

Annual Irregular Outing

Fossil Trail off Charleston near Red Rock Canyo
Sat, Feb 24, 2018, 9am – Meet in Grace parking lot

Don LeHeup has organized and led the Irregular Outing since its inception. Don is a retired geologist and suggests that you pack a lunch, carry water, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring walking sticks if you have them. Don cautions that if you are bringing kids, they need to stay on the trails. This trail is full of cholo cactus and is very prickly and hard to remove.



Fossil Trail runs south along the fence, then follows a sandy wash until gradually bending southeast and climbing onto the side of Blue Diamond Hill, passing a 2005 burn area on the left. The trail runs at moderate grades for 1.04 miles to a trail junction with the [Cat-N-Hat Trail](#) (Wpt. 02). Staying left, the Fossil Trail heads east across the hillside toward the toe of brown Timpoweap Conglomerate crags. The Cat-N-Hat Trail runs parallel to the Fossil Trail and will rejoin the Fossil Trail about 0.9 miles ahead.

In another 0.19 miles, below the brown crags, the Fossil Trail reaches a junction with [Rock Garden Trail](#) (Wpt. 03). Rock Garden Trail runs back towards the trailhead and makes for a scenic 2-1/2 mile loop.