

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Thunderbird Conservation Park, Cholla Trail & Coach Trail

Location: Thunderbird Conservation Park, Glendale, Arizona

Hike Description: A gradual, rocky, stony ascent to the top of a small mountain with good views of the Valley. It is more of a semi urban hike to begin with and it transforms to a more desert like setting as the hike goes around and up the mountain.

Rating: Moderate

Type: Loop Trail – 2 to 4-foot-wide loose gravel trails

Trail Names: H-3 looping with H-1 back to parking lot

Length – Miles and Time: 3.5 miles; approximately 1.5 hours

Trailhead Start and End: Entrance to park is off 59th Avenue to the west. Proceed to parking lot off 59th Ave . Same start and end points from parking lot.

Elevation Change: 540'

Travel Directions: From SCF take Sun Valley Parkway east to Bell Ave. Take Loop 303 North to Happy Valley Parkway; drive east (right) on Happy Valley Parkway to N 51st Avenue then turn right (south) to West Pinnacle Peak Road turn right (west); road will become N 59th Avenue; parking lot will be on the right as the road curves from west to south.

Travel Time: 45 minutes to one hour

Parking: Yes

Rest Rooms: Yes