

**Buckeye 12-27-21**

**Trail maps for various segment in the Dog Bone area of Buckeye**

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

**Warning to Coordinators: Access roads to both Dog Bone East and Dog Bone West except the Joe Foss Trailhead have been closed. Be sure to check out the parking area before scheduling a hike in the Dog Bone area.**

**Buckeye--Dog Bone Airport Road Trailhead Hikes. Rating B, C, D.** These in and out hikes are 4+ miles & 400 feet elevation gain for the D level hike, 7 miles & 800 feet for the C hike, and 9+ miles and 1200 feet for the B hike. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. These hikes are in the far eastern section of the system. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. The first 2 miles (D hike) are on open desert with a gradual incline to a saddle with a quartz outcropping. The C hike then continues for another 1.5 miles across the side of the mountain to a field of quartz. The B hike goes off trail for a bushwhack up the mountain. Trail condition – typical desert trail with the last part of the B hike being a bushwhack. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 32 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails/C-Exploratory-HikeDog-Bone-EastLynnW2018-2019/>

Directions to Dog Bone--Airport Road Trailhead (Buckeye)--Head south from the PebbleCreek on Sarival Avenue. Drive 5 miles and turn right onto MC 85. Go 4.8 miles and turn left onto Jackrabbit Trail which becomes South Tuthill Road. Continue for 2.2 miles and turn right onto West Elliot Road. Go 1 mile and turn left onto left onto South Airport Road. Drive 2 miles, trailhead is on the right, park along the shoulder just north or south.

**Buckeye--Dog Bone Batman Rock. Rating C.** This is an in and out hike of 8-10 miles with an elevation gain of 600-700 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails on the far eastern side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Our goal for this hike is to see a rock formation that looks like Batman's head. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. There is an optional extension to Chloe's Charisma – a ghost bike memorial. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 50 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dog Bone Trailhead (Buckeye)--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 West (right) to Highway 85. Drive south on Highway 85 for about 7 miles. Turn left on Robbins Butte Game Road. Turn left at the sharp turn and immediately right on Narramore Road. Just before the wash, turn left onto a dirt road. Park on the right about a block down the road (where it widens). Hike back to Narramore Road. The trail starts across Narramore Road slightly to the right.

**Buckeye--Dog Bone Wilderness Area--Death Wish, Bird, Madd Bird, Highways & Byways, Minors, Roller Coaster, Turtle Rock Loop. Rating D.** This is a 4.5-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. This is a new hike just south of Buckeye that passes through typical undulating desert by a hill discovered this summer. This hike passes an old mine shaft that was occupied by an owl during our previous two exploratory hikes. There are some interesting rock formations. There are no facilities at the trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

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**Buckeye--Dog Bone Big Bird Loop. Rating C.** This is a loop hike of about 6.5-miles with an elevation gain of 770 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails to the west side of the Dog Bone biking area. It goes up to the highest point in the system (the end of Big Bird Trail). While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo--a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. Trail condition--while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 50 miles roundtrip.

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**Dog Bone Wilderness Area--Dog Bone Central Loop. D, D Challenge.** This is a 4.7 to 5.4 hike with that is a modified in and out hike with the Coyote and Infinity Loops on the back of the hike. This is a typical desert hike that is 5.4 mile including in the Infinity Portion and 4.7-mile hike with just the Coyote Loop. Maximum elevation gain is 350 feet. This hike includes portions of several trails in Dog Bone that were developed as part of bicycle trail system just southwest of Buckeye. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 roundtrip.

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**Buckeye--Dog Bone Central Loop. Rating C.** This is a loop hike of about 7-miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails to the east side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 50 miles roundtrip.

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**Buckeye--Dog Bone--Highways & Byways Loop from Joe Foss Trailhead. Rating C.** This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails on the south side of the Dog Bone biking

area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Trail condition--while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there is no park fee. Driving distance is 54 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dog Bone Joe Foss Trailhead (Buckeye) -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 West (right) to Highway 85. Drive south on Highway 85 for about 9 miles. Turn left opposite the Buckeye Hills Regional Park (and Joe Fosse Shooting Range). Park on the left just before the fence. The trail starts on the other side of the fence heading left (parallel to Highway 85).

**Buckeye--Dog Bone--Highways & Byways Trail. Rating D.** This is an easy 4.6-mile desert walk with interesting rock formations and views of surrounding mountains. There are no park fees and there are no restrooms.

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**Buckeye--Dog Bone--Lot's Wife, Jim's Sidewinder Loop from Joe Foss**

**Trailhead. Rating C.** This is a loop hike of 7.4-miles with an elevation gain of 440 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike uses two loop trails (Lot's Wife and Jim's Sidewinder) as part of the loop. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Trail condition--while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there are no park fees. Driving distance is 54 miles roundtrip.

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