

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
Wednesday, September 20, 2023	1	Complete	586	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586)	C	6.4	600	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles. The hike is in typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise, Park Avenue, Rumrunner, Grasky, Up There, Skallywag, Pirates Cove, Jump Line, Sunrise FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-kD4TBBW/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4anHSitEjVrVYaC1D PCHC TRAIL ID: 586 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, September 27, 2023	2	Complete	213	Thunderbird Conservation Area	C Hike - Thunderbird CA - Coachwhip, Cholla, Arrowhead Point Loop (PCHC # 213)	C	5.9	1490	Good	0	50	Mary Hill	4			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. These are three summit trails which have elevations of 500, 500 & 350 feet respectively. All three offer 360 degree views of the surrounding areas and have different primary vegetation from each other. Elevation gains are 590, 500 & 400 feet respectively. Arrowhead Point Trail provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valleys most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the areas 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). The Cholla Trail includes views of some large custom homes. The Coachwhip Trail provides views of another housing development and golf course. TRAILHEAD NAME: Coachwhip Trailhead TRAILS: Coachwhip, Cholla, Arrowhead Point FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Turn east (left) on I10 East, then take 101 North. Turn left (north) on 59th Avenue. Turn left into parking lot of Thunderbird Park. Turn immediately left at yellow gate and park a block down, near the restrooms. The trails start by going right in front of the restrooms and cross the street near the park entrance. DRIVING DISTANCE: 50 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ThunderbirdConservationPark/Coachwhip-RidgeLine-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Thunderbird-Conservation-Area/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 213 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$4
Wednesday, October 4, 2023	3	Complete	587	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover trail to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (PCHC # 587)	C	7	121	Good	0	27	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 121 feet. The hike goes from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: PA FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-FczbGm URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0RkCjQlKqGeF50pd?ew=McCGw PCHC TRAIL ID: 587 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 11, 2023	4	Complete	41	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41)	B	8.9	1490	Excellent	0	30	Clare Bangs	2	B Hike at a C Pace		REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B Hike at a C Pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. Hike past the junction with the Old Saddle Trail and eventually this will lead you to a junction with the Bajada Trail. Turn left onto the Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again, turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about 2 mile to the hill top. The route is somewhat steep with lots of loose gravel. This is the turn around point; Hikers can choose to bushwhack along the ridge more before heading down or they can follow the original path back down to the Goat Camp Trail to return to the South Trail. On the South Trail, Turn right and in about .8 mile you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike takes approximately 4.5 hours with breaks. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer, Old Saddle, Bajada, Goat Camp, South, Mule Deer FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the main entrance to the library. Park fee is \$2 per hiker or \$7 per car. A Maricopa County Pass is good for up to five hikers. 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 PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxX URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amRhwjvKYYWES09wv PCHC TRAIL ID: 41 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, October 18, 2023	5	Complete	313	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 313)	C	6.6	730	Excellent	0	20	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 730 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail our of the parking lot past the trail sign. Turn right and follow signs for the Rainbow Valley trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail past the junctions with Quail and Dysart Trails for a total of 4.2 miles until the junction with the Toothaker Trail. Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail for 2 miles back to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Uphill on Rainbow Valley Trail after the junction with Dysart for one mile to the saddle. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow Valley, Toothaker 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 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 URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker/C-HikeEMRP-Rainbow-ToothakerLynnW2020-2021 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQJX/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4ao5gUicL0t15xix?e=ZXHKuy PCHC TRAIL ID: 313 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 25, 2023	6	Complete	387	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	C Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Windmill Valley Segment Longer Route (aka Little Grand Canyon) (PCHC # 387)	C Challenge	10.2	960	Good	0	96	Nancy Love	7			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Distance. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. trailhead begins on the south side of the road, just past the parking lot, marked by a Black Canyon trail marker. While wandering up and down the hills, watch for burros, a wall of saguaros, a hillside of prickly pear and a garden of slate. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail itself is a national bike trail and a very good surface with few steep ups or downs. The trail is now marked as Little Grand Canyon. This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. TRAILHEAD NAME: Table Mesa Road Trailhead TRAILS: Windmill Valley Segment (aka Little Grand Canyon) FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail Table Mesa Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow it until it ends at I17. Turn left on I17 (north) towards Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I17, then right onto Frontage Road. Pavement ends within a mile (2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area). Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles). Turn left at the next one. Go another 1.9 miles to the Table Mesa parking area on the right (3.5 miles from I17). DRIVING DISTANCE: 96 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationTrail/Doe-Spring URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4aIwNdrNUJACKLAI PCHC TRAIL ID: 387 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, November 1, 2023	7	Complete	268	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop (PCHC # 268)	C	6.8	427	Excellent	0	110	Mary Hill	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 427 feet. From the Trailhead take the Bootlegger Trail west to Saddlehorn Trail. Turn left on it to Granite Rock Mountain Trail. This is a loop trail around the mountain. Turn left to take the trail in a clockwise direction. At the junction with the Balanced Rock Trail go left for a brief in and out to this famous landmark. Balanced Rock is a gigantic granite boulder balancing on its pointy end Perfect for a photo opportunity!. Retrace your steps back to the Granite Mountain Trail. Turn left and continue the loop. To complete the loop stay on the trail past the first junction with Bootlegger and continue to Saddlehorn Trail. At this point turn left. Take a right on Bootlegger Trail back to the parking lot. This is one of the most scenic trails within an hour of PebbleCreek. It passes through three different forests saguaro, jumping cholla, and two types of yuccas. There are excellent views of the surrounding mountains as well as numerous granite rock formations. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: Bootlegger, Saddlehorn, Granite Mountain, Balanced Rock, Granite Mountain, Saddlehorn, Bootlegger Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom 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 URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Granite-Mountain-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-63znTRV URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4ao5XCTQw6eF7xy9W87eVeh5xfm PCHC TRAIL ID: 268 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, November 8, 2023	8	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	Mary Hill	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill 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 one-way 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-n7Qhqr URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4ao5x7exAy0wbYV5i?e=AlG7Yd PCHC TRAIL ID: 44 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, November 15, 2023	9	Complete	380	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	C Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Bob Bentley Segment & Boy Scout Loop (PCHC # 380)	C Challenge	8.3	1867	Good	0	74	Nancy Love	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1867 feet. There is lots of vegetation with numerous types of cacti. Wildflowers would be abundant after good winter rains. TRAILHEAD NAME: Emery Henderson Trailhead TRAILS: Bob Bentley Segment & Boy Scout Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No rest rooms. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Emory Henderson Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow it to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn north (left) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left for 1 block and then right onto New River Road. Drive for about 6 miles and turn left at the Emory Henderson Trailhead sign. DRIVING DISTANCE: 74 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationTrail/Black-Canyon-Trail/f-F4QG3Q URL MAP: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4a0Rc8BIECSbgGyVl?e=dWRNmG PCHC TRAIL ID: 380 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	10	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	Clare Bangs	8	6:30 AM	B Hike at a C Pace	UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B Hike at a C Pace 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
Wednesday, November 29, 2023	11	Complete	587	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover trail to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (PCHC # 587)	C	7	121	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	2		This hike would qualify for the Maricopa County 100 Mile challenge. The segment name for the trail is Tres Rios - Estrella 110.	REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: This hike would qualify for the Maricopa County 100 Mile challenge. The segment name for the trail is Tres Rios - Estrella -110. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 121 feet. The hike goes from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: PA FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/f-CzbhGm URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4a0RkqjQlKqGeF50pd?e=wMcCGw PCHC TRAIL ID: 587 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	12	Complete	339	South Mountain Park	C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pyramid, Bursera, Gila Loop (PCHC # 339)	C	6.6	1290	Good	0	90	Mary Hill	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1290 feet. Starting from the south side of South Mountain, we hike up a ridge to the west with great views of the Estrella Mountains and areas to the south. We then drop into a valley of typical desert vegetation. We then return up over a saddle and down through a second valley. You can take an optional .25 mile trail to the ruins before going back to the trailhead. TRAILHEAD NAME: Pyramid Trailhead TRAILS: Pyramid, Bursera, Gila FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on 110. Turn south on 202. Take the exit for 17th Avenue (exit 62) and go left/north under the highway. Turn left on Chandler Boulevard. Turn right on 19th Avenue (there is no road sign). Turn left into the trailhead parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 339 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, December 13, 2023	13	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	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom 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/f-gCg5b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4alzuz2B98yZUfptk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, December 20, 2023	14	Complete	688	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, Submarine Rock, Rock Knob (PCHC # 688)	C Challenge	11	1000	Good	0	108	Nancy Love	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Good trail through the Marcus Landslide Geologic Interpretative Area. The trail continues into a range of rock sculptures including the huge Submarine Rock. The trail continues back and then right to the Rock Knob with a short scramble to a rise giving great views over the McDowell Range. The path retraces itself back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toms Thumb Trailhead TRAILS: Marcus Landslide, Rock Knob, Pemberton, Boulder, Marcus Landslide, Feldspar, Tom Thumb FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms. No park fee 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 17. Turn left (north) on 17. 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 new trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 108 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Marcus-LandslideRock-Knob-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-Mw4kG6m/A PCHC TRAIL ID: 688 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, December 27, 2023	15	Complete	278	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop (PCHC # 278)	B Challenge	10.6	2100	Good	0	108	Clare Bangs	8	6:30 AM	The hike will be led at a C Pace.	UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: The hike will be led at a C Pace. REASON FOR CHALLENGE: steep. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. It first climbs from the north to Toms Thumb on a short but steep trail and then proceeds south on East End (very steep), Windmill, Coachwhip, Pemberton, Boulder, Marcus Landslide in a CCW loop, eventually passing in front of the Marcus Landslide area. There are great views to the east and north including the Superstitions and Four Peaks areas, plus views of impressive granite boulders. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toms Thumb Trailhead TRAILS: Tom Thumb, East End, Windgate, Coachwhip, Pemberton, Boulder, Marcus Landslide FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. 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 17. Turn left (north) on 17. 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 new trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 108 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Marcus-LandslideRock-Knob-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/-xjD4qN7/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjXq PCHC TRAIL ID: 278 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, January 3, 2024	16	Complete	493	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493)	C	7.7	1000	Good	0	80	Eileen Lords Mosse	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Eileen Lords Mosse 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/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4ammMrr6qUHUFqurA?e=T70yM PCHC TRAIL ID: 493 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, January 10, 2024	17	Complete	68	Deems Hills Park	C Challenge Hike - Deems Hills Park - Deems Hills Outer Circumference Trail (PCHC # 68)	C Challenge	7.8	1121	Good	0	65	Mary Hill	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1121 feet. This is a hike around the Deem Hills Recreation area. This trail covers the outer edge of two hills on the north side of Phoenix with 2 additional trails that go to the top of the hills. There are distinct vegetation areas on the different sides of the hills. There would be good wildflowers after a wet winter. Good views from the top showing the area west of Highway 101 and the irrigation canal system. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail conditions are generally good but with some areas of bare rock to navigate. You climb up from base level twice on your way to the summit where switchbacks lead you down to the trail to the large parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Deem Hills Recreation Area TRAILS: Circumference Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Deem Hills Park. Take 101 North Turn North on 59th Ave. Turn North (left) on 55th Ave. 55th Ave becomes Deem Hills Pkwy. The park is on the right. Directions to Deem Hills. Alternate: Take 303 North. Turn East (right) on Happy Valley Parkway. Turn North (left) on 55th Ave. 55th Ave. becomes Deem Hills Pkwy. The park is on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 65 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/DeemHillsPark/Circumference-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Deem-Hills-Park/i-4rX7PQP URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aoRl6ZLsFsASGER3?e=MjJkeJ PCHC TRAIL ID: 68 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5

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Wednesday, January 17, 2024	18	Complete	586	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586)	C	6.4	600	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles. The hike is in typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise, Park Avenue, Rumrunner, Grasky, Up There, Skallywag, Pirates Cove, Jump Line, Sunrise FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-k4t4TBW/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4mHSitjeJrvYvaC1D PCHC TRAIL ID: 586 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, January 24, 2024	19	Current	281	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Quartz Trail (PCHC # 281)	C Challenge	7	1100	Good	0	101	Nancy Love	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love REASON FOR CHALLENGE: steady uphill going and downhill coming back. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. You start out hiking through a neighborhood of nice houses, before starting to climb the mountain. About 2.6 miles from the trailhead is a steep, rocky, unmarked 1/4 mile trail off to the right. It leads up to the quartz outcropping. Its a great break spot with views of Scottsdale and Phoenix. 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/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. Turns south (right) onto Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn left on McDowell Ranch Road. Turn right on 104th St. Turn right into Quartz Trailhead parking lot. 104th St connects McDowell to the parking lot. 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-3kqDcz URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4mCkksMyFC4eZ1nW PCHC TRAIL ID: 281 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, January 31, 2024	20	Final Draft	49	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Elephant Mountain via Lime Kiln Trail (PCHC # 49)	B	10	1800	Good	0	110	Clare Bangs	8	6:30 AM	B Hike at a C Pace	UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B Hike at a C Pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. The hike starts out on the Spur Cross trail leading into the North Road #48 trail at the crossing into the Tonto national forest. Turn left onto the Limestone Trail #252 and follow the trail past Limestone Spring and Page Spring. Continue past the Tortuga trail junction and then join the Elephant Mountain loop and climb to the Elephant Mountain saddle. At the saddle there is an optional trail to the left leading steeply up to native american ruins (the walls of the settlement are visible from the saddle). Additionally above the saddle there is a rock formation that looks like a Buffalo. Continue on the Elephant Mountain Trail downhill to the junction with Spur Cross Trail and follow back to the starting point of the hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Spur Cross Trailhead TRAILS: Spur Cross #4, National Forest Trails #48, Limestone Trail #252, Elephant Mountain Trail, Spur Cross Trail #4 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: to Cave Creek Spur Cross Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Go north on I17 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 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: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SpurCrossRanchConservationArea/Elephant-Mountain-Trail URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4mRnCq1HxtwFAVCC PCHC TRAIL ID: 49 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, February 7, 2024	21	Future	554	Superstition Mountains	C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Hackberry Springs Loop (PCHC # 554)	C	6.2	800	Good	0	126	Nancy Love	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. We will start at the First Water Trailhead and take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail. We turn left away from Black Mesa. We will take a short side trail to the arch and return to the main trail. At the next intersection we turn right to go down below Hackberry Spring where we will take our snack break. We then continue on and work our way up to the top of the ridge, giving us great views of the mesa where Hackberry Springs originates. We then continue on to the horse staging area and follow the trail back to the trailhead. TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Hackberry Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 126 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Hackberry-Spring-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness/i-gk82wkb/A PCHC TRAIL ID: 554 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024	22	Future	622	Verrado Area	C Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - South of the Border, Skyline Crest, Lost Creek Trails (PCHC # 622)	C Challenge	7	1055	Good	0	18	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1055 feet. The hike goes from the Lost Creek Trailhead in Verrado, goes on the SOB trail to Lost Creek Trail. It then goes along the Skyline Crest Trail before looping back on Quartz Mine into Verrado. Lots of great views of Buckeye and points east. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steep and edgy along the Skyline Crest Trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Creek Trailhead TRAILS: Lost Creek, South of the Border (SOB), Lost Creek, Skyline Crest, Quartz Mine 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 MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/I-qwHXnb2/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0rVa6QHLkwaNQwca?e=a0258A PCHC TRAIL ID: 622 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	23	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	Mary Hill	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill 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-lq7NTPw/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0rV29Olo-tGtGf5 PCHC TRAIL ID: 285 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	24	Future	735	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735)	C	7.3	900	Excellent	0	26	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 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 Trail counter clockwise. Turn right at the Baseline/Rainbow connector trail and turn right again onto the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the former 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, 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 I10. 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. Park in the finished lot on the left or on the gravel area on the right by the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-N3THtdP URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0rYUUNKfox3jNNeq?e=gqdlKf PCHC TRAIL ID: 735 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	25	Future	541	Superstition Mountains	B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs, Terrapin, Crosscut, Peralta loop (PCHC # 541)	B	8.7	2000	Good	0	140	Clare Bangs	10	B Hike at a C Pace		REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B Hike at a C Pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Start out on Bluff Springs, turn left on Terrapin, and turn left again at the Crosscut Trail (no signpost but marked with a large cairn) which crosses a saddle and narrow canyon in front of Weavers Needle. The crosscut trail is very steepdownhill and goes over many boulders, but there are many cairns on the trail to guide you through the boulders. Turn left on Peralta and head back to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The crosscut portion can be difficult to find so watch for cairns. This part of the trail was significantly impacted by the fires of 2020. TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Bluff Springs #235, Terrapin Trail #234, Crosscut Trail, Peralta Trail #102 FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness/I-QXWkb7K/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a1I8Wa7m0ZV2wCYC2e=4j1Edl PCHC TRAIL ID: 541 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10

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Wednesday, March 13, 2024	26	Future	204	San Tan Regional Park	C Hike - San Tan RP - Goldmine, Dynamite, San Tan, Stargazer Longer Loop (PCHC # 204)	C	8	1110	Good	0	135	Nancy Love	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1110 feet. From the parking area take Little Leaf trail to the Goldmine Trail. After 2.5 miles the trail bends south on the Dynamite trail. At the junction with San Tan trail bear right on that trail until the junction with Stargazer. Turn left on Stargazer and in .8 mile rejoin San Tan Trail heading north for a further .6 mile back to the parking area. This interesting route goes through a large Saguaro forest and several saddles to provide expansive views of the east valley all the way to the Superstition Mountains. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: There is one steep uphill and downhill section to traverse. TRAILHEAD NAME: 6533 West Phillips Road, Queen Creek TRAILS: Little Leaf, Goldmine, Dynamite, San Tan, Stargazer, San Tan FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms and a visitor center at the trailhead. Park Fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Take I10 East to Exit 138, 202 South. Take Exit 43 S Lindsay Road east (right turn), then left on E Riggs Road, right on Higley Road which becomes W Hunt Highway. Then right on Thompson Road and right on Phillips Road directly into San Tan Park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 135 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SanTanMountainRegionalPark/San-Tan-Goldmine-Dynamite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/San-Tan-Mountains-Park/i-NDT34tL PCHC TRAIL ID: 204 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Wednesday, March 20, 2024	27	Future	321	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield (PCHC # 321)	C	7.9	1000	Excellent	0	20	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. We will follow the trail to a large wash, and parallel the wash for 2 miles or so. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the east & west. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: 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 onto 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 URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4amivVNVQuAtKdyK_7eV5mvrve PCHC TRAIL ID: 321 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, March 27, 2024	28	Future	62	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (PCHC # 62)	C	6	960	Good	0	80	Mary Hill	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. This hike is a 6.0 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. The hike crosses the (dry) lake where the old floating bridge was. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. Its a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros there are many in the area. Overall an average hiking trail, but somewhat steep to the highpoint. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lake Pleasant Access Road TRAILS: Pipeline Canyon, Yavapai Point FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead and at the snack break point. There is a park fee of \$7.00 or a Maricopa County Pass. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 4 (Pipeline South), Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Drive north on Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left on Hwy 74 (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (North). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Go to the end of the road to the Pipeline Trail. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-nP58pCp PCHC TRAIL ID: 62 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	29	Future	32	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32)	C	7.3	550	Excellent	0	30	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom 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 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-gC5b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4alzus2B98yZUfptk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

