

THUNDERBIRD CONSERVATION AREA 11-24-21

Trail maps for various segments in the Thunderbird Conservation Area

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Coachwhip, Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park). Rating D. This is a lollipop loop of 4.7 miles with an elevation gain of 500 feet. It offers a 360-degree view of the surrounding areas. Trail H-2 provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). Trail surface - rough bare rock on portions of trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 50 miles roundtrip - on paved roads.

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Directions to Thunderbird Park -- Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I-10. Turn east (left) on I-10 East, then take 101 North. Turn left (north) on 59th Avenue. Turn Left into parking lot of Thunderbird Park. Turn immediately left at yellow gate and park a block down, near the restrooms. The trails start by going right in front of the restrooms and cross the street near the park entrance.

Coachwhip, Cholla Loop (Thunderbird Conservation Area). Rating D Challenge. This 4.1-mile loop hike has an elevation gain of about 600 feet. There is an option to add about a mile by doing the Flatlander Loop. This trail has many areas of loose cobble and some areas of solid rock (poles would be helpful when navigating the loose areas). There is fairly steady elevation gain for the first 1.5 miles but no steep areas. The trail provides panoramic views of the Glendale area including some very large and well-appointed homes. There is no park fee...Restrooms are at the parking lot.

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Coachwhip, Cholla, Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park). Rating C. These are three summit trails ranging from 2.5 miles to 3.9 miles. We will combine 2 of them to create a hike of 5.9 miles. The three summits have elevations of 500, 500 & 350 feet respectively. All three offer 360-degree views of the surrounding areas and have different primary vegetation from each other.

Elevation gains are 590, 500 & 400 feet respectively. Arrowhead Point Trail provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). The Cholla Trail includes views of some large custom homes. The Coachwhip Trail provides views of another housing development and golf course. Trail condition – as of January 2018 it is mostly a rough hiking trail with lots of imbedded rocks and loose stones. There are restrooms at the trailheads. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 50 miles roundtrip - on paved roads.

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Coachwhip, Ridgeline Trails (Thunderbird Park). Rating C. This is a hike of 5.4 miles with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The Ridgeline trail goes close to the Sikh Temple seen from Highway 101. Trail surface - rough bare rock on portions of trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approximately 50 miles roundtrip - on paved roads.

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