



Name of Trail Loop: Oracle Ridge – Red Ridge Loop

Passage and location: Oracle Ridge Passage 12; Summerhaven

Length of loop trail: 8.4 miles

Loop trail description: From the Oracle Ridge trailhead, head north on the Oracle Ridge/Arizona Trail for 2.4 miles reaching Dan Saddle. Turn west/left onto Catalina Camp Trail #401 trail that goes thru Catalina Camp—this is the former Arizona Trail. After 1.7 miles, turn left/south onto the Red Ridge Trail #2 reaching the paved Mt. Lemmon (Catalina) Highway in 3.1 miles. Follow the highway east, reaching the Control Road (FR38) in about a mile. Head north on Control Road back to the parking area.

Recommended seasons of use: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter. There will be snow after storms in winter.

Elevation Start: 7,866'

Elevation Gain/Loss: 3,037'

Access point: Take the Catalina Highway off Tanque Verde Road in Tucson. Drive about 30 miles, turning right onto the Control Road (FR38). Go past the Mt. Lemmon Fire Station following this road straight and down the ridge. Oracle Ridge Trail #1 is just beyond the first cattle guard, leaving the parking area on the left side of the road. The road beyond the Fire Station is closed Dec 1 to March 1. A sign recommends that the road is not for passenger cars.

Water: There are no reliable water sources along the trail. 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: This is not much shade along the loop. Be careful of traffic on the Catalina Highway, especially after the turn to 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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