

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail 3-30-22

Trail maps for various segments of the Black Canyon National Recreation Trail

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/>

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail--Antelope Hill to Antelope Creek Segment (I-17 Exit 259). Rating B. This is a 10.6-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. It is mostly rolling hills with lots of prickly pear cactus. There is one valley of various trees, which provides shade for most of the day. Trail condition - a good biking trail. There are no park fees and no rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is a few miles before the exit with easy return. Driving distance is 130 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Antelope Hill Trailhead -- Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 259 (Bloody Basin Road). Turn west (left - crossing I-17). The road becomes unpaved quickly. Drive 3.3 miles to stop sign in Cordes. Turn left onto Yavapai 179 (also known as FR259 and Crown King Road). At 1.1 miles you pass the point where the BCT crosses the road. At 1.3 miles, parking is on the left.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Big Bug Trailhead North (off Highway 69)

Rating B. This is an in-and-out hike of 12 miles with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. It goes under Highway 69 and crosses rolling hills of brushy desert and ends at a running creek. Javalina and sheep have been spotted on this trail. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There are no park fees. A restroom is at the trailhead. Driving distance is 150 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Big Bug, Copper Mountain Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 262 (Highway 69). Turn west on Highway 69 (left - crossing I-17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 4 miles and watch carefully for the left turn (no signs for the trail). The trailhead is on the left, just past MP 266, and below the level of Highway 69.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Black Canyon City North, Black Canyon City Trailhead (Exit 244). Rating C.

This is a 7-mile hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. The trail goes around, up/down and through several little canyons parallel to Black Canyon City. There is an abundance of cacti including hundreds of pincushion cacti, plus more small saguaro cacti (under 5 feet) than large (over 5 feet). The canyons have many interesting rock formations and there are expansive views of Black Canyon City. At the 2-mile point, the trail crosses Black Canyon Creek, which is usually dry. At the crossing is a rock formation they call the China Wall. This could be a great spring hike when the cacti are in bloom. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees. Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BlackCanyonCity>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Black Canyon City Trailhead--Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 244 (Black Canyon City). Start measuring from the stop sign at the top of the off-ramp. Turn left (west), crossing I-17. At .2 miles turn left, then a quick right on Maggie Mine Road. At .9 miles, turn left onto Maren Avenue and cross the river. At 1.2 miles turn right onto Lisa Drive. At 1.3 miles (just before the bottom of a deep wash), turn left on Soap Creek Road (narrow dirt road - fine for any car). At 1.5 miles, there is a pullout for 2-3 cars. The BCT trail sign is on the right just past the pullout area. There is lots of parking about .25 miles further up the road, where the Black Canyon Trail goes south.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Bob Bentley Segment & Boy Scout Loop (Emory Henderson Trailhead - New River). Rating C Challenge, B. This is an 8-11.2-mile lollipop loop hike, with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The B version does a loop at the end of a 4 mile in and out hike. There is lots of vegetation with numerous types of cacti. Wildflowers would be abundant after good winter rains. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 74 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Bob-Bentley-Segment-Emory-Henderson-Trailhead>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Emory Henderson Trailhead -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow it to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn north (left) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left for 1 block and then right onto New River Road. Drive for about 6 miles and turn left at the Emory Henderson Trailhead sign.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Boy Scout Loop. Rating C. This is a 5.9-mile in and out hike with about 500 feet of elevation gain. Normally accessed via the Emory Henderson Trail for a B hike, this shorter version provides C hikers a way to see the Boy Scout Loop. Walking down a dirt road for about 1 mile, go right on the Black Canyon Trail. (There is an old sign when you get to the Black Canyon Trail). At the next intersection, go left up the western side of the loop. Stay right until you get to the next signed intersection. It is a somewhat rocky trail leading to the signed intersection with the Black Canyon Trail. Go left up to the summit and then return to the intersection, turning left to go down via the eastern side of the loop. Return along the dirt road to the parking area. There is a dense saguaro forest between the upper intersection and the summit. The hike goes through typical desert terrain with views of distant vistas.

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Boy Scout Loop -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow it to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn north (left) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left for 1 block and then right onto New River Road. Drive for 6 miles and you will see the Emory Henderson Trailhead sign on your left. Continue past Emory Henderson to 42nd Avenue. Turn left and park in the small parking area provided. Walk down 42nd Avenue to begin the hike.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Bumblebee to Government Springs (I-17 Exit 248). Rating B. This is a 13.4-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. It wanders through typical desert terrain with views of an abandoned house/mine, a working cattle ranch, and distant views of Sunset Point Rest Area. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are no park fees and no restrooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return. Driving distance is 120 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs/B-HikeLynnW2015-2016/>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Bumblebee Trailhead -- Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 5 miles (the last 3 are on a well-maintained dirt road). Turn left into an unpaved parking area. (This is just before the yellow “Welcome to Bumblebee” sign on the right). Immediately turn right and go about .2 miles to the end. Trail is about 50 yards on the other side of the little canyon and runs parallel to the road--cross wherever you can, and you will run into the trail. Go to the right on the trail.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Bumblebee Trailhead North (I-17 Exit 248). Rating C. This is a 7.5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. It wanders through typical desert terrain with views of an abandoned house/mine, a working cattle ranch, and distant

views of Sunset Point Rest Area. Turn around point is a rock outcropping that overlooks a wide valley. No park fees. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are no restrooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return. Driving distance is 120 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Bumblebee Trailhead--Turn north on Pebble Creek Parkway to Indian School. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn onto I-17 north toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 5 miles (the last 3 are on a well-maintained dirt road). Turn left into an unpaved parking area (this is just before the yellow “Welcome to Bumblebee” sign on the right). Immediately turn right and go about .2 miles to the end. Trail is about 50 yards on the other side of the little canyon and runs parallel to the road--cross wherever you can, and you will run into the trail. Go to the right on the trail.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Copper Mountain Segment. Rating C, B. This is a 8-mile C in-and-out hike or a 13.9-mile B loop with elevation change of 1000 or 1600 feet. From the trailhead, the C version heads north and goes up to a series of colorful rock formations with expansive views of the surrounding area. At the intersection, veer left for the Copper Mountain Trail as opposed to the Russian Wall Trail. The C version goes 1.6 miles past the previous turn around version to hike along the ridgeline with expansive views. The B version does a loop along the base of Copper Mountain and through a large forest of prickly pear cactus. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are primitive restrooms at the Big Bug Trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 75 miles each way. The B's and C's use different trailheads.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop>

C Hike Directions to Black Canyon Trail-- Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left - crossing I-17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 4 miles and turn left at the trailhead sign.

B Hike Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left - crossing I-17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 5.3 miles and turn right on Old Sycamore Road. Park at the top of the hill (1 mi.) after passing the BCT trail crossing.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Doe Springs Segment (I-17 Exit 236) Rating C Challenge for Distance, B. This is a 10-12-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. It covers the segment just north of the Boy Scout Loop south of the Black Canyon Trail. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Black Canyon City and the hills around it. There are two nice saguaro forests along the trail--the one at the 5-mile point is excellent and has shade for a break. Trail condition--the trail itself is a national bike trail--very good surface and no steep ups or downs. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Doe-Spring>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail--Table Mesa Trailhead--Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right. Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area. Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I-17). Go another 1.9 miles to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I-17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Emory Henderson Trailhead North (New River). Rating D. This is a 4-mile in-and-out hike, with an elevation gain of 200 feet. The trail goes in and out of several canyons. There is lots of vegetation with numerous types of cacti. Wildflowers would be abundant after good winter rains. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 74 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/New-River-Segment>
Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Emory Henderson Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) on Indian School and then take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn north (left) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left for 1 block and then right onto New River Road. Drive for about 6 miles and turn left at the Emory Henderson Trailhead sign.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Glorianna Trailhead North (I-17 Exit 248). Rating C, B. This is a 7–10-mile hike with an elevation gain of 600-900 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads north along the east edge of Black Canyon and travels below the Sunset Point Rest Area, though you don't really see much of the rest area. It has typical desert vegetation with views up and down Black Canyon. There are several interesting little canyons with different points of interest in each--dry waterfall in one, a large saguaro in one, etc. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms, but Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return. Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-North>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Glorianna Trailhead -- Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Glorianna Trailhead North (I-17 Exit 248). Rating D. This is a 4–5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 200-300 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads north along the east edge of Black Canyon and travels below the Sunset Point Rest Area, though you don't really see much of the rest area. It has typical desert vegetation with views up and down Black Canyon. There are several interesting little canyons with different points of interest in each - a dry waterfall in one, a large saguaro in one, etc. The 2 smallest saguaro (4 inches high) that we know of are on this trail. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No park fees. No restrooms (Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return). Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-North>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Glorianna Trailhead -- Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Glorianna Trailhead South (I-17 Exit 248). This is a 7–12-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000-1400 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads south along the upper edge of Black Canyon. Good trail condition. From the trail head, start south. The trail will lead to a jeep road, noted by a metal stake. Turn left and follow the road. Another stake will lead to the left. At about 2.9 miles, notice the quartz outcropping on the left. Continue on until the trail goes into a wash at about 3.4 miles. This area is a good break point. Continue on if you wish extra miles. Return via the same trail. However, as you return via the jeep road, watch carefully for the stake on the right as it is set well back from the road. There is no park

fees. There are no restrooms however, Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return. Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-South>
Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Glorianna Trailhead -- Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left), go to Loop 303 North, and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn left (West), crossing I-17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area.

Black Canyon Trail: Government Springs to Antelope Hill (I-17 Exit 248). Rating

B. This is a 10.8-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike goes up to the top of the ridgeline near Crown King. The first couple of miles wander through the desert with little elevation change. It then follows the contours of several interesting canyons as it rises up to the top of the plateau. Lots of expansive views of a valley surprisingly devoid of development even though it's only a couple of miles from I-17. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No park fees. No restrooms (Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return). Driving distance is 130 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs>
Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Government Spring Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 10 miles (the last 8 are on a well-maintained dirt road) Turn right into an unpaved parking area near an old water tank.

Black Canyon Trail: Government Springs North (I-17 Exit 248). Rating C. This is a 7-mile hike with an elevation gain of 840 feet. The first couple of miles wander through the desert with little elevation change. It then follows the contours of several interesting canyons as it rises to near the top of the plateau. There are lots of expansive views of a valley surprisingly devoid of development even though it's only a couple of miles from I-17. The turnaround point is a gate around 3.5 miles from the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No park fees. No rest rooms (Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return). Driving distance is 130 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs>
Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Government Spring Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 10 miles (the last 8 are on a well-maintained dirt road) Turn right into an unpaved parking area near an old water tank.

Black Canyon Trail: Government Springs South (I-17 Exit 248). Rating C. This is a 7.5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. It starts near a spring and goes south. There are lots of expansive views with typical desert vegetation. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No park fees. No restrooms (Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I-17 with easy return). Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs>
Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Government Spring Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. Drive about 10 miles (the last 8 are on a well-maintained dirt road) Turn right into an unpaved parking area near an old water tank.

Black Canyon Trail: K-Mine Segment, Black Canyon City Trailhead (I-17 Exit 242). Rating C/B. This is a 5 to 10-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The C level hike goes 2.5 miles along a ridge that follows the Agua Fria River before descending to the river

using a series of sharp switchbacks. This stretch of the hike provides nice views of the river canyon as well as Black Canyon City. The B level continues across the river and follows an old jeep trail over several hills before picking up the continuation of the Black Canyon Trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail with one steep section just before crossing the river. No park fees. Driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip - the last .25 miles are on a gravel road. The Rock Springs Café (great pies and burgers) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I-17. [SCG=5.4/800/2.7].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/K-mine-Segment-Exit-242>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 north toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn left (West), crossing I-17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road.

Black Canyon Trail: Little Pan Loop, Table Mesa Trailhead (I-17 Exit 236) Rating

B. This is a 9.6-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1260 feet. It covers three segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Table Mesa, Little Pan, and Williams Mesa segments. The hike crosses the Agua Fria River twice, so be prepared for water depending on the season you hike it. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Little-Pan-Segment>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right. (Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area) Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I-17). Go another 1.9 miles to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I-17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

Black Canyon Trail: Skyline Segment, Black Canyon City Trailhead (I-17 Exit 242)

Rating B. This is an 11.6 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of about 1200 feet. Starting out on the Horseshoe Segment you cross the Agua Fria River at about the 1.5-mile point. The trail then becomes the Skyline Segment. As you climb up the hillside, you will have several views of the river and Black Canyon City from above. The turnaround point is the junction with the Cheapshot Segment. There was some water in the river in June but was easily crossed. During the wet seasons, it will be more difficult to cross while staying dry. There are several sections of quartz rock along the trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 100 miles roundtrip - the last .25 miles are on a gravel road. The Rock Springs Café (great pies) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I-17.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Skyline-Segment>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road.

Black Canyon Trail: Skyline Segment, Black Canyon City Trailhead (I-17 Exit 242)

Rating C. This is a 6-8 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. Starting out

on the Horseshoe Segment you cross the Agua Fria River at about the 1.5-mile point. The trail then becomes the Skyline Segment. As you climb up the hillside, you will have several views of the river and Black Canyon City from above. For a 6-mile hike stop and turn around when you see the river view after passing behind a hill. For a 7-mile hike go .5 miles further for a view of Black Canyon City. The 8-mile version goes up to a quartz field. There is usually some water in the river but is crossable. During the wet seasons, it will be more difficult to cross while staying dry. There are several sections of quartz rock along the trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 100 miles roundtrip. The Rock Springs Café (great pies) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I-17.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Skyline-Segment>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Skyline Segment, Black Canyon City Trailhead

(I-17 Exit 242) Rating D. This is a 3.7 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of about 430 feet. You hike to the Agua Fria River at about the 1.5-mile point. This section has great views of the river valley as you descend to the river. You can walk along the river in both directions. The main climb is on the way back as you ascend from the river to the top of the ridge. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition--a good biking trail with one steep section just before getting to the river. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 100 miles roundtrip - the last .25 miles are on a gravel road. The Rock Springs Café (great pies) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I-17.

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Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn west (left), crossing I-17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Table Mesa, Williams Mesa Segments (I-17

Exit 236). Rating C. This is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 900 feet. It covers two segments of the Black Canyon Trail--the Tabletop Mesa and Williams Mesa Segments. The hike goes across the Agua Fria River for a way and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition--a good biking trail with a river crossing (hopefully low or dry). There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there are no park fees. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Little-Pan-Segment>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right. (Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area) Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 mile from I-17). Go another 1.9 mile to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I-17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Table Mesa Segment to River (I-17 Exit 236)

Rating D. This is a 4-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 300 feet. The hike goes to

the Agua Fria River and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. There is a small stand of wild palm trees along the trail. Trail condition--a good biking trail. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there are no park fees. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Table-Mesa-Loop>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa Trailhead – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right. (Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area) Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I-17). Go another 1.9 miles to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I-17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Table Mesa Loop, Tabletop Mesa Trailhead (I-17 Exit 236) Rating C Challenge for Edginess. This is an 8-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. It covers two segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Tabletop Mesa and Little Pan Segments. The hike goes to the Agua Fria River and makes a loop along a mesa above the river. Trail condition--a good biking trail with a little edginess in the loop section. There are great views of the river from above. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there are no park fees. Driving distance is 90 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Table-Mesa-Loop>

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Black Canyon National Recreation Trail: Windmill Valley Segment (aka Little Grand Canyon) (I-17 Exit 236). Rating C. This is a 7 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trailhead begins on the south side of the road, just past the parking lot, marked by a Black Canyon trail marker. While wandering up and down the hills, watch for burros, a wall of saguaros, a hillside of prickly pear and a garden of slate. Trail condition - a good biking trail. There are no park fees and no rest rooms. Driving distance approximately 110 miles round trip.

Directions to Black Canyon Trail - Table Mesa Trailhead - - Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow it until it ends at I-17. Turn left on I-17 (north) towards Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I-17, then right onto Frontage Road. Pavement ends within a mile (2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area). Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles). Turn left at the next one. Go another 1.9 miles to the Table Mesa parking area on the right (3.5 miles from I-17).