

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Ben Avery Trail – Eagle Springs Hike

Location: 50 Miles West of Buckeye in Eagletail Wilderness Area

Hike Description: Desert Trail to Eagle Springs in the Eagletail Wilderness Area

Rating: Moderate due to length, actual trail is Easy

Type: In and Out Trail

Trail Names: Ben Avery Trail, Eagle Springs Hike

Length – Miles and Time: 7 miles total, 3-4 hours depending on time spent at petroglyphs

Trailhead Start and End: The hike starts in the shadow of the majestic Courthouse Rock and returns there.

Elevation Change: 200 feet

Travel Directions: Take Sun Valley Parkway West/South to I-10. Turn west on I-10 toward Quartzite. After approximately 30 miles on I-10 take exit 81 at Harquahala Valley Road (also signed as the Salome Road) and make a left (south). Stay on Harquahala Road by making a quick right after crossing the overpass. Drive 5.5 miles south to the intersection of Harquahala Valley Road and Courthouse Rock Road. (also called Centennial Road). Turn right on Centennial Road which is a good graded dirt road. Follow this road for about 7 miles until it splits at a natural gas pipeline road. There is an information sign for the Eagletail Mountains Wilderness Area to mark this split. Bear right here and take the natural gas pipeline road another 4.0 miles to Forest Road signed FRO13 and make a left on this road. Drive the final 1.5 miles to the trailhead.

Travel Time: 1 – 1.5 hours

Parking: Yes - Free

Rest Rooms: No