

LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK 01-01-22

Trail maps for various segments in Lake Pleasant Regional Park

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/>

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Bald Eagle, Agua Fria Trails. Rating D, C. These are loop hikes of about 4 to 6 miles with an elevation gain of 500-800 feet. The hike starts out on the named trails on the east side of the river. If the river is low, we cross the river and hike back along it. We may encounter some of the free-range cattle that wander around along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. Trail condition--Bald Eagle is rough, Agua Fria is average, and the riverbed and banks are sandy. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00. The driving distance is 100 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Bald-EagleAgua-Fria-Trails>

Directions to Lake Pleasant East and Indian Mesa Trailhead--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I-17. Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 for Table Mesa Road. Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right. The pavement ends within a mile; approximately 4 miles of unpaved road to the parking area. Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I-17). Keep left at the next Y (3.7 miles from I-17; sign points to Boat Launch).

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Beardsley Trail. Rating D. This is 4-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a saguaro forest. About a mile in is a very odd, crested saguaro on the right. Near the turnaround point is a very tall saguaro (30') with no arms. The hike ends at a dry waterfall area with some interesting rock formations. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Trail Condition--Average hiking trails. There are restrooms with water at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles.

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Directions to Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Ramada 8--Desert Tortoise--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road. The trailhead is on the right.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Beardsley Trail from Maricopa Trailhead. Rating B. This is a 9.1-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The hike starts below the Lake Pleasant Dam and crosses the usually dry Agua Fria River in a wooded area. It then goes across a road and goes parallel to the Morgan City Wash. The second half of the hike goes through a saguaro forest. About a mile from the end is a very odd, crested saguaro on the left. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. The turnaround point is the campground in the park with some views of the lake. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee from this trailhead. The driving distance is 64 miles.

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Directions to Morgan City Wash Trail--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left (west) and drive past MP 22. Turn right on Beardsley CSR Road a couple of hundred yards past MP 22. Drive about a quarter mile to the Maricopa Trail Trailhead on the left as the road turns right.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails. Rating C. This is 7.7-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a saguaro forest. Along the trail is a very tall saguaro (30+') with no arms. Frog Tank takes you up for some views of the lake and meets Roadrunner Trail which travels along the edge of the lake. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Trail condition--average hiking trail. There are restrooms with water are at the trailhead as well as on Roadrunner Trail. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles.

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Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise) Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (North). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road. Trailhead is on the right.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Beardsley, Morgan City Wash Lollipop Loop. Rating C.

This is 7.6-mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 840 feet. The hike crosses a road and then goes through a saguaro forest. Along the trail are some interesting cacti. Morgan City Wash is an unusual overgrown riparian area that has over 100 species of birds. There are several creek crossings over a year-round creek. There is a good chance to see wild burros on the Beardsley Trail. Trail condition--Beardsley is a good hiking trail while the wash is through a wooded area. Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles.

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Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn left (west) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road. The trailhead is on the right.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Cottonwood Trail to Pipeline Canyon Trail to

Bridge. Rating D. This is a 4+ mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a fairly easy hike. The hike goes from the northwest corner of Lake Pleasant to a floating bridge that crossed part of the lake at one time. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros. There are many in the area. There are no restrooms at the trailhead but there are along the trail. There is a park fee of \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Ramada 1 (North Entrance), Lake Pleasant Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North. Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (north) and drive 5.2 miles to "T" intersection. Turn right at the "T" on Castle Creek Drive.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Frog Tank, Beardsley, Morgan City Wash, Roadrunner

Loop. Rating D, C. This is 4- or 6-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of about 450 or 640 feet. The hike starts out at the north end of the Frog Tank Trail between areas 10 and 11. It goes downhill to the Beardsley Trail, turns right for .2 miles, then turns left to go along an interesting canyon. The canyon ends at the Morgan City Wash Trail signs. We then turn left and follow the trail through Morgan City Wash before reconnecting with the Beardsley Trail. Turning left on Beardsley we return to the Frog Tank Trail and back to the trailhead. There is a nice dry waterfall area just off the Beardsley Trail with some interesting rock formations. Morgan City Wash which has been

recently upgraded as a trail is an interesting “jungle” area with a running creek. The hike can be extended to a C level hike by adding the Roadrunner Trail to the Nature Center. Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Morgan-City-Wash-Maricopa>

Directions to Ramada 12--Frog Tank, Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right on Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee. Then turn right on South Park Road. The trailhead is on the left at the top of the hill. Trailhead is a large parking lot overlooking the lake. Park on the right near restrooms.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Pipeline Canyon Trail. Rating D. This is a 4-mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 550 feet. This is an easy hike. The hike uses a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros. There are many in the area. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Ramada 4--Pipeline South, Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left on Highway 74 (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (North). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay \$7.00 park fee. Drive about 3 miles to the southern trailhead

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Pipeline Canyon to Bridge, Yavapai Point Trails. Rating D Challenge. This is a 4.9-mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 500+ feet. The hike goes from Area 3 on the Pipeline Trail to the site of a previously floating bridge. It then returns to the Yavapai Point Trail and goes up to the point, before returning to Area 3. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for wild burros. There are many in the area. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Ramada 3 (Pipeline North), Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left on Highway 74 (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (North). Turn right on Castle Creek Drive (T intersection where pavement ends). Pay \$7.00 park fee...Turn right on Cottonwood Lane.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Pipeline Canyon, Yavapai Point Trails. Rating C. This is a 6.8-mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 960 feet. The hike goes to a floating bridge that once crossed part of the lake. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros. There are many in the area. Trail Condition--Overall an average hiking trail, but somewhat steep to the highpoint. Restrooms are at the trailhead and at the snack break. There is a park fee of \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles roundtrip.

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miles to the park, turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee. Drive about 3 miles to the southern trailhead.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Wild Burro and Pipeline Trails to Floating Bridge. Rating

D. This is 4.4-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts out at the Twisted Talon Parking Area and goes north to the site of where there was a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. There are restrooms and water at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Ramada 9--Wild Burro--Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road and drive about .25 miles. The trailhead is on the left.

Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Wild Burro, Pipeline Trails to Former Floating Bridge.

Rating C. This is 7-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike starts out at the Beardsley Trailhead parking area and goes north to what is left of a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead and then to where there was a floating bridge before the 2017 monsoon rains destroyed it. We go past the bridge to a saddle above the ridge for our break. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. The driving distance is 80 miles.

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Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Regional Park--Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road and drive about .25 miles. Trailhead is on the right.