

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS 3-07-22

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 Foothills). Rating C Challenge. This is a 7.9-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1030 feet. 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. There are no park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway 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.

Blackjack Loop I SR, PA, RR, GR, SU, BJ, JL, SR Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This is a 6.5-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 1010 feet. 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. There are no park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Brethren North--SR, PA, RR, GR, UT, JL Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D Challenge. This is a 4.8-mile lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with 400 feet elevation gain. Nice, pleasant hike with typical desert scenery. Helps begin the hiking season. Trail condition--good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no parking fees. Driving distance 27 miles.

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Brethren South--SR, PA, JR, GS, RR, PA, SR Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D Challenge. This is a 5.2-mile lollipop loop considered somewhat of a desert ramble with 250 feet 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. There are no parking fees. Driving distance 27 miles.

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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.

Brethren South Loop--SR, PA, JR, RR, PA, SR Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D. This is a 5.1-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 240 feet. 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. There are no park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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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 feet. 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 fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Crossover trail to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (Estrella Foothills). Rating C, D. This is a 5 to 8 mile in and out hike going from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain. Trail condition - an average local hiking trail. No park fees. Restrooms are the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Doubloon Loop – SR, PA, JR, DO, RR, PA, SR. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D. This is a 5-mile lollipop loop with 400 feet elevation gain and typical desert scenery. Trail condition - good hiking trail - the intersection of Jolly Roger, Doubloon and Queen Anne's Revenge is clear, but no signage exists so consult the map. There are two paths from Doubloon to Rum Runner; one is slightly longer than the other, but both get to the same place. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No parking fees. Driving distance is 13 miles.

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Elliot Trailhead Loop 1 - Bridge. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. 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 desert terrain. Trail condition--an average hiking trail. There are no park fees and no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - Elliot Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end.

Elliot Trailhead Loop to Blackjack Saddle (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 900 feet. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliot 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. There are no park fees and no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles roundtrip.

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Elliot Trailhead Option 1. (Estrella Foothills) 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 roundtrip. Start at Elliott trailhead.

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Inner Loop AKA Missing Man Search. (Estrella Foothills) Rating B. This loop hike is 11.2 miles with 1400 feet of elevation gain. The hike begins on Pirates Cove then turns left onto 1UP, there is a short summit trail off of 1UP that is an up and back. Continue on 1UP to get back to Pirates Cove. Turn onto Skallywag to connect (turn right) onto What's Up then right on Up There into Cairn Canyon, continue on Up There to the Blackjack intersection. Go all the way up BlackJack and over to the saddle where you turn right onto Up Yonder then left onto Up There going down into and across the wash. Turn left onto Queen Anne's Revenge and go around the Estrella Foothills letters loop, continue on Queen Annes Revenge (notice the mine tailings) until it intersects with Doubloon - go right. Follow Doubloon, passing the turn to the right, when you get to a T intersection turn left and continue to Brethren Court. At Brethren Court take Bootlegger to a right at Pirates Cove. When you get back Skallywag, take Skallywag and turn left onto What's Up and continue straight at the next saddle onto Coyote and return to the trailhead. Trail condition--typical desert trail with some steep and edgy section in the Blackjack trail area. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees.

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Outer Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, UY, UD (sign says LU), RU, UD, BR, PC, JL, SR. (Estrella Foothills) Rating B. This is a 9.9-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 963 feet that traverses most of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Anne's Revenge (be sure not to turn onto DO - Doubloon which is unmarked). It then connects to Gratsky and climbs Up Yonder to the intersection of BlackJack and LU (Look Up?) and then down Upside Down (LU), a quick left onto a short section of Round Up (take the left on RU or you will wander far off track), back to Upside Down and then Surf's Up to Buccaneer and Pirate's Cove. Turn right onto Jump Line to return to Sunrise and the parking area. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition--mostly excellent hiking trail. There are no park fees. Restrooms are the trailhead. Driving

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PA to EMRP Crossover Trail. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This is a 7 to 8 mile in and out hike going from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Pederson Trail in Estrella Mountain Regional Park. We will hike to the Quartz outcropping on Pederson for the break. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain. Trail condition - an average local hiking trail. No park fees. Restrooms are the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark

Pirate's Cove--PC, SK, WU, UT. (Estrella Foothills) 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 downhills. There is no park fee and there are no restrooms 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 Foothills) Rating C. This is a 7-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 710 feet. 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. There is no park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Star Tower--Coyote Den & Painted Desert. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D. This is a 4.5-mile hike from the Star Tower area in Estrella Ranch to the Coyote Den break area near Cotton Road. This hike follows most of the perimeter trails around the area, and it includes a trip up or down the Painted Desert Trail which has an interesting collection of painted rocks. Good single-track trails for the most part, with some rocky sections. The Painted Desert Trail has a steep climb or descent to about 50 feet. There is an elevation gain of 530 feet on good trails through rolling hills. This is an area of new trails on the westside of Estrella Parkway. There is a restroom in the parking lot.

Directions to Star Tower Parking--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway and Estrella Parkway to a driveway just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the westside of Estrella Parkway).

Star Tower--Star Tower Multi-Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This is a 6.7-mile multi-loop hike with an elevation change of 900 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain near the Estrella community. The high point on the hike provides distant views of the surrounding area. This is another biking area developed by the same group as FINS and Estrella Foothills Park. They use interesting names for the trails. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

Directions to Star Tower Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower. Park in the curved parking area.

Star Tower--Star Tower to Tunnel Lollipop Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This is a 6.2-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation change of 600 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain near the Estrella community and provides distant views of the surrounding area. This is another biking area developed by the same group as FINS and Estrella Foothills Park. There is a small, but interesting canyon in the lollipop segment of the hike. No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

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Star Tower--Sidewinder, Copper State, Coyote Creek, Thrasher-Coyote Creek, Recluse (use road), Copper State, Sidewinder. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D. This hike is 4.6 miles with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. The trail provides panoramic views of the Estrella area and the Lucero community. Coyote Den is a good break point at just over 2 miles from the trailhead. This is a typical desert trail with a few short steep up and down sections in small washes. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out).

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Star Tower Trailhead. Sidewinder, Coyote Creek, Scorpion, Creek-Thrasher, Coyote Creek, Copper State, Sidewinder. (Estrella Foothills) Rating D. This hike is 4.3 miles with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. Additional options include the Little Loop off Copper State for 0.3 miles or Ridge Line (steep with 100 feet ascent) for 0.5 miles (roundtrip). The trail provides panoramic views of the Estrella area and the Lucero community. Coyote Den is a good break point. This is a typical desert trail with a few short steep up and down sections in small washes. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out). No park fees.

Directions to Star Tower Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower. Park in the curved parking area.

Upside Down Loop - SR, JL, BL, GR, SU, UD, HU, WU, PC Loop. (Estrella Foothills) Rating C. This is a 7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. 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. There are no park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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