

# Sun City Festival Hiking Club

## HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

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**Hike Name:**

Piestewa Freedom Trail with option of Piestewa Summit Trail

**Location:**

Phoenix Mountain Preserve

**Rating:**

Difficult

**Hike Description** Freedom Trail (#302) is a moderate loop trail of around 4 miles around Piestewa Peak. We will go clockwise from the parking lot and in around ½ mile those wanting a challenge will turn right onto Summit Trail (#300). This is very steep, rocky, and challenging 0.6 mile out and back. This is recommended for experienced hikers only. You will be rewarded with a breathtaking 360-degree view of our entire valley from the 3rd highest peak in Phoenix. You can then descend back to the #302, and either return to the parking lot or turn right for the loop trail. If not choosing the Summit Trail you would skip the #300 trail and continue the loop of the #302 which will return to the parking lot.

**Rating:**

Freedom Trail is rated moderate; Summit Trail is rated extremely strenuous.

**Type:**

Loop and/or out and back

**Trail Names:**

Piestewa Freedom Trail (#302) and Piestewa Summit Trail (#300)

**Length – Miles and Time:**

Depending on which trail, the loop is around 4 miles and 2-2 ½ hours. If doing the loop and Summit 5.1 miles around 4 hours I

**Trailhead Start and End:**

parking lots at entrance

**Elevation Change:**

total trails 1700 ft

**Travel Directions:**

depending on traffic take 303S to 10E to 51N. exit 5 for Glendale.Ave towards Lincoln Dr. turn right. In 0.6 miles turn left on Piestewa Peak Dr to parking lot. Or use 303N to 17S to 101E to 51S to exit 5, left at fork and follow from above. Put Piestewa Peak Trails in your GPS.

**Travel Time:** approximately 1:15-1:30

**Parking:**

Yes

**Rest Rooms:**

Yes