

Arizona / SE

Cochise Trail

DISTANCE: 8.8 miles

ELEVATION GAIN: 2000 feet

ROUTE TYPE: Out & Back

Very good trail. Entrance to the trail didn't show Ironwood Rd off of 191 in Cochise. It tried to make us go around to the back side of the trail. Very disappointed in AllTrails app not capturing this entrance.

East side: Do not take the history trail; continue on the loop road and trailhead is just past restrooms. It is marked correctly on the AllTrails map. Trailhead: 31.92210, -109.96735. (You will actually start on a nature trail loop trail, which is nice, and it is well marked where it connects to Cochise Trail.)

Very well maintained trail with lots of very nice views of the western valley after reaching the summit and then continuing west. I took my Jack Russell terrier and he was fine - nothing too steep or arduous. There is some shade along the trail which was welcomed. Nice views of many hoodoos going up from the east about halfway to the ridge top. Takes about 2 hours to go from the campground to the west end, then another 2 hours to get back to the campground. There were a few streams with running water in early April. You can park outside the park and walk in if you want to avoid the \$5 fee for trail use parking. However, I always find it more convenient to pay and pack a lunch. Having lunch at one of the campground's picnic tables under the trees is serene and extremely nice at the end of the hike - one of the highlights of the place. Lots of birds and shade make it even better.

Moderate trail with stunning views. multiple water crossings. we parked at the Cochise campground on the east side of the canyon and the Cochise Indian trail. there is a few required. trail starts with a bridge and nature trail. it is a little more than 2 miles to the old Damm and 3 to the divide between the east and west canyons.

This hike is great. Great views and interesting geology. This area is very dry and can be very hot. The campground on the east side closes 6/1 through 9/1. Would suggest hiking after 11/1. Rattlesnake are very prevalent. We saw a group of coatimundi and a lot of tarantula. The creek was flowing as it had rained a few days before. Small waterfalls were seen.

