

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name:

Mormon Loop/National Trail/Fat Man Pass/ Hidden Valley Trail

Location:

South Mountain, Phoenix

Hike Description

Leave your comfort zone of the White Tanks and explore a new area. This 6.5-mile loop trail is fun. It has everything from beautiful rock, dessert scenes, sandy washes, fun, steeper terrain up rocky trail, views at times of all of Phoenix and surrounding areas as well as seclusion.

You will squeeze through a rock formation at Fat Man's Pass (no worries, there is another way around if you cannot fit through) and walk through interesting tunnels. Great training hike as well as just enjoyable! The drive is well worth the reward of the hike

Rating:

Difficult. Parts of the hike can be strenuous, and a few places are challenging negotiating the rock formations

Type: Loop Hike

Length – Miles and Time:

6.5 miles, 3.5 hours

Trailhead Start and End:

East Valley View Drive and S 24th St

Travel Directions:

303 south to I-10 east towards Phoenix. Exit on N. 67th Ave. Turn right onto 67th. Stay on 67th until you reach Baseline Rd. Turn left onto Baseline. Turn right onto S 24th St. Take this to the end and turn left onto E. Valley View Dr. There is a small parking lot on your right and the trailhead. If lot is full, park on S 24th or E Euclid Ave behind you.

Travel Time:

1-1.5 hours

Parking:

In the small lot or on adjacent streets

Rest Rooms:

None at trailhead but there is a McDonalds on Baseline just after the turn onto 24th and many, many places to leave the trail for "private outdoor relief".