



The Antennae Observing Site

This site is nestled on the western flank of a ridge from the Little Harquahala Mountains, which I-10 also passes through. To get to the site, take the Hovatter Road exit off of I-10. It is about 90 miles west of downtown Phoenix and about 40 miles past the Palo Verde power plant.

Take the Hovatter Road exit (exit 53) and then turn left over the I-10 freeway. Cross over the canal and take a sharp right turn just past the canal at a large guard rail. Travel a very short distance parallel to the canal, 0.1 mile, and turn left onto a dirt road that goes past the communication antennas.

Do not go down the road marked with a "dead end" sign.

Then go through two washes and the site is on the left just after you come out of the second wash.

The turnoff to the site is 2.0 miles from the freeway. The site is easy to spot because of an abandoned washing machine and computer that have been shot to pieces at the large desert pavement that is the observing site to the left of the dirt road.

Facilities: When it's open, there is a rest area about 2 miles further west on I-10. Expect to travel 14 miles to get back to Hovatter Road (via Exit 45). Exit 45 has a truck stop.