

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAINS

Massacre Grounds Trail

January 11, 2020

Meeting Time: 6:45 AM (This is a popular trail. Starting the hike by 8:00 AM is a plus!)

Departure Time: 7:00 AM Sharp!

Time at the Tailhead: Approximately 7:45 AM

Carpool: Casino AZ – **Parking is limited at the trailhead; so please plan on carpooling if at all possible.** Take the 101 to Exit 50, McKellips Rd. Once on McKellips, turn left onto N 92nd St. Go PAST the casino to the parking lot on the north side. There will be 3 left turns into the parking lot; take the last left turn into the lot and look for the group. This way we will be in an area furthest from the casino. The drive from this location to the trailhead is approximately 40 minutes.

Trailhead: If you are driving to the trailhead: From US Rt. 60 in Apache Junction, exit at Idaho Rd. and follow State Route 88 NE for 7.5 miles to First Water Rd. (Forest Rd 78). It is past Lost Dutchman State Park on the right. Go 0.5 miles on FR 78 to the signed Crosscut-Massacre Ground Trailhead on the right. FR78 is a dirt road passible by “carefully driven sedans.”

Hike Details: The story of the site is that in 1848 the Apaches ambushed and killed a group of miners taking their pack animals but leaving the gold. The trail has some elevation at the beginning but then is a moderate level hike. The route is well defined and cuts through the 35-million-year-old volcanic rocks. Treat at the end is the Massacre Falls. Round out and back trip, including the side trip to the falls, is 6 miles. Elevation is 2,116 - 3,185 feet. For further information, go to <https://www.outdoorproject.com/united-states/arizona/massacre-grounds-trail-massacre-falls>

Hike Leader: Barbara Seltzer and her two friends, Rachel Diamant-Volk and John Volk.

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Remember your \$2 UU contribution. Bring snacks and water for the trail. We will take a break at the falls before returning. As always wear sturdy hiking footwear and bring walking sticks if you have them. Dogs are allowed but must be kept on a leash.

It is not always possible to predict what may happen on the trail. Should the group be delayed for whatever reason. Exercise requires fuel in the body, and eating before a strenuous hike is a must – for everyone’s sake who is on the hike. Your trail snack — and you should always have something in case of delay — should contain salty snack, sweet snack and protein. Trail mix is the perfect choice with nuts, raisins, and chocolate.

After the hike, if you would enjoy having a meal together, we can go to Carlsbad Tavern, New Mexico cuisine. It is on 3313 N Hayden Rd (between Osborn & Indian School Road).