

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Sonoran trail (PCHC # 425).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. The hike goes up near the top of nearby mountains with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. There is a crested saguaro at the trailhead. The trail loops around the high side of a high end housing development.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Dixie mine, Sonoran trails

FEES AND FACILITIES: 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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: Directions: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 425

HIKE: B Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Thompson Peak trail (PCHC # 426).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain 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 fee). 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Dixie Mine, Thompson Peak trails

FEES AND FACILITIES: 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I10. 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 on I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 426

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Sonoran Lollipop - McDowell Mountain Preserve - Fountain Hills (PCHC # 821).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. The hike goes up near the top of nearby mountains with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. From the Golden Eagle Trailhead go past the gate on North Mountain Parkways sidewalk to right on East Desert Tortoise Trail sidewalk to Dixie Mine Trailhead, which is 0.6 miles from parking lot. Proceed another 0.6 miles to left on Sonoran Trail. After 2.5 miles turn right on the Western Trail for about 0.1 miles, then left on the Promenade trail and follow this to Adero Canyon trailhead for 0.4 miles. This is a good place for a break. Reverse course on Promenade for 0.4 miles, then right on North Leg trail for as far as desired. (At the end of North Leg is a close view of the Fountain Hills fountain, which spouts at the top of each hour.) Reverse back to Promenade trail. Follow Promenade for 0.4 miles to the Lower Sonoran trail. This will intersect with Dixie Mine to go back to the Dixie Mine and then Golden Eagle Trailheads.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Hiking trails in this part of the McDowell Preserve have been greatly improved as of Spring 2024.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Golden Eagle Trailhead. **TRAILS:** Dixie Mine, Sonoran, Western, Promenade, North Leg, Lower Sonoran, Dixie Mine

FEES AND FACILITIES: 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I10. 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 on I10. 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

HIKE: C Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Sonoran trail (PCHC # 424).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike goes up to an area with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. There is a crested saguaro at the trailhead. The trail loops around the high side of a high end housing development.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Dixie mine, Sonoran trails

FEES AND FACILITIES: 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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: Directions: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 424

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie mine, Prospectors trail (PCHC # 423).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain 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.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Dixie mine, prospectors trails

FEES AND FACILITIES: 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.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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: Directions: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 423