



Green Fire Backpack and Hike/September 18-19, 2010

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Directions to Green Fire Trail, Overlooks, and Camping

From Alpine to T-Intersection of FR 26 and FR 24

From Alpine, AZ travel south on US 191 about 14 miles.

Take Forest Road (FR) 26 toward Beaver Creek Guest Ranch and Buffalo Crossing. Travel about 10 miles to the junction with FR 24. This is a t-intersection and FR 26 ends here.

Directions to Bear Creek Trailhead from T-Intersection of FR 26 and FR 24

Turn left onto FR 24 in about 1.5 miles you cross Bear Creek. At 1.6 miles you cross a cattle guard and at 1.7 miles you will see an unsigned road go off to the right. The road is just before you reach a wooden corral. The unsigned road goes about .1 miles to a turn around and the Bear Creek trailhead.

Direction to the Green Fire Overlook from T-Intersection

If you turn to the right at the junction of FR 26 and FR 24 and travel about .2 miles you will see a road to the left. The road leads to the edge of Black River Canyon. (Note: This road is quite rough.) This is a site where we are proposing a lookout and parking area with interpretive signs about Leopold for those who can't walk the trail. You can get a nice view of the section of the river where Leopold shot the wolf. Our best guess is that he was standing on the other side of the canyon when he first saw the wolf (see directions below for how to get to this location).

Forest Service Campgrounds on the Black River from T Intersection

Turn right at the junction of FR 26 and FR 24 onto FR 24. At about 3 miles you come to Buffalo Crossing. The road to the right just before the bridge leads to a few campsites on the Black River. For addition camping, cross the bridge and continue about 100 yards to the junction with FR 25. If you take FR 25 to the right you will find many camping sites along the Black River between here and where the road leaves the river at Diamond Rock.



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Dispersed camping is available along the 24, 25, and 26 roads.

**Directions to North-Side Black Canyon Overlook from Junction from
Junction of FR 24 and FR 25**

This is the way to get to the site where we suspect Leopold shot at the wolf. From the junction of FR 24 and FR 25 at Buffalo Crossing turn west on FR 25. Continue on FR 25 for about 1.2 miles from junction with FR 24. FR 25H will come in from the left. It was near this junction that Leopold's team camped the week before the wolf shooting took place. Take FR 25H, you will shortly come to a turnoff to Caldwell Station, continue on FR 25H past this turnoff. The road here becomes rough and narrow. You will probably need a high clearance and perhaps 4-wheel drive vehicle to continue. Drive on FR 25H 2.7 miles from the junction with FR 25. At the very end you may need to open a fenced gate. Just beyond the gate you will come to the rim of the canyon. It was somewhere along this rim that we suspect Leopold first saw and shot at the wolf in the riverbank below.



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