



**Saturday
March 18, 2017**

Quartz Trail McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Approximately 28 Miles and 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rtg/Pts: 3/1	Elev. Change: 1,038	Length: 9.8 miles
Start Time: 8:00 a.m.	Duration: 5-6 hrs	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: March '16

Major Hike:

Cross-Country:

Exploratory:

Individual Effort:

Options:

Pass/Fees Rqd.:

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Required Equipment: Clothing appropriate for sunny & warm. Sturdy footwear. Water.

Recommended Equipment: Food, Hat, Sunglasses, Sunblock, Trekking poles, 1st Aid kit, Rain gear.

Cautions and Special Preparations:

Description: The first two miles of this trail are in a wash located in a residential area before meeting the McDowell Sonoran Preserve. The trail takes you to a quartz outcropping that you can climb a steep trail to. The main trail continues past the outcropping and eventually dead ends near the base of Thompson Peak. This hike will be gradual as there is only 1,000 feet elevation gain in the 4.9 miles to the end. I have never hiked to the end of this trail as it just seems to keep going, and going, and going. My plan is to hike as far as the group would like to go

There are a lot of cactus stickers on the trail, so this is not a hike recommended for dogs. Believe me, Babs and I found out the hard way.

Driving Directions: From the Loop 101, exit at Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd. and go east. Turn left at Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn right on McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd. Turn right on 104th St. You will see a parking lot on the right hand side once on 104th St. The trail starts across the street from the parking lot.