



**Saturday  
January 5, 2019**

**West of Glendale, AZ  
White Tanks Mountain County Park  
Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs, Mesquite Loop**

Approximately 35 Miles and 3/4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rating/Points: 3/1	Elev. Change: 1480	Length: 9.8 or GPS
Start Time: 0830	Duration: 5-6	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 2014

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

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**Required Equipment:** 80 oz Water, Sturdy Hiking Boots, Trail Snacks, Wide Brim Hat, Sunscreen

**Recommended Equipment:** Trekking Poles, Camera, Radio tuned to Channel 6

**Cautions and Special Preparations:** Potential Water Crossings and Slippery Granite Surfaces, Spring Critters wandering and crawling around.

**Description:** <https://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=47>  
<https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/assets/1/6/white-tank-8x11.pdf>  
 This hike is in the White Tanks Maricopa County Regional Park, located in the mountain range at the far west valley. The hike will be a loop consisting of several trails starting and ending at Picnic Site #7 just beyond the Waterfall trailhead. The intentions as of this writing is to hike the loop in a counterclockwise direction. Been a while since I've hike these trails, but you should experience several types of desert terrain with what I would call Ford Canyon being one of the prettiest trails in the valley with Willow Springs as a really neat place to escape nfor a snack break. Since this is a Maricopa County Park, there will be a charge per vehicle entrance fee. If there has been recent rains in the area, hiking across Mesquite Springs and in Ford Canyon may present some water barriers. In the event of "generalized" rain on the day of the hike, it will be canceled.  
 See the Hike Arizona and White Tanks County Park links above for a really good description of the trail(s). Suggest you print the County Map for trail guidance.

**Driving Directions:** From central Phoenix west on Dunlap/Olive Ave to the end. If you are traveling from the southeast valley, west on I-10 to the 101 Loop, exit at either Northern or Peoria then west to Cotton Lane Depending on where you exited drive either north of south to Olive, then west on Olive. Drive through the park, turn left at the Waterfall Trail sign, and continue beyond this trailhead to the next left turn, which takes you into Area 7. See Hike Arizona link above

