

## **Buckeye 2-8-20**

**Dog Bone Airport Road Trailhead Hikes (Buckeye). Rating B/C/D.** These in and out hikes are 4+ miles & 400 ft elevation gain for the D level hike, 7 miles & 800 ft for the C hike, and 9+ miles and 1200 ft 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 fee. Driving distance is 32 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails/C-Exploratory-HikeDog-Bone-EastLynnW2018-2019/>

### **Directions to Dog Bone – Airport Road Trailhead (Buckeye)**

Drive south on Pebble Creek Pkwy for 9.3 miles and turn right (west) at Elliot Rd. Continue on Elliott Rd for 2.6 miles and turn left (south) onto Rainbow Valley Rd. Drive 2 miles on Rainbow Valley Road and turn right (west) on Ray Road. Drive 2 miles and veer right as the road turns (and changes name to Airport road. Drive 100 yards and turn left into a dirt parking area just this side of a dirt road going left. Park here. Hike down the dirt road for .25 miles and turn right on the trail.

**Dog Bone Batman Rock (Buckeye). Rating C.** This is an in and out hike of 8-10 miles with an elevation gain of 600-700 ft. 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 fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

### **Directions to Dog Bone Trailhead (Buckeye)**

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.  
Drive South on Hwy 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.

**Dog Bone Big Bird Loop (Buckeye). Rating C.** This is a loop hike of about 6.5 miles with an elevation gain of 770 ft. 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT.

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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.

**Dog Bone Central Loop (Buckeye). Rating C.** This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 ft. 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 fee. Driving distance is 50 miles RT.

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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.

### **Dog Bone - Highways & byways Loop from Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye). Rating C.**

This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 ft. 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 54 miles RT.

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### **Directions to Dog Bone Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye)**

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.

Drive South on Hwy 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 Hwy 85).

**Dog Bone - Highways & Byways Trail (Buckeye). Rating D.** This is an easy 4.6 mile desert walk with interesting rock formations and views of surrounding mountains. No park fee. No restrooms.

### **Directions to Dog Bone Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye)**

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.

Drive South on Hwy 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 Hwy 85).

### **Dog Bone - Lot's Wife-Jim's Sidewinder Loop from Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye).**

**Rating C.** This is a loop hike of 7.4 miles with an elevation gain of 440 ft. 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 54 miles RT.

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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 Hwy 85).