

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name:

Turnbuckle & Mountain Wash Trail

Location:

Skyline Regional Park (Buckeye City Park) 2600 N Watson Road (2 miles north of the I-10 Watson Road Interchange)

Rating: Easy-Moderate

Hike Description

The park is located on 8,675 acres in mountainous, geologically complex terrain and lies just north of I-10. There is a loop trail combining Turnbuckle and Mountain Wash Trails, that is approximately 3 miles total. The trail is wide in most parts with easy hiking (very little rock in the path). This would be considered easy to moderate (due to some elevation change). Halfway through this trail loop there is an opportunity for a short hike to the summit (in and out). They have this marked difficult. It rises up 240 ft in elevation in .3 of a miles and is a single file trail in much of the path with drop offs on the side. There is a beautiful 360 degree view from the top and worth the trek. If you have hiked Vulture peak just to the saddle, it will be no problem

Type:

Loop

Trail Names:

Turnbuckle & Mountain Wash

Length – Miles and Time:

3.1 miles, approx. 2-2 ½ hours

Trailhead Start and End:

At the parking lot

Elevation Change:

Approximately 1,200'

Travel Directions:

Sun Valley Parkway to Bell Ave to Loop 303. Take Loop 303 South to I-10. Take I-10 West to Watson Rd exit. Take Watson Rd north (right) 2 miles to entrance of park

Travel Time: Approximately 30-35 minutes.

Parking:

Yes

Rest Rooms:

Yes