



Hiking Club

**Saturday
January 21, 2017**

Sonoran Desert Preserve - North Phoenix

Approximately 28 Miles and Less than 1 Hours from Central Phoenix

Type: DH

Max Rating/Points: 2/1

Elev. Change: 830

Length: 5.16 miles

Start Time: 0700

Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Max No. of Part: N/A

Last Scouted: Nov 2016

Check all that apply
(give details in Desc.)

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

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Required Equipment: Study hiking boots, 1-2 quarts of water, snacks and/or lunch (especially if you don't plan on joining us for brunch/lunch at El Encanto Dos after the hike), first aid kit, layered clothing adequate for warmth in the morning that can be peeled off as the day gets warmer, hat and sunscreen.

Recommended Equipment: Trekking poles, gloves and rain gear if there is a chance for rain. A radio tuned to channel 6 is nice to have to keep track of each other when we get separated due to different paces, frequency of picture taking or just plain ol' lollygagging and enjoying the sights.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Typical desert hike with opportunities to encounter critters that bite or sting and plants that poke.

Description:
The Hike
 We will be hiking the northern ends of the Ocotillo and Sidewinder trails in the north section of the Sonoran Desert Preserve. See map for details.
 We will be starting our hike at the intersection of the Carefree Hwy and 7th Ave. As new trails, the threads are wide and well graded and do not have any steep sections.
Après-hike
 After the hike we will be meeting at El Encanto Dos which is about 1 ½ miles east of the trailhead on the north side of Carefree Highway for brunch/lunch.

Driving Directions for the hike:
North of Phoenix. Take I-17 north to Carefree Highway. Go East on Carefree Highway about 3 miles up over and down the hill to the light at 7th Ave and turn right into the beautiful new Desert Hills Trailhead. There are restrooms but no water.