

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Mountain Wash & Turnbuckle Trails at Skyline Regional Park, Buckeye

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

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, Valley Vista (in and out). This trail is marked difficult. It rises 240 ft. in elevation in 0.3 miles and is a single file trail in much of the path with drop offs. 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.

Rating: Easy-Moderate Optional – The Valley Vista Trail - Difficult

Type: Loop

Trail Names: Mountain Wash & Turnbuckle (& optional, Valley Vista)

Length – Miles and Time: 4 miles, approx. 2 ½ hours

Trailhead Start and End: At the parking lot

Elevation Change: 400 ft.

Travel Directions: Turn right (West) onto Sun Valley Parkway – continue for 19 miles. Turn left to merge onto I-10 East & continue 7 miles. Take exit 117 onto Watson Rd. Turn left onto Watson Rd. Continue 2 miles to Park entrance (on a dirt road). After you go through the entrance, turn left to the Trail Head.

Travel Time: 30 minutes **Parking:** Yes

Rest Rooms: Yes