

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Estrella Mountain Regional Park

Location: 14805 W Vineyard Ave. Goodyear

Hike Description: This is a Loop Hike. We start at the Quail trailhead and continue for 1.1 miles. Turn left onto the Rainbow Valley Trail and hike for 0.8 miles. We will turn left onto the Toothaker Trail and hike for 0.3 miles. Turn left onto the Baseline Trail and hike for 0.6 miles. Turn left onto the Saddle Trail for 0.3 mile. Turn right onto the Quail trail for 0.3 miles and return to the parking lot for a total of 3.4 miles. The hike consists of views of the Sonoran Desert. Trail consists of some rocks with elevation changes.

Rating: Moderate due to length and elevation change.

Type: Loop trail with connecting trails. Trails are mostly wide and level side to side. Rolling terrain across washes. Beginning at the 2-mile mark there is a climb of about 250 feet over a distance of 3 tenths of a mile a to a saddle with views east and west.

Trail Names: Toothaker (2.0), Rainbow Valley (1.4), Dysart (0.7) and Toothaker (1.1) to trailhead.

Trailhead Start and End: West side of Rodeo Arena

Length – Miles and Time: 5.2 miles approximately 3 hours

Elevation Change: 350 Feet

Travel Directions:

Take Loop 303 south, work through the construction zone onto Mcdowell then east to Pebble Creek Pkwy or exit Loop 303 at Indian School Rd, then east to Pebble Creek Pkwy. Drive south on Pebble Creek Pkwy which becomes Estrella Pkwy south of I-10 for about 4.5 miles. Immediately after crossing the Gila River bridge, make a left turn on Vineyard Ave. Take the second right into the park. Follow the road for 2 miles, keep right when the road forks and drive up behind the rodeo arena grandstands

Travel 45 minutes

Parking: Yes

Rest Rooms: Yes