

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash, Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 247).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1260 feet. The loop combines several trails: the Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, and Ocotillo Trails. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash, Apache Vista, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Ocotillo,

FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash Trailhead). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING**

DISTANCE: 80 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/B-HikePSP-Apache-WashLynnW2021-2022/i-q59Sv6X>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-npt5NvD>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 247

HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix SP - Three Peaks Loop (PCHC # 243).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1900 feet. This is a new trail system made up of well maintained trails. The hike loops around and up to three peaks in the preserve: Union Peak, Dixie Mountain, and Western Vista. Traveling through typical desert terrain, the hike provides excellent views in all directions. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hawks Nest, Dixie Mtn Loop, Valle Verde, Great Hoorned Owl, Dixie Mtn Summit, Western Vista Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 68 miles

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| DESCRIPTION: |
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| <p>HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix SP - Union Peak Loop (PCHC # 250).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.2 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. This trail system is made up of well maintained trails. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill for excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: average hiking trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Desert Tortoise, Valle Verde, Great Horned Owl, Union Peak</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Three-Peak-Loop/B-HikePSP-Union-Peak-LoopLynnW2019-2020/i-wGdfbSt</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-GtT53Xh</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTOxIIciqLhq4dNM</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 250</p> |
| <p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Dixie Mountain Loop (PCHC # 245).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1750 feet. The main loop hike goes up and down a couple of saddles through typical desert terrain. This C Challenge version includes significant elevation gain going up 2 peaks along the loop, the first overlooking a quarry and the second ascends Dixie Mt. There are excellent views in all directions. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: overall a good hiking trail, steep to the peaks.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please note: when utilizing PCHC maps, that this was previously known as Union Hills Loop.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Dixie Mtn Loop, Valle Verde, Desert Tortoise</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Dixie-Mt-Loop/C-HikePSP-Dixie-Mt-LoopLynnW2018-2019/i-pBdS2kz</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-MxOVn4i</p> |

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| <p>HIKE: C Hike - Phoenix SP - Sidewinder, Apache Wash, Ocotillo, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Apache Wash Loop (PCHC # 246).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The loop combines several trails and goes up to the top of 2 peaks. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain and a couple of washes.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Apache Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Ocotillo,</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash Trailhead). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 246</p> |
| <p>HIKE: C Hike - Phoenix SP - Union Peak Loop (PCHC # 249).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail system is made up of well maintained trails. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill for excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: average hiking trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Desert Tortoise, Valle Verde, Great Horned Owl</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Three-Peak-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-PWHn6DH</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 249</p> |

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash (PCHC # 754).**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 150 feet. This hike is a 5.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of less than 150 feet. The loop follows Apache Wash. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain as it follows the wash. Good trail condition and is used by hikers, bikers and horses. Interesting feature on the route is "Hula Saguaro"**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash Loop, the second connector, Apache Wash Loop, Ocotillo back to trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash Trailhead). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 754**HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Dixie Mountain Loop (PCHC # 244).****REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The main loop hike goes up and down a couple of saddles through typical desert terrain. There are excellent views in all directions. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: overall a good hiking trails.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Please note: when utilizing PCHC maps, that this was previously known as Union Hills Loop.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Desert Vista Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hawks Nest, Dixie Mtn Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:**

68 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Dixie-Mt-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-MxQVq4j>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 244

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 248).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Exceeds D hike parameters for miles & elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 680 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain around a hill from the new trailhead off Carefree Highway with views of the Phoenix Sonoran Desert, Cave Creek and Anthem. New trailhead off Carefree Highway with a large box fan for cool down after the hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Hills Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Ocotillo

FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Desert Hills Trailhead). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Turn right (east) on Carefree Highway. Continue for several miles. At 700 West Carefree Highway, turn right into Trailhead parking. Alternate Directions: Exit Highway 303 at Lake Pleasant Parkway, turn left and proceed to Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74/Carefree Highway and proceed to Desert Hills Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/D-Summer-HikeLynnW2016-2017/i-BRhw2LP>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-VpJFBxF>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anHAPJnzQpQf4VRD3?e=9TITX9>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 248

HIKE: D Hike - Phoenix SP - Hawks Nest, Valle Verde, Desert Tortoise Loop (PCHC # 242).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill with excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hawks Nest, Valle Verde, Desert Tortoise

FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 68 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Hawks-Nest-Valle-Verde-Des-Tortoise-Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-VpJFBxF>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 242