

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: : Indian Springs/Ben Avery Trail

Location: The hike is located approximately 50 miles west of Buckeye in the Eagletail Wilderness Area

Hike Description: Meditation Hike- An easy in and out trail 1.8 miles total.

Rating: Easy hiking but moderate due to length. Bring your lunch and snacks as there are no restaurants in the area

Type: In and out

Length – Miles and Time: 7.0 miles round trip. The hike will take approximately 4 hours depending how long we spend exploring the canyon for petroglyphs and evidence of native American settlement. Petroglyphs line the canyon walls. **Trail Names:** Ben Avery Trail, Indian Springs Hike, Eagletail Wilderness

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

Elevation Change: 200' total gain/loss

Travel Directions:

Turn right out of Festival on Sun Valley Parkway and travel to I-10. Turn west toward Quartzite on I-10. 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. 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 well signed Forest Road 13 and make a left on this road. Drive the final 1.5 miles to the trailhead. Because this road is crowned here and crosses desert washes in places, a high clearance vehicle is a good idea

Travel 1 to 1 ½ hours

Parking: Yes

Rest Rooms: None