

TONTO National Forest



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HIKING AND TRAIL RIDING

JACOB'S TRAIL 58

RANGER DISTRICTS

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TRAILHEAD (TH)

Jacob's TH: Drive east from Phoenix on U.S. Highway 60. At Exit 196, drive north 1 mile on Idaho Road to State Highway 88. Turn right on Hwy. 88 and drive approximately 3.5 miles north to the First Water Road/Forest Road (FR) 78 (near Mile Marker 200). Turn right and follow this road approx. 1 mile to the trailhead. **Trails Accessed:** Jacob's Trail 58.

Lost Dutchman State Park: Drive east from Phoenix on U.S. Highway 60. At Exit 196, drive north 1 mile on Idaho Road to State Highway 88. Turn right on Hwy. 88 and drive approximately 3 miles to the entry of the Lost Dutchman State Park (entrance fees are charged). The Trailhead is a parking lot near the east side of the Park (either at the Cholla or Saguaro day-use areas). **Trails Accessed:** Treasure Loop 56, Jacob's Trail 58, Broadway TH

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North end: (2,110 feet elevation): at Jacob's Trailhead at First Water Road/Forest Road (FR) 78, ½ mile east of State Hwy. 88

South end: (1,880 feet elevation): at Broadway Trailhead on Broadway Road, east of Apache Junction

TRAIL INFORMATION

Trail use: Light to moderate
Trail difficulty: Easiest
Trail length: 6 ½ miles
Season of Use: Spring - fall
USGS maps: Goldfield
Elevation change: 420 feet

TRAIL NARRATIVE

The north end of the trail begins across a wash from Forest Road (FR) 78 and travels south along the western slopes of the Superstition Mountains. For a short distance the trail follows a barbed wire fence; after ½ mile it crosses an abandoned road. At about 1 1/3 mile is a junction with one leg of the Treasure Loop Trail 56. After 1/8 mile the other leg is encountered. At mile 1½ a bench offers a place to rest. The trail then ascends very gradually to a junction with Prospector's View Trail 57 and joins that trail for a short distance. The trail then crosses Siphon Draw Trail 53. Continuing south, the trail crosses a series of rocky washes while contouring its way through the Superstition Foothills. At mile 4 ¼, the trail crosses a large ravine and climbs a ridge. On the ridge, the trail reaches its highest point at mile 5¼. The trail turns southeast and descends gradually until reaching the trailhead at Broadway Road.

ATTRACTIONS

- The trail remains at approximately 2,100 feet elevation on the western slopes of the Superstition Mountains. This affords wonderful vistas of the valley below as well as extraordinary rock formations above.
- In the spring, annual wildflowers are in bloom. With optimum weather, flowers cover the mountain slopes with bright colors.
- Sonoran Desert flora includes Brittlebush, bur sage and a variety of grasses and forbs.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Practice "Leave No Trace" ethics including: **If you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!!**
- Carry an adequate supply of drinking water. One gallon/per person/per day is recommended during hot periods.
- Do not drink untreated water. Giardia, a protozoan, is in many water impoundments and streams.