

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 (the 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, being sure to stay on the pavement when it makes a sharp left—do not continue straight at this bend or you will enter Paradise, Arizona.

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 (along this stretch you will pass campgrounds and South Fork). Right after you cross a bridge you will run out of pavement, leaving about 3/4 of a mile before you turn to come into the Station. There is good gravel for that 3/4 mile.

You will see a swimming pool and a series of buildings on your left. That is the Southwestern Research Station. You will want to continue past the large white building and three small buildings behind it until you see road 42A on your left (just a few yards). Turn left at this “T” and the Station entrance is just a few yards on your left, after you have driven through the small creek.

APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIMES:

Albuquerque, NM: 5hr 19 min/353 miles

Benson, AZ: 2hr 13min/131 miles

Bisbee, AZ: 1hr 33min/86.3 miles

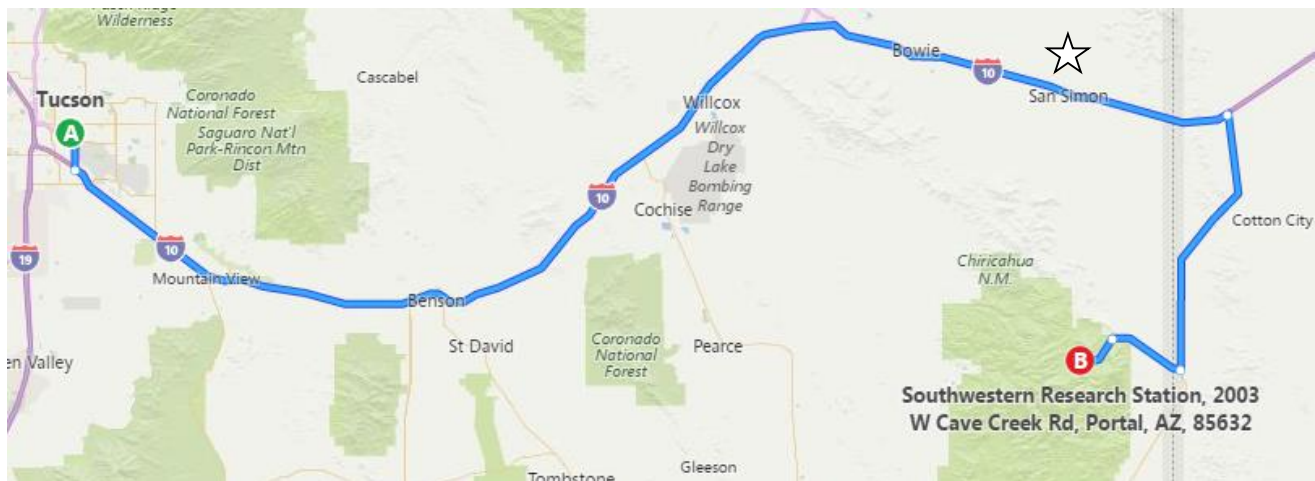
Deming, NM: 2hr 5min/117 miles

Las Cruces, NM: 2hr 58min/ 177 miles

Phoenix, AZ: 4hr 32min/292 miles

Sierra Vista, AZ: 2hr 20min/115 miles

Tucson, AZ: 2hr 56min/177 miles



☆ A star indicates your last chance for dependable gas! If arriving via I-10 from Tucson/Phoenix, you will want to fill up in San Simon, AZ. If arriving from Albuquerque/Las Cruces/Deming via I-10, you will want to fill up in Lordsburg, New Mexico. If arriving from Douglas, Arizona via Highway 80, you will want to fill up before you leave!