

HIGHWAY 93 12-31-21

Trail maps for various segments along Highway 93

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Highway-93/>

Highway 93--Burro Creek Canyon. Rating B. This is a 7+ mile in and out hike along Burro Creek Canyon with an elevation gain of 350 feet. This hike has great views of the canyon and creek which has water for most of the year. The hike passes under the Highway 93 bridge that crosses the canyon. The trail surface is very rough--mostly river rocks. There are nice restrooms with water at the trailhead. There is no park fee. The driving distance is 100 miles roundtrip.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Burro-Creek-Canyon>

Directions to Burro Creek Canyon--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road.

Turn west (left), and take Loop 303 North. Take Highway 60 west toward Wickenburg, then 60 miles northwest of Wickenburg on Highway 93. From Kingman, travel east 17 miles on Interstate 40, then south 53 miles on Highway 93. The recreation site turnoff is one mile south of Burro Creek Bridge. From the signed turnoff continue 1.5 miles to the recreation site via the paved access road.

Highway 93--Joshua Tree Central. Rating D, C, B. This hike is across the Tres Alamos Wilderness which is an area of open desert full of Joshua Trees. The hike can go from 4 miles to 12 miles with elevation gain of 200 feet to 900 feet. There are more and larger Joshua Trees here than in Joshua Tree National Park. This is a true Joshua tree forest. There are several saguaro cacti in the area which is very unusual to see both species together as they live in different deserts. Saguaros live in the Sonoran Desert and Joshua trees live in the Mojave Desert. Trail condition--this is an open desert bushwhack hike with a few boulders to step around. There are no park fees. There are no restrooms. The driving distance is 150 miles.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-Central-Joshua-Tree-Forest>

Directions to Wickenburg--Joshua Tree Central Trailhead--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) on Loop 303 North to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) on U.S. 60 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93 and go approximately 28 miles. Park in a pull-off on the right approximately 0.75 miles past Milepost 171 just before Milepost 170.

Highway 93--Joshua Tree North. Rating C Challenge for Trail Conditions. This is a 6-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 800 feet. It utilizes old jeep roads, regular trails, sandy wash and bushwhacking to go around a white monolith rock called Shiprock. This area is part of the Tres Alamos Wilderness. There are good examples of saguaros and Joshua Trees living side by side in the desert. The rock outcroppings are very scenic as are the Joshua Trees. Trail condition - mostly on old roads with a couple of sections following animal trails. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. The driving distance is 160 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-North>

Directions to Wickenburg--Joshua Tree North Trailhead--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) on U.S. 60 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93. Go approximately 36 miles to a pull-off area on the left just before Milepost 163.

Highway 93--Joshua Tree North Monolith. Rating A. This is an 11-12-mile double loop with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. It utilizes old, unmarked jeep roads, marked regular trails, sandy washes, and short climbs to summit the Shiprock Monolith and the unnamed peak immediately south of the Shiprock. This area is part of the Tres Alamos Wilderness that marks the confluence of the Sonora and Mojave deserts. There are good examples of saguaros and Joshua trees living side by side in the desert. The rock outcroppings are very scenic as are the Joshua trees. There is a short climb and scramble to reach the top of Shiprock Monolith. A bushwhack connects south peak back to the jeep road. Washes may be running and muddy after heavy rain. There are no restrooms at the trailhead and there is no park fee. The driving distance 160 roundtrip.

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Directions to Wickenburg--Joshua Tree North Trailhead--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93. Go approximately 36 miles to a pull-off area on the left just before MILEPOST 163.

Highway 93--Joshua Tree South. Rating D, C, B. This hike is across the Tres Alamos Wilderness, an area of open desert full of Joshua Trees. The hike can go from 4 miles to 12 miles with elevation gain of 200 feet to 900 feet. There are more and larger Joshua Trees here than in Joshua Tree National Park. This is a true Joshua Tree forest. And there are a couple of saguaro cacti in the area - very unusual to see both species together as they live in different deserts - saguaros in the Sonoran Desert and Joshua Trees in the Mojave Desert. The C version goes to one of the saguaros living amongst the Joshua Trees. This is a "herding cats" hike as there is no trail and hikers tend to wander off in all directions. Trail condition - this is mostly an open desert bushwhack hike with some boulder hopping in the beginning and at the end. No park fees. No restrooms. Driving distance is 140 miles.

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Directions to Wickenburg--Joshua Tree South Trailhead--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) on U.S. 60 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93. Go 26 miles to a large rest area/pull-off on the left just past Milepost 173. Park at the near end where there is a gap for hikers to get through the fence.

Highway 93--Nothing, Arizona, Hike. Rating C, B. This is a 7-10-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 600-900 feet. Nothing is an old town along Highway 93 to Las Vegas with just a large sign announcing "Nothing." The hike utilizes old jeep roads and open desert bushwhack to loop through a series of boulder "piles." The boulder formations are very scenic. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 190 miles.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Nothing>

Directions to "Nothing", AZ--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to U.S. 60. Take U.S. 60 West toward Wickenburg for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93 for approximately 50 miles until you can see "Nothing." Park at the "Nothing" sign which is just beyond Milepost 149.