



**Saturday  
March 10, 2018**

**Weavers Needle Wrap-a-Round Loop, Superstitions**

Approximately 60 Miles and 1.25 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack".

Type: DH	Max Rating/Points: 4 / 1	Elev. Change: 1010 ft	Length: 12 miles
Start Time: 8am	Duration: 7-9 hours	Max No. of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 03/2001

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:** Sturdy hiking boots; 3 Quarts Water; Trail snacks or lunch; Hat; Sunblock

**Recommended Equipment:** Camera, trekking poles, hat and rain gear if necessary. A radio tuned to channel 6.

**Cautions and Special Preparations:** This is considered a moderate to strenuous hike. Potential Creek Crossings; Can be very hot, cold or rainy; lots of rocky and/or sandy trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead.

**Description:** (From Bob Whiting's hike description from 2001) This hike has more vistas of Weavers Needle than any other in the Superstitions. The trail is well defined, the views are great and the trails are not crowded after Fremont Saddle. Weavers Needle attracted many prospectors looking for the fabled Lost Dutchman gold mine. The trail passes through many of their basecamps. There may be seasonal water at East Boulder Canyon and Needle Canyon, but don't bet on it.

**Itinerary:** From the Peralta Trailhead, the loop hike will follow the Peralta Trail (102), north up Peralta Canyon to Fremont Saddle for a spectacular view of Weavers Needle. The hike then continues north down into East Boulder Canyon where we will then travel east on the Dutchman Trail (104), then south on the Terrapin Trail (234). We will return to the Peralta Trailhead via the Bluff Springs Trail (235). No deviations this year.

Actual mileage will be per GPS if we have any.

**Driving Directions:** From Central Phoenix, travel I – 10 East, to Hwy. 60 heading towards Globe. Continue eastbound on 60, beyond Apache Junction about 7 miles to the well-signed Peralta Trailhead/Dons Camp turn-off (opposite the Renaissance Fair). Turn north off Hwy. 60. The road (FS 77) starts paved (new subdivision) but soon turns to dirt, but passable for cars. The trailhead is at the very end of the dirt road. This is a very popular trailhead for the east valley; therefore, I would highly recommend car pooling, as parking is limited. Fees at Peralta and First Water Trailheads ended in May, 2006; a pass of any kind is no longer needed.