

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Upper Cliff Dwelling Trail Hike, Tonto National Monument

Location: 26260 N AZ Hwy 188, Roosevelt, AZ 85545

Hike Description: The National Park Service offers a ranger led hike to the Upper Cliff Dwellings of the Tonto National Monument adjacent to Lake Roosevelt. Reservations can be made for Fri – Mon from November – April. The maximum group size is 15. The UPPER CLIFF Dwellings Trail has several steps, some slick rocks, and some loose gravel. The hike starts from the visitor center. Check in is 9:45 am at the Visitor Center, hikes start at 10:00 am. The Lower Cliff Dwellings are accessible daily to the public and are a short hike from the Visitor Center.

Rating: Moderate

Type: In/Out

Trail Names: Upper Cliff Dwellings Trail

Length – Miles and Time: 3 miles round trip, 3-4 hours (or more depending on sightseeing)

Trailhead Start and End: Tonto National Monument Visitor Center

Elevation Change: 600 ft.

Travel Directions: Take Sun Valley Parkway east to Bell Ave. Take Bell Ave to Loop 303 North/East. Take Loop 303 North/East to I-17 South. Take I-17 South to Loop 101 East. Take Loop 101 Exit 41 to E Shea Ave. Take a right onto E Shea Ave and continue through Fountain Hills to AZ 87 Highway (Bee Line Highway). Turn left on AZ 87 toward Payson. Take AZ 188 Highway exit and turn right (south). Follow AZ 188 south to entrance of Tonto National Monument (approx 35 miles) on the right.

Travel Time: 2.5-3 hours (152 Miles)

Parking: Yes

Rest Rooms: Yes