

Hoolie Bacon-Peters Trail Loop

Summary

This hike turned out much longer than originally anticipated. The impassable 4 wheel dirt road (FR213) adds an extra 6.4 miles to the hike so the 8.2 mile hike becomes 14.6 miles round trip. The Bushwhacking off-route required to get from Hoolie Bacon Trail (111) to the Peters Trail (105) is 1.7 miles of cat claw hell. Despite these negatives the Hoolie Bacon Trail and Peters trail are both quite nice.

Amenities

Parking, no water or restrooms.

Raw Numbers

Length (Miles)	Ascent (Ft)	Decent (ft.)	Min Elev (ft.)	Max Elev (ft.)
14.6	2,771	2,771	2,877	3,946

Our Statistics

Speed (Mi/Hr)	Distance (Miles)	Rating (10 max)	Time (Hrs)	Difficulty (10 max)	One Liner
1.84	16.6	4.0/10	9.0	9.5/10	Two nice hikes, but off-route cat claw bushwhacking is hell.

Getting There

From Phoenix Metro area – Take US-60 East past Apache Junction. Go 22 miles North-East on State Route 88 to mile post 221. Turn south into parking. DO NOT attempt to drive down the 4x4 road (FR213), it's impossible.

Critters

Mammals: [Mule Deer](#)

Birds: [Northern Cardinals](#), [Gambel's Quail](#), [Downy Woodpecker](#), [American Tree Sparrow](#), [Blue Jay](#)

Future Changes

Consider doing each of these (111 & 105) separately as there and back again routes rather than joining them, the Bushwhacking and trail blazing is just not worth the effort. If pressed to select one route, probably the Hoolie Bacon Trail is the better of the two.

What We Liked

Lots of birds and great scenery in the Hoolie Bacon trail. Peters Trail also had nice scenery. Both trails follow the Tortilla creek for a while. There is a very long and steep section on Peter's trail, which would make this trail very difficult if hiking it in the opposite direction.

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Leg	Length	Ave Speed	Title	Waypoints	Cumulative Distance
01	3.2 mi	2.5 mph	Dirt Road (FR213)	HPL01 - HPL03	3.2 mi
02	4.0 mi	1.6 mph	Hoolie Bacon Trail (111)	HPL03 - HPL07	7.2 mi
03	1.7 mi	0.7 mph	Off Trail Hell	HPL07 – HPL10	8.9 mi
04	2.5 mi	2.6 mph	Peters Trail (105)	HPL10 – HPL13	11.4 mi
05	3.2 mi	2.2 mph	Dirt Road (FR213)	HPL13 - HPL01	14.6 mi

Leg Descriptions

- Leg-01 [Dirt Road \(FR213\)](#):** Trail starts at parking lot since this “4x4 road” is impassable to all but the toughest monster type trucks. Hiking is probably as quick as driving would be anyway if it were possible to drive it. If you have a mountain bike, this is an alternative to hiking the road section. You can secure the bike to the trailhead post. The views are quite nice, so enjoy the easy road. Take note that a side road (N33° 31.070' W111° 18.941') at approximately 1.3 miles, coming from the North West merges with this road; you don't want to accidentally take this road coming back. Great views East and North West. Near the end of the road a few cement pads with metal post appear in the open area. You can also see the water tank (HPL13) on that makes the end/beginning of Peters Trail (105).
- Leg-02 [Hoolie Bacon Trail \(111\)](#):** At the end of the dirt road (FR213) enter an opening in the fence at the South East; a trail post identifies the trail. The trail heads south gradually going uphill and then turns west. Pass the trail junction (HPL-04) with 106: JF Trail before dropping down to Tortilla creek. The trail runs parallel and periodically crosses the creek. Eventually the trail departs the stream bed and heads up a valley progressively getting steeper until the Low Ridge (HPL-05) is reached where a lone tree stands. Continue up another steep incline to the Horse Ridge (HPL-06) where a single twisted tree stands overlooking the valley to the South West (P-153). Drop down into the valley passing a single Aspen tree next to the stream bed and continue until you reach yet another streambed (HPL-07).
- Leg-03 [Off Trail Hell](#):** At HPL-07 Hoolie Bacon Trail turns South East. Leaving Hoolie Bacon Trail head upstream in a North West direction. Cat claw are everywhere in this area and for the rest of this leg. When possible try to avoid the stream beds since they are usually choked with cat claw and other unpleasant plants-wear appropriate attire. There is no path in this area, and progress is extremely slow. Eventually you should see a mountain with a saddle and a rock formation between the saddle (P-1305), go in this direction. You will have to cross three streams in your wondering to Peters Trail (HPL-10).
- Leg-04 [Peters Trail](#):** Peters Trail is easily missed. If you don't identify the trail where the GPS indicates just start heading North to the next Waypoint and you should eventually stumble upon it. Once the trail has been located you should have no trouble flowing saying on it. The trail heads North East up the valley to high ridge (HPL-11) overlooking the next valley (P-1325). The trail begins a long steep descent. Eventually the trail begins to parallel Kane stream a number of tributaries join this stream. Near the end of the hike the canyon narrows, and steep cliffs enclose the stream bed (HPL-12) (P-1353). Follow the stream until you see the Water Tank (HPL-13) identified when you hiked in. Hike past the water tank to the dirt road (FR213).
- Leg-05 [Dirt Road \(FR213\)](#):** Follow the dirt road back to parking. Make sure not to take the side road identified on the way in. This side road goes 0.5 miles before coming to an abrupt end. End at the parking area (HPL-01).

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Photo #1193 – Hoolie Bacon Trail



Photo #1253 – Horse Ridge



Photo #1285 – Trap Canyon



Photo #1289 – Bushwhack Hell 01



Photo #1305 – Bushwhack Hell 02



Photo #1325 – Canyon Overlook



Photo #1353 – Aspen Tree



Photo #1385 – Dirt Road

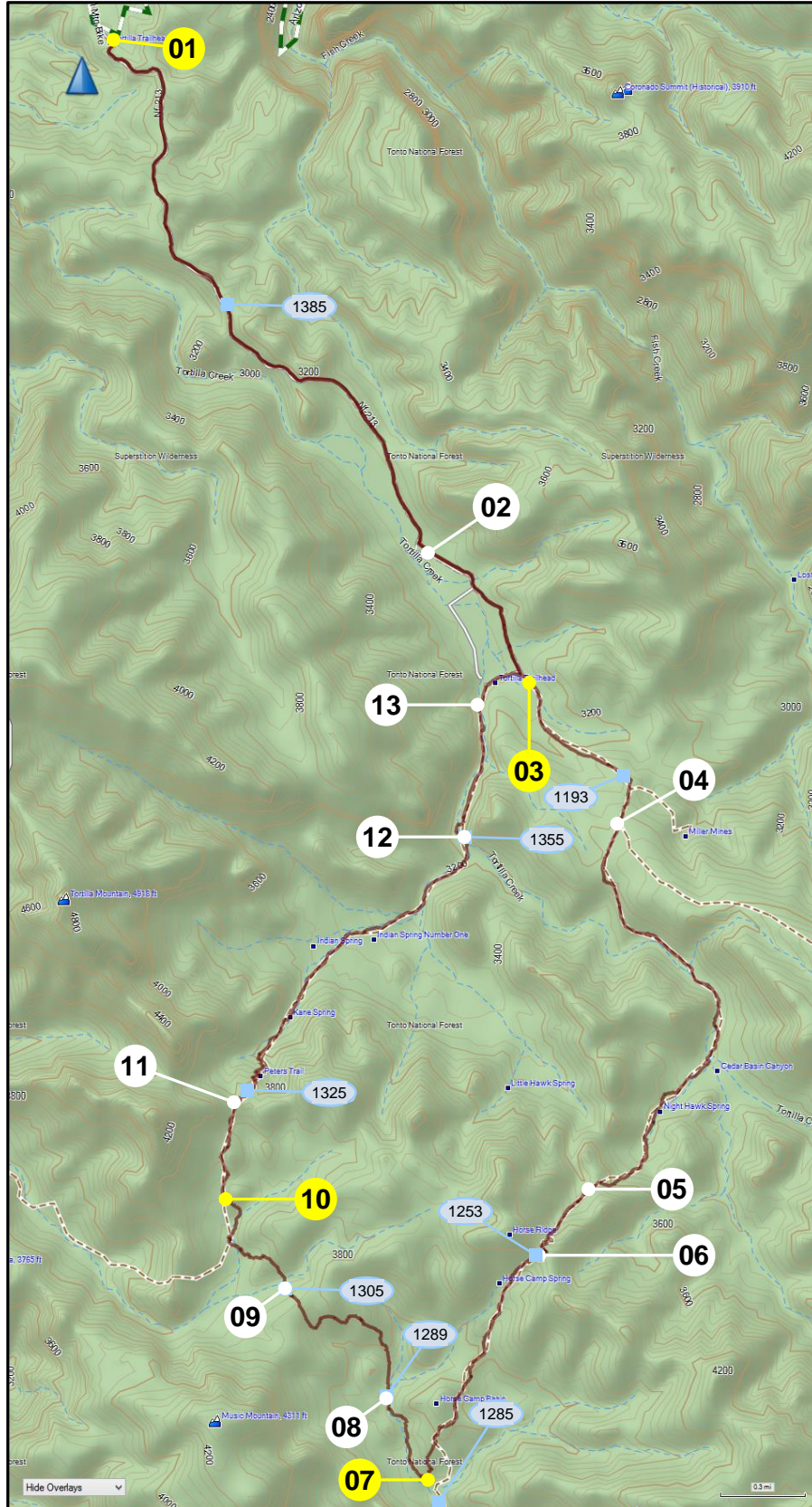


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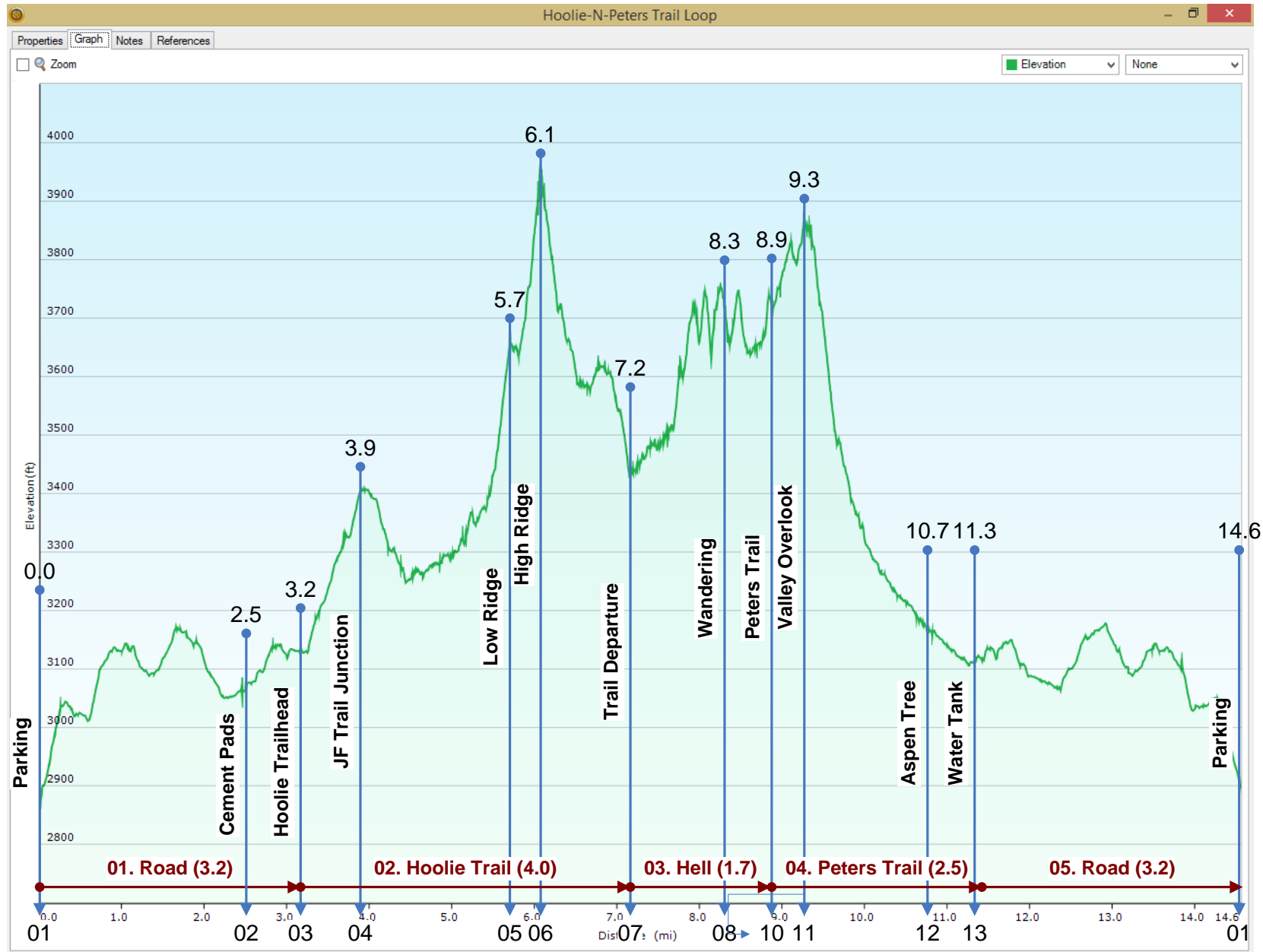
Locations

Item	Map Ref	Time/ Miles	GPS Coordinates	Description
HPL-01 Car Parking	01	0:00 0.0 mi	N33° 31.530' W111° 19.107'	Park Car, Do not try 4x4 road Photo: 1409
HPL-02 Cement Pads	02	0:55 2.5 mi	N33° 29.970' W111° 17.938'	Cement pads and metal post Photo: 1157
HPL-03 Hoolie Trailhead	03	1:18 3.2 mi	N33° 29.572' W111° 17.572'	111 – Hoolie Bacon Trail Photo: 1165
Photo-1193 Hoolie Bacon Trail	P-1193		N33° 29.280' W111° 17.208'	Facing North East
HPL-04 JF Trail Junction	04	1:43 3.9 mi	N33° 29.142' W111° 17.234'	Trail Junction 111 (Hoolie Bacon Trail) and 106 (JF Trail) Photo: 1201
HPL-05 Low Ridge	05	2:47 5.7 mi	N33° 28.045' W111° 17.313'	Low Ridge with Lone Rosewood tree Photo: 1241
HPL-06 High Ridge	06	3:03 6.1 mi	N33° 27.840' W111° 17.512'	High ridge with snarly tree Photo: 1253
Photo – 1253	P-1253		N33° 27.840' W111° 17.512'	South View with lone twisted tree
HPL-07 Trail Departure	07	3:44 7.2 mi	N33° 27.140' W111° 17.945'	Depart from 111 (Hollie Bacon Trail) for off trail cat claw fest
Photo – 1285	P-1285		N33° 26.960' W111° 17.777'	Trap Canyon – Facing South. This canyon is south of route
HPL-08 Wondering	08	4:30 8.3 mi	N33° 27.333' W111° 18.040'	Continue wondering Photo: 1289
Photo – 1289 Bushwhack Hell 01	P-1289		N33° 27.333' W111° 18.040'	Facing North West. Direction is a bit north of mountain in photo
HPL-09 More Wondering	09	5:24	N33° 27.707' W111° 18.450'	Target rock in Saddle in your wonderings
Photo – 1305 Bushwhack Hell 02	P-1305		N33° 27.707' W111° 18.450'	Facing North West, Head towards rock in saddle.
HPL-10 Peters Trail	10	6:12 8.9 mi	N33° 27.994' W111° 18.695'	Stumble onto 105 Peters Trail
HPL-11 Valley Overlook	11	6:23 9.3 mi	N33° 28.286' W111° 18.655'	Valley Overlook on ridge Photo: 1317
Photo – 1325 Canyon Overlook	P-1325		N33° 28.320' W111° 18.600'	Facing North East into canyon to be descended into.
HPL-12 Aspen Tree	12	7:10 10.7 mi	N33° 29.102' W111° 17.815'	Aspen tree at streambed Photo: 1353
Photo – 1353 Aspen Tree	P-1353		N33° 29.102' W111° 17.815'	Facing North
HPL-13 Water Tank	13	7:26 11.3 mi	N33° 29.510' W111° 17.740'	Ranch water tank Photo: 1373
Photo – 1385 Dirt Road	P-1385		N33° 30.737' W111° 18.700'	Facing East
HPL-01 Car Parking	01	8:54 14.6 mi	N33° 31.530' W111° 19.107'	Park Car, Do not try 4x4 road Photo: 1409

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