

Saturday 2020-2021 B Hike Descriptions

9-26-2020: Estrella Foothills Park Blackjack Loop Plus

CO/BJ/WU/UT/GU/SU/CO Loop Plus (Estrella Mountains). Rating B. This will be an 8.5+ lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1030 ft. The hike starts at the Elliott Trailhead. We will be climbing Black Jack in reverse. This trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. No park fee. Restrooms at the trailhead. Drive distance is 20 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - Elliott Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south)
PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.
Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area
Turn left on Elliott (light just past the shopping area)
Park at the far end. No bathrooms at TH. No park fee.

10-3-2020: Maricopa Trail South w/bushwhack extension (White Tank Regional Park). Rating B.

8+ miles in & out with >500' elevation gain. Good trail for most of hike; then bushwhack very steep up to saddle. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the Sout Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the Park. Once out of the park we will follow service roads and bushwhack. Restrooms at the visitor center. Driving distance: 30 miles RT.

Directions to White Tank Mountains Regional Park

Take 303 North (right).
Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West).
Turn right on Cotton.
Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Park fee is \$7.00/car.
Library trailhead: the sidewalk on the left of the building.turn right just before the gate and park on the left side of the library.

10-10-20: Dog Bone East Airport Road Trailhead (Buckeye). Rating B.

An in and out 9+ miles and 1200 ft for the B hike. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS, located in the far eastern section of the system. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. The first 2 miles are on open desert with a gradual incline to a saddle with a quartz outcropping, the hike then continues for another 1.5 miles across the side of the mountain to a field of quartz. The B hike goes off trail for a bushwhack up the mountain. Trail condition - typical desert trail with the last part of the B hike being a bushwhack. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 32 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails/C-Exploratory-HikeDog-Bone-EastLynnW2018-2019/>

Directions to Dog Bone - Airport Road Trailhead (Buckeye)

Drive south on Pebble Creek Pkwy for 9.3 miles and turn right (west) at Elliot Rd.
Continue on Elliott Rd for 2.6 miles and turn left (south) onto Rainbow Valley Rd.
Drive 2 miles on Rainbow Valley Road and turn right (west) on Ray Road.
Drive 2 miles and veer right as the road turns (and changes name to Airport road).
Drive 100 yards and turn left into a dirt parking area just this side of a dirt road going left. Park here. Hike down the dirt road for .25 miles and turn right on the trail.

10-17-2020: SOB/Lost Creek/Quartz Mine/Tortuga/Javalina Trails (Verrado)

Rating B. 10 miles/1500+ ft total elevation gain.

Trail condition - An average hiking trail with Javalina being steep at the top. Lots of great views of Buckeye and points east.

No restrooms at the trailhead.

Park fee - Free

Round trip distance is 18 miles (no dirt)

Directions to Trailhead at Verrado West

Go West on Indian School Road.

Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school).

Turn right on Lost Creek Drive; parking for trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive.

You walk between the green and a tee on the Raven at Verrado golf course to get to the trailhead.

10-24-2020: PA to CX to EMRP Pedersen/TH/GD/PD to PA (Estrella Foothills into EMRP) Rating B. 9.4 miles/300 Ft elevation gain. From Estrella Foothills HS, we

will take the Maricopa Trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park, and continue on to Pedersen, Toothaker, Gadsden. This is a lollipop hike; average hiking trail.

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development.

Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building.

Park at the far end of the parking Lot.

Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

10-31-2020: Rainbow Valley/Toothaker/Gadsden/Butterfield Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating B. This is a 9.6 mile loop beginning on the west side of

the rodeo. The Rainbow Valley trail is wide and relatively flat (320ft elev. Change). It intersects the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the Pedersen Trail.

Turn left on the Pedersen Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail, then right on

the Butterfield trail and head back to the rodeo. A restroom is at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsen>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow TH

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south)

South of I-10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park and pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

Drive around the park to the left.

Trailheads and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of rodeo arena.