

## SUPERIOR 11-24-21

### Trail maps for various segments in the Superior area

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superior/i-qxZ6q9z>

**Arnett Canyon & Picketpost Loop Trail (Superior). Rating B, C, D.** There are 3 versions of this hike – the B version is a full loop of 9.3 miles & 1000 feet elevation gain; the C version is an in and out of Arnett Canyon & Telegraph Canyon and is 7 miles & 700 feet; the D version is just Arnett Canyon and is 4+ miles and 400 feet. Arnett canyon is similar to West Fork of Oak Creek Canyon – a few creek crossings (seasonal), many cottonwood trees, and red rock formations. Telegraph canyon is a bare rock wash with lots of trees, and the rest is a typical desert hike with many saguaros. There are lots of interesting views of the surrounding area - bring your camera. Trail condition – average hiking trail plus the creek crossings. Restroom at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 160 miles roundtrip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Loop>

Directions to Picketpost Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I-10, turn left and take I-10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go approximately 50 miles and turn right just before Boyce Thompson Arboretum (watch for brown sign indicating Picketpost). Follow signs for a couple of miles to the parking lot.

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum Trails (Superior). Rating D.** This is a nice walk through the BTA in the Spring-time to catch the flowers in bloom. The trails total about 3 miles with little elevation change. Picketpost Mountain is in the background. The group will also tour the World's Smallest Museum and have lunch in Superior, before returning to Pebble Creek. There are restrooms at BTA. BTA has a fee of about \$10 per person. Driving distance is approximately 180 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Boyce Thompson Arboretum Trailhead -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I-10, turn left and take I-10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Continue on Highway 60 to about milepost 223. Boyce Thompson Arboretum is on the right.

**Picketpost Mountain, Arizona Trail (Superior). Rating C.** This is an 8-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. This is an interesting hike around the desert half of Picketpost Mountain with lots of large saguaros and a fishhook cacti forest. There are lots of interesting views of the surrounding area. Trail condition – average hiking trail. Restroom at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 160 miles roundtrip.

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**Picketpost Mountain Summit (Superior). Rating B Challenge.** This hike is a 5 to 6-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. It is a short but challenging hike to the top of Picketpost Mountain with great views of the surrounding area with an interesting mailbox and park bench at the top. Trail condition – the early section is an average hiking trail but the route to the summit is a rough, poorly marked climb/scramble with several steep areas with loose surface to the top. Restroom at the trailhead. No park fees. Driving distance is 160 miles roundtrip.

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