



It takes courage to
grow up and become
who you really are.
— E.E. Cummings,
poet

Andrew Cheney of Phoenix captured the springtime beauty of the Superstition Mountains while hiking in 2008.

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Trail vague, reward Clear

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TAKE A HIKE

Like most creek hikes in Arizona, walking on the Kinder Crossing Trail to East Clear Creek north of Payson involves descending into a small canyon. Expect your knees to do the work on the downhill, your quads on the uphill.

The trail in the Coconino National Forest

was, we decided it wasn't worth the bother. A visit to the nearby Blue Ridge Ranger Station confirmed that other hikers have had trouble picking up this part of the trail.

But most people will be happy staying by the creek.

The crossing is not

mer, fall.

Where: From central Phoenix, take Loop 202 east to Arizona 87 (Bee-line Highway). Go north through Payson, Pine and Strawberry. About 10 miles north of Clints Well, turn right at mile marker 300 onto Forest Road 95. Go about 4 miles, then turn left onto Forest Road 95T. After about a half-mile, you'll come to a sign for