



Saturday August 1 – 8, 2021

Pinetop Week, Up to 7 day hikes

Approximately 193 Miles and 4 Hours from Central Phoenix "stack",

Type: See Desc.	Max Rating/Points: See	Elev. Change: various	Length: various
Start Time: 8:00 am	Duration: 1 week	Max No of Part: TBD	Last Scouted: EXP

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

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Required Equipment: Comfortable Hiking Boots/Shoes, Sunscreen, Hat, Socks, Adverse weather outer protection, Minimum 2-3 Qt. Water, Lunch/Snacks, Moleskin, Flashlight, Daypack, rain gear

Recommended Equipment: Trekking Poles, Radios set to Channel 6.

Cautions and Special Preparations: Monsoon Weather this time of year, bear country. Rains most afternoons. 7000 ft elevation. Reserve lodging or camping spot in Pinetop/Lakeside/Show Low area.

Description: Drive to Pinetop area – Leader renting a home thru VRBO 4068 Bucking Horse Tr, 3 blocks east of the Quality Hills Condos 928-369-0178, <http://www.qualityhillresort.com>

Up to 7 hikes Sun – Sat. Hikes will depend on weather and hiker preferences. Typically meet at rental home at 7:30am to carpool, drive to TH, or meet at TH, start hikes by 8 unless noted to be 8:30. Most hikes part of White Mtns trail system, well-marked on trees along trails, near Pinetop/Lakeside. Option to shorten your hike as needed, just advise Hike Leader.

1. Country Club Trail #632, 3.5-4.5 mile loop, 430-730 ft. elevation gain. East Pinetop. Starter hike.
2. Blue Ridge Tr #107 – 8.5 mile loop, 500 ft. elevation gain, East Pinetop.
3. Buena Vista Tr #637A – options - either a short 4 mile loop – 300 ft. elevation gain, or 10 mile loop. Starts 4.5 miles S/O Pinetop TH of 60 E/S/O near FR300.
4. Wednesday – free day. With option to do easy nature trail hike. Mogollon Rim Interpretive TR #615 – 1 mile loop, no elevation gain, and ½ mile paved, along Hwy 260, 3 miles from ranger ofc between Lakeside and Show Low.
5. West Baldy TR #94 – carpool or meet at TH at 8am. 3 options, 1. Do up to 7 miles rt, in/out, easy portion of the trail along west fork of little Colorado river. 2. 14 mile in/out to Baldy Summit Trail sign (2000+ ft.) and back, or 3. Turn around any time, advise hike leader. About 40 mile drive, Hwy 260 east to 273 east/south 7.6 miles to TR pkg, restroom at TH parking lot. Very scenic.
6. Thompson Trail #629, 5 mile in/out rt along the Black river, 360 ft. vertical, off FR 116, 3.5 miles S/O Hwy 273 east of Mt Baldy area, W/O Big Lake area. Car pool or meet at TH at 8:30am. Very scenic.
7. Escudilla trail #308, 5.5 miles N/O Alpine on Hwy180/191 turn east on FR 8056 for 4.1 miles. 6 miles rt to top, 1400 ft. elevation. Carpool or meet at TH at 8:30am.

Wonderful weather at Pinetop with high's in 80's. There are usually some colorful wildflowers on trails with meadows as well. Watch for black bears, white-tailed deer along the trail, and for squirrels scurrying among the trees.

Note – Forest service warns that many trails may not be clear of down trees – be careful.

REMEMBER: Each hike is an individual effort. Hikers assume any and all liability.

Driving Directions: Hwy 87 from PHX/Mesa/Fountain Hills to Payson, Hwy 260 to Lakeside-Pinetop.