

WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK

Caterpillar Cross Country Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is about a 6.0 mile hike with an elevation change of over 1000 ft. There are no official trails on this hike. We will pass an ammo bunker on the way up to the top of a hill. The goal is to arrive at the top of a hill which overlooks the demo road that Caterpillar built in the White Tanks. The trail down has a section that is made up of a steep rocky road. Care will be needed in this area to avoid an injury. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

Directions to Trailhead at Verrado East

Go West on Indian School Road.

Park in the parking lot just past the Verrado High School (between the high school and sports fields).

The trailhead is just the other side of the sports fields.

Ford Canyon to the dam (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+. The hike is 7 miles out & back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 1100 ft. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam in the wash. Trail continues but is not maintained beyond our stop point. Some may want to venture further during the snack break/turnaround point. About half the hike is an average trail with the middle part being steep and rocky to the dam. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

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Turn right on Cotton.

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Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. Take the Waddell Trail across to the Ford Canyon Trail.

Ford Canyon/Ironwood/Willow Springs/Mesquite Canyon (White Tank Mountains).

Park at the horse staging area and go north on the Ford Canyon Trail to the Ironwood Trail. Take the Ironwood Trail to the east and continue to where it merges again with the Ford Canyon Trail. Continue on the Ford Canyon Trail thru the wash and up the hill to the Willow Springs Trail connector at about the 7.1 mile mark. Turn left on the Willow Springs Trail and proceed another 1.8 miles to the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn left and take the Mesquite Canyon Trail back to the parking lot ramada – 10.7 miles. This is a good place to have lunch. Turn around at this point and take the Mesquite Canyon Trail for 3.3 miles back to the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail and go .9 miles back to the Willow Springs Trail. Again do the Willow Springs to Mesquite Canyon Trails back to the ramada. From there it's a mile further on the Mesquite Canyon Trail back to the car. This is a 19.4 miles hike. Elevation gain 3,140 ft, total descent 3,180 ft. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Ford Canyon/Mesquite Canyon Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating B, 9.5 mi loop on the starting on the Ford Canyon Trail. Elevation change: 820 ft. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Mesquite canyon Trail and return near tour starting point. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=9.6/2000/4.8]. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

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Ford Canyon View (White Tank Mountains).Rating D, 4 mi out & back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 500 ft. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the white rocks in Ford Canyon. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6].

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Ford Canyon/Willow Springs loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating B, 8.7 mi loop on the starting on the Ford Canyon Trail. Elevation change: 820 ft. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge and then down to the Willow Springs Trail. Follow the Willow Springs and Mesquite Canyon Trails 3.5 miles back to the tour starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=8.4/2200/4.6].

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Goat Camp/South Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+. This is a 7.0 mile round trip, out and back hike with an elevation gain of 1500 ft. The trailhead marker is at picnic area number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat one mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 ft elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. This is the turnaround spot. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

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Goat Camp/South Trail trailheads are found on Black Canyon Road, which is the first left after the gate. Park at Picnic area #1.

Goat Camp/South Trail/Cell Towers (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is a 8.5 mile round trip, out and back hike with an elevation change of 2450 ft. Trailhead elevation: 1500 ft; Highest elevation: 3950 ft. The trailhead marker is at picnic unit number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 ft elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. Turn left at this point and continue climbing for about .8 mile and 800 ft of elevation change to the cell phone towers. Turnaround at that point and enjoy the downhill hike. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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Goat Camp/South Trail trailheads are found on Black Canyon Road, which is the first left after the gate. Park at Picnic area #1.

Goat Camp Trail/Mesquite Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is a 9.9 mile round trip. This is a quasi Loop hike with an elevation change of 1820 ft. The South Trail trailhead marker is at picnic unit number One. Be sure to leave adequate transport at picnic unit number Six for return. The trail goes north for 1 mile to a junction with the Goat Camp Trail. Go left and follow the trail on a westerly course for a gradual climb for .8 of a mile to the base of first major climb. Cross the wash and start the .6 mile climb up 590 ft over a steep and rocky path to the meadow. The next mile is not as steep and leads to the stone remains of an old corral, which was the "Goat Camp". Continue north and then east until you connect with the Mesquite Trail (6.6 mile mark). About 3.3 mi. from here to picnic unit number six where you can carpool back to the Goat Camp Trailhead. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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Library North Trail (White Tanks). Rating D. This is a 4+ mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions (safely behind glass). Restrooms are in the library and Ramada #4. Park Fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

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Library trailhead: the sidewalk on the left of the building.turn right just before the gate and park on the left side of the library. Trail goes off the end of of the sidewalk on the left of the building.

Library to Waterfall Trail (White Tanks). Rating C. This is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail. This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains. For those interested in seeing some of the

desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions at the nature center in the library. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. Restrooms are in the library. Park Fee is \$2.00 per hiker (county park pass is good for 5 hikers). Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

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Mesquite Trail + Ford + Willow Springs Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 ft. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About .3 mile into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank – Willow Springs. This is a good place for a lunch stop. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the Mesquite Trail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition - average hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Mesquite Canyon/Waddell trailhead is at Picnic area #7. Turn left on Waterfall Canyon Rd and then left at the road just past the Waterfall Trail trailhead to find Picnic area #7.

Mesquite Canyon/Willow Spring trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+. It is a 6.3 or 8.0 mile round trip hike with an elevation gain of 1100 or 1500 ft. The basic trail goes to the base of Willow Springs/falls with an option to go around to the top of the waterfall. The trail starts on the Mesquite trail in area #7 just off of Ramada Way. Mile one is very steep and rocky, around 1.8 miles the trail then turns north and drops into Mesquite Canyon and then over a ridge into Willow Canyon. The trail follows the wash up to Willow Springs where the remnants of a cabin, stock tank and corral once stood at the steep walled end of the canyon. The spring usually has some water, though it might be only a trickle. Trail condition - average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. Restrooms and water fountain are at the trailhead. Park entrance fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT. [SCG=6.6/1700/3.8].

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Mesquite Canyon/Waddell trailhead is at Picnic area #7. Turn left on Waterfall Canyon Rd and then left at the road just past the Waterfall Trail trailhead to find Picnic area #7.

Mule Deer/Black Rock/Waterfall Trails (White Tanks). Rating D. This is a 4+ mile hike with an elevation gain of 400 ft. The hike starts on the Mule Deer trail at Ramada 3 and goes through typical desert along a good trail to a hidden waterfall (usually dry). Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 30 miles RT. [SCG=4.5/600/2.4]

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Mule Deer trail can be accessed at the library ("B" or "C" hikes) and at Picnic Area #3 ("D" hikes).

Mule Deer/South Trail/Goat Camp Loop (White Tanks). Rating D. This is a 4 mile loop hike that goes from the library with an elevation gain of about 350 ft. The hike meanders through typical Sonoran desert vegetation. Restrooms can be found in the library. Trail condition - average hiking trail. There is a \$6 park fee per car, which can be paid in a self pay box near the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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Mule Deer/Old Saddle/Bajada/Goat Camp Overlook/South/Mule Deer (White Tanks).

Rating B. This is a 8.1 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. About a mile later turn left on to the Old Saddle for a short connector to the Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about .2 mile to the hill top. At this point turn

around and take the Goat Camp Trail back to the South Trail. Turn right and in about .8 mile you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library.

A little longer option is the **Mule Deer/Bajada/Goat Camp Overlook/South/Mule Deer Loop**. This is a 8.4 mile loop. The only difference is to continue on the Mule Deer Trail past the junction with the Old Saddle Trail.

This will still lead you to a junction with the Bajada Trail. Turn left onto the Bajada Trail and follow the direction stated above.

Restrooms can be found in the library. There is a \$6 park fee which can be paid in a self pay box near the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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Northern Ave and the White Tanks (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. This is a 6.5 mile in and out trail. The hike starts at the South Trail trailhead and turns left to follow the deer trails south and west across the flat desert to an old bunker. From here turn right and follow the jeep road up the hill till the road ends. From this point it is bushwhacking again to the top of the hill overlooking the old caterpillar test road. This is an out of the park wilderness hike. Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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South Trail/Goat Camp/Willow Springs/Mesquite Canyon (White Tank Mountains).

Park at the South Trail trailhead. Take the South Trail for 1 mile to the Goat Camp Trail. Turn left on the Goat Camp Trail and take it to junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail for .9 mile to the Willow Springs Trail. This is the 7.5 miles mark. Turn right on the Willow Springs Trail for 1.8 miles to the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Mesquite Canyon Trail and go .7 miles, which is at the base of the climb with the loose rock. Turn around and retrace your steps back to the car for a 20.0 mile hike. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Short Version (White Tank Mountains). Rating D.

This is a 4.2 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 ft. This is a one-way competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to a Crested Saguaro. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT. <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

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Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. The restroom on this hike is a porta-john.

Waddell/Ford Canyon/Mesquite Canyon Trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.

10.4 mi loop hike starting on the Waddell trail with an elevation gain of 2000 ft. The Ford Canyon Trail begins the rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Mesquite Canyon Trail and return near our starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Waddell/Ford Canyon/Willow Springs/Mesquite Canyon Trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating B. 9.6 mi loop hike starting on the Waddell trail with an elevation gain of 1820 ft. The Ford Canyon Trail begins the rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Will then pick up the Willow Springs trail that connects with the Mesquite Canyon Trail and return near our starting point. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee: \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

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Waddell to Ford Canyon View (White Tank Mountains).Rating D, This is about a 4 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of about 300 ft. From the trailhead, take Waddell to Ford Canyon trail and turn left . Go about a half mile past the "no horses" sign to the beginning of the rocky part of Ford Canyon. Take your break and return to the car the way you came. There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT

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Waterfall/Black Rock Loop Trails (White Tanks Mountains). Regional Park. Rating D. 3.5 mile hike and elevation change of 250 ft, with a marked trailhead and trail in excellent condition. Trailhead is about ¼ mile west on Waterfall Canyon Road. Among the unique features on the Waterfall trail are the Indian petroglyphs (900-1300 AD) at about the halfway point on the trail. Further along, at the three-quarter point, more petroglyphs are encountered along with an old steel water tank. The trail ends at the waterfall, which has a vertical drop of about 80 ft. The falls are dry, however, except after a rain or during the winter. We add the **Black Rock Loop Trail** to give some length to the hike. Restrooms and water fountain are at the trailhead. Park admission fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

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Waterfall Trail trailhead is at Picnic area #6, which is on the Waterfall Canyon Road (first left after the horse corral).