

SEDONA

Adobe Jack/Teacup/Sugarloaf Summit/Grand Central Loop (Sedona). Rating C. This is an upsidedown lollipop loop hike of 7.4-8.0 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. This hike starts just off Hwy. 89A. While there are views of many houses, there are also some of the most scenic views in Sedona. You see many of the named rock formations for which Sedona is famous. The early part of the trail is very wooded, while the hike up to Sugarloaf summit is open with expansive views. Grand Central has an incredible 360 degree view at its high point. Trail condition - a typical Sedona trail with a bit of bare red rock. No restrooms. No park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is 250 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Adobe-JackTeacupSugarloafGrand>

Directions to Sedona - Adobe Jack Trail

Take Loop 303 north to I-17 North.

Take I-17 north to exit 298 (Rte 179).

Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.

From the Sedona roundabout at the Junction of 89A & 179 go left (89A West.)

Go past the second roundabout.

The trailhead is on the right about a mile from the second roundabout.

There is room for about 5-6 cars.

If there are not enough parking spaces for all the cars - take the next road (Soldier Pass road) to the end. There is another trailhead on the right (the jeep tours drive past this trailhead).

We usually stop at the McDonalds on I-17 at exit 287.

Airport Loop (Sedona). Rating B. This is a loop hike of about 6 miles with an elevation gain of 800 ft. The Airport loop has views of more named red rock formations than any other hike. Bring your camera - it is very scenic! No restrooms. No park fee TBD - they are changing it this year. Driving distance is 240 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Old-PostScorpionAirport-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Airport Loop Trailhead

Take Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go North (left) on I-17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde).

Go west (left) on Hwy 260 to Cottonwood.

Turn north (right) on 89A and go approx. 19 miles.

Turn right on Airport Road.

Drive to the top of the hill and trailhead parking (\$3) will be on the left.

No restrooms at the trailhead, but there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Airport Loop + Ridge/Sketch Loop (Sedona). Rating C/B. This is a double loop hike of 9.9 miles with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. The Airport loop has views of more named red rock formations than any other hike. It's very scenic. The Ridge/Sketch loop goes along a steep interesting canyon and provides more great views of Cathedral Rock and rock formations to the east. No restrooms. No park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is 240 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Old-PostScorpionAirport-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Airport Loop Trailhead

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Go west (left) on Hwy 260 to Cottonwood.

Turn north (right) on 89A and go approx. 19 miles.

Turn right on Airport Road.

Drive to the top of the hill and trailhead parking (\$3) will be on the left.
No restrooms at the trailhead, but there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Bear Mountain + Doe Mountain (Sedona). Rating B. This is a dual in-and-out hike covering 2 trails from the same trailhead. Bear Mtn is a 5 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1700 ft. Doe Mtn. is 3 miles and 700 ft. Bear Mtn.. offers outstanding views of the red rocks of Sedona, while Doe Mtn gives closer views of the town. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 270 miles. RT <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bear-Mountain-Doe-Mountain>

Directions to Sedona - Doe Mountain Trailhead

Go north on Loop 303 to I-17.
Take I-17 north to exit 287 (Hwy. 260).
Take Hwy. 260 west (left) to 89A in Cottonwood.
Turn right on 89A towards Sedona and go approx. 15 miles.
At about the second traffic light in W. Sedona, turn left onto Dry Creek Road.
At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Canyon Road.
At the T intersection, turn left on Boynton Pass Rd.
Drive a mile to the parking lot on left for Doe Mountain and Bear Mountain.
Parking is free with senior pass...restroom at the parking lot.
Bear Mt. trail is across the road, Doe Mountain starts at the parking lot.
There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Directions to Sedona - Doe Mountain Trailhead - Alternate

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.
Turn North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.
Turn North (left) on I-17 to exit 298 (Rte 179).
Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.
From the Sedona Y (Junction 89A and 179) go left (West)
Turn right onto Dry Creek Road
At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road
At the T intersection, turn left
Drive about a mile to trailhead on the left at the base of Doe Mountain
No restrooms at trailhead. There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Bell Rock & Courthouse Rock Loop (Sedona). Rating C. This is a 6-7 miles hike with an elevation gain of 600+ ft. The hike starts near Bell Rock and goes up to the vortex at Bell Rock before looping around Bell and Courthouse rocks. Very scenic with many well known rock formations in view as you go around these two rocks. Trail condition - good hiking trail with Bell Rock itself being steep bare rock. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Free with a Golden Age Pass. Driving distance is approx 240 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bell-Rock-Courthouse-Rock-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Bell Rock Trailhead

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.
Turn left on Indian School.
Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff.
From I-17, take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179.
Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going just past Bell Rock.

Turn right into Courthouse Vista overlook (first scenic overlook just past Bell rock (it's very close to Bell Rock)). There is a restroom at this trailhead.

Senior Parks Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) is needed.

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287

Bell Rock & Courthouse Rock Loop (Sedona). Rating D. This is a 4.2 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. The hike starts near Bell Rock and goes up to the vortex at Bell Rock before looping around Bell and Courthouse Rocks. Very scenic with many well known rock formations in view as you go around these two rocks. Trail condition - good hiking trail with Bell Rock itself being steep bare rock. Restrooms are at the trailhead. A Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) or a Golden Age Pass is required. Driving distance is approx 240 miles RT. [SCG=4.2/500/2.0] <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bell-Rock-Courthouse-Rock-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Bell Rock Trailhead

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.

Turn left on Indian School.

Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff.

From I-17, take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179.

Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going just past Bell Rock.

Turn right into Courthouse Vista overlook (first scenic overlook just past Bell rock (it's very close to Bell Rock)).

There is a restroom at this trailhead.

Senior Parks Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) is needed.

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287

Bell Trail (Wet Beaver Wilderness). Rating C & B. The C hike is a 7.5 mile hike with a 500 ft. elevation change. For a B hike it is a 9+ mile hike with an elevation change of 1600 ft. This is a scenic hike along Beaver Creek and there is always water in the creek. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Trail condition - the overall trail is excellent; the scamper up Bell rock includes an occasional hand on a rock. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 220 miles RT. [SCG=7.0/1600/3.8].

For the C hike: Hike 2.5 miles on an old jeep trail to the real trailhead. Take the Bell Trail and stay on it. You will see other trail junctures for the White Mesa Trail and later the Apache Maid Trail. Stay on the Bell trail. Later you come to the Bell & Weir Trailheads. Take the Bell to the left. It goes up a short rise and you travel along the mountainside below a cliff area. After a while the trail comes back to the stream at Bell Crossing. Stay on the left side and continue past Bell Crossing to a pool called Tongue of The Beaver. This is our break and turn around point and may provide some photo ops.

For the B hike: At Bell Crossing, cross the stream to continue the hike. After crossing the stream you will start ascending towards the rim (1600 ft in 1.5 miles) and an interesting plateau.

Directions to Sedona - Bell Trail, Wet Beaver Wilderness

Take 303 North.

Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.

Exit I-17 at exit 298 (SR 179).

SR 179 goes to the left to Sedona, go to the right which is FR 618.

Take FR 618 for 2 miles and turn left onto FR 618A.

FR618A is rough but is only ¼ mile long and does accommodate autos satisfactorily.

Follow the signs to the trailhead.

There are rest rooms at the trailhead.

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Boynton Canyon and Vista Trails (Sedona). Rating C. This is a 6.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The hike goes past a Sedona resort before going into the canyon. Lots of great red rock views. Trail condition - Overall a good hiking trail with a steep section at the far end. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 (free with Golden Age pass). Driving distance is 260 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Boynton-Canyon-Trail>

Directions to Sedona - Boynton Canyon Trail

Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go north (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go north (left) on I-17 to exit 287.

Go west (left) to Cottonwood.

Go north (right) on 89A.

Turn left onto Dry Creek Road

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road

At the T intersection, turn right

Trailhead is just past the T intersection

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Directions to Sedona - Boynton Canyon Trail - Alternate

Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go north (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go north (left) on I-17 to exit 298 (Rte 179).

Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.

From the Sedona Y (Junction 89A and 179) go left (West)

Turn right onto Dry Creek Road

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road

At the T intersection, turn right

Trailhead is just past the T intersection

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Brins Mesa Trail (Sedona). Rating B/C. This is a 5.4-7.9 mi loop hike with an elevation gain of 900-1600ft. This trail is an incredibly versatile trail, offering many enjoyable options and side excursions. The trailhead elevation is around 4,450 ft. Often, people just hike the 1.5 miles one way (600 ft elevation change) from the Jordan Road trailhead to the mesa rim, admire the spectacular view and then hike back. This gives you a good cardiovascular workout combined with some beautiful scenery. At this point you may go .3 mile to the north for a view of the valley from a boulder formation. Another option is to hike the Brins Mesa Trail to the Soldier Pass Trail then turn left, go to Jordan Trail, turn left and proceed to the Cibola Pass Trail, again turn left and proceed to Brins Mesa Trailhead. This is about a 5.4 mile loop. Down Solders Pass, about .8 miles from the Brins Mesa trail (just before the Wilderness boundary fence) is a side trail to the left that takes you up to the Solder Pass arches, adding about .7 miles to the hike. The long option is take the Brins Mesa Trail to a spot where you are in the wash and there is a high cliff on the north side of the wash. This is near the west end of the trail. This is a nice spot for lunch. After lunch turn around and return to the Soldier Pass/Jordan/Cibola Trails back to

Jordan Road. This long option is about 7.9 miles in length. The elevation gain/descent for this long option is about 1,600 ft. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 (free with Golden Age pass). Driving distance is 256 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Brins-Mesa-Soldiers-Cibola>

Directions to Sedona - Brins Mesa Trail

West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

North (right) on Loop to I-17 North.

North (left) on I-17 to exit 298 (Rte. 179).

Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.

From the Sedona Y (Jct. 89A and 179) go NE (right), towards Uptown Sedona, for 0.3 miles.

Turn left onto Jordan Rd and follow Jordan Rd for .8 miles to a T intersection with Park Ridge Drive.

Turn left on Park Ridge Drive and continue for about .7 mi. to parking and trailhead.

Restrooms are at the trailhead and McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Cathedral Rock Trail (Sedona). Rating C. This is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. Starting from the Little Horse trailhead you pass under Hwy 179. This is an easy hike until you get up near the saddle of Cathedral Rock where it gets very steep. This hike is very scenic with great views of red rock country. Restrooms are at the trailhead. A Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) or a Golden Age Pass is required. Driving distance is approx. 250 miles RT.

Directions to Sedona - - Little Horse Trailhead

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.

Turn left on Indian School.

Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff.

From I-17, take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179.

Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going past Bell Rock.

Turn right just before mile marker 310 into the Little Horse and Bell Rock Path parking lot. There is a restroom at this trailhead.

Golden Age Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) is needed.

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287

Chuckwagon + Devil's Bridge trails (Sedona). Rating C/B. This is a 7-9.5 mile lollipop loop with a side trip to Devil's Bridge. Elevation gain is 800-1300 ft. This is a very scenic hike in Sedona's red rock country. The side trip to Devil's Bridge is very steep, but the views from the bridge are outstanding. Trail surface - the overall trail is a good bike trail with the quarter mile to the bridge being steep with stair-like steps. Restrooms are at trailhead. There is no park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is approx 250 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Devils-Bridge>

Directions to Sedona - Dry Creek Vista Trailhead

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go North (left) on I-17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde).

Go west (left) to Cottonwood.

Turn north (right) on 89A.

Turn left onto Dry Creek Road

Turn right on FS 152

Go about .2 miles to trailhead parking on the left.

There are restrooms at the trailhead and there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Chuckwagon/Mescal Mountain Loop (Sedona). Rating C/B. This is an 8-9.5 loop hike with an elevation gain of 900-1200 ft. There are lots of great views of several of Sedona's named rock formations. A section of the hike goes around Mescal Mountain on a wide red rock ledge. It then goes through the Canyon of Fools, a shallow slot canyon that challenges mountain bikers (though not hikers). Restrooms are at trailhead. There is no park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is approx 250 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/ChuckwagonMescal-Mt-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Dry Creek Vista Trailhead

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go North (left) on I-17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde).

Go west (left) to Cottonwood.

Turn north (right) on 89A.

Turn left onto Dry Creek Road

Turn right on FS 152

Go about .2 miles to trailhead parking on the left.

There are restrooms at the trailhead and there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Doe Mountain (Sedona). Rating C-. This is a 3.6 mile hike with an elevation change of 500 feet. The first .7 miles of the trail go up 500 feet via a series of switchbacks to the top of Dow Mountain. On the top, which is very flat, there is a 2.2 mile trail around the edge, with numerous trails crisscrossing the top. There are lots of good views of the surrounding area from the top. This trail can be combined with another short trail (such as Fay Canyon) to make a nice C hike. No restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$5.00 (free with Golden Age Pass). Driving distance is 270 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bear-Mountain-Doe-Mountain>

Directions to Sedona - Doe Mountain Trailhead

Go north on Loop 303 to I-17.

Take I-17 north to exit 287 (Hwy. 260).

Take Hwy. 260 west (left) to 89A in Cottonwood.

Turn right on 89A towards Sedona and go approx. 15 miles.

At about the second traffic light in W. Sedona, turn left onto Dry Creek Road.

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Canyon Road.

At the T intersection, turn left on Boynton Pass Rd.

Drive a mile to the parking lot on left for Doe Mountain and Bear Mountain.

Parking is free with senior pass...restroom at the parking lot.

Bear Mt. trail is across the road, Doe Mountain starts at the parking lot.

There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Directions to Sedona - Doe Mountain Trailhead - Alternate

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Turn North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Turn North (left) on I-17 to exit 298 (Rte 179).

Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.

From the Sedona Y (Junction 89A and 179) go left (West)

Turn right onto Dry Creek Road

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road

At the T intersection, turn left

Drive about a mile to trailhead on the left at the base of Doe Mountain

No restrooms at trailhead. There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Dogie Trail (Sedona). Rating B. This is an in and out hike of 11 miles with an elevation gain of 2150 ft. There are several nice red rock formations along the trail. Sycamore Creek is usually dry in this part of Sycamore Canyon, but we found several pools of water. The road to the trailhead is about a 10 mile rough dirt road. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 250 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Cottonwood/Dogie-Trail>

Directions to Sedona - Dogie Trail

Take 303 north to I-17.

Turn north on I-17.

Take exit #287 to Cottonwood.

Turn right on 89A in Cottonwood.

Drive 9 miles and turn left on Red Canyon Road (FR525).

Drive 3 miles and veer left onto FR 525C (just past MP 364)

Drive 9 miles to the trailhead.

The last 12 miles are on a dirt road

(a high-clearance vehicle is recommended)

No restrooms. Trail immediately drops down to creek.

Fay Canyon trail (Sedona). Rating C-. This is a 3 mile in and out hike with an elevation change of 400 ft. The hike goes past (with the option to hike up to) the Fay Canyon Arch. The arch is about 50 ft long and 15 ft high. The trail has the typical red rock beauty you expect from Sedona trails. This trail can be combined with another short trail (such as the Doe Mountain trail) to make a nice C hike. No restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$5.00 (free with Golden Age Pass). Driving distance is 270 miles RT.

Directions to Sedona - Fay Canyon Trail

Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go north (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go north (left) on I-17 to exit 287.

Go west (left) to Cottonwood.

Go north (right) on 89A.

Turn left onto Dry Creek Road

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road

At the T intersection, turn left

Drive about .6 miles to trailhead on the left .

No restrooms at trailhead. There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Directions to Sedona - Fay Canyon Trail - Alternate

Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go north (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go north (left) on I-17 to exit 298 (Rte 179).

Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A.

From the Sedona Y (Junction 89A and 179) go left (West)

Turn right onto Dry Creek Road

At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road

At the T intersection, turn left

Drive about .6 miles to trailhead on the left .

No restrooms at trailhead. There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

Girdner/Ledge-N-Airy/Drano/Last Frontier Loop (Sedona). Rating B. This is a loop hike of about 9 miles with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The track of the hike looks like someone traced the outline of a glove as it skirts around a drainage canyon of Dry Creek (which wasn't dry when we hiked it in 2016). There are lots of interesting views of the south portion of the Sedona area. The Ledge-N-Airy trail has a long section of "edgy" trail overlooking Dry Creek. No facilities. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/GirdnerLedgeAiry-Loop>

Directions to Sedona - Girdner/Dry Creek Trailhead

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.

Go North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.

Go North (left) on I-17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde).

Go west (left) to Cottonwood.

Turn north (right) on 89A.

Turn left on Upper Red Rock Loop Road.

Drive about 3 blocks to the trailhead parking on the right

No restrooms at the trailhead, but there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Hangover Trail (Sedona). Rating B. This is an 8.5 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 ft. The trail starts from the Huckaby Trailhead. There are lots of great views as you hike around Mitten Ridge. Trail Condition - overall the trail is very good, but there are some sections where you cross or go up bare red rock. And there is a long section that could be called "ledgy". There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee with a Golden Age Pass. Driving distance is 254 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Hangover-Trail>

Directions to Sedona - Huckaby Trailhead

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.

Turn left on Indian School

Turn right on Loop 303.

Loop 303 ends at I-17.

Turn left (North) on I-17.

Travel north on I-17, and take exit 298 (RTE 179).

Take RTE. 179 north about 14 miles to Schnebly Hill Road.

Go about mile along the road and just before the pavement ends,
turn left into the trailhead.

The parking fee is \$5.00 per car or free with a Golden Age Pass.

Rest rooms are at the trailhead.

There are McDonalds at I-17 Exits 262 and 287.

Hogs Trails + Chicken Point + Submarine Rock (Sedona). Rating C/B. This is a 7-8.4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100-1600 ft. The C version goes to Chicken Point while the B version includes Submarine Rock. The hike provides excellent views of several named rock formations. It also goes to Chicken Point and Submarine Rock. It epitomizes what hiking in the Sedona area really means. Trail condition - it is a typical Sedona trail with some hiking on bare red rock, including some edge. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee with Senior Parks Pass. Driving distance is about 230 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Hogs-Trail-Chicken-Pt>

Directions to Sedona - Hogs Trails Trailhead

Take Loop 303 North (right) and follow until it ends at I-17.

