Vineyard Trail – January 2016

It rained (5 inches in 5 days) and snowed in Arizona in January and below are views from the Apache Trail to the Four Peaks. This area is easily recognizable from quite a distance and has been a (60,000 acre) wilderness area since 1984; it has peaks of over 7600 feet and black bears and bighorn sheep live here among other interesting creatures.

A friend and I went a little later on a hike very close to the Four Peaks on the Vineyard Trail. To reach this trail, one crosses the bridge on route 188 and parks on the right. The trail starts behind the marker for the junction with 88: see the left-hand picture. The trail climbs 1000 feet in a little over a mile, so great views of Roosevelt Lake: see right-hand picture and more below.
After the initial walk up where Roosevelt Lake dominates, the wilderness starts and there are panoramic views in all directions: to the Four Peaks and to the Salt River. This is an area with no cattle, with evidence of coyotes, and an (American) eagle. Below the saguaros on the left was our lunch spot.
The Apache Trail, from above  Roosevelt Dam and bridge

And lots of interesting rocks and vegetation ...

A wonderful trip!