

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Massacre Grounds Trail **Rating:** Moderate

Location: Superstition Mountains - Apache Junction, AZ (east valley) 4087 North Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ.

Hike Description:

This hike is rated moderate and should be organized with 2 knowledgeable volunteers from the Superstition Mountain Museum. It is approximately 5.25 miles and with an interpreted hike lasting about 3.5 to 4.5 hours. Some hikers may find this trail as strenuous due to the elevation change and length. The trail consists of rocky and sandy soil. The views are great, and the surrounding cliffs and shear rock faces of the Superstitions lend to a very rewarding hike. This hike is NOT recommended for beginners or those who find elevation changes a challenge.

Type: Out and Back

Trail Name(s): Massacre Grounds Trail

Length – Miles and Time: 5.25 miles, approximately 3.5 - 4.5 hours

Trailhead Start and End: Approximately 2-3 miles from the museum

Elevation Change: 1,100'

Travel Directions: Head east on Sun Valley Parkway to Bell Ave. Exit onto Loop303 South to I-10. Take I-10 East toward Phoenix. Take Loop 202 East toward Mesa and get off on E Brown Rd (Exit 26). Stay on E Brown Rd to W Lost Dutchman Blvd. Turn left on AZ 88 State Highway East/North (Apache Trail). Go 1.3 miles then turn right. Go 125 feet and turn left. Go 121 feet and turn right, museum is on the right.

Travel Time: 80 miles each way. The trip from SCF should take approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes.

Parking: Yes

Rest Rooms: None at the trailhead. Rest rooms open at 9:00 am at Museum.