

# Tonto

## Upper Cliff Dwelling Tours

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Tonto National Monument



*Upper Cliff Dwelling Tours* are offered on weekends and several weekdays from November through April. These ranger-led tours leave at 10 am and return no later than 2 pm. All tours are limited to 15 people and reservations are required. The regular park entrance fee applies; children aged 15 and under are free. Interagency annual, senior, and access passes are honored. There is no additional charge for the tour.

For more information visit: [www.nps.gov/tont](http://www.nps.gov/tont)  
For reservations call: (928) 467-2241 ext. 8450





**Answers to Common Questions:**

**What is the trail like?**

The first half of this back country trail meanders in and out of a wash while gaining elevation. It requires the ability to negotiate shallow water on rocks that may be slippery, and some climbing up and down on boulders. The second half of the trail winds steeply via switchbacks and

requires climbing three sets of unevenly spaced steps of various heights. There are at least 60 steps on the trail, the total elevation gain is 600 feet, and the roundtrip distance is three miles. You return via the same route.

**What kind of weather can we expect?**

While winter temperatures are generally mild, be prepared for chilly or even inclement

weather. It does rain in the winter here, so be prepared for variable weather conditions!

**What should I wear?**

Hiking boots are best as the trail is rocky. You will also be wading in shallow water in parts of the wash. Tennis shoes will work, but sandals are not appropriate for this trail. Light colored clothing is cooler and does not attract bees.

Clothing that wicks moisture away from the body or “breathes” is best. Long sleeves and pants help protect you from spines and thorns. Layer for variable weather conditions. Bring rain gear if rain is in the forecast!

**What else should I bring?**

You should bring plenty of water, sunscreen, and a hat. If you are allergic to bees, bring any emergency medication you might need. A snack

or lunch will keep your energy up, but please do not eat in the dwelling. A hiking stick or trekking poles can also be helpful.

**Can I bring my dog?**

Sorry, pets should be left at home. They are not allowed on the upper cliff dwelling trail and

cannot be left in your vehicle while you are hiking.

**How fit do I need to be to do this hike?**

You should be in good physical condition. Walking regularly but only on level, flat ground does not adequately prepare you. Avoid this hike if you are recovering from a recent serious

illness, injury or surgery, if you have balance problems, a respiratory condition, or other health problems that limit your physical activities.