

# THE SCOTTSDALE PLAZA

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## HIKING & WALKING TRAILS

### CAMELBACK MOUNTAIN

This silhouette dominates the skyline in Phoenix. Round-trip foot distance is 2.4 miles and your altitude gain to the summit is 1,300 feet, bringing you to a breathtaking 2,704 feet. The trail begins from the parking lot at Echo Canyon and meanders around the Praying Monk Peak, then runs up the main summit of Camelback Mountain.

Before you set out on a climb up Camelback Mountain, it is important to do a candid evaluation of your fitness. The trail climbs 1,200 to 1,300 feet in just over a mile, so hikers should expect some very steep terrain, with many high step-ups. Also, the hike includes sections where you will need to use hands and arms to help propel yourself over the rocks.

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn right on Scottsdale Rd. from the resort and travel 1 mile to McDonald Rd. and turn right. Continue approx. 3 miles to Echo Canyon Parkway and turn left into the park. The entrance is located before the stoplight at Tatum Blvd.



### PIESTEWA PEAK

Unquestionably the most popular up-and-downhill leg action option in the Valley. You are treated with magnificent 360-degree views from the summit and more than 100-mile visibility on clear days. The summit trail (the first trail on your left as you enter) offers a round-trip walking distance of 2.4 miles with a halfway point altitude gain of 1,200 feet. The summit trail is a strenuous hike that winds up at the summit, which is 2608 feet.

This recreation area covers hundreds of acres of desert in the Phoenix Mt. Preserve. There are 5 other trailheads that offer hikes with varying degrees of difficulty. Most hikers on average reach the summit in 1 ¼ hours.

**DIRECTIONS:** Turn right on Scottsdale Rd. from the resort and travel nearly a mile to Lincoln and turn right. Continue on Lincoln for approximately 6 ½ miles to Squaw Peak Drive and turn right. Follow the road through the neighborhood ½ mile to the beginning of the park.

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### HOLE-IN-THE-ROCK

The formation is a popular attraction in the park. The openings and main chamber near the summit are easily accessible via a smoothly ascending path that passes behind the hill. Discover this 0.3-mile out-and-back trail near Phoenix, Arizona. Generally considered an easy route, it takes an average of 7 min to complete. This is a very popular area for hiking and walking, so you'll likely encounter other people while exploring. The trail is open year-round and is beautiful to visit anytime. Dogs are welcome, but must be on a leash. It is also possible to climb the face of the hill to reach the chamber. While popular, the trail can be dangerous. The chamber provides a good view of the city of Phoenix west of the park. A nearly constant wind blows through the openings in the rock.

**DIRECTIONS:** Head south on N Scottsdale Rd toward E Indian Bend Rd for 2 miles. Keep to the right to continue on E Goldwater Blvd. In a mile turn right onto E Indian School Rd. Stay on E Indian School Rd for nearly 2 miles where you will turn left onto N 64th St. Continue onto N Galvin Pkwy past the Desert Botanical Garden toward the Phoenix Zoo. Turn left at Papago Park Rd and another left onto Papago Rd. Follow the Ranger Office Loop Trail and park in any parking near the Hole-in-the-Rock trail.



### INDIAN BEND WASH GREENBELT

The Indian Bend Wash Greenbelt is an oasis of parks, lakes, paths and golf courses traversing 11 miles through the heart of Scottsdale. The greenbelt features more than 24 grade-separated crossings, meaning users can avoid major cross traffic. This world-renown flood control project is rated among the top urban "green spaces" in Arizona. The closest entry to the greenbelt would be Chaparral Park.

**DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on N Scottsdale Rd toward E Indian Bend Rd for 0.1 mile. Turn left onto E Indian Bend Rd. In 1 mile turn right on to N Hayden Rd. In 1.5 miles turn left onto E Jackrabbit Rd, Chaparral Park will be on the right.