



Name of Trial Loop: Crystal Spring Loop

Passage and location: Oracle Ridge Passage 12; Summerhaven

Length of loop trail: 10.9 miles

Loop trail description: Starting at the northern Butterfly Trail #16 trailhead, head up the two-track road from Soldier Camp. In 1.4 miles, turn left/north onto Crystal Spring Trail #16. After 3.0 miles, turn left/northeast onto the Old Mt. Lemmon Road, a.k.a. Control Road. Follow the road to the Catalina Highway, going past the Oracle Trailhead and the Fire Station. Follow the highway until there is a turn left toward Summerhaven. Go through Summerhaven, reaching the Marshall Gulch area. Sunset Trail heads southeast which will rejoin Catalina Highway in 1.6 miles. Cross the highway to the starting point on the right.

Recommended seasons of use: Spring, Summer, Fall

Elevation Start: 7,688'

Elevation Gain/Loss: 3,038'

Access point: Take the Catalina Highway off Tanque Verde Road in Tucson. Drive 4.2 miles to the Forest boundary and continue 23 miles, about 4 miles past the Palisade Visitor Information Center. The well-marked Butterfly Trailhead is off the highway to the right.

Water: Crystal Spring probably has water. 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: The Crystal Spring Trail and Old Mt. Lemmon Road are an alternate route of the Arizona Trail to allow users, especially equestrians, to avoid Summerhaven. 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/>

Additional Sources: Coronado National Forest web site: Recreational Activities-Trails.

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