

California / Mojave Desert Preserve

Barber Peak Loop

DISTANCE: 5.6 - 8 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 800 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Loop

Nice loop trail with changing views, there is a castle looking rock formation about halfway, just prior to reaching that, we decided to go off trail and climb to the top of the Mesa, which at times was a scramble on rocky portions, beautiful views up top & a very steep decent, finishing the trail, we again went off trail to some more unusual rock formations. Next on the trail you go through some very populated cactus that extends a good portion of the trail back, going in the counter clockwise direction from the parking area. Most visitors are campers in the area as this place is kinda remote & a 23 mile dirt well maintained road from one direction.

Very good trail! Started off behind information center descending into the a canyon via steel rings in the rock. Very cool! Must have some climbing ability for this. There are 2 descents with the rings and the lower One is much harder. Trail very difficult to follow in some places but not likely you will get lost if you generally know where the trail is going. "Look At map that is posted." Lots of dirt roads coming from I 15.

A nice trail although not well signed in the southeasterly section. You get to see some cool geography and walk through some nice cactus and sage type habitat. The gorge and hole-in-the-wall section is pretty cool but some parts are grazed by cattle and not much is left. Very little shade on this trail and luckily for us it was 75 and cloudy but I could see this being a very warm hike under different conditions.

