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HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Ben Avery & Arch Loop (PCHC # 422).**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1150 feet. There are views of Courthouse Rock for most of the hike. From the trailhead, it is 3.6 miles along an old jeep trail and in a wash to over 100 Native American petroglyphs. The trail itself is fairly easy hiking. You can then continue through a high walled canyon for another 1.5 miles. Along this canyon is a series of volcanic lava flows, many of which have melted quartz rock imbedded in them. To get to the arch you follow an old road, then go through a wash before bushwhacking up a steep hill of loose rock and stones to reach the arch.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** A variation of a lollipop which includes a Double Arch and petroglyphs near Indian Spring (dry). Good hiking trail to the petroglyphs then a bushwhack to the arch and back.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ben Avery & Arch A Lollipop Which Includes A Double Arch And Petroglyphs Near Indian Spring (Dry)**TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (right) on I10 to Exit 81 (Salome Road). Turn south (left) across I10. Turn right on Harquahala Valley Road and go 6.0 miles. Turn right on Centennial, a straight dirt road (to the left is Courthouse Road). Go 7.0 miles to a 3 way intersection (BLM Wilderness sign on the left). Take the right fork, which parallels a natural gas pipeline. Go 4.0 miles. This road may be quite rutted and require a high clearance vehicle. There is a BLM Wilderness sign off to the left about 50 feet. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to trailhead. The last .4 miles definitely requires a high clearance vehicle, but you can park on the side and hike to the trailhead, adding .8 miles to the total hike. The final 12.5 miles is on dirt roads and the roads are good until the last 5 1/2 miles. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Area/i-77gMi25>**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Arches Loop (PCHC # 701).****REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The highlight of this hike is the 6+ arches you can see along the way. But there are also many great rock formations to see. Trail condition: only the last mile or so of the hike is on a trail. It is mostly open desert crossing many washes; the main wash you ascend is boulder hopping or loose rocky soil.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Mostly cross country hiking with the final 1 to 2 miles on an old jeep trail**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ben Avery Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (right) on I10 to Exit 81 (Salome Road). Turn south (left) across I10. Turn right on Harquahala Valley Road and go 6.0 miles. Turn right on Centennial, a straight dirt road (to the left is Courthouse Road). Go 7.0 miles to a 3 way intersection (BLM Wilderness sign on the left). Take the right fork, which parallels a natural gas pipeline. Go 4.0 miles. This road may be quite rutted and require a high clearance vehicle. There is a BLM Wilderness sign off to the left about 50 feet. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to trailhead. The last .4 miles definitely requires a high clearance vehicle, but you can park on the side and hike to the trailhead, adding .8 miles to the total hike. The final 12.5 miles is on dirt roads and the roads are good until the last 5 1/2 miles. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches/C-HikeEagletail-ArchesLynnW2017-2018>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Area/i-77gMj25>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atDnUajY2MumlOI-r?e=dkHbxf>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 701

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HIKE: C Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Ben Avery trail (PCHC # 421).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 650 feet. There are views of Courthouse Rock for most of the hike. From the trailhead, it is 3.6 miles along an old jeep trail and in a wash to over 100 Native American petroglyphs. The trail itself is fairly easy hiking. You can then continue through a high walled canyon for another 1.5 miles. Along this canyon is a series of volcanic lava flows, many of which have melted quartz rock imbedded in them.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Ben Avery Facilities At The Trailhead And No Park Fees **TRAILS:** Ben Avery

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

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URL PHOTOS: <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Ben-Avery-Trail-Courthouse>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Area/i-77gMj25>

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