

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

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**Hike Name:** Watson Lake Trail, Lakeshore Trail, Peavine Trail with Treehouse & Secret Cove Side Loops, & Over the Hill Trail. Watson Lake Loop Trail, Prescott.

**Location:** From Downtown Prescott, travel North on Arizona 89 for about 5 miles to Watson Lake Park. Turn right into Parking Lot just before the "Rotary", pay \$2/car at the Kiosk parking machine.

**Hike Description:** A good solid hike, you will be tired, but NOT exhausted. Bring your camera! It starts off easy for the 1st one-third with beautiful views of Watson lake; opportunities to photo lake and waterfowl. Remainder of the hike is through rock Dells of unique formations, numerous photo ops. Elevation changes are not steep although in a couple of places you could get pleasantly winded for a very brief period. Some easy rock staircase work, both up and down. Hike is categorized as moderate due to nature of the narrow trail through & over rock outcroppings. Rock walking is mostly flat; NO boulder jumping or climbing. NOT torturous in any way, the rock is very solid (no scree) and the grip is very good (not wet and/or slimy). There are excellent views of both backside of Watson Dam, with a pleasant hidden grassy swale, and the front side, at elevation. Hiking pole(s) are recommended, water consumption was moderate. Due to the rock walking this is NOT the hike for those with weak ankles, leg or foot injuries, unsteady in their ability to walk, or in any way timid of slope changes.

**Rating:** Easy to Moderate; mostly flat with some narrow trails. NOT for those with balance problems, weak ankles or unsteady on their feet.

**Type:** Loop Trail –with connecting trails-1/3 flat terrain on 2-4 feet wide gravel/packed earth trails, 2/3 rolling terrain on exposed rock & dirt (no boulder jumping) 1-2 Ft. wide trails. Beautiful Scenery & Unique rock formations!

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**Length – Miles and Time:** 4.8 Miles – Collective; Approx. 4 hours with several rest stops and photo opportunities.

**Trailhead Start and End:** At Parking Lot – same start and end points.

**Elevation Change:** 162 Ft. @ 5,100 Ft. elevation.

**Travel Directions:** Take Sun Valley Rd east to Bell Ave. Take Bell Ave east to Loop 303. Take Loop 303 north to US -60. Take US-60 west Wickenburg. Exit US-60 right onto US-93 to Las Vegas. Continue on US-93 through traffic circles to AZ-89 N. Continue on AZ-89. Turn right onto Haisley Rd. Turn left onto Senator Highway Senator Hwy turns slightly right and becomes S Mt Vernon Ave. Follow S Mt Vernon Ave and turn right on E Gurley St. Take a slight left back onto AZ 89-N. At traffic circle, take 1st exit onto Watson Lake Park Rd. Lake Park is on the left.

**Parking:** At Site           **Rest Rooms:** ONLY at the parking lot.