

HIGHWAY 93 5-6-20

Trail maps for various segments along Highway 93

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

Joshua Tree Central (Highway 93). 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 ft to 900 ft. There are more and larger Joshua Trees here than in Joshua Tree National Park. This is a true Joshua tree forest. And there are several 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. Trail condition - this is mostly an open desert bushwhack hike with a few boulders to step around. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 150 miles.

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

Directions to Wickenburg - Joshua Tree Central Trailhead

Take Loop 303 north to U.S. 60.

Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approx. 28 miles.

Turn right on Highway 93 and go approx. 28 miles.

Park in a pull-off on the right approx. 0.75 mi. past MP 171 (just before MP 170).

No restrooms...might want to stop at McDonald's in Wickenburg.

Joshua Tree North (Highway 93). Rating C+. This is a 6 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. It utilizes old jeep roads, regular trails, sandy wash, and a little 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles.

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

Directions to Wickenburg - Joshua Tree North Trailhead

Take Loop 303 north to U.S. 60.

Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approx. 28 miles.

Turn right on Highway 93.

Go approx. 36 miles to a pull-off area on the left just before MP 163.

No restrooms...might want to stop at McDonald's in Wickenburg.

Joshua Tree North Monolith (Highway 93). 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. No restrooms at trailhead, no park fee. Driving distance 160RT.

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Directions to Wickenburg - Joshua Tree North Trailhead

Take Loop 303 north to U.S. 60.

Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approx. 28 miles.

Turn right on Highway 93.

Go approx. 36 miles to a pull-off area on the left just before MP 163.

No restrooms...might want to stop at McDonald's in Wickenburg.

Joshua Tree South (Highway 93). 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 ft to 900 ft. 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 have a tendency 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 fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 140 miles.

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

Directions to Wickenburg - Joshua Tree South Trailhead

Take Indian School Road west.

Take Loop 303 north (right) to U.S. 60.

Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approx. 28 miles.

Turn right on Highway 93.

Go 26 miles to a large rest area/pull-off on the left just past MP 173.

Park at the near end where there is a gap for hikers to get through the fence.

No restrooms...might want to stop at McDonald's in Wickenburg.

Nothing, Arizona Hike (Highway 93). Rating C/B. This is a 7-10 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 600-900 ft. **Nothing** is an old town along Hwy 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. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 190 miles.

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

Directions to "Nothing", AZ.

Take Loop 303 north to U.S. 60.

Take U.S. 60 west toward Wickenburg for approx. 28 miles.

Turn right on Highway 93 for approx. 50 miles until you can see "Nothing."

Park at the "Nothing" sign which is just beyond MP 149.

No restrooms...might want to stop at McDonald's in Wickenburg.