

2023-2024 Regular Season DATE	WEEK NUMBER	WEEK STATUS	TRAIL NUMBER	REGION	HIKE NAME: 0 Schedule Change(s)	CLUB RATING	DISTANCE (MILES):	ELEVATION GAIN (Feet):	ROUTE CONDITION	OFF TRAIL (%):	DRIVING DISTANCE:	HIKE LEADER:	DRIVER DONATION (\$)	UNUSUAL START TIME	HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Friday, September 22, 2023	1	Complete	742	Agua Fria National Monument	B Challenge Hike - Agua Fria NM - Badger Springs-Rinchinbar Mine Loop (PCHC # 742)	B Challenge	8	800	Scramble	75	140	Stacey Miller	10			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Badger Springs Trailhead to Agua Fria River (1 mile). Go south (right) rock hopping/scrambling to Perry Canyon (coming in from the east) (2 miles). Leave Agua Fria and bushwhack west and up (700 feet) to the rim and explore Rinchinbar Mine and Pueblo Ruins (1 mile). Head north along the rim above Agua Fria back to Badger Springs Trailhead (3 miles). IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Difficult hike. Trail conditions: 1 mile of good trail. 2 miles of river rock hopping and scrambling. 4 miles of bushwhacking and route finding. Expect a 6 hour hike in addition to drive time. TRAILHEAD NAME: Badger Springs Trailhead TRAILS: No named trails. GPX Track verified. FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms 0.5 mile before parking area on road from I17 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn left (west) to Loop 303 North. Continue to I17, turn left (north) on I17 North and continue to mile marker 256 (Badger Springs turn off). Turn right (east) on Badger Springs Road into the parking lot and then follow the road on the right of the kiosk for 1 mile to trailhead (go past the bathrooms). DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles URL PHOTOS: https://www.smugmug.com/app/organize/Other-3/Badger-Springs-Wash-Trail/B-HikeAFNM-Badger-Springs-Rinibar-MineLynnW2023-2024 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4azFce9IotNtY3cBk7e-L4Ddvo PCHC TRAIL ID: 742 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Friday, September 29, 2023	2	Complete	131	Anthem Area	B Hike - Anthem Area - Daisy Mountain - 2 Summits (PCHC # 131)	B	8	1570	Good	0	70	Stacey Miller	5			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail: the first one has a US flag on it, while the second, slightly higher summit is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. TRAILHEAD NAME: Rushmore Drive, Anthem TRAILS: Daisy Mountain Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is no park fee. There are no restrooms at trail head. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I17. Take I17 North. Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light. Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles. The trailhead is on the left at the intersection of Navigation Way and Livingstone Way. Take the first right off Livingstone onto Rushmore Drive and park on south side of street as the mailbox. DRIVING DISTANCE: 70 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Anthem-Area/i-29W6cCK URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4aFN8YvtoMMdjm PCHC TRAIL ID: 131 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Friday, October 6, 2023	3	Complete	696	Verrado Area	B Hike - Verrado Area - Javalina Peak from Lost Creek Trailhead (PCHC # 696)	B	7.2	1200	Good	0	18	Stacey Miller	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike goes west on the Lost Creek trail. After approximately 1 mile at a four way junction, turn left and follow the jeep trail until it joins the Tortuga Trail. Turn left then left again onto the Javelina Summit Trail. Climb steeply to Javelina Summit then retrace your steps back to the junction with the jeep trail. This time continue straight on the Tortuga Trail up hill until the junction with Quartz Mine Trail. Turn right and follow Quartz Mine Trail to the junction with Lost Creek. At this point turn right and follow Lost Creek back to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Easy B Hike. Can vary by using the SOB trail to get to the Old Jeep Trail rather than Lost Creek. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Creek, Old Jeep Trail, Tortuga, Javalina Summit Trail, Tortuga, Quartz Mine, Lost Creek TRAILS: Lost Creek Trail, Jeep Trail, Tortuga, Javalina, Scramble, Tortuga, Jeep Trail, Lost Creek Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 18 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4azTQsfFeSIO17ZPs-7e-d3eNn3 PCHC TRAIL ID: 696 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, October 13, 2023	4	Complete	764	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella MRP connector to Estrella Foothills (PCHC # 764)	B Challenge	9.2	1000	Rough	50	20	Steve McElroy	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Steve McElroy REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Route finding and bushwhacking. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This route uses a mix of trails and bushwhacking to connect the Estrella Foothills Park Trail System with Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Take Quail Trail South to Rainbow Valley Trail. Proceed on Rainbow Valley for approximately 4 miles and exit trail to the west to begin the bushwhack to the RU (Round Up) trail in Estrella Foothills. Turn right and continue to Estrella Pkwy. Follow Estrella Parkway Trail north to the end and bushwhack towards Tres Rios Golf Course on desert terrain. From there, continue northeast to paved road back to the Nature Center. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Be prepared for bushwhacking between trail systems. Loose footing and rocky sections with elevation change. TRAILHEAD NAME: Quail Trail TRAILS: Quail/Rainbow Valley, Round Up FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. Just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight, then turn right into the Visitor Center parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL MAP: https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/recent?imagekey=zVCHML8 PCHC TRAIL ID: 764 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Friday, October 20, 2023	5	Complete	712	Verrado Area	B Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyph Wash Outcropping + Dry Waterfall + SOB Trail (PCHC # 712)	B	9	1000	Good	25	20	Neal Wring	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts at the Verrado Golf Course parking area. Turn left .1 mile past the trailhead sign, then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the trail approximately 1.5 miles to a large, fenced rock formation with petroglyphs. Continue a short distance past the petroglyphs and turn left into the wash (Petroglyph Wash). Proceed up the wash approximately 0.5 mile to an intersection with a second wash which turns left and leads to the waterfall (another 0.5 mile with boulder hopping). The waterfall part of the hike can be done on the way up Petroglyph Wash or on the return from the Turnaround point. Once back in Petroglyph Wash, continue up the wash for approximately 0.1 mile and check out a variety of petroglyphs in the wash and on the banks (this is just after you pass through a small rocky gorge). After viewing the petroglyphs, continue up the wash for another 0.8 mile to a large area of exposed rock, the turnaround point, and a possible lunch break area. From this point, retrace your route in the wash and as you approach the fenced petroglyphs, guide right and follow the SOB trail approximately 3.3 miles to return to the parking area. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Creek Trailhead TRAILS: None named FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms and no park fees DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 712 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, October 27, 2023	6	Complete	799	Estrella Foothills	B Hike - Estrella Foothills - New Trail Exploration and Cutover to and from Queen Annes Revenge (PCHC # 799)	B	9	550	Good	0	27	Lynn Warren	2		This hike will explore a new trail in Foothills and include a short bushwhack to close a loop from Queen Anne's Revenge	REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: This hike will explore a new trail in Foothills and include a short bushwhack to close a loop from Queen Anne's Revenge DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. THIS HIKE WILL BE FULLY DEFINED ON OCTOBER 27th 2023. This hike loops through the south and central portions of the park using Queen Annes Revenge to investigate a new hiking trail. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: EXPLORATORY TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Lookup, Grasky, Up Yonder, Look Up, Giddy Up, Whats Up, Pirates Cove, Bootlegger, Rum Runner, Park Avenue, Sunrise FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking Lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 27 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills PCHC TRAIL ID: 799 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, November 3, 2023	7	Complete	800	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP - Lynns Peak plus Goat Camp Overlook (PCHC # 800)	B	8.5	2000	Rough	10	30	TBD	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Start at the Goat Camp Trailhead. Follow Goat Camp Trail uphill past the left turnout to the Goat Camp Overlook (roughly 2 miles from parking lot) and past the left turnout to the cell towers (roughly 3 miles from parking lot). At 3.75 miles from the parking lot there is a small peak to the right of the trail. This is Lynns Peak. Scramble to the top and enjoy the view and take a break. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail and turn left. Follow the Goat Camp Trail to the right turnout to Goat Camp Overlook scramble up to this peak and enjoy the view. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail, turn right and head downhill to the parking lot IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bushwhack to the top of Lynns Peak and to the top of the Goat Camp Overlook TRAILHEAD NAME: Goat Camp Trailhead TRAILS: Goat Camp Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom .3 mile past the trailhead on Black Canyon Road. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park entrance. Turn second left on Black Canyon Road trailhead is immediately on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-Xwq66W5 PCHC TRAIL ID: 800 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, November 10, 2023	8	Complete	572	Skyline Regional Park	B Hike - Skyline RP - Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle Loop (PCHC # 572)	B	9.8	1800	Excellent	0	30	Bill Halte	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Bill Halte DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. This hike does a loop around the outer edges of the park (as of Aug 2016). There are lots of views of the west valley. TRAILHEAD NAME: Quartz Mine Trailhead TRAILS: Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot. No park fee DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-FrxjIX URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!sAgywFplqBf4am3dnqGpyGsj2QzWN PCHC TRAIL ID: 572 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Friday, November 17, 2023	9	Complete	663	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP Mesquite Canyon, Ford Canyon, Waddell (PCHC # 663)	B	11	2000	Good	0	30	Neal Wring	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Mesquite Canyon Trail from Parking lot #7. Climb steeply to a saddle in approximately 1 mile and then moderately climb for another 3 miles to the junction with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail. This trail will drop to the Willow Spring, cross the dry river bed and continue up and over a rocky ridge. Eventually the trail drops steeply into a sandy wash. Follow this wash following the signs past Ford Canyon Dam and then into the boulders and Ford Canyon itself. The trail leaves the canyon (watch for signage) just before the canyon drops over a series of high waterfalls. Continue on Ford Canyon trail until the junction with Waddell. Turn right here and follow Waddell back to the parking lot #7. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Waddell FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpiqBf4anAUzP8g7TS40ErYm PCHC TRAIL ID: 663 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, November 24, 2023	10	Complete	747	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP Mesquite, Willow, Ford, Mesquite (PCHC # 747)	B	8.7	1490	Excellent	0	30	TBD	2	Hike Leader will be announced at the parking lot.	REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: Hike Leader will be announced at the parking lot. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Turn left up Willow Canyon Trail About 1.5 miles into the Willow Springs Trail on the left there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank. This is Willow Springs. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 0.3 miles and turn left down the river bed to the top of the Willow Springs waterfall. This is a great place for lunch. Return to the main trail and turn left onto the Ford Canyon Trail. Take this up the hill approximately 1 mile to the junction with the MesquiteTrail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition is an average hiking. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite Canyon, Willow Springs, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at Trailhead DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-w5MKdQB URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpiqBf4al2kgdq0Pkey6rVa PCHC TRAIL ID: 747 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2	
Friday, December 1, 2023	11	Complete	653	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP Mule Trail Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary (PCHC # 653)	B	10.5	1300	Rough	50	30	Eileen Lords Mosse	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Eileen Lords Mosse DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered lower dirt road that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the Park. Once out of the park we will follow service roads and bushwhack. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Trail, Maricopa Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the library. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it towards the park gate. Just before the park entrance kiosk, turn right into the parking lot for the Nature Center and Library. From the parking lot, take the sidewalk on the left of the building. Trail goes off the end of the sidewalk on the left of the building. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpiqBf4anABudEHZwCCAvsah PCHC TRAIL ID: 653 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Friday, December 8, 2023	12	Complete	188	Wickenburg Area	B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail (PCHC # 188)	B Challenge	4.6	1500	Rough	0	120	TBD	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD REASON FOR CHALLENGE: scramble to the top, hand over hand. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The trail is easy to the base, moderate to the saddle where most hikers will stop. For those who wish to go to the top of Vulture Peak, that part is difficult and you leave walking sticks and backpacks behind for hand over hand climbing. Sign in at the top and you can get a certificate at the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce. Vulture Peak Trail meanders through classic Sonoran Desert landscapes, including dense stands of saguaro, ocotillo, cholla, and other cactus varieties; crosses wide desert washes; and offers dramatic scenic vistas of rugged desert mountain ranges and valleys in all directions. TRAILHEAD NAME: Vulture Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Vulture Peak FEES AND FACILITIES: Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. No Restrooms. No park fees DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S. 60 for 2.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the next stoplight onto the Vulture Mine Road. Then drive 6.9 miles to the trailhead turnoff (before mile marker 19). Directions to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Alternate. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 west to 339th Avenue (exit 103). Turn north (right) on 339th Ave until Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School Road to Wickenburg Road. Turn north (right) on Wickenburg Road to Vulture Mine Road. Turn east (right) on gravel road .5 miles to trailhead just past mile marker 19. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9r5B URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4am5glvAJY52-2CAFu PCHC TRAIL ID: 188 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Friday, December 15, 2023	13	Complete	315	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 315)	B	10	1000	Excellent	0	20	Eileen Lords Mosse	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Eileen Lords Mosse DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn right to the junction with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow the wide and meandering Rainbow Valley Trail. After the intersection with the Dysart Trail it narrows and climbs through Rainbow Pass. Then it drops down to the intersection with the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail to the first junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn left on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the parking area at the former rodeo arena. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amTyVgnrTOx72Lb65 PCHC TRAIL ID: 315 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, December 22, 2023	14	Complete	366	Phoenix Mountains Preserve	B Challenge Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Circumference, Piestewa Peak Summit Trails (PCHC # 366)	B Challenge	8.8	2500	Good	0	66	TBD	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. This grand tour hike is all trail but long and strenuous since it finishes with a steep climb to Piestewa Peak. The trail varies with flat, gentle and steep climbs around Piestewa Peak. The route ends up at a lower saddle area below the peak. Turn to the left and climb the additional .6 mile to the summit. The downhill side will have heavy use with people walking, jogging or running up to Piestewa Peak. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Beware of large crowds on the climb and descent from Piestewa Peak. Bring plenty of food and water as this is a longer hike than it seems. TRAILHEAD NAME: Piestewa Peak Trailhead TRAILS: 200, 200A, 8A, 8, 100, 1A, 304 Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom and water at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Piestewa Peak Trailheads. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left). Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147). Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5). Turn left on Piestewa Peak Drive (2nd stop light). Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada). The trails begin here. DRIVING DISTANCE: 66 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-Rckjr3/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alza4e5nDoMv1hXpH7e=jo7nhs PCHC TRAIL ID: 366 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5

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Friday, December 29, 2023	15	Complete	26	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs (PCHC # 26)	B	10	1500	Good	0	30	TBD	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Starts on Waddell from Ramada 7. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge and then down to the Willow Springs Trail. Turn right at junction and after .1 mile then follow the stream bed on the left down to the Willow Canyon for mid hike break. Return back to the Willow canyon trail, turn right and follow the Willow Canyon Trail and the Mesquite Canyon Trail 3.5 miles back to the tour starting point. TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Continue on the park road following directions to ramada 7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4aln9bbt7Y1fBb0QM PCHC TRAIL ID: 26 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Friday, January 5, 2024	16	Complete	768	South Mountain Park	B Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Lollipop via Old Man Trail (PCHC # 768)	B	11	2100	Good	0	68	Neal Wring	5	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. Start out on the Telegraph Pass Trail. The first .2 miles are a paved trail. At .4 miles, the trail intersects with the end of Desert Classic Trail. This trail then ascends about 500 to Telegraph Pass. Turn right onto the National Trail. At 1.4 miles, the trail intersects with the Holtbert Trail, but continues on the National Trail for another .7 miles. At the intersection with the Corona de Loma Trail there is an optional right turn here that goes to the Chinese Wall at .15 mile each way. Continue on the National Trail to the Old Man trail and turn right onto the Old Man Trail. Climb up and over the ridge, passing the junction with Mid Life Crisis. The downhill section to the desert floor can be slippery with loose footing. Turn right on Secret Trail, then turn right on Lower Corona Trail. Turn right on Desert Classic and follow it to the Telegraph Pass Trail. Turn left on Telegraph Pass back to the trailhead. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All of the climbing is in the first half of the hike. The downhill section of the Old Man Trail is steep and over loose rock. Poles may be useful for this section. TRAILHEAD NAME: Telegraph Pass TRAILS: Telegraph Pass, National, Corona de Loma(optional), Old Man, Secret, Lower Corona, Desert Classic, Telegraph Pass FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms at the trailhead. Paved parking for approximately 30 vehicles. Telegraph Pass is very popular, so parking does fill up. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. At exit 138, turn south on Loop 202. Take Exit 60 to Desert Foothills Parkway. Continue north on Desert Foothills Parkway for 2.4 miles to the driveway for the trailhead on the right (watch closely for this driveway). DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles URL MAP: https://photos.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/I-WG8VHh5/0/bf377db7/X3/Telegraph%20Loop%20via%20Old%20Man%20and%20Secret%20Trails-X3.jpg URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4avCytbORPP-HieZ7?e=VrC66x PCHC TRAIL ID: 768 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Friday, January 12, 2024	17	Complete	702	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop via 138th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger (PCHC # 702)	B	11.1	500	Excellent	0	110	Neal Wring	8	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike takes a wide circle north from Granite Mountain Trailhead via 136th Street Express and loops counter clockwise via Renegade, High Desert and Branding Iron. This route then loops around Granite Mountain to its south and then joins with Bootlegger to return to the parking lot. Highlights include a double saguaro, Michelin Man Saguaro, many rock formations and distant views of the Four Peaks, Superstitions and other mountain ranges. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: 136th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Granite Mountain 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. Go north on I17. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right of Dynamite Road. Turn left on 136th Street and then left into the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 702 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Friday, January 19, 2024	18	Complete	80	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Pedersen Long Loop from former Rodeo Arena (PCHC # 80)	B Challenge	17	1000	Excellent	0	20	Neal Wring	2	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 17 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. From the Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) take Toothaker Trail. Turn right at junction with Pedersen and follow for 8.4 miles first west then south then east and finally north eventually coming to the junction with Gadsden Trail. Turn left back to Toothaker, turn right back to the vehicle at the former Rodeo Arena. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This is a long mileage hike but has low elevation gain. Soft sand in many places. Recommended for winter hiking. Great closeup views of the east side of the Estrella Mountains in the second part of the hike. Lunch near the southernmost point close to a spectacular rock outcrop. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. Just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sjKrmMq PCHC TRAIL ID: 80 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Friday, January 26, 2024	19	Current	565	Superstition Mountains	B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands, Hidden Canyon, Massacre Falls Loop (PCHC # 565)	B	8.9	2000	Good	0	122	Neal Wring	9	7:00 AM		<p>UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. You start on Jacobs Crosscut Trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaros and jumping cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on Trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying Hands Trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle, so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Once you get past the Praying Hands rock formation, the trail is marked by cairns. Massacre Falls will appear around the 6 mile point off to the right. After stopping at the falls, you take the trail angling right back down the mountain to the trailhead. Trail condition: the first and last thirds are good hiking surfaces, with the middle third a boulder covered bushwhack.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Crosscut Trailhead TRAILS: Jacobs Crosscut #58, Praying Hands Trail #56, Massacre Falls Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 122 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/I-8R7GMJS/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpjqBF4al2SLC8ZXU7wvPN7e=M6mVtk</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 565</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9</p>
Friday, February 2, 2024	20	Final Draft	426	Fountain Hills Area	B Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Thompson Peak trail (PCHC # 426)	B	9.8	1800	Good	0	110	Neal Wring	8	7:00 AM		<p>UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. The .6 mile trail in Fountain Hills is along a paved sidewalk in an exclusive neighborhood. The Dixie Mile Trail then enters the McDowell Mountain Park (where you pay your fee). At 2.5 miles you see the remnants of the Dixie Mine. Turn left on the jeep road: this is the Thompson Peak Trail. From here, it goes up and up and up. Some sections are cemented road. Very steep but easy to hike on. You can see the Fountain Hills Fountain from a few spots along the trail if your timing is right (on the hour). There is a crested saguaro at the entrance to the parking lot, which is on the left just before the gated entrance to the neighborhood.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Dixie Mine, Thompson Peak trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person unless you have a Maricopa County Park pass. If so, note your pass number on the envelope instead of putting \$2 in the envelope.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I10. Take Highway 101 North. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ Alternate. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east on I10. Exit onto 202 East. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (turn right) and go approximately 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Fountain-Hills/I-L3wgzC</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpjqBF4al26EL_9WwDEIHdP7e=RPr4ap</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 426</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8</p>
Friday, February 9, 2024	21	Future	119	Lake Pleasant Area	B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim, Big Jim Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 119)	B Challenge	12.5	3200	Good	0	80	Neal Wring	7	7:00 AM		<p>UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 3200 feet. The walking jim trail leaves at the left end of the parking lot and parallels a mostly dry creek. There is a critical left turn on the trail after approximately 1 mile that steers the route away from the river bed. The route goes past a large orange rock face with green lichen and moss. In another mile (approximately 4 miles from the parking lot) there is a junction with the trail to Big Jim Peak. The trail then goes steeply up up to a high saddle with great panoramic views. The optional peak is another .4 mile up the facing slope. Retrace steps to the junction with Walking Jim Trail. Turn right and follow the trail four miles back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 119</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7</p>

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Friday, February 16, 2024	22	Future	702	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop via 138th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger (PCHC # 702)	B	11.1	500	Excellent	0	110	Neal Wring	8	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike takes a wide circle north from Granite Mountain Trailhead via 136th Street Express and loops counter clockwise via Renegade, High Desert and Branding Iron. This route then loops around Granite Mountain to its south and then joins with Bootlegger to return to the parking lot. Highlights include a double saguaro, Michelin Man Saguaro, many rock formations and distant views of the Four Peaks, Superstitions and other mountain ranges. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: 136th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Granite Mountain Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at 117. Go north on 117. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right of Dynamite Road. Turn left on 136th Street and then left into the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 702 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Friday, February 23, 2024	23	Future	286	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Toms Thumb Peak via Windgate Pass & Gateway trails (PCHC # 286)	B Challenge	12	2100	Good	0	88	Neal Wring	7	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring REASON FOR CHALLENGE: mileage, elevation, steep. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. The hike starts at the Gateway Trailhead area and passes through a typical saguaro forest. The Gateway Trail is flat, the Windgate Trail is moderate, and the Toms Thumb Trail is rather steep. At Toms Thumb you get nearly 360 degree views of the Phoenix area (on a clear day you can see University of Phoenix stadium to the West and Bartlett Reservoir to the East). TRAILHEAD NAME: Gateway Trailhead, McDowell Sonoran Preserve TRAILS: Gateway, Windgate, Tom Thumb FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom and water at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Gateway Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take 110 East (left), then take Highway 101 North all the way around to Scottsdale. Exit at Princess/Pima Bell Road (exit #36). Continue straight through the light to get to Bell Road. Turn east (left) on Bell Road and go approximately 1.4 miles. Turn north (left) onto Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn right into trailhead parking 0.5 mi. up the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 88 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Toms-Thumb URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-K9CzRk/A PCHC TRAIL ID: 286 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Friday, March 1, 2024	24	Future	413	Cave Creek Regional Park	B Hike - Cave Creek RP - Go John Trail to Maricopa Trail (PCHC # 413)	B	10	500	Good	0	93	TBD	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: TBD DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail starts out with a 400 foot climb over a ridge, before descending back down to meet the Maricopa Trail. On the return from the Maricopa Trail, you can turn left and add a mile plus to the hike passing 3 saguaros the look a lot like the PCHC logo. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail is marked and is in good condition. TRAILHEAD NAME: Go John Trailhead TRAILS: Go John, Maricopa trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. 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 117. Go north on 117. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto 32nd Street and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road just before the horse staging area, you will see the access road for the Go John Trailhead on the left (Tonalite Drive). DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-3DSjxb7 PCHC TRAIL ID: 413 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Friday, March 8, 2024	25	Future	442	Saddle Mountain	B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain West Loop Garys Canyon (PCHC # 442)	B Challenge	8	1100	Rough	50	95	Stacey Miller	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Extremely loose rock a difficult scramble. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. This is an interesting hike on the northwest side of Saddle Mountain and provides impressive views of a different part of the mountain. The hike is relatively short by B standards but provides a variety of challenges since it is roughly half trail/road and half bushwhack (nothing too rugged) through washes and over ridges; depending on the group, the hike provides an opportunity for free form hiking. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A conventional northwest loop with a spur in and out into an interesting canyon with high cliffs of conglomerate rock. Loose and slippery rock. Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Go West on 110 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across 110. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive 2.4 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8209). Drive past the kiosk taking the right fork. Drive 1.4 miles to an intersection with a fence and park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 95 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonapah/Saddle-Mountain-NW-Side/B-Exploratory-Hike-2LynnW2015/ URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-BcdWw24/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!1AgwFplqBF4amkw9p7QEwBmH2i PCHC TRAIL ID: 442 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7

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Friday, March 15, 2024	26	Future	714	Lake Pleasant Area	B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Governors Peak and Garfias Wash (PCHC # 714)	B	10.3	2000	Scramble	40	97	Stacey Miller	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This route climbs Governors Peak using the traditional course but then branches out into Garfias Wash to return via this wide open dry river bed. Please follow GPX track for an accurate route. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Governors Peak Trail, Spring Valley Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No Restrooms and No Park Fee DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North and exit at Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ Highway 74 (Carefree Highway) and turn left. Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off) and turn right. Follow Castle Hot Springs Road for 5.2 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left and follow 5.0 miles to pullout on left side of the dirt road. The last mile is on the creek bed and there is a cattle guard at the end. Parking is just past the cattle guard on the left. The hike starts by continuing up the road about 50 yards and cutting across the creek bed on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 97 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4zUOGsRaf28K15Cq?e=jyhr1Y PCHC TRAIL ID: 714 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Friday, March 22, 2024	27	Future	400	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	B Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Skyline Segment (PCHC # 400)	B	11.6	1200	Good	0	100	Stacey Miller	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. Hike starts out on the Horseshoe Segment you cross the Agua Fria River at about the 1.5 mile point. The trail then becomes the Skyline Segment. As you climb up the hillside, you will have several views of the river and Black Canyon City from above. The turnaround point is the junction with the Cheagshot Segment. There was some water in the river in June but was easily crossed. During the wet seasons, it will be more difficult to cross while staying dry. There are several sections of quartz rock along the trail. The last 25 miles are on a gravel road TRAILHEAD NAME: Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead TRAILS: Horseshoe Segment, Skyline Segment FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms. The Rock Springs Café (great pies and burgers) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I17 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn west (left), crossing I17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Skyline-Segment URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-pkIq7zx URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aln5VlvsWqNyxKICc PCHC TRAIL ID: 400 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Friday, March 29, 2024	28	Future	282	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Quartz Trail and Talesin Overlook (PCHC # 282)	B Challenge	10.4	1424	Good	0	101	Stacey Miller	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller REASON FOR CHALLENGE: steady uphill going and downhill coming back. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1424 feet. The hike starts through a neighborhood of houses, before climbing the mountain. There is a huge quartz outcropping along the way as the hike continues up. There are great views of Scottsdale and Phoenix. The last mile+ of the Quartz trail is a rocky, sandy wash. The Talesin Overlook is a short out and back spur off of the Lost Dog Wash trail where the top of the Frank Lloyd Wright house is visible. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks. TRAILHEAD NAME: Quartz Trailhead TRAILS: Quartz FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park entrance fee DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Quartz Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East (left), then Highway 101 North all the way around to Scottsdale. Exit at Princess/Prima Bell Road (exit #36). Continue straight through the light to get to Bell Road. Turn east (left) on Bell Road and go approximately 1.4 miles. Turn south (right) onto Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn left on McDowell Ranch Road. Turn right into Quartz Trailhead parking. DRIVING DISTANCE: 101 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Quartz-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-3kqhDzc URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amThJCxI3hd-shuL9 PCHC TRAIL ID: 282 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Friday, April 5, 2024	29	Future	397	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	B Hike - Black Canyon NRT - K-Mine Segment (PCHC # 397)	B	10	900	Good	0	110	Stacey Miller	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Hike goes 2.5 miles along a ridge that follows the Agua Fria River before descending to the river using a series of sharp switchbacks. This stretch of the hike provides nice views of the river canyon as well as Black Canyon City. The trail continues across the river and follows an old jeep trail over several hills before picking up the continuation of the Black Canyon Trail. The last 25 miles are on a gravel road. TRAILHEAD NAME: Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead TRAILS: K Mine Segment FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms. The Rock Springs Café (great pies and burgers) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I17 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 north toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn left (West), crossing I17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/K-mine-Segment-Exit-242 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-jj6n8Wt URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aln5COoVLPQL5ws PCHC TRAIL ID: 397 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8

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Friday, April 12, 2024	30	Future	690	Lake Pleasant Area	B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam (PCHC # 690)	B	7	400	Rough	50	80	Stacey Miller	7			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. You can hike to 2 dams on Humbug Creek, built by Chinese laborers in the late 1800s. They also constructed a 3 mile long ditch (with 3 tunnels) to carry water to mining operations in a canyon which is now under the waters of Lake Pleasant. This hike will be an extension further out towards Lake Pleasant, and will include bushwhacking. From the parking area stay to the right on a 4wd road and go up around the hill to upper parking area (.5) miles. At the intersection take the left road heading northerly as you curve around the drainage on you right. Stay to the right until you get to a Y, then go left on the upper road (.8) miles to the dams/tunnel on Humbug creek. Explore the dam area and then go down Humbug creek for .8 miles. Leave creek to the right onto the road which goes 1.2 miles back to the Y using the lower road.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bring Headlamps to explore Tunnels. The route follows dirt roads for 2 miles to the Dam</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on 303. Get off at exit 131. Go north on Lake Pleasant Parkway for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 74 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Pass the main entrance to Lake Pleasant. Continue for another 3.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn left (the road becomes dirt). After 2.7 miles turn right onto Cow Creek Road. After 2.6 miles park on the side road to the right. You must walk from here unless you have 4x4. Four Wheel Vehicles ONLY turn right and go up the hill one half mile to the parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4aonMTSDeYzWTJ0h7e=PFS7Ra</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 690</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7</p>
Friday, April 19, 2024	31	Future	425	Fountain Hills Area	B Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Sonoran trail (PCHC # 425)	B	10	2000	Good	0	110	Stacey Miller	8			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. The hike goes up near the top of nearby mountains with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. There is a crested saguaro at the trailhead. The trail loops around the high side of a high end housing development.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Dixie mine, Sonoran trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person unless you have a Maricopa County Park pass. If so, note your pass number on the envelope instead of putting \$2 in the envelope.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on 110. Take Highway 101 north. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ Alternate: Directions: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on 110. Exit onto 202 East. Exit onto 101 North. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (turn right) and go approximately 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Fountain-Hills/Dixie-Mine-Sonoran-Trails-Pete/</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Fountain-Hills/i-xxJLWcw</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4aiz30EE28RFjN1Yo_7e=rpVqoz</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 425</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8</p>
Friday, April 26, 2024	32	Future	109	Lake Pleasant Area	B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Island-Hopping (PCHC # 109)	B	9	1000	Rough	0	80	Stacey Miller	7			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail goes under Castle Hot Springs Road and goes down the main wash to the lake. There are some interesting rock formations along the way. You follow burro trails angling right onto the main peninsula (islands when the lake is high). Once you get to the far right end of this area, you work your way back left going across various land bridges. Once you get past the boat launch parking area, you will pick up a clear burro trail and work your way back to the cars using various burro trails. There are lots of interesting views of the bathtub rings and a good chance to see some burros.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike should be when the lake is very low: late summer to early fall. The trail goes off the left end of the parking area.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim, Island Hopping</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There is no park fee when you park at the Walking Jim Trailhead. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but you pass some in the boat launch area.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Lake-Pleasant-Islands/C-Exploratory-Hike&LakePleasant-IslandsLynnW2018-2019</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-gJ5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 109</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7</p>

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Friday, May 3, 2024	33	Future	694	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo - Cone Mountain Loop (PCHC # 694)	B	10.5	665	Good	0	110	Stacey Miller	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Stacey Miller DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 665 feet. Begin at Browns Ranch by going right onto Latigo Trail, following it for 1.2 miles. At the intersection proceed straight onto Hackamore Trail & follow it for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Cone Mtn. Trail for 1 mile. Turn left onto Upper Ranch Rd. Proceed for 0.5 mile, turning left back onto Cone Mtn. Rd. for another mile. Turn right to continue hiking on Hackamore for 0.6 miles. Turn left on West Express for 0.1 mile; then turn right onto Snake Eyes Trail for 1 mile, which then becomes Hawknest. Go 1 mile & turn left onto Rock Tank. After 0.5 miles, turn left onto Latigo for over 2.5 miles to return to the car. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: New Hike for the 2022/2023 season. TRAILHEAD NAME: Browns Ranch Trailhead TRAILS: Latigo, Hackamore, Cone Mtn, Upper Ranch, West Express, Snake Eyes, Hawknest, Rock Tank FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Browns Ranch Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at 117. Turn left (north) on 117. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 694 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8