

Castle Dome

Description: Take a day hike to the top of castle Dome. This round trip can take as long as 8 hours. The trail is marked, but take someone who has been there to avoid confusion. The trail is steep and rugged; not recommended for Cubs or weak hikers. Good hiking boots are a must. No climbing gear is needed. Take plenty of water and plan on having lunch at or near the top. Be sure and sign the guest book in the old ammo box at the summit. The desert plant and animal life are unique to the Sonoran Desert. Get a fantastic view of the Kofas from the summit.

Directions: From Yuma go 35 miles on highway 95. 10 miles on Kofa Mine road (improved gravel). 9 miles on McPherson Pass Road (unimproved desert mountain road). The last leg of this route is rough, rocky, and not recommended for cars. Pickups have sufficient clearance: 4wd not needed. Small trailers should be OK. Brush and tree branches may rub side of vehicle. Road is dusty unless it has rained recently.

Permits: No special BLM permits are needed.

Fees: There is no fee to camp.

Facilities: There are no facilities here so you need to bring everything you will need. Fires are permitted, firewood is small mesquite and palo verde. Take your own wood to be safe. IRONWOOD IS A PROTECTED SPECIES; DO NOT BURN OR REMOVE IT.

Notes: Be sure to let someone know where you are going. The campsite is in a remote location and cell phone coverage is weak or nonexistent. Make sure all vehicles have a spare tire. Extra water, gas, tools and jumper cables are advisable. Check weather forecast before leaving home. Do not camp in wash if there is a danger of flash flooding