

# KILBOURNE HOLE

Moderate to Strenuous



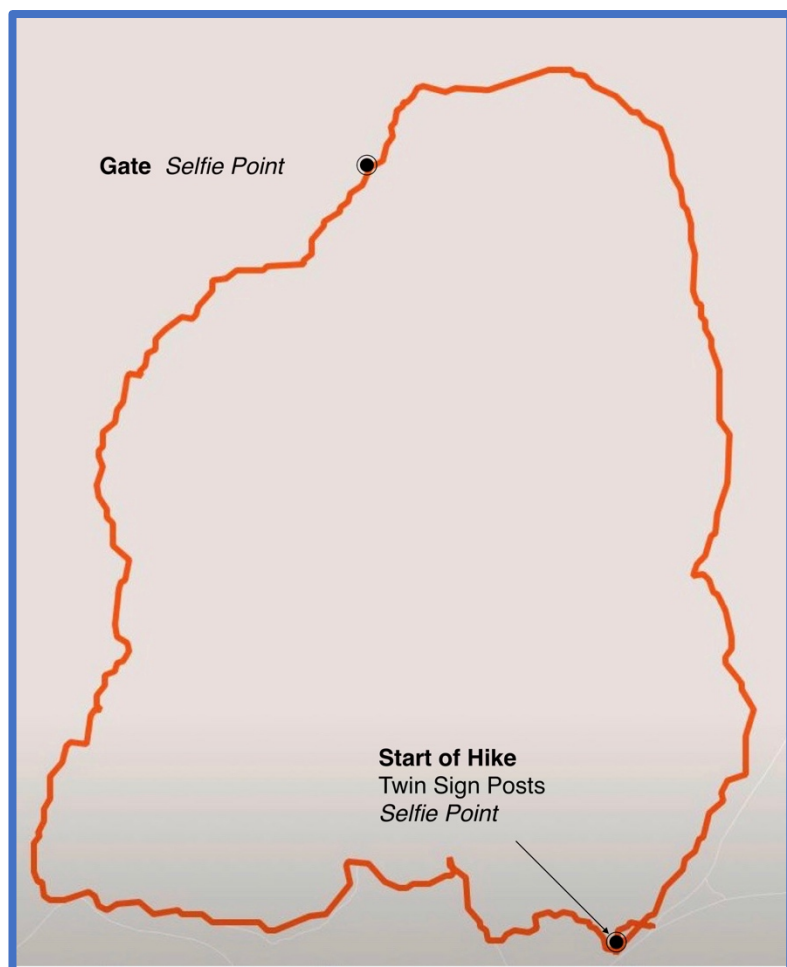
**Challenge type:** Hiking & Trail Running  
**Challenge length:** 7.5 miles

**Trail notes:** The perimeter of this maar crater is about 7.5 miles. Sandy portions of the track around the rim, particularly on the East, North-east and Southeast sections, make it inadvisable to mountain bike. There is no shade, so this challenge is best completed in cooler weather.

**Driving Directions:** Allow yourself plenty of time to get to and from Kilbourne Hole. A one-way drive from Las Cruces can easily take 90 minutes and the hike can take 3 hours or more. So, a 6+ hour day should be planned. Taking Hwy. 28 from Mesilla, go 16 miles to Afton Road. Take a right turn and travel West 11.5 miles past the power station and natural gas pump station where the pavement ends. In a mile, near a ranch house, you take a left on Douglas Monro

Road and travel 6.6 miles to a T-junction by the railroad tracks. Turn left and shortly you will cross the tracks on your right. Then turn left following the road alongside the tracks (County Road B-2) for 7.4 miles. Turn right on County Road A-11 for 8.3 miles. You will pass an OMDP Monument sign on your right and see a sandy ridge ahead. Just past the base of the ridge will be a parking area. The Kilbourne Hole sign was vandalized, but you'll see the twin posts that once held the monument sign.

**Hiking Directions:** Take a selfie by the twin posts, then travel clockwise generally following the jeep track that circumvents the rim. Take a selfie at about 3.35 miles into the walk, where you'll encounter the first of 3 gates along the route.



**Don't forget**  
to take your selfies  
at the twin sign posts and at  
the gate.