

Trail maps for various segments in the City of Peoria

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Calderwood Butte. (City of Peoria) Rating C. This is an in and out 6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This hike is an urban hike, starting in a residential neighborhood, follows a paved portion of the Maricopa Trail for a while before heading up the butte. The trail then is a usual desert, rocky trail with a few steep portions. There is a 360-degree view from the top, overlooking Loop 303, the Agua Fria River and the city of Peoria. We will break at a small park before heading back. No park fees. Round trip driving distance is 45 miles. No restrooms available.

Directions to 108th Lane and Cottontail Lane: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway. Turn west (left) onto Indian School Road. Take Loop 303 North. Exit at West Happy Valley Parkway. Turn right. Cross the Agua Fria River. Turn left onto N. Tierra Del Rio Boulevard. Turn left onto W. El Cortez Place Curve, then left onto N 107th Lane. Turn right onto Cottontail Lane. It will curve left. Park on the street across from a small park.

Calderwood Peak and East Wing Loops. (City of Peoria) Rating C Challenge. This hike is 2 short lollipop hikes totaling 7 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The first part goes up to the top of Calderwood Peak with views of the Agua Fria River. The second part goes by a wash and housing development. It then goes up to the top of a short mountain (450 feet) within 1.3 miles using several switchbacks. There are 360-degree views from the peak. Trail condition--both trails are average hiking trails with short steep sections. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 60 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Peoria Trails--Calderwood Peak--Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway. Turn west (left) onto Indian School Road. Take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Jomax Road. Turn right on 99th Avenue. Go .3 miles to paved area on the right.

Directions to Peoria Trails--Calderwood Trailhead to Eastwing Trailhead -- Go back to Jomax Road. Turn left on Jomax. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Parkway. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn left on Jomax Road. Turn left on Pyramid Peak Drive (which changes to Sonoran Mountain Ranch). Turn left on Chalfen Road. Immediately turn right on Miner Trail. Immediately turn right into parking lot. Trail begins on the left about a block further up Chalfen Road.

Directions to Peoria Trails--Eastwing Trailhead Back to PebbleCreek--Turn left out of parking lot. Immediately turn left on Miner Trail. Turn left on Chalfen Road. Turn right on Sonoran Mountain Ranch (which changes to Pyramid Peak Drive and then to 67th Avenue). Drive to Highway 101 and turn right, heading back to PebbleCreek.

Discovery Trail - Vistancia. (City of Peoria) Rating D, C. This is a 4 to 7+ mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 200-400 feet. Ninety-five percent of this trail is paved cement. It starts next to the entry waterfall area and basically goes along a wash that passes through the Vistancia Community. Along the way is a "to scale" model of the Solar System with each planet proportionally further away from the "Sun" as the real planets are. The total Solar System is about a half mile long from the Sun to Pluto. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, though there is a shopping center and a grocery store next to the parking area. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 46 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Vistancia's Discovery Trail – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North. Turn left on Vistancia Boulevard/Happy Valley Parkway. Turn right at Vistancia Entrance just past the waterfalls. Turn right into parking lot just before shopping area and park. Trail begins on backside of waterfalls near the entrance to the parking lot.

East Wing Trail to New River Dam. (City of Peoria) Rating C. This is a 5.6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1070 feet. This part goes by a wash and housing development. It then goes up to the top of a short mountain (450 foot) within 1.3 miles using several switchbacks. There are 360-degree views from the peak. The trail then descends the backside to a jeep road. The jeep road runs into the service road for the dam. The hike ends at a fence at the end of a new development. There are great views of Sunrise and West Wing Mountains. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Peoria Trails--Eastwing Trail--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn east (left) onto I-10 East. Take 101 North to 67th Avenue. Turn left (north) on 67th. Continue on 67th for 6.9 miles (it will change names to Pyramid Peak Drive, then Sonoran Mountain Ranch). Turn left on Chalfen Road. Immediately turn right on Miner Trail. Immediately turn right into parking lot. Trail begins on the left about a block further up Chalfen Road.

Directions to Peoria Trails – Eastwing Trailhead back to PebbleCreek -- Turn left out of parking lot. Immediately turn left on Miner Trail. Turn left on Chalfen Road. Turn right on Sonoran Mountain Ranch (which changes to Pyramid Peak Drive and then to 67th Avenue). Drive to Highway 101 and turn right, heading back to PebbleCreek.

Maricopa Trail Northern, Waddell Canal + Beardsley Canal to Agua Fria River.

(Exploratory) Rating C. Canals, Aqueduct, Siphon & Tunnel Hike. Rating C. Out and back hike of 6.5 miles and 540 feet of elevation gain. This hike starts along the Central Arizona Project Canal, and follows dirt roads paralleling the siphon that carries water across the Agua River Valley. You will then follow the old Beardsley Canal to an aqueduct (the silver 'bridge" you can see from the 303) carrying the canal across the river. Continue across the river and up the hill to the CAP Canal and follow until the canal goes into a tunnel. No restroom facilities at the trailhead. Driving distance is 56 miles roundtrip.

Directions to the Canals, Aqueduct, Siphon & Tunnel trailhead -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Lake Pleasant Parkway, turn left. After about ½ mile, turn left onto a dirt road just before you would cross the Canal.

Sunrise Mountain Trail. (City of Peoria) Rating D Challenge. This is a 3.5-mile double-loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet, going up and down two mountain peaks. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the south side are views across the west valley. The trail itself is well-maintained with two main hills to climb. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom. There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 56 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Peoria Trails--Sunrise and Westwing--Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road.

Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn right into Westwing Neighborhood Park.

Sunrise Mountain Trail. (City of Peoria) Rating C Challenge for Elevation. This is a 5+ mile multi-loop hike with an elevation gain of 1230 feet, going up and down three mountain peaks. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. The trail itself is well-maintained with three main hills to climb. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom. Trail condition--average hiking trail, but the climbs are fairly steep. There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 56 miles roundtrip. This hike can be combined with the West Wing Mountain Trail for a good B hike of 9.0 miles with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. It goes up and down over 5 short peaks.

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Tour de Peoria. Sunrise, Westwing and Eastwing Trails. (City of Peoria) Rating A. This is a combination of three trails in Peoria totaling 11+ miles with a total elevation gain of 2600 feet, going up and down several peaks in three small mountain ranges. Sunrise Mountain Trail is a 5-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1230 feet, going up and down three mountain peaks. West Wing Mountain Trail is a 4-mile hike that goes up and down over 5 small peaks. Elevation gain is approximately 1000 feet. East Wing Mountain Trail goes to the top of a short mountain (450 feet) within 1.3 miles using several switchbacks. There are 360-degree views from the peak. Average trail conditions with some steep sections. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. There are no parking fees.

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