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<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Picacho Peak SP - Picacho Peak Hunter to Sunset Loop (Multi-Car).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep route up the Hunter Trail. Very difficult reverse downhill climb required on rock ladder at the top of the Sunset Vista Trail.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. This is a short, strenuous hike using ladders and cables to reach Picacho Peak. This describes the hike using multiple cars to position at the start and end of the hike to avoid the 2 mile walk along the Park Road Trail. After entering the State Park drive to the Hunter Trail parking lot. Drivers will then loop back and position one vehicle back at the Sunset Vista Trailhead. The hike follows the Hunter trail directly up the north face of Picacho Mountain. The trail is extremely steep up to the Saddle. After this the trail drops down past overhanging rocks and eventually climbs back to the junction with the Sunset Vista Trail. Continue straight past this junction to the summit via a series of ladders, cables and platforms. Just before the summit there is a saddle follow the trail right and up to the summit of Picacho Peak. On return to this saddle continue straight onto a lower peak that provides a commanding view back at the summit. Back again at the saddle, turn right onto the Hunter Trail and continue to the junction with the Sunset Vista Trail. Turn left at this point and immediately climb down the steep rock wall using the handrails and steps carved into the rock wall. After traversing this obstacle, follow the trail approximately 2.5 miles back to the positioned vehicle at the Sunset Vista trailhead.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Picacho Peak Sunset Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hunter, Sunset</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: The park entrance fee is \$6.00. Restrooms are located at the Hunter trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Picacho Peak Trails. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy to I10 East, exit onto 202 South, and then continue onto I10 East (South). Take I10 to Picacho Peak State Park exit 219. Turn right into park and pay fee at Visitors Center. Trailhead for the Hunter Trail is on Barrett Loop. Trailhead for the Sunset Vista Trail is at the end of the park road. Extra Information: This hike overlooks the site of Arizonas only Civil War battle (The Battle of Picacho Pass on Apr 15, 1862). Twelve California Union Cavalrymen and one scout, commanded by Lt. Barrett, conducting a sweep of the Picacho Pass area, surprised and captured three of Captain Sherod Hunters lookouts, but seven other confederates fought more than an hour, killing Union Lieutenant Barrett and two men, and wounding three others. Both sides withdrew from the Westernmost Civil War Battle. The confederates in Tucson returned to Texas, and Union forces divided Arizona from New Mexico Territory, along the present line. So, the Civil War made Arizona a separate Territory and later State (1912), instead of remaining part of the original New Mexico Territory stretching from Calif. to Texas (Two of the three Union soldiers buried at Picacho Pass, were later returned to Calif. Lt. Barretts grave, found by railroad workers, is unmarked to avoid disturbance and is located near the rock outcrop</p>
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