

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name:

White Tanks Mesquite/Willow Canyons/Ford/Mesquite Loop Hike

Location:

White Tank Mountains Regional Park

Rating: ___ Difficult

Hike Description

The hike begins on the Mesquite Canyon Trail and slowly climbs for about a half mile until reaching some switchbacks. Once the switchbacks are mastered, the hike continues level at times as well as ascending other times. The views of the valley and canyons are exhilarating. At approximately 2.75 miles the hike joins the 1.6-mile Willow Canyon Trail. After hiking roughly, a mile, the Willow Springs grotto is reached. The grotto is easily missed. You know you are in the right area, when you see some stones on the right that were the foundation of a sheep herder's house. After the grotto the trail continues to the Ford trail and then rejoins the Mesquite trail for the return to the trail head

Type:

Loop

Trail Names:

Mesquite Canyon, Willow Canyon, Ford and Mesquite Canyon Trails

Length – Miles and Time:

8.3 miles and 5 hours

Trailhead Start and End:

Mesquite Canyon Trail

Elevation Change:

Approximately 1,200'

Travel Directions:

Take the Sun Valley Parkway (east) to Cotton Lane, turn right (south) on to Cotton Lane. Follow Cotton Lane to Olive and turn right onto Olive traveling west to the White Tanks Regional Park entrance. Drive straight following the White Tank Mountain Road to Waterfall Canyon Road on the left. Turn left on to Waterfall Canyon Road and go to 2nd set of ramadas (Area 7). Turn left on to Ramada Way to parking lot for Mesquite Canyon Trail.

Travel Time: Approximately 24 miles at 30-35 minutes.

Parking:

Yes

Rest Rooms:

Yes