

# Thank Your TO THE

## PHOENIX SUMMIT CHALLENGE PARTNERS!

















# Thank You!

Thank to all the participants, City of Phoenix park rangers, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and community members who help to conserve, protect, and maintain trails and outdoor recreation areas. To become a donor, sponsor, or volunteer email PSC@PHOENIX.GOV

# Know Before You Go

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>

PHX 4 STARTS: 7 AM

PHX 5 STARTS: 6 AM

PHX 7 STARTS: 5 AM ALL ABILITIES STARTS: 8 AM

#### **INFORMATION SESSION:**

Monday, October 20 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Arizona Hiking Shack 3244 E. Thomas Rd Phoenix AZ 85018

#### **BAG PICK-UP & EXPO:**



Saturday, November 8 11am - 2pm

Arizona Hiking Shack 3244 E. Thomas Rd Phoenix AZ 85018

Wednesday, November 12 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Just Roughin' It 10880 N. 32nd Street, Suite 17 Phoenix, AZ 85028

- Event participants must attend
- Active safety wristband tracker
- Noncompetitive event
- Meet PSC Sponsors and Park Rangers
- Pick up hiker swag

#### HITTING THE ROAD

Transportation between summit trails is not provided.



- Parking is limited.

  Please carpool when possible.
- Find a designated driver.

Drivers are encouraged to wait away from trailhead parking. PSC hikers may call or text the driver as hikers finish the trail.

Designated drivers may pick up a parking pass for their window at the PSC 2025 Bag Pick-Up & Expo.

• There is no trail parking for PSC trails at South Mountain Park.

Transportation will be provided to PSC related trails from the Activity Complex. For more information on the transportation routes, please see page 9.

Plan your driving route.
 Check ADOT 511 for closures.

There will be no illegal or off-road parking. Illegal parking may result in a parking citation.

## Check us out online!

#### Visit us at

#### phoenix.gov/parks/trails/psc

- Trail maps
- Routes
- Distance
- Elevation
- Save maps to your phone
- Hours support staff will be available at trailheads

#### **RAIN OR SHINE**



Check the forecast, prepare for all potential weather conditions and seek shelter when dangerous conditions arise

#### **PLANNING AHEAD:**

 Hike summit trails in the designated order

The starting trailhead and summit trail order is designated at registration for hiker safety, and to manage the availability of parking and number of hikers on the trail.

Restrooms and Water

Restrooms and water will be provided at each trailhead. Please bring refillable water bottles or hydration bladders.

Leave pets at home

Dogs or pets are NOT allowed to hike with PSC participants. The increased number of hikers may create an unsafe or stressful environment for pets. Thanks for keeping pets safe at home!

Share your success!

Take photos with the PSC flag to capture your summits then post your pics to social media! #PSC2025

# Trailhead Locations



Google Maps



#### **DEEMS HILLS** RECREATION AREA

5050 W Andrea Lane Phoenix, AZ 85083

All Abilities - HOA Trail Summit

**PHX7 -** Ridgeline Summit

Google Maps



#### **DESERT VISTA** TRAILHEAD

1900 W Desert Vista Trail Phoenix AZ, 85085

PHX4 - Dixie Summit

PHX7 - Dixie Summit

Google Maps



#### **PAPAGO** PARK

599 Papago Park Road Phoenix, AZ 85008

All Abilities - Papago Park 5k Fitness Loop

Google Maps



#### **APACHE WASH TRAILHEAD**

1600 E Sonoran Desert Dr Phoenix, AZ 85085

All Abilities - Apache Wash Vista Loop

PHX4 - Ridgeback Overlook Summit

PHX5 - Ridgeback Overlook Summit

PHX7 - Ridgeback Overlook Summit

Plan your driving route

Mapping tools recognize trailheads

by different names and addresses. Test your favorite mapping tool using the information below in advance of the event. Scan the QR codes with your mobile phone camera then select the link that appears to open the map.

# Trailhead Locations

# Carpool! ...or recruit a designated driver

Parking is limited, please carpool when possible. Designated drivers are encourage to wait away from the trailhead parking lot. PSC hikers may call or text the driver as they finish the trail to alert the driver to return to the trailhead. Hikers with wristbands will be allowed to enter the parking lots. Designated drivers may pick up a parking pass at the Bag Pick-Up & Expo to access the parking lots on the day of the event.



Google Maps



# SOUTH MOUNTAIN PARK/PRESERVE

10919 S Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85042

All Abilities - Judith Tunnel Trails Loop

PHX4 - Hau'Pal Summit

PHX4 - Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)

PHX5 - Alta Summit

PHX5 - Ranger Summit

PHX5 - Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)

PHX7 - Ranger Summit

PHX7 - Hau'Pal Summit

PHX7 - Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)

Google Maps



# DREAMY DRAW RECREATION AREA

2421 E Northern Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85021

PHX4 - VOAZ Summit

PHX7 - VOAZ Summit

Questions?

Email us at PSC@PHOENIX.GOV

# UROCK

# FESTIWAL

# SOUTH MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY COMPLEX

12:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join hikers, family, and friends at the UROCK festival to celebrate accomplishments and share summit trail stories.

#### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!**





Capture your summit success - Take a photo with the flag at each summit!

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#### PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FEES INCLUDE ONE DINNER TOKEN.

Additional food tokens can be purchased at the expo. No additional beer tokens will be sold at the expo. Beer and food tokens will be available for purchase at the URock Festival (based on availability).

#### Vegetarian meals will be available.

All individuals must present a valid driver license at the wristband tent as proof they are of legal drinking age (21+) before visiting the beer vendors.





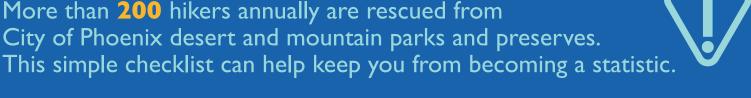


# THANK YOU PARK STEWARDS!

Park Stewards care for more than 200 miles of trails in the PHX Mountain Preserves. Additionally, they are an extension of the Park Rangers whether on Hike Patrol or Mtn. Bike Patrol!



More than 200 hikers annually are rescued from City of Phoenix desert and mountain parks and preserves.





#### Watch the Weather:

Yes, "it's a dry heat" - but Arizona's temperature can be deceiving and deadly. Hike when it's cool outside, try early mornings and evenings when there's more shade.



#### Dress Appropriately:

Wear proper shoes, clothing, hat and sunscreen.



#### **Bring Water:**

Hydrate before you go. Have plenty of water, more than you think you need. Turn around and head back to the trailhead before you drink half of your water.



#### **Keep in Contact:**

Carry a mobile phone.



#### Team Up:

Hike with others. If hiking solo, tell someone your start and end times, and location.



#### **Be Honest:**

Do you have a medical condition? Asthma, heart problems, diabetes, knee or back problems? Don't push yourself! (Even trained athletes have been caught off guard by getting dehydrated on Arizona trails.)



#### Don't Trailblaze:

Enjoy the Sonoran Desert's beautiful and undeveloped landscape, but please stay on designated trails.



#### Take Responsibility:

Don't be "that person" - the one who wasn't prepared, shouldn't have been there for health reasons or ignored safety guidelines. Be the responsible hiker, who takes a hike and does it right!

A public service message from the City of Phoenix Parks & Recreation Department and Fire Department











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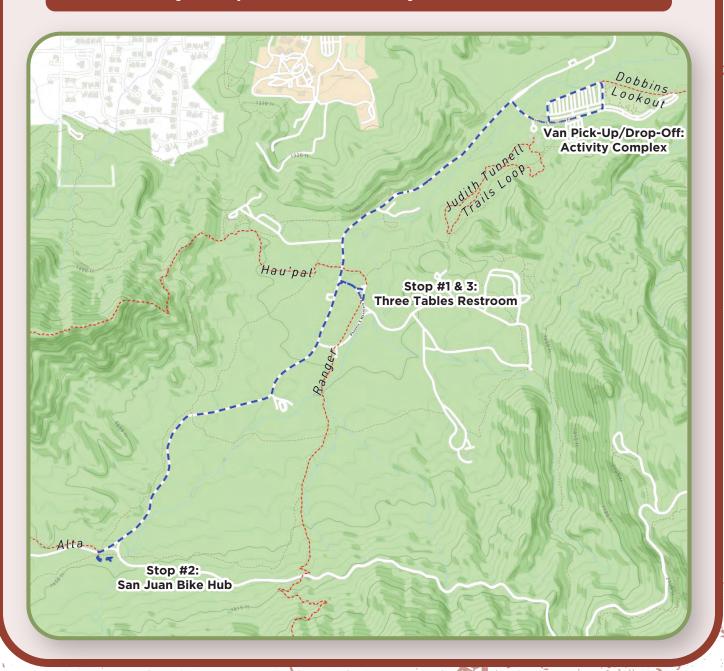


## **Activity Complex**

10409 S. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85042

The only PSC available parking will be in the Activity complex. Continuous shuttles will be provided to Hau 'Pal, Alta and Ranger trails. Judith Tunnel and Holbert are easily accessible at the activity complex.

#### The Activity Complex shuttle is only at South Mountain Park





# PHX 4 - SUMMIT ROUTE ORDER

#### **EVENT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7:00 AM**

#### **DURATION: 7 HOURS**

PHX4 START - Dreamy Draw Start		MI	ELEV GAIN	
1	VOAZ Summit	Dreamy Draw Recreation Area	3.19	511
2	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414
3	Hau'Pal Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.32	899
4	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996
	TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN			2,820
PHX4 START - Apache Wash - Ridgeback Start		MI	ELEV GAIN	
1	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414
2	VOAZ Summit	Dreamy Draw Recreation Area	3.19	511
3	Hau'Pal Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.32	899
4	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996
TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN			13.89	2,820



# PHX 5 - SUMMIT ROUTE ORDER

#### **EVENT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:00 AM**

#### **DURATION: 9 HOURS**

PHX5 START - Desert Vista Start		MI	ELEV GAIN	
1	Dixie Butte Summit	Desert Vista Trailhead	3.10	675
2	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414
3	Ranger Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.54	889
4	Alta Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.06	1023
5	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996
TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN			17.08	3,997
PHX5 START - Apache Wash - Ridgeback Start			MI	ELEV GAIN
1	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414
2	Dixie Butte Summit	Desert Vista Trailhead	3.10	675
3	Alta Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.06	1023
4	Ranger Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.54	889
5	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert Trail)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996
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## PHX 7 - SUMMIT ROUTE ORDER

#### **EVENT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 5:00 AM**

### **DURATION: 9 HOURS**

PHX7 START - Deem Hills Start			MI	ELEV GAIN	
1	Ridgeline Summit	Deem Hills Recreation Area	3.10	550	
2	Dixie Summit	Desert Vista Trailhead	3.10	675	
3	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414	
4	VOAZ Summit	Dreamy Draw Recreation Area	3.19	511	
5	Hau'Pal Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.32	899	
6	Ranger Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.54	889	
7	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996	
TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN			23.63	4,934	
PH	PHX7 START - Dreamy Draw Recreation Area		MI	ELEV GAIN	
1	VOAZ Summit	Dreamy Draw Recreation Area	3.19	511	
2	Ridgeback Overlook Summit	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.88	414	
3	Ridgeline Summit	Deem Hills Recreation Area	3.10	550	
4	Dixie Summit	Desert Vista Trailhead	3.10	675	
5	Hau'Pal Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.32	899	
6	Ranger Summit	South Mountain Park/Preserve	3.54	889	
7	Dobbins Lookout Summit (Holbert)	South Mountain Park/Preserve	4.50	996	
TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN			23.63	4,934	



## ALL ABILITIES - SUMMIT ROUTE ORDER

#### **EVENT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 8:00 AM**

#### **DURATION: 10 HOURS**

ALL ABILITIES START - Deem Hills Start			MI	ELEV GAIN
1	HOA Trail	Deem Hills Recreation Area	1.50	75
2	Apache Wash Vista Loop	Apache Wash Trailhead	2.53	200
3	Papago Park 5K Fitness Loop	Papago Park	3.10	75
4	Judith Tunnel Trails Loop	South Mountain Park/Preserve	1.80	130
TOTAL DISTANCE & ELEVATION GAIN		8.93	480	





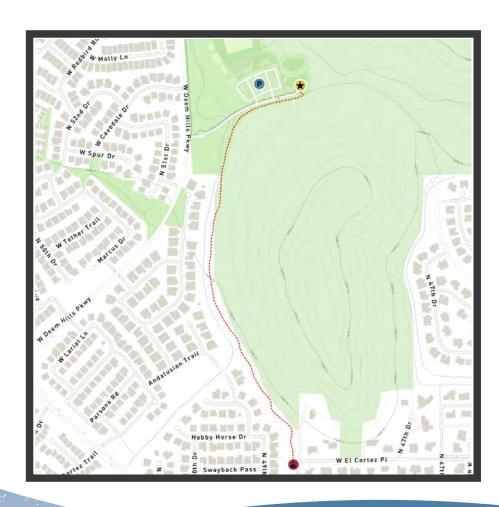
# HOA TRAIL

#### **DEEM HILLS RECREATION AREA**

5050 W Andrea Lane Phoenix, AZ 85083

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 1.5 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 75 FEET** 





From the southeast corner of the Deem Hills parking lot, hike west then south on the HOA trail.

Continue to hike until you reach the gate at the paved road in the housing community.

From the summit return to the start, out and back hike.

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Apache WashVista

# **APACHE WASH TRAILHEAD**

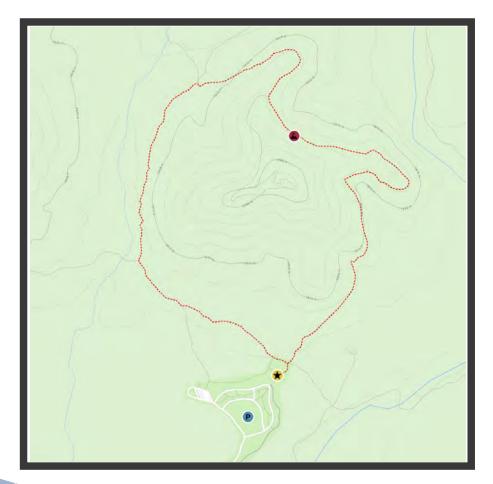
#### **Apache Wash Vista**

1600 E Sonoran Desert Dr Phoenix, AZ 85085

The trailhead is west of E Sonoran Desert Drive as it turns into E Dove Valley Road.

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 2.53 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 200 FEET** 





Hike clockwise from the trailhead on Ocotillo trail west.

At the junction with Apache Wash trail hike north on Apache Wash trail to the intersection with Sidewinder trail.

At the Sidewinder/Apache Vista Trail junction, summit at the Apache Vista Overlook, then loop back down to Sidewinder trail.

Hike Sidewinder trail east then south back to the trailhead to finish the loop.





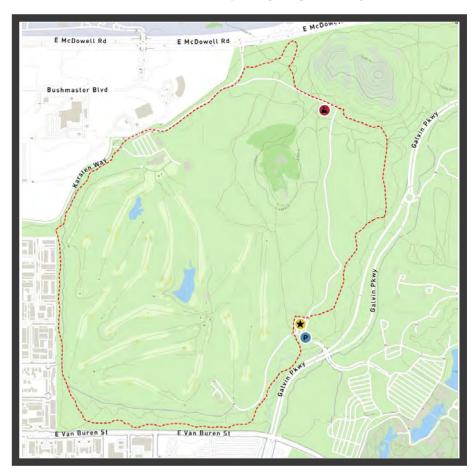
# PAPAGO PARK 5K FITNESS LOOP

#### **Papago Park Trails**

599 Papago Park Road Phoenix, AZ 85008

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.1 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 75 FEET** 





Start in the West Park parking lot at the ramada and hike counterclockwise following the trail posts for the Fitness Loop





# JUDITH TUNNEL TRAILS LOOP

#### **South Mountain Park/ Preserve**

10919 South Central Avenue at the Activity Complex

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.1 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 130 FEET** 





Start by the South Mountain Visitor Center located west of the Activity Complex.

After passing the second ramada and the bridge you will be at the Challenge loop.

Complete the Challenge loop counterclockwise.







**Trailhead** 

# RIDGEBACK OVERLOOK SUMMIT

**Apache Wash Trailhead** 

1600 E Sonoran Desert Dr Phoenix, AZ 85085

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 2.88 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 414 FEET** 





Start at the Apache Wash trailhead west on Ocotillo to the junction point with Ridgeback.

Hike up Ridgeback to the Ridgeback Overlook Trail.

Follow the signs to summit from the north heading south for the majestic view with the PSC flag.



# DOBBINS LOOKOUT SUMMIT (HOLBERT TRAIL)

**South Mountain Park/Preserve** 

10919 S Central Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85042

Upon entering the park, take an immediate left to enter the Activity Complex parking lot.

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 4.5 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 996 FEET** 





Start at designated Holbert trailhead in the Activity Complex.

Follow the signs through the construction area until you get onto Holbert trail.

Stay on the Holbert trail until the junction with the Dobbins extension.

Hike up the extension to Dobbins Lookout and your FINAL summit!



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Dreamy Draw Recreation Area

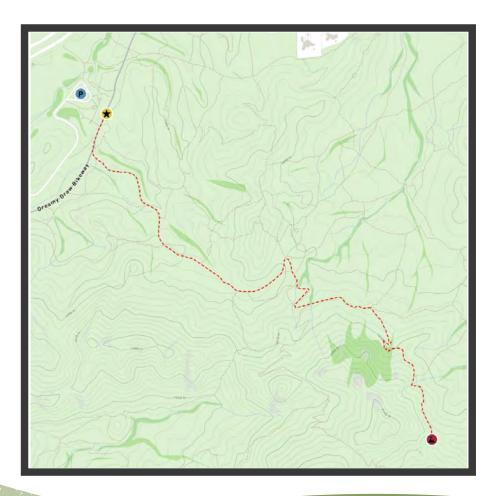
# **VOAZ SUMMIT**

**Dreamy Draw Recreation Area** 

2421 E Northern Ave Phoenix, AZ 85020

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.19 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 511 FEET** 





Start near the restrooms/aid station.

Follow the signs to the start of the 1A.

Start on the 1A trail.

Follow the 1A trail and at the first junction continue on the 1A uphill southeast (slight left).

At the next junction continue on the 1A uphill southeast (right).

Continue on the 1A trail until the VoAZ junction.

Continue on the VoAZ trail to the monument rock designated summit with the PSC flag.



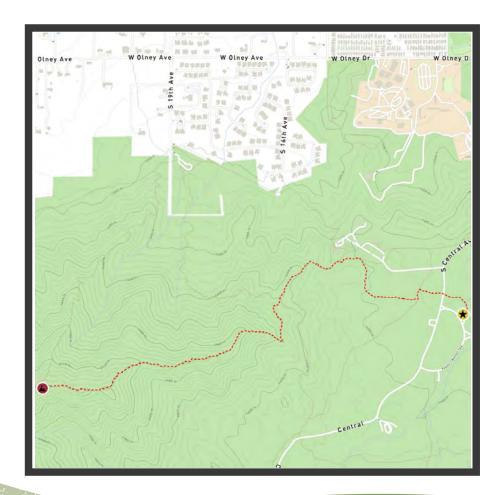
# HAU' PAL LOOP AT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

**South Mountain Park/Preserve** 

10919 S Central Avenue Phoenix AZ 85042

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.23 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 899 FEET** 





Hike north from the Three Tables shuttle stop on Cross Cut, northeast behind Big Ramada. Take Hau'Pal loop south to the summit.



# ALTA EAST PEAK IN SOUTH MOUNTAIN

**South Mountain Park/Preserve** 

10919 S Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85042

Take the shuttle from the Activity Complex to the SanJuan Bike Hub shuttle stop.

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.06 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 1023 FEET** 





Alta trail starts on the north side of the road.

Hike Alta trail approximately 1.53 miles to the junction of Alta trail and Hau'Pal trail post with the PSC flag.



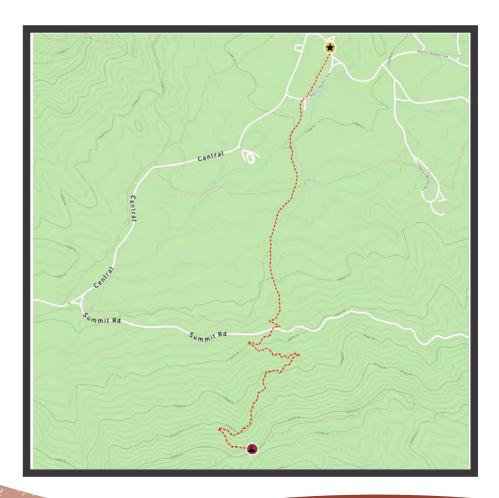


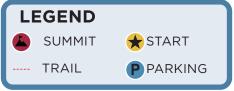
## **RANGER SUMMIT**

**South Mountain Park/Preserve** 

10919 S Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85042

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE:** 3.54 **ELEVATION GAIN:** 889 FEET





Hike west from the three tables shuttle stop on Ranger trail.

Hike west on Los Lomitas trail.

At the junction of Los Lomitas and Ranger trail continue southwest on Ranger trail.

Continue along Ranger trail across the road until you come to the junction of National and Ranger trail.

Continue south on National trail until you reach the trail post at the saddle with the PSC flag.



Google Maps



# RIDGEBACK OVERLOOK SUMMIT

**Apache Wash Trailhead** 

1600 E Sonoran Desert Dr Phoenix, AZ 85085

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Start at designated Holbert trailhead in the Activity Complex.

Follow the signs through the construction area until you get onto Holbert trail.

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Hike up the extension to Dobbins Lookout and your FINAL summit!







Desert Vista Trailhead

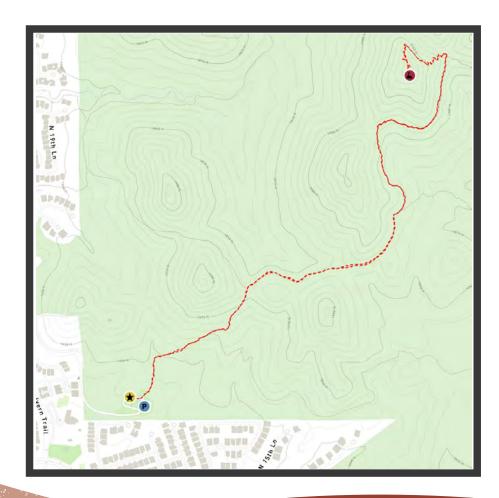
# **DIXIE SUMMIT**

**Desert Vista Trailhead** 

1900 W Desert Vista Trail Phoenix AZ, 85085

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.1 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 675 FEET** 





Hike on Hawks Nest trail to the intersection with Dixie Mountain Loop, continue northeast on Dixie Mountain Loop to the Dixie Summit trail.

Out and back hike.

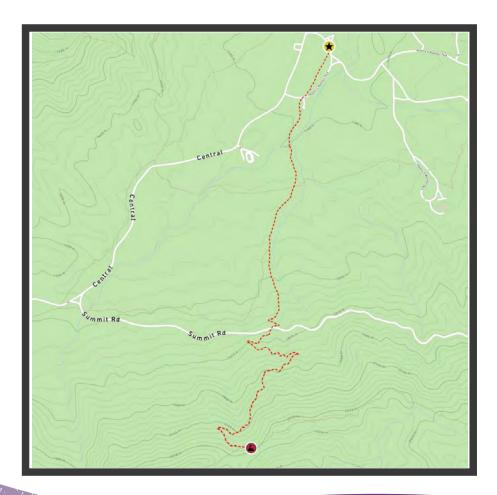


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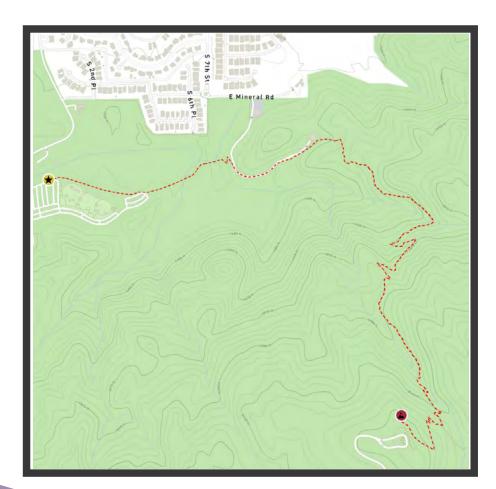


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**Dreamy Draw Recreation Area** 

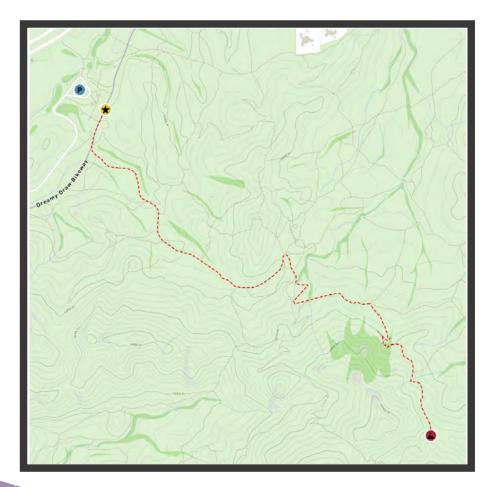
# **VOAZ SUMMIT**

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**ELEVATION GAIN: 511 FEET** 





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Follow the signs to the start of the 1A.

Start on the 1A trail.

Follow the 1A trail and at the first junction continue on the 1A uphill southeast (slight left).

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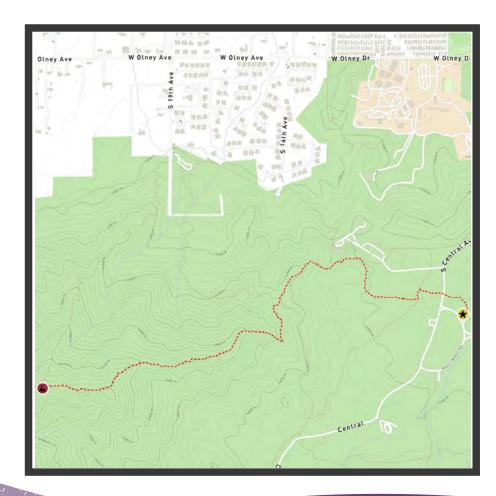
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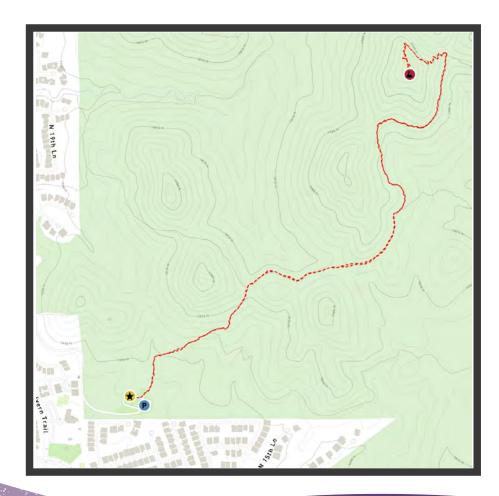
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Hike on Hawks Nest trail to the intersection with Dixie Mountain Loop, continue northeast on Dixie Mountain Loop to the Dixie Summit trail.

Out and back hike.







# RIDGELINE SUMMIT

**Deem Hills Recreation Area** 

5050 W Andrea Lane Phoenix, AZ 85083

Turn left just after passing the entrance station onto S Phoenix S Mtn Park, parking for the Holbert Trailhead & South Mountain Activity Complex will be on the left (North) side of the road.

**TOTAL TRAIL DISTANCE: 3.1 MILES** 

**ELEVATION GAIN: 550 FEET** 





From Deem Hills Park, hike east on the southern section of the Circumference trail to the intersection of the Ridgeline trail.

Hike northwest on the Ridgeline trail to the summit.

Out and back hike.

# Nº 1 PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE





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APPRECIATE AZ

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

Nº2 STICK TO



Nº3 TRASH YOUR TRASH



Nº4 | LEAVE WHAT



Nº5 | BE CAREFUL WITH FIRE



№6 RESPECT WILDLIFE



Nº 7 SHARE THE



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# **OPHXPARKS**