

TOUR GROUPS: When using National Forest areas (e.g., South Fork, Rustler Park) for activities are advised that they may be required by law to obtain an Outfitter/Guide Permit. Please write to Recreation and Lands Staff, Douglas Ranger District, Coronado National Forest, 3081 N. Leslie Canyon Road, Douglas, AZ 85607, or call 520-364-3468. South Fork and other areas have a USFS parking fee.

DIRECTIONS TO THE SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION:

FROM INTERSTATE 10, EXIT AT ROAD FORKS, NEW MEXICO (EXIT 5 AND SAYS HIGHWAY 80).

TAKE HIGHWAY 80 SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 31 MILES TO ROUTE 533 ON YOUR RIGHT. (DESERT MUSEUM WILL BE ON YOUR IMMEDIATE LEFT)- DO NOT CONTINUE TO GO STRAIGHT ON HIGHWAY 80 OR YOU WILL GO TOO FAR AND END UP IN RODEO, NEW MEXICO.

TURN RIGHT ONTO ROUTE 533 TO PORTAL, ARIZONA, APPROXIMATELY 7 MILES (TO ENTER PORTAL). KEEP GOING UP THE PAVED ROAD TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE CORONADO NATIONAL FOREST. (STAY ON THE PAVEMENT WHEN IT MAKES A SHARP LEFT AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE FOREST ENTRANCE.)

THE ROAD WILL BE FOREST ROAD 42 (IT'S THE SAME ROAD YOU ARE CURRENTLY ON, IT JUST CHANGES NUMBERS.) KEEP GOING UP THAT WINDING ROAD APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES. YOU WILL RUN OUT OF PAVEMENT ABOUT 1/8 OF A MILE BEFORE YOU TURN TO COME INTO THE STATION. (GOOD GRAVEL FOR THAT 1/8 MILE).

JUST AFTER YOU CROSS THE BRIDGE AND THE ROAD BECOMES GRAVEL, YOU WILL SEE A SWIMMING POOL AND A SERIES OF BUILDINGS ON YOUR LEFT. THAT IS THE SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION. KEEP GOING UNTIL YOU SEE A ROAD ON YOUR LEFT (JUST A FEW YARDS). TURN LEFT AND THE STATION ENTRANCE IS JUST A FEW YARDS ON YOUR LEFT.

