



Saturday January 20, 2018

Ahwatukee Side of So. Mtn

Approximately 15 Miles and 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 600 net	Length: 7.5 miles
Start Time: 8:00 AM	Duration: 4 Hr	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: Mar '16

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

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Required Equipment: Normal day hiking gear. Sunscreen. Hat. 1 quart water

Recommended Equipment: Sturdy shoes/boots as part of trail is rocky

Cautions and Special Preparations: We will encounter mountain bikers all along the hike.

Description: The hike generally is a desert hike (limited shade) including parts of the Classic Desert trail and the Telegraph Pass trail in So. Mtn. Park, a feeder trail in a desert drainage to get to the park, a local hiking path (concrete) and a ¼ mile of local street. We will leave Rex's house and head west to the local hiking/biking path which runs north and south from a half mile south of Chandler Blvd to Ray Rd. We will head north for just under a mile. Once we cross Ray Road we will enter the desert wash and continue north for just under a mile when we will enter the So. Mtn Park (sign). We will continue in generally a northerly direction until we reach the 2.5 mile point at a saddle. A trail comes in from the left (west) (don't use). We continue north (down & up) until we intersect the Desert Classic trail (E to W trail) about ½ mile. Head west on the Desert Classic trail for about 2 miles where we will intersect the Telegraph Pass trail which runs N-S. The plan is to head North, uphill to the pass which is about a mile. Taking the trail to the left will eliminate the biggest climb and about 2 miles. We will turn around at the Pass and descend to the trail head parking lot where we will have a shuttle car parked. We then shuttle back to Rex's house, about 4 miles.

Post Hike: We can do lunch at a local BBQ place (Rudy's or Can't Stop Smoking) or Arriba's Mexican grill.

Driving Directions: Take Interstate 10 south to Chandler Blvd, head West 2.2 miles to 31 St., turn right (north) on 31th st and an immediate right onto Verbena Dr. Rex's house is the ninth on the right (3151 E. Verbena). We will need to take my suburban to the end of the hike for a return vehicle. Driving there and back will take about 15 minutes, so someone will need to go with me to drop my vehicle off.