

## ANTHEM AREA 12-27-21

### Maps for various segments of the Anthem Area

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Anthem-Area/>

**Anthem Area--Apache Peak, Father's Day Loop Trail. Rating B Challenge.** This is a 9.8-mile loop hike with elevation gain of over 2,000 feet. The hike starts at the Spear S Ranch Trailhead on the Maricopa Trail and then takes the Father's Day Trail up towards Apache Peak. The B hike includes a steep in-and-out spur hike to the top of Apache Peak, elevation 3,182 feet. The trail to the peak is very steep on loose, rocky material and some scrambling is required at the top. The main Father's Day Trail goes up to a saddle and the "B" hike continues over the back on another trail and eventually intersects the Maricopa Trail, which hikers would then use to return to the trailhead. There are great views from the saddle and the top of Apache Peak. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Apache-Peak-Loop>

Directions to MRT - Spear S Ranch Trailhead—Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I-17. Go north on I-17. Turn right on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto N 7th Street. N 7th Street becomes New River Road. The trailhead is located near the intersection of New River Road and Linda Lane.

**Anthem Area--Daisy Mountain. Rating B.** This is a 7.2-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail - the first one has a US flag on it, while the second, slightly higher summit is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. No park fees. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Daisy Mountain Trailhead—Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I-17. Take I-17 North. Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light. Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles. The trailhead is on the left at the intersection of Navigation Way and Livingstone Way. Take the first right off Livingstone (Rushmore) and park on south side of street.

**Anthem Area--Daisy Mountain. Rating C.** This is a 6 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. The turnaround point is a saddle slightly below the summit of Daisy Mountain itself. Trail condition—mostly a good hiking trail, but the last part is very steep. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. There are no park fees and no restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain>

Directions to Daisy Mountain Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I-17. Take I-17 North. Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light. Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles. The trailhead is on the left at the intersection of Navigation Way and Livingstone Way. Take the first right off Livingstone (Rushmore) and park on south side of the street.

**Anthem Area--Father's Day Loop Trail. Rating C, B.** This is a 7- or 9.3-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200-1400 feet. The hike starts out from the Spear S Ranch Trailhead on the Maricopa Trail, then takes the Father's Day Trail up towards Apache Peak. The B's can go up to the top if they desire. The main trail goes up to a saddle. The C's come back down the same side of the hill on a second trail while the B's would continue over the back on another trail. Both trails go back

to the Maricopa Trail, which hikers would then use to return to the trailhead. There are great views from the saddle and the top of Apache Peak. There are no park fees or restrooms at the trailhead. Trail condition: overall a good hiking trail with one steep uphill and downhill section. The trail up to the top (B portion) is very steep with loose rock. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

Directions to MRT - Spear S Ranch Trailhead--Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I-17. Go north on I-17. Turn east on AZ 74 Carefree Highway. Turn left onto North 7th Street. North 7th Street becomes New River Road. The trailhead is located near the intersection of New River Road and Linda Lane.