

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Hawes Loop Trail, Granite Reef Recreation Area.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This hike has a variety of interesting views, most of the hike provides views of Red Mountain, the Granite Reef Dam and the park. The hike starts out about 100 feet North of parking lot for the Hawes Trail Trailhead. Cross the street to the trailhead for the Hawes Trail (be careful crossing the street). Over the first 3 miles, the trail slowly rises about 400 ft through typical desert brush. Around the 5.4 mile point you will pass several large mansions. There are many large saguaros in the center of the park, which forms a large bowl. Along Mine Trail there are a few steep descents with lots of loose scree. The trail generally wanders around the edge of the bowl. This trail has the potential for numerous spring wildflowers if winter rains are sufficient.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Interesting combination of trails with outstanding views of Red Mountain and saguaros. Chance of seeing wild horses.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Hawes Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Granite #54, Saguaro #50, Ridge #59, Saddle #51, Hawes #52, Cactus Garden, Magic Mtn, Upper Secret, Mine

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park requires a Tonto Pass (\$8 per car), or a National Parks Pass (no need to stop at the ranger station just put the pass in the window). Restrooms are at the parking lot.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Hawes Loop Trail Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left) HOV to Highway 202 East (HOV left exit). 202 to Power Road exit, turn left (north). Go about 2 miles to bottom of the hill and turn left into Granite Reef Recreation Area. The trail starts across the street, about 100 feet north of entrance to parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 241

HIKE: B Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Pass Mountain & Wind Cave Trails.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1780 feet. Trail in good condition with great scenery as you travel around the mountain. The trail encircles Pass Mountain, and starts by going through a saguaro cactus forest. It offers nice views on clear days of other distant mountain ranges including the Superstitions, Catalina, Mazatzal, Four Peaks, & McDowell Mtns. A portion of the loop is on adjacent Tonto National Forest land. Just to add fun to this hike, we add the Wind Cave Trail, (a 3.2 mi RT out and back; elev. change of 650 ft). The trail starts off relatively flat then climbs steadily to a large over hanging rock. The Wind Caves are shallow depressions that have been eroded out of the tuff layer of rock by wind and rain. This is a long hike so bring and drink plenty of water.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to the high volume of hikers to the Wind Cave, consider doing this portion first. This hike typically takes 4.75 hours with breaks.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Wind Cave Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pass Mountain, Wind Cave Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$7 per car. The park is free with a Maricopa County Parks pass. Restrooms are at the parking lot.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wind Cave Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) HOV to Loop 202 East (HOV exit on left). Loop 202 to Power Road (exit 23A), turn right (south). In a few blocks turn left onto McDowell Boulevard East. Turn left onto Usury Pass Rd (T intersection). Turn right onto Usery Park Road (across from the Phoenix arrow). Turn left onto Wind Cave Drive West to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Hawes Loop Trail, Granite Reef Recreation Area.

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep descents with loose scree.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Most of the hike provides views of Red Mountain, the Granite Reef Dam and the park. The hike starts out about 100 feet north of the exit to the Granite Reef Recreation Area. Cross the street to the trailhead for the Granite Trail (be careful crossing the street). Over the first 3 miles, the trail slowly rises about 400 feet through typical desert brush. Around the 4 mile point you will pass several large mansions. There are many large saguaros in the center of the park, which forms a large bowl. The trail generally wanders around the edge of the bowl, but there are a few trails that cut across the park if you wish to do a shorter hike. The Mine Trail is a ridge trail that is named after a mine near the highest point on the trail. Just past and above the mine is a spot that provides a 360 degree view of the surrounding area, giving you great views of the park, Four Peaks, Red Mountain, water from the dam, and a green valley. This trail has the potential for numerous Spring wildflowers if winter rains are sufficient. Trail itinerary is: start on Granite, right on Mine, right on Ridge, left on Hawes, left on Saddle Back, right on Saguaro, which becomes Mine, and right on Granite back to the cars. Trail condition: overall its a typical desert hiking trail.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Hawes Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Granite, Mine, Ridge, Hawes, Saddle Back, Saguaro

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park requires a Tonto Pass (\$8 per car), or a National Parks Pass (no need to stop at the ranger station just put the pass in the window). Restrooms are at the parking lot.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Hawes Loop Trail Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left) HOV to Highway 202 East (HOV left exit). 202 to Power Road exit, turn left (north). Go about 2 miles to bottom of the hill and turn left into Granite Reef Recreation Area. The trail starts across the street, about 100 feet north of entrance to parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

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HIKE: C Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Pass Mountain.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1160 feet. A trail in good condition and with great scenery as you travel around the mountain. The trail encircles Pass Mountain and starts by going through a saguaro cactus forest. It offers nice views on clear days of other distant mountain ranges including the Superstitions, Catalina, Mazatzal, Four Peaks, and McDowell Mountains. A portion of the loop is on adjacent Tonto National Forest land. This is a long hike bring and drink plenty of water.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Wind Cave Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pass Mountain

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$7 per car. The park is free with a Maricopa County Parks pass. Restrooms are at the parking lot.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wind Cave Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) HOV to Loop 202 East (HOV exit on left). Loop 202 to Power Road (exit 23A), turn right (south). In a few blocks turn left onto McDowell Boulevard East. Turn left onto Usury Pass Rd (T intersection). Turn right onto Usury Park Road (across from the Phoenix arrow). Turn left onto Wind Cave Drive West to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 239

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Wind Cave and Cats Peak Trails.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 650 feet. The Wind Cave trail, starts off relatively flat then climbs steadily to a large over hanging rock. The Wind Caves are shallow depressions that have been eroded out of the tuff layer of rock by wind and rain. Some may want to continue further on the nonmaintained, rougher steep trail towards the top. The Cats Peak Trail (3mile loop) around Cats Peak has very little elevation change, but you get different views of Pass Mountain and the valleys to the East. Both trails have great wildflowers in the Spring after good Winter rains.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Due to the high volume of hikers to the Wind Cave, consider doing this portion first.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Wind Cave Trailhead **TRAILS:** Wind Cave, Cats Peak

FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$7 per car. The park is free with a Maricopa County Parks pass. Restrooms are at the parking lot.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wind Cave Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) HOV to Loop 202 East (HOV exit on left). Loop 202 to Power Road (exit 23A), turn right (south). In a few blocks turn left onto McDowell Boulevard East. Turn left onto Usury Pass Rd (T intersection). Turn right onto Usury Park Road (across from the Phoenix arrow). Turn left onto Wind Cave Drive West to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

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