

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: A Two Peak Hike: Calderwood Butte Preserve Trail (CB) and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Trail (VVM)

Location: CB:27180 N 99th Ave, Peoria. VVM: W Jomax Rd west of the 303. The 2 hikes are 10 minutes apart by car.

Hike Description: CB: the hike to the top of the butte (1691 ft) via Panoramic Loop offers lovely views of the Northwest Valley. The trail up the butte is steep and narrow with loose dirt/rocks. VVM: established in 2009, is an in & out trail with informative plaques up to the flag. Hike options: 0.2 miles from TH up a hill with plaques to the flag; cross the 0.25 mile saddle to base of next hill; 0.67 miles from TH to summit 1729 ft; 0.8 miles from summit to cross. The trail on the back side of the summit is very steep with loose dirt and rocks, narrow path, tight switchbacks. Highly recommend hiking poles for both hikes.

Rating: CB: moderate to difficult. VVM: easy to moderate up to the flag; moderate to difficult from flag to cross

Type:

Trail Names: CB: Panoramic Loop counterclockwise. VVM: Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Length – Miles and Time: CB: 1.63 miles, approx 1 hr VVM: 1.3 miles in & out from TH to cross and back, approx 1 hr

Trailhead Start and End: CB:27180 N 99th Ave, Peoria. Lollipop loop. VVM: W Jomax Rd west of the 303, between 4th and 5th pole on the right side. In and out trail.

Elevation Change: CB: 357 ft. VVM: 354 ft to cross

Entrance Fee: No

Report Date/Author: 10/14/24, Elaine Gong

Website:

Cell Phone Coverage: Yes

GPS Coordinates, if known: CB: 33.73050, -112.27331

Travel Directions: CB: Go north on 303, exit 125 Happy Valley Pkwy, right Happy Valley Pkwy, left Tiera Del Rio (changes to Jomax Rd), left N 99th Ave, drive 0.4 miles and make a left into the parking area. There are several ways to get to Calderwood Butte. Follow the directions to the parking lot on N 99th Ave. VVM: right on N 99th Ave, right Jomax Rd (changes to Tiera Del Rio), right Happy Valley Pkwy (west of 303, it becomes Vistancia Blvd), left on Happy Valley Rd, right N Dysart Rd, left Jomax Rd, TH is between 4th and 5th pole on the right side of the road, park off the road in the dirt.

Travel Time: 30 minutes from SCF to CB. 10 minutes from CB to VVM.

Parking: Recommend carpooling due to limited parking. CB: 16 parking spaces. VVM: street parking

Rest Rooms: No

Water: No