

ANTHEM AREA

Apache Peak/Father's Day Loop Trail (Anthem Area). Rating B+. This is a 9.8 mile loop hike with elevation gain of 2,000+ ft. 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 ft.). 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park Fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

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

Directions to MRT - Spear S Ranch Trailhead

Take Loop 303 to I-17.

Go North on I-17.

Turn right on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway).

Turn left onto N 7th Street.

N 7th St becomes New River Road.

The trailhead is located near the intersection of New River Road and Linda Lane.

No Park Fee. And no restrooms at the trailhead.

Daisy Mountain (Anthem Area) Rating B. This is a 7.2 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 ft. 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 fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles RT.

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

Directions to Daisy Mountain Trailhead

Take 303 North to I-17.

Take I-17 North (left).

Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light.

Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles.

The TH 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.

There are no restrooms at trailhead.

Daisy Mountain (Anthem Area) Rating C. This is a 6 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft. 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. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles RT.

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

Directions to Daisy Mountain Trailhead

Take 303 North to I-17.

Take I-17 North (left).

Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light.

Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles.

The TH 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.

There are no restrooms at the trailhead.

Father's Day Loop Trail (Anthem Area). Rating C & B. This is a 7 or 9.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200-1400 ft. 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 Bs can go up to the top if they desire. The main trail goes up to a saddle. The Cs come back down the same side of the hill on a second trail while the Bs 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. No 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. No park Fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

Directions to MRT - Spear S Ranch Trailhead

Take Loop 303 to I-17.

Go North on I-17.

Turn right on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway).

Turn left onto N 7th Street.

N 7th St becomes New River Road.

The trailhead is located near the intersection of New River Road and Linda Lane.

No Park Fee. And no restrooms at the trailhead.