

## **SADDLE MOUNTAIN 5-7-20**

### **Trail maps for various segments of Saddle Mountain**

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-RSW6mpq>

**Saddle Mountain Saddle Trail (Tonopah). Rating B.** This is a 6+ mile in-and -out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition - the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah>

#### **Directions to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah)**

Go West on I-10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94)

Turn left across I-10.

Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave.

Turn right on W Salome Hwy.

Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road.

Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211)

Park near the kiosk.

There is no real trailhead (and no facilities).

**Saddle Mountain Saddle View Trail (Tonopah). Rating C+.** This is a 6 mile in-and -out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The trail goes across the east sided of Saddle Mountain to a large canyon with a view of the main saddle. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition - the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile is an open bushwhack along the side of the formation. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles.

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**Saddle Mountain Loop Trail (Tonopah). Rating B.** This is a 10 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. It then goes down a steep incline and around Saddle Mountain to complete the loop. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition - the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile to the saddle is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow; over the saddle it is very steep with lots of loose rocks; the last part is an easy trek along an old jeep road. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah>

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**Saddle Mountain Summit (Tonopah). Rating B+.** This is a 6 mile in-and -out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. The trail works its way up to a saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. From the saddle it is a steep bushwhack to the peak over loose material. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition - the first third of the trail is a very good surface, the second third is steeply uphill, with the final third is along the edge of the formation and is composed of loose stones and very steep. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles.

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**Saddle Mountain – West Loop (Tonopah - Exit 94). Rating B.** This is an interesting 8 mile loop hike with approximately 1100 ft. of elevation gain on the northwest side of Saddle Mountain and provides impressive views of a different part of the mountain. The hike is relatively short by "B" standards but provides a variety of challenges since it is roughly half trail/road and half bushwhack (nothing too rugged) through washes and over ridges; depending on the group, the hike provides an opportunity for free form hiking. No restrooms at the trailhead. Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended. No Park Fee. Driving distance is 95 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah/Saddle-Mountain-NW-Side/B-Exploratory-Hike-2LynnW2015/>

### **Directions to Saddle Mountain West (Tonopah)**

Go West on I-10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94)  
Turn left across I-10.  
Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave.  
Turn right on W Salome Hwy.  
Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road.  
Drive 2.4 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8209)  
Drive past the kiosk taking the right fork.  
Drive 1.4 miles to an intersection with a fence and park.  
There is no real trailhead (and no facilities).

**Saddle Mountain – West Trail (Tonopah - Exit 94). Rating C.** This is an interesting 5.5 mile hike with 700 ft. of elevation gain on the northwest side of Saddle Mountain. It provides impressive views of a different part of the mountain. It goes through a wash and up to a saddle area with very interesting rocks. Trail condition - it is roughly half old road and half bushwhack (nothing very rugged) with a steep section at the far end. No restrooms at the trailhead. No Park Fee. Driving distance is 95 miles RT.

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