



**Saturday
February 27, 2021**

Elephant Mountain @ Spur Cross Ranch

Approximately 35 Miles and 1 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rtg/Pts: 3/1	Elev. Change: 1,220	Length: 7 miles
Start Time: 7:30 am	Duration: 3-4 hrs	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: Explore

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

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Required Equipment: Clothing appropriate for sunny & cool-layered clothing. Sturdy footwear. Water. Radio.

Recommended Equipment: Food, Hat, Sunglasses, Sunblock, Trekking poles, 1st Aid kit, rain gear if there is a chance for rain.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Bring \$3 in cash for the entrance fee

Description:

I have never done this hike before so this is exploratory for me; however I believe the hike was on the calendar last year.

The plan is to hike Elephant Mountain counter clockwise. Once we pay our \$3 fee we will take the Spur Cross trail to the Tortuga trail. Then take Elephant Mountain trail around the mountain and back to the Spur Cross trail. There is an option to take the Dragonfly trail back to the parking lot or just stay on the Spur Cross trail back to our cars.

Here is a link to the Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area map:
<https://hikearizona.com/images/maps/phx/spur-cross.jpg>

Driving Directions: Interstate 17, State Route 51, and Loop 101 can all be used to reach the park. From the intersection of Carefree Highway and Cave Creek Road head north on Cave Creek Road about 2.5 miles to Spur Cross road. Turn north for approximately 4.5 miles to the public parking area. After 3 miles the road turns to all-weather graded. The last 1.5 miles can be confusing; continue north on the graded road past the green house, through the tall gateposts and on past the horse corrals to the ample signed public parking area on the right where there are numerous mounds of dirt. The road is easily passable with low clearance vehicles. The entrance to the park is a couple of hundred yards up the road, which is blocked to motor vehicles, where we will pay the \$3 per person fee (15 years and under are free). Make sure you have correct change since the money is dropped into a locked box.