Take Brins Mesa trail from Jordan Road trailhead. After 10 min. you pass the Cibola Mitten trail leading off to the left. After 20 min. the trail to the Fin goes off to the right, three big boulders and lots of logs cover the entrance. Follow trail across rocky soil and look for turn off to right in direction of fin when you get to the second open clearing. Then continue along trail through woods and across three drainages. At the first drainage, head downstream a few feet to pick up trail on the other side. As you emerge from trees follow cairns up ledges to level just below fin. Take a look around you so you can find this trail for the return trip. You will be in an area filled with big limestone boulders. At top of this area you will see trails heading off in both directions around fin.

Take trail around to your right to the front of the fin (facing Sedona.) Stay mostly in the vegetation rather than on ledges.

This section is dangerous and is not recommended: [When you are almost to the far edge of the fin you will see a dead (bonsai) tree below you. Head down to this tree and follow trail down the crack to the lower level. Make a u-turn and follow ledge back until you cross a bad pour off (dangerous.) Take notch down past tree growing in the middle of the trail down to the wash level. Turn left at wash and take wash all the way up until you are past large red rock jutting out from fin edge. There is a large dead tree across the wash at this point. Turn left and follow a side wash up past the red rock on your left and work your way up to the notch at fin level. Go over notch and follow trail along north side of fin, first through woods, then along ledges until you return to the large ledge filled with limestone. Head down and pick up return trail.]

Make a U-turn when you get to the far end of the front of the fin and return to trail.

If you wish, you can continue along the back side of the fin to the notch and take that wash down to the Jim Thompson trail. This is the shady side and there is often ice so it can be dangerous.

Data for front of Fin and return only:

1050 Cumulative Elev Change 2 h 30 min travel time 4.3 miles 3 h 30 min total time