

Trail maps for various segments in Estrella Mountain Regional Park

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Baseline, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7.7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail wanders through the front portion of Estrella Mountain Regional Park with distant views to the north. It then goes south into more typical desert areas. Trail condition--a very good hiking trail. There's a Porta-John at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Baseline Loop Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I-10. Turn east (left) on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight on Casey Abbott Dr North. Turn right on Casey Abbott Drive South (first turn past Nature Center). Baseline Spur Trailhead is just past the amphitheater.

Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C.

This is an 8-mile loop with a 900 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo arena. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition--good hiking trail. Restroom at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle. Drive around the park to the left. Trailhead is on the far side of rodeo grounds.

Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain

Regional Park) Rating C Challenge due to Distance. This is an 8+ mile loop with an 800 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo arena. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads is on the far (West) side of rodeo grounds.

Coldwater, Gadsden Trails, Butterfield Trails. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park)

Rating C. This is a 7.0-mile hike with an elevation change of 720 feet. The Coldwater Trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Gadsden Trail. The hike loops back on the Butterfield Trail. Porta-John at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailhead is on the far (west) side of rodeo grounds.

Coldwater, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C.

This is a 7-mile loop with a 600 feet elevation gain. The trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Half of the Coldwater

Trail is on an old road. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead–Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Competitive Track--Long Loop to Technical. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike direction--Connector--Finish Long Loop (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7.7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Trail condition--average hiking trail. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Competitive Trails–Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for PIR (Phoenix International Raceway) turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Continue to the parking on the right.

Competitive Track--Wrong Way Technical--Start on the Technical Loop going the wrong way for bikers to Connector Trail then finish the Long Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 6.4-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 950 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Trail condition--average hiking trail. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Competitive Trails–Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Continue to the parking on the right.

Competitive Track--Long Loop to Mountain Pass (Sidewinder) Trail then finish the Technical Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C Challenge for Distance. This is a 7.9-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 950 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Trail condition--average hiking trail. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Competitive Trails--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Continue to the parking on the right.

Competitive Track--Long Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C Challenge for Distance. This is a 9.6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 feet very gradually, then starts a slow descent. Trail condition--a good hiking trail. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip.

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fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Continue to the parking on the right.

Competitive Track – Technical Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 6-mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead. Trail condition--average hiking trail. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Competitive Trails--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Continue to the parking on the right.

Desert Rose to Gadsden Trail. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C, D. This is a 5 to 7 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. There is no restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition--average hiking trail. The park fee is \$7.00. /The driving distance is 26 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Desert Rose Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self-pay station. Angle right immediately after the self-pay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45-degree angle. There is a trail sign indicating the trailhead.

Montezuma Peak. (Sierra Estrella Wilderness). Rating A. This is a very steep hike of 5.5 miles with an elevation change over 2900 feet. It is a rugged off trail hike to the top of Montezuma Peak, which at 4337 feet is the second highest point in the Estrella Mountain Range (an unnamed peak to the northwest tops out at 4512 feet). This hike is best suited to experienced hikers familiar with off trail hiking and climbing over rough and unstable terrain. There are likely many routes one could take to the summit, none of which are particularly user-friendly. From the car park hike north through the desert along the base of the Estrella Range a short distance towards two parallel ridgelines. Looking up the ridges you will see that they join about 3/4 of the distance to the top at which point the single ridge heads the remaining distance to the summit of the mountain, at a point just north of Montezuma Peak. You should walk up the southernmost of these two ridgelines, which was rugged and required the use of hands in several places. You will have to dodge chollas and deal with loose and unstable rocks as you make your way up the steep slope. After the two ridgelines join, you will come to several spots where you'll want to bypass large rock outcrops on one side of the ridge or the other. Some additional hiking and scrambling will bring you to the summit ridge where the walking becomes easier. Turn south (right) at this point and hike along the mountain to the first of two small antennas (which no longer appear to be operational). Passing the antenna, the path becomes rough once more as you drop down a short distance to shallow saddle, and then begin climbing the final pitch of the peak itself. The easiest route to the summit is to continue directly up the ridgeline until you reach a point where you can work your way left into a shallow cleft on the east side of the peak. The cleft will allow you to make your way up to the official summit of Montezuma Peak (identified by a USGS marker which lists the elevation at 4337 feet), and great views in all directions. To get back down you could retrace your steps, or opt for the steep wash, which leads down to the west from the saddle you passed earlier between the antenna and the peak. The wash is basically a steep hillside at first and is covered with loose rocks that demand your full attention. Further down, water has scoured out the canyon to bare rock, making travel and footing

less precarious. The gully eventually becomes less steep, eventually passing the rock walls of an old Indian ruin located on the left side of the wash. Continue down the drainage until leaving the foothills of the mountain, at which point you'll want to head out of the drainage on the left (south) and route find back to the rough road and your car. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. The driving distance is approximately 76 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain--Montezuma Peak Trail--Take Estrella Parkway south 8.3 miles to the intersection with Elliot Road. Turn right on Elliot and drive 2.6 miles. Turn left on Rainbow Valley Road and go 9.3 miles (about 1/2 mile past the Cotton Citrus Feed store). Turn left on Riggs Road (dirt road). Follow the drainage ditch about .25 miles. You can cross the ditch and come back on the other side, coming out just past the blockade. Continue Riggs 4 miles to a 4-way junction with an unsigned road (listed as Buzzard Road on the BLM map). Continue straight at this junction (still on Riggs)-follow phone lines on right. After an additional 5.3 miles (along the way passing Rainbow Rancho, an old dirt airport) you will arrive at a T junction with a road running parallel to some large, high-tension lines. Follow the small trail sign and turn right. Drive 1.9 miles further to a left branching road with another trail sign and arrow (this left turn leads to the Quartz Peak Trailhead). Continue straight for another 1.2 miles and turn left. Follow this somewhat rougher dirt road 2.4 miles and turn left again. Follow an even rougher and rockier road about a mile and park.

Nipple Peak. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating A. Distance 12.5+ miles with an elevation gain of 2750+ feet. This is an in-and-out hike that uses jeep roads and some of the Competitive Long Loop to reach the start of the bushwhack up to the iconic Estrella Nipple Peak. Approximately 50% of the hike is trail-less. The trail-less section is a steep and rough climb ending with a scramble over open ledges to the rocky peak. There is no park fee. There are no facilities at the trailhead. High clearance vehicle needed. The driving distance is 25 miles round trip.

Driving Directions to Estrella Nipple Peak Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard and follow it as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. Turn right on South 133rd Avenue. Turn left on West South Mountain Road. Cross South Dysart Road. Turn right north in 0.36 miles at the third jeep trail after crossing 2 or 3 stream beds. If this turn is missed then West South Mountain Road ends in less than 50 yards. Drive a further 0.50 miles to the regional park fence and park at the turnaround loop. The trail follows the jeep trail to the left of the parking loop.

Pedersen Long Loop from Estrella High School (Estrella Regional Park). Rating B Challenge. This is a 15-mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. From the Estrella High School take the PA trail to the CX trail into the Estrella Regional Park after 2 miles. After another .9 mile, at the junction with Pedersen, turn right and hike 1.1 miles past the quartz outcropping to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right for .3 mile then turn left at the junction with Gadsden. Take Gadsden for .4 mile until the junction with Pedersen. Turn right and follow Pedersen Trail for 7.3 miles as it heads south, then west then north back to the junction with the Crossover Trail. Retrace the 2.9 miles back to the vehicles at the high school. Restrooms at the trailhead, \$3 park fee per hiker (each regional park card good for five hikers). Total driving distance is approximately 27 miles.

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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 I10. 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.

Pedersen Long Loop from Rodeo Arena. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating B. This is a 15-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 feet. The trail goes through typical desert terrain with distance views of the west side of the Estrella Mountains. Restrooms and water

are at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is approximately 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park—Toothaker, Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of rodeo arena.

Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating

C. This is a 7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail goes from the Nature Center and wanders through the front portion of the park with distant views to the north. It then goes south into more typical desert areas. Trail condition--a very good hiking trail. There are restrooms at trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Quail Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I-10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight on Casey Abbott Drive North. Turn right at the Nature Center. Park at the Nature Center.

Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Quartz, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating B.

This is a 12-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart.

Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge--follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center. Trail condition-- first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack. There are porta-johns at the Quail Trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Quail Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot.

Quartz Peak. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating B Challenge for Elevation. This is a 6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 2550 feet. Quartz Peak Trail, in the 14,400-acre Sierra Estrella Wilderness, leads visitors from the floor of Rainbow Valley (elevation 1,550 feet) to the summit ridge of the Sierra Estrella at Quartz Peak (elevation 4,052 feet) in just 3 miles. Along the way, visitors are treated to a variety of Sonoran Desert plants and wildlife, scenic vistas, and evidence of the area's volcanic history. The views from the summit are spectacular--to the west is a dramatic panorama of rugged mountain ranges and desert plains, and to the east metropolitan Phoenix unfolds over the valley of the lower Salt River. The trail begins at Quartz Peak Trailhead by following a closed four-wheel-drive track approximately 1/4 mile. Look to the left as you walk up the old road and see a narrow trail ascending the ridge to the north. The trail is a rough trail with a scramble to the top--the final 1/4 mile to Quartz Peak is a scramble over boulder and talus slopes that requires careful footing. Quartz Peak is a point on the spine of the Sierra Estrella capped with an outcrop of

white quartz. Quartz Peak is accessed from Rainbow Valley and Riggs Roads in Rainbow Valley, Southwest of Pebble Creek. Trail condition--this is mostly a steep, boulder hopping, bushwhack hike. A high clearance vehicle is necessary to get to the trailhead. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. The driving distance is approximately 70 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Quartz-Peak>

Directions to Estrella Mountains--Quartz Peak Trail--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway for 9.3 miles and turn right at Elliot Road. Continue on Elliot Road for 2.6 miles and turn left onto Rainbow Valley Road. Drive 9.3 miles on Rainbow Valley Road to Riggs Road and turn left. Proceed on Riggs Road for 3.9 miles to Bullard Avenue. Turn right and then take an immediate left onto an unmarked dirt road. Follow the dirt road 5.3 miles and turn right at the "T" intersection where a tiny signpost points towards a "trail." Continue for another 2 miles and turn left at a tiny trail sign. Drive another 1.9 miles to the trailhead parking area and restroom. It is possible to access this trailhead in a car, but a higher-clearance, all-wheel drive vehicle is recommended because of loose sand, rocks, and a few rough areas.

Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating D. A loop hike with typical desert scenery. This is a 4.1-mile hike with 400 feet of elevation gain. There are restrooms at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7. The driving distance roundtrip is 20 miles.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just after crossing the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of rodeo grounds.

Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7-mile loop with a 500 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of rodeo grounds.

Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating D. This is a 4.9-mile loop with a 560 feet elevation gain which starts on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail to the Toothaker Trail. Turn left on the Toothaker Trail and head back to the rodeo grounds. Trail condition--good hiking trail. A restroom is at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 6.7-mile loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo grounds. It has an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail goes through typical desert terrain. The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat. It ends at the Toothaker Trail. Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail to return to the rodeo grounds. Trail condition--very good hiking trail. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7-mile loop with a 500 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker, Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Coldwater Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating B. This is an 8.3-mile loop beginning on the west side of the rodeo grounds.

The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat with 320 feet elevation change and 900 feet elevation gain. It intersects the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the Pedersen Trail. Turn left on the Pedersen Trail for a short distance to the Coldwater Trail and the turn left again and head back to the rodeo grounds. A restroom is at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is approximately 20 miles roundtrip.

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Rainbow, Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park)

Rating C Challenge. This is an 8+ mile loop with an 800 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley trail when after winter rains. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating B. This is a 9.6-mile loop beginning on the west side of the rodeo grounds.

The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat (320 feet elevation change). It intersects the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the Pedersen Trail. Turn left on the Pedersen Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail, then right on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the rodeo grounds. A restroom is at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is approximately 20 miles roundtrip.

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Toothaker, Baseline, Rainbow Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating D. This is a 4.4-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The trail wanders through the front portion of the park with distant views to the north. It goes south into more typical desert areas. Trail condition--a very good hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip

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Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield, Toothaker Loop Trail. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. Approximately 7.9-mile hike, with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Take Toothaker .2 miles to Butterfield, turn left on Gadsden, then turn right back onto Butterfield at the far end. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the east and west. There is a small arch in one of the washes next to the trail. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Trail condition--good hiking trail. Restrooms are located at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Rodeo Grounds Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay the park fee. Follow the main road to the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Coldwater Trails. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7.6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 770 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo grounds. This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting, the Toothaker Trail will split off to the south (left). In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Stay on Toothaker, in .9 miles you will cross the Rainbow Valley junction. Continue on Toothaker Trail for another 1.6 miles to the Pederson Trail junction. Take the Pederson Trail to the left for .7 miles to the Coldwater Trail junction. Turn left on to the Coldwater Trail and follow it back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn left and follow it back to the parking lot. Trail condition--good hiking trail. There are restrooms on this side with running water. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. The driving distance is approximately 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead—Drive south on PebbleCreek to Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating D. This is a 4.2-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo grounds. This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead. Park on the west side of the rodeo grounds. There are restrooms on this side with running water. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. The driving distance is approximately 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead—Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C Challenge for Distance. This is an 8+ mile loop with a 900 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo grounds. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition--good hiking trail. Restroom at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead–Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far (west) side of the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Dysart, Coldwater, Gadsden/Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7.5-mile loop with an 800 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo arena. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition - good hiking trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead – Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway, south of I-10. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. Approximately 7.9- miles with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. We will follow the trail to a large wash, and parallel the wash for 2 miles or so. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the east & west. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Restrooms are located at trailheads. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead – Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C.

Approximately 7.4-mile hike, with an elevation gain of 700 feet. Take Toothaker until it ends, turn left on Gadsden, then turn left to return on Coldwater. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the east and west. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Trail condition--good hiking trail; most of the trail is part of the Maricopa Trail System. A bathroom is located at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car or use Maricopa County Park pass. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Park and pay park fee. Continue driving and park at the Rodeo grounds.

Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater Loop. (Estrella Mountain Regional Park) Rating C. This is a 7.4-mile loop with a 700 feet elevation gain. It begins on the west side of the rodeo arena. The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Half of Coldwater is on an old road. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Restroom at the trailhead. The park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. The driving distance is 20 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park--Toothaker/Rainbow Trailhead--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I-10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue

just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mountain Regional Park and pay the park fee. Drive around the park to the left. Trailheads are on the far side of the rodeo grounds.