

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN RANCH 6-16-22

Trail maps for various segments in Estrella Mountain Ranch

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Estrella Foothills Elliot Trailhead Through Tunnel Loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch).

Rating C. This is a 6.8-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 750 feet. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliot Drive on an old road. It follows the power line road to a tunnel across Estrella Parkway. It then makes a one-mile loop through an interesting short canyon before returning through the tunnel. It then follows several trails, making loops along the way. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition--mostly a good hiking trail. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles roundtrip.

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

Estrella Community Lake Loop plus Trail to Safeway, (Estrella Mountain Ranch) Rating

C. This is about a 7-mile hike with an elevation gain of about 700 feet. It starts with a loop of the south lake and then follows a trail along the ridgeline to the Safeway. There are 3 US flags along the route as well as a giant rabbit and other interesting sites. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition--the lake loop is concrete with the rest mostly a good hiking trail. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 25 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Community Lake Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn right on Elliott (light just past shopping area). Turn left into the school sports complex parking lot. Park at this end of the parking lot

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) Baker's Hike, Rating D. 4.5 miles, approximately 400' elev. The hike is so named because it reaches Pastry Pass twice, from the south and again, from the north. You will visit the Bone Yard, hike along a ridge from Pastry Pass on an unnamed rocky trail over to the Tiki Man trail (the Tiki Bar is closed for this hike), then swing up to and over Pastry again, over to Proposal Pass and back to the trailhead. This is a longer, somewhat more difficult hike, than the FINS South hike, but more fun too. No restroom at the trailhead. Driving distance 30 miles roundtrip.

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles from Eagle's Nest. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) Loop. (Estrella Mountain Ranch) Rating C Challenge due to Elevation. This is a 7.5-mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 feet on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas--an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition--overall, this is a good biking trail. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is

easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for powerlines).

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North Loop. (Estrella Mountain Ranch) Rating

D. This is about a 4-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 460 feet on several trails in the western part of the FINS bike trail system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area--an enchanted forest of stuffed animals. Trail condition--this is a very good biking trail. There is no park fee. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip

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Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North loop (Estrella Mountain

Ranch). Version 1-Rating D. This is about a 4-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 460 feet on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals. Trail condition - this is a very good biking trail.

Version 2-Rating D Challenge. Same hike with a half mile diversion to a higher, more difficult trail-4.5 miles, 550 feet elevation gain. No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) South Loop. (Estrella Mountain Ranch) Rating

D. This is about a 3.7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 feet on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There is an interesting area--a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition--this is a very good biking trail. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) Tiki Man. (Estrella Mountain Ranch) Rating

D. This is about a 4.0-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 feet on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. Tiki Man Trail takes you to a Polynesian saloon on the mountainside, then thru Boneyard and Enchanted Forest. Trail condition--this is a very good biking trail, but the Tiki Man trail itself is narrow and steep. There are no park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I-10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).