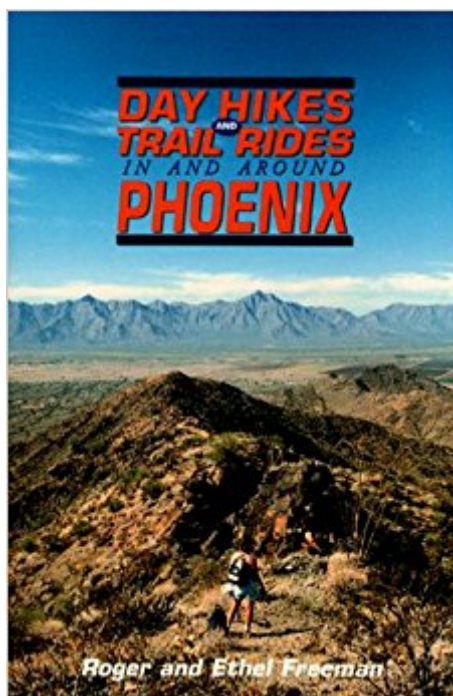


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# Day Hikes And Trail Rides In And Around Phoenix



## Synopsis

Within an hour's drive of downtown Phoenix are hundreds of mountain trails, many of them little-known. Phoenix itself boasts the country's largest municipal park and the best urban and near-urban hiking and riding of any large city. The surrounding areas also have exceptional opportunities for hikers, trail riders, mountain-bikers, and joggers. This comprehensive coverage of the entire area includes hundreds of trails, measures distances, detailed topographic maps, b/w and color photos, and detailed access information. A handy color insert portrays the beautiful scenery and surroundings along the hikes. This fully-revised second edition includes several new areas such as Cave Creek (County) Park, the Black Canyon Trail, Deem Hills and the Salt River, Saguaro Lake, Bartlett Reservoir and Seven Springs/Cave Creek areas of the Tonto National Forest. Day Hikes and Trail Rides in and Around Phoenix is the most complete and essential hiking guide available.

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use it all the time

This is the best hiking book for Phoenix trails. I love this book. Great detail, great maps, very thorough. Its not new, but its my go to hiking book. Its one I recommend to others and give for gifts.

This is a great book and filled with every detail you could need for a hike. I use it on every hike I take in the Phoenix area and it has proved to be a great resource.

This is not great one I thought it would be. Some important trails were all missing; such as Black Canyon Trail, Badger springs trail, all these should be included but not there. Isaac

Roger and Ethel Freeman put out the first edition of this book in 1988. Anybody that lives in the "Valley of the Sun" knows a lot has changed since the eighties. A big thanks goes out for this Second edition in 2000. This book covers trails of the valley better than any other source available. I should forewarn most of these trails are hard-core hot desert; do not hike here in the summer. Information such as geology, history and maps are included. The geology sections are informative. Each entry on history was exciting to read. The maps are well done but placement in the appendix makes flipping back and forth necessary. Trails in negotiation and proposed trail information is scattered throughout the book. The highlight of this guidebook is without a doubt the "Detailed Trail Descriptions". Its unbelievable and maybe overdone if you're not a real detailed hiking enthusiast. Each trail is broken down to the hundredth of a mile. Well at least when a turn, fence, post, object or sight is encountered that is. Maybe someday they will include a GPS coordinate for each step! Well to wrap it up. In general the map setup is not to my liking. Every imaginable trail in the valley is listed. The book really is loaded with information. It appears lots of work went into putting this book together. - valley hikers rejoice

As authors of this book, we should respond to Joe's criticism about the map placement: we'd love to do as he suggests, namely have the maps in the appropriate section, rather than at the end, but since they are in color, that would greatly increase the price: the color photos (that he doesn't mention) are in one section ("signature"), as are the maps, so that those 2 sections are put on a color press, the rest of the book on a much less expensive black & white press. A final comment: we thought about putting in GPS locations for major or tricky points, but until the "selective access" (random errors introduced by the Defense Department to protect against terrorist attacks) was cancelled recently, it didn't seem worth it. Now that the accuracy of hand-held GPS units will be much better, we may add that feature in the future. The exhaustive detail was included for a reason: signage is often vandalized and trails of use are continually changing, so the detail is an effort to improve recognition of features and thereby safety. The latest printing of the guidebook has a 2-page insert listing errors and changes. We have now set up a Web site to provide corrections and additions, as well as links to related sites and some photos of new trails. From there you can also reach us. Roger & Ethel Freeman

IOVE THIS BOOK. IT GOES OVER A LOT OF TRAILS. IT HAS PHONEIX MOUNTAIN PRESERVES, MARICOPA COUNTY PRESERVES, ETC. PLEASE GET THIS IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A BOOK TO SHOW YOU HOW TO GET THERE, WHERE TO HIKE, USEFUL MAPS. I USE THIS BOOK ALL THE TIME.

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