

## DESCRIPTION:

**HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain Circuit.**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Rough footing in the trailless downhill past the saddle.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This is a challenging route through wild and beautiful countryside. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. From here the route bushwhacks a steep decline ultimately bending around Saddle Mountain to complete the loop. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** None marked

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Park Fee. No Restrooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah). Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

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**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-bdWWVkc>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 72

**HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain Summit.**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Rough footing in the trailless climb up past the saddle to the summit.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Rough footing above the saddle. Do not hike if you are not a sure scrambler.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** None marked

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah). Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

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**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amR1IQZYyKeV082WY>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 79

## DESCRIPTION:

**HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain West Loop Garys Canyon.**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Extremely loose rock a difficult scramble.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. This is an interesting hike 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** A conventional northwest loop with a spur inandout into an interesting canyon with high cliffs of conglomerate. Loose and slippery rock. Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 95 miles

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**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amkw9p7QEwgBmHz2l>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 442

**HIKE: B Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle trail.**

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 438

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain West trail.**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This is an interesting hike 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended. it is roughly half old road and half bushwhack (nothing very rugged) with a steep section at the far end.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 95 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 443

DESCRIPTION:

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle View trail.**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Poor trail condition and some bushwhacking.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

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