

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name:

Windgate-Bell Pass Loop Hike

Location:

McDowell Sonoran Preserve, Scottsdale

Rating:

Difficult

Hike Description

Starts out level on the Gateway Trail and steadily increases elevation to Inspiration Point. From there, it continues up and down to Windgate and Bell Passes, with beautiful views and scenery. Finally, there is a steep descent back down to the level last 1.6 miles of the Gateway Trail

Type:

Loop

Trail Names:

Gateway Trail to Inspiration Point, then Windgate Pass, then Bell Pass and then back to Gateway trailhead.

Length – Miles and Time:

9.6 miles, about 5 hours

Trailhead Start and End:

Gateway Trailhead, Thompson Peak Parkway entrance of the Sonoran Preserve in Scottsdale

Elevation Change:

1,484 feet

Travel Directions:

Travel Time:

Parking:

Yes

Rest Rooms:

Yes