

## **Soap Creek Canyon**

**Veg:** Desert Grassland

**Substrate:** Limestone

**Altitude:** 1329m/4360ft

**GPS Coordinates:** 36 ° 48' 09.50" N / 111° 40' 29.20" W

**Approximate driving time from Flagstaff:** 2.5 to 3 hours

**Road types:** Paved highway. Last 1400ft are smooth dirt road, suitable for all vehicles, 4WD in monsoon season (June-Sept) – or you can just park in the roadside pull off and walk in.

**Nearest services:** Chevron gas station in Marble Canyon, AZ (approximately 15 minutes from the site)

**Emergency numbers: Call 911 for any urgent medical problem**

**Nearest medical facilities:**

**Banner Page Hospital, 501 N Navajo Dr, Page, AZ 86040**

**OR**

**Kane County Medical Center (Kanab, UT) 355 N. Main, Kanab, UT 84741**

Coconino County Sheriff Page 928-645-8871

Coconino County Sheriff Fredonia 928-643-7472

Coconino County Sheriff Flagstaff 800-338-7888

**Vehicle Breakdown/Accident: See detailed instructions for ALL SEGA sites also, but at this site:**

1. Call NAU fleet services if within business hours 6am-5pm Mon thru Friday, describe the problem & ask their advice/whether they can arrange towing if necessary. Phone: **928-523-2469** If NOT
2. Call the towing company in Fredonia, AZ: **Tony on 435-689-0378**. For repairs get towed either **Little's Diesel repair shop in Kanab, UT 7 miles from Fredonia Phone: 435-644-8785** or **Judd Auto Service Phone: 928-643-7107**. **Littles seem slight better so try them first.**
3. **Call NAU fleet services on the next business day to let them know what has happened.**

### **Other Important Contacts**

**SEGA Project Manager: Diane Hope Phone: 928 864 8277**

Grand Canyon Trust: office 928-774-7488

Ed Grumbine (GCT Lands Program Director) cell: 928-308-7789

**Animals: (see ALL Site instructions for detail procedures following BEE STING and RATTLESNAKE BITE**

There may be cows, pronghorn antelope, deer, rattlesnakes, scorpions, bees.

**Bees are a potential hazard** during warmer months. If you are stung, pay attention for possible allergic reaction – **IF symptoms of severe allergic reaction/anaphylactic shock begin to develop, that is:**

**skin reactions such as and itching, flushed or pale skin and/or difficulty breathing this is potentially**

**life-threatening and requires immediate emergency treatment.** Leave the site & go immediately to

Page Hospital OR Kane County Medical Center (Kanab, UT) Emergency Room – **if symptoms are severe**

also call for an ambulance on 911 AS SOON AS YOU ARE IN A PLACE WITH CELL PHONE RECEPTION & arrange for them to meet you at a pre-arranged location on the HWY to the hospital.

**IF you are bitten by a rattlesnake**, stay calm & have a co-worker drive you to Page Hospital ER – have the co-worker phone ahead to describe the situation.

**Other hazards:** lightening during monsoon season (June-Sept), no access in winter

**Average Temps (January 50/28 F; July: 104/73 F) i.e HOT** – during summer months (late May/June/July/Aug) aim to start any field work around dawn & finish by mid-late morning to avoid excessive heat and danger of lightning/thunders storms during the monsoon season (typically July thru end Sept). Take plenty of water with you, wear sunscreen, a hat & long sleeves to avoid excessive sun exposure. A shade tarp may be helpful – but secure it firmly if the weather is windy.

**Cell Reception at the site:** YES (Verizon is best, other carriers are less reliable), but cell reception at the Chevron in Marble Canyon is reliable).

#### **Driving directions from Downtown Flagstaff**

From downtown Flagstaff, take route 66/Hwy 89 north towards Page - approx. 120 miles (through Cameron and Gap) to Bitter Springs. At Bitter Springs turn left on Hwy 89A to Jacobs Lake, Kanab & Grand Canyon North Rim. Crossing the Colorado River at Lees Ferry, continue on Hwy 89A. From the Chevron gas station at Marble Canyon (just beyond Lees Ferry) check the vehicle mileage and drive 6.6 miles. You will see a gate & (BLM) dirt road on your left right by **Mile Marker 545**.

You can either park in the large roadside pull off & walk in – or drive – from here. From the gate to approx. 800 ft (past a small group of Tamarisk trees on your right) and take the right fork. Go approx. 600ft to the site, which is behind a low hill.

#### **General Information:**

The drive from Flagstaff to the site is mostly a 2-lane highway and is safest if done during daylight hours. The closest town is Marble Canyon, AZ (a few motels and gas stations) or Fredonia, AZ/Kanab, UT (1.5 hours away, both very small towns).