

Babad Do'ag Trail - HikeLemmon.com
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2.2 miles, 4700': Official end of the trail - signed. [bdend]

1.9 miles, 4650': A well worn trail splits off from the official trail towards Point 4780. Continue to the left/north for the Babad Do'ad Trail. [BD04]

0.15 miles, 3650': Pay carefully attention in this section to avoid side trails and stay on the main/official trail. [BD02]

1.1 miles, 4250': Look for a nice vista near the trail - a great spot for a break. [BD03]

0.0 miles, 3550': Park in the Babad Do'ag Vista - this is the best place to park to access the trail. [thbd]

The trail start just up-highway from the Babad Do'ag Vista - there is a brown sign on the highway and small trail sign at the start of the trail. [BD01]

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Overview

The Babad Do'ag Trail #705 is a restored route up MacDougal Ridge (named for the [cactus](#) I believe) that provides a nice ramble and quite lovely views from a short ridge.

- Location: This hike is located in the Pusch Ridge Wilderness in the Santa Catalina Mountains north of Tucson, Arizona.
- Start: [Babad Do'ag Vista and Trailhead Parking \(Lower Highway Hikes\)](#) (Vehicle Access: Paved Roads/Passenger Car (Mountain Road - be careful of weather conditions!))
- End: [Babad Do'ag Vista and Trailhead Parking \(Lower Highway Hikes\)](#)
- Fee: No
- Driving Distance from Speedway Campbell: 16.5 miles
- Driving Time from Speedway Campbell: 35 Minutes
- Hike Type: Out and Back
- Hiking Distance: 4.5 miles
- Elevation Gain: 1,250'
- Elevation Loss: 1,250'
- Highest Elevation: 4,700'
- Lowest Elevation: 3,550'
- Downloadable PDF Map: [Babad Do'ag Trail Map And Description](#)
- Dogs: Yes
- Bikes: No ([Pusch Ridge Wilderness](#))

Driving Directions

[Google Maps Directions](#) from the Speedway and Campbell intersection in Tucson to [Babad Do'ag Vista and Trailhead Parking](#).

Quick version:

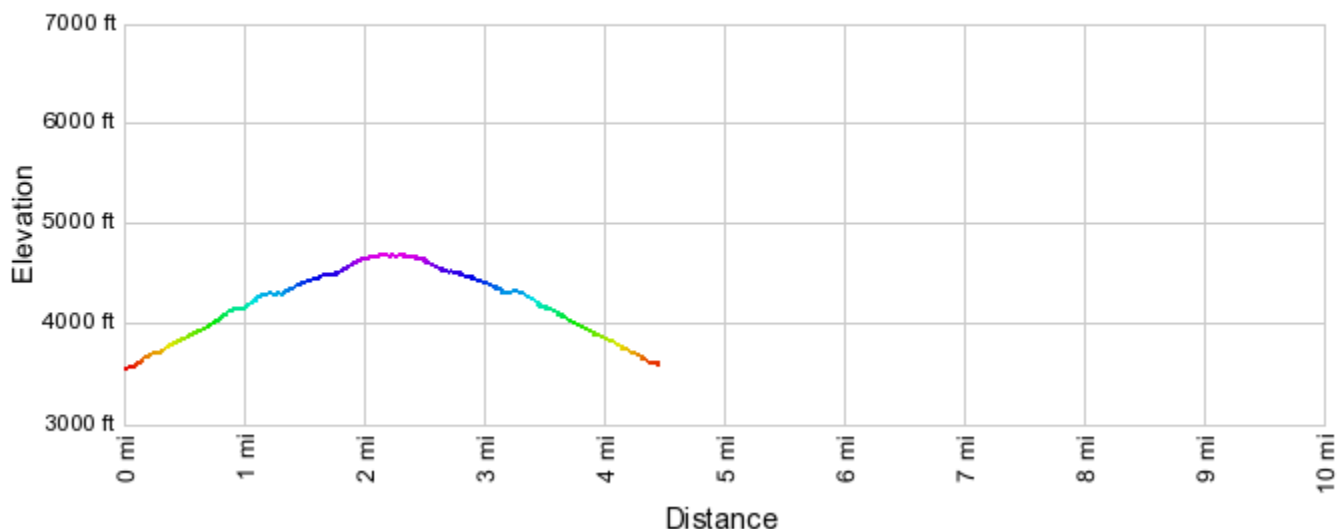
- Drive East on Speedway (5.0 miles)
- Left on Wilmot and continue on Tanque Verde (4.3 miles)
- Left on Catalina Highway (7.1 miles)
- Signs will help you find the turn into this area - the parking here serves both a nice vista with several informational signs and the [Babad Do'ag Trail](#). Babad Do'ag Trail starts across the highway (on the down-mountain side) just up-mountain from the parking area - the start of the trail is marked with a sign.

Trail Notes

The mileages and elevations below are approximate (don't expect the values below to match your GPS exactly).

- 0.0 miles, 3550': Start from the [Babad Do'ag Vista and Trailhead Parking](#) [Waypoint thbd], walk out of the parking area and up the highway – the trailhead is a few hundred feet up the highway on the down-mountain side. [Waypoint BD01]
- 0.15 miles, 3650': As you continue along the trail avoid an old trail to the right – you may have to look carefully to find the trail especially after the monsoon rains when everything is green and growing. [Waypoint BD02]
- The trail continues to climb towards Point 4780 and eventually begins to parallel the canyon to the west on the hillside below Point 4780.
- 1.1 miles, 4250': A nice vista close to the trail. [Waypoint BD03]
- 1.9 miles, 4650': At a well worn junction an unofficial route splits off to the right (this route can be used to reach Point 4780) while the Babad Do'ag trail continues to the left/north across a short ridge with great views. [Waypoint BD04]
- 2.2 miles, 4700': The trail ends at an end of trail sign. From here there a number of possible off-trail destinations but the simplest hike is to reverse your route back to the parking area. [Waypoint bndend]

This trail gets its name from the Tohono O'odham name for the Santa Catalina Mountains – Babad Do'ag, which means "Frog Mountain".



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Looking down on the Babad Do'ag Trail at the split with the un-official trail to Point 4780. February 2014.



Night on the Babad Do'ag Trail - hiking by headlamp. September 2014.