



Hiking Club

**Saturday  
April 1, 2017**

**Phoenix 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: 0900

Duration: 2 to 3 hours

Max No. of Part: N/A

Last Scouted: Jan 2017

Check all that apply  
(give details in Desc.)

**Contact Information**

- 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:**  
For those wondering what to do if they are not joining Rex on his Verde Canyon Railroad ride and to take advantage of the pleasant weather forecasted for Saturday which is: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest in the afternoon.

**The Hike**  
We will be hiking the northern ends of the Ocotillo and Sidewinder trails in the north section of the Phoenix Sonoran Desert Preserve.

We will be starting our hike at the intersection of the Carefree Hwy and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 opens at 11:00 am is located about 1 1/2 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 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and turn right into the beautiful new Desert Hills Trailhead. There are restrooms but no water.