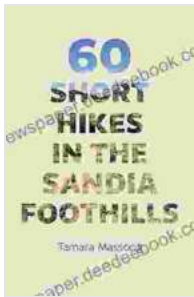


60 Short Hikes in the Sandia Foothills

The Sandia Foothills are a hiker's paradise, with over 60 short hikes to choose from. Whether you're looking for a leisurely stroll or a challenging climb, you're sure to find the perfect trail for you. Here are a few of our favorites:



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Easy Hikes

- **La Luz Trail** (0.5 miles): This short loop trail is perfect for a quick walk or run. It offers beautiful views of the Sandia Mountains and the Rio Grande Valley.
- **Cottonwood Trail** (0.7 miles): This flat trail follows Cottonwood Creek and is perfect for a leisurely stroll. You'll see plenty of wildlife along the way, including deer, rabbits, and birds.

- **Embudito Trail** (1.0 mile): This easy loop trail is perfect for families with young children. It offers a variety of scenery, including meadows, forests, and streams.

Moderate Hikes

- **Tramway Trail** (2.2 miles): This trail follows the Sandia Peak Tramway up to the Sandia Peak Ski Area. It's a challenging climb, but the views from the top are worth it.
- **La Luz Canyon Trail** (2.5 miles): This trail follows La Luz Canyon up to the La Luz Trail. It's a beautiful hike, with plenty of opportunities to see wildlife and wildflowers.
- **Sandia Crest Trail** (4.2 miles): This trail climbs to the top of Sandia Peak, the highest point in the Sandia Mountains. It's a challenging hike, but the views from the top are amazing.

Difficult Hikes

- **Sandia Crest Trail via the Skyline Trail** (7.2 miles): This challenging hike follows the Skyline Trail to the top of Sandia Peak. It's a long and strenuous hike, but it's also one of the most rewarding.
- **La Luz Trail via the Ridge Trail** (8.2 miles): This hike follows the Ridge Trail to the top of La Luz Peak. It's a challenging climb, but the views from the top are incredible.
- **North Peak Trail** (9.2 miles): This hike climbs to the top of North Peak, the second highest peak in the Sandia Mountains. It's a long and challenging hike, but it's also one of the most beautiful.

Tips for Hiking in the Sandia Foothills

* Start early in the morning to avoid the heat. * Bring plenty of water, especially on longer hikes. * Wear comfortable shoes and clothing. * Be aware of your surroundings and stay on the trail. * Let someone know where you're going and when you expect to be back.

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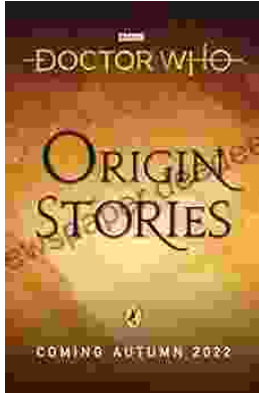
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