

Sun City Festival Hiking Club

HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name:

Skyline – Mountain Wash & Skyline Crest

Location:

The City of Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park is an 8,700-acre mountain preserve located in the southern White Tank Mountains. The park is located 2 miles north of the I-10 / Watson Road interchange at 2600 N. Watson Rd. Buckeye, AZ 85396.

Rating:

Moderate/Difficult

Hike Description

You hike up Mountain trail and veer right to go up Lost Creek for .3 mile and then continue onto Skyline Crest trail – This trail is marked difficult. It is rocky, goes up and down around the mountain with beautiful views on both sides. Towards the end of skyline Crest trail there is an opportunity for a short hike to the Crest Summit. This trail is marked difficult. It rises 200 ft. in elevation in 0.17 miles and is a trail with switch backs and is rocky. There is a beautiful 360-degree view from the top and worth the trek. When coming down from the summit you will continue the skyline crest trail and connect to Quartz Mine (labeled moderate) – more great views. This will take you back to lost creek trail and eventually back down mountain wash to the parking lot.

Type:

Loop

Trail Names:

Mountain Wash, Skyline Crest (& Crest Summit), Quartz Mine, Lost Creek)

Length – Miles and Time:

5 ½ – 6 miles, 3 ½ - 4 hours

Trailhead Start and End:

parking lot / Mountain Wash trail

Elevation Change:

530 +

Travel Directions:

Turn right (West) onto Sun Valley Parkway – continue for 19 miles. Turn left to merge onto I-10 East & continue 7 miles. Take exit 117 onto Watson Rd. Turn left onto Watson Rd. Continue 2 miles to Park entrance. After you go through the entrance, turn left and continue to the Trail Head..

Travel Time: 30 minutes

Parking:

Yes

Rest Rooms:

Yes