

## SKYLINE REGIONAL PARK 6-10-22

### Trail maps for various segments in Skyline Regional Park

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**Beacon Peak: Lost Creek, Trailless to Beacon Peak, Jeep Road, Trailless rocky wash to Petroglyph Rock, Verrado Trail (Skyline Regional Park).** Rating A. This is an 8+ mile/2000 feet loop via trails, jeep roads and bushwhack ridge walk to Beacon Peak - the highest point in Skyline Regional Park. Starting in Verrado we'll take the Lost Creek Trail to the saddle. From here we'll take the ridge north over several smaller humps to the highest point (Beacon Peak) at 3063 feet. We will then return down the ridge locating an old Jeep trail off a lower spur ridge. We will follow this Jeep trail into a stream bed that will lead to Petroglyph Rock in Verrado. Finally, we'll return to the parking lot via the established trails in the Verrado Park. What you need to know: • Reach the highest point in Skyline Regional Park – prepare for unusual and sweeping views way above the traditional established park routes • This is a rocky bushwhack/scramble on open mountain ridges • Relatively short hike – good introduction to trail-less peak hiking • Poles and long pants recommended. No restrooms or water at the trailhead

Directions to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founder's Golf Course to get to the trailhead.

**Four Peaks Challenge (Skyline Regional Park) Rating A** Distance 15.6 miles with an elevation gain of 3400 feet. All trail hike around the Skyline Park from Pyrite Summit to Valley Vista to Crest Summit to Javelina Summit. What you need to know: All trails – no bushwhacking. Restrooms and water are in the park Driving distance is 30 miles round trip.

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**Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Regional Park)** Rating C. This is about a 7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200 feet. in the Western part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park with the new Granite Falls Trail and an even newer Chuckwalla Trail on the west side of the park. This is one of the trail loops in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Mountain Wash, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating D Challenge.** This is a 4.4-mile hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Climbs up Mountain Wash and follows Lost Creek for a short distance to Turnbuckle, and loops back down to the trailhead. No park fees. Restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Perimeter Peakless Hike: MW, TB, GF, PT, CW, G, TB, MW, LC, SC, QM. (Skyline Regional Park) RATING B.** This hike is 9.8 miles with 1573 feet of elevation. Great views in virtually every direction. This hike does not include any of the 4 peaks in Skyline Park but goes by all of them. Trail condition - good hiking trail. There is no park fee. Restrooms at the trailhead.

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**Pyrite Ridge (Skyline Regional Park). Rating A** Distance 10-11 miles roundtrip with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Park vehicles just beyond the Skyline Park entrance building. We will bushwhack south parallel with Watson Road until the start of the Pyrites Ridge becomes visible to the west of 234th Avenue. The Pyrites Ridge snakes to the northwest approximately 4 miles and eventually joins with the Pyrite Trail approximately 1 mile from the summit. After reaching Pyrite Peak we return to the vehicles using existing park trails. What you need to know: rough trail-less path over the Pyrite Ridge. Mileage 10-11 miles; elevation gain approximately 2500 feet, 6-7 miles of trail-less hiking plus 4 miles of trail hiking of trail hiking. Restrooms and water are in the park. Driving distance is 30 miles round trip.

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**Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash Loop (Skyline Regional Park) Rating D Challenge.** This is about a 4.6-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 950 feet. in Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park. The trail gradually climbs the first part of the hike to Lost Creek Trail, which connects to Mountain Wash for the descent back to the trailhead. This is one of the trails in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Quartz Mine, Tortuga, Old Road, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C.** This is a loop hike of 7 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike does a loop up to a high point in the park and then circles back through a valley. There are lots of views of the west valley. Trail condition – average hiking trail with two uphill sections. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating B.** This is a loop hike of 9.8 miles with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. This hike does a loop around the outer edges of the park (as of Aug 2016). There are lots of views of the west valley. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C Challenge.** This is a loop hike of 7.5 miles with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. This hike does a loop up to a high point in the park and then circles back through a valley. There are lots of views of the west valley. Trail condition – average hiking trail with one long uphill section. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Quartz Mine, Tortuga Trails (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C.** This is an in-and-out hike of 6.4 miles with an elevation gain of 1260 feet. This hike goes to the eastern most point in the park

and then returns. There are lots of views of the west valley. Trail condition – average hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Summit Loop = Quartz Mine, Tortuga, Javelina, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash (Skyline Regional Park). Rating B Challenge.** This hike is a 10.1-mile, 2550 feet elevation gain hike. A strenuous hike on one of the newer trails to Javelina Summit...great views of the valley and the golf course below. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Three Peaks Challenge (Skyline Regional Park). Rating A-**. Trails: Quartz Mine to Crest Summit, Skyline Crest and Turnbuckle to Valley Vista and Chuckwalla/Pyrite to Pyrite summit. Return to parking lot via main wash. This is a 10+ mile hike with an elevation gain of 2200+ feet climbing 3 peaks in the Skyline Park. Three extended uphill sections, excellent trails. Return from Pyrite trail via large washes. Restrooms and water at ranger station at the entrance to the park. Driving distance about 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Turnbuckle-Granite Falls Trail + Redtail Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye). Rating D+.** This is a loop hike of about 4.3 miles with an elevation gain of about 600 feet. The hike stays on trails on the western side of the park. Trails are in pretty good shape with a lot of deep washes to traverse. There are great views of the area. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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Directions to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn right (west) on I-10, Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to end of road and trailhead parking. Facilities are at the trailhead.

**Turnbuckle Loop Trail (Skyline Regional Park). Rating D Challenge.** This is a loop hike of about 3+ miles with an elevation gain of about 600 feet. This is one of the trails in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. There are great views of the area from the saddle. There are several optional trails to the tops of the ridges. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C.** This is about a 5.8-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 900 feet. in the western part of Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail on the west side of the park. The trails meander through several areas with minimal elevation gain. Trail Condition – average hiking trail. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park) Rating C Challenge.** This is about a 6.7-7.3-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200-1350 feet. in the southwestern part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park. The trails meander through typical desert terrain. Pyrite is one of the newer trails in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. It goes up to the ridgeline in the southwestern corner of the White Tank Mountains. There is an optional summit trail that goes .3 miles with 170 feet of elevation gain. Trail condition – average to good trail, but steep up Pyrite to the top. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C Challenge.** This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 1600 feet. This is one of the loops in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. There are great views of the area from the saddle. There are several optional trails to the tops of the ridges providing excellent views, but also adding hundreds of feet of elevation. No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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