

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Cave Creek Area - Blue Wash, Camp Creek Falls Tail with 1st American ruins (PCHC # 409).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This hike has two parts. Hike to the waterfall, then a short hike to the Sears Kay Native American Ruins. Part 1: This is a 6.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. It goes down a series of dry waterfalls to a wide wash. We follow that to the power lines where we intersect the Maricopa Trail. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, with a spring (if we find it) and a slot canyon which comes out at Camp Creek. Then we go up Camp Creek about a third of a mile to a wet waterfall of about 15 feet. We then return to the main wash and follow that back to the cars. Part 2: We then drive a mile up the road to a small park. We do a 1 mile total in and out hike to about 40 Indian ruins and a scenic overlook. You can leave your packs in the car for this part of the hike.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: most is in a sandy wash. There is trail at the ruins.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** maricopa trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn north (left) on I17. Turn east (right) on Carefree Highway (Highway 74) and drive to the end. Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road and continue past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles past that turnoff. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-przMF9k>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amj-GagjqQwPG5k6g?e=UiHyOd>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 409

HIKE: C Hike - Cave Creek Area - Blue Wash, Camp Creek Falls Trail (PCHC # 408).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The route goes down a series of dry waterfalls to an intersection with Camp Creek. Just past the intersection going up the ridgeline is a section of the Maricopa Trail. We take that up to the road. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, which comes out at Camp Creek. Then we go up Camp Creek about a third of a mile to a wet waterfall of about 15 feet. Beyond that the creek stays above ground and meanders through a lush riparian area to a campground. The return goes up the ridge running parallel to Blue Wash, providing views of the whole area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: part is in a sandy wash and part is an average trail with one steep section going out of the main wash.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** maricopa trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Cave Creek Blue Wash/Camp Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn north (left) on I17. Turn east (right) on Carefree Highway (Highway 74) and drive to the end. Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road and continue past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles past that turnoff. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. Directions to Cave Creek Blue Wash/Camp Creek Trailhead: Alternate Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on I10, and take 101 North. Turn left on to Cave Creek Road. Turn right on Carefree Highway (Highway 74). Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road. Continue on Cave Creek Road past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles from that intersection. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles

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DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Cave Creek Area - PA Seitts Preserve Fingers Hike (PCHC # 416).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 880 feet. There are several short trails branching out from the trailhead. The hikers will select some of them to hike. This is a preserve to protect the assorted vegetation along this portion of Cave Creek. The C version crosses the creek bed. There is a wide variety of desert vegetation including many large saguaros. This is a good area for spring wildflowers.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Left onto I17 North. Exit 223 to the right onto Carefree Highway. Turn left on North Cave Creek Road. Turn left on East New River Road. Turn right on North 54th Street (Canyon Creek.) Continue North on 54th Street, past Prickly Pear, staying left. Parking on the right near North 52nd Street. DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other/B-Exploratory-HikeSeitts-Preserve-Cave-Creek-ParkLynnW2017/</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amkJUSj9pGrYdvjTD?e=dNc3Uw</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 416</p>
<p>HIKE: D Hike - Cave Creek Area - PA Seitts Preserve Fingers Hike (PCHC # 417).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. There are several short trails branching out from the trailhead. The hikers will select some of them to hike. This is a preserve to protect the assorted vegetation along this portion of Cave Creek. There is a wide variety of desert vegetation including many large saguaros. This is a good area for spring wildflowers.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Left onto I17 North. Exit 223 to the right onto Carefree Highway. Turn left on North Cave Creek Road. Turn left on East New River Road. Turn right on North 54th Street (Canyon Creek.) Continue North on 54th Street, past Prickly Pear, staying left. Parking on the right near North 52nd Street. DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other/B-Exploratory-HikeSeitts-Preserve-Cave-Creek-ParkLynnW2017/</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-rWg5wJ9/A</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 417</p>