



**Saturday
July 22, 2017**

Dry Lake Hills or Schultz Loop Trail & Lunch, Flag

Approximately 150 Miles and 2 3/4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH	Max Rtg/Pts: 4 / 1	Elev. Change: 600ft or 80ft	Length: 5.0 or 1.4miles
Start Time: 9:00 am	Duration: 3 hrs or 1 hr	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 7/12/2017

Check all that apply
(give details in Desc.)

Contact Information

	Coordinator	Alternate
Major Hike: <input type="checkbox"/>	Name Randy Lungren	Sue Bramlett-Lungren
Cross-country: <input type="checkbox"/>	Work Ph 928-526-7004 (Flagstaff)	928-526-7004 (Flagstaff)
Exploratory: <input type="checkbox"/>	Station	
Individual Effort: <input type="checkbox"/>	Home Ph 480-503-0036 or 602-290-0577(Cell)	480-503-0036
Options : <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Email S.lunghome@yahoo.com	S.lunghome@yahoo.com
Pass/Fees Rqd: <input type="checkbox"/>		

Required Equipment: Boots, Water, Hat, Rain Gear

Recommended Equipment: Trekking poles, Sun screen, Rain protection, Camera.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Thunder storm activity possible.

Description: [Dry Lake Hills](#) [Dry Lake Hills \(AllTrails\)](#)

The Dry Lake Hills Trail (DLHT) is very scenic going through some of the last old growth forest near the San Francisco Peaks. The Trail starts from the Sunset Trail Parking Area (STPA). We will, however, be taking the Schultz Loop Trail (SLT) which also begins from the STPA. We will go about .5 miles on the SLT to a junction. We will turn right here and go .1 miles to another junction. Those going on the SLT Hike will turn right here. The DLHT hikers will go left on an unmarked trail, nicknamed the Little Gnarly. The SLT hikers will make two more right hand turns to get back to the Parking area. The two junctions are well marked. At the last junction, you will follow a little creek till you come to a somewhat steep hill. It is fairly short & only rises maybe 60 to 80ft, so take lots of time. The SLT is in the shape of a triangle. The DLHT hikers will continue for another .6 miles to another junction at a small fenced in pond and a big open meadow (which is the first of the dry lakes), nestled between richly forested hills. The meadow is a lovely green, grassy dry lakebed of wildflowers which is filled with water only during spring snowmelt. Aspin, fir, pine and spruce blanket the surrounding hills. Elk, deer, bear and many bird species inhabit this fine mixed forest. We will bear right at the pond. At the end of the dry lake, the trail splits again. Left takes you to a great Flagstaff view. Right leads out to a further dry lake and view. We will eventually go both ways. Sounds wonderful! We can return either the way we came or we can do a loop on the Jedi Trail (JT) which ties back into the SLT just a short distance from where we left it. The JT is steep and rocky, but it has great views of the Peaks. It is next to impossible to find a good map or good description of the DLHT. The best description I got was from a hiker at the trailhead.

NOTE: There are rustic facilities at the second parking lot if needed.

You are invited to Randy & Sue's afterwards for an informal lunch. The address is 5061 Kindred Way. From the trail head parking lot, go .6 miles N (turn right) to FR 556 (Elden Springs Rd) and turn right. Travel about 4.5 miles and turn left on 89N. Travel approximately 4.6 miles to Lennox Rd. Lennox Rd is on the left, about 3/4 miles past the large green sign for Girl's Ranch Road (on the right). (If you reach the divided highway portion of 89N, you have gone too far.) Turn left at a left turn lane onto Lennox (Lennox Rd has large yellow sign indicating Primitive Road) and take your first right. You will go between two stone columns and our house is the first one on the right. There is only a makeshift sign for Kindred Way as this is a Forest service road. If you get lost, call us at 928-526-7004.

Driving Directions: North on I-17 to Flagstaff. Continue on I-17 which turns into Milton Rd. Follow Milton for about 2 miles and turn left on Humphreys St. and then take US 180 (to the South Rim). In 2.6 miles turn right on Schultz Pass Rd, at the stop light. Follow Schultz Pass Road (go left at the Y) for 4.9 miles till you come to a parking lot to your right designated Sunset Trail Head. The road is well maintained gravel and suitable for passenger cars. If you get to a second parking lot or FR 556, you have gone about 1/2 mile too far. If you need a restroom, there are facilities at the second parking lot, but the hike will actually start at the first parking lot. If you are just coming for the lunch, then from I-17 take I-40 east (towards Albuquerque) for 5.5 miles and exit at Country Club Dr (Exit #201, the exit after Butler). Turn left and go to 89 and turn right. Stay on 89N for approximately 8.5 miles to Lennox Rd. See above for remainder of directions.