## Go John Trail Hike and Lunch at the Grotto Café

## Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Description:** Go John is a beautiful is a 5.9-mile loop trail located in the Cave Creek Regional Park. It features spectacular views of the natural Sonoran Desert and the surrounding valley area. This trail is used for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. This is one of my favorite hikes in Maricopa County.

After the hike, we will have lunch at the Grotto Café, located in the heart of Cave Creek. There is a very nice outdoor dining area. The tables are nicely spaced. There is additional seating inside including a large room that seats 10-12 people.

| Directions          | Go John Trail:  |
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|                     | From Loop 101 in Phoenix, take the Cave Creek Road exit.                                |
|                     | Take Cave Creek Road north for 9 miles to Carefree Highway.                             |
| Carrie              | Turn left on Carefree Hwy. Go 2.8 miles.  |
|                     | Turn right on 32 <sup>nd</sup> street (you will see a sign for Cave Creek Regional Park |
| 4                   | before turning).  |
|                     | Go 1.5 miles north on 32 <sup>nd</sup> street to the park entry gate. Then follow the   |
|                     | main park road to the Go John trailhead.  |
| 37.646              | Cave Creek Regional Park Map  |
|                     | Grotto Café:  |
|                     | From 32 <sup>nd</sup> street and Carefree highway, turn left. Go 2.8 miles.             |
|                     | Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Go 3.3 miles. The Grotto is on the right                  |
|                     | after the 4-stop sign. 6501 E. Cave Creek Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331                    |
|                     | Website: https://thegrottocafe.com/   |
| COVID-19 info       | Covid-19 guidelines change frequently. The PHX Ski Club requests                        |
|                     | participants attending sanctioned events to follow & adhere to venue                    |
|                     | policy regarding COVID-19. Check with Event Coordinator and Venue                       |
|                     | website for current information.  |
| Cost                | \$7.00. Entrance fee per vehicle  |
| Meeting Time        | 7:00 AM at the Go John Trailhead. Please note: It could potentially get                 |
|                     | hot. We start the hike at 7:30 AM Sharp.  |
| Contact Event       | Maureen Cruse  Dhaarin Cl.: Olah  |
| Coordinator         | 480-569-0644 © Phoenix Ski Club   |
|                     | Maureeninaz@gmail.comshere one good turn deserves another!                              |
| Distance/Difficulty | 5.9-mile loop. This is rated as moderate - difficult                                    |
| Elevation Change    | +849  |
| What to Bring       | At least 3 liters of water, sturdy hiking boots, hat, sunblock, sunglasses.             |
|                     | Optional: Hiking poles, snacks, camera  |
| Weather             | Cave Creek, AZ  |
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