

## DESCRIPTION:

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Cactus Canyon and Gila Monster Loop via Thunderbird Trail in Saguaro NP West (PCHC # 776).**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Loose rock for about .75 miles approximately .5 miles in. Poles are recommended. Should be listed as a challenge because it exceeds the 8 mile max for a C hike.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This lollipop hike is almost entirely within Saguaro NP West, an area of numerous beautiful saguaro cacti and nice views of the Tucson Mts. The hike begins on a ridge and drops into rolling terrain with lots of loose rock on the front end so poles are recommended. The scenery is stunning desert landscape on lightly traveled trails. There is a steady uphill climb out upon the return in the last two miles of trail.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The C Challenge version adds another loop on Cactus Canyon and gains another 200 of ascent compared to the C hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Pima County El Camino del Cerro **TRAILS:** Thunderbird, Cactus Canyon. Vertical Cliffs, Veterans, Abington, Gila Monster

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Nice parking lot with a porta potty bathroom.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th street. Get off I10 at Exit 252 just as you reach the outskirts of Tucson. Proceed 5.6 miles west directly to the trailhead. If the parking lot is full, there is a wash .25 miles away that could be parked in. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 266 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 776

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Hutchs Pool via West Fork Sabino Trail (PCHC # 772).**

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Higher elevation, hike length exceeding the upper range for a C hike and steep terrain on a rocky, but good trail.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Take the Sabino Canyon Crawler to the head of Sabino Canyon. From there, the Sabino Canyon Trail #23 goes steeply uphill and north through a series of switchbacks paralleling Sabino Creek to access the high country. At 2.5 miles in, you intersect West Fork Trail #24 and turn left, proceeding along the creek to a series of clear water, deep pools starting about 4 miles in. The turnaround point occurs when the creek continues north while the trail heads due west. The mountain scenery of the Santa Catalinas is worth the trip and you may see deer. Return the way you came back to the tram stop. This trail is lightly traveled.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This can be a busy place during spring break so advance reservations for the Canyon Crawler are recommended as are hiking poles.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Take the Sabino Canyon Crawler to Tram stop #9. **TRAILS:** Sabino Canyon Trail #23, West fork Trail #24.

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Entry to Sabino Canyon is available with Federal Park Pass holders or by fee. Place your card on the dash. There are bathrooms and a Visitor Center.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th Street at Exit 138. Proceed south 109 miles and take Exit 248 toward Ina Rd. heading east. Follow Ina Rd. for 15 miles as it becomes Sunrise Rd and then turn left on N Sabino Canyon Rd. The destination is almost immediately on your right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 280 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 772

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon - Old Baldy to Josephine Saddle and Beyond (PCHC # 774).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Hike begins at 5500 and goes up to about 7200.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 7.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Take the short connector due east from the picnic area to access the Old Baldy Trail and climb uphill 2.2 miles to the Josephine Saddle. Visit the monument for three Boy Scouts that perished here in a storm in 1958. From there, take the Temporal Gulch Trail approximately a mile further uphill before turning around. At the Saddle, take the Super Trail back down to the parking lot where the hike began. Enjoy the heavily wooded canyon and excellent canyon views as well as those of Mt Wrightson and the Santa Ritas. Good chance to see deer and wild turkeys and abundant bird life.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Mt Wrightson Picnic Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Old Baldy, Temporal gulch, Super Trails</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Paved parking area and bathrooms.</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th Street. Drive through Tucson and take I19 South to Green Valley. Get off the highway at Exit 63 onto Continental Road and head east 1.5 miles and then turn right onto Madera Canyon Road. Proceed about 14 miles to the top parking area in the Canyon. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 345 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-B4ssZLX">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-B4ssZLX</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi-VXQzJ8ryRzrDG?e=MSrSKk">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi-VXQzJ8ryRzrDG?e=MSrSKk</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 774</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Creek Trail from Proctor Parking to Dutch John Spring and Amphitheatre and return in Madera Canyon (PCHC # 668).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> C hike rating exceeded: Elevation.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 6.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1740 feet. Go to the first parking area and begin hiking up the canyon on a tarmac trail that parallels the creek. Be on the lookout for deer, wild turkeys, and numerous birds as well as bird watchers. This is a gentle ascent, easy walk and beautiful, peaceful place of oak and sycamores. At the Madera Picnic Area, parking area C, cross the highway and find the 0.4 mile trail toward Dutch John Spring. This leads to the Bog Springs Campground and look for the continuation of the trail at the sign. From here, the trail follows steeply uphill for approximately 1.2 miles through a small canyon with a dry creek. Look carefully for the sign showing the tank and spring, which is easy to miss on the way up and the trail digresses to a game trail past this point. Numerous deer use this area and are easy to spot if you are quiet. At the turnaround, come back to the campground and then backtrack to a trail on the left which leads 0.6 miles to the B parking area and Amphitheatre. Walk along the creek downhill to the Proctor parking lot. This is a very peaceful and enjoyable hike.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Proctor Parking and Trailhead <b>TRAILS:</b> Dutch John Spring, Madera Canyon Trails</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Interagency Pass or Coronado NF Pass accepted. If not \$8 per day per vehicle (\$10 for a week).</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> to Dutch John Spring Trail in Madera Canyon. Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) past Tucson to Green Valley. From Green Valley, turn left onto East Continental Road and proceed under the freeway. Go 0.8 miles. Turn right onto Madera Canyon Road and proceed 12 miles to the entrance. Drive to the first parking area Proctor Parking and Trailhead. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 300 miles</p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 668</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Old Baldy/Josephine/Super Trail Loop (PCHC # 785).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Elevation exceeds normal parameters.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is an 8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Challenging hike from the top of Madera Canyon with stellar mountain views. Take Old Baldy 2.4 miles from Mt. Wrightson parking lot to Josephine Saddle. Honor the Boy Scouts who perished in 1958 during a snow storm at their memorial there before taking Josephine Trail out about a half mile and returning on a steep ascent and going up another half mile up Old Baldy toward Mt. Wrightson before turning around. Return to the parking lot on Super Trail.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Trail condition is good overall with some rocky stretches. This trail is steep so be prepared for a workout.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Old Baldy <b>TRAILS:</b> Old Baldy, Josephine, Super Trails</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Bathroom and parking</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson. Take Exit 138 at 67th Street. As you go through Tucson, take I19 south to Green Valley. Take the Continental exit and go east 1.5 miles before turning right on Madera Canyon Rd. Proceed 11+ miles to the top parking lot. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 340 miles</p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 785</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Wasson Peak (PCHC # 667).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> C hike rating exceeded: Elevation.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Wasson Peak is at an elevation of 4,687 feet. and is the highest summit in the Tucson Mountains. (the range west of the city). This is an 8 mile hike with an elevation change of 1,700 to 1,800 feet.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> To Be Provided</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> King Canyon Trailhead <b>TRAILS:</b> No Named Trails</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> No Facilities and n Park Fees.</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Directions to Kings Canyon Trail (Wasson Peak). Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) and continue to Tucson. Turn west (right) on Speedway (exit 257). This turns into Gates Pass Road. Turn right on Kinney Road and head past the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. The King Canyon trailhead is located a short distance north of the museum. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 300 miles</p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 667</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - 2023 Spring Tucson C Placeholder Hike (PCHC # 10013).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Placeholder for 2023 C Spring trip to Tucson</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME: TRAILS:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> TBD</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> TBD <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 300 miles</p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 10013</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Cactus Canyon and Gila Monster Loop in Saguaro NP West (PCHC # 777).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 7.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This lollipop hike is almost entirely within Saguaro NP West, an area of numerous beautiful saguaro cacti and nice views of the Tucson Mts. The hike begins on a ridge and drops into rolling terrain with lots of loose rock on the front end so poles are recommended. The scenery is stunning desert landscape on lightly traveled trails. There is a steady uphill climb out upon the return in the last two miles of trail.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Lots of loose rock on a stretch of about .75 miles beginning from .5 miles from the trailhead. 300 of elevation gain and 1.3 miles less than the C Challenge Hike.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Pima County El Camino del Cerro <b>TRAILS:</b> Thunderbird, Gila Monster, Vertical Cliffs, Veteran, Abington</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Nice parking lot with a porta potty bathroom.</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th street. Get off I10 at Exit 252 just as you reach the outskirts of Tucson. Proceed 5.6 miles west directly to the trailhead. If the parking lot is full, there is a wash .25 miles away that could be parked in. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 266 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-ZfhSw9c">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-ZfhSw9c</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjVZciuZV8cORD0C?e=DvXcCA">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjVZciuZV8cORD0C?e=DvXcCA</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 777</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon - Nature Trail to Super Trail and Return via Kent and Bog Springs (PCHC # 775).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 6.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. This trail begins at the Whitehouse Parking Area D and follows a beautiful creek up canyon to a small amphitheater about a mile upstream. From there, you follow the Nature Trail for the first of three somewhat steep ascents through a switchback paralleling the creek. Enjoy the magnificent oak, juniper and sycamore trees along the creek as well as the canyon views as you gain elevation. As you angle uphill, there is another steep section climbing to the top picnic area for your break. After the break, the final ascent along the Super Trail takes you to the Kent Springs and Bog Springs trails as you angle your way back down the canyon until to reach the amphitheater and return to your car. Good chance to see deer, wild turkeys and much birdlife in a serene environment.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Hike begins at 5500 and goes up to about 7200</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Whitehouse Picnic Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Nature Trail, Super Trail, Kent Springs, Bog Springs, Bog Springs Connector</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Paved parking area and bathrooms.</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South using the 202 exchange near 67th street and proceed south to Tucson. Drive through Tucson and proceed on I19 South to Green Valley. Take Exit 63 on Continental Road for about 1.5 miles and turn right on Madera Canyon Road and proceed about 13 miles to Madera Canyon Whitehouse Parking area D <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 345 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-M5bJcCf">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-M5bJcCf</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjEaahuBTDURJWDz?e=UrIXKT">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjEaahuBTDURJWDz?e=UrIXKT</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 775</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Phoneline In and Out plus Rattlesnake and Esperero (PCHC # 783).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 7.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1075 feet. This hike gives a good view of Sabino Canyon and a flowing clear water creek. Walk due east from the Visitor Center on Bear Canyon Trail and then proceed uphill on the Phoneline Trail. This is a steep uphill grind for about two miles, passing the Phoneline Link and going another mile before turning around and dropping down the Phoneline Link to the creek. Expect no more than 2 to 3" of water most years to cross the creek and main shuttle road onto Rattlesnake. When you intercept Esperero, turn downhill and head back to the Visitors Center.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> This can be a very busy place. Entry to the parking lot is free with a Federal Senior Pass.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Sabino Canyon Parking Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Bear Canyon #29, Phoneline #27, Phoneline Link #27A, Rattlesnake #25, Esperero #25</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Bathroom and a Visitor Center</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th Street at Exit 138. Proceed south 109 miles and take Exit 248 toward Ina Rd heading east. Follow Ina Rd for 15 miles as it becomes Sunrise Rd and then turn left on N Sabino Canyon Rd. The destination is almost immediately on your right. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 280 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-vrSQ2c3">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-vrSQ2c3</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awG3UjaSCUiNN2dnM?e=IA2b4p">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awG3UjaSCUiNN2dnM?e=IA2b4p</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 783</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon - Phone Line Trail (PCHC # 669).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 5 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The hike begins in the Sabino Canyon parking lot at a starting altitude is 2700 feet. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phoneline Trail. The trail is above and generally parallel to the tram road and offers outstanding views of the canyon. The return route will be back along the tram road or ride the tram back down for a C hike. There is a \$6.00 (have the exact change) tram fee which can be paid to the driver at the embarkation point, stop 9. Hike 10 miles for a B hike or 5 for a C hike.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Check in advance that the Sabino Canyon Tram is operative. Bring \$6 for tram ride back to parking lot.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Sabino Canyon Parking Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Phone Line</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Interagency Pass or Coronado NF Pass accepted. If not \$8 per day per vehicle (\$10 for a week). Extra charge for tram ride back to parking lot (\$6).</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> to Sabino Canyon. Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) to Tucson. Exit onto Ina Road going east about 6.2 miles where it peters out at Skyline Drive. Turn right on Skyline which turns into Sunrise. Follow Sunrise to the end and follow the signs into Sabino Canyon Recreation area. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 300 miles</p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 669</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon - Seven Falls (PCHC # 723).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 6.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1050 feet. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, take the Bear Canyon shuttle (1.7 miles, 10 minutes, small fee) to the Seven Falls Trailhead. The trail begins at 3800 feet elevation and will take approximately 3 hours to hike. The trail is relatively easy but there are eight stream crossings with the stream being dry to a trickle in most years. In wet years, the crossings could be knee deep so water shoes are recommended in those instances. Most of the ascent occurs in the last mile before the falls. There is water in the pool below the falls and the views can be stunning on this heavily traveled trail. Return to the tram stop but if you dont want to wait for the hourly shuttle, then the easy walk back to the Visitor Center will add about .8 miles.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Entry into the Sabino Canyon parking lot is free with a Federal Senior Park pass, which you should display on your dash. There are bathrooms and a small Visitor Center there. The shuttle leaves here to the left of the Center.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Sabino Canyon Parking Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Seven Falls Trail</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Visiitors Center</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> to Sabino Canyo. Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) to Tucson. Exit onto Ina Road going east about 6.2 miles where it peters out at Skyline Drive. Turn right on Skyline which turns into Sunrise. Follow Sunrise to the end and follow the signs into Sabino Canyon Recreation area. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 300 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-JLC4fKq">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-JLC4fKq</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avnvpDtNEknZtBBSr?e=GLN4PC">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avnvpDtNEknZtBBSr?e=GLN4PC</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 723</p>
<p><b>HIKE: C Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon #23 In and Out with Phonline Trail Return (PCHC # 784).</b></p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 7.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 850 feet. Take the Sabino Canyon Crawler to the last stop (#9). Hike begins here by ascending the hill up Trail #23 and go in 1.5 miles before turning around and returning to pick up the Phonline Trail. Take this trail all the way back down the east side of the Canyon to the Visitors Center, connecting with the Bear Canyon Trail in the last mile. Expect beautiful mountain views and a clear water creek while enjoying the narrated shuttle ride. This trail is edgy, and has stretches that are narrow with sharp drops but is quite passable.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> This hike requires reservations for the shuttle, which should be made in advance. The Canyon is subject to a lot of visitors during busy periods like Spring Break.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Shuttle Stop #9 <b>TRAILS:</b> Sabino Canyon #23, Phonline, Bear Canyon</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Bathroom and a Visitor Center</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th Street at Exit 138. Proceed south 109 miles and take Exit 248 toward Ina Rd heading east. Follow Ina Rd for 15 miles as it becomes Sunrise Rd and then turn left on N Sabino Canyon Rd. The destination is almost immediately on your right. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 280 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-hsBdWzD">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-hsBdWzD</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHpdUZQqSNoqqDPS?e=bBSpIH">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHpdUZQqSNoqqDPS?e=bBSpIH</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 784</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p><b>HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon Nature Trail (PCHC # 773).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> D hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: The beginning elevation is at 4850 feet and this hike exceeds the 500 feet normal range for a D hike.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 4.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 760 feet. Begin at the Madera Picnic Parking Area C. The Nature trail begins along a flowing creek where you may see wild turkey, abundant bird life and deer. Head upstream to a small amphitheater and the trail ascends uphill behind it. The trail heads downstream as it climbs and then does a switchback to head toward the head of the Canyon. There is another steep section as you approach the top parking area, which is the break spot. Take the road back to Parking Area B, watching for traffic and cross the road to the Bog Springs Crossover and go about .6 miles. Take a left on the Bog Springs Trail and return to the Madera Picnic Area. This trail is known for its beautiful large juniper, oak and sycamore trees in a serene setting.</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Madera Trail Head and Picnic Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Madera Nature Trail, Bog Springs Trail</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> There is a bathroom in the paved parking area.</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South to the 202 cutoff at Exit 138 and proceed south towards Tucson. Drive through Tucson and connect to I19 South to Green Valley. Take Exit 63 onto Continental Rd and head east 1.5 miles and then take a right onto Madera Canyon Rd. Drive about 12 miles to Madera Picnic Area C. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 345 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-DWH6CkT">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-DWH6CkT</a></p> <p><b>URL GPX:</b> <a href="https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi0MGfgt1qQ3-HYL?e=GiD6ZL">https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi0MGfgt1qQ3-HYL?e=GiD6ZL</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 773</p>
<p><b>HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon Loop from Visitor Center (PCHC # 781).</b></p> <p><b>REASON FOR CHALLENGE:</b> D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.</p> <p><b>DESCRIPTION:</b> This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 750 feet. Upon returning to the Visitor Center, we will take a short walk on the Bajada Loop then catch the Esperero Trail #25. Then we will connect with Rattlesnake Trail #50 to the Creek Trail. We follow the Creek Trail to Sabino Dam Trail (short out and back). Then we pick up the Sabino Lake Trail #30 and proceed south till we intersect the Bear Canyon Trail # 29 west back to the Visitor Center, completing our loop. This is a beautiful hike overall with a clear running stream through the Canyon on mostly excellent surfaces.</p> <p><b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION:</b> Short Loop hike. No need to use the Sabino Canyon Tram!</p> <p><b>TRAILHEAD NAME:</b> Sabino Canyon Parking Area <b>TRAILS:</b> Bajada Loop #38, Esperero Trail #25, Rattlesnake Trail #50, Creek Trail #52, Sabino Lake Trail #30, Bear Canyon Trail #29</p> <p><b>FEES AND FACILITIES:</b> Interagency Pass or Coronado NF Pass accepted. If not \$8 per day per vehicle (\$10 for a week). Bathrooms at Visitor Center</p> <p><b>DRIVING DIRECTIONS:</b> Take I10 South towards Tucson using the 202 exchange near 67th Street at Exit 138. Proceed south 109 miles and take Exit 248 toward Ina Rd heading east. Follow Ina Rd for 15 miles as it becomes Sunrise Rd and then turn left on N Sabino Canyon Rd. The destination is almost immediately on your right. <b>DRIVING DISTANCE:</b> 280 miles</p> <p><b>URL MAP:</b> <a href="https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-VqJsGVM">https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-VqJsGVM</a></p> <p><b>PCHC TRAIL ID:</b> 781</p>

DESCRIPTION:

**HIKE: D Hike - Tucson Area - Brown Mountain Overlook (PCHC # 780).**

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. Drive to the Brown Mt Trailhead and picnic area and turn right on the Brown Mt Trail. The trail slowly ascends for 1.7 miles and then rapidly rises another 200 to 300, providing a great view of the surrounding valley. Turn around and retrace your steps to the Juan Santa Cruz picnic area for the break. Once done, proceed about 2 miles back to the Brown Mt parking lot. After the hike, consider visiting the nearby Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum or Saguaro NP Visitor Center.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Brown Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Brown Mountain Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Facilities

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Take I10 South toward Tucson using the 202 exchange at 67th Street. As you enter Tucson, turn right onto Speedway Blvd and proceed due west which leads to West Gates Pass Rd and turns into N Kinney Rd. Shortly after, the Brown Mt Trailhead Trail is on your left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 268 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-bVtd75z>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4av1Za143mE-HDK4EM?e=tWn9aM>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 780