

Thursday B hikes

Dec 7

Bluff Springs/Terrapin/Crosscut/Peralta loop (Superstition Mountains). Rating B. This is an 8.4 mile loop hike with an elevation change of 1400 ft. and elevation gain of 1900 ft. Start out on Bluff Springs, turn left on Terrapin, and turn left again at the Crosscut trail, which crosses in front of Weavers Needle. Turn left on Peralta and head back to the parking lot. The crosscut trail is very steep and goes over many boulders, but there are many cairns on the trail to guide you through the boulders. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 140 miles RT.

Dec 14

Rainbow Valley/Toothaker/Coldwater Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating B. This is an 8.3 mile loop beginning on the west side of the rodeo. The Rainbow Valley trail is wide and relatively flat (320ft elev. Change and 900 ft elevation gain). It intersects the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the Pedersen Trail. Turn left on the Pedersen Trail for a short distance to the Coldwater Trail and the turn left again and head back to the rodeo. A restroom is at the trailhead. Park entrance \$6.00 per car. Driving distance is approx 20 miles RT.

Dec 21

Nothing, Arizona Hike (Highway 93). Rating C/B. This is a 7-10 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 600-900 ft. Nothing is an old town along Hwy 93 to Las Vegas with just a large sign announcing "Nothing". The hike utilizes old jeep roads and open desert bushwhack to loop through a series of boulder 'piles'. The boulder formations are very scenic. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 190 miles.

Dec 28

Estrella Foothills

Various trails. 8 to 10 miles

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