

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Butcher Jones Trail, Tonto National Forest & Lake Saguaro.

Location: Tonto National Forest, Butcher Jones Recreation Area, and Lake Saguaro (north east of Fountain Hills) off Az Highway 87 & Bush Hwy

Hike Description: Lakeside trail hike, up and down, out/back, on a well-formed trail. (Optional lunch at lake marina and 90-minute lake scenic cruise after the hike.)

Rating: Hike Easy – Moderate. Better hikers can go farther out on the trail before returning to trailhead.

Type: Out and back on semi improved trail alongside lake/lake side cliffs

Trail Name(s): Butcher Jones Trail

Length – Miles and Time: The trail is 5 miles round trip. Our hikers will go 1 hour out and 1 hour back. Distance depends on level of hiker. Hike 2 hours total.

Trailhead Start and End: Butcher Jones Recreation Area Parking Lot, Tonto National Forest

Elevation Change: 200-400 feet

Travel Directions: Depart SCF and go east on Sun Valley Parkway to Bell Ave. East on Bell Ave to the Loop 101N and head north/east to Scottsdale. Take 101 Exit 41 to East Shea Ave and head east. Follow Shea Ave east through Scottsdale and then through Fountain Hills heading toward AZ Hwy 87 (Beeline Highway). Can buy Tonto National Forest Day Pass (for the car) off of Shea Ave in Fountain Hills (at Circle K on RH side of road). Proceed on Shea Ave east toward intersection with AZ Hwy 87 (Beeline Highway).

Turn left on AZ Hwy 87 and head north/east. Take Exit 199 and turn right onto Bush Memorial Highway. Turn left on E Butcher Jones Beach Rd to Butcher Jones Recreation site parking lot. Proceed east to beach area parking. Trailhead is at the east end of the beach area.

Travel Time: 90 minutes

Parking: Free at the Butcher Jones Recreation Area Beach

Rest Rooms: Yes at trail head parking – port a potty's