

OVERNIGHTS that aren't in the ABC location pages but have driving directions

CAMP VERDE:

West Clear Creek (Camp Verde). Rating B-C. 6+ mile. hike, out and back with an elevation change of 130 ft. The C level will cross the stream twice, stopping at third stream crossing and return to starting point. The B level keeps going after crossing the stream again. Footwear usually gets wet. Dress accordingly. Suggest extra pair of shoes/boots or waterproof hiking boots. Also, helpful to have a hiking stick in order to keep your balance when crossing stream. If you continue on past the third crossing you will come to the fourth and last crossing at about the 5 mi. mark. It's a rough dirt road for the last five miles. Accessible by high clearance vehicles.

Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 224 miles RT. [SCG=8.0/340/2.8].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CampVerde/West-Clear-Creek-Trail>

Directions to West Clear Creek

Clubhouse Dr to PebbleCreek Parkway.

Turn right on to PebbleCreek Pkwy to Indian School Rd

Turn left on to Indian School Rd to AZ-303 Loop

Turn right on to AZ-303 Loop to I-17 N

Turn left on I-17 N to Camp Verde exit 287 (AZ-260) (McDonald's at this exit)

Follow AZ 260 right for 8.1 miles.

Turn left on FR618, a gravel road (there's a small brown sign to Bull Pen

Take FR 618 about 2.25 miles.

Turn right onto FR 215. A sign here directs you to Bull Pen/West Clear Creek.

Follow FR 215 about 3 miles to the end. At the Bull Pen sign, go left about 200 yards to parking area and gate access to trail.

Note: distance is 112 miles from Pebble Creek to trailhead. High profile vehicle recommended for gravel roads. They are graded but rough.

A restroom is located at the trailhead.

CHIRICAHUA MOUNTAINS:

Heart of the Rocks Trail (Chiricahua Mountains). Rating C. Trail offers spectacular views of balanced rocks, spires and pinnacles unlike our typical hikes. These are partially wooded trails high in the park. The elevation change is approx. 500 ft. Take adequate water and bring warm clothing as we had snow and cold temperatures in May some years. Park fee: \$4.00 per vehicle, free with Golden Age Pass. Suggest a stop at the nearby Faraway Ranch, a pioneer homestead and later working cattle and guest ranch. Suggest an overnight stay at either the Best Western Plaza Inn, 1100 W. Rex Allan Dr., Wilcox, AZ (520) 384-3556 or for even more fun with a group: the SunGlow Guest Ranch, HCR 1 Box 385, Turkey Creek Rd., Pearce, AZ 85625. (520) 824-3334. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Chiricahua-Trip-324-3262015/Chiricahua-C-Hike-Little/>

Directions to Chiricahua Trail

Take I-10 east to the I-10 Business Loop exit at Wilcox. Stay on the I-10 Business Loop into Wilcox. (Once into Wilcox, signs for the monument will guide you the rest of the way). Go south on highway 186 from Wilcox at the sign for Chiricahua National Monument. Keep driving south on highway 186 for about 15 miles until a 'T' in the road where 186 goes east towards the monument (it is marked with another sign). Continue east on 186 just a few miles straight into the monument. Pay \$5 at the entrance to the monument (and pick up a map) and continue for about 1.5 miles to the Visitor Center. (Or take the drive another few miles up to the end and back

for some nice views if you like - it's only a few miles). Park in the lot at the Visitor Center and jump on the Rhyolite Canyon Trail at the far end of the lot or go up to Massai Point and take the Echo Park Trail.

DUGAS

Nelson (#159), Willow Springs (#12,), Verde Rim (#161), and Pine Mountain (#14) Loop (Pine Mountain, near Dugas). Rating B. This is a picturesque 10.5 mile out, loop, and back hike with an elevation gain of 1,720 ft. Hiking in a forested area. Park at the end of FR 68 in the campground. There are some outhouses in the campground. The Nelson Trailhead is directly across the stream to the east. Hike 2.5 miles east on Nelson Trail to Willow Springs/Pine Mountain Trail intersect. Suggest hiking the "loop" clockwise because of magnificent views as you descend off of Pine Mountain. Therefore, take the Willow Springs Trail. You will hike to a gradual ascent, about 2.5 miles to the intersection with the Pine Mountain Trail. Go right. After about ¼ mile of a fairly steep ascent you will see a sign that directs you to the left and the top of Pine Mountain. Will reach the top in about 100 yards. There is an ammo box with writing material to evidence you were there. There are great views of Verde Valley, etc. Return to trail and continue on the Pine Mountain Trail. In about ½ mile you will reach a heavily burned out forest area - a result of a 1989 fire. Trail goes abruptly down the mountain. Signage is good and you will intersect other trails but be sure to stay on Pine Mountain Trail. As you descend the mountain trail goes southwest and then starts north and intersects the Nelson Trail for return to parking area. The last 20 miles of road are dirt, with a stream to drive through in Dugas (high clearance will work if road is dry). There is no park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is approx 200 miles RT.

Directions to the Nelson Trail

From Pebble Creek take Indian School Road east to Route 101.

North on Route 101 to I-17.

North on I-17 to Exit 268 (Next exit after Cordes Junction).

Go east about 25 miles thru Dugas and the trailhead.

Always stay on FR 68. Round trip approx 205 mi. Road from I-17 to trailhead will require a high clearance vehicle and is a 1 hour drive. This is a wilderness area.

FLAGSTAFF

Humphries Summit Trail (Flagstaff). Rating A. Round trip just over 10 miles with an elevation change of 3300 ft (elevation gain of 3500 ft). This is a tough climb up to the highest point in Arizona. Start near the Sun Bowl ski lodge and proceed to climb in the pines to a saddle just beyond the growth of the trees. Turn to the left and continue climbing past four false summits to the actual summit at just over 12,600 ft. There are Porta-johns at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 320 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-6/Mt-Humphreys>

Directions to Flagstaff - Humphreys Summit Trail

From Flagstaff follow Highway 180 North 7 miles to FR 516.

Turn right onto FR516 (N. Snowbowl Dr) and follow 6.2 miles to the first large signed parking lot on the left.

A restroom is in the parking lot.

Kendrick Trail (Flagstaff). Rating B. This is an 8.2 mile (2,700 ft.) hike through a pine forest that climbs to a ranger lookout station. There is a log cabin about .3 miles from the lookout. There are some great views of the Flagstaff area and if you are lucky the Grand Canyon. This hike starts at 7,600 ft. elevation. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 320 miles RT.

Directions to Flagstaff - Kendrick Peak Trail

Take Indian School, Camelback or Glendale Rd to Rte. 101 N.

Exit Rte. 101 at I-17 N (toward Flagstaff).

From Flagstaff, take Hwy 180 North to FR 193, about 10 miles north of the turnoff to the Arizona Snow Bowl; turn left on FR 193 and continue to FR 171. Turn right on FR 171 and go 2 miles to FR 190; turn right on FR 190 and go 1 mile to the parking area.

A restroom is in the parking lot.

There are McDonalds at exits 262 and 287 on I-17.

Rocky Ridge and Brookbank tails (Flagstaff). Rated B. This is an 8.8 mile hike with an elevation change of 800 ft. These trails wander through the pine forests just North of Flagstaff. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 370 miles RT.

Directions to Flagstaff – Rocky Ridge Trail

Take Indian School, Camelback or Glendale Rd to Rte. 101 N.

Exit Rte. 101 at I-17 N (toward Flagstaff).

Drive north from Flagstaff 2 miles on US 180 to FR 420 (Schultz Pass Road).

Turn east and follow FR 420 for one-half mile and veer left staying on FR 420 for another half-mile to a gate and cattle guard.

Turn right down over the hill toward Schultz Creek and park.

The trailhead is marked with a sign near the creekbed.

Sunset Trail (Flagstaff). The Sunset Trailhead is accessible via FR 420 at Schultz Tank. The trail is four miles in length and terminates at the Elden Lookout Trail. It rises 1,426 ft up Elden Mountain. Black bear (shy), elk and mule deer abound in the area. We will turn around at the intersect of the Elden Lookout Trail and return two miles down the slope to the Brookbank Trail and take it to the left for 2.5 mi. (-1,000 ft.) to its trailhead on FR 557 where we will have left a/our vehicle. This hike will be at approx. 8,000 ft. elevation. No park fee. Driving distance is approx 320 miles RT.

Directions to Flagstaff - Sunset Trail

Drive north out of Flagstaff on US 180 to FR 420 (Schultz Pass Road). Drive 6 miles east on FR 420 to the trailhead at a parking lot on the south side of the road.

A restroom is in the next parking lot about ½ mile up the road.

Road Condition: FR 420 is graveled and suitable for passenger cars except during winter when it is closed because of snowpack.

FOUR PEAKS WILDERNESS (MAZATZAL MOUNTAINS):

Ballantine/Pine Creek Loop Trails (Mazatzal Wilderness). Rating B/C. This is a 6-7 mile in and out hike with an elevation change of 800 to 1300 feet that goes to Boulder Flat (approx. 3 miles from the parking lot). The North (left) direction on the Pine Creek trail is fairly flat around a ridge, while the South (right) direction is fairly steep going over the ridge. Halfway around in either direction is the beginning of the Ballantine trail. The Ballantine trail is primarily a trail through an area of large rocks and boulders, including a ridgeline of red rocks. With a little imagination, you can see numerous images in the formations, including a giant chair made of several rocks. There is no park entrance fee and no facilities at the trailhead. Driving distance is approx. 170 miles RT.

Directions to Ballantine trail: From Pebble Creek take I-10 east to Route 202.

Continue east of Route 202 to Gilbert Ave (exit 14).

Turn left on Gilbert Ave and proceed to AZ 87 toward Payson.

The trailhead is right off AZ 87 just past mile marker 210.

Barnhardt Trail (Mazatzal Wilderness). Rating B/C. This is a 6.4–12.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation change of up to 1,900 ft. The trailhead elevation is 4,200 ft, the elevation gain and descent is 2,100 ft. The trail out is mostly up to the Mazatzal Divide. There are some nice views of the valley around you as you climb to the top. With luck and timing, you may come across some waterfalls as you make the climb (around the 3 mile point). Trail is very rocky in many spots and goes along an open edge of the hillside several times. There is no park entrance fee and no facilities at the trailhead. Driving distance is 208 miles RT.

Directions to Barnhardt Trail: From Pebble Creek take I-10 east to Route 202.

Continue east of Route 202 to Gilbert Ave (exit 14).

Turn left on Gilbert Ave and proceed to AZ 87 toward Payson.

The turnoff (FR 419) is 4 miles beyond the junction with AZ 188 (rest stop).

Turn left at FR 419 and follow it for 5 miles to the end.

The parking area is fairly large.

Barnhardt trailhead is located at the west end of the parking area.

Brown's Peak (Four Peaks Wilderness). Rating A. Browns Peak is located in the Four Peaks Wilderness of the Mazatzal Mountains and is the highest point in Maricopa county, topping out at 7,657 ft. The total length is just over 5 miles with a total elevation gain of just under 2,000 ft. The first 2-1/4 miles is a moderate hike (level B/C) to the saddle, climbing just under 1,100 ft. From there, however, the last half mile is a very steep climb up a chute with very loose rock for an additional 900 ft. of gain (level B+/A). There is an exposed class 4 scramble near the summit as well as a couple of short class 3 climbs near the top of the chute. Once reaching the top you will be rewarded with beautiful views of Roosevelt Lake and much of the Tonto National Forest. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park Fee. Driving distance is 166 miles RT on a very challenging 20-mile primitive road requiring a high clearance vehicle.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/FourPeaksWilderness/Browns-Peak-Summit>

Directions to Brown's Peak:

Follow I-10 E, AZ-202 Loop E and AZ-101 Loop N to E Shea Blvd in Scottsdale.

From Shea Blvd east bound ending turn left onto SR87.

Follow SR87 to the Four Peaks turnoff which is FR143. FR143 is well marked dirt road on the right.

Follow FR143/FR401 for about 19 miles on the semi maintained dirt road to the Mazatzal Divide.

Turn right here onto FR648/Pigeon Spring Rd. and follow it about 2 miles to the trailhead parking (make sure to take a left just before the end; taking a right will take you to a great lookout/picnic area).

HWY 93:

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

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

Directions to Burro Creek Canyon

Drive north on Loop 303.

Take Hwy 60 west toward Wickenburg.

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.

STRAWBERRY:

Pine Canyon Trail (Strawberry). Rating C/B. A 5.5 to 8.0 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 970 ft. It's a steady uphill hike for the first 2.5 miles through a pine forest. At the top are interesting views of the valley below. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 260 miles RT.

Directions to Pine Canyon Trail

Out main gate, south to I-10.

I-10 east to Route 202 east exit onto Gilbert Road.

Turn left on Gilbert Road to Route 87.

Turn right on Route 87 to just south of Pine.

Just before entering the town of Pine you will see a HUGE sign indicating "Pine Trailhead" on the right.

Restrooms located at the trailhead.

Tonto Natural Bridge + Fossil Creek Trail (Strawberry), Rating C. A pair of short hikes totaling about 5 miles (under 3 for NB and 2.4 for FC) with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. The bridge is a beautiful 180' high, 150' wide, 400' long natural travertine bridge with lots of colors in the rocks. With a little climbing, you can cross right under it, or go up and around to see it from the opposite side. There are several places where you have to scamper over large boulders, but it's more hiking than climbing. Fossil Creek trail has little elevation change, but lots of boulder hopping that provides great views of many rapids and waterfalls. We will stop at a beautiful 15' waterfall. Porta-johns are at both trailheads. \$5.00 entry fee per person. Driving distance is approx 280 miles RT

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Payson/Tonto-Natural-Bridge-State-Par>

Directions to Tonto Natural Bridge

Take I-10 east

Take Route 202 east

Turn left (North) on Gilbert Road

Turn right on Route 87

Stay on 87 and go through Payson.

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park will be a turn to the left.

Pay the entrance fee at the office.

Then proceed to the trailhead.

A restroom is located at the trailhead.

(We usually stop at McDonalds on the right in Payson for a pit stop).

TUCSON:

Phone Line Trail (Sabino Canyon Catalina Mountains) Rating C & B. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center: The Phone Line Trail: Overlooks canyon, rock enclosed haven. Round trip or one way, your choice. The hike begins in the Sabino Canyon parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phoneline Trail. The trail is above and generally parallel to the tram road and offers outstanding views of the canyon. The return route will be back along the tram road or ride the tram back down for a C hike. \$6.00 (have the exact change) tram fee can be paid to the driver at the embarkation point, stop 9. Hike 10 miles for a B hike or 5 for a C hike. The elevation change is 900 ft at an altitude starting at start 2700 ft.

Directions to Sabino Canyon

Directions to trail: From Phoenix take I-10 to Tucson. Exit onto Ina going east about 6.2 miles where it peters out at Skyline Drive. Turn right onto Skyline which turns into Sunrise. Follow Sunrise to the end and follow the signs into Sabino Canyon Recreation area.

Pima Canyon Trail (Tucson). Rating B. This hike is 8 miles round trip, with 2,000 feet in elevation change. Beginning in the desert scrub at the base of the Catalinas, the Pima Canyon Trail leaves the parking lot (2,900 feet) and travels gently uphill for a short distance. Saguaros are abundant on the hillside, and in warmer months, may have flowers in bloom. Turning back to the southwest reveals gorgeous views of West Tucson, providing an excellent opportunity for photos. Shortly thereafter, the trail drops down into Pima Canyon, and winds across a drainage numerous times as the vegetation occasionally transitions into riparian (streamside) habitat. After three miles of hiking, you will arrive at the Pima Canyon Dam (3,700 feet), where two small, bowl-shaped depressions in a large slab of rock signify the imprints of the Hohokam Indians, whose women used the rock to grind mesquite beans over 1,000 years ago. A steep and rocky climb awaits you after the dam. The trail ascends continually through dry grassland for about two miles before reaching Pima Canyon Spring. There is no park fee. Driving Distance is approx 252 miles RT.

Directions to Pima Canyon Trail

Take PebbleCreek Parkway north to Indian School Rd.

Turn left on Indian School Rd to Loop 101 South.

Turn right on Loop 101 to I-10 East.

Turn left on I-10 East toward Tucson.

Exit I-10 at Ina Rd (exit 248).

Turn left on Ina Rd to Christie Drive.

Turn left on Christie Drive to Magee Road.

Turn right on Magee and follow it until you arrive at the Iris O. Dewhirst Trailhead.

Romero Canyon Trail (Catalina Mountains). Rating B. A desert canyon stream and great views of Pusch Ridge and the Santa Catalina Mountains await you along this popular trail. The hike starts in Catalina State Park and uses scenic Romero Canyon as an access route into the Pusch Ridge Wilderness. Even along its early stretches, this trail offers good views of the Santa Catalina Mountains and of Cathedral Rock towering over the pinnacles of Pusch Ridge as well as sweeping views of the city.

The climb toward Romero Pass includes several sections of steep switchbacks, some of which are rocky and rutted. In places, the trail is marked with cairns to distinguish it from the maze of opportunistic pathways that branch off to random destinations. As you make your way toward the pass, however, broad vistas continue to increase in drama and occasional sightings of desert bighorn sheep add an extra element of excitement to an already rewarding hike.

After 3.9 miles and climbing 1,500 ft we will come to Romero Pass where there are a number of trails to choose from. Connecting trails provide routes to the summit of Mt. Lemmon, to the Wilderness of Rock area, and to the scenic Sabino Basin and Sabino Canyon area to the south and east. Cathedral Rock Trail #26, a rugged and difficult route, provides access from Romero Pass to all the Front Range trails. The State Park fee of \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 260 miles RT <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-1/Romero-Canyon-Trail>

Directions to Romero Trail

Take PebbleCreek Parkway south to McDowell Rd.

Turn left on McDowell Rd to Avondale Blvd.

Turn right on Avondale Blvd to I-10 East.

Take I-10 East to Tangerine Rd (exit 240).

Turn left (east) on Tangerine Rd and proceed 13.4 miles to SR 77.

Take SR 77 right (south) to the Catalina State Park.

Pay the park entrance fee (\$7.00) and proceed to the trailhead.

Seven Falls (Sabino Canyon, Catalina Mountains). Ratings C From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, take shuttle (1.7 miles, 10 minutes, small fee) to the Seven Falls trailhead. The trail is 4.8 miles round trip, with a 500 ft elevation change (2800-3300ft), taking approx 3 hours. There are several stream crossings with the stream being dry to a trickle. Water is in the pool below the falls.

Directions to Sabino Canyon

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Exit onto I-10 going east about 6.2 miles where it peters out at Skyline Drive.

Turn right onto Skyline which turns into Sunrise.

Follow Sunrise to the end and follow the signs into Sabino Canyon Recreation area.

Wasson Peak (Tucson). Ratings B-C. Wasson Peak is at an elevation of 4,687 ft. and is the highest summit in the Tucson Mts. (the range west of the city). This is an 8 mi. hike with an elevation change of 1,700 to 1,800 ft.

Directions to Kings Canyon Trail (Wasson Peak)

Take PebbleCreek Parkway south to I-10 East.

Drive towards Tucson on I-10 East.

Turn west (right) on Speedway (exit 257). This turns into Gates Pass Road.

Turn right on Kinney Road and head past the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum.

The trailhead is located a short distance north of the museum.

Parking is off on the right. There is no parking/trail permit fee.

Wild Burro/Lower Javalina/Alamo Springs Loop (Tucson - Tortolita Mountain Park). Rating B. This is a loop hike of 9 miles with an elevation gain of 1800 ft. This area is known for the many Crested Saguaros that live here (3 on this loop), though "truth in advertising" would state the quality of them leaves a lot to be desired. However, there are many barrel and Cholla cacti that are different than those in the Phoenix area. And the rock formations are excellent including one area that looks like stacked granite sheets. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 260 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Tucson-Area/Tortolita-Mountains-Park/B-Exploratory-HikeLynnW2015/>

Directions to Tortolita Mountain Park

Take Pebble Creek Parkway south to I-10 east.

Take I-10 East to Tangerine Rd (exit 240).

Turn left (east) on Tangerine Rd and go 5 miles.

Turn left (north) on Dove Mountain Road and go 5 miles.

Turn right at the roundabout towards the Ritz-Carlton Dove Mountain.

The trailhead is .5 miles past the gatehouse on the right.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

Wild Burro/Upper Javalina/Wild Mustang/Wild Burro Loop (Tucson - Tortolita Mountain Park). Rating B. This is a loop hike of 9 miles with an elevation gain of 1700 ft. This area is known for the many Crested Saguaros that live here (9 on this loop), though "truth in advertising" would state the quality of them leaves a lot to be desired. However, there are many barrel and Cholla cacti that are different than those in the Phoenix area. And there is a large forest of Ocotillo plant. Also, the rock formations are excellent. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 260 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Tucson-Area/Tortolita-Mountains-Park/B-Exploratory-Hike-2LynnW2015/>

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