

# TOWN OF GILA BEND BIG HORN TRAIL

For advanced hikers

## OVERVIEW

Located just off Interstate 8 in the South Maricopa Mountain Wilderness Area, Big Horn runs along a small ridgeline and is a rocky hike indeed! The area is covered with boulders to climb over or around as you make your way to the summit. Very few people hike this trail, so no cairns are there to guide you, but having a topo map will come in handy! Make sure to wear pants and closed shoes because there are a couple of cholla forests you will need to navigate your way through. To get to the butte, you will need to follow a sandy dry wash for about 1 mile. The peak you're heading for will always remain in sight to guide you.

### Best time to do hike:

November through February

### Average Time:

About 5 hours

### How to get there:

From Gila Bend, take Butterfield Pass Rd. to Interstate 8 eastbound for about 16 miles. You will need to go left over the median across the westbound lanes. Here you'll see a gate with a BLM Route Marker #8030C, and just beyond the gate is a BLM Sign. From here you will need to walk the 1.28 miles to the end of the road. From the end of the road go right (east) toward a wash (about 100 feet). You will follow the wash for about 1 mile when you reach the southern base of the peak.

Please remember to bring plenty of water as no water is available in this area.

Low-impact primitive camping is permitted. Please pack it in and pack it out, leave no trash behind.