

Saturday 2021-2022 “B” Hike Descriptions

Please Check The Club Website For Meet-Up Time and Location.

Saturday, September 25, 2021 -- TBD at Flagstaff

Saturday, October 2, 2021 -- Estrella Foothill Park -- Estrella Foothills Outer Loop SR-PA-JR-QAR-GR-UY-UD (sign says LU)-RU-UD-BR-PC-JL-SR. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 9.9-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 963 ft that traverses most of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Anne's Revenge (be sure not to turn onto DO - Doubloon which is unmarked) . It then connects to Gratsky and climbs Up Yonder to the intersection of BlackJack and LU (Look Up?) and then down Upside Down (LU), a quick left onto a short section of Round Up (take the left on RU or you will wander far off track), back to Upside Down and then Surf's Up to Buccaneer and Pirate's Cove. Turn right onto Jump Line to return to Sunrise and the parking area. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are the trailhead. Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

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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.

Saturday, October 9, 2021 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Sonoran Competitive Track Long Loop /Gray Fox/Ironwood/Ford/Ironwood back to Gray Fox. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10.6 mile hike: loop + a lollipop loop, for an elevation gain of 641 ft. The Sonoran loop is a one-way competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00/car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

Directions to White Tank Mountains Regional Park

Take 303 North (right).

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Turn right on Cotton.

Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Park fee is \$7.00/car

Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. The restroom on this hike is a porta-john.

Saturday, October 16, 2021 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Mule Deer/Bajada/Goat Camp Overlook/South/Mule Deer. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is an 8.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. About a mile later turn left on to Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about .2 mile to the hilltop. At this point turn around and take the Goat Camp Trail back to the South Trail. Turn right and in about 0.9 miles you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library. Restrooms are at the Nature Center. There is a \$7 park fee. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

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Library trailhead: turn right just before the gate and park on the left side of the library. Trail goes off the end of the sidewalk on the left of the building.

Saturday, October 23, 2021 -- Estrella Foothills/ Estrella Mt Ranch -- Estrella High School to FINS North & Return. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is an 11.6-mile figure eight, lollipop hike with elevation change of 560 ft. The hike begins from the High School south and proceeds west through some of the developed areas to the FINS trailhead. At FINS the hike will continue as a 4-mile figure 8 loop on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. The hike then returns to the high school. Trail condition – good, this is also a biking trail. There are restrooms at the TH. No park fee. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

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Saturday, October 30, 2021 -- White Tank Mountains /Verrado -- Verrado West Loop -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10.4-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1508 ft. The hike goes up to the top of the ridge, drops down the other side and loops back towards Buckeye. It then goes back up to the first saddle before returning to the trailhead. The loop portion of this hike is steep in both directions and the middle section goes through a sandy wash. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving Distance is approx. 18 miles RT.

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Saturday, November 6, 2021 -- Buckeye --Dog Bone Far East Bushwhack/Exploratory. – Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is an in and out 9+ miles & 1200 ft accumulative elevation gain. This hike will be a freeform bushwhack over the tops of several small mountains here. 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. Trail condition – typical desert trail with the last part of the B hike being a true bushwhack. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 32 miles RT.

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, park along the shoulder just north or south.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 -- Estrella Mtn Regional Park--Toothaker/ Gadsden / Butterfield Loop. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10.2-mile loop beginning on the west side of the rodeo. This hike is relatively flat with 612 ft elev. gain. From the trailhead turn left onto Toothaker Trail. Follow Toothaker until it ends at Gadsden; turn left onto Gadsden and follow for 5 miles until it ends at the Butterfield trail; turn right & head back to the rodeo. A restroom is at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow TH at the Rodeo

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 are on the near (East) side of rodeo arena.

Saturday, November 20, 2021 -- White Tank Mtns. -- Mule Trail/Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary; bushwhack extension to explore *upper* old road.-- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This hike is 10.5 miles in & out with 1455 ft elevation gain. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered **upper dirt road** that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South 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.

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Saturday, November 27, 2021 -- White Tank Mountains /Verrado -- Verrado/Central Wash.
Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This hike is 9 miles with a 1200 ft elevation gain. It is from the Bill Halte Classic Collection; a combination of trails and dirt roads. The hike is typical desert terrain. No park fee and no restrooms at the trailhead. RT distance is 18 miles.

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Saturday, December 11, 2021 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Waddell/Ford Canyon/Mesquite Canyon Trails. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. An 11 mi loop hike starting on the Waddell trail with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. The Ford Canyon Trail begins the rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Mesquite Canyon Trail and return near our starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Turn right on Cotton.

Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate.

Park fee is \$7.00/car.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.

Saturday, December 18, 2021 -- White Tank Mountains /Verrado -- Verrado Mountain Top.

Rating B. Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1,543 feet. The hike begins on a flat dirt road through rolling desert using several dirt roads to access the trail going up to Mountain Top. The uphill portion of the hike has more rocks and stones and several steep sections. The saddle provides views towards the East, including the other Verrado trails with PebbleCreek in the distance. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is approximately 15 miles RT.

Directions to Trailhead at W. Highlands Park (near Victory Stairs)

Go West on Indian School Road until it ends at Verrado Way

Turn right on Verrado Way and make the first left turn onto W. Highlands Park Drive.

Turn right into the new parking lot for the new park.

Saturday, December 25, 2021 -- Estrella Foothills/ Estrella Mt Ranch -- Estrella High School to FINS North & Return. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead.

*****Merry Christmas, we'll be hiking up to one of the hilltops to a fully decorated Xmas tree.*****

This is an 11.6-mile figure eight, lollipop hike with elevation change of 560 ft. The hike begins from the High School south and proceeds west through some of the developed areas to the FINS trailhead. At FINS the hike will continue as a 4-mile figure 8 loop on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. The hike then returns to the high school. Trail condition – good, this is also a biking trail. There are restrooms at the TH. No park fee. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

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Saturday, January 1, 2022 -- Estrella Mountain Regional Park -- Desert Rose / Gadsden / Butterfield / Desert Rose. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead.

*****Happy New Year***** This is a 11.4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1078 ft. The trail begins at Desert Rose, follow until it ends at Gadsden, go right onto Gadsden, then left on Butterfield; follow BU for approx. 1.4 miles and you're back at Gasden; take a right onto Desert Rose. The trail is an average hiking trail that meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and Saguaro cactus. There is no restroom at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 28 miles RT.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park – Desert Rose TH

Turn left out main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy/Estrella Pkwy (on other side of I-10).

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Ave

Turn left on Indian Springs Road

At the fence that begins the parking for ISM turn right

Follow signs to trails. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle.

Continue on to the parking on the right.

Saturday, January 8, 2022 -- Estrella Mtn Regional Park -- Rainbow Valley / Toothaker / Gadsden /Butterfield Loop. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10-mile loop beginning on the west side of the rodeo, and has approx. 1000 ft elev. gain.

The Rainbow Valley trail is wide and relatively flat; it intersects the Toothaker Trail. Begin on Rainbow Valley for approx. 4.2 miles; turn right onto Toothaker Trail and continue for 1.7 miles, (going past Pedersen Trail), turn left onto Gadsden for 1.1 miles, then left onto Butterfield trail for 2.2 miles then right onto Toothaker to return to the rodeo. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx. 20 miles RT. Trailheads and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of rodeo arena.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow TH at the Rodeo

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 are on the near (East) side of rodeo arena.

Saturday, January 15, 2022 -- White Tank Mtns. -- Mule Trail/Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary; bushwhack extension to explore *lower* old road. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This hike is 10.5 miles in & out with 1113 ft elevation gain. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered **lower dirt road** that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South 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.

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Saturday, January 22, 2022 -- Estrella Mtn Regional Park -- Competitive Track – Long Loop. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 9.6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 ft. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition -good hiking trail. Driving distance is 28 miles RT. There is a porta-john at the TH.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Competitive Trails

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw (on other side of I-10).

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Ave

Turn left on Indian Springs Road

At the fence that begins the parking for ISM turn right

Follow signs to trails. Pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle at the self-pay station

Continue on to the parking on the right.

Saturday, January 29, 2022 –Estrella Foothills Park -- CO/1UP/BMU/WU/GU/UT (CC)/BJ & Flag Loop. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This will be an 8.7 lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1125 ft. The hike starts at the Elliot TH. We will be climbing Black Jack in reverse, with an option to climb to the pirate flag. This trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is typical desert terrain. Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. Steep up/down to the Pirate Flag with loose scree; optional to go up. No park fee. Restrooms at the trailhead. Drive distance is 20 miles RT.

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.

Saturday, February 5, 2022 – Estrella Foothills into EMRP -- PA to CX to EMRP

Pedersen/TH/GD/PD to CX/PA -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 9.3 mile/286 Ft elevation gain hike. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail following the PA trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park. We will then follow the Crossover (CX) trail for about a mile where it ends at the Pedersen trail. Turn left on PD, then right on Toothaker, right on Gadsden, and then right on PD. Continue for 0.5 mile and go left on CX, back to PA, and then back to the high school. This is a lollipop hike; average flat hiking trail. The Gadsden section is sandy. Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a self-pay park fee as you enter the park at CX. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

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Saturday, February 12, 2022 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Mesquite + Ford + Willow Springs Trail. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is an 8.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1862 ft. The Mesquite trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About .3 mile into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank – Willow Springs. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the Mesquite Trail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition - average hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate.

Park fee is \$7.00/car for all trailheads.

Mesquite Canyon/Waddell trailhead is at Picnic area #7. Turn left on Waterfall

Canyon Rd and then left at the road just past the Waterfall Trail trailhead to find Picnic area #7.

Saturday, February 19, 2022 -- White Tank Mountains /Verrado -- Verrado/Central Wash.

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Saturday, February 26, 2022 -- Maricopa Trail -- Bell Rd South to White Tanks Mule Trail

Ramada 4. -- Rating D. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This hike is an out & back segment of the Maricopa Trail proceeding south for nearly 6 miles with 135 ft. elevation gain. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a good hiking trail. You arrive at the Mule Trail-Ramada 4 in the White Tanks. You will pass a radio-controlled aircraft club and may be able to observe R/C planes dogfighting—pretty interesting. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 32 miles RT.

Driving directions

Go west on Indian School Road.

Hwy 303 North for 9.3 miles to Bell Rd West, Exit 116.

Continue on W. Bell Rd for 3.1 miles; it becomes West Sun Lakes Pkwy.

Continue on West Sun Lakes Pkwy for 0.6 mile.

Watch for a sign about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail.

U-turn at North Crozier Rd; parking will be on the right.

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Turn left on Elliott (light just past the shopping area)

Park at the far end. No bathrooms at TH. No park fee.

Saturday, April 9, 2022 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Waddell/Ford Canyon/Mesquite Canyon Trails. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. An 11 mi loop hike starting on the Waddell trail with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. The Ford Canyon Trail begins the rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Mesquite Canyon Trail and return near our starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 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.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.

Saturday, April 16, 2022 – Estrella Foothills into EMRP -- PA to CX to EMRP Pedersen / TH / GD / PD to CX/PA -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 9.3 mile/286 Ft elevation gain hike. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail following the PA trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park. We will then follow the Crossover (CX) trail for about a mile where it ends at the Pedersen trail. Turn left on PD, then right on Toothaker, right on Gadsden, and then right on PD. Continue for 0.5 mile and go left on CX, back to PA, and then back to the high school. This is a lollipop hike; average flat hiking trail. The Gadsden section is sandy. Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a self-pay park fee as you enter the park at CX. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south)

PCP 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.

Saturday, April 23, 2022 -- White Tank Mountains /Verrado -- Verrado Mountain Top. Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 10-mile hike with an elevation gain of 1,543 feet. The hike begins on a flat dirt road through rolling desert using several dirt roads to access the trail going up to Mountain Top. The uphill portion of the hike has more rocks and stones and several steep sections. The saddle provides views towards the East, including the other Verrado trails with PebbleCreek in the distance. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is approximately 15 miles RT.

Directions to Trailhead at W. Highlands Park (near Victory Stairs)

Go West on Indian School Road until it ends at Verrado Way

Turn right on Verrado Way and make the first left turn onto W. Highlands Park Drive.

Turn right into the new parking lot for the new park.

Saturday, April 30, 2022 -- Estrella Mtn Regional Park -- Competitive Track – Long Loop. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is a 9.6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 ft. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition -good hiking trail. Driving distance is 28 miles RT. There is a porta-john at the TH.

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Competitive Trails

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw (on other side of I-10).

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Ave

Turn left on Indian Springs Road

At the fence that begins the parking for ISM turn right

Follow signs to trails. Pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle at the self-pay station

Continue on to the parking on the right.

Saturday, May 7, 2022 -- White Tank Regional Park -- Mule Deer/Bajada/Goat Camp Overlook/South/Mule Deer. -- Rating B. Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse will lead. This is an 8.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. About a mile later turn left on to Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about .2 mile to the hilltop. At this point turn around and take the Goat Camp Trail back to the South Trail. Turn right and in about 0.9 miles you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library. Restrooms are at the Nature Center. There is a \$7 park fee. Driving distance is 24 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.

Library trailhead: turn right just before the gate and park on the left side of the library. Trail goes off the end of the sidewalk on the left of the building.