



Name of Trail Loop: Sunnyside/Scotia Canyon Loops

Passage and location: Huachuca Mountains Passage 1; east of Parker Canyon Lake

Length of loop trail: Loop 1: 5.7 miles
Loop 2: 7.3 miles

Loop trail description:

Loop 1. Start the loop by heading northeast on the unmaintained, rough road to the right. You'll pass a side trail to the Sunnyside cemetery at about 0.5 mile from the starting point reaching the Sunnyside townsite in about another half mile. Stay on FR204 going northeast until reaching the Arizona Trail. At the Arizona Trail, turn left/west ascending a little until dropping into Scotia Canyon. Take the trail to the left/east after another 0.7 mile in Scotia Canyon. Watch for a jeep road (FR4757) heading northeast that eventually bends southeast. Stay on this until reaching FR228. Turn right and follow FR228 about a mile southwest to the starting point.

Loop 2. Use the same directions for Loop 1, but stay in the Arizona Trail down Scotia Canyon until reaching FR48 in 1.9 miles after Loop 1 leaves Scotia Canyon. Turn left/east onto FR48 following it for 0.7 mile to FR228. Turn left/north onto FR228 following it one mile to the starting point.

Recommended seasons of use: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter

Elevation Start: 5,824'

Elevation Gain/Loss: Loop 1: 460'
Loop 2: 597'

Access point: From Tucson, travel east on Interstate 10 to AZ 83 (exit 281) and turn south 50 miles through Sonoita towards Parker Canyon Lake. Turn left onto FR48 at the turnoff to the Lake for about 1.6 miles. Turn left/north onto FR228 leading to first major fork off of FR228 about a mile northeast. Park on the east side of the road.

From Sierra Vista, drive south 13 miles on AZ92 to the Coronado Memorial Road (FR 61). Turn right (south) and continue through the Coronado National Memorial to Montezuma Pass. From the pass, continue on FR 61 about 8.4 miles to FR 48. Continue northwest on FR 48 and drive 3.1 miles to FR 228. Turn right/north onto FR228, continue to first major fork off of FR228, park on right/east side. Sunnyside Cemetery is reached in about 1.5 miles and Sunnyside area in another half mile.

Water: There may be seasonal water ponds in Scotia Canyon. For up to date details on water sources please visit the Arizona Trail Water sources at <https://aztrail.org/explore/water-sources/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/> which has user comments about the status of water sources.

Notes: According to the Coronado National Forest, there is "excellent bird watching in a healthy and diverse riparian area."

Additional Sources: Coronado National Forest web site: Recreational Activities-Trails. For specific turn by turn information on the Arizona Trail visit the Arizona Trail databook <https://aztrail.org/explore/databooks/> and even use the Arizona Trail App <https://aztrail.org/explore/maps/mobile-app/>

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