

## SKYLINE REGIONAL PARK 12-23-20

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

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**Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Park) Rating C.** This is about a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200 ft. 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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#### Directions to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead

Go West on I-10.  
Turn north (right) on Watson Road.  
Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking.  
Facilities are at the trailhead.

**Mountain Wash, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle loop (Skyline Reg Park). Rating D+.** 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 fee. Restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT

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**Pyrite Ridge (Skyline Reg Park). Rating A** Distance 10-11 miles roundtrip with an elevation gain of 2500 ft. 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'
- 6-7 miles of trail-less hiking plus 4 miles of trail hiking

Restrooms and water are in the park. Driving distance is 30 miles round trip.

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Go west on I-10.  
Turn north (right) on Watson Road.  
Drive through the entrance station to the stop sign.  
Park immediately across the road.  
Facilities are farther into the park if required.

**Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Mountain Wash Loop (Skyline Park) Rating D+** This is about a 4.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 950 ft. 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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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 ft. 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 RT.

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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 ft. 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 RT.

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#### **Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating C+.**

This is a loop hike of 7.5 miles with an elevation gain of 1600 ft. 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 RT.

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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 ft. 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 RT.

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**Summit Loop = Quartz Mine/Tortuga/Javelina/Lost Creek/Mountain Wash (Skyline Regional Park – Buckeye). Rating B+.** This hike is a 10.1 mile, 2550 ft 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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**Three Peaks Challenge (Skyline Regional Park – Buckeye).** 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 RT.

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**Turnbuckle Loop Trail (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye).** Rating D+. This is a loop hike of about 3+ miles with an elevation gain of about 600 ft. 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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**Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye).**

**Rating C.** This is about a 5.8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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**Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla/Pyrite Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye) Rating C+.**

This is about a 6.7-7.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200-1350 ft. in the southwestern part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park Most. 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 ft of elevation gain. Trail condition – average to good trail, but steep up Pyrite to the top. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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**Turnbuckle/Mountain Wash Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye).**

Rating C+. This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 1600 ft. 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 fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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