

**Hike:** Juniper Peak— up and back  
**Trailhead:** Oak Creek Canyon — marked  
**Distance:** 5.5 miles — round trip  
**Elevation gain:** 2,200 feet  
**Elevation peak:** 6,109 feet  
**Time:** 4 to 5 hours - Up and back  
**Difficulty:** 3  
**Danger level:** 3  
**Class:** 3

**How easy to follow:** 4

**Children:** no

**Map:** Blue Diamond, NEV See Page 5

**Fees:** \$7 per car; \$30 for a yearly pass. Golden Eagle Pass accepted.

**Waypoints:** (WGS-84) See Page 5

**Driving directions:** From the Mirage on Las Vegas Boulevard (the Strip) drive north 3 miles and turn west (left) onto Charleston Boulevard. Drive 16 miles to Red Rock Canyon. The signed turnoff for Oak Creek Canyon is located 12.2 miles past the fee booth. Turn right and drive 0.70 miles on a gravel road to the parking lot. **Photo 1** is the trailhead ([Waypoint 1](#)) and Juniper Peak.

**Comments:** This hike has plenty to offer: A trail to warm up on, bouldering through a magnificent canyon, and class 2 and 3 scrambling. Great views of Rainbow Wall, Brownstone Wall, and an awesome overlook into the south fork of Pine Creek makes this one of the best hikes in Red Rock Canyon.



**Photo 1**

**The Hike:** Head west on the signed Arnight Trail passing a shallow wash around a half mile. Continue on the trail another quarter mile and turn SW (left) onto a prominent path ([Waypoint 2](#)), which heads straight for Juniper Canyon. Follow this path about 200 yards where it intersects a prominent trail ([Waypoint 3](#)). Go right 15 yards and turn left onto another path. Follow this path to a major fork and turn right and head for the enormous boulder in **Photo 2** (The boulder is also a landmark during the hike back to the trailhead.) The route passes to the left of the boulder ([Waypoint 4](#)) and then drops into a wash. Go left in the wash, walk 10 yards, turn right, and follow a steep path up and out of the wash. Go left walk about 15 yards where the path intersects the unsigned Juniper Canyon Path ([Waypoint 5](#)). Go left and follow the Juniper Canyon Path a few hundred yards to a fork. Take the right fork



**Photo 2**

([Waypoint 6](#)), which heads for Juniper Canyon. (If you miss this turn, you'll soon be heading east toward the trailhead.) After a few hundred yards the path climbs a hill and then parallels a wash coming from Juniper Canyon. You'll scramble over a few boulders before the path dead-ends in the wash ([Waypoint 7](#)).

**Photo 3** shows an overview of the first part of the route in Juniper Canyon. Numerous cairns have been placed in the wash to help guide you. Climb the huge boulders in front of you (class 3) and follow cairns as you twist and turn in the wash. The overall direction is SW. After a hundred yards the wash narrows and steepens. In less than 50 yards the wash ends and you follow a path that heads (north) right ([Waypoint 8](#)) to the top of the slope in Photo 3. The path passes a

fallen log. ([Waypoint 9](#)) Continue on the path about 200 yards where the path dead ends into another path. Turn



**Photo 3**

right at the divide and scramble over the boulders in **Photo 4** ([Waypoint 10](#)) and into another wash.

Go west (left) in the wash about 30 yards to an opening in the brush to a steep path. It will be to your right. (See **Photo 5**) ([Waypoint 11](#)) Hike 30 yards up the steep path to a small boulder field. Head SW through the boulder field aiming for a large, blackface boulder at the far side of the boulder field. A cairn sits on top of the

boulder. (See **Photo 6**) Just to the right and a little beyond the boulder, the path resumes. It travels 30 yards and empties out onto white sandstone. ([Waypoint 12](#)) The reddish-brown towering wall is Brownstone Wall.

The next part of the route parallels Brownstone Wall to a gully that is located at the **north end** of



**Photo 4**

Brownstone Wall. The gully lies below the two “turtle boulders” in **Photo 7**. ([Waypoint 13](#) is where Photo 7 was



**Photo 5**

taken.) Scramble north toward the turtle boulder to the wall in **Photo 8**. To get on top of the wall scramble up a steep slab of sandstone before the wall. Once up **Photo 9** shows the next part of the route. You pass [Waypoints 14 and 15](#) as you continue all the way up to the juniper. (See **Photo 10**) Just behind the juniper lies a low point in the sandstone wall. Climb the wall and scramble up the chute (class 3) in **Photo 11**. [Waypoint 16](#) marks the down tree in Photo 11.



**Photo 6**

Hike west up the beehive sandstone until it becomes too steep. (See **Photo 12**) Veer north (right) and parallel the north end of Brownstone Wall 100 yards to the top ([Waypoint 17](#)). There’s a fantastic overlook 1,000 feet down into the south fork of Pine Creek just to the north (right). From here, you’re only 10 minutes

from the peak.



**Photo 7**

After taking in the view, head south (left) just past the second of three large ponderosa pines. (See **Photo 13**.) Hike east (left) as seen in **Photo 14** about 25 yards on sandstone ledges marked by numerous cairns. The route makes a 180-degree turn and heads west. Climb off the sandstone slab and under the boulder in **Photo 15**. Hike 30 yards to the big ponderosa ([Waypoint 18](#)) . Turn left (SE) and hike 20 yards going between two small sandstone crags to the boulder that marks Juniper Peak. ([Waypoint 19](#))

Congratulations, you made it. Make sure to sign the register. Across Juniper Canyon stands Rainbow Wall, a 1,200-foot wall.

**To Descend:** Retrace your steps.



**Photo 8**



Photo 9



Photo 10



**Photo 11**



**Photo 12**



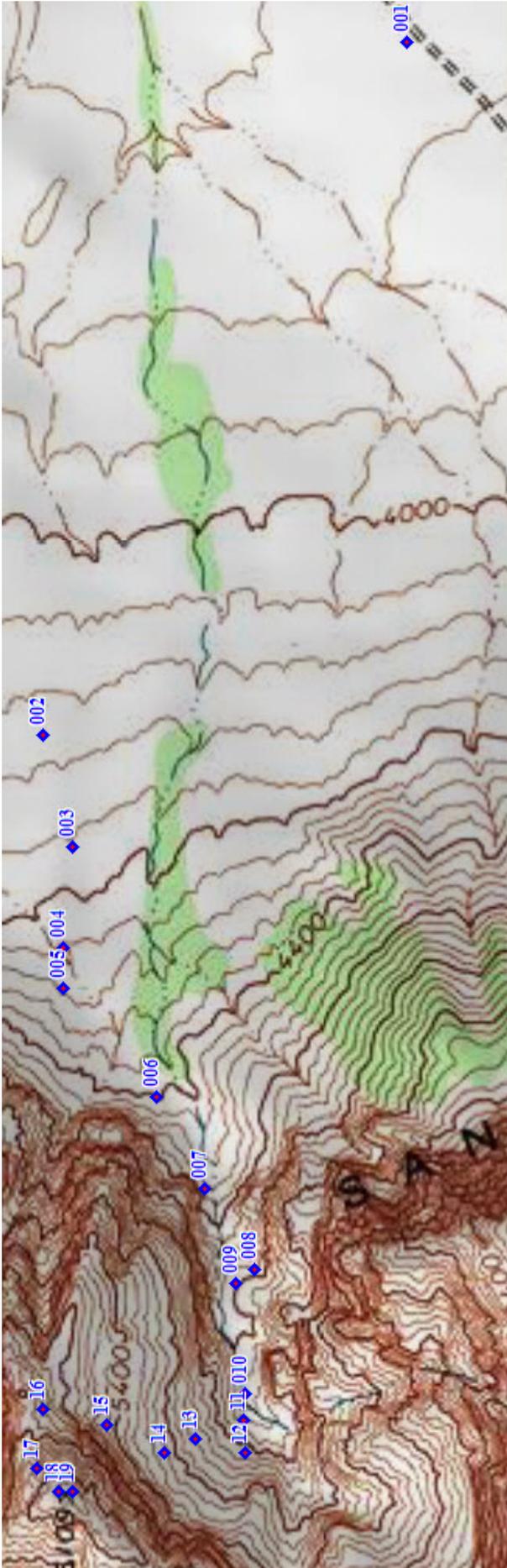
**Photo 13**



Photo 14



Photo 15



Name	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Message
◆ 001	36.11114° N	115.46618° W	3850 ft.	11-APR-10 10:03:41AM - trailhead
◆ 002	36.11687° N	115.47963° W	4071 ft.	11-APR-10 10:24:56AM - turn left onto path
◆ 003	36.11641° N	115.48181° W	4132 ft.	11-APR-10 10:27:51AM - turn right
◆ 004	36.11655° N	115.48375° W	4209 ft.	11-APR-10 10:31:14AM - big boulder
◆ 005	36.11655° N	115.48456° W	4244 ft.	11-APR-10 10:32:59AM - juniper peak path
◆ 006	36.11508° N	115.48665° W	4369 ft.	11-APR-10 10:37:37AM - final right turn
◆ 007	36.11432° N	115.48844° W	4492 ft.	11-APR-10 10:44:24AM - wash
◆ 008	36.11353° N	115.48999° W	4744 ft.	11-APR-10 10:52:13AM - path turns to the right
◆ 009	36.11383° N	115.49028° W	4773 ft.	11-APR-10 10:53:19AM - top of slope
◆ 010	36.11368° N	115.49242° W	4860 ft.	11-APR-10 11:04:08AM - the divide
◆ 11	36.11372° N	115.49294° W	4873 ft.	11-APR-10 11:05:48AM - steep path through brush
◆ 12	36.11368° N	115.49355° W	5009 ft.	11-APR-10 11:09:41AM - start of white sandstone
◆ 13	36.11446° N	115.49329° W	5161 ft.	11-APR-10 11:17:14AM - Location where from Photo 7 was taken
◆ 14	36.11495° N	115.49355° W	5284 ft.	11-APR-10 11:20:30AM - top of first steep climb
◆ 15	36.11587° N	115.49301° W	5433 ft.	11-APR-10 11:26:15AM - steep slab
◆ 16	36.11686° N	115.49272° W	5675 ft.	11-APR-10 11:43:05AM - fallen tree
◆ 17	36.11696° N	115.49388° W	5974 ft.	11-APR-10 11:53:41AM - top of gully
◆ 18	36.11663° N	115.49431° W	6076 ft.	11-APR-10 12:01:28PM - Big ponderosa just before summit
◆ 19	36.11641° N	115.49432° W	6102 ft.	11-APR-10 12:02:24PM - summit