

## FOUNTAIN HILLS

**Dixie Mine + Prospector's trails (Fountain Hills). Rating C.** This is a 7.2 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 1100 ft. 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 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. Park fee is \$2.00 per person. Driving distance is 110 miles RT.  
<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Dixie-Mt-Loop>

### **Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ**

Take Hwy 101 north

Exit onto Shea Blvd east (Exit 41, turn left) and go approx.. 6 mi.

Turn north (left) onto Palisades Blvd.

Turn left on Sunridge Drive.

Turn left onto Golden Eagle Blvd and drive to the entry gate.

Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate.

[there is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking area]

Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

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**

Take I-10 east

Exit onto 202 east

Exit onto 101 north

Exit onto Shea Blvd east (turn right) and go approx.. 6 mi.

Turn north (left) onto Palisades Blvd.

Turn left on Sunridge Drive.

Turn left onto Golden Eagle Blvd and drive to the entry gate.

Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate.

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Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

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**Dixie Mine + Sonoran Trails (Fountain Hills). 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 ft. 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. Park fee is \$2.00 per person. Driving distance is 110 miles RT.  
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Fountain-Hills/Dixie-Mine-Sonoran-Trails-Pete/>

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**Dixie Mine + Thompson Peak trails (Fountain Hills). Rating B.** This is a 9.8 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 1800 ft. 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 actually 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. Park fee is \$2.00 per person. Driving distance is 110 miles RT.

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[there is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking area]

Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

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Turn left onto Golden Eagle Blvd and drive to the entry gate.

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[there is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking area]

Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

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