Horsing Around

Star at Jack's Canyon, Hot Loop trailhead. Take Hot Loop up to crest of saddle. Before trail starts going down toward Wood's canyon, turn left and search for a well-worn trail that leads up to the top of Horse Mesa. Nice views of the Village and red rocks beyond from the top.

Return down to Hot Loops trail and cross to the other side of the trail. Again, search for a trail that will lead you to the top of the little knoll you see ahead of you. Alternately, you can simply bushwack through the brush, which is not that thick, to the top. If you wish to take the trail, look for it running parallel to Hot Loops in the direction of the trailhead. Eventually this trail will turn and follow the base of the knoll and meet a trail junction on the opposite side of the knoll. At this junction take the left fork and you will get to the top of the knoll.

Return to trailhead.

The right fork at the junction takes you up Wild Horse Mesa, the smaller mesa to the SW.

1113 ft Cumulative Elev Change 2 h 6 min travel time 3.6 mi 3 h 15 min total