

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS 12-27-20

Trail maps for various segments in the Estrella Foothills

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Blackjack Loop II SR/PA/RR/GR/BJ/UT/GR/JL/SR Loop

(Estrella Mountains). Rating C+. This is a 7.9 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1030 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle. It then goes up and across the highest ridgeline (Blackjack trail) in the area and makes a small loop around the top. This part of the trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

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Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development.

Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building.

Park at the far end of the parking Lot.

Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

Blackjack Loop I SR/PA/RR/GR/SU/BJ/JL/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating

C. This is a 6.5 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 1010 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle. It then goes up and across the highest ridgeline (Blackjack Trail) in the area. This part of the trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

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Brethren North – SR/PA/RR/GR/UT/JL Loop (Estrella Foothills Park). Rating D+. This is a 4.8 mile lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with 400' elevation gain. Nice pleasant hike with typical desert scenery. Helps begin the hiking season. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance 13 miles.

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Brethren South – SR/PA/JR/GS/RR/PA/SR Loop (Estrella Foothills Park). Rating D+. This is a 5.2-mile lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with 250' elevation gain. Nice pleasant hike for the early season with minimal elevation. Helps gets the seasonal hiker into hiking shape for the season or for the post holiday winter season. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance 13 miles.
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Brethern South Loop – SR/PA/JR/RR/PA/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating D. This is a 5.1 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 240 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - excellent hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are t the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.
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Cairn Canyon Loop – SR/PA/RR/GR/UT/PC/JL Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 6.4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - average hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are t the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.
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Elliott TH Loop 1 - Bridge (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails ending up at a wooden bridge that crosses a wash. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike goes through typical

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desert terrain. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-Exploratory-Hike-5-14-18Elliot-Rd-MappingLynnW2017-2018/>

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - Elliott Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south)
PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.
Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area
Turn left on Elliott (light just past a shopping area)
Park at the far end.

Elliott TH Loop 2 Blackjack Saddle (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails up to the saddle where Blackjack trail starts but turns to the left away from Blackjack. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

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Elliott TH Option 1 (Estrella Foothills Park). Rating D. This hike is 4.1 miles with 450 feet of elevation gain. Pirate Cove trail, Giddy Up, What's Up and Coyote Trails. Beautiful views of Estrella Lakes. Driving distance is 20 miles RT. Start at Elliott trailhead.

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Pirate's Cove -- PC-SK-WU-UT (Estrella Elliot Trailhead). Rating D. This out and back hike is 4.1 miles with an elevation gain of <300 feet. From the Elliot Trailhead in Estrella, follow the road to Pirates Cove trail and follow this trail as it meanders through the lower part of the foothills until you reach the intersection with Skallywag. Turn left on Skallywag, which is only a 0.1 mile connector trail, then turn right on What's Up and then right on Up There. Pass through Cairn Canyon where you might add to the cairns there. At the two mile mark of the hike you should be at the end of the second peninsula rock outcropping; a great break spot. Return to the trailhead. Trail condition - typical desert trail with no steep up or down hills. No park fees and no restroom at the trailhead. Round trip driving distance is 24 miles.

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Queen Anne's Revenge Loop SR/PA/QAR/GR/SU/JL/SR Loop

(Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 710 ft. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle. The trail crosses a gravel area that covers up an old tunnel. The trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly a very good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are t the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-Exploratory-Hike-7-05-2018Queen-Annes-RevengeLynnW2017/>

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Upside Down Loop - SR/JL/BL/GR/SU/UD/HU/WU/PC Loop

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