

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Butcher Jones Trail, LONG HIKE, Tonto National Forest & Lake Saguaro

Location: Tonto National Forest, Butcher Jones Recreation Area, and Lake Saguaro (northeast of Fountain Hills) off Az Highway 87 & Bush Hwy

Hike Description: Lake side trail hike, up and down, out/back, on a well-formed trail. Trail ends on point above the Salt River facing Four Peaks Mountain.

Rating: Moderate

Type: Out and back on semi improved trail alongside lake/lake side cliffs

Trail Names: Butcher Jones Trail

Length – Miles and Time: The trail is 5 miles round trip; 3.5 hours

Trailhead Start and End: Butcher Jones Recreation Area Parking Lot, Tonto National Forest

Elevation Change: 200-400 feet

Travel Directions: Depart SCF and go east on Sun Valley Parkway to Bell Ave. East on Bell Ave to the Loop 101N and head north/east to Scottsdale. Take 101 Exit 41 to East Shea Ave and head east. Follow Shea Ave east through Scottsdale and then through Fountain Hills heading toward AZ Hwy 87 (Beeline Highway). Can buy Tonto National Forest Day Pass (for the car) off Shea Ave in Fountain Hills (at Circle K on RH side of road). Proceed on Shea Ave east toward intersection with AZ Hwy 87 (Beeline Highway).

Turn left on AZ Hwy 87 and head north/east. Take Exit 199 and turn right onto Bush Memorial Highway. Turn left on E Butcher Jones Beach Rd to Butcher Jones Recreation site parking lot. Proceed east to beach area parking. Trailhead is at the east end of the beach area.

Travel Time: 90 minutes

Parking: Free at the Butcher Jones Recreation Area Beach

Rest Rooms: Yes at trailhead parking – port a potty's