

**Sun City Festival Hiking Club**  
**HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM**

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**Hike Name:** Hieroglyphic Trail – Superstition Mountains

**Location:** Superstition Mountains (east of Phoenix)

**Hike Description:** The Hieroglyphic Trail offers an excellent introductory hike for beginners or first time visitors to the Superstitions. The easily accessible trailhead, relatively short route and gentle slopes welcome hikers of all levels. Superb views of the Superstitions and one of the best collections of Hohokam petroglyphs in Arizona provide additional incentives for a visit.

**Rating:** Easy to moderate (570 foot elevation gain)

**Type:** Out-and-back

**Trail Names:** Hieroglyphic Trail

**Length – Miles and Time:** 3 miles – 2 hours including time to view the petroglyphs

**Trailhead Start and End:** Lost Goldmine Junction (Lost Goldmine and Hieroglyphic Trails use the same trail head)

**Elevation Change:** 570 feet

**Travel Directions:** Take the 303 Loop to I-10 East. Drive through Phoenix and take the exit for US60 East. Drive US60 to Kings Ranch Road between mile markers 202 and 203. Turn northeast onto Kings Ranch Road and follow it 2.8 miles. Immediately after crossing a cattle guard, turn right onto Baseline Road and drive east 0.3 miles. Turn left on Mohican Rd. Turn left onto Valley View Drive and follow it as it curves into Whitetail Road. Then turn right onto Cloudview Ave and proceed 0.5 miles to the large trailhead parking lot. (There will be trailhead signs with arrows at the turns in Gold Canyon.)

**Travel Time:** 87 miles – 1 hour, 30 minutes

**Parking:** Yes

**Rest Rooms:** None