

BUTCHER JONES RECREATION AREA 9-16-19

Saguaro Lake Nature Trail (Saguaro Lake). Rating C. This is a 6-7 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of 750. Trailhead is at the Butcher Jones Recreation Area on the left side of the beach area. Trail is an undulating trail over open desert area. On a clear day you can see Four Peaks across the lake at the turnaround point of the hike. After good winter rains, there will be over 2 dozen different wildflowers blooming in April, including many types of Cholla cactus. There are scenic views of the wilderness area and the surrounding peaks. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park admission fee of \$7.00 per car or \$3.00 with Golden Age Pass (get the Tonto Nat Forest passes at Sporting goods stores in advance). Driving distance is approx 120 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ButcherJonesRecreationArea/Nature-Trail-Sugaro-Lake>

Directions to Saguaro Lake

From Pebble Creek take the I-10 East to SR 202 East

Turn left on Power Road (which becomes Bush Highway).

Drive past the Saguaro Lake turnoff.

About a mile past the turnoff is a sign to the Butcher Jones Recreation Area.

Turn right and go 2 miles to the parking area for the Butcher Jones Rec Area.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

Directions to Saguaro Lake - Alternate

From Pebble Creek take the 101 North

Turn left (East) on Shea Blvd.

Turn left (North) on the Beeline Hwy (Rt. 87) and go about 15 miles (8 miles past Verde River).

Turn right off of the Beeline Hwy (towards Saguaro Lake).

In about 2.5 miles there is a sign on the left to the Butcher Jones Recreation Area.

Turn left and go 2 miles to the parking area for the Butcher Jones Rec Area.