

## SAN TAN MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

**Goldmine + Dynamite + San Tan + Moonlight Loop (San Tan Park). Rating C.** This is a 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The hike goes up over the Goldfield Mountains and loops back through another saddle. It goes through a large Saguaro forest before going over another saddle with expansive views of the east valley all the way to the Superstition Mountains. Trail Condition – good hiking trail with one steep uphill and downhill section. There are restrooms and a visitor center at the trailhead. Park Fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 135 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SanTanMountainRegionalPark/San-Tan-Goldmine-Dynamite>

### Directions to San Tan Park Trails

Take I-10 east HOV lane to Hwy 60 east.

Exit the HOV lane left onto Hwy 60 east (towards Globe).

At exit 190B, take ramp right to Loop 202 South.

Take 202 south approx. 3.5 mi. to exit 34A, take ramp right for AZ 24 East.

Take AZ 24 for approx. 2 mi. and exit south (right) on Ellsworth Road.

Stay on Ellsworth Rd. as it becomes Ellsworth Loop.

Stay on main road as it turns left (east) and becomes Hunt Highway.

Turn right (south) on Thompson Road and go approx. 1 mi.

Turn right (west) on Phillips and go 2 mi. to San Tan Park at the end of the road.

Restrooms available at trailhead.

**Hedgehog/San Tan/Malpais/Moonlight Trails (San Tan Park). Rating C+.** This is a loop hike of 9 miles with an elevation gain of 800 ft. The trail starts by going left on the San Tan trail, cuts across on the Hedgehog trail, left on San Tan, right on Malpais, left on San Tan and right on Moonlight. It goes through a large Saguaro forest with many interestingly shaped Saguaros. There are great close-up views of the surrounding mountains. There are restrooms and a visitor center at the trailhead. Park Fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 135 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SanTanMountainRegionalPark/Hedgehog-San-Tan-Malpais>

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**San Tan + Goldmine Trails (San Tan Park). Rating C & B.** The C hike is a 7.6 mi loop with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The B hike adds another 1.4 miles (9.0 mi total) and 200 ft of elevation change. The trail starts by going left on the San Tan trail and loops clockwise through a large Saguaro forest with many interestingly shaped Saguaros. There is a nice Crested Saguaro around the 2.5 mile point on the trail. It is straight up the trail about 50 feet ahead as you exit a wash. There are great views of several of the surrounding mountains. When the San Tan trail ends at the Goldmine Trail the C hike turns right and heads back to the trailhead. The B hike turns left on the Goldmine Trail and goes up a steep slope to a saddle. It then returns back down the slope and heads back Goldmine trail to the trailhead. There are restrooms and a visitor center at the trailhead. Trail condition - good hiking trail. Park Fee is \$7.00 per car.

Driving distance is 135 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SanTanMountainRegionalPark/San-Tan-Goldmine-Loop>

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**San Tan + Goldmine + Dynamite + Hedgehog Loop (San Tan Park). Rating B.** This is a 9.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1160 ft. The hike goes up over the Goldfield Mountains and loops back through another saddle. It goes through a large Saguaro forest before going over another saddle with expansive views of the east valley all the way to the Superstition Mountains. There are restrooms and a visitor center at the trailhead. Trail condition - good hiking trail with one steep uphill & downhill section. Park Fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 135 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SanTanMountainRegionalPark/San-Tan-Goldmine-Dynamite>

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