

# Sun City Festival Hiking Club

## HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

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### **Hike Name:**

Bull Pasture/Estes Canyon Loop Trail

### **Location:**

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

### **Hike Description**

This is a Loop Hike which is moderate in difficulty. You will be climbing into the Ajo Mountains. Two trails form a Loop. Where the trails meet, an additional trail branches off and leads you to Bull Pasture. This portion of the hike is considered difficult due to strenuous climb to a high plateau with wonderful views of the surrounding area and extend for over 20 miles across the flat Sonoyta Valley into Mexico and for a similar distance west to the Puerto Blanco Mountains.

For those that have never visited this beautiful national monument, it's a must see. This park has several trails so those that are looking for something a little easier, trail maps are available at the visitor center.

### **Rating:**

Moderate- Difficult

### **Type:**

Loop Trail

### **Length – Miles and Time:**

3.6 miles in length taking 3 to 3.5 hours to complete.

### **Trailhead Start and End:**

Bull Pasture/Estes Canyon Trailhead off Ajo Mountain Drive

### **Elevation Change:**

1050 feet

### **Travel Directions:**

Turn right onto Sun Valley Parkway and take it to Interstate 10. Head east on I 10 to the first exit and turn south onto State Route 85. Continue on SR 85 to Gila Bend. As you travel through Gila Bend, SR 85 turns right heading south. If you come to a McDonalds, you driven past the SR 85 turn. As you travel south on 85, you will come to city of Ajo. Slow down, I have always seen the men and women in blue doing their job. Continue traveling south on 85 through Ajo. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument is approximately another 40-mile drive. SR 85 travels right through the middle of the National Monument

### **Travel Time:**

approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.

### **Parking:**

Yes

### **Rest Rooms:**

Yes