

## WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK 03-28-22

### Maps for various segments of White Tank Mountain Regional Park

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**Bajada, Goat Camp, South Trail, Mule Deer, Bajada (White Tank Regional Park). Rating D.** This loop hike is about 4.6 miles with an elevation gain of about 300 feet. Begin at the Bajada trailhead at area 2. The trail begins across the road from the restrooms. The trail meanders through typical Sonoran Desert vegetation and is relatively flat. The half way break can be taken at the end of the South trail where there are picnic tables. Trail condition – average hiking trail. There is a \$7 per car park fee. Restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Barry Goldwater Peak Summit via KSWB-FM Antenna (White Tank Mountain Regional Park). Rating True A. NEW Trails:** Waddell, Ford Canyon, Bushwhack to KSWB, Jeep Road to Barry Goldwater Summit, Bushwhack to Goat Camp, Return via Mesquite. A 16-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of over 3000 feet to the highest point in the White Tanks range via the rarely visited KSWB-FM Antenna. This hike takes the Waddell and Ford Canyon Trail for 4.5 miles until the trail rises up the grassy hillside. At this point we will begin the 2 miles bushwhack westbound to the KSWBFM Antenna. From this point we will take the Maintenance Road south a further 3 miles to Mount Barry Goldwater. From here we will hike generally east 7 miles back to the parking lot via the trail-less ridge south west to the Goat Camp and Mesquite trails. What you need to know: This hike uses a mix of trail-less routes, hiking trails and rough Jeep roads. High mileage plus steep bushwhack to KSWB-FM Antenna and steep Jeep road connector to Barry Goldwater Summit. Park fee is \$7.00/car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). Restrooms are at the trailhead for each of the hikes (inside the library for the hikes from the library).

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**Caterpillar Cross Country Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** This is about a 6.0-mile hike with an elevation change of over 1000 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

Directions to Trailhead at Verrado East -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left). 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 Challenge.** The hike is 7.5 miles out and back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 1100 feet. The challenge rating is due to rock climbing and rocky trail. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon with large boulders and an old dam in the wash. 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 roundtrip.

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**Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon (White Tank Mountains). Rating A.** This is a 19.4-mile hike with elevation gains of 3,140 feet, total descent of 3,180 feet. 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. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Ford Canyon, Mesquite Canyon Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** 9.5-mile loop on the starting on the Ford Canyon Trail. Elevation change: 820 feet. 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 roundtrip. [SCG=9.6/2000/4.8].

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**Ford Canyon View (White Tank Mountains). Rating D**, 4-mile out & back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 500 feet. 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 roundtrip. [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6].

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**Ford Canyon, Willow Springs loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating B**, 8.7-mile loop on the starting on the Ford Canyon Trail. Elevation change: 820 feet. 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 roundtrip. [SCG=8.4/2200/4.6].

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**Full Circumference Trail Route. (White Tank Mountains) Rating A.** This is a 16.3-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of over 2950 feet around the perimeter of the White Tank Regional Park. The hike starts at the Trailhead Horse Staging Area and follows the full length of the Ford Canyon Trail, the full length of the Goat Camp Trail and reconnects to staging area via the Bajada and Mule Deer trails. **What you need to know:** This is a long walk on excellent trails. "A good stretch of the legs". Recommend that hikers bring extra liquids and food. Restrooms (porta john) at the trailhead.

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Staging Area is on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. Driving distance is 30 miles round trip.

**Goat Camp, South Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating C Challenge.** This is a 7.0-mile round trip, out and back hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. 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 feet 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 roundtrip.

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**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 feet. Trailhead elevation: 1500 feet; Highest elevation: 3950 feet. 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 feet 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 feet 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 roundtrip.

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**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 feet. 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 feet 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 mile 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 roundtrip.

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**Goat’s Tooth Trail (White Tank Regional Park) Rating A Challenge** An 8.5-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of over 2500 feet around the White Tank Regional Park. The hike starts at the Goat Camp Trailhead on Black Canyon Road and follows the Goat Camp Trail approximately 3 miles to the first saddle. At this point climb south (left) up to the Goat Camp Overlook. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail and this time climb north to the facing ridge. This is the Goat Tooth ridge. Turn east (right) and follow the ridge over one peak to the Goat Tooth. Traverse the tooth on the south side completely around the rock until the rest of the ridge beyond the tooth is visible. Follow the ridge further over 2 more smaller peaks before heading south back down an obvious spur ridge to the Goat Camp Trail. Return to the parking lot via regional park trails. What you need to know: Approximately 3 miles is a trail-less scramble over steep rocky ground. Difficult navigation around the Goat’s tooth. We will appraise whether to climb the tooth – a safe route may not be found. Restrooms 1 mile further on Black Canyon Road.

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**Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon (White Tank Regional Park). Rating D.** This is a 3.7-mile lollipop hike with >200 feet elevation gain, good trail condition. Start at the Gray Fox Trailhead in the Competitive Track parking area. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on the Ford Canyon Trail, turn left on the Ironwood Trail to Gray Fox and return to parking lot. Hike could be extended by taking Ford Canyon to the road and returning to Ironwood. Park fee is \$7 per car. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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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 feet. 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 except for \$2 hikers. Driving distance is 24 miles roundtrip.

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**Library to Waterfall Trail (White Tanks). Rating C.** This is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. 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 roundtrip.

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**Maricopa Trail North (White Tank Regional Park). Rating D.** 4.5-5 mile out and back hike with >200' elevation gain, trail in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Trail Staging Area; Follow signs for Maricopa Trail, Mule Deer Trail to gate, leave the Park and proceed 2-2.5 miles along the Maricopa Trail and return. Great views of the White Tanks Mountains and lots of wild flowers in the Spring. Park fee is \$7 per car. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Maricopa Trail South. (White Tank Regional Park). Rating D.** This is a 5 mile out and back hike with >200 feet elevation gain, trail in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center and take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the park. Turn around at the Beardsley Canal and return to the visitor

center. Restrooms at the visitor center. Park fee is \$7. Driving distance is 30 miles roundtrip.

Driving directions to the trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Pay the park fee. Make a U-turn after you pay the fee and park in the parking lot for the library/Visitor Center. Suggested driver donation \$3.00.

### **Maricopa Trail from Northern Ave. Rating D**

This is a 4-5 mile out and back hike with >200 feet of elevation gain and good trail conditions. Trail parallels the White Tank Mountains toward Verrado. Park on the south side of Northern Ave just across the Beardsley Canal. Trail starts just west of parking area. No restrooms and no park fee. Driving distance 22 miles estimated.

Directions to Maricopa Trail Trailhead at Northern Ave. -- Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (west). Continue on Northern across Citrus Avenue until it crosses the Beardsley Canal. Park on the left side of the road on the west side of the Canal. Trail will be to your right (west).

**Mesquite Trail, Ford, Springs Trail (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** This is an 8.7-mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Mesquite Canyon, Willow Spring trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating C Challenge.** It is a 6.3 to 8.0-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100-1500 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip. [SCG=6.6/1700/3.8].

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### **Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails (White Tanks). Rating D**

**Challenge/C.** This is a 5.4-mile hike with an elevation gain of 750 feet. 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 roundtrip. [SCG=4.5/600/2.4]

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**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 feet. 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 roundtrip.

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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 an 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 roundtrip.

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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 imately 30 miles roundtrip.

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**South Trail, Goat Camp, Willow Sprin, Mesquite Canyon (White Tank Mountains). Rating A.** This is a 20.0-mile hike. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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

**Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (White Tank Mountains). Rating C.** This is a 7-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This is the old orientation hike. This is a one-way competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes plus one climb near the midpoint of the hike. On top of the hill is a good place to stop for a snack. Along the second half of the hike is a crested saguaro. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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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 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles

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**Waddell, Ford Canyon, Mesquite Canyon Trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** 10.4-mile loop hike starting on the Waddell Trail with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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**Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon Trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating B.** 9.6-mile loop hike starting on the Waddell Trail with an elevation gain of 1820 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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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 feet. 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 roundtrip.

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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 feet, 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 feet. 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 approximately 30 miles roundtrip.

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