

## HIKES AND EXCURSIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR GUESTS

Most of the hikes discussed here are found in detail on the Sun City Anthem Hiking Club (SCAHC) website: <http://suncityanthemhikingclub.com>. You do not need to be a member of the club to access this hike information. To access this list online, go our website noted above, highlight the “Hikes” tab and scroll down to “Hikes for you and your guests” and click on that link. To search for one of these hikes (or nearly 250 more) on our website, highlight the “Hikes” tab and scroll down to “[Hike Query – All or by levels](#)”. Most of these hikes are either in the Short hikes (S) (1-3 miles) or are in the Casual Intermediate (CI) (3-4 miles) sections. Once you find the hike, click on the name of the hike. The general hike information sheet will come up. Scroll down and you will see information including directions to the trailhead, length of the hike, elevation gain of the hike and more.

### **PLEASE, FOR YOUR SAFETY BRING PLENTY OF WATER ON ALL HIKES.**

#### **1. Hikes close to Sun City Anthem at Merrill Ranch**

##### **A. Poston Butte (S)**

Distance from Sun City Anthem (SCA) Union Center: 4 miles

Hike length: 2 miles. This is a hike to the summit and back.

Elevation: 300 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find Poston Butte (S)

##### **B. San Tan Mountain Regional Park**

Distance from SCA Union Center: 10 to 12 miles

Hike length/elevation: Multiple trails to consider (see below). Requires entrance fee \$7.00 per car or Maricopa County Pass where you will receive a trail map.

Phone: (602) 506-2930 ext. 7

Website: <https://www.maricopacountyparks.net/park-locator/san-tan-mountain-regional-park/>

##### **a. San Tan – Moonlight Trail (S)**

Hike Length: 2-mile loop

Elevation: 200 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find San Tan – Moonlight trails (S)

##### **b. San Tan Trails(S)**

Hike length: 3 miles

Elevation: 300 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find San Tan Trails(S)

##### **C. Casa Grande National Monument**

Distance from SCA Union Center: 9 miles

This is a great place to learn about the ancient people that farmed this area. The Monument is located in Coolidge on the corner of Route 87 and 287. Entrance fee.

Website: <https://www.nps.gov/cagr/index.htm>

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### 2. Trails close by the town of Superior Arizona

Distance from SCA Union Center: 31 miles

#### A. Arizona trail (AZT) – Picketpost South (S)

Trail is at the base of Picketpost Mountain

Hike length: 2-3 miles

Elevation: 300 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find AZT – Picketpost (S)

#### B. Boyce Thompson Arboretum

A lovely place to hike among large trees and a variety of desert flora. Entrance fee. Take US 60 east toward Superior. You will see a sign on the right announcing the entrance to the Arboretum.

Website: <https://www.btarboretum.org/>

### 3. Utery Mountain Regional Park (North Mesa)

Distance from SCA Union Center: 40 miles

Entrance fee: \$7.00/car or a Maricopa county pass. You will receive a trail map when you pay your fee.

Website: <https://maricopacountyparks.org/utory>

#### A. Cats Peak Loops Trail (S)

Hike length: 2.5 miles

Elevation: 200 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find Cats Peak Loop Trails (S)

#### B. Wind Cave (CI)

This is a more strenuous hike. You will hike to a cave with a great view.

Hike length: 4 miles

Elevation: 400 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select casual intermediate hikes to find Wind Cave (CI)

### 4. Superstition Mountain

Distance from SCA Union Center: 37 miles

#### A. Hieroglyphic Trail (CI)

Trail leads to a waterfall, pool, and cliff with ancient petroglyphs scratched into the rock. This is a more strenuous hike and very rocky.

Hike length: 3 to 4 miles

Elevation: 600 feet

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Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select casual intermediate hikes to find Hieroglyphic Trail (CI)

### 5. Tucson Arizona area

Distance from SCA Union Center: 70 to 80 miles

#### A. Sabino Canyon

Entrance fee per car or National Parks Pass. Has a shuttle bus that goes up and down the canyon and stops at certain areas along the way. May be an extra fee for the shuttle bus. Located in the Santa Catalina Mountains. There are many hikes in this area, short, intermediate and long.

Website: <http://sabinocanyon.com/>

#### B. Catalina State Park

Entrance fee \$ 7.00/car or State Park pass. Get a map at entrance that shows multiple hiking trails.

Website: <https://azstateparks.com/catalina/things-to-do/trails>

##### a. Dripping Springs (CI)

This trail has several shallow water crossings

Hike length: 4 miles

Elevation: 300 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select casual intermediate hikes to find Dripping Springs (CI)

### 6. Sedona Arizona area

Distance from SCA Union Center: 180 to 185 miles

#### A. Sedona – Bell Rock – Courthouse Loop (CI)

Popular loop hike around Bell Rock and Courthouse Butte. Requires a parking fee, or National Park Pass or Red Rock Pass

Hike length: 4 miles

Elevation: 200 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select casual intermediate hikes to find Sedona – Bell Rock – Courthouse Loop (CI)

#### B. Sedona – Fay Canyon (S)

Requires a parking fee or National Pass or Rock Pass

Hike length: 2.5 miles through a beautiful shady canyon

Elevation: 200 feet

Go to [Hike Query – All or by levels](#) and select short hikes to find Sedona – Fay Canyon (S)