

NVSC Hike Report  
Chupadera Peak - Socorro  
Thursday, 03/05/20

**Rating**            D  
**Hike Miles**        9.3  
**Elevation Gain** 1715  
**Hike Time**        5:30

**Report** Wonderful hike with a few funny events. First, our driver left his pack at the Center. Fortunately, one of the hikers spotted it from the van, and the pack was retrieved in the nick of time. Next, the leader (who, if possible, would remain nameless) exited the van at the trailhead and silently noted that her pack seemed exceptionally heavy. She chalked it up to a lot of water until one of the hikers asked her why she was taking a fire extinguisher on the hike. Good question. Apparently, the fire extinguisher had somehow attached to her pack and was hanging from the back where she couldn't see it. After a good laugh we did introductions, and the same hiker asked the leader if she intended to hike in her running shoes. The leader (who is generally quite competent) had left her boots in the van. Luckily, we hadn't begun to hike so the leader was able to retrieve her boots. The rest of the hike went as planned. Beautiful scenery and very capable hikers. It was quite warm, though. The only wildlife we saw was a moth. We did, however, see evidence of javalinas.

**Hike Leader** Nan Burke

**Photo Album** [John's photos](#)