

PHOENIX MOUNTAINS PRESERVE 3-07-22

Trail maps for various segments in the Phoenix Mountains Preserve

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Two Humps of Phoenix (Camelback and Piestewa Peak). Rating A or B Challenge. These are two short hikes to two icons of the valley. Total length is 8-9 miles and total elevation gain is approximately 2500 feet. Firstly, we will hike Camelback Mountain via the Summit Trail from Echo Canyon Trailhead. This is approximately 4 miles up and back. The route up has two steep sections: the first section is over slanting flat rock with cut steps and handrails positioned to aid hikers and the second section is over large boulders within a ravine. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to other hikers (especially those going downhill). The summit is a large flat area offering grand 360-degree views over the area. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse. Secondly, we will hike Piestewa Peak via Summit Trail 300 from the East Piestewa Peak parking lot. This is approximately 4.5 miles up and back. The trail winds its way up to the summit via rock steps. The final .25 mile is a scramble to the peak. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to the many other hikers on the trail. There is usually a queue of hikers waiting to scramble the final few yards to the summit. The summit is a boulder strewn area offering good views across the east valley. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse. **What you need to know:** Low on mileage but high in elevation gain. Elevation gain is approximately 600 feet vertical per mile hiked. Trail condition on Camelback is rough, on Piestewa is good. You will NOT be alone – pay close attention to other hikers/runners on these routes. Keeping a large group together will be difficult on these trails. Restrooms at both parking facilities, no fees. Total driving distance is 75 miles round trip including the distance between the two parking areas.

Directions to Camelback Mountain - Echo Canyon Trail Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 east to Highway 51. Go north on 51 to the Camelback Road exit. Turn right (east) on Indian School Road. Turn left (north) on 44th Street. Continue around bend onto E McDonald Drive. At light turn right onto E McDonald Drive]. At traffic circle turn onto Echo Canyon Parkway and follow signs to Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area.

Directions to Piestewa Peak from Echo Canyon. From Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area return to the traffic circle and go back to East Macdonald drive (left off of the circle). At light turn right onto Tatum Boulevard (north) Follow Tatum to Lincoln Drive and turn right (west). In 3.5 miles turn right onto Piestewa Peak Drive (once named Squaw Peak Drive) In .7 miles look for the parking lot for Piestewa Summit Trail #300

200, 202, 8A, 100, 1A, 304 Loop (Piestewa Peak). Rating C. This is a 6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This hike goes up and around the peaks to the east of Piestewa Peak in that park. It provides views of Piestewa Peak as well as Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and downtown Phoenix. It passes through an interesting quartz field. 202 gives you an option of going around a mountain or up through a saddle. No park fees. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 66 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Piestewa Peak Trailheads -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left). Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147). Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5). Turn left on Squaw Peak Drive (2nd stop light). Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada). The trails begin here.

Circumference, Piestewa Peak Summit Trails (Piestewa Peak Rec Area). Rating B. A 5.7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1940 feet. We will hike this moderate, multi-use trail counter clockwise with sun on one side and shade on the other. The trail varies with flat, gentle and steep climbs around Piestewa Peak. We will hike to the saddle level then turn to the left and climb the additional .6 mile to the summit. The downhill side will have heavy use with people walking, jogging or running up to Piestewa Peak. A good lunch can be had by all at the Fish Market 16th Street & Camelback. Carpool accordingly. Carpool I-10 E HOV, move to center lanes in vicinity of 7th Street to go north on HWY 51. Take Glendale exit east which turns to Lincoln Drive. Turn left at Piestewa Peak Drive into park and follow it to the end parking lot. Restrooms are at trailhead. There are no park fees.

Driving distance is approximately 66 miles roundtrip. [SCG=5.2/2300/4.3].

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Dreamy Draw Loop (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating D. This is a loop hike of 4 miles with an elevation gain of about 400 feet. We start out on #220 and then make a clockwise loop around several hills, providing views of many of the Valley's mountains. We will return via trail #100. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw Trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East to Highway. 51. Drive north on Highway 51 and exit at Northern Avenue. Turn right (east) on Northern Avenue and proceed to the trailhead

Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate I -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take 101 North to I-17 South (right). Take Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate II -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East, 101 North, Highway 51 South (right). Exit at Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Dreamy Draw 1-A Loop (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating C Challenge. This is a loop hike of 6.9 miles with an elevation change of 1380 feet. We start out heading south and go up over a ridge and down into a valley. The Trail has 3 main hills to climb and offers several viewpoints of the Phoenix area. There are also several quartz outcroppings and many interesting rock formations. Trail condition - an average hiking trail. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw Trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is 55 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate II -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), take 101 North to Rt 51 South (right). Exit at Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Dreamy Draw Loop 2 (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating C. This is a loop hike of 6.5 miles with an elevation change of 800 feet. We start out heading south and go up over a ridge and down into a valley. The route then heads north and goes to several viewpoints of the Phoenix area. There are also some quartz outcroppings and many interesting rock formations. Trail condition - an average hiking trail. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw Trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate II -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), take 101 North to Highway 51 South (right). Exit at Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Dreamy Draw 6 Peaks (Phoenix Mountain Preserve). Rating C Challenge. This is a loop hike of 6-7 miles with an elevation change of 1100 feet. We start out on #220 and then go on an unnumbered trail up a series of little peaks along the north side of the park, providing views of many of the Valley's mountains. Once we come down the far side, we proceed to the Cholla Lane Trailhead where we will take our break (there are restrooms & water at this trailhead). We will then return via trail #100, switching to trail 1A for the final 2 miles. Trail Condition – Average hiking trail, somewhat steep going up the 6 peaks. Restrooms & water are at the Dreamy Draw Trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 55 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), to Highway 51. Drive north on Highway 51 and exit at Northern Avenue. Turn right (east) on Northern Avenue and proceed to the trailhead.

Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate I -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), then 101 North to I-17 South (right). Take Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Directions to Dreamy Draw Trailhead - Alternate II -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), then 101 North to Highway 51 South (right). Exit at Northern Avenue and turn east (left). Proceed to the trailhead.

Dreamy Draw #100 West across Hwy 51 (North Mountain Preserve). Rating C. This is a 6.2-mile hike with an elevation change of 900 feet. This hike has different views of downtown Phoenix as well as North Mountain, Shaw Butte and Lookout Mountain. The hike goes under Highway 51 shortly after leaving the trailhead. Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 55 miles roundtrip.

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Lookout Mountain + Shadow Mountain. Circumference Trails + summit (North Mountain Preserve). Rating C Challenge. This is 2 hikes - a 2.8-mile loop around Shadow Mountain and a 3.2-mile hike around and up Lookout Mountain, both in the north Phoenix area. It has elevation gains of 300 & 800 feet. The trail around Shadow Mountain goes past a mega church. The circumference trail around Lookout Mountain (#308) is an easy to moderate trail, with the summit trail (#150) being fairly steep. The Summit Trail is one of the hikes of the Seven Summits of Phoenix Challenge that takes place every year in November. Trail condition - average hiking trail, but steep going to top of Lookout Mountain. Water and restrooms are at the Lookout Mountain Park trailhead off 18th Street. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 76 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Shadow Mountain Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), then 101 North. Take I-17 South (right). Turn left on Greenway. Turn right on Cave Creek

Road. Turn left on East Claire Drive. Turn right on East Acoma Drive. Trailhead at the curve (street parking)

Direction Shadow Mountain Trailhead to Lookout Mountain -- Go north on East Acoma Drive. Turn left on East Claire Drive. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right on East Sharon Drive. Turn right on 18th Street. Trailhead is the end of the street

Directions Lookout Mountain back to PebbleCreek -- Go south on 18th Street. Turn left on East Sharon Drive. Turn right on Cave Creek Road. Turn right on Thunderbird. Turn left on I-17 to I-10. Go west on I-10 back to Pebble Creek

Directions Lookout Mountain back to PebbleCreek – Alternate -- Head North on 16th Street. Turn left onto Greenway Road. Turn right onto 7th Street. Take 101 West.

North Mountain Trail (North Mountain Park). Rating C. This is a 1.6-mile hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This is one of the hikes of the Seven Summits of Phoenix Challenge that takes place every year in November. This is a short steep hike mostly on a paved road. It offers good views of the surrounding area. Restrooms in the parking area. No park fees. Driving distance is 54 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Shaw Butte, Trail #306 -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I-10, take I-10 East (left) to I-17 North. Take Thunderbird Road East off of I-17 North. Turn right onto 7th Street. Parking at North Mountain Visitor Center on right, just past shopping center. Access trailhead at 7th Street (across street from Point Hilton Resort)

Directions to Shaw Butte, Trail #306 – Alternate -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I-10 East (left), then take Loop 101 North to I-17 South. Take Thunderbird Road East (left) off of I-17. Turn right onto 7th Street. Parking at North Mountain Visitor Center on right, just past shopping center. Access trailhead at 7th Street (across street from Point Hilton Resort)

Directions North Mountain back to PebbleCreek -- Turn right out of parking lot onto 7th Street. Turn right on Dunlap Avenue. Take I-17 South. Take I-10 West.

North Mountain, Shaw Butte Divide (North Mountain Park). Rating D. This is a 4-mile semi-loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. Start out that the North Mountain Visitor's Center and go right on Trail 100 and follow the signs to another trailhead across the valley, going between North Mountain and Shaw Butte. After taking a snack break, return via the alternative trail marked on the map, turning right when Trail 100 goes sharply to the right. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 54 miles roundtrip.

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