

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS 3-12-21

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 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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Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area
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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 at 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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Star Tower Coyote Den & Painted Desert (Estrella Foothills – Star Tower), 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'. Elevation gain 530' on good trails thru rolling hills. This is an area of new trails on the west side of Estrella Parkway. Restroom in the parking lot.

Directions to Star Tower Parking.

Go south on Pebble Creek Pkwy and Estrella Parkway to a driveway just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the west side of Estrella Parkway).

Star Tower Multi-Loop (Estrella Foothills -- Star Tower) Rating C. This is a 6.7 mile multi-loop hike with an elevation change of 900 ft. 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. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

Directions to Star Tower Trailhead

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

Continue for just over 8 miles.

Turn right just past the Star Tower

Park in the curved parking area.

No restrooms. No park fee.

Star Tower to tunnel Lollipop Loop (Estrella Foothills -- Star Tower) Rating C. This is a 6.2 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation change of 600 ft. 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 fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles.

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No restrooms. No park fee.

Star Tower: Sidewinder-Copper State-Coyote Creek-Thrasher-Coyote Creek-Recluse (use road)-Copper State-Sidewinder (Estrella Foothills-Star Tower TH). 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: Sidewinder-Coyote Creek-Scorpion-Coyote Creek-Thrasher-Coyote Creek-Copper State-Sidewinder (Estrella Foothills-Star Tower TH). Rating D. This hike is 4.3 miles with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. Additional options include the Little Loop off of Copper State for 0.3 miles or Ridge Line (steep & 100 ft ascent) for 0.5 miles (RT). 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 fee.

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Upside Down Loop - SR/JL/BL/GR/SU/UD/HU/WU/PC Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 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 at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.
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