

## **Hike Name: Elephant Mountain Loop**

**Location:** Cave Creek area

**Hike Description:** This is a 7 mile beautiful difficult, secluded, peaceful loop hike. Encounter gorgeous views and very tall, prolific saguaros. Very few Phoenix hikes can match the gorgeous natural splendor and soothing expanses of this trail. Recommend hiking it counter-clockwise. Lots of rock on the trail and hiking poles are strongly recommended.

**Rating:** Difficult

**Type:** Loop

**Length and Time:** 7 miles round trip, about 4 1/2 hrs. Elevation gain of 1,335 ft

**Trailhead:** starts at the Spur Cross Ranch Trailhead and progresses to Tortuga trail and then the Elephant Mountain trail.

### **Travel Directions:**

303 North to the 17 North

Exit the 17 onto the Carefree Hwy. Drive about 9 miles.

Turn left onto the N Cave Creek Rd. Travel 2.6 miles.

Turn left onto N Spur Cross Rd

Turn right onto E Grapevine Rd

Then turn left onto N Spur Cross Rd for 4 miles.

**Travel Time-** approx 1 hr. 15 minutes