pillowcase)
- Self-inflating ground pad
Bringing or shipping your own gear? [See our shipping policy.](#)



WHAT SETS US APART?

Our People: Our guides are the best in the business! Trained personally by the owners, our guides understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

Our Commitment: We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, run our facilities with solar and wind power, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

Our Food: Our guides lovingly prepare meals for the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same time- including dessert!

Specific Trip Tips

Use our [Pre-Trip Information Center](#) for packing lists, how to prepare, FAQ and more!