

## LAKE PLEASANT REGIONAL PARK 5-7-20

### Trail maps for various segments in Lake Pleasant Regional Park

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

**Bald Eagle/Agua Fria Trails (Lake Pleasant Regional Park) Rating D/C.** These are loop hikes of about 4-6 miles with an elevation gain of 500-800 ft. 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 river bed and banks are sandy. No restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 100 miles RT.

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

#### **Directions to Lake Pleasant East and Indian Mesa Trailhead**

Take Loop 303 north to I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff.

Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road).

Turn left crossing over I-17, then immediately turn right.

(Pavement ends within a mile; approx. 4 miles of unpaved road to the parking area)

Keep **right** at the first Y (1.2 mi. from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry).

Keep **left** at the next Y (1.6 mi. from I-17).

Keep **left** at the next Y (3.7 mi. from I-17; sign points to Boat Launch).

Pay \$7.00 at the self-pay station.

No restrooms at the trailhead.

**Beardsley Trail (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D.** This is 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 ft. 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. Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail>

#### **Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Reg. Park**

Drive 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 and turn right (North).

Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road.

Pay \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road.

Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road.

Trailhead is on the right.

Restrooms are at this trailhead.

**Beardsley Trail from Maricopa Trailhead (Lake Pleasant). Rating B.** This is a 9.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. 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 travels 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 turn around point is the campground in the park with

some views of the lake. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is 64 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail>

### **Directions to Morgan City Wash Trail (Lake Pleasant)**

Go left (west) on Indian School to Loop 303.

Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Road.

Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Hwy 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 (just as the road turns right).

No park fee, but no facilities at the trailhead.

**Beardsley/Frog Tank/Roadrunner Trails (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating C.** This is 7.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft. 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, 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. Restrooms with water are at the trailhead as well as along Roadrunner trail. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles.

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### **Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Reg. Park**

Drive 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 and turn right (North).

Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road.

Pay \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road.

Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road.

Trailhead is on the right.

Restrooms are at this trailhead.

### **Beardsley/Morgan City Wash Lollipop Loop (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating**

**C.** This is 7.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 840 ft. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a Saguaro forest. Along the trail are some very interesting Saguaros. 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. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail>

### **Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Reg. Park**

Drive 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 and turn right (North).

Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road.

Pay \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road.

Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road.

Trailhead is on the right.

Restrooms are at this trailhead.

**Cottonwood Trail to Pipeline Canyon Trail to Bridge (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D.** This is a 4+ mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 400 ft. This is a fairly easy hike. The hike goes from the northwest corner of Lake Pleasant to a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. It's a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. And keep your eyes peeled for burros - there are many in the area. No restrooms at the trailhead, but along the trail. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3]. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>

#### **Directions to Ramada 1 (North Entrance), Lake Pleasant Park**

Go left (west) on Indian School to Loop 303.

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.

Pay \$7.00 park fee and park on right.

No restrooms are at the trailhead.

**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 ft. The hike starts out at the north end of the **Frog Tank** Trail, between areas 10 & 11. It goes down hill 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 MCW 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 very nice dry waterfall area just off the Beardsley trail with some interesting rock formations. MSW is an interesting "jungle" area with a running creek. Trail maintenance has recently been completed to make MSW a very nice hike through the "jungle" area. The hike can be extended to a C level hike by adding the Roadrunner trail to the Nature center (not open as of 5/2016). Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles  
<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Morgan-City-Wash-Maricopa>

#### **Directions to Ramada 12 (Frog Tank), Lake Pleasant Regional Park**

Take 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 Lk Pleasant Access Rd...Pay \$7.00 park fee.

Turn Right on South Park Road...the trailhead is on the left at the top of the hill.

(TH is a large parking lot overlooking the lake, park on the right near restrooms).

**Pipeline Canyon Trail (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D.** This is a 4 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 550 ft. This is an easy hike. The hike uses a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. It's a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for 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 RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>

**Directions to Ramada 4 (Pipeline South), Lake Pleasant Regional Park (80 mi. RT)**

Drive north on Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road.

Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74.

Turn left on Hwy 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.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Pipeline Canyon to Bridge + Yavapai Point Trails (Lake Pleasant Regional**

**Park). Rating D+.** This is a 4.9 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 500+ ft. The hike goes from Area 3 on the Pipeline trail to the 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's a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. And 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 RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>

**Directions to Ramada 3 (Pipeline North), Lake Pleasant Regional Park**

Drive north on Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road.

Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74.

Turn left on Hwy 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.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating C.** This is a 6.8 mile hike in Lake Pleasant Regional Park with an elevation gain of 960 ft. The hike uses a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. It's a good spring wildflower hike if we get any 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 point. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles RT. [SCG=4.0/800/2.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>

**Directions to Ramada 4 (Pipeline South), Lake Pleasant Regional Park (80 mi. RT)**

Drive north on Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road.

Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74.

Turn left on Hwy 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.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Wild Burro/Pipeline trails to floating Bridge (Lake Pleasant Regional Park). Rating D.** This is 4.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 ft. The hike starts out at the

Twisted Talon parking area and goes north to a floating bridge. The Wild Burro trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising up to the Pipeline Trailhead and then on to an unusual floating bridge. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles

RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Wild-Burro-Trail-DougJ-Photos>

### **Directions to Ramada 9 (Wild Burro), Lake Pleasant Regional Park**

Drive 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 and turn right (North).

Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road.

Pay \$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 left.

Restrooms are at this trailhead.

### **Wild Burro/Pipeline trails to floating Bridge area (Lake Pleasant Regional Park).**

**Rating C.** This is 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. The hike starts out at the Beardsley Trailhead parking area and goes north to what's left of a floating bridge. The Wild Burro trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising up to the Pipeline Trailhead and then on to where a floating bridge was before 2017 Monsoon rains destroyed it. We go as little ways 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. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 80 miles.

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### **Directions to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Regional. Park**

Drive 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 and turn right (North).

Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road.

Pay \$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.

Restrooms are at this trailhead.