

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Peralta Trail Hike to Fremont Saddle

Location: Superstition Wilderness near Gold Canyon, AZ

Hike Description: The hiking guide (60 Hikes within 60 Miles of Phoenix by Charles Liu) states "...the Peralta Trail is one of the most popular hikes in the Superstitions. This moderate hike introduces you to the rugged beauty of the Superstition Mountains without taxing your abilities to their limits. Fremont Saddle, the destination of this hike, rewards visitors with an awesome view of Weaver's Needle, the most famous landmark in the Superstition Mountains."

Rating: Moderate to Difficult (strenuous). The hiking guide rates it as moderate but it climbs 1300 feet in 2.3 miles so it may be strenuous depending on your fitness level.

Type: In and back out

Trail Names: Peralta Trail

Length – Miles and Time: 4.6 miles round trip to Fremont Saddle, 5.1 miles if you continue to the Pine Tree on the ridge nearest Weaver's Needle. The hike will require 4 hours counting time to eat lunch on Fremont Saddle and admire the view.

Trailhead Start and End: Peralta Trail parking lot at the end of Peralta Road near Gold Canyon, AZ

Elevation Change: 1,300'

Travel Directions: The trail head is 91 miles from SCF. Follow I-10 east to US60. Follow US60 east to Peralta Road (just east of mile marker 204). Turn left on Peralta Road and follow it 7.5 miles to the trailhead parking lot. NOTE: This road turns into a graded dirt road after 1 mile. The road is well maintained and several passenger cars were in the parking lot when we scouted the hike.

Parking: Adequate parking spaces

Rest Rooms: At the trail head