

NVSC Hike Report
Golden Open Space - North - Golden
Thursday, 01/23/20

Rating C
Hike Miles 7.1
Elevation Gain 370
Hike Time 4:50

Report Our group of eight hikers departed from the North Valley Senior Center (NVSC) at 8:20 AM and arrived at the trail head parking lot at approximately 9 AM. We started the hike after a short hike summary, introductions, and appointing a sweep (Doug). Our van was the only vehicle in the large parking lot when we started the hike at 9:10.

The hike leader inadvertently used a GPX track without waypoints which resulted in our missing our way (GATE) through the barb-wired fence. However, we eventually found the somewhat inconspicuous gate to continue our hike.

The weather was clear, cold, and a little windy during the hike; so, we decided to eat lunch down in the arroyo to avoid some of the wind. After lunch we went up the scenic ARROYO3. Quite a bit of this arroyo was in the shade which, in turn, resulted in icy patches. Fortunately, we all made it up to the high end of the arroyo without any falls or injuries.

After climbing out of the arroyo, several hikers noticed beautiful white clouds (some with Sun Dogs) surrounded by a bright blue sky.

We got back to the parking lot around 2:15 and then back to NVSC around 3:20. All of our group agreed that it was an enjoyable hike.

Hike Leader John Cooper

Photo Album 1 [John's Photo Album](#)

Photo Album 2 [Vivian's Photo Album](#)