



Saturday November 3, 2018

Templeton-Easy-Breezy Loop, Village of Oak Creek

Approximately 140 Miles and 2-1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 2/1	Elev. Change: 200	Length: 8.0 or GPS
Start Time: 0830	Duration: 4-5	Max No of Part: 15	Last Scouted: Nov 2014

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

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Required Equipment: 80 oz Water, Trail snack, Red Rock and/or National Park Service (NPS) Pass, if driving

Recommended Equipment: Sturdy footwear, Trekking Poles, Wide Brim Hat, Layered Outwear, two-way radio tuned to Channel 6

Cautions and Special Preparations: Off Road Bikes and Joggers, Trail a mixture of Sand, Ledges and dry creek crossing if lack of rain, otherwise a very beautiful and scenic easy Sedona area Red Rock Hike.

Description: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/coconino/recreation/hiking/recarea/?recid=72018&actid=50>
 When I pre-hiked these trails in Nov 2014, I was really amazed how beautiful they really are with all of the Red Rocks in the background and the peacefulness of Oak Creek.

This is a scenic moderately level hike in the Red Rocks south of the Sedona. The group will meet at the second parking lot Trailhead (Court House Vista) as you leave the Village of Oak Creek (VOC) towards Sedona. If there is anyone that would like to reduce this hike by a little more than 1/2 of the total length an option is available to spot a vehicle at the Trailhead off Back O'Beyond Road. The hike leader will need to know ahead of time if anyone wants to choose this option. From the Court House Vista Trailhead, we will start by hiking north on the Phone Line/Bell Rock Pathway to the junction of the Templeton Trail. From here we will work our way under the north and south lanes of Hwy 179, then continue on this trail all the way to Oak Creek. In years past this trail used end at Red Rock Crossing but this has been changed. After a short snack break, we will return back on the Templeton Trail to the Junction of the Easy-Breezy Trail. At the bottom of the wash, anyone that chooses to make their hiking experience shorter can return to the Back O'Beyond Trailhead. The rest of us will then proceed down this very beautiful Easy-Breezy trail to where we will then intersect back into the Templeton returning to our vehicles the way we started. After the hike participants can adjourn to a local VOC establishment or to the El Patio in McQuireville which in the past has been favored.

Driving Directions: *Note, driving to Sedona this time of year can be challenging on I-17 so ride sharing is highly encouraged.* North on I-17, 105 miles from north Phoenix to SR 179, (Exit 298) north through the Village of Oak Creek to the Court House Vista Trailhead Parking area just after Mile Post 308. The Trailhead parking is the second one after the last turn-about on the northside of the Village of Oak Creek (VOC). A Red Rock Pass, NPS pass and/or Golden Age Passport is required to be displayed for parking in the Red Rock Forest District. If you need a RR Pass, they can be purchased at the USFS south of the VOC or at the local Circle K. Parking at the trailhead can be a premium thus ride sharing is highly encouraged.

