

Sun City Festival Hiking Club
HIKE DESCRIPTION FORM

Hike Name: Dixie Mountain Loop, Phoenix Sonoran Preserve

Location: Phoenix Sonoran Preserve

Hike Description: This well-marked and well-maintained trail takes you to Dixie Mountain through the beautiful Sonoran Desert landscape. The trail has some rocky sections where it is recommended to wear sturdy footwear. However, there are plenty of breathtaking views to enjoy along the way. You will come across numerous Saguaro cacti, Cholla, and Palo Verde trees.

Rating: Moderate

Type: Loop

Trail Names: Hawks Nest to Dixie Loop

Length – Miles and Time: 5.22 Miles 2 hours 30 minutes

Trailhead Start and End: Desert Vista Trailhead

Elevation Change: 991 ft

Entrance Fee: None

Website: <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/trails/locations/sonoran-preserve/trails>

Cell Phone Coverage: Yes

Travel Directions: Get on AZ-303 Loop/Arizona State Rte 303/Bob Stump Memorial Pkwy in Surprise from W Sun Valley Pkwy and W Bell Rd. Continue past I-17 onto Sonoran Desert Dr. Turn right onto N N Valley Pkwy. Turn left onto W Casino Ave. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto N Melvern Trail, Turn left onto W Desert Vista Trail. Turn left into parking lot

Travel Time: 45 minutes

Parking: Nice Parking Lot

Rest Rooms: Yes

Water: Yes