

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: A Hike - Camelback Mountain - Traverse - 2 Humped Camel (PCHC # 139).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. The hike will traverse the Camelback Ridge twice. Well hike from the Echo Canyon Trailhead, over the summit, down to the Cholla Trailhead, then reverse the climb back to the Echo Canyon Parking lot. Fantastic views north over Paradise Valley and south over the city of Phoenix and beyond.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Be prepared, there are 2 steep climbs to the summit over rugged granite and sandstone boulders. Bring plenty of liquids and food for energy.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Echo Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Echo Canyon Trail, Camelback Summit, Cholla Trail, Cholla Trailhead, Camelback Summit, Echo Canyon Trailhead.

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water at the trailhead. No Park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn onto I10 East and continue to Highway 51. North on 51 to Camelback Road exit. Turn right (east) on Camelback Road. Turn left (north) on 44th Street. Turn right (east) on McDonald Road. After passing Tatum, turn right on Echo Canyon Parkway. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 75 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 139

HIKE: A Hike - Camelback Mountain - Two Humps of Phoenix (Camelback and Piestewa Peak) (PCHC # 47).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. This route is two short hikes to the two icons of the valley. Firstly, we will hike Camelback Mountain via the Summit Trail from Echo Canyon trailhead. This is approximately 4 miles up and back. The route up has two steep sections: the first section is over slanting flat rock with cut steps and handrails positioned to aid hikers and the second section is over large boulders within a ravine. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to other hikers (especially those going downhill). The summit is a large flat area offering grand 360 degree views over the area. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse. Secondly, we will hike Piestewa Peak via Summit Trail 300 from the East Piestewa Peak parking lot. This is approximately 4.5 miles up and back. The trail winds its way up to the summit via rock steps. The final .25 mile is a scramble to the peak. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to the many other hikers on the trail. There is usually a queue of hikers waiting to scramble the final few yards to the summit. The summit is a boulder strewn area offering good views across the east valley. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Low on Mileage but high in elevation gain. Elevation gain is approximately 600 feet vertical per mile hiked. Trail condition on Camelback is rough, on Piestewa is good. You will NOT be alone. Pay close attention to other hikers/runners on these routes. Keeping a large group together will be difficult on these trails.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Echo Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Camelback Summit Trail from Echo Canyon Trailhead, Piestewa Summit Trail #300

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at both parking facilities, no fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Camelback Mountain Echo Canyon Trail. I10 east to Hwy 51. North on 51 to Camelback Rd exit. Turn right (east) on Indian School Rd. Turn left (north) on 44th St. Continue around bend onto E McDonald drive. At light turn right onto E McDonald Drive. At traffic circle turn onto Echo Canyon Parkway and follow signs to Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area to Piestewa Peak from Echo Canyon. From Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area return to the traffic circle and go back to East Macdonald drive (left off of the circle). At light turn right onto Tatum Boulevard

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Camelback Mountain - Cholla Trail to Saddle (PCHC # 136).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The trail rises steadily and affords very good views of the surrounding valley as you climb. The trail is very well marked and easy to follow. The first portion of the trail climbs to a saddle that affords views of almost 360 degrees.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trailhead elevation is about 1,400 feet, the elevation at the saddle is 2,177 feet and the summit is 2,637 feet

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Cholla trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn onto I10 East and continue to Highway 51 North. (Note: there is no HOV lane exit to Highway 51). Follow Highway 51 north to Glendale Avenue/Lincoln Drive exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp and follow Lincoln Drive east to Invergordon Road. Invergordon would be 64th Street if it were numbered. Turn right on Invergordon and follow south past McDonald Drive. You will then come to Cholla Lane on the right (westside of the road). There is no parking on Cholla Lane at the trailhead. You must continue south on Invergordon past Cholla Lane about two blocks. You will then find parking permitted on the west side of Invergordon Road. Park and walk north on Invergordon Road to Cholla Lane. Follow Cholla Lane west (left) about three city blocks to the trailhead, which is on the left side of the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 75 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 136

HIKE: B Hike - Camelback Mountain - Echo Canyon - Front Slope to Camelback Summit (PCHC # 138).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 2.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. A Valley favorite, especially for the speed hikers who do it in under one hour. From the trailhead large railroad ties make the steps leading up to the first saddle. Be on the alert for sprinters coming down. Beautiful views to the east unfold from the saddle. Prime viewing is early morning. From the first saddle, the trail turns a sharp right south. You will hike along a massive undercut wall. This shaded area provides a habitat for plant life. Another series of railroad ties takes you to the most difficult section. Two consecutive steep slopes must be climbed. Pipe handrails and chains are in place for assistance. After the handrails comes a steep gully. It is a short scramble up. Next comes a quiet valley with a moderate incline. There is loose gravel in this area. Next comes the ascent. The trail scrambles in several directions, in fields of boulders but your inclination will be towards the top of Camelback. When you reach the summit, take a look around. If you do the Cholla Trail and Echo Canyon Trail together with a return to the starting parking space the distance is 5.5 miles with an elevation gain and descent of just over 2,100 feet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Average grade of 23 degrees. Average hike, round trip, is 2 hours. We will access off McDonald. McDonald runs east of 44th Street as it turns into Tatum Boulevard. Limited parking at trailhead. Use extreme carpooling and park on surface streets as close to trailhead as legally possible. Be on the alert for sprinters coming down. Two consecutive steep slopes must be climbed. Pipe handrails and chains are in place for assistance. After the handrails comes a steep gully. It is a short scramble up. There is loose gravel in this area. Next comes the ascent. The trail scrambles in several directions, in fields of boulders but your inclination will be towards the top of Camelback. When you reach the summit, take a look around. If you do the Cholla Trail and Echo Canyon Trail together with a return to the starting parking space the distance is 5.5 miles with an elevation gain and descent of just over 2,100 feet.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Echo Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Echo Canyon trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water at the trailhead. No Park fee.

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Camelback Mountain - Cholla Trail to Camelback Summit (PCHC # 137).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: From the saddle, the trail becomes significantly steeper, and some stretches require hand over hand climbing.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. This hike a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The trail rises steadily and affords very good views of the surrounding valley as you climb. The trail is very well marked and easy to follow. The first portion of the trail climbs to a saddle that affords views of almost 360 degrees. From the saddle, the trail is marked by blue reflectors and becomes significantly steeper and ends in a short (.5 mile one way), semi exposed scramble to Camelback summit. There are great 360 degree views from the top. There will be an option to stop at the saddle and not ascend the last half mile up the steep section of the trail.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trailhead elevation is about 1,400 feet, the elevation at the saddle is 2,177 feet and the summit is 2,637 feet

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Cholla trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Pkwy, turn onto I10 East and continue to Loop 202 East. Exit at 52nd Street and turn left at the light onto 52nd Street. Turn right onto Thomas Rd. Turn left onto N 56th St. Turn right on Camelback Rd. Turn left onto Invergordon Rd. (Invergordon would be 64th St if it were numbered). Just past the side street Chaparral Rd., make a Uturn and park on the west side of Invergordon Rd. There is no other parking available. Once out of your car, walk north on the sidewalk until you see the Cholla Trail sign directingn you to the left. Always check your phone map prior to leaving PebbleCreek as there may be a faster route due to traffic conditions. **DRIVING**

DISTANCE: 75 miles

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