

## **SUPERIOR 5-8-20**

### **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 ft EG; the C version is an in and out of Arnett Canyon & Telegraph Canyon and is 7 miles & 700 ft; the D version is just Arnett Canyon and is 4+ miles and 400 ft. 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 fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Loop>

#### **Directions to Picketpost Trailhead**

Take I-10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way).

Go approx. 50 mi. 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.

Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT.

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum Trails (Superior). Rating D.** This is a nice walk through the BTA in the Spring-time to catch the floers 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 approx 180 miles RT.

#### **Directions to Boyce Thompson Arboretum Trailhead**

Take I-10 east.

Exit onto Hwy 60 east (carpool lane goes exits on the left side).

Continue on Hwy 60 to about milepost 223.

Boyce Thompson Arboretum is on the right.

Park fee is \$10.00, but there are discounts available.

There are restrooms at the arboretum. Driving distance is 166 miles RT.

**Picketpost Mountain & Arizona Trail (Superior). Rating C.** This is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. 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 fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail>

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**Picketpost Mountain Summit (Superior). Rating C.** This is an 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000+ ft. This is an interesting hike to the top of Picketpost Mountain. There are lots of interesting views of the surrounding area. Trail condition – part is an average hiking trail and the route to the summit is a rough, poorly marked climb to the top. Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT.  
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Summit>

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Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT.