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HIKE: C Hike - Butcher Jones RA - Saguaro Lake Nature Trail.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Butcher Jones Trailhead **TRAILS:** Saguaro Lake Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a park admission fee of \$7.00 per car or \$3.00 with Golden Age Pass (get the Tonto National Forest passes at sporting goods stores in advance). There are restrooms at the trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Saguaro Lake Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take the I10 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 Recreation Area. Alternatively Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East, then 101 North. Turn east (left) on Shea Boulevard. Turn north (left) on the Beeline Highway (Rt. 87) and go about 15 miles (8 miles past Verde River). Turn right off of the Beeline Highway (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 Recreation Area.

DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles

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

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Butcher-Jones-Recreation-Area/>

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