

## **SUPERSTITION WILDERNESS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Water/2<sup>nd</sup> Water/Black Mesa/Dutchman loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.**

This is a 9.3 miles loop with a 530 ft. elevation gain. We will start at the First Water Trailhead, take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail, and return on the Dutchman's trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 126 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop/B-HikeSuperstitions-Garden-Valley-LoopLynnW2018-2019/i-QQkKfFb>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (stay in HOV all the way).

Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

### **1<sup>st</sup> Water/2<sup>nd</sup> Water/Boulder Canyon/Dutchman/1<sup>st</sup> Water Loop (Superstition**

**Mountains). Rating B.** The distance is approximately 11 miles, and the elevation change is less than 1,000 feet total. The hike is a combination of a number of hiking routes we have already done in the Superstition Mountains. This is a lovely hike, with some great views, including Weaver's Needle. The hike starts at the First Water trail head for .3 mile to Second Water. Take the Second Water Trail to the prehistoric Indian mound, and then continue, past the springs, to the Boulder Canyon Trail (3.5 miles). Take the Boulder Canyon Trail to the right and follow until the junction with the Dutchman Trail (6.7 miles). Turn right on the Dutchman Trail to the First Water Trail (10.6 miles) and then out to the parking lot (10.9 mile). There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 126 miles RT.

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**"50 in 1" Saguaro Trail (Superstition Mountains). Rating B,** 9.5 mi round trip, 1320 ft elevation change, 1,924 ft elevation gain, over parts of trails (Bluff Springs, Lost Dutchman) to see one of Arizona's 6 co-champion saguaros (over 200 yrs old) and the favorite of a big trees committee member. This is a long hike up and down mountains and across streams.

Recommended for long range, experienced hikers. Bring extra water on this hike (at least three quarts) as we will be out most of the day. We bring lunch and have it out at the saguaro. The saguaro is a sight to see and worth the effort. Take Bluffs Springs Trail 3.3 miles to Lost Dutchman Trail turn left and go 1.4 miles on Lost Dutchman to the Saguaro. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is approx. 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/50-in-1-Saguaro>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235  
to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

### **Battleship Mountain Summit via Second Water Trail (Superstition Mtns). Rating A.**

This is a 12.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain over 2000 ft. It goes into the Boulder Canyon area and involves some boulder hopping and bushwhacking up the back spine of Battleship. There is some edgy exposure and thus the A level rating. There are lots of excellent views of the Superstitions. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 126 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Battleship-Mountain-Summit>

### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (stay in HOV all the way).

Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Bluffs Springs/Dutchman Trails (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is an 8.5 mile loop trip. Hike out to Bluff Springs and then past Miners Needle on the way back. The Bluff Springs shares the trailhead parking lot with the Peralta Trail. We will take Bluff Springs 2.1 miles to a junction with the Terrapin Trail then continue to the right on Bluff Springs Trail for 1 more mile to the Bluff Springs. At this point we will turn right onto the Dutchman Trail. Following the Dutchman Trail for 1.2 miles to Miners Summit. In another 1.6 miles we will encounter a junction with the Coffee Flat Trail. Once again, we will take the right turn and continue on the Dutchman Trail for another 2.6 miles and the cars. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235  
to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

### **Bluff Springs/Terrapin/Crosscut/Peralta loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.**

This is an 8.4 mile loop hike with an elevation change of 1400 ft. and elevation gain of 1900 ft. Start out on Bluff Springs, turn left on Terrapin, and turn left again at the Crosscut trail, which crosses in front of Weavers Needle. Turn left on Peralta and head back to the parking lot. The crosscut trail is very steep and goes over many boulders, but there are many cairns on the trail

to guide you through the boulders. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 140 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails>

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to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

### **Bluffs Springs/Terrapin/Dutchman/Peralta loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.**

This is a 12.8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 3010 ft. Hike out to Bluff Springs and around Weavers Needle on the way back. The Bluff Springs shares the trailhead parking lot with the Peralta Trail. We will take Bluff Springs 2.1 miles to a junction with the Terrapin Trail. Then turn to the left on the Terrapin Trail for 2.8 miles up and down some hills to the Dutchman Trail. Here we will turn left onto the Dutchman Trail for 1 more mile to the Peralta Trail. Again, we will turn left onto the Peralta Trail and go past Weavers Needle and over Freemont Saddle and down to the cars. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 140 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235  
to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Boulder Canyon (Superstition Mountains). Ratings C.** This is a 5.4 mile out and back hike with an elevation change of 700ft and elevation gain of 1500 ft (7.3 miles & 2000 ft to the bottom and back). Follow Boulder Canyon Trail #103 to La Barge creek. Weavers Needle is visible a few times further into the trail. The beautiful views of Four Peaks, Canyon Lake, Battleship Mountain and Weavers Needle are rewarding. At La Barge Creek, Battleship Mountain looms ahead. We will turn around here, at the 3mi. mark, take a break, and return to the trailhead. Best described as a peaceful hike with great views. Porta-Johns are at the trailhead. Trail condition - most of the hike is on a uneven rocky trail with the early part being very rough and rocky. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 138 mi.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Boulder-Canyon-Trail>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Boulder Canyon Trailhead**

Out the main gate, south to I-10 East.

I-10 East to Route 202 East.

Merge on to Route 202 then exit onto Brown Rd.

Turn right on Brown Rd to Hwy 88.

Brown Rd is named Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal county.

Turn left onto Hwy 88 (Apache Trail).

Turn left into Canyon Lake Marina.

Park on the right back near the road.

Restrooms are at the marina.

### **Boulder Canyon/Lower La Barge Canyon Loop (Superstition Mountains). Ratings B.**

This is a 8.3 mile loop hike with an elevation change of 1100ft and elevation gain of 1100 ft( 7.3 miles & 2000 ft to the bottom and back). Follow Boulder Canyon Trail #103 to La Barge creek. You then return via La Barge Creek. Weavers Needle is visible a few times further into the trail. The beautiful views of Four Peaks, Canyon Lake, Battleship Mountain and Weavers Needle are rewarding. At La Barge Creek, Battleship Mountain looms ahead. Trail Condition - the first half is an uphill hike on a rocky trail; the second half through the creek is full of 6-14" boulders. Porta-Johns are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 138 mi. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Boulder-Canyon-LaBarge-Canyon>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Boulder Canyon Trailhead**

Out the main gate, south to I-10 East.

I-10 East to Route 202 East.

Merge on to Route 202 then exit onto Brown Rd.

Turn right on Brown Rd to Hwy 88.

Brown Rd is named Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal county.

Turn left onto Hwy 88 (Apache Trail).

Turn left into Canyon Lake Marina.

Park on the right back near the road.

Restrooms are at the marina.

**Boulder Canyon to First Water (Superstition Mountains). Ratings B.** This is an 8.0 mile one way end to end hike with an elevation change of 800ft, but an elevation gain of 2200 ft. The opposite direction of First Water to Canyon Lake Marina has the same elevation change (800 ft), but an elevation gain of only 1600 ft. This is because Canyon Lake is 600 feet lower than First Water trailhead. Two cars are needed for this one: Leave one car at First Water or a car at both ends and exchange keys as you pass the other group. Follow Boulder Canyon Trail #103 across La Barge creek to the intersection with Second Water trail. Then follow Second Water to First Water and the First Water trailhead. Weavers Needle is visible a few times along the trail. The beautiful views of Four Peaks, Canyon Lake, Battleship Mountain and Weavers Needle are rewarding. Trail condition - most of the hike is on a rocky trail with a few sections of normal desert trail. Bathrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee at either end. Driving distance is approx 140 mi. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Boulder-Canyon-Trail>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Boulder Canyon Trailhead**

Out the main gate, south to I-10 East.

I-10 East to Route 202 East.

Merge on to Route 202 then exit onto Brown Rd.

Turn right on Brown Rd to Hwy 88.

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Turn left onto Hwy 88 (Apache Trail).

Turn left into Canyon Lake Marina.

Park on the right back near the road.

Restrooms are at the marina.

**Broadway Cave & Jacob's Crosscut Trails (Superstitions). Rating C+/B.** This is a 7-10 mile two fingered in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 1100-1400 feet. Starting at the Broadway Trailhead, you take Jacob's Crosscut to the Monument Canyon trail. The Broadway Cave trail goes off to the right and is a rough steep trail to a cave that was an old mine. From

the top of the cave you get great views towards the south, away from the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Jacob's Crosscut trail and go west (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead. No restrooms at the trailhead and no park fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Broadway-Cave>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Broadway Trailhead**

Take I-10 east HOV lane to Hwy 60 east  
Then exit HOV left onto Hwy 60 east (Globe)  
Turn left on Mountain View Drive and go about 1 mile  
Turn Right on Broadway.  
Parking area is on the left.  
No restrooms. No park Fee.

**Carney Springs to Peralta loop (Superstitions). Rating B.** This is a 7.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Carney Springs trail is a very steep, loose pebble/dirt trail that goes up to a saddle providing great views to the south of the Superstitions. The trail going across to the Freemont Saddle (and the Peralta trail) offers excellent views of Weavers Needle and the Superstition Mountains. There is some boulder hopping going down to Freemont Saddle. Once down the Peralta trail at the trailhead, you simply hike down the road about a mile to the Carney Springs trailhead. No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some) and no park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Carney-SpringsPerata-Loop>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Lost Goldmine Trailhead**

Take I-10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way).  
Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).  
Turn left on Peralta Road.  
The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left.  
The last 6.5 miles is on a well-maintained dirt road.  
Restrooms are available .5 mile further at Peralta Trailhead.

**Cave Trail (Superstitions). Rating B.** This is a 2 mile (one way) hike with an elevation gain of about 1500 feet. You would combine this with Peralta (for a 5 mile hike) or Barks Canyon and Bluff Springs (for an 8 mile hike). This is a short but steep hike up to the backside of Geronimo's Cave. You get to look down on the canyon where the Peralta trail is as well as the open expanse of the Superstitions Mountains. Near the top is a 100 yard long slick rock area you need to go up that pushes the definition of a hike. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles RT.

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235  
to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.  
Take I-10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way).  
Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).  
Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.  
The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.  
Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Coffee Flats/Dutchman (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is a 12.8 mile out and back hike, with an elevation gain of 1820 feet. Starting from the Peralta Trailhead, this hike provides great views of Miners Needle. The Peralta Rd 77 turnoff is located 8.5 miles past

Apache Jct. on Hwy 60 east. The trailhead is about 8 miles north on this dirt road. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. There is no parking fee. Driving distance is approx. 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Coffee-Flats>

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Dutchman/Black Mesa Trails (Superstition Mountains). Rating C.** This is an 8.4 mile out and back hike, with an elevation change of about 400 feet. Starting from the First Water trailhead, this hike crosses a creek several times and provides great views of rocky cliffs. During the later part of the trail going out, there are interesting views of weaver's needle in front of you, as well scenic views of the surrounding valleys. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 124 miles RT

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop>

### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

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Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Dutchman to Miner's Needle (Superstition Mountains). Rating C.** This 7 mile out-and-back hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Route 60 east of Phoenix and goes through an interesting Saguaro forest along the Miner's Needle trail on the way to the base of Miners Needle, which has a hole (arch) in it. Elevation gain is approximately 1000 ft. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Miners-Needle>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Dutchman/Whiskey Springs (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is an 11.3 mile out and back hike, with an elevation gain of 1780 feet. Starting from the Peralta Trailhead, this hike climbs immediately from the trailhead from an elevation of 2300 ft. to 3250 ft. and provides great views of Miners Needle. The Whiskey Springs Trail going out, there are interesting views of Weaver's Needle to the left of you, as well scenic views of the surrounding valleys. We turn

around when we meet the Red Tanks Trail. The Peralta Rd 77 turnoff is located 8.5 miles past Apache Jct. on Hwy 60 east. The trailhead is about 8 miles north on this dirt road. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. There is no parking fee. Driving distance is approx. 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Whiskey-Springs>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

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to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Dutchman to Willow Springs Trail (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is a 12 mile out and back hike, with an elevation change of about 1700 feet. Starting from the First Water trailhead, then heading out the Dutchman trail, this hike crosses a creek several times and provides great views of rocky cliffs. At about 2.75 miles it turns right at Parker Pass on a less used trail. Around 4 miles, you enter Boulder Canyon. A half mile up the rocky canyon is a house sized boulder to work your way around. Just under another mile and a half is Willow Springs (note the pussy willows in the area) and a stone coral. During the later part of the trail going out, there are several interesting views of the unique Superstition rock formations. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 124 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Willow-Spring>

### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

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Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Flat Iron Trail (Superstition Mountains). Rating B+.** This is a 7 mile hike, an in and out trip with an elevation change of 2,800ft. The trail starts out with a gradual climb and into switchbacks to Siphon Draw and waterfall area. From there it is a lot of climbing over boulders and steep trail to the top of Flatiron. There is rewarding view at the top. It is recommended that you bring a pair of gloves and long pants for this hike. Restrooms are located at the trailhead, which is in Lost Dutchman Park on the west side of the Superstitions. There is a park entrance fee of \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is approx. 120 miles RT. [SCG=6.0/3800/6.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Mtn-to-Flatiron>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Lost Dutchman State Park**

Out the main gate, south to I-10.

Take I-10 east to Route 202 east (carpool lane exits on left)

Exit onto Brown Road.

Turn left on Brown Road.

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn right into Lost Dutchman State Park and pay \$7.00 fee

Park at the Cholla trailhead

Restrooms are ¼ mile up the road  
Brown Road is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on way home.

**Garden Valley Loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** A 9.3 miles loop with 900 ft elevation gain. We will start at the First Water Trailhead, take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail, and return on the Dutchman's trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance to the trailhead is 126 mi RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop>

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Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).  
Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).  
Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.  
Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).  
Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.  
(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Hackberry Springs Loop (Superstitions). Rating C.** This is a 6.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. We will start at the First Water Trailhead and take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail. We turn left away from Black Mesa. We will take a short side trail to the arch and return to the main trail. At the next intersection we turn right to go down below Hackberry Spring where we will take our snack break. We then continue on and work our way up to the top of the ridge, giving us great views of the mesa where Hackberry springs originates. We then continue on to the horse staging area and follow the trail back to the trailhead. There are restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance to the trailhead is 126 mi RT.  
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Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).  
Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).  
Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.  
Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).  
Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.  
(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Hackberry Springs Loop from Needle Vista Trailhead (Superstitions). Rating C.** This is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. We will start at the Needle Vista Trailhead and do a lollipop loop. We work our way up to the top of a ridge, giving us great views of the mesa where Hackberry Spring originates. We'll go through a tight canyon past an old ranch. We'll then loop around past an arch before going down to Hackberry Springs. Finally, we'll follow the trail back to the trailhead. There are lots of views of great rock formations for which the Superstitions are well known. Trail condition – mostly a good hiking trail with some rough spots. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance to the trailhead is 120 mi RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Hackberry-Spring-Loop>

**Directions to Superstitions - Needle Vista Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (HOV all the way)



Exit onto Brown Road (exit 26).  
Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).  
Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88)  
Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and First Water Trailhead  
Turn right into Needle Vista Trailhead (near mile marker 203).  
Parking is free...restroom at the trailhead.

**Hieroglyphic Trail to Superstition Ridgeline & Superstition Peak (Superstition Mountains). Rating A.** The hike to the ridgeline and on to the peak is close to 8 miles long with an elevation gain of approximately 3,000' (total actual elevation is right at 4,000'). Reaching the peak will put you at 5,057' and the highest point in the Superstitions.

The first 1.5 miles is a well used trail that rises about 600' and ends at a section of pools where hundreds of petroglyphs have been etched into the rocks over 800 years ago by the Hohokam Indians (modern miners and settlers came upon these drawings and mistook them for Hieroglyphs so the canyon's name came from a simple misunderstanding).

Hieroglyphic Trail ends at the pools. From here you now go to the far end of the petroglyph area where you will see a very large boulder on the south side (right) of the creek that has created a very large, almost small cave like, overhang. From here you want to follow a very faint trail towards the cliff wall. As you begin on this section it is very easy to begin climbing too soon. Look carefully for intermittent cairns as you pick your way up Hieroglyphic Canyon. You will be generally slightly above and on the right side of the canyon as you make your way up towards the Superstition saddle.

The faint trail will eventually dump you directly into the canyon drainage where you make your way up and to the other side of the canyon. At this point you continue up and northeast picking your way carefully through very loose shale. The markers are far and few between at this point so look carefully to see faint use sections in the shale. You will finally pick up a more well established trail as you near the saddle. Make your way up from here until you come to the saddle. You will see the Superstition Ridgeline Trail that runs right by this spot.

This is a good spot for a rest and snack break. You get some great views of the Four Peak off to the northeast and Weaver's needle almost in front of you.

It is now about .7 miles to the cutoff for the peak. Head southeast on the Ridgeline Trail following cairns along the way (the trail is somewhat faint when you first begin from the saddle so look carefully and head up the small peak in front of you). You will come to two more saddles along the way, with the second one coming after a short, steep, loose climb. From this point you go about 30 yards and you reach a section where you have to climb using hands and feet to get on top of this section. From here it's just a matter of following the trail to the right of a large section of Hoodoos. About .2 miles past these you will come upon a very large cairn on your right, which is the cutoff to the peak. It's now about .2 miles to the top. Just walk straight up the smooth rock area and you will come upon cairns that take you through and around more Hoodoos. As you get through the Hoodoos you look up and slightly to your right and you will see the peak in front of you. Make your way up the rock for a final short Class 3 scramble where you reach the top. The views up there are incredible in all directions and if you look down towards the east and slightly south you will see the parking lot where you started.

Depending on everyone's capability this hike could take anywhere from 6 hours to about 7-1/2 hours to complete. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Peak/B-HikeLynnW2014-2015/i-CjJtQ76>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Hieroglyphic Trailhead**

Take I-10 East HOV lane to HWY 60 East (towards Globe).

Take HOV (left) exit onto HWY 60.  
Turn left onto Kings Ranch Road.  
Go 2.8 miles and turn right on Baseline Ave.  
Go .2 miles and turn left on S Mohican Road.  
Go .3 miles and turn left on E Valley View Road (which changes to S White Tail).  
O 1.4 miles and turn right on E Cloudview Ave.  
Drive .5 miles to end of road and the trailhead.

### **Hieroglyphic/Ridgeline/Superstition Peak (Superstition Mountains-Southwest).**

**Rating B+.** This is a tough 8.5 mile in-and-out hike to the highest point in the Superstitions, with approximately 3,400 ft. elevation gain. The hike starts at scenic Hieroglyphic Canyon near Gold Canyon in Apache Junction and climbs up to the Ridgeline trail (some bushwhacking and scrambling) on the spine of the Superstition Mountains. Superstition Peak is a short distance along the Ridgeline and has survey markers dating to 1899, including one marking the peak as the highest point of the Superstitions. The trail above Hieroglyphic Canyon is sketchy in places but is marked with cairns; it is very steep with loose shale in many areas and requires some serious scrambling in a couple of places near the top. However, the views from the peak are stunning and well worth the effort and elevation gain (how often do you get to look down on Weaver's Needle?). No restrooms at the trailhead. No park Fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Peak>

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O 1.4 miles and turn right on E Cloudview Ave.  
Drive .5 miles to end of road and the trailhead.

**Hog Canyon Trail (Superstition Mtns). Rating B.** This is a 7.3 mile hike with over 1,000 ft of elevation change. Hog Canyon is one of the central drainages on the south side of Superstition Mountain. Just a "stones throw" north of Gold Canyon and its golf courses, it is situated between Monument Canyon on the left and the ever/over popular Hieroglyphic Canyon on the right. Interestingly, despite its proximity to the populated areas of the valley, hardly anything has ever been mentioned about this large and easily viewed canyon.

The two miles across the desert until you get in to the canyon was kind of boring, but once you are there it is worth it! I would say that it is an easier canyon than Monument Canyon to get around in. Once you get to the waterfalls and petroglyphs there is a little climbing to get to the top, which I highly recommend. The better petroglyphs are up above the lower pools. The pools were full and there was a little water drizzling down. Definitely climb as far to the left of the first pool as you can get, but it's not that hard. Don't expect to see anyone from parking area to the falls. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is about 120 miles RT.

### **Directions to Superstitions - Broadway Trailhead**

Take I-10 east HOV lane to Hwy 60 east  
Then exit HOV left onto Hwy 60 east (Globe)  
Turn left on Mountain View Drive and go about 1 mile  
Turn Right on Broadway.  
Parking area is on the left.

No restrooms. No park Fee.

**La Barge Canyon Loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is a lollipop loop hike of about 11.5 miles with an elevation gain of over 1000 ft.

It is 11.5 miles long with a total ascent of over 1000 ft. The trail surface is a typical trail with some rocks, gravel, and sand with some streambed boulder hopping and scrambling in La Barge Canyon itself.

Follow First Water Trail for about 0.4 miles to the junction with Second Water Trail. Turn left onto Second Water Trail and follow it approximately 3.3 miles down into Boulder Canyon and the junction with Boulder Canyon Trail. Turn right on Boulder Canyon Trail and follow it for approximately 1 mile as it crosses back and forth over Boulder Creek to a cairn on the left that takes you up a faint trail to the back spine of Battleship Mountain to a saddle. Follow the trail down the other side into La Barge Box. (In warmer weather, this is a great spot to jump in the main pool and cool off). This section is a great spot to take a break and just explore part of this beautiful canyon.

After the break we then head down La Barge Creek, boulder hopping on what are initially some large boulders. As you make your way down La Barge Creek, you have an incredible view of Battleship Mountain on your left. La Barge Creek connects to Boulder Canyon and from there it is approximately 0.7 miles back to the junction with Second Water Trail. Then it is 3.3 miles back to the trailhead. Trail condition - half is on established average trail and half is a bushwhack through a rough canyon. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 124 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/La-Barge-Canyon>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (stay in HOV all the way).

Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Mesquite Flats Fork Trail (Superstition Mountains). Rating C/B.** This is a 6 to 8 mile "Y" shaped hike with an elevation gain of 1000- to 1600 ft. The C version follows an old road to two overlook areas, while the B version extends the two forks with bushwhacks to higher overlook areas. All of the overlook areas provide views of parts of Canyon Lake and deep canyons in the Superstition Mountain. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 142 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Mesquite-Flats>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - Mesquite Flat Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (HOV all the way)

Exit onto Brown Road (exit 26).

Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Drive approx. 1.5 miles past Tortilla Flat.

Mesquite Creek flows over the road.

Drive through the creek and turn left on the first dirt road.

Park near the highway.

No restrooms are at the Trailhead.

**Miner's Needle View (Superstition Mountains). Rating D.** This 4+ mile out-and-back hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Route 60 east of Phoenix and goes through an interesting Saguaro forest along the Miner's Needle trail on the way to Miners Needle, which has a hole (arch) in it. Elevation gain is approximately 500 ft. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles

RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Miners-Needle>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235 to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Peralta Trail #102 (Superstition Mountains). Rating C+.** This is an in and out hike of about 6 miles (add .5 to go to GC) with an elevation gain of 1,500 ft – a steep, continuous climb. But it is one of the most beautiful hikes we do - Weaver's Needle will be in front of you at the top. We also go to a lone tree with terrific close-up views of Weavers Needle. An optional addition is to hike to Geronimo's Cave, which provides great views of the valley just hiked and points East. The Peralta Road turnoff is located 8.5 miles past Apache Jct. on Hwy 60 east. The trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road – the last 8 miles of which are dirt (a car usually has no problems getting through). Restrooms are available at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 140 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Trail>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235 to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.

The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are at the trailhead.

#### **Peralta Trail #102/Geronimo's Cave/Bluff Springs Loop (Superstition Mountains).**

**Rating B.** This is a loop hike of 7 miles with an elevation gain of 1900 ft – a steep, continuous climb then drop off. But it is one of the most beautiful hikes we do - Weaver's Needle will be in front of you at the top. We can also go to a lone tree with terrific close-up views of Weavers Needle and/or hike to Geronimo's cave, which provides great views of the valley just hiked and points East. We then go by Geronimo's cave before going down a steep descent to the Bluff Springs trail. The Peralta Road turnoff is located 8.5 miles past Apache Jct. on Hwy 60 east. The trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road – the last 8 miles of which are dirt (a car usually has no problems getting through). Restrooms are available at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx 140 miles

RT <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Geronimo-Cave-Bluff>

#### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235 to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

Take I-10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way).  
Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).  
Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.  
The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.  
Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Peralta/Dutchman/Terrapin/Bluffs Springs (Superstitions Mountains). Rating B.** The trail starts with a climb to Freemont Saddle, then past Weavers Needle to the junction with Dutchman Trail. Turn right on Dutchman Trail and proceed thru the valley to Terrapin Trail. Turn right on Terrapin and climb a couple of hills to the Bluffs Springs Trail. Turn right on Bluff Springs and proceed back to the car. Approx 13 miles round trip with an elevation change of 1,360 ft. The Peralta Rd 77 turnoff is located 8.5 miles past Apache Jct. on Hwy 60 east. The trailhead is about 8 miles north on this dirt road. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. There is no parking fee. Approx 140 miles round trip.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Peralta Trailhead**

Access Peralta Trail #102, Dutchman's Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235  
to "50 in 1" saguaro cactus.

Take I-10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way).  
Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).  
Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road.  
The last 8 miles are on a well-maintained dirt road.  
Restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Praying Hands Trail (Superstitions). Rating C.** This is a 7 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. You start on Jacob's Crosscut trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaros and Jumping Cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying hands trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle – so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Around the 3 mile point you will come to another saddle with to a rock formation on the right that looks like a baby. This is our turnaround point. Trail condition: part is an average hiking trail, but there is a long uphill section getting to the high point. There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1<sup>st</sup> Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is 122 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Jacobs-Crosscut-Tr-to-Praying>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Crosscut Trailhead**

Go east on I-10.  
Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left)  
Turn left on Brown Rd to Apache Trail (Hwy 88)  
(Brown Rd changes to Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County)  
Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88)  
and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201).  
Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile.  
Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right.  
The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail.  
The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area.  
Note: restrooms are at the First Water Trailhead, about 1.5 miles further along the dirt road.

**Praying Hands/Massacre Falls Loop (Superstitions). Rating B.** This is a 9 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. You start on Jacob's Crosscut trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaros and Jumping Cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying hands trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle – so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Once you get past the Praying Hands rock formation, the trail is marked by cairns. Massacre Falls will appear around the 6 mile point - off to the right. After stopping at the falls, you take the trail angling right back down the mountain to the trailhead. Trail condition - the first and last thirds are good hiking surfaces, with the middle third a boulder covered semi-bushwhack. There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1<sup>st</sup> Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is 122 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail>

### **Directions to Superstitions - Crosscut Trailhead**

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Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left)

Turn left on Brown Rd to Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

(Brown Rd changes to Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County)

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201).

Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile.

Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right.

The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail.

The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area.

Note: restrooms are at the First Water Trailhead, about 1.5 miles further along the dirt road.

**Second Water Trail #236 (Superstition Mountains). Rating C.** This is a 7.2 mile round trip out and back hike with an elevation gain of about 800ft, primarily on the return to the trailhead. The trail climbs onto Black Mesa, passes a low hill on the right, and enters Garden Valley. After crossing the valley, the trail enters a narrow canyon and descends rapidly. Second Water Canyon enters from the right. There is usually water in this canyon. If we can cross the water easily, we will continue to where the Second Water trail intersects with the Boulder Canyon Trail, then turn around and go back. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Trail condition - overall a good trail, but there is a boulder filled section and it's steep down to Second Water. No park fee. Driving distance is 126 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/2nd-Water-to-Boulder-Canyon-Tr>

### **Directions to Superstitions - 1st Water Trailhead**

I-10 east to Route 202 east (stay in HOV all the way).

Take 202 east to Brown Rd., Exit 26.

Drive east on Brown Rd. to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88).

Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead.

Follow this dirt road approx. 2.6 miles (past the horse-trailer parking on left).

Parking is free. There is a pit toilet restroom at the trailhead.

(Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home)

**Siphon Draw Trail, Lost Dutchman State Park (Superstition Mountains). Rating C+.**

This is an in/out hike from the Jacob's Crosscut trailhead up to Siphon Draw. The round trip distance is approx. 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 1,300 ft. The first part is rolling hills and then goes up fairly steadily, with the last part getting pretty steep. A very pretty hike especially for the last 1/3rd as you approach Siphon Draw. It is an outstanding hike if the winter rains bring spring wildflowers. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee from this trailhead. Driving distance is approx 120 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Siphon-Draw>

**Directions to Superstitions - Crosscut Trailhead**

Go east on I-10.

Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left)

Turn left on Brown Rd to Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

(Brown Rd changes to Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County)

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201).

Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile.

Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right.

The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail.

The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area.

Note: restrooms are at the First Water Trailhead, about 1.5 miles further along the dirt road.

**Siphon Draw to Flatiron (Superstition Mountains). Rating B.** This is a 7 mile hike on an in and out trip with an elevation change of 2,800ft. The trail starts out with a gradual climb and into switchbacks to Siphon Draw and waterfall area. From there it is a lot of climbing over boulders and steep trail to the top of Flatiron. Rewarding views are at the top. Restrooms are located at the trailhead, which is in Lost Dutchman Park on the west side of the Superstitions. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 120 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Flatiron>

**Directions to Superstitions - Crosscut Trailhead**

Go east on I-10.

Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left)

Turn left on Brown Rd to Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

(Brown Rd changes to Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County)

Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88)

and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201).

Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile.

Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right.

The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail.

The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area.

Note: restrooms are at the First Water Trailhead, about 1.5 miles further along the dirt road.

**Wave Cave & Lost Goldmine Trails (Superstitions). Rating C+.** This is a 7 mile two fingered in-n-out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starting at the Carney Springs Trailhead, the Wave Cave trail goes up very steeply, on a loose pebble/dirt trail to a cave that has a wave like rock formation in it. From the top of the wave you get great views towards the east side of the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Lost Goldmine trail and go south (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead. No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some a mile further along the road) and no park fee. Driving distance is 140 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Wave-Cave>

**Directions to Superstitions - Lost Goldmine Trailhead**

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

Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I-10).

Turn left on Peralta Road.

The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left.

The last 6.5 miles is on a well-maintained dirt road.

Restrooms are available .5 mile further at Peralta Trailhead.