

COTTONWOOD 12-27-21

Trail maps for various segments in Cottonwood

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cottonwood/i-843jtJH>

Cottonwood--Dead Horse Ranch Loop--Lower Raptor Hill, Thumper, Lime Kiln

Loop. Rating C, B. This is a loop hike of 8-9 miles with an elevation gain of 800-900 feet. There are great views of Cottonwood and Jerome. You pass many interesting rock formations and a pond. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7 per car. Driving distance is 236 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Cottonwood/Dead-Horse-State-Park>

Directions to Cottonwood--Dead Horse Ranch State Park --Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, then turn west (left) onto Indian School Road, take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn north on I-17. Take exit #287 to Cottonwood. Turn left on 89A in Cottonwood. Stay on Main Street (right) as 89A goes left. Turn right on N 10th Street. Bear right on Dead Horse Ranch Road. Turn right on Owl Road.

Cottonwood--Parson's Trail #144. Rating C, B. This is an 8-10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800-1100 feet. Parson's Spring and Summer Spring provide enough water to have a running creek year-round. There are 6 creek crossings (boulder hops). There would be great fall colors due to the abundance of deciduous trees along the creek. There is lots of great scenery along the trail. Trail condition - the first quarter mile is a steep stair like descent, then the trail is good with the 6 boulder hopping crossings. There are no restrooms and there is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 110 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Cottonwood/Parsons-Trail>

Directions to Cottonwood--Parson's Trail – Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, then west (left) on Indian School Road, take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn north on I-17. Take exit #287 to Cottonwood. Turn left on 89A in Cottonwood. Stay on Main Street (right) as 89A goes left. Turn right on Tuzigoot Road (towards the Tuzigoot Monument). Turn left on Sycamore Canyon Road (just past the river). Drive 11 miles to trailhead at the end of the road. Trail immediately drops down to creek.