



**Saturday
April 3, 2021**

Barnhardt Trail, Rye AZ

Approximately 80 Miles and 1.5 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: Day Hike	Max Rtg/Pts: 3/1	Elev. Change: 1912	Length: 13 miles
Start Time: 0800	Duration: 8 hrs	Max No of Part: N/A	Last Scouted: 2020

- Major Hike:
- Cross-Country:
- Exploratory:
- Individual Effort:
- Options:
- Pass/Fees Required.:
- Restroom at Trailhead

	Coordinator	Alternate
Name	Mike Nelson	
Work		
Home	623-934-0708	
Cell	602-397-3531	
Email	Mikenelson8621@cox.net	

Water at Trailhead

Required Equipment: Clothing appropriate for sunny & warm, or cold and wet. Rain gear, sturdy footwear and water.

Recommended Equipment: Food, hat, sunglasses, sunblock, trekking poles, gaiters, whistle and camera. Two-way radio tuned to channel 6 and first aid kit.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Snakes will be out so be vigilant!

Description: The club hiked this trail last spring, led by Tom Isham. It is a moderate level hike. The views typically are great and the waterfall (mentioned below) when flowing, will be a nice added bonus. Our hike will be in and out on the same trail. If mother nature is nice to us and we get some late Spring moisture, we will get to observe a really neat water fall located about 20 yards off the main trail about 2.5 miles in. **This** is a good turn around point for those that have had enough. Overall the trail traverses up a well-defined drainage, offering desert shrubs, Pinion Pines and Junipers, to the Oaks and the Ponderosa Pines. The views are great looking back towards Rye, Roosevelt Lake and northward towards Payson. We will continue up the drainage for the short distance to the saddle. The final approach to the saddle is a leisurely repetition of back and forth, up and down. Continuing on past the saddle, we will traverse through manzanita and oak to the next saddle seen in the distance. The trail ends at an intersection with the Mazatzal Divide Trail, which also doubles as the Arizona Trail. We will stop for lunch a short distance to the right on the Mazatzal Trail under a large pine tree. Then return the same way.

Driving Directions: North on the Beeline Hwy 87 to just short of Rye, AZ. The distance from the Fountain Hills intersection of Shea & Hwy 87 is about 49 miles. Turn west across the highway at the signage indicating the "Barnhardt Trail". This brings you on to FR 419; drive to the end (5 miles). There are no facilities at the trailhead. The road into the trailhead is car passable, but medium to high clearance is recommended, especially after any recent rains.