



**Saturday
January 7, 2017**

Thunderbird Park Loop Hikes, North Glendale

Approximately 25 Miles and 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix

Type: DH	Rating/Points: See Desc.	Elev. Change: 350 - 1360 Ft	Length: 2 - 7 Miles
Start Time: 0730	Duration: 2 - 6 Hours	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted:

Check all that apply
(give details in Desc.)

- Major Hike:
- Cross-country:
- Exploratory:
- Individual Effort:
- Options :
- Pass/Fees Rqd:

Contact Information

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Required Equipment: Normal day hiking stuff. 1 quart water minimum. Sturdy shoes/boots as trail is fairly rocky in many places. Sunscreen, snacks.

Recommended Equipment: Hat, trekking poles, rain gear if rain is forecast.

Cautions and Special Preparations: N/A

Description: This hike consists of three loop hikes in the Hedgepeth Hills at Thunderbird Park in north Glendale. Under TRAIL INFORMATION at the link below, click on the "Download the above map (pdf)" link to print the park map.
<http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/thunderbirdpark.cfm>

We will park and meet in the "E" parking lot on the west side of the loop off 59th Ave (you need to zoom in on the map to see it), sign in on the signup sheet, and start off hiking by heading west on the Sunrise trail and making a counter clockwise loop to the summit of the West Peak then picking up the Ridgeline trail on the way back down to the Coach Whip Trail and heading back to the parking lot. We then continue NE on the Coach Whip Trail to the pedestrian bridge where we cross 59th Ave and follow the Arrowhead Point trail in a counterclockwise direction to where it ends at the Coach Whip trail. From there we take the Coach Whip trail to the NE until we get to the Cholla Loop Trail that we follow in a counter clockwise direction back to the parking lot.

The West Peak loop is 2 miles with 350 feet gross elevation change and includes sections of the Sunrise, Ridgeline and Coach Whip Trails. The East Peak loop is 2 miles long and has a gross elevation change of 460 feet and includes sections of the Coach Whip and Arrowhead Point Trails. The North Peak loop is 3 miles long and has a gross elevation change of 550 feet and includes sections of the Coach Whip and Cholla Loop Trails. This will put us back at the parking lot where we can eat lunch at one of the open Ramada's in the park.

Since this hike consists of three loops, that connect more or less at a central location, it is easy to hike only one or two if you don't want to complete the entire hike. Credit will be given for any loop hiked. Rating/Points 1-3/1. Be sure to let the activity coordinator know which loop(s) you hiked.

Driving Directions Take the 59th Ave exit from the loop 101 about 4 miles to the west of I-17 and head north for 1 1/2 miles. Just before reaching the park entrance the road will curve to the left then curve back to the right. The park entrance will be on your left just as the road starts turning to the right. As soon as you turn into the park you will encounter a "Y" at which you will turn left. Follow the road south and then it will curve to the north. Park in the first parking area "E" that you come to on your right, which is just opposite of the Amphitheater.