



**Saturday
January 9, 2021**

Thunderbird Park Loop

Approximately 25 Miles and 1/2 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rtg/Pts: 4/1	Elev. Change: 350-1360	Length: 2-7 miles
Start Time: 7:30 AM	Duration: 2-6 hours	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: Nov 2020

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

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Required Equipment: **Water, hiking shoes, lunch/snacks, radio**

Recommended Equipment: **Sun screen, hat, hiking poles, rain gear if rain is in the forecast**

Cautions and Special Preparations:

Description:
 This hike consists of three loop hikes in Thunderbird Park, north Glendale. Under TRAIL INFORMATION at the link below, click on the "Download Trail Map" link to print the park map.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/thunderbirdpark.cfm>

I plan to do this hike different then what has been done in past years. We will park in the lot on Pinnacle Peak Road labelled as M on the trail map in this posting. I plan to hike the Cholla Loop first going counter clockwise. Then make my way over to the Sunrise trail going also counter clockwise. Up West Peak and then down to pick up the Ridgeline trail to the Coach Whip trail. From there I plan to take the pedestrian bridge over to the Arrowhead Point trail going counter clock wise ending up back to the parking lot on Pinnacle Peak.

The West Peak loop is 2 miles with 350 feet gross elevation change and includes sections of the Sunrise, Ridgeline and Coach Whip Trails. The East Peak loop is 2 miles long and has a gross elevation change of 460 feet and includes sections of the Coach Whip and Arrowhead Point Trails. The North Peak loop is 3 miles long and has a gross elevation change of 550 feet and includes sections of the Coach Whip and Cholla Loop Trails.

Since this hike consists of three loops that connect more or less at a central location it is easy to hike only one or two if you don't want to complete the entire hike. Credit will be given for any loop hiked. Rating/Points 1-3/1. Be sure to let me know which loop(s) you plan to hike.

Driving Directions: Take the 59th Ave exit from the loop 101, about 4 miles to the west of I-

17, and head north for about 2 miles. The parking lot will be on your right near 55th Ave and Pinnacle Peak Road. You may also take Pinnacle Peak Road from I-17 and drive about 3.8 miles to 55th Ave. The parking lot will be on your left.