

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
Monday, September 18, 2023	1	Complete	32	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32)	C	7.3	550	Excellent	0	30	Dana Thomas	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dana Thomas DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. We head north from the White Tanks Library on the Mule Deer Trail with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock Trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail. This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions at the nature center in the library. Trail condition: an average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the library and Ramadas 3 and 4. 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-gCg5b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4alzus2B98yZJfjptk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, September 25, 2023	2	Complete	480	Maricopa Trail	C Hike - Maricopa Trails - Tres Rios Wetlands (PCHC # 480)	C	7	100	Good	0	20	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 100 feet. hike starts at Monument Hill just east of the Racetrack. Trail travels along wetlands with flowing water, lots of vegetation and opportunities for viewing many bird species. The Salt River and Gila River join just south of the park. Its a flat, easy, fun hike. If more elevation is desired, you can climb Monument Hill, which is to the right after you cross the pedestrian bridge TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Tres Rios Wetlands FEES AND FACILITIES: No restroom at the trail head. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Tres Rios Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway past I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue. just across the Gila River. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Maricopa-Trails/Tres-Rios/Tree-Rios/ URL MAP: https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/galleries/bRLHX8?imageKey=RHz2w7C URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4ap0w!_06nWnjc6Av7e=2BNAY4 PCHC TRAIL ID: 480 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, October 2, 2023	3	Complete	401	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Skyline Segment (PCHC # 401)	C	6	1000	Good	0	100	Ron Hoffman	7			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The 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 when you see the river view after passing behind a hill. There is usually some water in the river but is crossable. 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-pKlq7z URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4amiB_i1Qkmiotw?e=aDvqAd PCHC TRAIL ID: 401 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Monday, October 9, 2023	4	Complete	579	Skyline Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite Summit Lollipop Loop (PCHC # 579)	C Challenge	7.3	1350	Excellent	0	30	Ron Hoffman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1350 feet. This hike is in the southwestern part of the park. The trails meander through typical desert terrain. Pyrite goes up to the ridgeline in the southwestern corner of the White Tank Mountains. There is an optional summit trail that goes .3 miles with 170 feet of elevation gain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite, Pyrite Summit, Pyrite, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. 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-3rjP8R3 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4aoR5D07ZpjFh7xYw7ePp7xvq4 PCHC TRAIL ID: 579 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Monday, October 16, 2023	5	Complete	744	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Coyote Roundabout off Elliot Road (PCHC # 744)	C	6.8	840	Rough	0	26	Tom Wellman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 840 feet. It is a trail version that side hills the much steeper sections of the low mountains there without steep uphill grades but still offers great views of the southwest valley. Park along side of Elliot Rd. Then we start out on Coyote trail to Whats Up and tying into Cairn Canyon. From there, connect to Up There and circle east to Up Yonder which takes you to a saddle for a scenic break spot. After the break, head west on Saddle Up to another saddle and continue north to Buccaneer before rejoining Coyote and back to the parking lot. The hike is a typical desert terrain but does have sections of loose rock with medium edginess. TRAILHEAD NAME: Elliot Trailhead TRAILS: Coyote, Cairn Canyon, Up There, Up Yonder, Saddle Up, Heads Up, Buccaneer, Coyote FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills off Elliot Road. Turn left out of the main gate off onto Pebblecreek parkway (South), which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. Continue on Estrella Parkway until you come to Elliot Rd which is across from the Safeway Store. Turn left onto Elliott Rd and go straight into the trailhead parking. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4aqEw7Jp2lQRhndZgv7eWq53b3Q PCHC TRAIL ID: 744 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, October 23, 2023	6	Complete	149	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Wild Burro, Pipeline Trails to Former Floating Bridge (PCHC # 149)	C	7	800	Good	0	80	Tom Wellman	7			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike starts out at the Beardsley Trailhead parking area and goes north to what is left of a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead and then to where there was a floating bridge before the 2017 monsoon rains destroyed it. We go past the bridge to a saddle above the ridge for our break. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. TRAILHEAD NAME: Wild Burro Trailhead TRAILS: Wild Burro, Pipeline FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise), Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road and drive about .25 miles. Trailhead is on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Wild-Burro-Trail-Doug-Photos URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-rQkL2Rg PCHC TRAIL ID: 149 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Monday, October 30, 2023	7	Complete	22	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam (PCHC # 22)	C Challenge	7.5	1100	Good	0	30	Ron Hoffman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Some rock climbing and rocky footing. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The challenge rating is due to rock climbing and rocky trail. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon with large boulders and an old dam in the wash. About half the hike is an average trail with the middle part being steep and rocky to the dam. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail down has a section that is made up of a steep rocky road. Care will be needed in this area to avoid an injury. TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford 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 White Tank Mountains Regional Park. Take 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-mCWzLXG URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4aly9r1XHlnP3s1GF PCHC TRAIL ID: 22 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, November 6, 2023	8	Complete	496	Sedona Area	C Hike - Sedona Area - West Fork Tail #108 in Oak Creek Canyon (PCHC # 496)	C	7	500	Excellent	0	270	Tom Wellman	19	5:30 AM	Try to be at the West Fork Trailhead at 8 am to get into the parking lot. If you are running late please call Tom at 907-947-1114	UNUSUAL START TIME: 5:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: Try to be at the West Fork Trailhead at 8 am to get into the parking lot. If you are running late please call Tom at 907-947-1114 DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This easy, almost level trail extends about 3 miles upstream through the narrow canyon of West Fork, a major tributary of Oak Creek. Sheer canyon walls rising hundreds of feet, luxuriant vegetation with beautiful fall colors, and the clear stream make this an idyllic spot. The stream, which you'll be crossing many times, usually only requires a little rock hopping. The trail crosses Oak Creek, then a dirt trail continues past the ruins of Mayhews Lodge and into West Fork Canyon. TRAILHEAD NAME: West Fork Trailhead TRAILS: Wet Fork Trail #108 FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Senior Parks Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$6.00) is needed. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Sedona West Fork, Trail 108, Oak Creek Canyon. Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303. Turn North (right) on Loop 303 to 117 North. Turn North (left) on 117 to exit 298 (Rte 179). Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to jct. 89A. Take Rte. 89A north (right) 10.6 miles to West Fork trailhead. Watch for a small sign for West Fork trail just before a sharp curve to the right midway between mileposts 384 & 385 Turn left into parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 270 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/West-Fork-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Sedona/i-KgG2PR URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplq8F4ammT-63G_OS5827-y PCHC TRAIL ID: 496 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$19

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Monday, November 13, 2023	9	Complete	37	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37)	C Challenge	7.8	1723	Good	0	30	Tom Wellman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Two extended climbs, Long Distance. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1723 feet. The trail goes to the rocky outcropping above the falls at Willow Springs. Total hike length depends in part, on how far the group travels down the rocky outcropping. Take Mesquite Trail from area 7 just off of Ramada Way. While one is very steep and rocky, around 1.8 miles, the trail then turns north and drops into Mesquite Canyon. Turn right onto the Willow Canyon trail and climb over a ridge. The trail follows the canyon to a wash where the trail comes to a T intersection. To the left is Willow Springs and Falls, where the remnants of a cabin, stock tank and corral once stood at the steep walled end of the canyon. The spring usually has some water, though it might be only a trickle. Turning right at the T intersection keeps hikers on the Willow Canyon Trail, which terminates at a second T intersection with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn left on Ford and then turn left down the wash to the rocky outcropping area and the top of the waterfall. Trail condition average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two extended climbs in mile 1 on Mesquite and in mile 3 on Willow Canyon TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Willow Canyon and Ford 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/Mesquite-Willow-Springs URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWSRVXQ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4aoRyM05A5zcBhDpPW7eryvP16H PCHC TRAIL ID: 37 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, November 20, 2023	10	Complete	83	Butcher Jones Recreational Area	C Hike - Butcher Jones RA - Saguaro Lake Nature Trail (PCHC # 83)	C	6	500	Good	0	120	Ruth Bindler	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ruth Bindler DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Trailhead is at the Butcher Jones Recreation Area on the left side of the beach area. Trail is a narrow path over rocky and sandy desert areas. On a clear day you can see Four Peaks across the lake at the turnaround point of the hike. After good winter rains, there will be over 2 dozen different wildflowers blooming in April, including many types of cholla cactus. There are scenic views of the wilderness area and the surrounding peaks. TRAILHEAD NAME: Butcher Jones Trailhead TRAILS: Saguaro Lake Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a park admission fee of \$8.00 per car or free with America the Beautiful Pass (senior national park pass); display on dashboard with signature facing to window. There are restrooms at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Saguaro Lake: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take the I10 East to SR 202 East. Turn left on Power Road (which becomes Bush Highway). Drive past the Saguaro Lake turnout. About a mile past the turnout is a sign to the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. Turn right and go 2 miles to the parking area for the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. Alternatively Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East, then 101 North. Turn east (left) on Shea Boulevard. Turn north (left) on the Beeline Highway (Rt. 87) and go about 15 miles (8 miles past Verde River). Turn right off of the Beeline Highway (towards Saguaro Lake). In about 2.5 miles there is a sign on the left to the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. Turn left and go 2 miles to the parking area for the Butcher Jones Recreation Area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ButcherJonesRecreationArea/Nature-Trail-Saguaro-Lake URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWSRVXQ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4aIwFMWV4wTuxQNBoc PCHC TRAIL ID: 83 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Monday, November 27, 2023	11	Complete	44	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (PCHC # 44)	C	7.6	795	Good	0	30	Tom Wellman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 795 feet. This is the old orientation hike. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes plus one climb near the midpoint of the hike. We venture up a draw to a white rock for our break. The middle part of this hike has lots of loose rock especially as you go in and out of draws and washes. This part of the hike is lightly traveled and quite lovely. Along the second half of the hike is a crested saguaro. TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: None named FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohns 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. Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-n7Qhqr URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4aoStx7exAyOwbYV5I?e=AG7Xtd PCHC TRAIL ID: 44 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Monday, December 4, 2023	12	Complete	199	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	C Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Metate, Spur Cross, Fairy Duster, Dragonfly (PCHC # 199)	C	7.5	1000	Good	0	110	Ron Hoffman	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail crosses Cave Creek a few times (using wooden planks or rock hopping). The Metate Trail goes through a forest of very large saguaros. The Spur Cross Trail goes for a couple of miles through typical desert terrain. The Dragonfly Trail goes through a riparian area known for its many bird species. Trail condition: overall an average hiking trail with a couple of stony creek crossings. TRAILHEAD NAME: Metate Trailhead TRAILS: Spur Cross, Metate, Fairy Duster, Dragonfly FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$3 per person or free with a Maricopa Park Pass (up to five hikers per pass). Portajohns .25 mile from trailhead on spur cross trail. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at 117. Go north on 117 to second exit Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left (north) on Cave Creek Road (approximately 9.5 miles. Watch for road after 53rd). Turn left (north) on Spur Cross Road (main road veers left). Go 4.5 miles (1.5 is gravel) to the parking area on the right. Walk down the road .1 miles and pay. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SpurCrossRanchConservationArea/Metate-Dragonfly-Trails URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Spur-Cross-Conservation-Area/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 199 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Monday, December 11, 2023	13	Complete	301	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Technical (PCHC # 301)	C	7.7	1000	Excellent	0	26	Ron Hoffman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike direction/Connector/Finish Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for PIR (Phoenix International Raceway) turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Continue to the parking on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pcG6wbr/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplq8F4amTZiXINwsp3TSkWW PCHC TRAIL ID: 301 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, December 18, 2023	14	Complete	249	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - Phoenix SP - Union Peak Loop (PCHC # 249)	C	7.2	1000	Good	0	68	Tom Wellman	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail system is made up of well maintained trails. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill for excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Desert Tortoise, Valle Verde, Great Horned Owl FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH).Take 303 North following until it ends at 117. Turn south (right) on 117. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Three-Peak-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-PWHn6DH PCHC TRAIL ID: 249 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Monday, December 25, 2023	15	Complete	No Hike													
Monday, January 1, 2024	16	Complete	301	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Technical (PCHC # 301)	C	7.7	1000	Excellent	0	26	Dana Thomas	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dana Thomas DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike direction/Connector/Finish Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for PIR (Phoenix International Raceway) turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Continue to the parking on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pcG6wbr/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplq8F4amTZiXINwsp3TSkWW PCHC TRAIL ID: 301 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Monday, January 8, 2024	17	Complete	302	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Wrong Way Technical (PCHC # 302)	C Challenge	8.3	836	Excellent	0	26	Tom Wellman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 836 feet. Start on the Technical Loop going the wrong way for bikers to Connector Trail then finish the Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Continue to the parking on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-RksjdHx PCHC TRAIL ID: 302 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Monday, January 15, 2024	18	Complete	61	Superstition Mountains	C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Wave Cave & Lost Goldmine Trails (PCHC # 61)	C Challenge	8	1300	Excellent	0	90	Ron Hoffman	7	7:00 AM		UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep Ascent. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starting at the Carney Springs Trailhead, the Wave Cave trail goes up very steeply, on a loose pebble/dirt trail to a cave that has a wave like rock formation in it. From the top of the wave you get great views towards the east side of the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Lost Goldmine trail and go south (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Goldmine East Trailhead TRAILS: Carney Springs, Wave Cave FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some a mile further along the road) and no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Lost Goldmine Trailhead Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I10). Turn left on Peralta Road. The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left. The last 6.5 miles is on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Wave-Cave URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-i-hvmH5cQ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/w/s!AgYwFplqBF4mAOUQPfKTUVinlb PCHC TRAIL ID: 61 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Monday, January 22, 2024	19	Current	245	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Dixie Mountain Loop (PCHC # 245)	C Challenge	7.5	1750	Good	0	68	Tom Wellman	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1750 feet. The main loop hike goes up and down a couple of saddles through typical desert terrain. This C Challenge version includes significant elevation gain going up 2 peaks along the loop, the first overlooking a quarry and the second ascends Dixie Mt. There are excellent views in all directions. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: overall a good hiking trail, steep to the peaks. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please note: when utilizing PCHC maps, that this was previously known as Union Hills Loop. TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Dixie Mtn Loop, Valle Verde, Desert Tortoise FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Dixie-Mt-Loop/C-HikePSP-Dixie-Mt-LoopLynnW2018-2019/i-pBdS2kz URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-MxQVq4j URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/w/s!AgYwFplqBF4aoSho4tq2h8Ydlqng7e-rtb7NXX PCHC TRAIL ID: 245 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Monday, January 29, 2024	20	Final Draft	249	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - Phoenix SP - Union Peak Loop (PCHC # 249)	C	7.2	1000	Good	0	68	Tom Wellman	5		COME AND SEE THE OWL IN RESIDENCE!!	REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: COME AND SEE THE OWL IN RESIDENCE!! DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail system is made up of well maintained trails. The hike goes through typical desert terrain before ascending a hill for excellent views to the south. After good spring rains this would be a great wildflower viewing hike. Trail condition: average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hawks Nest, Desert Tortoise, Valle Verde, Great Horned Owl FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve South, (Desert Vista TH). Take 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn south (right) on I17. Turn east (left) on Jomax Road (exit 219, should be the 1st exit). Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway (should be the 1st light). Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Go to the end of the road. Trailhead is at the end of the road. Alternate Directions: Take I10 East (left), then take 101 North. Turn north on I17. Turn east (right) on Jomax Road. Turn north (left) on Norterra Parkway. Turn right on North Valley Parkway (a T intersection). Go .2 miles and turn left on Copperhead Trail. Go .1 miles and turn left on West Melvern Trail. Go .2 miles and turn right on Desert Vista Trail. Trailhead is at the end of the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixSonoranPreserve-1/Three-Peak-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-PWHn6DH PCHC TRAIL ID: 249 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5

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Monday, February 5, 2024	21	Future	5	South Mountain Park	A Hike - South Mountain Park - Maricopa Peak Big Loop (PCHC # 5)	A	14.7	2545	Rough	20	60	Ron Hoffman	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2545 feet. Park at 5 Tables / Ranger Trailhead from Ranger Trailhead follow park road north for .25 mile to the Crosscut Trail. Turn left on Crosscut Trail to the junction with the HauPal Trail. Bear left and follow this trail uphill to the ridge line. The HauPal Trail abruptly turns right and steeply climbs the open ridge over several rocky outcrops to join the Alta Trail rising from the left. Follow the Alta Trail along the ridge and at the point the Alta Trail turns north, leave the path and climb to the trail's summit of Maricopa Peak. On the far side of the summit drop onto the Alta Trail for the long descent to the San Juan Lookout. At this point follow the National Trail as it crosses the valley and steadily climbs onto the ridge of the Gila Range. After a quick stop on Goat Hill turn left downhill on the Ranger Trail to return to the car. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Long mileage (12.6 miles) with 2 main uphill sections (Full Alta and National Trails). One offTrail section (summit of Maricopa Peak). TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Crosscut, HauPal, Alta Ridge Trails with return via National and Ranger Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are at the ranger station at entrance to park. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 202 South. Exit 202 South at Baseline. Turn left onto Baseline. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to parking area at the Ranger Trailhead in the Five Tables picnic area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Maricopa-Peak-Goat-Hill-Loop/A-HikeSouth-Mtn-Alta-National-GoatLynnW2021-2022 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/TTrail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/I-HFQK-H URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aIxOly_gosmTohorj PCHC TRAIL ID: 5 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Monday, February 12, 2024	22	Future	415	Cave Creek Regional Park	C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz Trails (PCHC # 415)	C	8	1085	Good	0	93	Ron Hoffman	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1085 feet. We usually travel the trail in a clockwise direction but could dispatch a group counterclockwise, which provides steeper climbs. About .3 miles from the Quartz Trail intersection is a segmented saguaro named the Michelin Man. About .5 miles from the trailhead (near the junction of the Jasper Trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like the hiking club logo. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail is marked and is in good condition. TRAILHEAD NAME: Go John Trailhead TRAILS: Overton, Go John Quartz 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 I17. Go north on I17. 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 (Tonilite Drive). DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/TTrail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/I-7zHgV55 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aorRDV6oSc8pMHMTy?e=4QBPI4 PCHC TRAIL ID: 415 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Monday, February 19, 2024	23	Future	85	Picacho Peak State Park	B Hike - Picacho Peak SP - Picacho Peak Sunset to Hunter Loop (Single Car) (PCHC # 85)	B	9	1380	Rough	0	200	Tom Wellman	15			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. This is a strenuous hike using ladders and cables to reach Picacho Peak. This describes the hike using one car and involves walking the 2 mile Park Road Trail. After entering the State Park drive to the Hunter Trail parking lot. From the Hunter Trailhead, walk north and left at the Park Road and continue until the road ends at the Sunset Vista Trailhead in 2 miles. The route follows the Sunset Vista trail around the back of Picacho Mountain. The trail climbs to the Hunter Trail junction via steep rock steps with metal rails to aid in the climb. At this point turn right and continue up to the summit via a series of ladders, cables and platforms. At a saddle turn right to continue to the summit of Picacho Peak. Just before the summit there is a saddle. Follow the trail right and up to the summit of Picacho Peak. On return to this saddle continue straight onto a lower peak that provides a commanding view back at the summit. Back again at the saddle, turn right onto the Hunter Trail and continue past the Sunset Vista junction. The trail drops briefly and then climbs steeply past overhanging rocks up to the Saddle. After this point the trail drops quickly back to the positioned vehicle at the Hunter Trail parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Picacho Peak Sunset Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Park Road Trail, Sunset, Hunter FEES AND FACILITIES: The park entrance fee is \$6.00. Restrooms are located at the Hunter trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Picacho Peak Trails. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy to I10 East, exit onto 202 South, and then continue onto I10 East (South). Take I10 to Picacho Peak State Park: exit 219. Turn right into park and pay fee at Visitors Center. Trailhead for the Hunter Trail is on Barrett Loop. Trailhead for the Sunset Vista Trail is at the end of the park road. Extra Information: This hike overlooks the site of Arizonas only Civil War battle (The Battle of Picacho Pass on Apr 15, 1862). Twelve California Union Cavalrymen and one scout, commanded by Lt. Barrett, conducting a sweep of the Picacho Pass area, surprised and captured three of Captain Sherod Hunters lookouts, but seven other confederates fought more than an hour, killing Union Lieutenant Barrett and two men, and wounding three others. Both sides withdrew from the Westernmost Civil War Battle. The confederates in Tucson returned to Texas, and Union forces divided Arizona from New Mexico Territory, along the present line. So, the Civil War made Arizona a separate Territory and later State (1912), instead of remaining part of the original New Mexico Territory stretching from Calif. to Texas (Two of the three Union soldiers buried at Picacho Pass, were later returned to Calif. Lt. Barretts grave, found by railroad workers, is unmarked to avoid disturbance and is located near the rock outcrop across I10). The parks roads are named after these leaders. DRIVING DISTANCE: 200 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PicachoPeakStatePark/Picacho-Peak-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/TTrail-Maps/Picacho-Peak-State-Park/I-k5rns5PL PCHC TRAIL ID: 85 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$15

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Monday, February 26, 2024	24	Future	409	Cave Creek Area	C Challenge Hike - Cave Creek Area Blue Wash, Camp Creek Falls Trail with 1st American ruins (PCHC # 409)	C Challenge	7.5	700	Rough	90	122	Ron Hoffman	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman 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 are lucky) 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 URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-przMF9k URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amj-GaggiQwPG5K6g?e=UIHyOd PCHC TRAIL ID: 409 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Monday, March 4, 2024	25	Future	493	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493)	C	7.7	1000	Good	0	80	Tom Wellman	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a saguaro forest. Along the trail is a very tall saguaro (30+) with no arms. Frog Tank takes you up for some views of the lake and meets Roadrunner Trail which travels along the edge of the lake. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Trail condition: an average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Beardsley Trailhead TRAILS: Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms with water are at the trailhead as well as on Roadrunner Trail. The park fee is \$7.00. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise) Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (North). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road. Trailhead is on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail/C-hike-Beardsley-Frog-Tank-Roadrunner-Fred-N-Carol-R-photos/ URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4ammMrm6qUHUFqkrA?e=T70yJM PCHC TRAIL ID: 493 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Monday, March 11, 2024	26	Future	779	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - McDowell SP - Brown Mountain Loop via Rustler and Hackamore (PCHC # 779)	C	7	1000	Excellent	0	112	Ron Hoffman	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This route is a slightly longer version of trail #258 and leads to Browns Saddle via Rustler and Hackamore Trails. There are great views of the surrounding mountains (Weavers Needle, Four Peaks, Toms Thumb, etc.) as well as great rock formations along the trail. There are many different cacti species here and late spring could be very colorful after good winter rains. TRAILHEAD NAME: Browns Ranch Trailhead TRAILS: Upper Ranch, Rustler, Hackamore, Brown Mountain, Wrangler 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 I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately take exit 222 going Right 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: 112 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trial-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-x6HkFJfA PCHC TRAIL ID: 779 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8

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Monday, March 18, 2024	27	Future	117	Lake Pleasant Area	C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Spring Valley Trail to the Garfas Wash (PCHC # 117)	C	6.2	1050	Rough	0	92	Tom Wellman	7			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1050 feet. This is a rough trail less traveled with lots of cobbles so poles are recommended. It provides beautiful high desert, mountain and lake views along the way and after a wet winter, has gorgeous flowers on south facing slopes. From the trailhead you immediately go down the road and drop into the huge wash, which, in fact, is Castle Creek. Turn back to the left passing a couple of very large cairns in the creek. From the right side of the parking lot, you can see the cairns and the yellow login podium across the wide creek bed. The Spring Valley Trail takes off up a small rise that is .35 miles from the parking lot (follow left cairns or you'll head toward Governors Peak) and then heads fairly flat in a southwestern line. This is a maintained trail (lots of large cairns) initially but deteriorates after you go through a fence at 2.0 miles. It climbs along the ridge above the wash and then you take a faint trail to your left at 2.8 miles to make a descent into the Garfas Wash. This last .3 miles is poorly marked so look ahead for small cairns. The wash is our turnaround point. After our break, we will return the way we came in. It is a short, but challenging hike due to trail conditions.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The last 5 miles are dirt road. After the hike you can drive about 2 miles further down the dirt road to the Castle Hot Springs Resort. From the parking area, directly across the creek, you can see cairns in the creek bed and in a gap in the bushes you can see the sign podium.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Spring Valley Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms and no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North and exit at 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 on Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.2 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left and follow 5.0 miles to pullout on left side of 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: 92 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Spring-Valley-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/-Gj5b6fT URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplq8F4anA3UdsgLfxbr3Q9 PCHC TRAIL ID: 117 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7</p>
Monday, March 25, 2024	28	Future	318	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Coldwater Trails (PCHC # 318)	C	7.6	770	Excellent	0	20	Ron Hoffman	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 770 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting, the Toothaker Trail will split off to the south (left). In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Stay on Toothaker, in .9 miles you will cross the Rainbow Valley junction. Continue on Toothaker Trail for another 1.5 miles to the Pederson Trail junction. Take the Pederson Trail to the left for 7 miles to the Coldwater Trail junction. Turn left on to the Coldwater Trail and follow it back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn left and follow it back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of 110, 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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/-MWC64s8 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplq8F4amihmAA8RoaQauXIP7eEmAumA PCHC TRAIL ID: 318 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Monday, April 1, 2024	29	Future	323	Granite Mountain Hotshots Monument Park	C Challenge Hike - Granite Mountain Hotshots MP - Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail (PCHC # 323)	C Challenge	7.2	1800	Good	0	160	Tom Wellman	12			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded. Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long uphill onto the ridge.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. The trail is a memorial to the Hotshots firefighting team from Prescott who lost their lives fighting the 2013 Yarnell Hill fire. It goes up to the ridge where they lost their lives and includes plaques for each of the 19 firefighters who died there. This hike stops at the ridge lookout where the memorial circle can be seen below.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: LOGISTICS CHALLENGE: Recommend an early start for this hike. If the parking lot is full, there is no parking on the road. The hikers must go to Yarnell for the shuttle which cost \$5 per hiker.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Hotshots Trailhead TRAILS: Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Porta John at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway and turn west (left) on Indian School Road to the Loop 303 North. Take Highway 60 west toward Wickenburg. Turn right on Highway 93/89 toward Las Vegas. Turn right on 89 and drive toward Yarnell. Just before Yarnell, follow the brown signs to the park (left turn). The park has about a dozen parking spots. DRIVING DISTANCE: 160 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Granite-Mountain-Hotshots-Memorial-State-Park URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Granite-Mountain-Hotshot-Memorial-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplq8F4amiYegbsUgQ60Ni_97e8EUQ7w PCHC TRAIL ID: 323 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$12</p>

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Monday, April 8, 2024	30	Future	285	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Toms Thumb and The Lookout from the North Trailhead (PCHC # 285)	C Challenge	6.3	1800	Rough	0	110	Ron Hoffman	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: added elevation and slippery surface. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. The Toms Thumb has a steep, steady climb for the first 1.5 miles. Follow this trail and signs all the way (taking advantage of a variety of overlooks along the way) to the base of Toms Thumb. This is a 140 foot high granite rock sticking up on the top of the mountain. On return to the main trail, take a side trail (Lookout Trail) up to a spectacular viewpoint with 360 degree views. There are excellent views of Scottsdale and areas to the west as well as Fountain Hills and the Superstition Mountains to the east. Reverse directions back to the car via Toms Thumb Trail. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The uphill portion of the trail is decomposed granite, making for a somewhat slippery surface to hike upon so the hike will go at a slower than normal pace. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toms Thumb Trailhead TRAILS: Tom Thumb FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Toms Thumb Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. But stay right and immediately take exit 222 going right onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (becomes Sonoran Desert Drive.) Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right on Dynamite Boulevard (becomes Rio Verde). Turn right on Alma School Parkway. Turn left on Jomax Road. Turn right on 118th Street. Turn left on Ranch Gate Road. Turn right on 128th Street. Stay left as the road runs into the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Toms-Thumb URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/I-147NTPv/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4mCvz920Io-HTGfuf5 PCHC TRAIL ID: 285 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Monday, April 15, 2024	31	Future	171	Prescott Area	B Hike - Prescott Area - Wolf Creek Falls Trail (PCHC # 171)	B	8.4	1325	Good	0	227	Tom Wellman	16			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1325 feet. The trail goes through a typical pine forest down to the top of Wolf Creek Falls. The falls, which are dry most of the year, are actually a quarter mile long series of falls, including one of 30 feet and one over 60 feet. While the dry falls rocks are excellent, in the spring after a wet winter the falls would be spectacular. This is a loop that goes past another set of waterfalls (also usually dry) along the Hassayampa River. TRAILHEAD NAME: Groom Creek Trailhead TRAILS: Wolf Creek Falls FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Prescott Groom Creek Trail #307. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Take I17 North to AZ 69 in Cordes Junction. Turn left on AZ 69 to Prescott. From the intersection of AZ 69 and US 89 in Prescott, go left on Gurley St. to Mt. Vernon Ave. Turn left on Mt. Vernon Avenue (which becomes Senator Highway) and follow paved road for 6.5 miles to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead. Alternate Directions to Prescott Groom Creek Trail #307. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Hwy 60. Take Highway 60. West towards Wickenburg. Turn right on 93/89 (just past the McDonalds in Wickenburg). Turn right on 89 and go towards Prescott. Turn right on Haisley Road. When Haisley ends, turn right on Senator Highway and follow paved road for about 5 miles to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead (on the left). DRIVING DISTANCE: 227 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Wolf-Creek-Falls URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Prescott/i-n28C4k9 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4mSaoQq1mrx-0Ax-h PCHC TRAIL ID: 171 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$16
Monday, April 22, 2024	32	Future	305	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Butterfield via Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 305)	C	7.5	800	Excellent	0	26	Ron Hoffman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Ron Hoffman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left and follow the Gadsden Trail until the junction with Butterfield Trail. Stop here for lunch then return the same way. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steady climbs in mile 1 and mile 6 of the hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose, Gadsden Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Angle right immediately after the self pay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45 degree angle. There is a trail sign indicating the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-VdhpFc4 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4mDQ18UifR9o3F32R PCHC TRAIL ID: 305 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Monday, April 29, 2024	33	Future	296	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 296)	C	7.7	900	Excellent	0	20	Tom Wellman	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Tom Wellman DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Gila Trail and connects to the Baseline Trail. Turn right and follow the baseline loop counter clockwise. At the junction with the Saddle trail, turn right and hike down to connect with the Quail trail. Turn left and follow the Quail trail until the junction with Rainbow Valley trail. Turn right and follow to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) until it ends at the junction with Baseline. Turn right on Baseline and then turn right on Gila back to the car. TRAILHEAD NAME: Gila Trailhead Estrella Regional Park TRAILS: Gila, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker, Baseline, Gila FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of 110. Turn east (left) on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight on Casey Abbott Dr North. Turn right on Casey Abbott Drive South (first turn past Nature Center). Gila trailhead is on the right DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart URL MAP: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4anC5vOnoIk6ybbPH1 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4anC5vOnoIk6ybbPH1 PCHC TRAIL ID: 296 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2