

BCSC Hike Report
Bosque Peak - Crest - Cerro Blanco - Manzano Mountains East
Thursday, 06/20/19

Rating D
Hike Miles 9.5
Elevation Gain 2189
Hike Time 6:30

Report

Ten hikers attempted this hike on an extremely warm day. The hike description online says "best in summer and fall", but you may prefer to hike in the late spring or fall as this is the second hike in this area within a week which has noted very hot conditions.

The views here are spectacular and the open area on top allows you to "see forever" . We found an interesting cage-like structure on the top of Crest Trail which none of us could identify.(see photo) You need to be very careful in this open space to watch for cairns so you do not get off trail.

Many of the pictures will show just how remote this area is and how completely overgrown at times. There has never been any trail maintenance here to speak of so each trip is a new adventure. The trails are sometimes very hard to find and the leader received assistance several times from other hikers to locate the continuation of the trail. While this is one of the most beautiful hikes in the system, it is not for people who like distinct, clear trails. It is also an area where groups should be kept small and the leader should never lose sight of any hikers.

Hike Leader Peter Marks

Photo Album [Jackie](#)