HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Montezuma Peak - Sierra Estrella Wilderness (PCHC # 307).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** This hike is best suited to experienced hikers familiar with off trail hiking and climbing over rough and unstable terrain.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 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). 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 youll 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 HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Nipple Peak (PCHC # 6).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Difficult route finding and tough scramble to summit.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 3100 feet. This is hike uses jeep roads and a portion of the Estrella Competitive Long Loop to reach the start of a bushwhack up to the iconic Estrella Nipple Peak. Glorious views await perched at a tiny rocky seat high above Goodyear. From the trailhead follow jeep trails 1.25 miles north until the intersection with the competitive loop. Turn left onto the competitive loop over the saddle until the loop makes its U turn in a southerly direction. At this point leave the trail follow the map and GPX track north. The route crosses 3 or 4 creek beds and climbs a ridge towards the obvious pyramid peak ahead. The route contours around this peak to a high saddle. The route swings north east and climbs steeply up to a second saddle immediately below the rocky summit. The route travels behind this summit rock and steeply through a rock gap up to the small summit. Theres no more than enough room for 6 people at the top. Reverse path back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Approximately 50% of the hike is trailless. The trailless section is a steep and rough climb ending with a scramble over open ledges to the rocky peak. High clearance vehicle needed.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Estrella Competitive Loop **FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Park Fee. No Restrooms.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Nipple Peak Trailhead: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. DRIVING DISTANCE: 25 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Nipple-Peak

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HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop plus Technical Loop (PCHC # 692).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1056 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The hike begins on the Long Loop: at 0.84 miles turn right onto the Technical Loop, proceeding clockwise for 2.9 miles to where the trail ends at the Long Loop. Turn left and follow the Long Loop counter clockwise for 3.26 miles, turning left onto the Long Loop Mountain Pass, following it for 1.97 miles. It will again intersect with the Long Loop; turn left and follow the trail for 3.16 miles to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be aware that this hike is on a biking competitive track. While on the technical loop, bikes will be coming from behind. Try to avoid scheduling this hike on Saturday.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track Long Loop, Technical Loop

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 692

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella MRP connector to Estrella Foothills (PCHC # 764).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Route finding and bushwhacking.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This route uses a mix of trails and bushwhacking to connect the Estrella Foothills Park Trail System with Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Take Quail Trail South to Rainbow Valley Trail. Proceed on Rainbow Valley for approximately 4 miles and exit trail to the west to begin the bushwhack to the RU (Round Up) trail in Estrella Foothills. Turn right and continue to Estrella Pkwy. Follow Estrella Parkway Trail north to the end and bushwhack towards Tres Rios Golf Course on desert terrain. From there, continue northeast to paved road back to the Nature Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be prepared for bushwhacking between trail systems. Loose footing and rocky sections with elevation change.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Quail Trail TRAILS: Quail/Rainbow Valley, Round Up

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight, then turn right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

URL MAP: https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/recent?imageKey=zVCHML8

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Pedersen Long Loop from Estrella High School (PCHC #81).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 15 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 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 left 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is a long mileage hike but has low elevation gain. Soft sand in many places. Recommended for winter hiking. Great closeup views of the east side of the Estrella Mountains in the second part of the hike. Lunch near the southernmost point close to a spectacular rock outcrop

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Park Avenue (PA), CrossOver (CX), Pedersen, Toothaker, Gadsden, Pedersen, CX, PA

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No Park Fee

**DRIVING 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.

**DRIVING DISTANCE: 27 miles** 

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 81

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Pedersen Long Loop from former Rodeo Arena (PCHC # 80).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 17 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. From the Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) take Toothaker Trail. Turn right at junction with Pedersen and follow for 8.4 miles first west then south then east and finally north eventually coming to the junction with Gadsden Trail. Turn left back to Toothaker, turn right back to the vehicle at the former Rodeo Arena.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is a long mileage hike but has low elevation gain. Soft sand in many places.

Recommended for winter hiking. Great closeup views of the east side of the Estrella Mountains in the second part of the hike. Lunch near the southernmost point close to a spectacular rock outcrop.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Quartz Peak (PCHC # 309).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: The trail is a rough trail with a scramble to the topthe final 1/4 mile to Quartz Peak is a scramble over boulder and talus slopes that requires careful footing.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out 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 areas 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 sandy 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. 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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. High clearance vehicle needed.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Quartz Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Quartz Peak Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Butterfield - Gadsden - Flycatcher - Coldwater Loop (PCHC # 739).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation of 600 feet. This hike leaves the parking lot at the past site of the rodeo arena at the trail map sign. Start out and turn left at Toothaker. Turn left at Butterfield junction. Turn left at the Gadsden junction. Turn right at Flycatcher junction. At the end of Flycatcher, turn right onto Gadsden. Turn right at Coldwater junction. Remain on Coldwater all the way to Toothaker, then turn left back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS**: Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Coldwater **FEES AND FACILITIES**: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop (PCHC # 651).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition: good hiking trail.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 651

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop plus Mountain Pass Cutover (PCHC # 798).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 750 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with sweeping views of the taller Estrella Mountains. The hike follows the Long Loop as it heads in a circular arc for 4.5 miles over a pass and then downhill to the junction with the Mountain trail. Turn right and climb over the pass west and follow until this trail meets back with the Long Loop. Turn left and continue back to the parking lot. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be aware that this hike is on a biking competitive track. Try to avoid scheduling this hike on Saturday.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track Long Loop, Technical Loop **FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 798

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Mountain Pass (PCHC # 303).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track Long Loop to Mountain Pass (Sidewinder) Trail then finish the Technical Loop

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE**: 26 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Gadsden and Butterfield (PCHC # 664).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1078 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn right here and follow the Gadsden Trail until it ends at the junction with Butterfield trail. At this junction turn left and follow the Butterfield trail until it ends at Gadsden Trail. Turn left and follow Gadsden until the junction with Desert Rose. Turn right and go back to the parking lot. There is a short steep incline in mile 11.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Desert Rose, Gadsden, Butterfield, Gadsden Desert Rose

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 664

# HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Maricopa Trail, Buckeye Extension, through Estrella Mountain Regional Park (PCHC # 678).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This is a hike on good, well marked trails thru the park. From the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022), take Toothaker, then Butterfield, to Coldwater and proceed South. Turn right on Gadsden, then Toothaker for a short distance, and Pederson Southeast to The Crossover Trail. Crossover takes you to the park boundary, where you can pass into the Estrella Foothills area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Gadsden, Pedersen, Crossover, Maricopa

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 678** 

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail (PCHC # 644).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail and Rainbow to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn left on Dysart and then right onto Toothaker and then left on Rainbow. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Quail-Saddle-Baseline-Toothaker-Pederson to Quartz-Gadsden-Coldwater-Dysart-Butterfield-Baseline-Saddle-Quail (PCHC # 645).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. 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 left on Baseline. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Quartz, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Saddle, Quail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 645** 

# HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Coldwater Loop (PCHC # 54).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the Rainbow Valley trail for 4.2 miles as it winds its way past through a high saddle to the intersection with the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail for 1.4 miles to the Pedersen Trail. Turn right on the Pedersen Trail for .1 mile and stop for lunch at a picturesque white quartz outcrop. Reverse back to the junction with Toothaker, then turn right and proceed 0.3 miles to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left for .1 mile to the junction with the Coldwater Trail. Turn left on Coldwater and follow this 1.7 miles until reaching the junction with the Dysart trail. Turn left on Dysart for 0.7 miles until reaching the Toothaker Trail. Turn right and follow Toothaker 1.1 miles back to the rodeo arena.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow, Toothaker,

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 315).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn right to the junction with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow the wide and meandering Rainbow Valley Trail. After the intersection with the Dysart Trail it narrows and climbs through Rainbow Pass. Then it drops down to the intersection with the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail to the first junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn left on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the parking area at the former rodeo arena.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS**: Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES**: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 315** 

HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker (PCHC # 760).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike leaves the parking lot at the trail map sign just west of the rodeo arena restroom. Turn left in 100 feet at the junction with Toothaker and follow the signs for Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and continue to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden and continue to the intersection with Flycatcher and turn right. Follow Flycatcher to the intersection with Gadsden and turn right. Follow Gadsden to the intersection with Toothaker and turn right. Continue north on Toothaker to the intersection with Pedersen and turn left. Continue on Pedersen for approximately 1/8 mile to the Quartz Outcropping which is a great lunch and photo area. After the break, return on Pedersen to the intersection with Toothaker and turn left (north). Continue on Toothaker all the way back to the parking lot. (An optional, longer return would be to turn left off Toothaker on Rainbow and return on this trail—probably adds another mile).

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker, Pedersen, Toothaker

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 689).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 612 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn left on the Toothaker Trail all the way until it ends at the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail for 4.5 miles all the way to the second junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn right on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the former rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop (PCHC # 304).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 665 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track Long Loop

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 304** 

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Wrong Way Technical (PCHC # 302).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 836 feet. Start on the Technical Loop going the wrong way for bikers to Connector Trail then finish the Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE**: 26 miles

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HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Gadsden, Coldwater, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 755).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Extra distance.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1050 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take Toothaker to Dysart for 1.2 miles. Turn right on Dysart. Dysart dead ends at Rainbow Valley. Turn left. Follow RB for 1.5 miles and turn right to rejoin Toothaker Trail for 1.7 miles past Pedersen Trail. Turn left on Gadsden for 0.2 miles until you reach Coldwater. Turn left on Coldwater and follow this for 2.7 miles until you reach the Butterfield junction back to Toothaker. Turn right and return to the parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Gadsden, Coldwater, Butterfield

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE**: 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 755** 

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden (Full), Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 661).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 612 feet. This trail leaves the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022) and joins the Toothaker trail. Follow the Toothaker until it ends at the Gadsden Trail. Follow the Gadsden trail past the junctions with Coldwater and Butterfield Trails. Continue on Gadsden as the trail loops around and eventually ends once again at the Butterfield Trail. Turn right and follow Butterfield all the way back to the former rodeo arena.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

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HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Gila Trail and connects to the Baseline Trail. Turn right and follow the Baseline Trail counter clockwise. Turn right at the Baseline/Rainbow connector trail and turn right again onto the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the former Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) until it ends at the junction with Baseline. Turn right on Baseline and then turn right on Gila back to the car.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Gila Trailhead Estrella Regional Park **TRAILS:** Gila, Baseline, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker, Baseline, Gila

FEES AND FACILITIES: PortaJohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I10. 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). Gila trailhead is on the right. Park in the finished lot on the left or on the gravel area on the right by the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 735** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 296).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Gila Trail and connects to the Baseline Trail. Turn right and follow the baseline loop counter clockwise. At the junction with the Saddle trail, turn right and hike down to connect with the Quail trail. Turn left and follow the Quail trail until the junction with Rainbow Valley trail. Turn right and follow to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) until it ends at the junction with Baseline. Turn right on Baseline and then turn right on Gila back to the car.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Gila Trailhead Estrella Regional Park **TRAILS**: Gila, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker, Baseline, Gila

FEES AND FACILITIES: PortaJohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I10. 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). Gila trailhead is on the right **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track - Technical Loop (PCHC # 67).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 358 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. Average hiking trail.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track, Technical Track

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Competitive Trails. Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE**: 27 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 67** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Technical (PCHC # 301).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike direction/Connector/Finish Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 301

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Butterfield via Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 305).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left and follow the Gadsden Trail until the junction with Butterfield Trail. Stop here for lunch then return the same way.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Steady climbs in mile 1 and mile 6 of the hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose, Gadsden Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Gadsen Short Loop (PCHC # 745).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden. There will be a new trail on the left that is the cutoff across to join the Gadsden loop directly to the north. Take this trail and at the junction with Gadsden turn left. When Gadsden meets Butterfield turn right and reverse the earlier directions back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Gadsden Cutoff, Gadsden, Butterfield, Toothaker

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 745** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Horseshoe, Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Baseline Loop (PCHC # 819).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Horseshoe Trailhead for about one mile. Turn left onto Toothaker for 1.4 miles. You will pass the old Rodeo if a bathroom break is needed. Turn right onto Dysart to connect with Rainbow, go right onto Rainbow and follow for 2.4 miles. Do not turn onto Quail. Find the connector trail to Baseline, turn left. Turn left again and follow the Baseline Loop clockwise for 1.2 miles. Find the connector trail back to Horseshoe, turn left and return to the parking lot.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Along the Horseshoe Trail, we will pass a dead Saguaro Arch, great spot for photos.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Gila Trail, Horseshoe Trail TRAILS: Horseshoe/Toothaker/Dysart/Rainbow/Baseline

FEES AND FACILITIES: PortaJohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Rodeo bathrooms at the 1.1 mile

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I10. 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). Gila trailhead is on the right. Park in the finished lot on the left or on the gravel area on the right by the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 819** 

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## HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 308).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 690 feet. The trail goes from the Nature Center and takes the Quail trail to the junction with Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn right and follow the Rainbow Valley Trail to the junction with Dysart. Turn left on Dysart to the junction with Toothaker Trail. (There is a steep wash just before the junction that is a shady place for a midhike break). Turn left on Toothaker until the junction with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left on Rainbow up the hill to the Baseline connector trail. Turn right on this trail that crosses to a junction with Baseline. Turn left here and follow Baseline to the junction with the Saddle Trail. Here take the Saddle Trail downhill to the Quail Trail. Turn right and follow back to the Nature Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be prepared most of the elevation gain on this hike is backended into the final 1 to 2 miles. After leaving Toothaker the hike firstly climbs to the Baseline Connector and secondly, after a brief drop, climbs steadily to the Saddle Trail junction.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Baseline Connector, Baseline, Saddle, Quail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I10. 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. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 308** 

## HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 313).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 730 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail our of the parking lot past the trail sign. Turn right and follow signs for the Rainbow Valley trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail past the junctions with Quail and Dysart Trails for a total of 4.2 miles until the junction with the Toothaker Trail. Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail for 2 miles back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Uphill on Rainbow Valley Trail after the junction with Dysart for one mile to the saddle.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow Valley, Toothaker

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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## HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 311).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 311

# HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Coldwater, Butterfield (PCHC # 801).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 650 feet. Starts on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The Rainbow Valley Trail is windy and relatively flat with sweeping views over the Gila River valley. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail. Cross the Toothaker Trail and continue to the intersection with the Coldwater Trail. Turn left on the Coldwater Trail then left on the Butterfield Trail. At the intersection with Toothaker Trail, turn right back to the parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS**: Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Coldwater, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES**: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-mGSwhzs **PCHC TRAIL ID:** 801

## HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 314).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. It begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-9WD6N4X **PCHC TRAIL ID:** 314

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Sunset Hike Placeholder (C and D Hikes) (PCHC # 10016).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Placeholder for Sunset C and D

Hikes

TRAILHEAD NAME: TBD TRAILS: TBD

**FEES AND FACILITIES: TBD** 

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS: TBD DRIVING DISTANCE: 40 miles** 

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 10016** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 298).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Turn right on on Coldwater then turn left on Dysart and the right on Butterfield until the end of the trail at the junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden as it loops counterclockwise for 3.7 miles back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn right and head back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart **URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ww4CzzM **URL GPX:** https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anC8Rym6IxjvyTXPk

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 298** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 300).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn left on Toothaker then left on Butterfield to the junction with Coldwater. Turn right on Coldwater and walk down the old Coldwater road and then continue to the junction with Gadsden (after approximately 2.8 miles). Turn left on Gadsden to the junction with Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and follow all the way back to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right and follow Toothaker to the parking lot.\. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. Half of the Coldwater Trail is on an old road.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Gadsden, Butterfield

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield **URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-zsP3MDZ

URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiTMKeV\_ZsmyLl1a

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Coldwater, Gadsden, Butterfield Trail Loop (PCHC # 299).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 820 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Turn right and stay on Coldwater as it follows a road for 1 mile to the cowboy corale. Continue on Coldwater as it turns into a regular trail past the Camelback of the West on the left until the trail ends at the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then turn left onto Butterfield. Follow this all the way back to the parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Coldwater, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoR5R2e\_feE4vN8sa?e=KkgTNq

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 299** 

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 297).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 492 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden as it loops counterclockwise for 3.7 miles back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn right and head back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart **URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-Rf5RfP5 **URL GPX:** https://ldrv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoR3qig75s4SlhCEE?e=ulo4Ml

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield, Toothaker Loop Trail (PCHC # 317).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Take Toothaker 0.2 miles to Butterfield, turn left on Gadsden. Follow Gadsden as it loops west then south. After 2 miles there is a dry stone cross feature on a small ridge to the left of the trail. Stop here for mid hike break. Continue on Gadsden to the junction with Butterfield. Turn right back onto Butterfield and continue back to the parking area. 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield, Toothaker

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Butterfield-Gadsden-Loop/C-HikeEMRP-Butterfield-Gadsden-LoopLynnW2021-2022

**URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-Rf5RfP5

URL GPX: https://ldrv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4axBhey\_uQ5k4LBeeN?e=96bmSh

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 317** 

# HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Coldwater Trails (PCHC # 318).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 770 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield **URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-MWC64s8 **URL GPX:** https://ldrv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amihmAABRoaQauXIP?e=EmAumA

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 320).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield **URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield **PCHC TRAIL ID:** 320

HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield (PCHC # 321).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater (PCHC # 322).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.4 mile counter clockwise loop 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS**: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Coldwater/74-mile-700-feet-C-hike-2-16-22/

**URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-CzV2bSw/A **PCHC TRAIL ID:** 322

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Regional Park Boundary (PCHC # 716).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 360 feet. Start from the competitive track parking area near the race track. This loop hike starts with a climb then curves around the hill providing great views all around. The length can be adjusted as desired by extending the distance beyond the park exit before turning around. You will exit the park in a deep wash at the boundary fence and hike just outside the park on your return to the parking lot. Good hiking trails, some dirt roads, minimal bush whacking if you lose the trail on the return.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike opens the trail to D hikers by eliminating the need to climb the hill on the way out as you would on a C hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

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URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-K4VCqNt

URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aok9J2yoiPTDngKjt?e=h1pNmF

## HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Butterfield, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 704).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. At the junction with Butterfield turn left and follow this trail 1.4 miles to the junction with the Dysart Trail. Turn right on Dysart, cross Coldwater and go 1.2 miles to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker for 1.4 miles to return to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Butterfield, Dysart, Toothaker

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 704** 

# HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Coldwater Trail to Saddle (PCHC # 711).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. Hike starts at the intersection of Butterfield and Coldwater Trails and proceeds generally South on Coldwater to a saddle that will give D hikers a view into the southern area of the park. Trail is a wide road for about a mile, then a scenic 4WD road up to the saddle.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella West Rodeo Drive Trailhead TRAILS: Butterfield, Coldwater

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$7 per car

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE**: 20 miles **URL PHOTOS**: https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/galleries/pLsdKd

URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-JzkQGmd

URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aonUTd8tEKJNvHsal?e=MDUZQR

PCHC TRAIL ID: 711

# HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track - Long and Technical Loop (PCHC # 761).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 450 feet. Competitive Track Long Loop to Technical. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike direction to Connector to Finish Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Long Loop, Technical Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 306).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Break here and return the same way. This route goes up and over a hill with great views over the valley and the Estrella Mountains.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Steady climb in first mile of the hike and also in mile 5 of the hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: 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. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-JPMn6hf

PCHC TRAIL ID: 306

HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 312).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Starts on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The Rainbow Valley Trail is windy and relatively flat with sweeping views over the Gila River valley. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail to the Toothaker Trail. Turn left on the Toothaker Trail and return to the rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS**: Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker **FEES AND FACILITIES**: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

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## HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow Loop (PCHC # 310).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Start at the end of West Rodeo Drive at the Toothaker Trailhead. Follow the signs for the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow Rainbow .6 mile until the Baseline Cutover. Turn right and follow up to the Baseline Trail. Turn right again on the Baseline Trail counter clockwise around the peak. Take the Baseline Spur offshoot loop around a small peak for great views over Goodyear. On the main trail, continue on Baseline until the junction with The Saddle. Turn right and follow the Saddle trail to the Quail Trail. Turn left here and follow Quail to the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow Rainbow all the way back to the parking lot.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This is used as for Hike Leader training. This is the counter clockwise version of hike #751. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 310** 

## HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Rainbow Loop (PCHC # 751).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Start at the end of West Rodeo Drive at the Toothaker Trailhead. Follow the signs for the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow Rainbow until the junction with the Quail Trail. Turn right and follow Quail to the Saddle Trail. Turn right on the Saddle to the junction with the Baseline Trail. Turn left and follow Baseline clockwise around the peak. Take the Baseline Spur offshoot loop around a small peak for great views over Goodyear. Back on the main trail, turn left and continue on Baseline until the junction with the Baseline Crossover. Turn left and follow Rainbow the short distance back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is used as for Hike Leader training. This is the clockwise version of hike #310. ELEVATION GAIN INCLUDES THE OVERLOOK SPUR LOOP.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Rainbow **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles

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## HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Baseline, Rainbow Loop (PCHC # 316).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.4 mile counter clockwise 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Baseline, Rainbow

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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## HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield **FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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# HIKE: EZ Hike - Estrella MRP - Coldwater/Dysart/Toothaker (PCHC # 832).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. This is a 3 mile clockwise loop hike from the Coldwater Trailhead. Follow Coldwater on the wide gravel road to a picnic area just before you reach the Dysart Trail. Hike through the picnic area to Dysart and turn right. Enjoy mountain views and wildflowers in the Spring. Turn right on Toothaker for about 1.2 miles, then right again on Butterfield back to the parking lot.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Coldwater TRAILS: Coldwaer, Dysart, Toothaker, butterfield

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn is at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, follow the entry road to the gravel parking lot at the end of the road. The trailhead is at the far end of the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

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