

## FOUNTAIN HILLS 12-31-21

### Trail maps for various segments in the Fountain Hills area

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Fountain-Hills/>

**Fountain Hills--Dixie Mine, Prospector's Trails. Rating C.** This is a 7.2 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 1100 feet. The .6-mile trail in Fountain Hills is along a paved sidewalk in an exclusive neighborhood. The Dixie Mile Trail then enters the McDowell Mountain Park where you pay the park fee. At 2.5 miles you see the remnants of the Dixie Mine. Turn left on the jeep road for .3 miles. Prospector Trail then goes off to the right and up the mountain to a scenic overlook. You can see the Fountain Hills Fountain from here if your timing is right (on the hour). There is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking lot, which is on the left just before the gated entrance to the neighborhood. Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person unless you have a Maricopa County Park pass. If so, note your pass number on the envelope instead of putting \$2 in the envelope. The driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Dixie-Mt-Loop>

Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I-10. Take Highway 101 north. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately .6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate.

Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ – Alternate – Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I-10. Exit onto 202 East. Exit onto 101 North. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (turn right) and go approximately .6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate.

**Fountain Hills--Dixie Mine Trail and Sonoran Trail. Rating C, B.** This is a 7-10 mile in and out (C level) or lollipop loop (B level) hike with an elevation gain of 1000-2000 feet. The C version goes up to an area with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. The B version goes up near the top of the nearby mountains for excellent views of the entire surrounding area. There is a crested saguaro at the trailhead. The trail loops around the high side of a high-end housing development. Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person. The driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Fountain-Hills/Dixie-Mine-Sonoran-Trails-Pete/>

Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ--Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I-10. Turn on Highway 101 North. Exit on Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately .6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate.

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**Fountain Hills--Dixie Mine Trail and Thompson Peak Trail. Rating B.** This is a 9.8 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 1800 feet. The .6-mile trail in Fountain Hills is along a paved sidewalk in an exclusive neighborhood. The Dixie Mile Trail then enters the McDowell

Mountain Park (where you pay your dollar). At 2.5 miles you see the remnants of the Dixie Mine. Turn left on the jeep road--this is the Thompson Peak Trail. From here, it goes up and up and up. Some sections are cemented road--very steep but easy to hike on. You can see the Fountain Hills Fountain from a few spots along the trail if your timing is right (on the hour). There is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking lot, which is on the left just before the gated entrance to the neighborhood. Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person. The driving distance is 110 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ--Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I-10. Take Highway 101 North. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate.

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