

## **BARTLETT RESERVOIR 5-6-20**

### **Trail maps for various segments in the Bartlett Reservoir area**

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Bartlett-Reservoir/>

**Palo Verde Trail (Bartlett Reservoir). Rating C+.** This is a 7.5 mile lollipop loop hike. It has little elevation change, but an elevation gain of about 1500 ft (it's 7.3 miles and 1360 ft if you return via the beach). The trail is loose, decomposed granite. Consequently, please wear proper hiking footwear. This is a lovely hike with continuous water views. The Bartlett Reservoir is part of the Verde River between New River and Mazatzal Mountains. It is visible the entire hike. Trail condition – mostly granular granite and sandy/rocky beach. Restrooms are at the Rattlesnake trailhead. The park is free with a Golden Age Parks Pass (no need to stop at the ranger station – just put the pass in the window). Driving distance is approx 136 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BartlettReservoir/Palo-Verde-Trail>

### **Directions to Bartlett Reservoir - Palo Verde Trail**

Take Loop 303 to I-17.

Go North on I-17.

Turn right on Hwy 74 (Carefree Highway).

Turn left on Scottsdale Road/Tom Darlington Drive (at Boulders Resort).

Turn right on Cave Creek Road.

Turn right on Bartlett Dam Road.

Stop at the Visitor Center/Ranger Station (1/4 mile down road on left) and pay the parking fee of \$7.00 (free with Golden Age Pass).

Follow signs to lake (about 13 miles).

Turn right on Rattlesnake Cove turnoff and drive .8 miles to trailhead.

Follow the paved path at the North end of the facility to the fishing dock.

Trailhead starts to the left where the paved path meets the dock.

Restrooms and water at the trailhead.