

## SCHEDULE

**DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022**  
**CLUB MEETING** 7pm. Tuscany Falls Ballroom

**DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022**  
**HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

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**HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - SR-PA-JR-GR-LU-GU-BL-RR-PA-SR (PCHC # 734).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Pirate Day. Coordinated with Dana's hike

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. This hike loops through the south and central portions of the park. The hike starts at the Estrella Foothills High School. Use Sunrise to Park Avenue. Turn right past Rum Runner to Jolly Roger. Turn left and proceed to Brethern Court. Turn right on Grasky going to Up Yonder. Turn left and climb the hill to Look Up. Turn left and go across mountain to Giddy Up. Go right to an unmarked trail to the right: Whats Up. Go right to Pirates Cove and follow the trail past a jeep road to an unmarked trail: Bootlegger. Turn left and follow to Brethern Court. Turn right on Rum Runner to Park Avenue. Turn right to Sunrise then left back to the school.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Lookup, Grasky, Up Yonder, Look Up, Giddy Up, Whats Up, Pirates Cove, Bootlegger, Rum Runner, Park Avenue, Sunrise

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking Lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-B9nNndw>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anG4DuN4iJQj2akp2?e=elZQES>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 734

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, September 19, 2022**  
**HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Doubloon Loop - SR, PA, JR, DO, RR, PA, SR (PCHC # 589).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas

**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Pirate Day. Coordinated with Bill's hike

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. From the High School, take Sunrise then Park Avenue. Turn left on Jolly Roger to the The intersection of Jolly Roger, Doubloon and Queen Annes Revenge. Take care here as no signage exists so please consult the map if unclear. Take Doubloon to Road Runner (There are two paths from Doubloon to Rum Runner. One is slightly longer than the other, but both get to the same place). Follow Road Runner to the junction with Park Avenue. Bear right on Park Avenue and retrace steps back to the High School. This hike has typical desert scenery.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Doubloon, Rumrunner, Park Avenue, Sunrise

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School TrailheadHead 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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-HikeEF-Short-LoopLynnW2021-2022>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-vT4Hxjj/A>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anHVkM6qOogDzDmFx>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 589

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2022**  
**HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Library North Trail (PCHC # 31).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. We head north from the White Tanks Library on the Mule Deer Trail with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. 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 (safely behind glass).

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer

**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-k9R48fq>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 31

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Loop + Sophies Flat D + A Loop (PCHC # 178).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** 2 miles of soft sand.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1515 feet. At least 2 miles of this hike is on soft sand along the Hassayampa River and in Dinosaur Wash. Just short of 3 miles in the wash, on the right there is a marked TH for D. This is where you depart the wash for a small 2 mile loop hike that then returns back into the wash. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but its not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash and two areas called narrows along the river. The box in Box Canyon is short canyon somewhat hidden behind a stand of large trees.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Box Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but there are restrooms at a Dairy Queen and gas station you drive past about 8 miles from the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn right just past McDonalds (restroom stop) on Highway 93. Go 4.6 miles to MP 195 & turn right onto unpaved Scenic Loop Drive. (this is the first road going right that is past the Dairy Queen on the left). Scenic Loop Drive is a dirt road (you might need an SUV after heavy rains). Drive 6.4 miles to a wide wash leading off to the right (6 miles from end of asphalt). Park here and hike .4 miles through a slot canyon to the top of the box canyon. Return & drive another 0.7 miles and veer right onto an unmarked 1 lane road at 7 miles. (At the turn, there normally is a sign indicating No Dumping). Parking area is .1 miles ahead on the rim of the canyon. The trail leads off down the old jeep trail to the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 105 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Dinosaur-WashBox-Canyon/B-HikeBox-Cnyn-Dino-WashLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-W4PmwBm>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AeywFqJqBF4a1xHtHcGFoIPPA7n?e=Rbl0zU>**DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop (PCHC # 268).****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!AgywFpJqBF4aoSXctQw6eFTxy9W8?e=eh5xfm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 268**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - North Rim 4 Day Backpack - Bill Hall - Thunder River - Deer Creek (PCHC # 736).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Four consecutive days 24 miles and 6000 feet of elevation gain. Backpack, Steep and rough trails.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Four day backpack from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in a little used but beautiful part of the national park. This is a strenuous and challenging hike with difficult routefinding.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Total Mileage for Four days is 24 miles. Total Elevation Gain 6000 feet. A water cache will be necessary for the final night and climb to the rim. The North Rim closes from October 15th through May 15th each year.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bill Hall Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bill Hall, Thunder River and Deer Creek Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** National Park Pass required**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 224 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights/i-X6Rsz9p>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 736**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Peoria Area - Sunrise Mountain Trail and West Wing Mountain Combination (PCHC # 234).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. The two trails are well maintained with five hills to climb. Sunrise Mountain Trail is on the side of the valley as the parking lot. West Wing is across the road. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Westwing Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise Mountain, West Wing**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Peoria Trails Sunrise and Westwing Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn right into Westwing Neighborhood Park. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 56 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/City-of-Peoria/i-ttzrmxg>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amS4wfM4MjQP29x4l>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 234**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Thursday, September 22, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Short Version) (PCHC # 25).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the lower section Ford Canyon. From the parking lot take the Waddell Trail to the junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Bear straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the sign warning bicycles and horses not to proceed. At which point turn and retrace steps back to the parking lot.

**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-6dXsqL4>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MbIkO\\_](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MbIkO_)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 25**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, September 23, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - North Rim 4 Day Backpack - Bill Hall - Thunder River - Deer Creek (PCHC # 736).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Four consecutive days 24 miles and 6000 feet of elevation gain. Backpack, Steep and rough trails.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Four day backpack from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in a little used but beautiful part of the national park. This is a strenuous and challenging hike with difficult routefinding.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Total Mileage for Four days is 24 miles. Total Elevation Gain 6000 feet. A water cache will be necessary for the final night and climb to the rim. The North Rim closes from October 15th through May 15th each year.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bill Hall Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bill Hall, Thunder River and Deer Creek Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** National Park Pass required**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 224 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights/i-X6Rsz9p>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 736**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Friday, September 23, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - McDowell SP - Hawknest, Divide, Branding Iron, Coyote Canyon, Soapberry, Dove, Barb, 136th Express (PCHC # 269).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The highlights of this hike include a double crested saguaro, Michelin Man II Saguaro, many rock formations, and distant views of Four Peaks, the Superstitions, and other mountains. From the parking area head south on the 136th street express trail and turn tight on Hawknest. Follow approximately 2 miles to the Divide Trail. Turn left on Divide approximately 2 miles to the junction with Branding Iron. Turn left on Branding Iron, then left on Granite Mountain Loop and then another left on Coyote Canyon Trail. Take this north until the junction with Desperado at which point turn on this trail and a quick right onto Soapberry Wash Trail. Finally take Dove and Barb trails back to the 136th Street Express and follow north back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Tonto National Forest Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hawknest, Divide, Branding Iron, Coyote Canyon, Soapberry, Dove, Barb, 136th Express**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead (but you can stop off at the Browns Ranch Trailhead by turning left on Alma School Parkway and going about a mile to the end).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Tonto National Forest 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 as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right on Dynamite Boulevard (changes name to Rio Verde). Turn left on 136th Street. Drive about 5 miles to entrance to Tonto National Forest the last 2 miles are on a wellmaintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Northwest-Loop-Trails>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-pJqPLVq>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTaPPjR7gXYnsk1R>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 269**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Friday, September 23, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass Loop (PCHC # 623).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 678 feet. Head west from the parking lot. Turn right on caterpillar hill road and then quickly turn left on an unmarked trail: Tecate. Follow the Tecate trail north west around a small hill, climbing up and over a rocky section. Turn right at the first junction after the hill and continue northwest on the Cholla trail. This trail enters Deadhead pass and follows the east side of the pass and turns into the Deadhead Pass Trail. Shortly after a set of switchbacks up the east valley side there is a fork in the trail. Take the left fork down into the dry river bed and follow the trail as it loops in a south east direction back along the west side of Deadhead Pass. Follow this trail taking the Hiline trail around to Petroglyph Rock. From here take the trail behind the rock up and over Petro Ridge down to the junction with Lost Creek Trail. From here take trail that heads in a north easterly direction (Justins trail) to the junction with the Petroglyph Rock trail. Turn right and follow this trail back to Lost Creek Trail. Turn left and follow this trail back to the parking lot. In the spring, there is a large area of poppies towards the far end of the loop. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in the spring.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trails are not signposted. Follow the attached map or use an existing GPX if you are new to the area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Tacate, Cholla, Deadhead pass, Hiline, Widow Maker, Justins, Petroglyph Rock Trails**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-4pC2Wcc/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSoX29wT7G42Foax?e=ZaFJ8S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 623**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - North Rim 4 Day Backpack - Bill Hall - Thunder River - Deer Creek (PCHC # 736).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Four consecutive days 24 miles and 6000 feet of elevation gain. Backpack, Steep and rough trails.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Four day backpack from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in a little used but beautiful part of the national park. This is a strenuous and challenging hike with difficult routefinding.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Total Mileage for Four days is 24 miles. Total Elevation Gain 6000 feet. A water cache will be necessary for the final night and climb to the rim. The North Rim closes from October 15th through May 15th each year.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bill Hall Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bill Hall, Thunder River and Deer Creek Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** National Park Pass required**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 224 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights/i-X6Rs29p>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 736**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Outer Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, UY, UD (sign says LU), RU, UD, BR, PC, JL, SR (PCHC # 66).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 963 feet. This hike traverses most of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Annes Revenge (be sure not to turn onto DO: Doubleloon which is unmarked). It then connects to Grasky and climbs Up Yonder to the intersection of BlackJack and LU (Look Up?) and then down Upside Down (LU), a quick left onto a short section of Round Up (take the left on RU or you will wander far off track), back to Upside Down and then Surfs Up to Buccaneer and Pirates Cove. Turn right onto Jump Line to return to Sunrise and the parking area. The hike is in typical desert terrain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Queen Annes Revenge, Grasky, Up Yonder, Upside Down, Round Up, Upside Down, Surfs Up, Buccaneer, 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. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

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**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 497 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail out 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker/C-HikeEMRP-Rainbow-ToothakerLynnW2020-2021>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQTjxX/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSjgLtJcLot15rxl?e=ZXHKuy>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 313**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Sunday, September 25, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - North Rim 4 Day Backpack - Bill Hall - Thunder River - Deer Creek (PCHC # 736).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Four consecutive days 24 miles and 6000 feet of elevation gain. Backpack, Steep and rough trails.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Four day backpack from the North Rim of the Grand Canyon in a little used but beautiful part of the national park. This is a strenuous and challenging hike with difficult routefinding.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Total Mileage for Four days is 24 miles. Total Elevation Gain 6000 feet. A water cache will be necessary for the final night and climb to the rim. The North Rim closes from October 15th through May 15th each year.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bill Hall Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bill Hall, Thunder River and Deer Creek Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** National Park Pass required**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 224 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Thunder-RiverDeer/Highlights/i-X6Rsz9p>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 736**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20**DATE: Monday, September 26, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, September 26, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Bajada, National, Alta Trail Loop (PCHC # 325).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1860 feet. It is 2.2 miles from the Bajada Trail parking lot to the National Trail, then 1.5 miles to the Alta Trailhead, then 1.5 miles and 1,100 foot climb to the summit and then 2.6 miles back to the parking lot.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bajada Trailhead at Triangle **TRAILS:** Bajada, National, Alta**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take I10 East to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office, restrooms. Caravan to trailhead at the triangle. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Alta-National-Bajada-Trails>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-Lj9q76b>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyFFqiXAJlrz3xBd?e=OKsolr>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 325**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Monday, September 26, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Maricopa Trails - Tres Rios Wetlands (PCHC # 480).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt**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/bRLhXB?imageKey=RHz2w7C>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl-\\_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl-_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 480**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, September 27, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails (PCHC # 38).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 525 feet. The hike starts on the Mule Deer trail at Ramada 3 and goes through typical desert along a good trail to a hidden waterfall (usually dry).**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Ramada 3 **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and Water 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. Mule Deer trail can be accessed at Picnic Area #3 (D hikes). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-SLrGfxL>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1i8S3qSy9XcPI6V>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 38**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, September 28, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop plus Technical Loop (PCHC # 692).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1056 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The hike begins on the Long Loop: at 0.84 miles turn right onto the Technical Loop, proceeding clockwise for 2.9 miles to where the trail ends at the Long Loop. Turn left and follow the Long Loop counter clockwise for 3.26 miles, turning left onto the Long Loop Mountain Pass, following it for 1.97 miles. It will again intersect with the Long Loop; turn left and follow the trail for 3.16 miles to the parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be aware that this hike is on a biking competitive track. While on the technical loop, bikes will be coming from behind. Try to avoid scheduling this hike on Saturday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track Long Loop, Technical Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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 Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the selfpay station. Continue to the parking on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Competitive-Loop-Long/B-HikeEMRP-Comp-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-79XP25Q>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 692**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, September 28, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 313).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Barb Kripps**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 497 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail out 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker/C-HikeEMRP-Rainbow-ToothakerLynnW2020-2021>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQTjX/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSjgLtJcLot15rxl?e=ZXHKuy>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 313**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash, Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 247).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1260 feet. The loop combines several trails: the Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, and Ocotillo Trails. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash, Apache Vista, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Ocotillo,**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash 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. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/B-HikePSP-Apache-WashLynnW2021-2022/i-q59Sv6X>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-npt5NvD>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTKcp2QMxEMtvaNc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 247**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, September 29, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Coldwater Trail to Saddle (PCHC # 711).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. Hike starts at the intersection of Butterfield and Coldwater Trails and proceeds generally South on Coldwater to a saddle that will give D hikers a view into the southern area of the park. Trail is a wide road for about a mile, then a scenic 4WD road up to the saddle.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella West Rodeo Drive Trailhead **TRAILS:** Butterfield, Coldwater**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Park fee is \$7 per car**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/galleries/pLsdKd>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-JzkQGmd>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aonUTd8tEKJNvHsal?e=MDUZQR>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 711**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, September 30, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Little Grand Canyon Trail (AKA Doe Springs Segment) (PCHC # 386).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 844 feet. It covers the segment just north of the Boy Scout Loop south of the Black Canyon Trail. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Black Canyon City and the hills around it. There are two nice saguaro forests along the trail: the one at the 5 mile point is excellent and has shade for a break.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The trail itself is a national bike trail so expect a very good surface with many switchbacks and no 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:** Little Grand Canyon: Doe Springs Segment**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon TrailTable Mesa TrailheadHead 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 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I17, then immediately turn right.

Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area. Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I17road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I17). Go another 1.9 miles to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 96 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Doe-Spring/C-ExploratoryLynnW2013-2014/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Doe-Spring/C-ExploratoryLynnW2013-2014/i-jqRHGHP>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amj3bDsomwz41Pt9S?e=dBbMtA>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 386**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, September 30, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (PCHC # 62).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**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-nP5BpCp>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 62**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8



**DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Javelina Summit Loop from Lost Creek Trailhead return via North Side Scramble (PCHC # 741).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Steve McElroy

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike goes west on the Lost Creek Trail. Starting with the Lost Creek Trailhead, at a 4 way junction turn left and follow the Old Road south to where it turns off to the Javalina Connector Trail. Turn left on the Javalina Summit Trail, climb steeply to the summit. From the summit continue south along older trail to the saddle (past all of the cool rocks chairs). Bushwhack to your left (eastern) down the wash losing most of your elevation and then work your way northernly back to Lost Creek Trailhead and parking.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 60% of the trails are known and good. 40% route finding and bushwhacking to make it a loop. The bushwhacking portion is unknown so be prepared for rough terrain, cactus, loose footing and scrambling.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Lost Creek Trail, Jeep Trail, Tortuga, Javalina, Scramble, Tortuga, Jeep Trail, Lost Creek Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap03IA-hiCJMRm2E6?e=IGpWBI>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 741

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, October 1, 2022**

HIKE: No Saturday C Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, October 3, 2022****HIKE: A Hike - McDowell SP - East End Mountain Short Circuit (PCHC # 251).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 13.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3200 feet. A long, strenuous hike on excellent trails with sweeping views. From the Gateway Trailhead, take the Gateway Loop Trail south, then climb the Bell Pass Trail to its highpoint. Continuing the Bell Trail, connect to the East End Trail, climbing up to Toms Thumb. Cross over to the Lookout before returning to the parking lot via the Toms Thumb Trail, Windgate and Gateway North Loop Trails.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Gateway Trailhead, McDowell Sonoran Preserve **TRAILS:** Gateway Loop, Bell Pass, East End, Lookout, Tom Thumb Trail, Gateway Loop Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead. Water at trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Gateway Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East (left), then take Highway 101 North all the way around to Scottsdale. Exit at Princess/PimaBell Road (exit #36). Continue straight through the light to get to Bell Road. Turn east (left) on Bell Road and go approximately 1.4 miles. Turn north (left) onto Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn right into trailhead parking 0.5 mi. up the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 88 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Gateway-Bell-East-Peak-Toms-Thumb-Gateway-Loop/A-HikeToms-Thumb-15-Mile-LoopLynnW2020-2021>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-WxTgCXz>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 251

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Monday, October 3, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Lower Half Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, UY, EP, PA, DO, BL, SR (PCHC # 726).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This hike traverses the lower half of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Annes Revenge. It then connects to Grasky and climbs Up Yonder almost to the intersection of BlackJack and follow the trail to the right (new name is Estrella Park). Connect to Park Avenue, Down Under, BL back to Sunrise.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Queen Annes Revenge, Grasky, Up Yonder, Estrella Park, Park Avenue, Down Under, BL, Sunrise

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking Lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-B9nNndw>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 726

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, October 3, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Queen Annes Revenge Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, SU, SW, JL, SR Loop (PCHC # 75).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bob McDermott

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 368 feet. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School then turns left on Sunrise. Turn Left on PA (Park Avenue) and in 2 miles turn left on JR (Jolly Roger). Then take Queen Annes Revenge to Grasky up to a high saddle. The trail turns left onto Up There trail that connects to Blackjack and then onto Jimpline. Follow jimpline to Sunrise. Turn left and return to the high school parking area. The trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is in typical desert terrain. Trail condition: mostly a very good hiking trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Queen Annes Revenge, Grasky, Up There, Blackjack, 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. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking Lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-Exploratory-Hike-7-05-2018Queen-AnnesRevengeLynnW2017/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-s9wkMzw/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRjptOUaxxfaPLmG?e=IlbNrh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 75**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) South Loop (PCHC # 196).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The hike is on several trails in the eastern part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Fantasy Island Trailhead **TRAILS:** entry trail, Eileens Entry, Joeys Jaunt, Connies Causeway, Boneyard, Muriels Mile, Stones Throne, exit trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-VFhk4ss>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoxS5x4KMwRQCAjwn?e=iWe0Mg>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 196**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert Loop via National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails (PCHC # 51).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** We'll walk this B hike at C pace

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. From the parking lot the Holbert Trail climbs up the valley to the left of Dobbins Lookout. Continue up to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take a break at the stone ramada. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomitas Trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Holbert Trailhead **TRAILS:** Holbert, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail) Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Rt 202 S to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave. Turn right onto Central Avenue and drive into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut (if you get to the Ranger Station youve driven too far). Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-TWSTT9J>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRrfipuiNtuK7tyc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 51**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Wednesday, October 5, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Boy Scout Loop (PCHC # 381).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** somewhat rocky in one segment.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Walking down a dirt road (42nd Avenue) for about 1 mile, go right on the Black Canyon Trail. (There is an old sign when you get to the Black Canyon Trail). At the next intersection, go left up the western side of the loop. Stay right until you get to the next signed intersection. It is a somewhat rocky trail leading to the signed intersection with the Black Canyon Trail. Go left up to the summit and then return to the intersection, turning left to go down via the eastern side of the loop. Return along the dirt road to the parking area. There is a dense saguaro forest between the upper intersection and the summit. The hike goes through typical desert terrain with views of distant vistas.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Black Canyon Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Boy Scout Loop 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 6 miles and you will see the Emory Henderson Trailhead sign on your left. Continue past Emory Henderson to 42nd Avenue. Turn left and park in the small parking area provided **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 74 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amj4Xi8anF91hgMk4?e=ZPpPzc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 381**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Carney Springs to Peralta Loop (PCHC # 547).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Difficult bushwack from top of Carney Springs across ridge and down to Fremont Saddle.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Carney Springs trail is a very steep, strenuous, loose pebble/dirt trail that goes up to a saddle providing great views to the south of the Superstitions. From the saddle follow the cairned trail to the right that ascends to an area of jumbled rocks immediately above Fremont Saddle. There are incredible views of Weavers Needle and the Superstition Mountain that makes the difficult trail worth the effort. There is much boulder hopping going steeply down to Fremont Saddle. At the saddle locate the Peralta Trail leading to the right down the Peralta Valley. Once down the Peralta Trail at the trailhead, you simply hike down the road about a mile to the Carney Springs Trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Strenuous climb to the ridge above Carney Springs and scenic but challenging descent to Peralta Trail for the return.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Goldmine East Trailhead **TRAILS:** Carney Springs Trail, Peralta Trail #102**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some). No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Superstitions Lost Goldmine Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnout (approximately 32 miles 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 wellmaintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Carney-SpringsPerata-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-ksBx6Bv/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al17gbVTf6-WnVavZ?e=BLDIND>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 547**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$13**DATE: Thursday, October 6, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border**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-2v4fST3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXl8QEKf1s4SY5J>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, October 7, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNiE-TYMzX>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, October 7, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer Wildlife Trail (PCHC # 700).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. We hike north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley then along the short Wildlife Trail to a pond. There is an old windmill at the site as well as a smaller, working one. We can take a break on benches at the pond or proceed to Ramada #4 for shaded picnic tables before returning to the Library trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is a little oasis in the middle of the desert!

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer Trail, Wildlife Trail

**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Maricopa-Muledeer-Trails/D-HikeWT-Mule-Deer-WindmillLynnW2021-2022>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-Q2c8bvV>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 700

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Estrella Foothills plus FINS (PCHC # 639).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 560 feet. The hike begins from the High School south and proceeds west through some of the developed areas to the FINS trailhead. At FINS the hike will continue as a 4 mile loop on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. The hike then returns to the high school. Trail condition: good, this is also a biking trail.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-FINS-03-10LynnW2021-2022/>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-LKKSXwP/A>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3zBCxjwnJtkWAGQ>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 639

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, October 8, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 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 on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-S4jmJw9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 319**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, October 10, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, October 10, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Skyline RP - Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle Loop (PCHC # 572).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. This hike does a loop around the outer edges of the park (as of Aug 2016). There are lots of views of the west valley.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Mine Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-JFrXJX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3dnqGpyGsj2QzWN>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 572**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, October 10, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite Lollipop Loop (PCHC # 578).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Pyrite Peak Elevation. Steep ascent from Chuckwalla.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 950 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, 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-3rj9RR3>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnj4ja5VKItJsLlz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 578**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, October 11, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Cottonwood Trail to Pipeline Canyon Trail to Bridge (PCHC # 144).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a fairly easy hike. The hike goes from the northwest corner of Lake Pleasant to a floating bridge that crossed part of the lake at one time. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros. There are many in the area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lake Pleasant Cottonwood Trailhead **TRAILS:** Cottonwood, Pipeline Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead but there are along the trail. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Maricopa County Past s good for five hikers.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Ramada 1 (North Entrance), Lake Pleasant ParkDrive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North. Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Parkway. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Parkway to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (north) and drive 5.2 miles to T intersection. Turn right at the T on Castle Creek Drive. After driving past the Fee Booth, the trailhead is immediately on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-jj4KcpB>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 144**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 10012).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Travel and Tent Staging Day**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days. Logistic Considerations required.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 48 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 11400 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike/Rim-to-Rim-HikeLynnW2021-2022/i-bnrWZZV>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alw5ndLWhVTXVmhjh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10012**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate**DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Copper Mountain Segment (PCHC # 384).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 13.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. From the trailhead, the hike does a loop along the base of Copper Mountain and through a large forest of prickly pear cactus. At about halfway, there is a large rock outcropping that is a nice place to take a break. There are large expanses of open range with amazing views of the Bradshaw Mountains in the distance.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 5 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Copper Mountain Segment**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are primitive restrooms at the Big Bug Trailhead. There are no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Copper Mountain Loop 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 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left crossing I17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 5.3 miles and turn right on Old Sycamore Road. Park at the top of the hill (1 mi.) after passing the BCT trail crossing. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 170 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-9ZNwwMD>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alwC3ynTJINL9EYOb>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 384**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$14

**DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRyUUNKfox3jkNeq?e=gqd1kF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 735**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 10012).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days. Logistic Considerations required.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 48 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 11400 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike/Rim-to-Rim-HikeLynnW2021-2022/i-bnrWZZV>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alw5ndLWhVTXVmhjh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10012**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate**DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 737).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days 24 miles and 5700 feet elevation gain on each day. Logistic Considerations required.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 24 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 5700 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Two Days of hiking make up the 48 miles and 11,400 feet of elevation gain. 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike/Rim-to-Rim-HikeLynnW2021-2022/i-bnrWZZV>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alw5ndLWhVTXVmhjh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 737**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate

**DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Hawes Loop Trail, Granite Reef Recreation Area (PCHC # 241).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This hike has a variety of interesting views, most of the hike provides views of Red Mountain, the Granite Reef Dam and the park. The hike starts out about 100 feet North of parking lot for the Hawes Trail Trailhead. Cross the street to the trailhead for the Hawes Trail (be careful crossing the street). Over the first 3 miles, the trail slowly rises about 400 ft through typical desert brush. Around the 5.4 mile point you will pass several large mansions. There are many large saguaros in the center of the park, which forms a large bowl. Along Mine Trail there are a few steep descents with lots of loose scree. The trail generally wanders around the edge of the bowl. This trail has the potential for numerous spring wildflowers if winter rains are sufficient.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Interesting combination of trails with outstanding views of Red Mountain and saguaros. Chance of seeing wild horses.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Hawes Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Granite #54, Saguaro #50, Ridge #59, Saddle #51, Hawes #52, Cactus Garden, Magic Mtn, Upper Secret, Mine

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Park requires a Tonto Pass (\$8 per car), or a National Parks Pass (no need to stop at the ranger station just put the pass in the window). Restrooms are at the parking lot.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Hawes Loop Trail Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left) HOV to Highway 202 East (HOV left exit). 202 to Power Road exit, turn left (north). Go about 2 miles to bottom of the hill and turn left into Granite Reef Recreation Area. The trail starts across the street, about 100 feet north of entrance to parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/UsuryMountainRegionalPark/Hawes-Loop-Trail>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Usury-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-5qBV67P>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTDtV6IbTjL9UnH8>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 241

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, October 13, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Buckeye Area - Dog Bone Martys Loop from Joe Foss Trailhead (PCHC # 705).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. Route on flat trail from Joe Foss Trailhead

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Warning to Coordinators: Access roads to both Dog Bone East and Dog Bone West except the Joe Foss Trailhead have been closed. Be sure to check out the parking area before scheduling a hike in the Dog Bone area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Joe Foss Trail Head **TRAILS:** Martys Loop

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 West (right) to Highway 85. Drive south on Highway 85 for about 9 miles. Turn left opposite the Buckeye Hills Regional Park (and Joe Fosse Shooting Range). Park on the left just before the fence. The trail starts on the other side of the fence heading left (parallel to Highway 85). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 54 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Buckeye/i-2qqzTtj>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 705

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Friday, October 14, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 10012).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days. Logistic Considerations required.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 48 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 11400 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles

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**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alw5ndLWWhVTXVmhjh>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10012

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate



**DATE: Friday, October 14, 2022****HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 737).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days 24 miles and 5700 feet elevation gain on each day. Logistic Considerations required.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 24 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 5700 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Two Days of hiking make up the 48 miles and 11,400 feet of elevation gain. 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike/Rim-to-Rim-HikeLynnW2021-2022/i-bnrWZZV>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alw5ndLWhVTXVmhjh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 737**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate**DATE: Friday, October 14, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Maricopa Trails - Bell Rd South to White Tanks Mule Trail (PCHC # 635).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 135 feet. This hike is a segment of the Maricopa Trail. It proceeds south for nearly 5.5 miles with little elevation gain, before returning back. You arrive at the border of the White Tank Regional Park, close to Mule Trail at Ramada 4 where you can then hike over to the Wildlife Trail pond. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a very good hiking trail. You will pass a radio controlled aircraft club and may be able to observe R/C planes dogfighting. Pretty interesting.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sun Valley Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail: Bell Road to White Tank**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fee. No restrooms.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go west on Indian School Road. Hwy 303 North for 9.3 miles to Bell Rd West, Exit 116. Continue on W. Bell Rd for 3.1 miles; it becomes West Sun Lakes Pkwy. Continue on West Sun Lakes Pkwy for 0.6 mile. Watch for a brown sign (Sun Valley Trail Head) about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail. Turn left into parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 32 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Maricopa-Trails/Sun-Valley-Bell-Road-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Maricopa-Trails/i-zwpzBNB/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al3PdghSr2spAipYw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 635**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Friday, October 14, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Prescott Area - Camp Verde - West Clear Creek (PCHC # 720).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 355 feet. The C level will cross the stream three times each way, stopping for a break and return to starting point. Hikers will get wet! The stream is 30 foot wide by 24 to 30 inches deep. It is suggested that the hiker take an extra pair of shoes or boots or waterproof hiking boots. It is also important to have a hiking stick to maintain balance when crossing the stream. If the hiker goes past the third crossing there is a fourth and last crossing at about the 5 mile mark.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Bull Pen Day Use Area **TRAILS:** West Clear Creek Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fee. Restroom at the trailhead**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to West Clear Creek Turn right on to PebbleCreek Pkwy to Indian School Rd Turn right on to AZ303 Loop to I17 N Turn left on I17 N to Camp Verde exit 287 (AZ260) (McDonalds at this exit) Follow AZ 260 right for 8.1 miles. Turn left on FR618, a gravel road (theres a small brown sign to Bull Pen) Take FR 618 about 2.25 miles. Turn right onto FR 215. A sign here directs you to Bull Pen/West Clear Creek. Follow FR 215 about 3 miles to the end. At the Bull Pen sign, go left about 200 yards to parking area and gate access to trail. Note: distance is 112 miles from Pebble Creek to trailhead. High profile vehicle recommended for gravel roads. They are graded but rough **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 224 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CampVerde/West-Clear-Creek-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Prescott/i-FzwFLV2>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoS1ZP0EQXdryOF3B?e=omYzaF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 720**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
**HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Grand Canyon NP - Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim-to-Rim (PCHC # 10012).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte  
**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Travel Day  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** A hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long Hike on two consecutive days. Logistic Considerations required.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 48 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 11400 feet. This is a Grand Canyon double crossing using rest tent at South Rim. Day 1 will be a staging day. Set up a campsite on the South Rim and then drive to the North Rim. Day 2 hike from North Rim to the South Rim using the N Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails. Spend the night on the South Rim. Day 3 hike back to the North Rim in reverse of Day 2 trails. Drive back to the South Rim and spend the night. Day 4 Drive home.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 10 to 12 hours of hiking per day. Bring plenty of food and Electrolytes. Water is available at Phantom Ranch and at Cottonwood camp grounds. Multiple vehicles and tents are required or bus transport hired to travel from North rim to South rim. Hike as light as possible (food, emergency, medical gear and water). Water is available along the trail. Campsite will be set up so no need to carry camping equipment.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Kaibab and Bright Angel Trailheads **TRAILS:** South Kaibab, Bright Angel Trails  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No facilities at either trailhead. National Park entrance fees required.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Provided. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 500 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PCHCOvernightHikes/Grand-Canyon-Rim-to-Rim-10-06-10-08-2021/Rim-to-Rim-Hike>  
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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10012  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$Negotiate

**DATE: Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
**HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse  
**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhwjvKYWWES09xw>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, October 15, 2022**  
**HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** This hike is a reschedule from October 6th  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border  
**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-2v4fST3/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXl8QEKf1s4SY5J>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022**  
**HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Bumblebee to Government Springs (PCHC # 382).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 13.4 mile hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. It wanders through typical desert terrain with views of an abandoned house, mine, a working cattle ranch, and distant views of Sunset Point Rest Area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Bumblebee to Government Springs**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I17 with easy return.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Bumblebee Trailhead Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I17. Drive about 5 miles (the last 3 are on a wellmaintained dirt road). Turn left into an unpaved parking area. (This is just before the yellow Welcome to Bumblebee sign on the right). Immediately turn right and go about .2 miles to the end. Trail is about 50 yards on the other side of the little canyon and runs parallel to the roadcross wherever you can, and you will run into the trail. Go to the right on the trail **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 120 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs/B-HikeLynnW2015-2016/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alN8zk5jQDYOrpI2r>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 382**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Sedona Area - Chuckwagon and Devils Bridge From Mescal Parking Lot (PCHC # 743).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. From the Mescal Parking Lot take the Chuckwagon Trail loop to the north. The path goes through typical Sedona countryside with red rocks and ponderosa pine trees. After four miles or so thake the side trip to Devils Bridge. This is very steep, and you will not be alone, but the views from the bridge are outstanding. The quarter mile to the bridge is steep with stairlike steps. After enjoying the bridge, return down to the junction with Chuckwagon. Turn left and follow the loop back to the Mescal Parking Lot**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mescal Trailhead **TRAILS:** Chuckwagon, Devils Bridge**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at trailhead. There is no park fee with a Senior Parks pass**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Sedona Dry Creek Vista Trailhead Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303. Go North (right) on Loop 303 to I17 North. Go North (left) on I17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde). Go west (left) to Cottonwood. Turn north (right) on 89A. Turn left onto Dry Creek Road. Follow Dry Creek Road (it becomes Boynton Pass Road) to a tee and then take a right onto Long Canyon Road. Proceed to the Mescal Trailhead, parking on both the left and right side of the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 250 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Devils-Bridge>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Sedona/i-GcJ9vjD>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 743**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$23**DATE: Tuesday, October 18, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Short Version (PCHC # 45).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to 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-9msCH67>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al3zzolFeyI5F8z-v>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 45**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Lake Pleasant Shore Hike (Long) (PCHC # 634).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This is a hike along the shore of Lake Pleasant that starts out near the Discovery Center, beginning on the Roadrunner Trail. At 0.8 miles, RR connects with Frog Tank Trail, and goes downhill for 0.3 miles to the Beardsley trail, turn right and at 2 miles BE ends near campground 7. Pick up Wild Burro Trail here and proceed for 2 miles where WB ends. Continue further on Pipeline Canyon Trail to the Floating Bridge; this will be the turn around point.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 5 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Discovery Center Trailhead **TRAILS:** Roadrunner, Frog Tank, Beardsley, Wild Burro, Pipeline Canyon Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms with water are at various points along the trail. Park fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Loop 303 N. to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (N) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (W) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Rd. (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (N). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right on Lake Pleasant Access Rd. Turn Right on South Park Road. follow to Overlook Road which ends at the Discovery Center. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Roadrunner-Frog-Tank-Pipeline>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 634**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, October 19, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pyramid, Bursera, Gila Loop (PCHC # 339).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Mary Hill

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 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 I10. 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:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite, Ford, Willow, Mesquite (PCHC # 36).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About .3 miles into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank. This is Willow Springs. This is a good place for a lunch stop. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the Mesquite Trail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition is an average hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Willow Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-w5MKbQb>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2kgdq0Pkety6rVa>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 36**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Wickenburg Area - Hassayampa River Preserve (PCHC # 180).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. The preserve is one of the two areas where the Hassayampa River flows above ground. There are lots of tall palm and cottonwood trees as well as lush undergrowth. Over 50 bird species call this home for part of the year. The best time to go is spring (March). There is one hill overlooking the preserve with elevation, the rest of the trail is mostly level.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Hassayampa River Preserve

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Open 8:00AM F/S/S May 15 to Sept 15. Open 8:00 AM W/T/F/S/S Sept 15 to May 15. There are restrooms in the visitors center. Park fee is \$5.00 per person.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Hassayampa River Preserve Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. The Preserve is on the left near Milepost 114. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-vG7T2H9>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aox809GLAJKNNU74c?e=Vd8rgU>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 180**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, October 20, 2022**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Tuscany Falls Ballroom

**DATE: Friday, October 21, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhwjvKYWWESO9xw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, October 21, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - San Tan RP - Goldmine, SanTan Short Loop (PCHC # 746).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 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 and follow San Tan in a loop back to the parking lot. 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** 6533 West Phillips Road, Queen Creek **TRAILS:** Little Leaf, Goldmine, 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-VTpLdsc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 746**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11

**DATE: Saturday, October 22, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, October 22, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**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!AgywFpJqBF4anHSitIejVrVYaC1D>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 586**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, October 24, 2022****HIKE: A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs Mountain via Miners Needle (PCHC # 691).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 13.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. This route follows good trails with a bushwhack climb in and out to the trailless Bluff Springs Mountain. From Peralta Trailhead take the Dutchman Trail north then north west up the canyon past Miners Needle. Continue on Dutchman Trail to the junction with Bluff Springs Trail and turn left. Shortly after the junction look to the right for an obvious track marked by cairns. This is the rough trail steeply uphill that leads ultimately to Bluff Springs Mountain. Carefully follow cairns over the flat top to the rocky mound that is the summit. The views from this peak are incredible. Retrace steps back to Bluff Springs trail and turn right and follow this trail all the way back to the Peralta Trailhead. The return via this route is spectacular with jagged rock formations and views over into the Peralta valley.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Average trail for main hike loop. Steep rocky bushwhack/scramble to Bluff Springs Mountain summit a trailless peak. Recommend early start.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Peralta Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dutchmans Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235, Bushwhack climb to Bluff Springs Mountain, Bluff Springs Trail #235, Bluff Springs Trail #235**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at trailhead. No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Superstitions Peralta 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 and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a wellmaintained dirt road. Restrooms are at the trailhead. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 140 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Mountain/A-HikeBluff-Springs-MtLynnW2019-2020-1>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-Dw7DR3j>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am0i4DJBbLawf1ab9?e=AD5Cnh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 691**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$13

**DATE: Monday, October 24, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado Outer Loop from Lost Creek (PCHC # 727).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. This hike goes west on the Lost Creek trail. Take SOB over to Petroglyphic Rock. Pick up Baseline North West to Central Wash. Stay on Highline. After crossing the wash turn left on the new deadhead trail extension. Turn back and stay on Central Wash back to Raven Road. turn right and return to parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** SOB, Baseline, Central Wash, Highline, Deadhead trail, Central Wash, Raven Road**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

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 727**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, October 24, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Coyote Roundabout off Elliot Road (PCHC # 744).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt

**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 I10. 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!AgywFpJqBF4aqEw7jPzIQRhndZgv?e=q53b3Q>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 744**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, October 25, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Doubloon Loop - SR, PA, JR, DO, RR, PA, SR (PCHC # 589).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. From the High School, take Sunrise then Park Avenue. Turn left on Jolly Roger to the The intersection of Jolly Roger, Doubloon and Queen Annes Revenge. Take care here as no signage exists so please consult the map if unclear. Take Doubloon to Road Runner (There are two paths from Doubloon to Rum Runner. One is slightly longer than the other, but both get to the same place). Follow Road Runner to the junction with Park Avenue. Bear right on Park Avenue and retrace steps back to the High School. This hike has typical desert scenery.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Doubloon, Rumrunner, Park Avenue, Sunrise**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead 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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-HikeEF-Short-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-vT4Hxjj/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anHVkM6qOogDzDmFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 589**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022**HIKE:** B Hike - Prescott Area - Granite Mountain #261 (PCHC # 58).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 9:00 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Hikers will be meeting at 9 am at the stated trailhead. Hikers should prearrange rides from PebbleCreek as we will not be formally meeting and leaving from Eagles Nest parking lot. Please contact Kris Raczkiwicz, 563 599 9757 with any additional questions.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. Hike west from the trailhead gate a little more than 1.8 miles to the junction at Trail 37 and 261. The trail to the right is 261. Walk through the wooden chute and hike up 1.3 miles of moderate switchbacks and a 1200 ft ascent to Granite mountain saddle. We continue hiking another mile through the ponderosas to granite mountain overlook. Trail condition: most of it is a typical trail, but the last part is loose stone and very steep.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Trail #37, Trail # 261**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Pay \$5.00 fee. Fill out envelope completely; place flap on dash so it can be read. Parking is free on Wednesdays or with a Golden Age or Golden Eagle Pass.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Prescott Granite Mountain. Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303. Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I17. Turn left onto I17 towards Flagstaff. Take I17 North to Prescott exit #262. Turn North (left) on SR 69 to Prescott. Turn right on Fain Road. Drive to the end of the parkway (it changes name to Pioneer Parkway). Turn left on Williamson Valley Road Turn right (north) on Iron Springs Rd. Turn right at the Granite Basin Lake turnoff (this is FSR 374) Follow FSR 374 for 5 miles to Granite Mt. Metate Trailhead #261. Parking will be on the left. Parking & restrooms are at the trailhead. 260 miles RT. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 216 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Granite-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Prescott/i-sD5Mb7k>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amAJEH0uw7ncC1pBc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 58**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20**DATE:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022**HIKE:** B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Elephant Mountain via Lime Kiln Trail (PCHC # 49).**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** We'll walk this B hike at 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 I 17 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!AgywFpJqBF4amRnCq1HxxtwfAVCC>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 49**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022**HIKE:** B Hike - Prescott Area - 2022 Fall Prescott B Placeholder Hike (PCHC # 10001).**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for 2022 B Fall Trip to Prescott**TRAILHEAD NAME:** **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10001**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20**DATE:** Thursday, October 27, 2022**HIKE:** B Hike - Prescott Area - 2022 Fall Prescott B Placeholder Hike (PCHC # 10001).**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for 2022 B Fall Trip to Prescott**TRAILHEAD NAME:** **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10001**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20



**DATE: Thursday, October 27, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Prescott Area - Constellation & Willow Lake Dells (PCHC # 153).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 9:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Hikers will be meeting at 9 am at the stated trailhead. Hikers should prearrange rides from PebbleCreek as we will not be formally meeting and leaving from Eagles Nest parking lot. Please contact Kris Raczkiwicz, 563 599 9757 with any additional questions.**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** most likely elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. There are lots of great views of the Granite Dells rock formations as well as Willow Lake and the mountains of Prescott. There are a couple of Fat Mans Pass like cuts through the rocks as well as a bridge across a portion of the rock formations. Trail condition: much of the trail is on granite boulders (they use white paint to park the trail) and there are many short hills to go up over and down.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Constellation Trailhead **TRAILS:** Constellation & Willow Lake Dells**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. There is a portajohn across the road on the trail.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Prescott Constellation Trails Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School, turn west (left), take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Take I17 north to Cordes Junction, Exit 262. Turn north (left) on SR 69 to Prescott. Turn right on Fain Road. Take Exit 317 then left on SR 89. Turn left into the Phippen Museum parking lot. Trailhead parking is up the hill on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 223 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Constellation>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Prescott/i-hQ7XGh9>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amUfSdfomWMobLk0Y>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 153**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20**DATE: Thursday, October 27, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Frog Tank, Beardsley, Morgan City Wash (PCHC # 145).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 450 feet. The hike starts out at the north end of the Frog Tank Trail between areas 10 and 11. It goes downhill to the Beardsley Trail, turns right for .2 miles, then turns left to go along an interesting canyon. The canyon ends at the Morgan City Wash Trail signs. We then turn left and follow the trail through Morgan City Wash before reconnecting with the Beardsley Trail. Turning left on Beardsley we return to the Frog Tank Trail and back to the trailhead. There is a nice dry waterfall area just off the Beardsley Trail with some interesting rock formations. Morgan City Wash which has been recently upgraded as a trail is an interesting jungle area with a running creek.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Frog Tank Trailhead **TRAILS:** Frog Tank, Beardsley, Morgan City Wash, Beardsley**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Ramada 12Frog Tank, 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 (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right on Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee. Then turn right on South Park Road. The trailhead is on the left at the top of the hill. Trailhead is a large parking lot overlooking the lake. Park on the right near restrooms. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Morgan-City-Wash-Maricopa>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-tRx7K6Z>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aolFd7yFFEQxqlgYU?e=7bYTFr>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 145**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, October 28, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Prescott Area - Groom Creek Trail #307 (PCHC # 157).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 9:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Hikers will be meeting at 9 am at the stated trailhead. Hikers should prearrange rides from PebbleCreek as we will not be formally meeting and leaving from Eagles Nest parking lot. Please contact Kris Raczkiwicz, 563 599 9757 with any additional questions.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. From the trailhead, the trail immediately forks. Take the right fork for a counter clockwise loop. 200 yards into the hike you reach a power line. The trail is distinct at this point, and it follows the power line road to the south. Follow the power line road for ¼ mile until you cross a dirt road. The trail then turns east (left) and leaves the power line road. The trail rises and falls and crosses several washes as it gently climbs along Spruce Ridge. After climbing 3.5 miles you reach a saddle where Trail #377 branches to the right. Stay left and continue the gentle climb for 2 more miles until reaching the Spruce Mountain Lookout. There are picnic tables and an outhouse here. From the picnic area the trail continues to the south and switchbacks down along Groom Creek back to the parking area in 3.5 miles.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Groom Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Groom Creek Trail #307**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead.**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 Street to Mt. Vernon Avenue. Turn left on Mount Vernon Avenue. (Which becomes Senator Highway) and follow paved road for 6.5 miles to the Groom Creek Horse Camp and #307 trailhead. Alternate route to Prescott Groom Creek Trail #307. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Highway 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/Groom-Creek-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Prescott/i-C9Wx75C>

**DATE:** Friday, October 28, 2022  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Prescott Area - 2022 Fall Prescott B Placeholder Hike (PCHC # 10001).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for 2022 B Fall Trip to Prescott  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** TRAILS: TBD  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10001  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE:** Friday, October 28, 2022  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Estrella MRP - Gadsen Short Loop (PCHC # 745).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden. There will be a new trail on the left that is the cutoff across to join the Gadsden loop directly to the north. Take this trail and at the junction with Gadsden turn left. When Gadsden meets Butterfield turn right and reverse the earlier directions back to the parking lot.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Gadsden Cutoff, Gadsden, Butterfield, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-dXBTpdh>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aq3mSBOOQKnnPn3o7?e=XsO2Bb>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 745  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, October 29, 2022  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado West Loop (PCHC # 629).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first loop is is counterclockwise, primarily in Skyline Regional Park. The second loop is clockwise in Verrado. From the parking lot head straight west to left on Skyline dtrack for .20 miles to left on SOB for 1.40 miles to left on Lost Creek, climbing about 600 for .90 miles over a saddle, then to left on Mountain Wash down for 1.00 miles past restrooms & parking area to left on Quartz Mine. Quartz Mine climbs and takes a hard right at 1.60 miles where it intersects with the Skyline Crest trail, which goes to the left. Continue on Quartz Mine for 1.30 more miles, climbing, then down to right on Lost Creek for .30 miles to right on Down Periscope, which turns into Petro Ridge, which turns into Upper Ridge to left on Widow Maker for 1.40 miles, at which point trail goes past the fenced petroglyphs, then the last 1.50 miles of trail turns into Loosey Goosey to right on Spine to Split which turns into Glory to right on Lost Creek dtrack to left back to trailhead  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks. Even though there are names for the Verrado trails, none of them are marked.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Skyline dtrack, SOB, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash, Quartz Mine, Down Periscope, Petro Ridge, Upper Ridge, Widow Maker, Loosey Goosey, Spine to Split, Glory, Lost Creek dtrack.  
**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-West-Loop/B-HikeVerrado-West-Loop-03-24-2023LynnW2022-2023>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-NNT9fjh/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHNcqEcZz1iuGB9o?e=gSOPZZ>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 629  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, October 29, 2022  
**HIKE:** D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Bell Road South (PCHC # 470).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 100 feet. Hike starts at the Sun Valley Trailhead and proceeds south for 5 miles with minimal elevation gain. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a good hiking trail.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sun Valley Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Bell Road South Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Bell Road West which becomes Sun Lakes Parkway. Watch for a sign about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail Parking on the left **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 470  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, October 31, 2022**

**HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Pyrite Ridge from Entrance Station Parking Lot (PCHC # 13).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Difficult route finding and some scrambling required. There is a lot of exposure on the ridge.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Park vehicles just beyond the Skyline Park entrance building. The route heads south over flat land parallel with Watson Road until the start of the Pyrites Ridge becomes visible to the west of 234th Avenue. There are two tricky crossings of dry stream beds before locating the path onto the ridge. The Pyrites Ridge snakes to the northwest approximately 4 miles and goes over several peaks before eventually joining with the Pyrite Trail approximately 1 mile from the summit. Take the trail to the summit of Pyrite Peak to complete the ridge. After reaching Pyrite Peak return via the Pyrite Trail and jeep trails to cutover to where the vehicles were parked.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Rough trailless path over the Pyrite Ridge. Ridge is open and very exposed. Can be overgrown with cholla. Loose footing throughout the trailless section of the hike. Approximately 4 miles of trailless hiking plus 4+ miles of trail hiking of trail hiking.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Skyline Park Entrance Station Parking Lot **TRAILS:** Trailless crossing of the ridge, Pyrite Trail, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. Restrooms are at the main 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 through the entrance station to the stop sign. Park immediately across the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/A-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-RidgelineLynnW2021-2022>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-LwTqmX5>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aqnsaZ3ALPhwmwJKA?e=WfEfaV>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 13

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, October 31, 2022**

**HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Waddell, Ford Canyon, Mesquite Canyon (PCHC # 24).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Waddell Trail from Parking lot #7. Continue onto the Ford Canyon Trail. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Continue into the Willow Springs Valley and after the left turnoff to the Willow Canyon Trail continue straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the junction 1 one mile with the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn left on the Mesquite Trail and return near tour starting point.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Waddell Trailhead **TRAILS:** Waddell, Ford Canyon, Mesquite

**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:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-kv89KjQ>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzirw6zXWUppq6QL1>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 24

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, October 31, 2022**

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam (PCHC # 22).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Pam Marshall

**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:** <http://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!AgywFpJqBF4aly9r1XHilnP3siGF>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 22

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Black Canyon NRT - K-Mine Segment (PCHC # 670).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 417 feet. hike goes 2.5 miles along a ridge that follows the Agua Fria River before descending to the river using a series of sharp switchbacks. This stretch of the hike provides nice views of the river canyon as well as Black Canyon City. The trail continues across the river and follows an old jeep trail over several hills before picking up the continuation of the Black Canyon Trail. The last .25 miles are on a gravel road.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead **TRAILS:** KMine Segment**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms. The Rock Springs Café (great pies and burgers) is .8 miles from the trailhead, and you will pass it to get back on I17

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 north toward Flagstaff. Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe). Turn left (West), crossing I17. At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road. Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left). Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad. Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/K-mine-Segment-Exit-242>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSwuKuEhBQFnCtWH?e=phrtc6>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 670**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Wednesday, November 2, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Harquahala Peak (PCHC # 50).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 3572 feet. For the first 3 miles this trail follows a rocky route steeply rising under large, spectacular cliffs to an open mountain saddle. At this point the trail sweeps to the left and continues climbing over open grassland to the summit. At the summit is an old weather station with fact boards explaining the important history of Harquahala Mountain.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Steep trail. It rises 3572 feet in a little over 5 miles. Trail is on South side of range so in the morning you are climbing in shadows so may be very cold in the winter months. The first sun will be felt at the saddle. Additionally the route may be overgrown in the fall months after the summer monsoons. Wear long pants to ward off the cats claw!!

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Harquahala Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Harquahala Summit Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a restroom at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Harquahala Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take 303 North to the Highway 60 (Grand) exit and turn left toward Wickenburg. At the traffic circle in Wickenburg, take the 2nd exit to stay on US 60 West/East Center/East Wickenburg Way and continue to follow US 60 West. The trailhead is on the left after the town of Aguila and before the town of Wenden. The turn to the trailhead is between mile marker 70 and 71. It is marked by a lone palm tree on the right hand side (north side) of the road. You must go through a gate on south side of the road. It is inconspicuous and easy to miss. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 180 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-PQsr2d9>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al37uGqkDkD8jWXhF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 50**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$16**DATE: Wednesday, November 2, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash (PCHC # 102).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Challenge due to some loose rock scrambling and creek crossings.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts by going into Morgan City wash (right from the parking area, then go under road) for about a mile. At one mile, look for a side canyon on the left, cross through the loose gate, and hike down a pretty slot canyon with an overgrown riparian area due to the wet Chalky Spring. This is a 1/4 mile round trip in and out. Return to the main wash and proceed down the wash and turn left on the Morgan City wash trail (approx two miles), going up to the road. Cross the road and there are restrooms and seating, making a good area for a rest break. There is a good chance to see wild burros and owls on this hike. Trail condition: Sandy wash/loose rock, with creek crossings and lots of brush on the 0.25 mile Chalky Spring section.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Includes a 1/4 mile Chalky Spring side trip. Be careful in wet conditions the Chalky Spring section can have too much brush and water to make the trail unpassable.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 1.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is the first significant wash you encounter. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 74 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 102**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyph Wash + Dry Waterfall + Petroglyphs (PCHC # 713).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Rock hopping and scrambling in the wash sections.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This hike takes you to an impressive dry waterfall and some interesting petroglyphs off the beaten track. The hike starts at the Verrado Golf Course parking area. Turn left .1 mile past the trailhead sign, then turn right into a rocky wash; continue in the wash and turn right at the sign indicating Petroglyphs and follow this trail to a fenced rock formation with petroglyphs (approx. 1.5 mi. from the trailhead). Continue a short distance past the petroglyphs and turn left into Petroglyph Wash. Proceed up the wash approximately 0.5 mile to an intersection with a second wash which turns left and leads approximately 0.5 mile to the waterfall (significant boulder hopping and scrambling). The waterfall part of the hike can be done on the way up Petroglyph Wash or on the return from the petroglyphs in the wash. Once back in Petroglyph Wash, continue up the wash for approximately 0.1 mile and check out a variety of impressive petroglyphs in the wash and on the banks (this is just after you pass through a small rocky gorge). After viewing the petroglyphs, retrace your route in the wash and as you approach the fenced petroglyphs, hang a left and follow the trails up and over to Deadhead Pass (keep taking lefts) and proceed down the left (east) side of Central Wash to return to the parking area. There are several optional, shorter trails which cross Central Wash if you dont want to go all the way to Deadhead Pass.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Petroglyph Rock Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms and no park fees

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-Wash-Waterfall/B-HikeVerrado-Petroglyph-Waterfall-11-03-2022LynnW2022-2023/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 713**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, November 3, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Homestead Hike (PCHC # 706).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 380 feet. This is the short version of the Sonoran Loop incorporating a short detour to the homestead ruins. This hike can be a clockwise or counterclockwise route around the Sonoran Loop. Either way, you will have an opportunity to visit the remains of an old homestead and water tank. Getting to the Homestead requires a roughly half mile, relatively easy bushwhack. The water tank is on a trail and easy to get to. The trail offers great view of the White Tank Mountains, with several deep wash crossings.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track**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-9msCH67>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 706**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, November 4, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Inner Loop AKA Missing Man Search (PCHC # 593).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The hike begins on Pirates Cove then turns left onto 1UP, there is a short summit trail off of 1UP that is an up and back. Continue on 1UP to get back to Pirates Cove. Turn onto Skallywag to connect (turn right) onto Whats Up then right on Up There into Cairn Canyon, continue on Up There to the Blackjack intersection. Go all the way up BlackJack and over to the saddle where you turn right onto Up Yonder then left onto Up There going down into and across the wash. Turn left onto Queen Annes Revenge and go around the Estrella Foothills letters loop, continue on Queen Annes Revenge (notice the mine tailings) until it intersects with Doubloon. Turn right here. Follow Doubloon, passing the turn to the right, when you get to a T intersection turn left and continue to Brethren Court. At Brethren Court take Bootlegger to a right at Pirates Cove. When you get back Skallywag, take Skallywag and turn left onto Whats Up and continue straight at the next saddle onto Coyote and return to the trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Some steep and edgy sections in the Blackjack trail area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Elliot Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pirates Cove, 1UP, short summit trail, 1UP, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Up There,BlackJack, Up Yonder, Up There, Queen Annes Revenge, Doubloon, Bootlegger, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Coyote and return to the trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliot TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 24 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-Bk7D5xC/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auVsCoN9ozLB2yBgv?e=qSkaGz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 593**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, November 4, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Skyline RP - Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Loop (PCHC # 567).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike is in the Western part of Buckeyes Skyline Regional Park with the Granite Falls and Chuckwalla Trails on the west side of the park. There is an option to add 2/3 mile and do the Valley Vista summit.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-gpKNzG3>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnXWg-TDBLAE3YQh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 567**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Buckeye Area - Dog Bone Airport Road (PCHC # 219).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. These hikes are in the far eastern section of the system. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. The first 2 miles are on open desert with a gradual incline to a saddle with a quartz outcropping. The hike then continues for another 1.5 miles across the side of the mountain to a field of quartz. Then it goes off trail for a bushwhack up the mountain.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Warning to Coordinators: Access roads to both Dog Bone East and Dog Bone West except the Joe Foss Trailhead have been closed. Be sure to check out the parking area before scheduling a hike in the Dog Bone area. The last part of the hike being a bushwhack.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Airport Road**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south from the PebbleCreek on Sarival Avenue. Drive 5 miles and turn right onto MC 85. Go 4.8 miles and turn left onto Jackrabbit Trail which becomes South Tuthill Road. Continue for 2.2 miles and turn right onto West Elliot Road. Go 1 mile and turn left onto left onto South Airport Road. Drive 2 miles, trailhead is on the right, park along the shoulder just north or south. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 32 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails/C-Sat-HikeDog-Bone-Airport-THLynnW2019-2020/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 219**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Saturday, November 5, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border**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-2v4fST3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXl8QEKf1s4SY5J>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNiE-TYMzX>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 7, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ruth Bindler and Beverly Kim**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Two extended climbs, Long Distance.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 feet. This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 ft. 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. Mile 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 Spings 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsRVxQ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yrP16H>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, November 8, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Short Version) (PCHC # 25).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the lower section Ford Canyon. From the parking lot take the Waddell Trail to the junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Bear straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the sign warning bicycles and horses not to proceed. At which point turn and retrace steps back to the parking lot.

**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-6dXsqL4>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MblkO->**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 25**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, November 9, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Jan Larson**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!AgywFpJqBF4ammMrn6qUHUHFqkrA?e=T70yjM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 493**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyph Wash Outcropping + Dry Waterfall + SOB Trail (PCHC # 712).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts at the Verrado Golf Course parking area. Turn left .1 mile past the trailhead sign, then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the trail approximately 1.5 miles to a large, fenced rock formation with petroglyphs. Continue a short distance past the petroglyphs and turn left into the wash (Petroglyph Wash). Proceed up the wash approximately 0.5 mile to an intersection with a second wash which turns left and leads to the waterfall (another 0.5 mile with boulder hopping). The waterfall part of the hike can be done on the way up Petroglyph Wash or on the return from the Turnaround point. Once back in Petroglyph Wash, continue up the wash for approximately 0.1 mile and check out a variety of petroglyphs in the wash and on the banks (this is just after you pass through a small rocky gorge). After viewing the petroglyphs, continue up the wash for another 0.8 mile to a large area of exposed rock, the turnaround point, and a possible lunch break area. From this point, retrace your route in the wash and as you approach the fenced petroglyphs, guide right and follow the SOB trail approximately 3.3 miles to return to the parking area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** None named**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms and no park fees**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 712**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3



**DATE: Thursday, November 10, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam - to slot canyon (PCHC # 708).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Much of the hike is on 4X4 roads to travel to and from China Dam (actually two dams), through a tunnel, and into Humber Creek. This hike goes to the first dam that was built in 1890 by Chinese miners, along with a canal to deliver water to the mine that now is covered by Lake Pleasant. The route then continues downstream from the first dam along Humber Creek, parts of which flow through a slot canyon with 15 to 20 foot high walls.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on 303. Get off at exit 131. Go north on Lake Pleasant Parkway for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 74 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Pass the main entrance to Lake Pleasant. Continue for another 3.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn Left (the road becomes dirt). After 2.7 miles turn right onto Cow Creek Road. After 2.6 miles park on the side road to the right. You must walk from here unless you have 4x4. Four Wheel Vehicles ONLY turn right and go up the hill one half mile to the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 92 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 708**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, November 11, 2022****HIKE: A Hike - Skyline RP - Skyline Four Peaks Challenge (PCHC # 10).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 15 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3900 feet. All trail hike around the Skyline Park from Pyrite Summit to Valley Vista to Crest Summit to Javelina Summit.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Long distance. All trails so no bushwhacking. Bring extra food and electrolytes**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Pyrite, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Lost Creek, Summit Ridge, Tortuga, Javalina, Tortuga, Quartz Mine.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Continue to the end of the road close to the park facilities. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/A-HikeSkyline-4-PeaksLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-rD4H4Hs>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alxz4EXHHxGlyxRAY>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, November 11, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield (PCHC # 321).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**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 out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiviVNVQuAtkDyK\\_?e=V5mvre](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiviVNVQuAtkDyK_?e=V5mvre)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 321**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, November 12, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Trail Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary (PCHC # 653).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered lower dirt road that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the Park. Once out of the park we will follow service roads and bushwhack.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Trail, Maricopa Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it towards the park gate. Just before the park entrance kiosk, turn right into the parking lot for the Nature Center and Library. From the parking lot, take the sidewalk on the left of the building. Trail goes off the end of of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anABudEhZWCCAvsah>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 653**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, November 12, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Skyline RP - Quartz Mine, Tortuga Trails (PCHC # 574).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1315 feet. This hike goes to the eastern most point in the park and then returns. There are lots of views of the west valley.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Mine Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Mine, Tortuga**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-vL6LRkj>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoH8vjwUkJwkbS-1d?e=GQHSHF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 574**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 14, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, November 14, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Peoria Area - Sunrise Mountain Trail and West Wing Mountain Combination (PCHC # 234).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. The two trails are well maintained with five hills to climb. Sunrise Mountain Trail is on the side of the valley as the parking lot. West Wing is across the road. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Westwing Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise Mountain, West Wing**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Peoria TrailsSunrise and WestwingHead north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn right into Westwing Neighborhood Park. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 56 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/City-of-Peoria/i-ttzrmxg>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amS4wfm4MjQP29x4l>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 234**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Monday, November 14, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Granite Mountain Hotshots MP - Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail (PCHC # 323).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Long uphill onto the ridge.**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.**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.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Hotshots Trailhead **TRAILS:** Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Porta John at the trailhead. No parking fee.**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**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!AgywFpJqBF4amiyEgbsUgQ60NI\\_9?e=8EUQ7w](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiyEgbsUgQ60NI_9?e=8EUQ7w)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 323**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$14**DATE: Tuesday, November 15, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Star Tower Sidewinder-Coyote Creek-Scorpion-Coyote Creek-Thrasher-Coyote Creek-Copper State-Sidewinder (PCHC # 671).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.3 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Additional options include the Little Loop off of Copper State for 0.3 miles or Ridge Line (steep & 100 ft ascent) for 0.5 miles (RT). The trail provides panoramic views of the Estrella area and the Lucero community. Coyote Den is a good break point. This is a typical desert trail with a few short steep up and down sections in small washes. The hike goes through typical desert terrain near the Estrella community. The high point on the hike provides distant views of the surrounding area. This is another biking area developed by the same group as FINS and Estrella Foothills Park. They use interesting names for the trails.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Star Tower Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Coyote Creek, Scorpion, Coyote Creek, Thrasher, Coyote Cree, Copper State, Sidewinder**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Star Tower Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the westside of Estrella Parkway). Park in the curved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-3cvH9jm/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiZdmKMKnGRsAGAm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 671**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain, Diablo, Cholla Circuit (PCHC # 649).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This hike begins at the Granite Mtn TH and proceeds north along the east side of Granite Mtn. It then goes northwest to the Diablo loop, returning south along the west side of the Cholla Mtn Loop. The hike then follows around Cholla Mountain to Balanced Rock, a large pointed boulder that sits on its point. It finishes along the south trail of the Granite Mtn Loop, and returning via the Bootlegger Trail. There are yuccas and large Saguaros, and excellent views of the surrounding mountains as well as numerous granite rock formations. This is one of the most scenic trails within an hour of Pebble Creek.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bootlegger, Coyote Canyon, Desparado, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, North Diablo, South Diablo, Cholla Loop, Balanced Rock Trail, Granite Mountain Loop, Bootlegger**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Granite Mountain Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Go north on I17. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right of Dynamite Road. Turn left on 136th Street and then left into the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles**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!AgywFpJqBF4asRU7k-ohTtAuXWIM?e=hrVawI>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 649**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Wednesday, November 16, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Blue Tank Falls, DC Trails (PCHC # 175).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Nancy Love

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 695 feet. This first part of the hike goes into a sandy wash and up the Blue Tank Falls, a very interesting area of rock formations. The second part goes up over a ridge with expansive views in all directions. There are lots of varieties of cacti in this area. A side trail goes by a large ocotillo forest. Trail condition: most of the trail is an average hiking trail, but the Blue Wash area has a short waterfall and is sandy.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Blue Tank Trailhead **TRAILS:** Blue Tank Falls, DC**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms (but a McDonalds is on the way to the trailhead). There is no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg DC/Blue Tank Falls Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Trailhead parking is on the side of the road. The trail heads off to the left on a faint jeep road marked with cairns. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/DCBlue-Tank-Falls>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-NxqSmGR>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asCwWjWF\\_VAPRj7A1?e=2FD1Jk](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asCwWjWF_VAPRj7A1?e=2FD1Jk)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 175**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Quartz Peak (PCHC # 309).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: The trail is a rough trail with a scramble to the top the final 1/4 mile to Quartz Peak is a scramble over boulder and talus slopes that requires careful footing. .

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2550 feet. Quartz Peak Trail, in the 14,400 acre Sierra Estrella Wilderness, leads visitors from the floor of Rainbow Valley (elevation 1,550 feet) to the summit ridge of the Sierra Estrella at Quartz Peak (elevation 4,052 feet) in just 3 miles. Along the way, visitors are treated to a variety of Sonoran Desert plants and wildlife, scenic vistas, and evidence of the areas volcanic history. The views from the summit are spectacular. To the west is a dramatic panorama of rugged mountain ranges and desert plains, and to the east metropolitan Phoenix unfolds over the valley of the lower Salt River. The trail begins at Quartz Peak Trailhead by following a sandy track approximately 1/4 mile. Look to the left as you walk up the old road and see a narrow trail ascending the ridge to the north. Quartz Peak is a point on the spine of the Sierra Estrella capped with an outcrop of white quartz. Quartz Peak is accessed from Rainbow Valley and Riggs Roads in Rainbow Valley, Southwest of Pebble Creek.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** High clearance vehicle needed.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Peak Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** iles on Rainbow Valley Road to Riggs Road and turn left. Proceed on Riggs Road for 3.9 miles to Bullard Avenue. Turn right and then take an immediate left onto an unmarked dirt road. Follow the dirt road 5.3 miles and turn right at the "T" intersection where a tiny signpost points towards a "trail. Continue for another 2 miles and turn left at a tiny trail sign. Drive another 1.9 miles to the trailhead parking area and restroom. It is possible to access this trailhead in a car, but a higher clearance, allwheel drive vehicle is recommended because of loose sand, rocks, and a few rough areas. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Quartz-Peak>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-9BRBpBk>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AeywFpJqBF4amTvlwZ7ci\\_lQe-MU](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AeywFpJqBF4amTvlwZ7ci_lQe-MU)**DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 248).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Exceeds D hike parameters for miles & elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 680 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain around a hill from the new trailhead off Carefree Highway with views of the Phoenix Sonoran Desert, Cave Creek and Anthem. New trailhead off Carefree Highway with a large box fan for cool down after the hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Desert Hills Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Ocotillo**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Desert Hills 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. Turn right (east) on Carefree Highway. Continue for several miles. At 700 West Carefree Highway, turn right into Trailhead parking. Alternate Directions Exit Highway 303 at Lake Pleasant Parkway, turn left and proceed to Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74/Carefree Highway and proceed to Desert Hills Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/D-Summer-HikeLynnW2016-2017/i-BRhw2LP>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-VpJFBxF>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anHAPJnzQpQf4VRD3?e=9TITX9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 248**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2022**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Tuscany Falls Ballroom

**DATE: Friday, November 18, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Butterfield - Gadsden - Flycatcher - Coldwater Loop (PCHC # 739).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This hike leaves the parking lot at the past site of the rodeo arena at the trail map sign. Turn left in 100 yards at the junction with Toothaker trail and follow the signs for the Butterfield Trail. Follow the Butterfield trail until the junction with Gadsden. Turn right on Gadsden until an Flycatcher Trail leaves to the right. Follow Flycatcher to the Coldwater Trail. Turn right on Coldwater all the way back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Coldwater**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 26 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 739**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, November 18, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Fountain Hills Area - Dixie Mine trail & Sonoran trail (PCHC # 424).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike goes up to an area with great views of the Fountain Hills Fountain. There is a crested saguaro at the trailhead. The trail loops around the high side of a high end housing development.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Dixie mine, Sonoran trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and cold water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$2.00 per person unless you have a Maricopa County Park pass. If so, note your pass number on the envelope instead of putting \$2 in the envelope.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. Take Highway 101 north. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (Exit 41, turn left) and go approximately. 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. Directions to Dixie Mine Trail, Fountain Hills, AZ Alternate Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then east (left) on I10. Exit onto 202 East. Exit onto 101 North. Exit onto Shea Boulevard East (turn right) and go approximately. 6 miles. Turn north (left) onto Palisades Boulevard. Turn left on Sunridge Drive. Turn left onto Golden Eagle Boulevard and drive to the entry gate. Trailhead parking is on the left just before the entry gate. The trail starts across the street and goes left on the sidewalk past the entry gate. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Fountain-Hills/Dixie-Mine-Sonoran-Trails-Pete/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Fountain-Hills/i-xpSbn6>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 424**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Saturday, November 19, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 689).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 612 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn left on the Toothaker Trail all the way until it ends at the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail for 4.5 miles all the way to the second junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn right on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the former rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 689**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, November 19, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Pam Marshall

**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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRyUUNKfox3jkNeq?e=gqd1kF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 735**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 21, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, November 21, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado Loop from Meck Park (PCHC # 749).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike starts at Meck Park. Take the dirt road next to the park for about a mile then turn left on another dirt road. Follow this road for about 1/2 mile then turn right onto the dirt road leading to Central Wash and Deadhead Pass. Take this road/trail and loop back to Highline Trail. Take Highline Trail to where it turns right onto the Baseline Trail. Follow this trail to the top of the Petroglyphs hill and then go straight on to the SOB Trail. Take SOB the full length back to Caterpillar Road. Turn left and follow road back to Meck Park.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Meck Park **TRAILS:** Central Wash, Deadhead Pass, Highline, Baseline, SOB, Caterpillar Road**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at Meck Park and no park fee. Be aware that these Restrooms are often closed.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Meck Park. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. At end of Indian School Road, turn right then left onto West Highland Park Drive. Meck Park Trailhead is first right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 749**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 21, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (PCHC # 44).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman

**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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-n7QhqrR>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoStx7exAyOwbYV5i?e=AIG7Xd>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 44**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, November 22, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - McDowell SP - Bootlegger, Granite Mountain, Turpentine (PCHC # 256).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. It passes through a large boulder field of interesting shapes. It finishes by going through a small area of turpentine bushes. There are 3 rock formations that look like camels along the final section of the trail. There are excellent views of the surrounding mountains as well as numerous granite rock formations. This is one of the most scenic trails within an hour of PebbleCreek.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bootlegger, Granite Mt., Black Hill, Turpentine**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-Mt-North>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-PGCBq8V/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 256**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Wednesday, November 23, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Mormon Ridgeline and Pima East Trails (PCHC # 693).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1636 feet. Begin at Mormon TH for 1.1 miles, turning left onto Mormon Loop Trail proceed for 1.3 miles. Turn left and go 0.1 mile on the connector for Javelina; at Javelina go right and proceed for 1.6 miles. Trail meets with Beverly Canyon Trail, go right & follow for 0.28 miles, turning left towards Pima East Loop trail for 0.5 miles, then turn left onto Pima East Loop. Follow Pima East for 0.9 miles where it intersects Pima West, turn left and follow for 0.6 miles where it intersects onto Pima Wash Trail. Follow Pima Wash for 0.2 miles, turn right onto Beverly Canyon Trail and proceed for 0.2 miles. Turn right onto Scott Ridge Trail for .36 miles. Stay straight as it becomes MidLife Crisis. Follow for 0.12 miles, veer to the right & take Hidden Valley Trail for 0.33 miles, then turn left onto National Trail for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Mormon Trail to return to the cars.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** New hike. Conflicting information on some maps.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mormon Trailhead (8610 S 24th street, Phoenix). **TRAILS:** Mormon Trail, Mormon Loop, Javelina Canyon & Connector, Beverly Canyon, Pima East, Pima West, Pima Wash, Scott Ridge, MidLife Crisis, Hidden Valley, National**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms and no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on Pebble Creek Pkwy, then go E on I10. Proceed on I10 for about 16 miles. Use the right 2 lanes to exit on 143B to merge onto I17 S/US 60 E toward US 60 E/I10 Truck Rte. After about 5.7 miles, take exit 195 A toward 16th street. Merge onto I17 Frontage Rd/E Maricopa Fwy, turn right onto South 16th street for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto E Baseline Rd (0.4 mi), right onto S 20th St (0.5 mi), left onto E South Mtn Ave (0.5 mi), right onto S 24th st (0.3 mi). Proceed to the Mormon Trailhead. (8610 S 24th street, Phoenix). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 693**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Wednesday, November 23, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Barb Kripps

**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-gCg5b6m>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzus2B98yZJfptk>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 32**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, November 24, 2022****HIKE:** No Thursday B Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Thursday, November 24, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Short Version) (PCHC # 25).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the lower section Ford Canyon. From the parking lot take the Waddell Trail to the junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Bear straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the sign warning bicycles and horses not to proceed. At which point turn and retrace steps back to the parking lot.

**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-6dXsqL4>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MbIkO\\_](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MbIkO_)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 25**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, November 25, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Skyline RP - Pyrite Summit Short Loop via Turnbuckle (PCHC # 650).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. Take Mountain Wash to Turnbuckle over the ridge and down the west side until the junction with Granite Falls. Turn right and Follow Granite Falls to Chuckwalla to the junctions with Pyrite Trail. Turn right on Pyrite and climb steeply to the Pyrite Ridge. Turn right to Pyrite Summit. Return to the Pyrite Ridge junction and continue along the Pyrite ridge, dropping to the junction with Chuckwalla. Turn right and connect to Turnbuckle via Granite Falls. Turn right back to parking lot.

**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Mt-Wash-Pyrite-Loop-12-29-2022LynnW2022-2023>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-3MgMQVF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 650**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, November 25, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle View trail (PCHC # 439).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Poor trail condition and some bushwhacking.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The trail goes across the east sided of Saddle Mountain to a large canyon with a view of the main saddle. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211). Park near the kiosk. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonapah>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-jqVCLLV>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amkvMs6Umlv6YT7eh?e=kNkzBc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 439**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8



**DATE: Saturday, November 26, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Central Wash (PCHC # 662).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This hike starts from the parking lot and follows caterpillar hill for .3 mile. Turn left after the concrete pathway and follow the trail system north into the valley that contains the central wash. Follow this trail up the valley towards Deadhead Pass. In approximately 1.5 miles, after a series of switchbacks you will come to a fork. Turn right at the fork and continue upslope on this new trail. At the end of the trail bushwhack down into the valley to the dry river bed. Turn left and follow the river bed to the trail crossing the bed. Turn right and follow the highline trail around to the petroglyphs. After this follow the SOB trail all the way back to the parking area.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This contains a stretch of trails that are still being built. It is possible that in the future that these trails will be continued to remove the need for the short crossvalley bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Central Wash, HighLine, SouthoftheBorder (SOB)**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Deadman-Pass-Loop/B-HikeVerrado-Deadhead-Bushwhack-SOBLynnW2022-2023>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-S4VT4rc>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4athal2jLSfln9HuPQ?e=gnp5Yd>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 662**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, November 26, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Park Avenue to EMRP to Quartz Outcrop (PCHC # 595).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. going from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Pederson Trail in Estrella Mountain Regional Park. We will hike to the Quartz outcropping on Pederson for the break. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Park Avenue, Cross Over, Pederson**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School TrailheadHead 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-qxBnBK9>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a13SzXQMbosVVAEhQ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 595**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, November 28, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, November 28, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Rollercoaster Trail (PCHC # 116).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. It reminds one of a rollercoaster steep ups and downs. The trail surface is loose stone in many areas. There are great views of Lake Pleasant, Phoenix, and the surrounding mountain ranges.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** BLM LP1, LP2, LP3 Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to take Loop 303 North. Exit onto Lake Pleasant Parkway North (left). At the intersection of Route 74, turn left heading west. About 7.5 miles from the Agua Fria Bridge look for a jeep road and gate on the right (just past milepost 14). Turn in here. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 116**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Monday, November 28, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Butcher Jones RA - Saguaro Lake Nature Trail (PCHC # 83).****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 turnoff. About a mile past the turnoff 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-Sugaro-Lake>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Butcher-Jones-Recreation-Area/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alwfMWV4wTuxQNb0c>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 83**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Tuesday, November 29, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow Loop (PCHC # 310).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Start at the end of West Rodeo Drive at the Toothaker Trailhead. Follow the signs for the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow Rainbow .6 mile until the Baseline Cutover. Turn right and follow up to the Baseline Trail. Turn right again on the Baseline Trail counter clockwise around the peak. Take the Baseline Spur offshoot loop around a small peak for great views over Goodyear. On the main trail, continue on Baseline until the junction with The Saddle. Turn right and follow the Saddle trail to the Quail Trail. Turn left here and follow Quail to the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow Rainbow all the way back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is used as for Hike Leader training. This is the counter clockwise version of hike #751.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-MWcv94W>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asmagq-P4LlHk5Iq?e=yNJX0Z>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 310**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Usury Mountain RP - Pass Mountain & Wind Cave Trails (PCHC # 237).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1780 feet. Trail in good condition with great scenery as you travel around the mountain. The trail encircles Pass Mountain, and starts by going through a saguaro cactus forest. It offers nice views on clear days of other distant mountain ranges including the Superstitions, Catalina, Mazatzal, Four Peaks, & McDowell Mtns. A portion of the loop is on adjacent Tonto National Forest land. Just to add fun to this hike, we add the Wind Cave Trail, (a 3.2 mi RT out and back; elev. change of 650 ft). The trail starts off relatively flat then climbs steadily to a large over hanging rock. The Wind Caves are shallow depressions that have been eroded out of the tuff layer of rock by wind and rain. This is a long hike so bring and drink plenty of water.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Due to the high volume of hikers to the Wind Cave, consider doing this portion first. This hike typically takes 4.75 hours with breaks.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Wind Cave Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pass Mountain, Wind Cave Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Park fee is \$7 per car. The park is free with a Maricopa County Parks pass. Restrooms are at the parking lot.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wind Cave Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East (left) HOV to Loop 202 East (HOV exit on left). Loop 202 to Power Road (exit 23A), turn right (south). In a few blocks turn left onto McDowell Boulevard East. Turn left onto Usury Pass Rd (T intersection). Turn right onto Usury Park Road (across from the Phoenix arrow). Turn left onto Wind Cave Drive West to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/UseryMountainRegionalPark/Pass-Mountain-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Usery-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-5qBV67P>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amS8vE16CnKJybyC8>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 237**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Camelback Mountain - Cholla Trail to Camelback Summit (PCHC # 137).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Mary Hill

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** From the saddle, the trail becomes significantly steeper, and some stretches require hand over hand climbing.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The trail rises steadily and affords very good views of the surrounding valley as you climb. The trail is very well marked and easy to follow. The first portion of the trail climbs to a saddle that affords views of almost 360 degrees. From the saddle, the trail is marked by blue reflectors and becomes significantly steeper and ends in a short (.5 mile one way), semi exposed scramble to Camelback summit. There are great 360 degree views from the top. There will be an option to stop at the saddle and not ascend the last half mile up the steep section of the trail.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The trailhead elevation is about 1,400 feet, the elevation at the saddle is 2,177 feet and the summit is 2,637 feet

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

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Pkwy, turn onto I10 East and continue to Loop 202 East. Exit at 52nd Street and turn left at the light onto 52nd Street. Turn right onto Thomas Rd. Turn left onto N 56th St. Turn right on Camelback Rd. Turn left onto Invergordon Rd. (Invergordon would be 64th St if it were numbered). Just past the side street Chaparral Rd., make a Uturn and park on the west side of Invergordon Rd. There is no other parking available. Once out of your car, walk north on the sidewalk until you see the Cholla Trail sign directing you to the left. Always check your phone map prior to leaving PebbleCreek as there may be a faster route due to traffic conditions. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 75 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CamelbackMountainEchoCanyonRec/Cholla-Trail>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Camelback-Mountain/i-zsj8vNG>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amSHZA4-dZ-flZ6Tv>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 137

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, December 1, 2022**

**HIKE: B Hike - Superior Area - Arnett Canyon & Picketpost Loop (PCHC # 453).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The hike is a full loop around impressive Picketpost Mountain. From the parking lot take trail 221 heading north and around picketpost mountain clockwise. This trail runs through Arnett canyon (Arnett canyon is similar to West Fork of Oak Creek Canyon in that there are a few creek crossings (seasonal), many cottonwood trees, and red rock formations). Turn right on Telegraph Canyon Trail continuing around the peak in a clockwise direction. Telegraph canyon is a bare rock wash with lots of trees, and the rest is a typical desert hike with many saguaros. Turn right on FR4 and then right on the Arizona Trail back to the parking area. There are lots of interesting views of the surrounding area so bring your camera especially in the Fall.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Average hike trail plus creek crossing.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Picketpost Trailhead **TRAILS:** #221, Telegraph Canyon Trail, #FR4, AZ Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, turn left and take I10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go approximately 50 miles and turn right just before Boyce Thompson Arboretum (watch for brown sign indicating Picketpost). Follow signs for a couple of miles to the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 160 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Loop>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superior/i-qxZ6q9z>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al0iZYPR0wIHV7rot?e=GUtRsp>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 453

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$14

**DATE: Thursday, December 1, 2022**

**HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Middle Version (PCHC # 709).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to 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-9msCH67>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoyJ45TMjEjHBnEOL?e=hAeqg7>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 709

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, December 2, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley Trail from Maricopa Trailhead (PCHC # 143).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The hike starts below the Lake Pleasant Dam and crosses the usually dry Agua Fria River in a wooded area. It then goes across a road and goes parallel to the Morgan City Wash. The second half of the hike goes through a saguaro forest. About a mile from the end is a very odd, crested saguaro on the left. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. The turnaround point is the campground in the park with some views of the lake.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Morgan City Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Beardsley**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee from this trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Morgan City Wash Trail Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left (west) and drive past MP 22. Turn right on Beardsley CSR Road a couple of hundred yards past MP 22. Drive about a quarter mile to the Maricopa Trail Trailhead on the left as the road turns right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 64 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-hdKfG28>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amSjwFHZlyujz0-lb>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 143**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Friday, December 2, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Soap Creek - Stagecoach segment (Exit 244) (PCHC # 733).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail goes around, and through several little canyons parallel to Black Canyon City. Part of the hike goes on the old Stagecoach Road. The canyons have many interesting rock formations and there are expansive views of Black Canyon City. There are cattle gates at .84, 2.46 and 2.84 miles from the parking area. At the 2 mile point, the trail crosses Black Canyon Creek, which is usually dry. Go 3.5 miles and return.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** KMine Segment**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead and no park fees

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Soap Creek/Stagecoach segment. 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 244 (Black Canyon City). Start measuring from the stop sign at the top of the offramp. Turn left (west), crossing I17. At .2 miles turn left, then a quick right on Maggie Mine Road. At .9 miles, turn left onto Maren Avenue and cross the river. At 1.2 miles turn right onto Lisa Drive. At 1.3 miles (just before the bottom of a deep wash), turn right into a dirt area. Soap Creek Road is to the left. Head up Soap Creek Road and turn right at the marked trailhead. (This is the same parking as the KMine/Soap Creek Segment only hikers turn north instead of south). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/K-mine-Segment-Exit-242>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-STdfTdT>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 733**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Saturday, December 3, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon, Ford Canyon, Waddell (PCHC # 663).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Mesquite Canyon Trail from Parking lot #7. Climb steeply to a saddle in approximately 1 mile and then moderately climb for another 3 miles to the junction with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail. This trail will drop to the Willow Spring, cross the dry river bed and continue up and over a rocky ridge. Eventually the trail drops steeply into a sandy wash. Follow this wash following the signs past Ford Canyon Dam and then into the boulders and Ford Canyon itself. The trail leaves the canyon (watch for signage) just before the canyon drops over a series of high waterfalls. Continue on Ford Canyon trail until the junction with Waddell. Turn right here and follow Waddell back to the parking lot #7.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Waddell**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAUZpBg7TS4OErYm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 663**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, December 3, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs Wash Trail (PCHC # 617).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Turn left .1 miles past the trailhead sign. At about 1.5 miles you will see a large rock with petroglyphs. At 1.7 miles turn left into the wash. There are numerous interesting mineral veins running through the rock formations all along this wash. The wash is mostly sand and small rocks, with a few small steps over boulders.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The wash is mostly sand and small rocks, with a few small steps over boulders

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails

**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

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 617**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, December 5, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, December 5, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Elephant Mountain via Lime Kiln Trail (PCHC # 49).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**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 I 17 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!AgywFpJqBF4amRnCc1HxxtwfAVCC>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 49**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Monday, December 5, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Metate, Spur Cross, Fairy Duster, Dragonfly (PCHC # 199).****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 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 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:** \$9

**DATE: Tuesday, December 6, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North Circuit Version 1 (PCHC # 194).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.1 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 460 feet. The hike is on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas: an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition: overall, this is a good biking trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Fantasy Island Trailhead **TRAILS:** entry trail, Eileens Entry, Joeys Jaunt, Spent Spade (Enchanted Forest), Marcs Meander exit, Garys Way, Exposure (no sign), Hikers Hiway, Spent Spade, Harvs Howl, Stones Throne, exit trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-Vg6v3Jr/A>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1sh1RzL1We\\_9Buh](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1sh1RzL1We_9Buh)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 194**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Government Springs to Antelope Hill (PCHC # 394).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike goes up to the top of the ridgeline near Crown King. The first couple of miles wander through the desert with little elevation change. It then follows the contours of several interesting canyons as it rises up to the top of the plateau. Lots of expansive views of a valley surprisingly devoid of development even though its only a couple of miles from I17.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Government Spring Trailhead **TRAILS:** Government Springs to Antelope Hill**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I17 with easy return.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Government Spring 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 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I17. Drive about 10 miles (the last 8 are on a wellmaintained dirt road) Turn right into an unpaved parking area near an old water tank. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Government-Springs>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 394**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**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!AgywFpJqBF4anHSitlejVrVYaC1D>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 586**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands, Hidden Canyon, Massacre Falls Loop (PCHC # 565).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. You start on Jacobs Crosscut Trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaros and jumping cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on Trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying Hands Trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle, so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Once you get past the Praying Hands rock formation, the trail is marked by cairns. Massacre Falls will appear around the 6 mile point off to the right. After stopping at the falls, you take the trail angling right back down the mountain to the trailhead. Trail condition: the first and last thirds are good hiking surfaces, with the middle third a boulder covered bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Crosscut Trailhead **TRAILS:** Jacobs Crosscut #58, Praying Hands Trail #56, Massacre Falls Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-8R7GMJS/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aI2SLC8ZXU7wwwvPNF?e=M6mvTk>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 565**DATE: Thursday, December 8, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo, Dare A Sarah (PCHC # 710).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 340 feet. The hike originates at the Pima/Dynamite Trailhead and has excellent trails. The trail passes an excellent example of a crested saguaro early in the hike. This newly opened trailhead offers hikes through a boulder studded desert environment with many interesting rock formations.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** PimaDynamite Trailhead **TRAILS:** Latigo, Sidewinder, Rock Tank, Dare A Sarah, Scorpion (North), West Express, Latigo**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at Trailhead. No park fee

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** McDowell Sonoran Preserve PimaDynamite Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North 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. Cross Pima Road, trailhead driveway a short distance on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 85 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-QMFk3K>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4as3g8ksH-BKv6hYLS?e=Z4f8VB>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 710**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail (PCHC # 644).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail and Rainbow to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn left on Dysart and then right onto Toothaker and then left on Rainbow. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 644**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Arches Loop (PCHC # 701).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The highlight of this hike is the 6+ arches you can see along the way. But there are also many great rock formations to see. Trail condition: only the last mile or so of the hike is on a trail. It is mostly open desert crossing many washes; the main wash you ascend is boulder hopping or loose rocky soil.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Mostly cross country hiking with the final 1 to 2 miles on an old jeep trail**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ben Avery Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (right) on I10 to Exit 81 (Salome Road). Turn south (left) across I10. Turn right on Harquahala Valley Road and go 6.0 miles. Turn right on Centennial, a straight dirt road (to the left is Courthouse Road). Go 7.0 miles to a 3way intersection (BLM Wilderness sign on the left). Take the right fork, which parallels a natural gas pipeline. Go 4.0 miles. This road may be quite rutted and require a high clearance vehicle. There is a BLM Wilderness sign off to the left about 50 feet. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to trailhead. The last .4 miles definitely requires a high clearance vehicle, but you can park on the side and hike to the trailhead, adding .8 miles to the total hike. The final 12.5 miles is on dirt roads and the roads are good until the last 5 1/2 miles. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches/C-HikeEagletail-ArchesLynnW2017-2018>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Area/i-77gMj25>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atDnUajY2MumIOI-r?e=dkHbxf>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 701**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife**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:** 24 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3tcfRvVF7rLIGFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, December 10, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Maricopa Trails - Trilby East Long Route (PCHC # 748).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. This hike proceeds northeast paralleling the Loop 303 freeway and the McMicken Dam flood control structure on a good hiking trail. You will pass a derelict large home (available for purchase) and two water treatment plants. If you would like a tour of one just drop in at the first and ask—very interesting, if a little stinky**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Trilby East**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restroom at the trail head**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Trilby East Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Grand Avenue, turn left (west), then turn right on 163rd Avenue, turn right just past the RR tracks then right again to a parking area along the canal **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amY4goPJV77qLXbB>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 748**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, December 12, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled



**DATE: Monday, December 12, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs, Terrapin, Crosscut, Peralta loop (PCHC # 541).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**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 to a saddle and narrow canyon in front of Weavers Needle. The crosscut trail is very steep downhill 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 wellmaintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-QXWKb7K/A>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al1I8Wa7m0ZVZwcYC?e=4j1Exl>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 541

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$13

**DATE: Monday, December 12, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Technical (PCHC # 301).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Competitive TrackLong Loop to Technical. 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 selfpay 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!AgywFpJqBF4amT2XiNWSnp3TSkWW>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 301

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Dragonfly Trail, Metate Trails (PCHC # 203).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 540 feet. The hike starts out going back up the road for a quarter mile, then turns right on a slant. At the bottom of the hill, turn right. You will cross the creek and travel through a saguaro forest with very tall saguaro cactus. The whole area along the creek is a riparian area, which contains permanent pools of water and lots of vegetation. The trail makes a loop around the Jewel of the Creek Preserve, which contains many different bird species and up to 20 different dragonfly species. We then go in the other direction on the Spur Cross Trail to the Metate Trail. About ¾ of a mile on the trail is a forest of very large saguaros. This is our turn around point.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Dragonfly Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dragonfly Trail, Metate Trails, Spur Cross Recreation Area

**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 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 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:** 203

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop plus Technical Loop (PCHC # 692).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1056 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The hike begins on the Long Loop: at 0.84 miles turn right onto the Technical Loop, proceeding clockwise for 2.9 miles to where the trail ends at the Long Loop. Turn left and follow the Long Loop counter clockwise for 3.26 miles, turning left onto the Long Loop Mountain Pass, following it for 1.97 miles. It will again intersect with the Long Loop; turn left and follow the trail for 3.16 miles to the parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be aware that this hike is on a biking competitive track. While on the technical loop, bikes will be coming from behind. Try to avoid scheduling this hike on Saturday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track Long Loop, Technical Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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 Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the selfpay station. Continue to the parking on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Competitive-Loop-Long/B-HikeEMRP-Comp-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-79XP25Q>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 692**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, December 14, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam (PCHC # 22).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Jan Larson**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:** <http://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!AgywFpJqBF4aly9r1XHilnP3siGF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 22**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Goldfield Mountains - IQ Arch & Helmet Rock Extended (PCHC # 363).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1750 feet. The hike goes over a ridge with views of Helmet Rock. It then goes around Helmet Rock through a very colorful golden canyon and climbs to IQ Arch. It then goes through a very colorful rocky canyon. This is a very scenic trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** IQ Arch & Helmet Rock No **TRAILS:** #7**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Goldfield Mountains Willow Springs Canyon (#6 and #7 Trails) Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway and take I10 East (left) to Loop 202 East. Turn left on Brown Road which becomes Lost Dutchman Boulevard. Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park. The trailhead and parking are on the left side of the road, right in front of mile marker 204. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/IQ-Arch-and-Helmet-Rock-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Goldfield-Mountains/i-gXfCKH7/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzWVvKThSQTh5-Hmx?e=y58Pzl>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 363**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11

**DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Bakers Hike (PCHC # 687).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike is so named because it reaches Pastry Pass twice, from the south and again, from the north. You will visit the Bone Yard, hike along a ridge from Pastry Pass on an unnamed rocky trail over to the Tiki Man trail (the Tiki Bar is closed for this hike), then swing up to and over Pastry again, over to Proposal Pass and back to the trailhead. This is a longer, somewhat more difficult hike, than the FINS South hike, but more fun too.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead **TRAILS:** Proposal Pass, Muriels Mile, Pastry Pass**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms or park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagles Nest. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-ZcPFDbn/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoxMaCCxoUymLNpMW?e=gbDzqa>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 687**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2022**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Tuscany Falls Ballroom

**DATE: Friday, December 16, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover to Estrella Regional Park (PCHC # 636).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 286 feet. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail following the PA trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park. We will then follow the Crossover (CX) trail for about a mile where it ends at the Pedersen trail. Turn right on PD, then left on Toothaker, left on Gadsden, and then left on PD. Continue for 0.5 mile and go left on CX, back to PA, and then back to the high school. This is a lollipop hike; average flat hiking trail. The Gadsden section is sandy.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 3.25 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** PA, Crossover (CX), Pedersen, Toothaker, Gadsden, Pedersen, Crossover, PA**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a selfpay fee as you enter the EM Regional Park at Crossover; the fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Crossover-04-16-2022LynnW2021-2022/i-8HPkF5f>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-k2CwCjX/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3rxEJyqTIRb8Aei>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 636**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, December 16, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo, Dare A Sarah, Hawknest (PCHC # 275).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Diana Bedwell

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The trail passes an excellent example of a crested saguaro early in the hike. This newly opened trailhead offers hikes through a boulder studded desert environment with many interesting rock formations.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** PimaDynamite Trailhead **TRAILS:** Latigo, Sidewinder, Rock Tannk, Dare A Sarah, Scorpion, Hawknest,**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve PimaDynamite Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North 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. Cross Pima Road, trailhead driveway a short distance on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 102 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-NX8bF99>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 275**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Outer Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, UY, UD (sign says LU), RU, UD, BR, PC, JL, SR (PCHC # 66).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 963 feet. This hike traverses most of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Annes Revenge (be sure not to turn onto DO: Doubloon which is unmarked). It then connects to Grasky and climbs Up Yonder to the intersection of BlackJack and LU (Look Up?) and then down Upside Down (LU), a quick left onto a short section of Round Up (take the left on RU or you will wander far off track), back to Upside Down and then Surfs Up to Buccaneer and Pirates Cove. Turn right onto Jump Line to return to Sunrise and the parking area. The hike is in typical desert terrain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Queen Annes Revenge, Grasky, Up Yonder, Upside Down, Round Up, Upside Down, Surfs Up, Buccaneer, 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. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking Lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-xmJrBR3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amASwWaxeYwUx5oJl>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 66**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Technical (PCHC # 301).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Competitive TrackLong Loop to Technical. Start on Technical Loop going the prescribed bike directionConnectorFinish 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 selfpay 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!AgywFpJqBF4amT2XiNWsnp3TSkWW>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 301**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2022****HIKE: Night Hike Placeholder.****UNUSUAL START TIME: 4:30 PM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** MEET 4:15PM - NIGHT HIKE - BRING YOUR HEADLAMPS!!

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Placeholder for Night Hike

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** TBD **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 40 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10014**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$4**DATE: Saturday, December 17, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Bell Road South (PCHC # 470).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 16:30 PM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt

**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Meet at 4.15pm. You will need to bring a flashlight or headlamp to illuminate the trail. The hike will start around dusk and it will be totally dark by the end of the hike.

After the hike, some of us plan to go to Culvers. (a short distance from the trailhead).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 100 feet. Hike starts at the Sun Valley Trailhead and proceeds south for 5 miles with minimal elevation gain. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a good hiking trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sun Valley Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Bell Road South Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Bell Road West which becomes Sun Lakes Parkway. Watch for a sign about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail Parking on the left **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 470**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, December 19, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, December 19, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert, National, Ranger, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails (PCHC # 728).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. From the parking lot the Holbert Trail climbs up the valley to the left of Dobbins Lookout. A spur trail leads steeply up to Dobbins Lookout. From here, retrace your steps back to the Holbert Trail, turn right and continue up to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the Telegraph Hill stone ramada. Stay on National then turn right onto the Ranger Trail to the junction with the Los Lomitas Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Holbert Trailhead **TRAILS:** Holbert, National, Ranger, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail) Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Rt 202 S to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave. Turn right onto Central Avenue and drive into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut (if you get to the Ranger Station youve driven too far). Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 728**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Monday, December 19, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Butterfield via Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 305).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 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 selfpay station. Angle right immediately after the selfpay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45degree 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!AgywFpJqBF4anDQ18UiFr9o3F3ZR>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 305**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, December 20, 2022****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Small Circuit from Entry Station (PCHC # 672).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 650 feet. This hike is in the western part of the park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail. Start from the Entry Station parking area and use the Parking Lot connector Trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Turnbuckle**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFceQz8abR5-q8IB>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 672**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, December 21, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Shaw Butte Trail #306 and North Mtn (PCHC # 374).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. This is a combo hike of Shaw Butte Trail and North Mtn in the Phoenix Mtn. Preserve. Shaw Butte is one of the hikes of the Phoenix Seven Summits Challenge, which takes place every year in November. North Mountain is a short steep hike mostly on a paved road, offering good views of the surrounding area. The TH begins from the parking lot where North 7th Ave. (Phoenix) dead ends. You begin up the south side of Shaw Butte, going around the west side of the mountain; watch for the trail leading off to the right, which takes you to the summit of Shaw Butte at 1.5 miles into the hike. You descend Shaw Butte and hike 1 mile over to the North side of North Mountain. Climbing to the top of North Mountain is on a paved road with a steep descent down the west ridge; then back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** 7th Avenue Trailhead **TRAILS:** #306, North Mtn Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Shaw Butte Trail Loop #306 TH Take I10 East from N. Pebble Creek Parkway. Follow I10 East towards Phoenix for about 17.5 miles to North 7th Avenue. Get off on exit 144a for 7th Ave. Use any lane to turn left onto N. 7th Ave. Proceed for about 8.7 miles. The road ends at the TH parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 62 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/North-Mtn-Shaw-Butte/B-HikePhoenix-North-Mt-Shaw-ButteLynnW2020-2021/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-7ws3gQ9/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzcbUZlvP-bxAtY4?e=cwJa4k>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 374**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Wednesday, December 21, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop via 136th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger (PCHC # 702).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** This hike will be done at a C Pace.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike is an 11.1 mile counterclockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike takes a wide circle north from Granite Mountain Trailhead via 136th Street Express and loops counter clockwise via Renegade, High Desert and Branding Iron. This route then loops around Granite Mountain to its south and then joins with Bootlegger to return to the parking lot. Highlights include a double saguaro, Michelin Man Saguaro, many rock formations and distant views of the Four Peaks, Superstitions and other mountain ranges.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** 136th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Granite Mountain Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Go north on I17. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right of Dynamite Road. Turn left on 136th Street and then left into the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 702**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Thursday, December 22, 2022****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop (PCHC # 278).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**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 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 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-xJD4qN7/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjxQ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 278**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Thursday, December 22, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado North Trail (PCHC # 625).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 450 feet. This is a hike towards Dead Mans Pass, then to the Petroglyphs, returning on a two track road. The first part of the hike is rather flat then you parallel a wash and follow it up to a point that will give you nice views of the west side of the White Tank Mountains.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**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-6MJCxp8/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyhiulo6UgG3RHmn>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 625**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, December 23, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Estrella Foothills plus FINS (PCHC # 639).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 560 feet. The hike begins from the High School south and proceeds west through some of the developed areas to the FINS trailhead. At FINS the hike will continue as a 4 mile loop on several trails in the Western part of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. The hike then returns to the high school. Trail condition: good, this is also a biking trail.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-FINS-03-10LynnW2021-2022/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-LKKSxwP/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3zBCxjwnJtkWAGQ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 639**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, December 23, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Phoenix SP - Sidewinder, Apache Wash, Ocotillo, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Apache Wash Loop (PCHC # 246).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The loop combines several trails and goes up to the top of 2 peaks. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain and a couple of washes.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Ocotillo,**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash 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. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 246**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Saturday, December 24, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhwjvKYWWES09xw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, December 24, 2022****HIKE: C Hike - Maricopa Trails - Tres Rios Wetlands (PCHC # 480).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dave Schuldt

**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/bRLhXB?imageKey=RH2w7C>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl\\_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 480**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, December 26, 2022****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, December 26, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop (PCHC # 651).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition: good hiking trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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 Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the selfpay station. Continue to the parking on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am38vC5cLeW\\_uBxKb](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am38vC5cLeW_uBxKb)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 651**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3



**DATE: Monday, December 26, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Long Loop to Mountain Pass (PCHC # 303).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ruth Bindler**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive TrackLong Loop to Mountain Pass (Sidewinder) Trail then finish the Technical Loop**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 selfpay 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-Hqk3dTW>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSBckzwn9796fgk?e=PBbkOm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 303**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, December 27, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 312).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. starts on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail to the Toothaker Trail. Turn left on the Toothaker Trail and head back to the rodeo grounds.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow Valley, Dysart, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-9WbMbCM>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSVXXLd3YX0r5sZ8?e=UqMJ6S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 312**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, December 28, 2022****HIKE:** No Wednesday B Hike Scheduled**DATE: Wednesday, December 28, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Skull Mesa Approach from Spur Cross (No Summit) (PCHC # 703).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** We'll walk this B hike at C pace**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Take the Maricopa Trail about 2 miles to the park boundary. At the junction of Cave Creek Park #4, turn right, then right again onto trail #247 (Cottonwood Trail. At about 2 miles stop at the gate at the junction of #248 (Skull Mesa Trail). Return to the parking lot along the same route. Stream crossings may be required along the Maricopa Trail, remoted setting, possible overgrown vegetation may make navigation ifficult at times, good chance of seeing wildlife.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Bring extra water and electrolytes on this hike**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Spur Cross Trailhead **TRAILS:** Spur Cross,#4, #247, #248, Cottonwood**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 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 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/Skull-MesafromSpurCross>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Spur-Cross-Conservation-Area/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 703**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Thursday, December 29, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - Skyline RP - Pyrite Summit Short Loop via Turnbuckle (PCHC # 650).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. Take Mountain Wash to Turnbuckle over the ridge and down the west side until the junction with Granite Falls. Turn right and Follow Granite Falls to Chuckwalla to the junctions with Pyrite Trail. Turn right on Pyrite and climb steeply to the Pyrite Ridge. Turn right to Pyrite Summit. Return to the Pyrite Ridge junction and continue along the Pyrite ridge, dropping to the junction with Chuckwalla. Turn right and connect to Turnbuckle via Granite Falls. Turn right back to parking lot.

**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Mt-Wash-Pyrite-Loop-12-29-2022LynnW2022-2023>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-3MgMQVF>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 650**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, December 29, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Choices Hike, Ford Canyon Mule Deer Loop (PCHC # 753).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. This is a loop that can start at Ramada 4 or 7, or the horse staging area. The leader will give the hikers the opportunity to choose the starting point, direction of travel, and from several trail options to produce a 4 to 5.6 mile hike with 250 to 300 ft. of elevation gain. The intermediate length hike will be 5 miles and 250 , with options to increase or reduce length. This is a relatively flat hike in the Eastren area of the Park with views of the mountains as well as desert flora.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ramada 4 or 7 **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Ford, Ironwood, Mesquite, Waterfall, Black Rock, with options for Ironwood and Wildlife.

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #4. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 30 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 753**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, December 30, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Trail Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary (PCHC # 653).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered lower dirt road that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the Park. Once out of the park we will follow service roads and bushwhack.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Trail, Maricopa Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it towards the park gate. Just before the park entrance kiosk, turn right into the parking lot for the Nature Center and Library. From the parking lot, take the sidewalk on the left of the building. Trail goes off the end of of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anABudEhZWCCAvsah>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 653**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, December 30, 2022****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Dana will be going to the top of Willow Springs Falls which will be the 8.6 mileage.**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Two extended climbs, Long Distance.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 feet. This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 ft. 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. Mile 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 Spings 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsRVxQ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yrP16H>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37**DATE: Saturday, December 31, 2022****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, December 31, 2022****HIKE: D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Mule Deer Trail south (PCHC # 473).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 180 feet. hike starts at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail south to the Maricopa Trail out of the park. Turn around at the Beardsley Canal and return to the visitor center**TRAILHEAD NAME:** White Tanks Library Mule Deer Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mule Deer Trail south**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 473**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 2, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, January 2, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Javelina Summit Loop from Skyline Trailhead (PCHC # 575).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2550 feet. A strenuous hike to Javelina Summit...great views of the valley and the golf course below.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Mine Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Mine, Tortuga, Javelina Summit, Tortuga, Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3hGV\\_\\_C-3BWe1ML](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3hGV__C-3BWe1ML)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 575**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 2, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite Lollipop Loop (PCHC # 578).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Pyrite Peak Elevation. Steep ascent from Chuckwalla.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 950 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, 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-3rj9RR3>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnj4ja5VKltJslz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 578**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, January 3, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon to Bridge, Yavapai Point Trails (PCHC # 148).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Long uphill climb to Yavapai Point.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike goes from Area 3 on the Pipeline Trail to the site of a previously floating bridge. It then returns to the Yavapai Point Trail and goes up to the point, before returning to Area 3. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for wild burros. There are many in the area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Pipeline Canyon, Yavapai Point**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms with water are at the trailhead. The park fee is \$7.00.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Ramada 3 (Pipeline North), Lake Pleasant Regional Park Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left on Highway 74 (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (North). Turn right on Castle Creek Drive (T intersection where pavement ends). Pay \$7.00 park fee...Turn right on Cottonwood Lane. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Pipeline-Yavapai-Cottonwood>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-bxKzRFN>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 148**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Wednesday, January 4, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam (PCHC # 690).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Steve McIlroy

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. You can hike to 2 dams on Humbug Creek, built by Chinese laborers in the late 1800s. They also constructed a 3 mile long ditch (with 3 tunnels) to carry water to mining operations in a canyon which is now under the waters of Lake Pleasant. This hike will be an extension further out towards Lake Pleasant, and will include bushwhacking. From the parking area stay to the right on a 4wd road and go up around the hill to upper parking area (.5) miles. At the intersection take the left road heading northerly as you curve around the drainage on you right. Stay to the right until you get to a Y, then go left on the upper road (.8) miles to the dams/tunnel on Humbug creek. Explore the dam area and then go down Humbug creek for .8 miles. Leave creek to the right onto the road which goes 1.2 miles back to the Y using the lower road.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Bring Headlamps to explore Tunnels. The route follows dirt roads for 2 miles to the Dam**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on 303. Get off at exit 131. Go north on Lake Pleasant Parkway for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 74 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Pass the main entrance to Lake Pleasant. Continue for another 3.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn Left (the road becomes dirt). After 2.7 miles turn right onto Cow Creek Road. After 2.6 miles park on the side road to the right. You must walk from here unless you have 4x4. Four Wheel Vehicles ONLY turn right and go up the hill one half mile to the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aonMtSDEyZWTDji0h?e=PfS7Ra>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 690**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, January 4, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Red Top Trail A Loop (PCHC # 183).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Nancy Love

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This well groomed trail starts at Sophies Flat and goes through typical desert before joining an old jeep road. Once it crosses the Blue Tank Wash it goes back to a typical desert trail with a lot of rubble on all the slopes.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sophie Flats Trailhead **TRAILS:** Red Top Trail A Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park Fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Sophie Flats Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved . Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but wellmaintained road (SUV not needed).

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 102 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-Sw4J3V6>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBcNQ97OVe1aLapS>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 183**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim, Big Jim Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 119).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 3200 feet. The walking jim trail leaves at the left end of the parking lot and parallels a mostly dry creek. There is a critical left turn on the trail after approximately 1 mile that steers the route away from the river bed. The route goes past a large orange rock face with green lichen and moss. In another mile (approximately 4 miles from the parking lot) there is a junction with the trail to Big Jim Peak. The trail then goes steeply up up to a high saddle with great panoramic views. The optional peak is another .4 mile up the facing slope. Retrace steps to the junction with Walking Jim Trail. Turn right and follow the trail four miles back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Walking Jim**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**URL MAP:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 119**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, January 5, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border**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-2v4fST3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXl8QEKF1s4SY5J>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, January 6, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Thunderbird CA - Three Peaks Cholla, Arrowhead Pt, Desert Iguana (PCHC # 637).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.2 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1855 feet. Thunderbird Park offers 1,185 acres of mountain preserves and approximately 20 miles of hiking trails. This is actually a triple loop hike. We will be hiking 3 small peaks via the trails of Cholla, Arrowhead Point, Desert Iguana, and Coach Whip. This is a fairly well trafficked area with frequent urban views. Trails are well marked but rocky.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Coachwhip Trailhead **TRAILS:** Cholla, Arrowhead Point, Desert Iguana, Coach Whip**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Thunderbird Park Take 101 North. Turn left (north) on 59th Ave. 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:** 60 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ThunderbirdConservationPark/Coachwhip-Ridgeline-Trails/B-HikeThunderbird-Double-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-ccgSs2s>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Thunderbird-Conservation-Area/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al3VsUPbE34T4pJee>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 637**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Friday, January 6, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Glorianna Trailhead South (PCHC # 392).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads south along the upper edge of Black Canyon. From the trail head, start south. The trail will lead to a jeep road, noted by a metal stake. Turn left and follow the road. Another stake will lead to the left. At about 2.9 miles, notice the quartz outcropping on the left. Continue on until the trail goes into a wash at about 3.4 miles. This area is a good break point. Continue on if you wish extra miles. Return via the same trail. However, as you return via the jeep road, watch carefully for the stake on the right as it is set well back from the road.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Glorianna Trailhead **TRAILS:** Glorianna Trailhead South**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I17 with easy return.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Glorianna Trailhead Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left), go to Loop 303 North, and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn left (West), crossing I17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-South>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-JztfFP>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alwNmjC3cEd2Xj4NM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 392**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Saturday, January 7, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 315).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn right to the junction with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow the wide and meandering Rainbow Valley Trail. After the intersection with the Dysart Trail it narrows and climbs through Rainbow Pass. Then it drops down to the intersection with the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail to the first junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn left on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the parking area at the former rodeo arena.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTyVgnrtOx7zLb6S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 315**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, January 7, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 311).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pWthRs>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 311**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 9, 2023****HIKE: A Hike - South Mountain Park - Full National Trail (PCHC # 4).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 5:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 17 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Start at West Estrella Drive close to the Curtiss Saddle Trailhead in Laveen. Hike the 0.5 mile to the San Juan Lookout. This is the official start of the National Trail in the southwest of the South Mountain range. From here it is approximately 16 miles along the excellent trail to the Pima Canyon trailhead in the northeast of the park.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Long Mileage (17 miles). Several uphill sections with excellent trail condition. Most climbing completed by middle of the hike (If hiking from West to East). Multiple vehicles or Dropoff required. Bring extra food, water and electrolytes.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** National Trailhead at Pima Canyon Parking Area **TRAILS:** National Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No parking, no fees, no water at Estrella Drive trailhead. Restrooms and water at Pima Canyon trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to South Mountain Park (Pima Canyon Trailhead) from PebbleCreek Head south on Pebble Creek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take 202 South to Baseline Road. Follow Baseline Road to 48th Street. Right turn onto 48th Street and bear left at the roundabout onto S Pointe Parkway East. One block past the junction with Guadalupe Road turn right onto 48th Street then turn left onto Pima Canyon Road (just before stop sign to enter The Pointe at South Mountain). Follow Pima Canyon Road into South Mountain Park. to Curtiss Saddle Trailhead from Pima Canyon Trailhead. Follow Pima Canyon Road out of the park to South Point Parkway. Turn Left onto South Pointe Parkway that leads onto 48th Street. Turn left on Baseline Road. In 8.7 miles turn left on 35th Avenue. Continue onto W Carver Street. Turn left on 43rd Ave. Turn Left onto W Estrella Drive. Trailhead is on right in .3 mile. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/National-Trail/A-HikeSouth-Mt-Natl-TrailLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-WChXxBb>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alxK6-JO1HMicHKhc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 4**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Monday, January 9, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Brown Mountain and Cathedral Rock and Balanced Rock Loop (PCHC # 261).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike proceeds in a clockwise direction from Browns Ranch Trailhead, visiting the summit of Browns Mountain, followed by lunch on the patio at Cathedral Rock and finishing with a stop for a group photo at impressive Balanced Rock. 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 can be very colorful after good winter rains. An interesting loop through the impressive terrain of Browns Ranch, including a short spur hike to the top of Browns Mt.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Browns Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** Upper Ranch Brown Mt., Corral, Cholla Mt., Balanced Rock, Chuckwagon**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 exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-smQpSnf>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTULV\\_mfrWQQE1gr](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTULV_mfrWQQE1gr)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 261**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Monday, January 9, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop (PCHC # 268).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**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!AgywFpJqBF4aoSXCTQw6eFTxy9W8?e=eh5xfm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 268**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Tuesday, January 10, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Pirate Cove PC, SK, WU, UT (PCHC # 596).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. From the Elliot Trailhead in Estrella, follow the road to Pirates Cove Trail and follow this trail as it meanders through the lower part of the foothills until you reach the intersection with Skallywag. Turn left on Skallywag, which is only a 0.1 mile connector trail, then turn right on Whats Up and then right on Up There. Pass through Cairn Canyon where you might add to the cairns there. At the two mile mark of the hike, you should be at the end of the second peninsula rock outcropping; a great break spot. Return to the trailhead. Typical desert trail with no steep up or downhills.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Foothills Park Elliot Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Up There**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms available

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliot Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 24 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-kjpHh4z/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 596**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3



**DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Lookout Mountain and Shadow Mountain Circumference Trails and summit (PCHC # 375).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. This is two hikes: a 3.86 mile loop around Shadow Mountain and a 3.57 mile hike around and up Lookout mountain, both in the north Phoenix area. It has elevation gains of 960 & 875 ft. The trail around Shadow Mountain goes past a mega church. The circumference trail around Lookout Mountain (#308) is an easy to moderate trail, with the summit trail (#150) being fairly steep. The Summit trail is one of the hikes of the Seven Summits of Phoenix Challenge that takes place every year in November. Trail condition: average hiking trail, but steep going to top of Lookout Mountain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Shadow Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Shadow Mtn, Lookout Mtn trail #308**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Water and restrooms are at the Lookout Mountain Park trailhead off 18th Street. There is no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Shadow Mountain Trailhead Take 101 North Take I17 South (right) Turn left on Greenway off Turn right on Cave Creek Road Turn left on E Claire Drive Turn right on E Acoma Drive Trailhead at the curve (street parking) Direction Shadow Mountain Trailhead to Lookout Mountain Go north on E Acoma drive. Then left on E Claire Drive Turn left on Cave Creek Road Turn right on E Sharon Drive Turn right on 18th st. Trailhead is at the end of the street **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 76 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/ShadowLookout-Mountains/B-HikePMP-ShadowLookoutLynnW2020-2021/i-V8qX96Z>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-7ws3gQ9/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzh3r3WCq6CAKA653?e=fRm74f>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 375**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, January 11, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (PCHC # 62).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Jan Larson

**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-nP5BpCp>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 62**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Anthem Area - Daisy Mountain - 2 Summits (PCHC # 131).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail: the first one has a US flag on it, while the second, slightly higher summit is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Rushmore Drive, Anthem **TRAILS:** Daisy Mountain Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. There are no restrooms at trail head.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I17. Take I17 North. Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light. Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles. The trailhead is on the left at the intersection of Navigation Way and Livingstone Way. Take the first right off Livingstone onto Rushmore Drive and park on south side of street as the mailboxes. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Anthem-Area/i-29W6cCK>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alFNR8YEVvtoMMdjm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 131**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Thursday, January 12, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trail Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 122).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek and offers a wide variety of vegetation from cottonwood trees to saguaro cactus and wildlife including wild burros.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Walking Jim**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**URL MAP:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1loNIYhJJOUK4IT>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 122**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, January 13, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado West Loop (PCHC # 629).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first loop is is counterclockwise, primarily in Skyline Regional Park. The second loop is clockwise in Verrado. From the parking lot head straight west to left on Skyline dtrack for .20 miles to left on SOB for 1.40 miles to left on Lost Creek, climbing about 600 for .90 miles over a saddle, then to left on Mountain Wash down for 1.00 miles past restrooms & parking area to left on Quartz Mine. Quartz Mine climbs and takes a hard right at 1.60 miles where it intersects with the Skyline Crest trail, which goes to the left. Continue on Quartz Mine for 1.30 more miles, climbing, then down to right on Lost Creek for .30 miles to right on Down Periscope, which turns into Petro Ridge, which turns into Upper Ridge to left on Widow Maker for 1.40 miles, at which point trail goes past the fenced petroglyphs, then the last 1.50 miles of trail turns into Loosey Goosey to right on Spine to Split which turns into Glory to right on Lost Creek dtrack to left back to trailhead**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks. Even though there are names for the Verrado trails, none of them are marked.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Skyline dtrack, SOB, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash, Quartz Mine, Down Periscope, Petro Ridge, Upper Ridge, Widow Maker, Loosey Goosey, Spine to Split, Glory, Lost Creek dtrack.**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-West-Loop/B-HikeVerrado-West-Loop-03-24-2023LynnW2022-2023>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-NNT9fjh/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHNcqEcZz1iuGB9o?e=gS0PZZ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 629**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, January 13, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz, Flat Rock, Slate Trails Loop (PCHC # 412).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. Start on the Overton Trail, cross Tonalite Road/parking lot and take the Go John Trail (not the Go John North) to Quartz. Turn right on Quartz and then left on Flat Rock. The trail continues out of the park into the Seitts Preserve becoming the Military Trail. Reenter the park by turning right on the Slate Trail. On the Slate Trail, approximately .3 mile after you pass the Quartz Trail intersection, there is a strange saguaro on the left named the Michelin Man Saguaro. About .5 miles from the trailhead on the Go John Trail (on the left as you hike away from the trailhead, near the junction of the Jasper Trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like our hiking club logo.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** good hiking trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Overton Trailhead **TRAILS:** Overton, Go John, Quartz, Flat Rock, Military, Slate trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car or Maricopa County Pass**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 (sign on right, no light but a left turn lane) and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road and park at the Nature Center and begin at the left end of the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 93 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/organize/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-TkX2rSj>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amkDghMoFhnE7E-Is?e=iQ4GNm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 412**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Saturday, January 14, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Inner Loop AKA Missing Man Search (PCHC # 593).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The hike begins on Pirates Cove then turns left onto 1UP, there is a short summit trail off of 1UP that is an up and back. Continue on 1UP to get back to Pirates Cove. Turn onto Skallywag to connect (turn right) onto Whats Up then right on Up There into Cairn Canyon, continue on Up There to the Blackjack intersection. Go all the way up BlackJack and over to the saddle where you turn right onto Up Yonder then left onto Up There going down into and across the wash. Turn left onto Queen Annes Revenge and go around the Estrella Foothills letters loop, continue on Queen Annes Revenge (notice the mine tailings) until it intersects with Doubloon. Turn right here. Follow Doubloon, passing the turn to the right, when you get to a T intersection turn left and continue to Brethren Court. At Brethren Court take Bootlegger to a right at Pirates Cove. When you get back Skallywag, take Skallywag and turn left onto Whats Up and continue straight at the next saddle onto Coyote and return to the trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Some steep and edgy sections in the Blackjack trail area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Elliot Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pirates Cove, 1UP, short summit trail, 1UP, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Up There,BlackJack, Up Yonder, Up There, Queen Annes Revenge, Doubloon, Bootlegger, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Coyote and return to the trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliot TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 24 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-Bk7D5xC/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auVsCoN9ozLB2yBgv?e=qSkaGz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 593**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, January 14, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Gadsden, Coldwater, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 755).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Pam Marshall**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Extra distance.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take Toothaker to Dysart for 1.2 miles. Dysart dead ends at Rainbow Valley. Turn left. Follow RB for 1.5 miles and turn right to rejoin Toothaker Trail for 1.7 miles past Pedersen Trail. Turn left on Gadsden for 0.2 miles until you reach Coldwater. Turn left on Coldwater and follow this for 2.7 miles until you reach the Butterfield junction back to Toothaker. Turn right and return to the parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Gadsden, Coldwater, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalParkToothaker>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-3cRp3Zj>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 755**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - 1st Water, 2nd Water, Black Mesa, Dutchman Loop (PCHC # 535).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This is a very scenic loop with lots of rock formations. We will start at the First Water Trailhead, take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail, and return on the Dutchmans Trail.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Also known as Garden Valley Loop.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** 1st Water Trailhead **TRAILS:** 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Black Mesa Trail #241, Dutchman Trail #104**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 horsetrailer 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/Garden-Valley-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-BLDzsfv/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a1VwGXvuKXTbVP1u?e=spMBPK>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 535**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11

**DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Wave Cave & Lost Goldmine Trails (PCHC # 61).****REGULAR 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 wellmaintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Wave-Cave>**URL MAP:** [https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-i-hvmH5cQ](https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness/i-hvmH5cQ)**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amAOUQPxFkTUVJnlb>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 61**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Monday, January 16, 2023**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Eagles Nest Palm Room

**DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Sidewinder, Copper State, Coyote Creek, Thrasher-Coyote Creek, Recluse (use road), Copper State, Sidewinder (PCHC # 602).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The trail provides panoramic views of the Estrella area and the Lucero community. Coyote Den is a good break point at just over 2 miles from the trailhead. This is a typical desert trail with a few short steep up and down sections in small washes.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Star Tower Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Copper State Crosscut, Coyote Creek, ThrasherCoyote Creek, Recluse (use road), Copper State Crosscut, Sidewinder**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Star Tower TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the westside of Estrella Parkway). Park in the curved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles**URL MAP:** [https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills-i-Dj3Nk4t/A](https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-Dj3Nk4t/A)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 602**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023****HIKE: Hike Leader Training Placeholder.****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Wayne Wills**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Placeholder for Hike Leader Training**TRAILHEAD NAME:** TBD **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 40 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10015**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5

**DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow Loop (PCHC # 310).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Wayne Wills**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Hike Leader Training

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Start at the end of West Rodeo Drive at the Toothaker Trailhead. Follow the signs for the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow Rainbow .6 mile until the Baseline Cutover. Turn right and follow up to the Baseline Trail. Turn right again on the Baseline Trail counter clockwise around the peak. Take the Baseline Spur offshoot loop around a small peak for great views over Goodyear. On the main trail, continue on Baseline until the junction with The Saddle. Turn right and follow the Saddle trail to the Quail Trail. Turn left here and follow Quail to the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow Rainbow all the way back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is used as for Hike Leader training. This is the counter clockwise version of hike #751.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-MWcv94W>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asmagq-P4Llshk5lq?e=yNJX0Z>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 310**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo - Cone Mountain Loop (PCHC # 694).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 665 feet. Begin at Browns Ranch by going right onto Latigo Trail, following it for 1.2 miles. At the intersection proceed straight onto Hackamore Trail & follow it for 0.5 miles. Turn right onto Cone Mtn. Trail for 1 mile. Turn left onto Upper Ranch Rd. Proceed for 0.5 mile, turning left back onto Cone Mtn. Rd. for another mile. Turn right to continue hiking on Hackamore for 0.6 miles. Turn left on West Express for 0.1 mile; then turn right onto Snake Eyes Trail for 1 mile, which then becomes Hawknest. Go 1 mile & turn left onto Rock Tank. After 0.5 miles, turn left onto Latigo for over 2.5 miles to return to the car.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** New Hike for the 2022/2023 season.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Browns Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** Latigo, Hackamore, Cone Mtn, Upper Ranch, West Express, Snake Eyes, Hawknest, Rock Tank**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Browns Ranch Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 694**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail (PCHC # 187).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Nancy Love**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Steep, rocky trail after leaving the upper parking lot.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1530 feet. This is a 5.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1050 feet. The trail is a walk through the desert and Syndicate Wash for the first two miles. Enjoy the varied saguaros in the landscape. Then, soon after exiting the Upper Parking Lot, the terrain becomes very rocky and very steep (700 ft. in .7 miles). At the saddle between Vulture Peak and the Sawtooths, we will take our break and enjoy a nearly 360 degree view. Some may wish to continue with a 240 foot handoverfoot climb and shimmying up a chute to the Peak.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Vulture Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Vulture Peak**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. No Restrooms. No park fees

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Drive through Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the stoplight on to Vulture Mine Rd. Drive 6 miles and turn left on to an unmarked, gravel road that opens into a parking lot. If you reach the construction, you have gone too far. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 132 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jr5B>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBnA-WvoU8ndb2iC>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 187**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11

**DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Javelina Summit Loop from Skyline Trailhead (PCHC # 575).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2550 feet. A strenuous hike to Javelina Summit...great views of the valley and the golf course below.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Mine Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Mine, Tortuga, Javelina Summit, Tortuga, Quartz Mine, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3hGV\\_\\_C-3BWe1ML](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3hGV__C-3BWe1ML)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 575**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Maricopa Trails - Waddell Canal Trail (PCHC # 461).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 530 feet. hike starts at the Beardsley CSR lot below the Lake Pleasant Dam, and takes you under Highway 74, then parallels the Waddell Canal between Lake Pleasant and the Old Carefree Highway near the Pleasant Valley Airport. There are multiple climbs and descents, with views to the west of the Agua Fria River basin**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Waddell Canal Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restroom at the trail head. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Beardsley CSR trailhead (Lake Pleasant) Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left (west) and drive past MP 22. Turn right on Beardsley CSR Road a couple of hundred yards past MP 22. Drive about a quarter mile to the Maricopa Trail trailhead on the left (just as the road turns right) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 64 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Maricopa-Trails/i-MBdzTfq>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFtbk1fUeH8Pv09>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 461**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Friday, January 20, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite, Ford, Willow, Mesquite (PCHC # 36).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About .3 miles into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank. This is Willow Springs. This is a good place for a lunch stop. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the Mesquite Trail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition is an average hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Willow Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-w5MKbQb>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2kgdq0Pkety6rVa>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 36**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, January 20, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Twin Peaks, Danas Arch (PCHC # 185).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** uphill to the arch, rocky and sandy wash.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail is very rocky in places and goes through a sandy wash for part of it. You can see parts of Wickenburg and the old Renegade Mine, as well as Vulture Peak and other surrounding mountains. There is a crested saguaro about 50 yards below the mine (on the right as you look up the road to the mine). The vegetation is dense in some areas and would provide many wildflowers in the spring after winter rains. Danas Arch is an interesting arch reachable by going up to a saddle on the left and hiking across a fairly flat ridgeline.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Twin Peaks Trailhead **TRAILS:** Twin Peaks, Danas Arch**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms (stop at McDonalds in Wickenburg) and no park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Twin Peaks Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for 2.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the next stoplight onto the Vulture Mine Road. Then drive 4.2 miles to the trailhead turnoff (right, just after mile marker 22). The last .7 miles is a dirt road, but is passable by cars. Follow the main track as it goes slightly left...it deadends just before a wash...park here. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Twin-Peaks-Danas-Arch>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jr5B>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBjh3T-qk51NxWK6>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 185**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Saturday, January 21, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, January 21, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (PCHC # 44).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-n7QhqrR>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoStx7exAy0wbYV5i?e=AIG7Xd>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 44**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023****HIKE: A Hike - White Tank MRP - Circumference Route (PCHC # 7).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 17.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2950 feet. The hike starts at the Trailhead Horse Staging Area and follows the full length of the Ford Canyon Trail, the full length of the Goat Camp Trail and reconnects to staging area via the South and Mule Deer trails.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** A long walk. Expect to be out all day. A good stretch of the legs. Side trips to Eileens Throne (mile 6) and Lynns Lookout (mile 11). Recommend to bring extra liquids and food.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ford Canyon Trailhead at Horse Staging Trailhead **TRAILS:** Ford Canyon, Goat Camp, South, Mule Deer**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn 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. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp/A-HikeWT-Ford-Goat-Camp-Big-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-gnqTQcW>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2ZVXN0RIJREy7d8>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 7**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp, South Trail, Cell Towers (PCHC # 28).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2450 feet. The trailhead marker is at picnic unit number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 feet elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. Turn left at this point and continue climbing for about .8 mile and 800 feet of elevation change to the cell phone towers. Turnaround at that point and enjoy the downhill hike.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Three extended uphill sections. Rough footing on the final climb to the antennas.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Trailhead **TRAILS:** South Trail, Goat Camp Trail, Scramble to towers, South Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom .3 mile before trailhead on Black Canyon Road. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Goat Camp, South Trail trailheads are found on Black Canyon Road, which is the first left after the gate. Park at Picnic area #1. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-VpLjKqC>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2r16R2eeEzTNKXc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 28**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, January 23, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Dixie Mountain Loop (PCHC # 245).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 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 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/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve-i-MxQVq4j>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSho4tq2h8YdlqnG?e=tb7NXR>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 245**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7



**DATE: Tuesday, January 24, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Browns Ranch to Cathedral Rock Amphitheater (PCHC # 257).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 365 feet. Browns Ranch Road/Maverick/Cholla Mtn Loop to the Cathedral/Cholla Mtn Loop to the Amphitheater/Watershed/Chuckwagon/Browns Ranch Road. There are great views of the surrounding mountains Four Peaks, the Boulders and Toms Thumb, etc.) as well as great rock formations along the trail with many different cacti species. Trail condition: very good hiking trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Browns Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** Brown Ranch, Maverick, Cholla, Watershed, Chuckwagon**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 exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-wKQtqT6>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 257**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker (PCHC # 760).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike leaves the parking lot at the trail map sign just west of the rodeo arena restroom. Turn left in 100 feet at the junction with Toothaker and follow the signs for Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and continue to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden and continue to the intersection with Flycatcher and turn right. Follow Flycatcher to the intersection with Gadsden and turn right. Follow Gadsden to the intersection with Toothaker and turn right. Continue north on Toothaker to the intersection with Pedersen and turn left. Continue on Pedersen for approximately 1/8 mile to the Quartz Outcropping which is a great lunch and photo area. After the break, return on Pedersen to the intersection with Toothaker and turn left (north). Continue on Toothaker all the way back to the parking lot. (An optional, longer return would be to turn left off Toothaker on Rainbow and return on this trail—probably adds another mile).**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker, Pedersen, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield/B-HikeEMRP-Toothaker-Flycatcher-Loop01-04-2023LynnW2022-2023/i-VclpzvT>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-KnPVJfh/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auk6gT4fi9zARzWHB?e=Toxl2e>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 760**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass and SOB Loop (PCHC # 759).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Barb Kripps**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1170 feet. Head west from the parking lot. Turn right on Caterpillar Hill road and then quickly turn left on an unmarked trail: Tecate. Follow Tecate trail northwest around a small hill, climbing up and over a rocky section. Turn right at the first junction after the hill and continue northwest on the Cholla Trail. This trail enters Deadhead Pass and follows the east side of the pass and turns into the Deadhead Pass Trail. Shortly after a set of switchbacks up the east valley side, there is a fork in the trail. Take the left fork down into the dry riverbed and follow the trail as it loops in a southeast direction back along the west side of Deadhead Pass. Follow this trail taking the Hiline Trail around to Petroglyph Rock. From here take the trail behind the rock and up to the saddle. At the top of the saddle, turn right and follow the SOB trail its full length back to the parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Most trails are not signposted.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Tecate, Cholla, Deadhead Pass, Hihline and SOB**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-4pC2Wcc/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auVmupsoEhT0StcqS?e=NkRE48>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 759**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyph Wash Outcropping + Dry Waterfall + SOB Trail (PCHC # 712).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts at the Verrado Golf Course parking area. Turn left .1 mile past the trailhead sign, then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the trail approximately 1.5 miles to a large, fenced rock formation with petroglyphs. Continue a short distance past the petroglyphs and turn left into the wash (Petroglyph Wash). Proceed up the wash approximately 0.5 mile to an intersection with a second wash which turns left and leads to the waterfall (another 0.5 mile with boulder hopping). The waterfall part of the hike can be done on the way up Petroglyph Wash or on the return from the Turnaround point. Once back in Petroglyph Wash, continue up the wash for approximately 0.1 mile and check out a variety of petroglyphs in the wash and on the banks (this is just after you pass through a small rocky gorge). After viewing the petroglyphs, continue up the wash for another 0.8 mile to a large area of exposed rock, the turnaround point, and a possible lunch break area. From this point, retrace your route in the wash and as you approach the fenced petroglyphs, guide right and follow the SOB trail approximately 3.3 miles to return to the parking area.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** None named**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms and no park fees

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 712**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Table Mesa Segment to River (PCHC # 405).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. hike goes to the Agua Fria River and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. There is a small stand of wild palm trees along the trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Table Mesa Road Trailhead **TRAILS:** Table Mesa**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms.

**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 until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I17, then immediately turn right. (Pavement ends within a mile; 2.5 miles of unpaved road to the parking area) Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I17 road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 miles from I17). Go another 1.9 miles to a side road on the right (3.5 miles from I17). Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Table-Mesa-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-9GtHZNG>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aow1yTKny5rtJnjSL?e=0yITBx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 405**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Friday, January 27, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 689).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 612 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn left on the Toothaker Trail all the way until it ends at the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail for 4.5 miles all the way to the second junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn right on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the former rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 689**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Friday, January 27, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Butterfield via Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 305).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 7:00 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 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 selfpay station. Angle right immediately after the selfpay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45degree 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!AgywFpJqBF4anDQ18UiFr9o3F3ZR>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 305  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, January 28, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Skyline RP - Hidden Waterfall (PCHC # 76).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 7:00 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1725 feet. The route leads to a rocky waterfall accessible only by old jeep roads in Skyline Park. Leave the parking lot on Turnbuckle trail. Turn left on Grant Falls and then left again on the Pyrite Trail. Follow the Pyrite Trail all the way to the summit of Pyrite. From the summit, retrace steps back to the junction with Pyrite Trail and turn left and drop into the valley. Turn left at the junction with the Chuckwalla Trail. This trail will cross old jeep roads several times. Turn left at the fifth jeep road (approximately .5 mile past the Pyrite Trail junction) at the closest point to an obvious ridge next to the trail. Follow the jeep road approximately half a mile to a fork. Take the left hand road contouring around until it crosses a steeply banked dry river bed. Upstream from here is the Hidden Waterfall. This is a great place for lunch. Retrace steps back to Chuckwalla, turn left to Granite Falls and keep left all the way to Turnbuckle. From here turn left and climb to the Turnbuckle Saddle and continue straight on Turnbuckle downhill to the parking lot.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Pyrite, Chuckwalla, Jeep Roads, Turnbuckle  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Continue to the end of the road close to the park facilities. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-WaterfallLynnW2021-2022>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-WaterfallLynnW2021-2022/i-mcr4X5H>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRuUGEbYverLau5B>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 76  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, January 28, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 7:00 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Pam Marshall  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Two extended climbs, Long Distance.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 feet. This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 ft. 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. Mile 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 Spings 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsRVxQ>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yrP16H>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Monday, January 30, 2023  
**HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Peoria Area - Sunrise Mountain Trail and West Wing Mountain Combination (PCHC # 234).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. The two trails are well maintained with five hills to climb. Sunrise Mountain Trail is on the side of the valley as the parking lot. West Wing is across the road. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Westwing Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise Mountain, West Wing**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Peoria Trails Sunrise and Westwing Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn right into Westwing Neighborhood Park. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 56 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/City-of-Peoria/i-ttzrmxg>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amS4wfM4MjQP29x4l>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 234**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp, South Trail (PCHC # 27).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Two extended uphill sections.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The trailhead marker is at picnic area number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat one mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 feet elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. This is the turnaround spot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Trailhead **TRAILS:** South Trail, Goat Camp Trail, South Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom .3 mile before trailhead on Black Canyon Road. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Goat Camp, South Trail trailheads are found on Black Canyon Road, which is the first left after the gate. Park at Picnic area #1. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAigvh2U0uCJI-Y5>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 27**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash (PCHC # 754).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 150 feet. This hike is a 5.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of less than 150 feet. The loop follows Apache Wash. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain as it follows the wash. Good trail condition and is used by hikers, bikers and horses. Interesting feature on the route is "Hula Saguaro"

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash Loop, the second connector, Apache Wash Loop, Ocotillo back to trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash 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. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 754**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Tour D'Alle - Urban Hike Litchfield Park Pub Tour (PCHC # 655).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 10:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Annual Urban Beer Hike!

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 60 feet. Take Indian School Road, Wigwam Boulevard and Litchfield Road to Ground Control. Enjoy a refreshment break. Then follow Camelback Road and Dysart road to Tap Savvy. Enjoy a refreshment break. Then enjoy a walk through old Litchfield to Transplant Brewing Company. Enjoy another refreshment break. Hike back to the trailhead via Wigwam Boulevard and Indian School Road. Trail condition: Concrete Sidewalk.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Three restrooms. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Required**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 655**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$NOT FOUND**DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Two extended climbs, Long Distance.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 feet. This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 ft. 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. Mile 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 Spings 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsRVxQ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yrP16H>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Circumference, Piestewa Peak Summit Trails (PCHC # 366).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. This grand tour hike is all trail but long and strenuous since it finishes with a steep climb to Piestewa Peak. The trail varies with flat, gentle and steep climbs around Piestewa Peak. The route ends up at a lower saddle area below the peak. Turn to the left and climb the additional .6 mile to the summit. The downhill side will have heavy use with people walking, jogging or running up to Piestewa Peak.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Beware of large crowds on the climb and descent from Piestewa Peak. Bring plenty of food and water as this is a longer hike than it seems.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Piestewa Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** 200, 200A, 8A, 8, 100, 1A, 304 Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom and water at the trailhead. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Piestewa Peak Trailheads Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left). Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147). Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5). Turn left on Piestewa Peak Drive (2nd stop light). Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada). The trails begin here.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 66 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-Rckj3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alza4eSnDoMv1hXpH?e=jo7nhs>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 366**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 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 on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-S4jmJw9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 319**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, February 3, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNIE-tYMzX>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, February 3, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Glorianna Trailhead North (PCHC # 390).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads north along the east edge of Black Canyon and travels below the Sunset Point Rest Area, though you dont really see much of the rest area. It has typical desert vegetation with views up and down Black Canyon. There are several interesting little canyons with different points of interest in each: dry waterfall in one, a large saguaro in one, etc.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Glorianna Trailhead **TRAILS:** Glorianna Trailhead North**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I17 with easy return.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Glorianna Trailhead Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-North>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-dVLckBL>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aln3-tFCLrb80n9zM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 390**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Central Wash (PCHC # 662).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This hike starts from the parking lot and follows caterpillar hill for .3 mile. Turn left after the concrete pathway and follow the trail system north into the valley that contains the central wash. Follow this trail up the valley towards Deadhead Pass. In approximately 1.5 miles, after a series of switchbacks you will come to a fork. Turn right at the fork and continue upslope on this new trail. At the end of the trail bushwhack down into the valley to the dry river bed. Turn left and follow the river bed to the trail crossing the bed. Turn right and follow the highline trail around to the petroglyphs. After this follow the SOB trail all the way back to the parking area.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This contains a stretch of trails that are still being built. It is possible that in the future that these trails will be continued to remove the need for the short crossvalley bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Central Wash, HighLine, SouthoftheBorder (SOB)**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Deadman-Pass-Loop/B-HikeVerrado-Deadhead-Bushwhack-SOBLynnW2022-2023>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-S4VT4rc>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4athal2JLSfln9HuPQ?e=gnp5Yd>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 662**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Coyote Den & Painted Desert (PCHC # 598).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 530 feet. This hike follows most of the perimeter trails around the area through rolling hills and includes a trip up or down the Painted Desert Trail which has an interesting collection of painted rocks. Good singletrack trails for the most part, with some rocky sections. The Painted Desert Trail has a steep climb or descent of about 50 feet.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Star Tower Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Copper State Crosscut, Coyote Creek, Tarantula, Painted Desert, Coyote Creek, Woodpecker, Thrasher, Coyote Creek, Sidewinder**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Star Tower Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the westside of Estrella Parkway). Park in the curved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-HFhXC6t/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aowysianbGZNCjDYM?e=vNr9li>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 598**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands, Hidden Canyon, Massacre Falls Loop (PCHC # 565).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. You start on Jacobs Crosscut Trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaros and jumping cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on Trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying Hands Trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle, so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Once you get past the Praying Hands rock formation, the trail is marked by cairns. Massacre Falls will appear around the 6 mile point off to the right. After stopping at the falls, you take the trail angling right back down the mountain to the trailhead. Trail condition: the first and last thirds are good hiking surfaces, with the middle third a boulder covered bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Crosscut Trailhead **TRAILS:** Jacobs Crosscut #58, Praying Hands Trail #56, Massacre Falls Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-8R7GMJS/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a2SLC8ZXU7wwwPNf?e=M6mvtK>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 565

**DATE: Monday, February 6, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Deems Hills Park - Deems Hills Outer Circumference Trail (PCHC # 68).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**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. If you add on the Palisades Trail to the Circumference Trail, it adds 0.3 miles to reach 8.0 miles. 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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRL6ZrLsFsAsGER3?e=MljkeJ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 68**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash (PCHC # 754).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 150 feet. This hike is a 5.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of less than 150 feet. The loop follows Apache Wash. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain as it follows the wash. Good trail condition and is used by hikers, bikers and horses. Interesting feature on the route is "Hula Saguaro"

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash Loop, the second connector, Apache Wash Loop, Ocotillo back to trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash 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. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 754**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2023****HIKE:** No Wednesday B Hike Scheduled**DATE: Wednesday, February 8, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop (PCHC # 278).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** We'll walk this B hike at C pace going clockwise.**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 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 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-xJD4qN7/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjxQ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 278**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9



**DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs (PCHC # 26).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Starts on Waddell from Ramada 7. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge and then down to the Willow Springs Trail. Turn right at junction and after .1 mile then follow the stream bed on the left down to the Willow Canyon for mid hike break. Return back to the Willow canyon trail, turn right and follow the Willow Canyon Trail and the Mesquite Canyon Trail 3.5 miles back to the tour starting point.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Waddell Trailhead **TRAILS:** Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Continue on the park road following directions to ramada 7. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzn9bbt7Y1fBb0QM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 26**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, February 9, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Maricopa Trail, Lake Pleasant East (PCHC # 114).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike goes across the front of the Lake Pleasant Dam about half mile away. It goes through several washes as it climbs up above the level of the dam. It goes below though not under the Arizona Canal (you have to do the hike to see why). Lots of typical desert brush including many types of cacti. This trail can be combined with the Morgan City Wash trail to form a nice 7 mile hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Morgan City Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Morgan City Wash Trail (Lake Pleasant) Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left (west) and drive past Milepost 22. Turn right on Beardsley CSR Road a couple of hundred yards past Milepost 22. Drive about a quarter mile to the Maricopa Trail Trailhead on the left just as the road turns right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 64 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a0xdTn198EIEcbd9Q?e=y1mXLn>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 114**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail (PCHC # 644).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail and Rainbow to the junction with Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn left on Dysart and then right onto Toothaker and then left on Rainbow. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Rainbow, Toothaker, Gadsden, ColdWater, Dysart, Toothaker, Rainbow, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 644**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, February 10, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo, Dare A Sarah, Snake Eyes (PCHC # 274).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 680 feet. The trail passes an excellent example of a crested saguaro early in the hike. This newly opened trailhead offers hikes through a boulder studded desert environment with many interesting rock formations.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** PimaDynamite Trailhead **TRAILS:** Latigo, Dare A Sarah, Snake Eyes, Scorpion, Latigo**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve PimaDynamite Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North 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. Cross Pima Road, trailhead driveway a short distance on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 102 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-FpzHqJB/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anCcdqZEXKBH9dBBq>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 274**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife**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:** 24 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3tcfRvVF7rLIGFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, February 11, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Laurie Rosenbloom**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!AgywFpJqBF4ammMrn6qUHUfqukrA?e=T70yjM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 493**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Thunderbird CA - Three Peaks Cholla, Arrowhead Pt, Desert Iguana (PCHC # 637).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.2 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1855 feet. Thunderbird Park offers 1,185 acres of mountain preserves and approximately 20 miles of hiking trails. This is actually a triple loop hike. We will be hiking 3 small peaks via the trails of Cholla, Arrowhead Point, Desert Iguana, and Coach Whip. This is a fairly well trafficked area with frequent urban views. Trails are well marked but rocky.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Coachwhip Trailhead **TRAILS:** Cholla, Arrowhead Point, Desert Iguana, Coach Whip**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Thunderbird Park Take 101 North. Turn left (north) on 59th Ave. 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:** 60 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ThunderbirdConservationPark/Coachwhip-Ridgeline-Trails/B-HikeThunderbird-Double-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-ccgSs2s>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Thunderbird-Conservation-Area/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a13VsUPbE34T4pJee>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 637**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Monday, February 13, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz Trails (PCHC # 415).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 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 (Tonalite Drive). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 93 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-7zHgv5S>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRDV6oSct8pMHMTy?e=4QBpt4>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 415**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Tuesday, February 14, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide (PCHC # 279).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The hike has much of the elevation gain on the return trip. There are lots of great views to the east and north including the Superstitions and Four Peaks areas. Plus, there are views of great granite boulders.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toms Thumb Trailhead **TRAILS:** 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 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 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-Cq8tZfz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 279**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9

**DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop (PCHC # 651).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition: good hiking trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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 Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the selfpay station. Continue to the parking on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am38vC5cLeW\\_uBxKb](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am38vC5cLeW_uBxKb)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 651**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, February 15, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Piestewa Peak Summit (PCHC # 763).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Mary Hill**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Steep, elevation exceeds C parameters.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. This is a 4 mile out and back hike with an elevation gain of 1500; with 1200 feet done in the distal 1.2 miles of the hike. We start at Trailhead 304, turning left from the parking lot onto the Piestewa Peak Freedom Trail. After .8 miles, we then join the Piestewa Peak Summit Trail where the big climb starts. After 0.6 miles, it leads us to a 360 degree view of the Phoenix area. While short in length, the trail is steep, jagged and consists of multiple switchbacks and modified steps with integrated sections of gravel and rock.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Beware of large crowds walking, jogging or running on the climb and descent from Piestewa Peak.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Piestewa Peak 304 Trailhead **TRAILS:** Piestewa Peak Freedom Trail (302), Piestewa Peak Summit Trail (304)**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom and water at the trailhead. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Piestewa Peak Trailheads Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left). Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147). Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5). Turn left on Piestewa Peak Drive (2nd stop light). Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada). The trails begin here. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 66 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit/Piestewa-Peak-200-202-8A-8-304/C-HikePiestewa-LoopLynnW2017-2018/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-dwZkNhZ/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amjpN93oAYvA70ScS?e=tzDYGi>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 763**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Brown Mountain and Cathedral Rock and Balanced Rock Loop (PCHC # 261).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike proceeds in a clockwise direction from Browns Ranch Trailhead, visiting the summit of Browns Mountain, followed by lunch on the patio at Cathedral Rock and finishing with a stop for a group photo at impressive Balanced Rock. 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 can be very colorful after good winter rains. An interesting loop through the impressive terrain of Browns Ranch, including a short spur hike to the top of Browns Mt.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Browns Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** Upper Ranch Brown Mt., Corral, Cholla Mt., Balanced Rock, Chuckwagon**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 exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-sMQPsnf>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTULV\\_mfrWQQE1gr](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTULV_mfrWQQE1gr)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 261**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Thursday, February 16, 2023**

**HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) North Circuit Version 1 (PCHC # 194).**

**UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.1 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 460 feet. The hike is on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas: an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition: overall, this is a good biking trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Fantasy Island Trailhead **TRAILS:** entry trail, Eileens Entry, Joeys Jaunt, Spent Spade (Enchanted Forest), Marcs Meander exit, Garys Way, Exposure (no sign), Hikers Hiway, Spent Spade, Harvs Howl, Stones Throne, exit trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-Vg6v3jr/A>

**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1sh1RzL1We\\_9Buh](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1sh1RzL1We_9Buh)

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 194

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, February 17, 2023**

**HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam (PCHC # 690).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Steve McElroy

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. You can hike to 2 dams on Humbug Creek, built by Chinese laborers in the late 1800s. They also constructed a 3 mile long ditch (with 3 tunnels) to carry water to mining operations in a canyon which is now under the waters of Lake Pleasant. This hike will be an extension further out towards Lake Pleasant, and will include bushwhacking. From the parking area stay to the right on a 4wd road and go up around the hill to upper parking area (.5) miles. At the intersection take the left road heading northerly as you curve around the drainage on you right. Stay to the right until you get to a Y, then go left on the upper road (.8) miles to the dams/tunnel on Humbug creek. Explore the dam area and then go down Humbug creek for .8 miles. Leave creek to the right onto the road which goes 1.2 miles back to the Y using the lower road.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Bring Headlamps to explore Tunnels. The route follows dirt roads for 2 miles to the Dam

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

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on 303. Get off at exit 131. Go north on Lake Pleasant Parkway for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 74 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Pass the main entrance to Lake Pleasant. Continue for another 3.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn Left (the road becomes dirt). After 2.7 miles turn right onto Cow Creek Road. After 2.6 miles park on the side road to the right. You must walk from here unless you have 4x4. Four Wheel Vehicles ONLY turn right and go up the hill one half mile to the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aonMtSDEyZWTDji0h?e=PfS7Ra>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 690

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Friday, February 17, 2023**

**HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Skyline Segment (PCHC # 401).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**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-pKJq7zx>

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 401

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Saturday, February 18, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Maricopa Trails - Bell Rd South to White Tanks Mule Trail (PCHC # 635).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 135 feet. This hike is a segment of the Maricopa Trail. It proceeds south for nearly 5.5 miles with little elevation gain, before returning back. You arrive at the border of the White Tank Regional Park, close to Mule Trail at Ramada 4 where you can then hike over to the Wildlife Trail pond. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a very good hiking trail. You will pass a radio controlled aircraft club and may be able to observe R/C planes dogfighting. Pretty interesting.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sun Valley Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail: Bell Road to White Tank**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fee. No restrooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go west on Indian School Road. Hwy 303 North for 9.3 miles to Bell Rd West, Exit 116. Continue on W. Bell Rd for 3.1 miles; it becomes West Sun Lakes Pkwy. Continue on West Sun Lakes Pkwy for 0.6 mile. Watch for a brown sign (Sun Valley Trail Head) about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail. Turn left into parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 32 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Maricopa-Trails/Sun-Valley-Bell-Road-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Maricopa-Trails/i-zwpzBNB/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a13PdghSr2spAipYw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 635**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Saturday, February 18, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Gadsden Short Loop (PCHC # 745).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Linda Schmillen

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden. There will be a new trail on the left that is the cutoff across to join the Gadsden loop directly to the north. Take this trail and at the junction with Gadsden turn left. When Gadsden meets Butterfield turn right and reverse the earlier directions back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Gadsden Cutoff, Gadsden, Butterfield, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-dXBTpdh>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a4q3mSBOOQKnnPn3o7?e=XsO2Bb>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 745**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Cave Creek RP - Slate, Quartz, Go John, Overton Trails (PCHC # 641).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1550 feet. The trail starts out on Slate Trail past the Michelin Man and Three Amigos saguaros leading to Quartz Trail. Incredible examples of thin strata slate. Quartz leads past impressive quartz outcrops and joins Go John. Turn right at junction and continue counter clockwise past the Maricopa Trail junction up the hill to the junction with the Overton Trail. Turn right and hike downhill on the Overton Trail back to the parking area.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The trail is marked and is in good condition.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Go John Trailhead **TRAILS:** Slate, Quartz, Go John, Overton 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 (Tonalite Drive). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 93 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat/B-HikeCave-Creek-Overton-Go-JohnLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat/B-HikeCave-Creek-Overton-Go-JohnLynnW2021-2022/i-DzTs7mg>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am36ghSO\\_2QDx0z79](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am36ghSO_2QDx0z79)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 641**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz Trails (PCHC # 415).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 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 (Tonalite Drive). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 93 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-7zHgv5S>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRDV6oSct8pMHMTy?e=4QBpt4>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 415**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Monday, February 20, 2023**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Eagles Nest Palm Room

**DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 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 on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-S4jmJw9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 319**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Skyline RP - Skyline Flat Hike (PCHC # 765).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** No Map or GPX Track yet for this hike. They will be created during this hike.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.1 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike stays on low trails on the Western side of the park. There is minimal climbing for a B Hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Parking Lot Connector, Watson Overlook**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/recent?imageKey=srBfqRw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 765**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, February 22, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Wickenburg Peak (PCHC # 189).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Nancy Love**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This is an exploratory, following the jeep tracks, not overly sandy Cemetery and Rattlesnake Washes and vague trails SSE towards Wickenburg Peak. Highlights include a short side trip to the border of Rancho de los Caballeros, a 75 year old ranch resort, a scramble under a barbed wire fence and territorial views of the area. We will head south for 3 to 3.5 miles, then turn around and return. This is State Trust Land.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** none **TRAILS:** none**FEES AND FACILITIES:** none**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Wickenburg Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for about 1.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn left on Ocotillo Drive at the Charles Steakhouse. Trailhead is about 1 mile up the road at the top of a ridge, just as the road turns right. Gravel parking lot is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 94 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBrX3Q687LQKtvLU>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 189**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Ben Avery & Arch Loop (PCHC # 422).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1150 feet. There are views of Courthouse Rock for most of the hike. From the trailhead, it is 3.6 miles along an old jeep trail and in a wash to over 100 Native American petroglyphs. The trail itself is fairly easy hiking. You can then continue through a high walled canyon for another 1.5 miles. Along this canyon is a series of volcanic lava flows, many of which have melted quartz rock imbedded in them. To get to the arch you follow an old road, then go through a wash before bushwhacking up a steep hill of loose rock and stones to reach the arch.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** A variation of a lollipop which includes a Double Arch and petroglyphs near Indian Spring (dry). Good hiking trail to the petroglyphs then a bushwhack to the arch and back.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ben Avery & Arch A Lollipop Which Includes A Double Arch And Petroglyphs Near Indian Spring (Dry) **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (right) on I10 to Exit 81 (Salome Road). Turn south (left) across I10. Turn right on Harquahala Valley Road and go 6.0 miles. Turn right on Centennial, a straight dirt road (to the left is Courthouse Road). Go 7.0 miles to a 3way intersection (BLM Wilderness sign on the left). Take the right fork, which parallels a natural gas pipeline. Go 4.0 miles. This road may be quite rutted and require a high clearance vehicle. There is a BLM Wilderness sign off to the left about 50 feet. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to trailhead. The last .4 miles definitely requires a high clearance vehicle, but you can park on the side and hike to the trailhead, adding .8 miles to the total hike. The final 12.5 miles is on dirt roads and the roads are good until the last 5 1/2 miles. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Area/i-77gMj25>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzxalpKYL4Wp8ubb?e=flUWp4>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 422**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11**DATE: Thursday, February 23, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Wild Burro and Pipeline Trails to Floating Bridge (PCHC # 71).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts out at the Twisted Talon Parking Area and goes north to the site of where there was a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Wild Burro Trailhead **TRAILS:** Wild Burro, Pipeline Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are restrooms and water at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Ramada 9Wild BurroLake Pleasant Regional ParkDrive 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 and drive about .25 miles. The trailhead is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-Z3bXDNw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 71**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8



**DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella MRP connector to Estrella Foothills (PCHC # 764).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Steve McElroy**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** EXPLORATORY HIKE - GPS Track and Map will be created after the hike**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Route finding and bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. 50% good trails within EMRP. 50% bushwhacking into Estrella Foothills Park Trail System. Take Quail Trail South to Rainbow Valley Trail. Proceed on Rainbow Valley for approximately 4 miles and exit trail to the west to begin the bushwhack to the RU (Round Up) trail in Estrella Foothills. Turn right and continue to Estrella Pkwy. Follow Estrella Parkway Trail north to the end and bushwhack towards Tres Rios Golf Course on desert terrain. From there, continue northeast to paved road back to the Nature Center.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be prepared for bushwhacking between trail systems. Loose footing and rocky sections with elevation change.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quail Trail **TRAILS:** Quail/Rainbow Valley, Round Up**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight, then turn right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://www.smugmug.com/app/library/recent?imageKey=zVCHML8>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 764**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, February 24, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 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 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!AgywFpJqBF4alzus2B98yZjUfptk>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 32**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Foothills Outlaw Hike (PCHC # 766).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** EXPLORATORY - map and hike description to be created after this hike.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail then loop through a fence into the regional park**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 3.25 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** PA**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a selfpay fee as you enter the EM Regional Park at Crossover; the fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avCHXjFURMg4jFbfi?e=NK9Pei>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 766**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, February 25, 2023**  
**HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 311).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Pam Marshall  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pWthrRs>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 311  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023**  
**HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023**  
**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Deems Hills Park - Deems Hills Outer Circumference Trail (PCHC # 68).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte  
**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. If you add on the Palisades Trail to the Circumference Trail, it adds 0.3 miles to reach 8.0 miles. 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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRL6ZrLsFsAsGER3?e=MljkeJ>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 68  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023**  
**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Cave Creek Area - Blue Wash, Camp Creek Falls Tail with 1st American ruins (PCHC # 409).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This hike has two parts. Hike to the waterfall, then a short hike to the Sears Kay Native American Ruins. Part 1: This is a 6.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. It goes down a series of dry waterfalls to a wide wash. We follow that to the power lines where we intersect the Maricopa Trail. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, with a spring (if we find it) and a slot canyon which comes out at Camp Creek. Then we go up Camp Creek about a third of a mile to a wet waterfall of about 15 feet. We then return to the main wash and follow that back to the cars. Part 2: We then drive a mile up the road to a small park. We do a 1 mile total in and out hike to about 40 Indian ruins and a scenic overlook. You can leave your packs in the car for this part of the hike.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: most is in a sandy wash. There is trail at the ruins.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** maricopa trail  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn north (left) on I17. Turn east (right) on Carefree Highway (Highway 74) and drive to the end. Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road and continue past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles past that turnoff. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-przMF9k>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amj-GagjqWwPG5k6g?e=UiHyOd>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 409  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$11

**DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Bajada, Goat Camp, South Trail, Mule Deer, Bajada (PCHC # 20).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. Begin at the Bajada trailhead at area 2. The trail begins across the road from the restrooms. The trail meanders through typical Sonoran Desert vegetation and is relatively flat. The half way break can be taken at the end of the South trail where there are picnic tables.**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:** Bajada Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bajada, Goat Camp, South Trail, Mule Deer, Bajada**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Continue on the park road following the signs to Area 2. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-86KmpGM>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1bYJMc\\_OnKYeLQ](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1bYJMc_OnKYeLQ)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 20**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Skyline RP - Hidden Waterfall - Two Forks (PCHC # 767).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** New GPX and Map will be created after the hike. Current GPX is for last year's hike.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. The route leads to a rocky waterfall accessible only by old jeep roads in Skyline Park. Leave the parking lot on Turnbuckle trail. Turn left on Grant Falls and then left again on the Pyrite Trail. Follow the Pyrite Trail all the way to the summit of Pyrite. From the summit, retrace steps back to the junction with Pyrite Trail and turn left and drop into the valley. Turn left at the junction with the Chuckwalla Trail. This trail will cross old jeep roads several times. Turn left at the fifth jeep road (approximately .5 mile past the Pyrite Trail junction) at the closest point to an obvious ridge next to the trail. Follow the jeep road approximately half a mile to a fork. First take the right fork up into the foothills of Beacon Peak until the jeep road ends. Then retrace steps back to the fork and head up the left hand road contouring around until it crosses a steeply banked dry river bed. Upstream from here is the Hidden Waterfall. This is a great place for lunch. Retrace steps back to Chuckwalla, turn left to Granite Falls and keep left all the way to Turnbuckle. From here turn left and climb to the Turnbuckle Saddle and continue straight on Turnbuckle downhill to the parking lot.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Pyrite, Chuckwalla, Jeep Roads, Turnbuckle**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Continue to the end of the road close to the park facilities. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-WaterfallLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Pyrite-WaterfallLynnW2021-2022/i-mcr4X5H>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRuUGeByVerLau5B>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 767**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, March 1, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 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!AgywFpJqBF4anHSitlejVrVYaC1D>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 586**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain Circuit (PCHC # 72).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Rough footing in the trailless downhill past the saddle.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This is a challenging route through wild and beautiful countryside. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. From here the route bushwhacks a steep decline ultimately bending around Saddle Mountain to complete the loop. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile to the saddle is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow; over the saddle it is very steep with lots of loose rocks; the last part is an easy trek along an old jeep road.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** None marked**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Park Fee. No Restrooms.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah). Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211) Park near the kiosk. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-bdWVvKc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 72**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail North (PCHC # 33).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Trail in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Trail Staging Area; Follow signs for Maricopa Trail, Mule Deer Trail to gate, leave the Park and proceed 2 to 2.5 miles along the Maricopa Trail and return. Great views of the White Tanks Mountains and lots of wildflowers in the Spring.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Horse Staging Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa, Mule Deer**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn 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. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2hnTyEozjIciUXD>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 33**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, March 3, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**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:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhwjvKYWWES09xw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, March 3, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Metate, Spur Cross, Fairy Duster, Dragonfly (PCHC # 199).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**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 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 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:** \$9**DATE: Saturday, March 4, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNiE-tYMzX>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, March 4, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border**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-2v4fST3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXI8QEKf1s4SY5J>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, March 6, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, March 6, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - To the Buick and Beyond (PCHC # 729).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail follows LP A, LP 8 and LP 7 straight to the highest point on the jeep trail. Back down to left turn to the rusting Buick. Return to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trails are rough and ruined by ATVs Difficult downhills.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Boulders OHC Area **TRAILS:** LP A, LP 8, LP 7**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom at the trailhead (not well upkept as of March 6 2023)**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Take AZ Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Rd. Turn left on AZ 74 to Piccacho Wash Rd between mile 12 and 11. Look for sign on high on right side for Boulders OHC area. Turn right and drive about .5 miles on gravel road to the parking area and restroom. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 86 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 729**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Monday, March 6, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493).****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/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ammMrn6qUHUFqukrA?e=T7OyjM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 493**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Tuesday, March 7, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton Trail Loop (PCHC # 60).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:45 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 675 feet. The park is located near Cave Creek, Arizona that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a side loop near the end to see the Michelin Man saguaro.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Overton Trailhead **TRAILS:** Overton**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 (sign on right, no light but a left turn lane) and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road and park at the Nature Center and begin at the left end of the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 60**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Wednesday, March 8, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Central Wash (PCHC # 662).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This hike starts from the parking lot and follows caterpillar hill for .3 mile. Turn left after the concrete pathway and follow the trail system north into the valley that contains the central wash. Follow this trail up the valley towards Deadhead Pass. In approximately 1.5 miles, after a series of switchbacks you will come to a fork. Turn right at the fork and continue upslope on this new trail. At the end of the trail bushwhack down into the valley to the dry river bed. Turn left and follow the river bed to the trail crossing the bed. Turn right and follow the highline trail around to the petroglyphs. After this follow the SOB trail all the way back to the parking area.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This contains a stretch of trails that are still being built. It is possible that in the future that these trails will be continued to remove the need for the short crossvalley bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Central Wash, HighLine, SouthoftheBorder (SOB)**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

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**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 950 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, 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-3rj9RR3>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnj4ja5VKltJslLz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 578**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Lollipop (PCHC # 768).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Stacey Miller**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** New B Hike

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Start out on the Telegraph Pass Trail. The first .2 miles are a paved trail. At .4 miles, the trail intersects with the end of Desert Classic Trail. This trail ascends about 500. Turn right at the intersection of the National Trail. At 1.4 miles, the trail intersects with the Holbert Trail, but continues on the National Trail for another .7 miles. At the intersection with the Corona de Loma Trail there is an optional right turn here that goes to the Chinese Wall at .15 mile each way. Continue on the National Trail to the Old Man trail and turn right onto the Old Man Trail. Turn right on Secret Trail, then turn right on Lower Corona Trail. Turn right on Desert Classic and follow it to the Telegraph Pass Trail. Turn left on Telegraph Pass back to the trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** All of the climbing is in the first half of the hike.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Telegraph Pass **TRAILS:** Telegraph Pass, National, Corona de Loma(optional), Old Man, Secret, Lower Corona, Desert Classic, Telegraph Pass**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are restrooms at the trailhead. Paved parking for approximately 30 vehicles. Telegraph Pass is very popular, so parking does fill up.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. At exit 138, turn south on Loop 202. Take Exit 60 to Desert Foothills Parkway. Continue north on Desert Foothills Parkway for 2.4 miles to the driveway for the trailhead on the right (watch closely for this driveway). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 68 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://photos.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-WG8VhHs/0/bf377db7/X3/Telegraph%20Loop%20via%20Old%20Man%20and%20Secret%20Trails-X3.jpg>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avQybtORPP-HIeZ7?e=VrC66x>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 768**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Thursday, March 9, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain North (PCHC # 63).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:45 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. There are lots of interesting saguaro cacti, granite rock formations and distant views of the surrounding mountains. This is one of the best trail surfaces of any hike we do. Scottsdale has done an excellent job with their McDowell Sonoran Preserve trails. From the parking area, take Bootlegger Trail, turn left on Saddlehorn Trail, turn right on Granite Mt Loop Trail to Scenic View and reverse.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bootlegger, Saddlehorn, Granite Mt Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms 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 MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-d8Bv357>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 63**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Friday, March 10, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, March 10, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Anthem Area - Fathers Day Trail (PCHC # 134).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Loose rock making the trail very difficult.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike starts out from the Spear S Ranch Trailhead on the Maricopa Trail, then takes the Fathers Day Trail up towards Apache Peak. The main trail goes up to a saddle. The Cs come back down the same side of the hill on a second trail, returning to the Maricopa Trail, which hikers would then use to return to the trailhead. There are great views from the saddle.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Extremely rough and rocky**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Spear S Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** fathers day, maricopa trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is no park fee. There are no restrooms at trail head.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west and take Loop 303 North to I17. Go north on I17. Turn right on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto N 7th Street. N 7th Street becomes New River Road. The trailhead is located near the intersection of New River Road and Linda Lane. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 92 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Anthem-Area/i-WtH7xtv>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alnZ-RrvtV5GUz5PA>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 134**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8



**DATE: Saturday, March 11, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Outer Loop SR, PA, JR, QAR, GR, UY, UD (sign says LU), RU, UD, BR, PC, JL, SR (PCHC # 66).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 963 feet. This hike traverses most of the outer trails of this area. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School, uses Sunrise to connect to Park Avenue, then onto Jolly Roger and Queen Annes Revenge (be sure not to turn onto DO: Doubloon which is unmarked). It then connects to Grasky and climbs Up Yonder to the intersection of BlackJack and LU (Look Up?) and then down Upside Down (LU), a quick left onto a short section of Round Up (take the left on RU or you will wander far off track), back to Upside Down and then Surfs Up to Buccaneer and Pirates Cove. Turn right onto Jump Line to return to Sunrise and the parking area. The hike is in typical desert terrain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Queen Annes Revenge, Grasky, Up Yonder, Upside Down, Round Up, Upside Down, Surfs Up, Buccaneer, 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. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-xmJrBR3/A>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amASwWaxeYwUx5oJl>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 66

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, March 11, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 311).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Linda Schmillen

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pWthrRs>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 311

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023**

HIKE: No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Skyline Trails from Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead (PCHC # 730).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 feet. Lost Creek to Mountain Wash. Turn right to Turnbuckle. Left on Turnbuckle downhill to the bell. Turn left uphill on Mountain Wash to Lost Creek. Follow back to parking area

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Lost Creek, SOB, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash, Lost Creek

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. Restrooms in Skyline Regional Park.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 730

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, March 13, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Spring Valley Trail to the Garfias Wash (PCHC # 117).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**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 Garfias 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.

**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 signin podium.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Spring Valley Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms and no park fee.

**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

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Spring-Valley-Trail>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gi5b6fT>

**DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Skyline RP - Quartz Mine, Tortuga, Old Road, Lost Creek, Turnbuckle Loop (PCHC # 571).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This hike does a loop up to a high point in the park and then circles back through a valley. There are lots of views of the west valley. Trail condition: average hiking trail with two uphill sections.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Quartz Mine Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quartz Mine, Tortuga, old road, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-GdW6pg8>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avn01Gm3I5pUbrS7y?e=KZAKiY>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 571

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails (PCHC # 38).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 525 feet. The hike starts on the Mule Deer trail at Ramada 3 and goes through typical desert along a good trail to a hidden waterfall (usually dry).

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Ramada 3 **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and Water 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. Mule Deer trail can be accessed at Picnic Area #3 (D hikes). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-SlrGfxL>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am1i8S3qSy9XcPI6V>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 38

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**HIKE:** No Wednesday B Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Wednesday, March 15, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Balanced Rock Loop (PCHC # 263).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Mary Hill**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Add Balanced Rock.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 302 feet. 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. The optional side trip is to the Balanced Rock formation to the east.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Browns Ranch Trailhead **TRAILS:** Brown Ranch, Corral, Dry Gulch, Cholla Mt., Balanced Rock, Chuckwagon, Vaquero, Brown Ranch**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 exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Cathedral-Rock>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-7xTQGNp/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRsYtCyBXhdZh6H2?e=DKdtq4>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 263**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - CO-1UP-BMU-WU-GU-UT (CC)-BJ Plus the Flag (PCHC # 665).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1125 feet. The hike starts at the Elliot TH. We will be climbing Black Jack in reverse, with an option to climb to the pirate flag. This trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is typical desert terrain. Trail condition: mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. Steep up/down to the Pirate Flag with loose scree; optional to go up.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Elliot Trailhead **TRAILS:** CO/1UP/BMU/WU/GU/UT (CC)/BJ**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliott Trailhead Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south) PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area Turn left on Elliott (light just past the shopping area) Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Blackjack-LU-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Blackjack-LU-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-z7N3Ggp>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAdzeq\\_MQwIQblqA](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAdzeq_MQwIQblqA)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 665**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Agua Fria River Valley (PCHC # 771).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** EXPLORATORY - NO MAP or GPX TRACK**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. This hike follows the Maricopa Trail for a short distance along the CAP canal to where it joins the Waddell Canal. We then drop into the river valley along dirt roads paralleling the CAP siphon and the Beardsley Canal to an old silver bridge you may have seen from Hwy 303. We will tramp around the river bottom long enough to meet the mileage requirement before heading back. Trail conditions are very good.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restroom at the trail head. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Hwy 303 north to Lake Pleasant Pkwy. Turn left and drive a short distance to a driveway on the left side. If you cross the canal you have gone too far.**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Beardsley-Maricopa-Trail/C-HikeLP-Beardsley-Maricopa-TrailLynnW2020-2021/i-DFvV8zF>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awEJ86jXeg\\_CvUUR-?e=dhgJBO](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awEJ86jXeg_CvUUR-?e=dhgJBO)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 771**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 689).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 612 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn left on the Toothaker Trail all the way until it ends at the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail for 4.5 miles all the way to the second junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn right on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the former rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Pedersen, Gadsden, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 689**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, March 17, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Skyline Segment (PCHC # 401).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**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-pKJq7zx>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiB\\_i\\_1QKmiotwjl?e=aDvqAd](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amiB_i_1QKmiotwjl?e=aDvqAd)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 401**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023****HIKE:** No Saturday B Hike Scheduled**DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 313).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** OCTOGEN HIKE DAY!!

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 497 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail out 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker/C-HikeEMRP-Rainbow-ToothakerLynnW2020-2021>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQTJxX/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSJgLTJcLOt15rxl?e=ZXHKuy>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 313**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 312).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER: TBD****HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: OCTOGEN HIKE DAY!!**

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. starts on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail to the Toothaker Trail. Turn left on the Toothaker Trail and head back to the rodeo grounds.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow Valley, Dysart, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-9WbMbCM>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoxVXXLd3YX0r5sZ8?e=UqMJ6S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 312**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023****HIKE: Octogenarian Event Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris R**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for 2022 B Fall Trip to Prescott**TRAILHEAD NAME: TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10001**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2**DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - McDowell SP - Brown Mountain Saddle to Cathedral Rock (PCHC # 259).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. This route goes past Browns Saddle and adds Cathedral Rock to the hike. 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, Browns Mt., Corral, Cholla, Chuckwagon**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:** 100 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Brown-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-sMqPSnf/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alwqmyq7Gr2HqLAbu>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 259**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - McDowell SP - Brown Mountain Loop via Rustler and Hackamore (PCHC # 779).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**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/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xx6HKjF/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 779**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Monday, March 20, 2023**

CLUB ANNUAL MEETING 4pm. Oasis Pool Ramada

**DATE: Tuesday, March 21, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Deems Hills Park - Deem Hills Inner Circumference Trail (PCHC # 418).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.1 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 560 feet. This is a loop hike around the Deem Hills Recreation Area. 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 north of 101 and west of I17.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Deem Hills Inner Circumference The Trailhead **TRAILS:** Inner circumference trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Directions to Deem Hills Park Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take 101 North. Turn north on 59th Avenue. Turn north (left) on 55th Avenue. 55th Avenue becomes Deem Hills Parkway. The park is on the right. Directions to Deem Hills Alternate Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North. Turn east (right) on Happy Valley Parkway. Turn north (left) on 55th Avenue. 55th Avenue becomes Deem Hills Parkway. 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/>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 418**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023****HIKE: Backpack AZ Trail Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Contact Bill for more details**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for Backpacking Trip**TRAILHEAD NAME:** AZ Trail Superior, AZ **TRAILS:** AZ Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathrooms**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10020**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife**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:** 24 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3tcfRvVF7rLIGFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Peoria Area - Calderwood Butte (PCHC # 770).****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 1000 feet. This hike is an urban hike, starting in a residential neighborhood, follows a paved portion of the Maricopa Trail for a while before heading up the butte. The trail then is a usual desert, rocky trail with a few steep portions. There is a 360 degree view from the top, overlooking Loop 303, the Agua Fria River and the city of Peoria. We will break at a small park before heading back. No park fee.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Calderwood Butte Trailhead **TRAILS:** Calderwood ButteTrail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Directions to 108th lane and Cottontail Lane. Take Loop 303 North. Exit at West Happy Valley Parkway. Turn right. Cross the Agua Fria River. Turn left onto N Tierra Del Rio Blvd. Turn left onto W El Cortez Pl. Curve left onto N. 107th Lane. Turn right onto Cottontail Lane. It will curve left. Park on the street across from a small park. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 45 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avSyUivvDPhMldArQ?e=Rpx2WE>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 770**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023****HIKE: Backpack AZ Trail Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Contact Bill for more details**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for Backpacking Trip**TRAILHEAD NAME:** AZ Trail Superior, AZ **TRAILS:** AZ Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathrooms**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10020**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker (PCHC # 760).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike leaves the parking lot at the trail map sign just west of the rodeo arena restroom. Turn left in 100 feet at the junction with Toothaker and follow the signs for Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and continue to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden and continue to the intersection with Flycatcher and turn right. Follow Flycatcher to the intersection with Gadsden and turn right. Follow Gadsden to the intersection with Toothaker and turn right. Continue north on Toothaker to the intersection with Pedersen and turn left. Continue on Pedersen for approximately 1/8 mile to the Quartz Outcropping which is a great lunch and photo area. After the break, return on Pedersen to the intersection with Toothaker and turn left (north). Continue on Toothaker all the way back to the parking lot. (An optional, longer return would be to turn left off Toothaker on Rainbow and return on this trail—probably adds another mile).

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker, Pedersen, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield/B-HikeEMRP-Toothaker-Flycatcher-Loop01-04-2023LynnW2022-2023/i-VcJpzvT>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-KnPvJfh/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auk6gT4fi9zArzWHB?e=Toxl2e>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 760**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, March 23, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Verrado Area - Old Intro Hike (PCHC # 612).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Turn North on Caterpillar Road then take trail to the left at the end of a sidewalk. Trail climbs a rocky outcropping and continues thru a wash and along petroglyph ridge to the Petroglyphs Rock. Then climb to a saddle and proceed down a rocky trail to the 4 way junction with Lost Creek Road, turn left and return to the parking area

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**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-w6sgfQQ/A>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFYHy\\_3Mzr0sjhTI](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFYHy_3Mzr0sjhTI)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 612**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023****HIKE: Backpack AZ Trail Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Contact Bill for more details

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for Backpacking Trip

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** AZ Trail Superior, AZ **TRAILS:** AZ Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathrooms**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10020**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20



**DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado West Loop (PCHC # 629).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 feet. The first loop is is counterclockwise, primarily in Sklyine Regional Park. The second loop is clockwise in Verrado. From the parking lot head straight west to left on Skyline dtrack for .20 miles to left on SOB for 1.40 miles to left on Lost Creek, climbing about 600 for .90 miles over a saddle, then to left on Mountain Wash down for 1.00 miles past restrooms & parking area to left on Quartz Mine. Quarz Mine climbs and takes a hard right at 1.60 miles where it intersects with the Skyline Crest trail, which goes to the left. Continue on Quartz Mine for 1.30 more miles, climbing, then down to right on Lost Creek for .30 miles to right on Down Periscope, which turns into Petro Ridge, which turns into Upper Ridge to left on Widow Maker for 1.40 miles, at which point trail goes past the fenced petroglyphs, then the last 1.50 miles of trail turns into Loosey Goosey to right on Spine to Split which turns into Glory to right on Lost Creek dtrack to left back to trailhead

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks. Even though there are names for the Verrado trails, none of them are marked.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Skyline dtrack, SOB, Lost Creek, Mountain Wash, Quartz Mine, Down Periscope, Petro Ridge, Upper Ridge, Widow Maker, Loosey Goosey, Spine to Split, Glory, Lost Creek dtrack.

**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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-West-Loop/B-HikeVerrado-West-Loop-03-24-2023LynnW2022-2023>

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-Nnt9fjh/A>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHNcqEcZz1iuGB9o?e=gSOPZZ>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 629

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, March 24, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover trail to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (PCHC # 587).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.5 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 TrailheadHead 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-gr97WWj>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRkcjQiKqGef50pd?e=wMcCGw>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 587

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, March 25, 2023****HIKE: Backpack AZ Trail Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte

**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Contact Bill for more details

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for Backpacking Trip

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** AZ Trail Superior, AZ **TRAILS:** AZ Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathrooms

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10020

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Saturday, March 25, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover to Estrella Regional Park (PCHC # 636).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 286 feet. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail following the PA trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park. We will then follow the Crossover (CX) trail for about a mile where it ends at the Pedersen trail. Turn right on PD, then left on Toothaker, left on Gadsden, and then left on PD. Continue for 0.5 mile and go left on CX, back to PA, and then back to the high school. This is a lollipop hike; average flat hiking trail. The Gadsden section is sandy.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 3.25 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** PA, Crossover (CX), Pedersen, Toothaker, Gadsden, Pedersen, Crossover, PA**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a selfpay fee as you enter the EM Regional Park at Crossover; the fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Crossover-04-16-2022LynnW2021-2022/i-8HPkF5f>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-k2CwCjX/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3rxEJyqTIRb8Aei>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 636**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, March 25, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) Full Circuit (PCHC # 193).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 feet. The hike is on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations. There are also a couple of interesting areas: an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition: overall, this is a good biking trail.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Fantasy Island Trailhead **TRAILS:** Inandout, Harvs Howl, Rusty Rake, Waynes World, Rainbow Valley, Romans Rise, Ritas Upper ByPass, Connies Causeway, Boneyard, Murels Mile, Boardwalk**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approximately 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 27 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/i-gvLgCbF>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBtd8p5uT4k6RgMn>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 193**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, March 27, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled**DATE: Monday, March 27, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Barry Goldwater Peak Summit via Mesquite and Goat Camp Trails (PCHC # 731).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 14 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2900 feet. The route leads to the highest point in the White Tanks. Climb Mesquite to the junction with Goat Camp and Ford Canyon Trails. Turn left for approximately 1 mile: a cluster of cairns will mark the rough trail leading to the right up the high ridge to the jeep road the towers. Climb the road to the towers at the summit of Mount Barry Goldwater. Return the same way.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike uses a mix of trailless routes, hiking trails and rough Jeep roads. Popular with bowhunters during hunting season (January).**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite, Goat Camp, Rough Trail to Barry Goldwater Summit, Jeep Road**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/Challenge-Hikes/A-HikeWT-Goat-Camp-Mesquite-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-2qMkXdL>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHjmfRt4LHSPMgs?e=cb7UGm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 731**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, March 27, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Coldwater Trails (PCHC # 318).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman

**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 1.6 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Gadsden, Coldwater**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-MWC64s8>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amihmAABRoaQauXIP?e=EmAumA>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 318**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, March 28, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - McDowell SP - Whiskey Bottle, Turpentine, Black Hill Loop (PCHC # 288).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail goes through typical Scottsdale desert with nice views of the distant mountains. A highlight is a pair of saguaros, one a perfect specimen and one with lots of curved arms A Felix & Oscar pair.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Fraesfield Trailhead **TRAILS:** Whiskey Bottle, Turpentine, Black Hill**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead (but you can stop off at the Browns Ranch Trailhead by turning left on Alma School Parkway and going about a mile to the end).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Fraesfield 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 (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right on Dynamite Boulevard (name changes to Rio Verde). Trailhead is on the left just before 136th Street. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 105 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Fraesfield-Trailhead-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-Gf3qS6x/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 288**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiwicz

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhjvKYWWESO9xw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Wickenburg Peak (PCHC # 189).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Nancy Love**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This is an exploratory, following the jeep tracks, not overly sandy Cemetery and Rattlesnake Washes and vague trails SSE towards Wickenburg Peak. Highlights include a short side trip to the border of Rancho de los Caballeros, a 75 year old ranch resort, a scramble under a barbed wire fence and territorial views of the area. We will head south for 3 to 3.5 miles, then turn around and return. This is State Trust Land.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** none **TRAILS:** none**FEES AND FACILITIES:** none**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Wickenburg Wickenburg Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for about 1.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn left on Ocotillo Drive at the Charles Steakhouse. Trailhead is about 1 mile up the road at the top of a ridge, just as the road turns right. Gravel parking lot is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 94 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBrX3Q687LQKtvLU>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 189**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Regional Park Boundary (PCHC # 716).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 360 feet. Start from the competitive track parking area near the race track. This loop hike starts with a climb then curves around the hill providing great views all around. The length can be adjusted as desired by extending the distance beyond the park exit before turning around. You will exit the park in a deep wash at the boundary fence and hike just outside the park on your return to the parking lot. Good hiking trails, some dirt roads, minimal bush whacking if you lose the trail on the return.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike opens the trail to D hikers by eliminating the need to climb the hill on the way out as you would on a C hike.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Desert Rose**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 selfpay station. Angle right immediately after the selfpay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45degree 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-K4VCqNt>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aok9J2yoiPTDngKjt?e=h1pNmF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 716**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, March 31, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado Loop from Meck Park (PCHC # 749).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Bray

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike starts at Meck Park. Take the dirt road next to the park for about a mile then turn left on another dirt road. Follow this road for about 1/2 mile then turn right onto the dirt road leading to Central Wash and Deadhead Pass. Take this road/trail and loop back to Highline Trail. Take Highline Trail to where it turns right onto the Baseline Trail. Follow this trail to the top of the Petroglyphs hill and then go straight on to the SOB Trail. Take SOB the full length back to Caterpillar Road. Turn left and follow road back to Meck Park.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Meck Park **TRAILS:** Central Wash, Deadhead Pass, Highline, Baseline, SOB, Caterpillar Road**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at Meck Park and no park fee. Be aware that these Restrooms are often closed.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Meck Park. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. At end of Indian School Road, turn right then left onto West Highland Park Drive. Meck Park Trailhead is first right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 749**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, March 31, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - South of the Border, Skyline Crest, Lost Creek Trails (PCHC # 622).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.3 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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRVa6QHLkwaNQwca?e=ao2S8A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 622**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, April 1, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 315).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Turn right to the junction with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Turn left and follow the wide and meandering Rainbow Valley Trail. After the intersection with the Dysart Trail it narrows and climbs through Rainbow Pass. Then it drops down to the intersection with the Toothaker Trail. Turn right onto the Toothaker Trail to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn left on the Gadsden Trail and keep on this trail to the first junction with the Butterfield Trail. Turn left on the Butterfield Trail and head back to the parking area at the former rodeo arena.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow Valley, Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker-Gadsden>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-ZD9X9qc>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTyVgnrtOx7zLb6S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 315**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, April 1, 2023**HIKE:** D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Longer Version) (PCHC # 750).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 7:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike starts on the fairly flat Waddell Trail that usually produces a lot of flowers in the Spring. It then joins the Ford Canyon trail, making a short climb. then dropping into Ford Canyon itself. Past the 3 mile point for the Ford Canyon trail, the trail becomes more difficult as it climbs to the first switchback where views of white rocks and usually dry waterfalls come into view. This is the turnaround point, with several options for your break. At this point turn and retrace your steps back to the parking lot.**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-6dXsqL4>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asXCbe0U0TZyl88Ug?e=gsoUQV>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 750**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE:** Sunday, April 2, 2023**HIKE:** Tucson Trip Placeholder.**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**DESCRIPTION:** 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**TRAILHEAD NAME:** **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 300 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10013**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$27**DATE:** Sunday, April 2, 2023**HIKE:** C Hike - Tucson Area - Cactus Canyon and Gila Monster Loop in Saguaro NP West (PCHC # 777).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 8:00 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**DESCRIPTION:** 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.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 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.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Pima County El Camino del Cerro **TRAILS:** Thunderbird, Gila Monster, Vertical Cliffs, Veteran, Abington**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**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-ZfhSw9c>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjVZciuZV8cORDOC?e=DvXcCA>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 777**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A

**DATE: Sunday, April 2, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Cactus Canyon and Gila Monster Loop via Thunderbird Trail in Saguaro NP West (PCHC # 776).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**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**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-tkzsJFP>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjPw7z7SvMAS7nki?e=CpwEg0>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 776**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A**DATE: Sunday, April 2, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Tucson Area - Brown Mountain Overlook (PCHC # 780).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 9:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**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**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A**DATE: Monday, April 3, 2023**

HIKE: No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, April 3, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim, Big Jim Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 119).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 3200 feet. The walking jim trail leaves at the left end of the parking lot and parallels a mostly dry creek. There is a critical left turn on the trail after approximately 1 mile that steers the route away from the river bed. The route goes past a large orange rock face with green lichen and moss. In another mile (approximately 4 miles from the parking lot) there is a junction with the trail to Big Jim Peak. The trail then goes steeply up up to a high saddle with great panoramic views. The optional peak is another .4 mile up the facing slope. Retrace steps to the junction with Walking Jim Trail. Turn right and follow the trail four miles back to the parking lot.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Walking Jim**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**URL MAP:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 119**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE:** Monday, April 3, 2023  
**HIKE:** Tucson Trip Placeholder.  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman  
**DESCRIPTION:** 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  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** TRAILS: TBD  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 300 miles  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10013  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$27

**DATE:** Monday, April 3, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon - Nature Trail to Super Trail and Return via Kent and Bog Springs (PCHC # 775).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 8:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman  
**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING  
**DESCRIPTION:** 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.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Hike begins at 5500 and goes up to about 7200  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Whitehouse Picnic Area **TRAILS:** Nature Trail, Super Trail, Kent Springs, Bog Springs, Bog Springs Connector  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Paved parking area and bathrooms.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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 **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 345 miles  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-M5bJcCf>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avjEaahuBTDURJWDz?e=UrIXKT>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 775  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A

**DATE:** Monday, April 3, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass Loop (PCHC # 623).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 678 feet. Head west from the parking lot. Turn right on caterpillar hill road and then quickly turn left on an unmarked trail: Tecate. Follow the Tecate trail north west around a small hill, climbing up and over a rocky section. Turn right at the first junction after the hill and continue northwest on the Cholla trail. This trail enters Deadhead pass and follows the east side of the pass and turns into the Deadhead Pass Trail. Shortly after a set of switchbacks up the east valley side there is a fork in the trail. Take the left fork down into the dry river bed and follow the trail as it loops in a south east direction back along the west side of Deadhead Pass. Follow this trail taking the Hiline trail around to Petroglyph Rock. From here take the trail behind the rock up and over Petro Ridge down to the junction with Lost Creek Trail. From here take trail that heads in a north easterly direction (Justins trail) to the junction with the Petroglyph Rock trail. Turn right and follow this trail back to Lost Creek Trail. Turn left and follow this trail back to the parking lot. In the spring, there is a large area of poppies towards the far end of the loop. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in the spring.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trails are not signposted. Follow the attached map or use an existing GPX if you are new to the area.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** Tacate, Cholla, Deadhead pass, Hiline, Widow Maker, Justins, Petroglyph Rock Trails  
**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-4pC2Wcc/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSoX29wT7G42Foax?e=ZaFJ85>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 623  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3



**DATE: Monday, April 3, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon - Old Baldy to Josephine Saddle and Beyond (PCHC # 774).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Hike begins at 5500 and goes up to about 7200.**DESCRIPTION:** 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.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mt Wrightson Picnic Area **TRAILS:** Old Baldy, Temporal gulch, Super Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Paved parking area and bathrooms.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 345 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-B4ssZLX>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi-VXQzJ8ryRzrDG?e=MSrSKk>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 774**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A**DATE: Monday, April 3, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Madera Canyon Nature Trail (PCHC # 773).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 9:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** 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.**DESCRIPTION:** 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.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Madera Trail Head and Picnic Area **TRAILS:** Madera Nature Trail, Bog Springs Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a bathroom in the paved parking area.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** 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. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 345 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-DWH6CkT>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avi0MGfgt1qQ3-HYL?e=GiD6ZL>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 773**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A**DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023****HIKE: Tucson Trip Placeholder.****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**DESCRIPTION:** 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**TRAILHEAD NAME: TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 300 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10013**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$27

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023**HIKE:** C Hike - Tucson Area - Phoneline In and Out plus Rattlesnake and Esperero (PCHC # 783).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 7:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Tom Wellman**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING

**DESCRIPTION:** 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This can be a very busy place. Entry to the parking lot is free with a Federal Senior Pass.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sabino Canyon Parking Area **TRAILS:** Bear Canyon #29, Phoneline #27, Phoneline Link #27A, Rattlesnake #25, Esperero #25

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathroom 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

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-vrSQ2c3>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awG3UjaSCUINN2dnM?e=IA2b4p>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 783

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023**HIKE:** C Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon #23 In and Out with Phoneline Trail Return (PCHC # 784).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 7:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING

**DESCRIPTION:** 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 Phoneline 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** 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.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Shuttle Stop #9 **TRAILS:** Sabino Canyon #23, Phoneline, Bear Canyon

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Bathroom 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

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

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awHpdUZQqSNoqqDPS?e=bBSpIH>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 784

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 4, 2023**HIKE:** D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Brethren North-SR, PA, RR, GR, UT, JL Loop (PCHC # 583).**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 7:30 AM**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This hike is considered somewhat of a desert ramble with typical desert scenery. Nice, pleasant hike for the early season to help get the seasonal hiker into hiking shape for the season or for the holiday winter season.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Rumrunner, Grasky, Up There, Blackjack, Jumpline, Sunrise

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School TrailheadHead 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-cKvM9rf/A>

**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnmwO8IY\\_m8Dp9yd](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnmwO8IY_m8Dp9yd)

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 583

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Tucson Area - Sabino Canyon Loop from Visitor Center (PCHC # 781).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** TUCSON OVERNIGHT OUTING**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** 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.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Short Loop hike no need to use the Sabino Canyon Tram!**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sabino Canyon Parking Area **TRAILS:** Bajada Loop #38, Esperero Trail #25, Rattlesnake Trail #50, Creek Trail #52, Sabino Lake Trail #30, Bear Canyon Trail #29**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Interagency Pass or Coronado NF Pass accepted. If not \$8 per day per vehicle (\$10 for a week). Bathrooms at 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**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Tucson/i-VqJsGVM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 781**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$N/A**DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife**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:** 24 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3tcfRvVF7rLIGFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Copper Mountain Segment (PCHC # 385).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** This hike will be done at a C Pace.**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 14 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. From the trailhead, the hike does a loop along the base of Copper Mountain and through a large forest of prickly pear cactus. At about halfway, there is a large rock outcropping that is a nice place to take a break. There are large expanses of open range with amazing views of the Bradshaw Mountains in the distance.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Copper Mountain Segment**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are primitive restrooms at the Big Bug Trailhead. There are no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Black Canyon Trail Copper Mountain Loop 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 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left crossing I17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 4 miles and turn left at the trailhead sign. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 170 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-9ZNwwMD>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 385**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$14

**DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Granite Mountain Hotshots MP - Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail (PCHC # 659).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1825 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 over the ridge where they lost their lives and includes plaques for each of the 19 firefighters who died there. This version drops down to the memorial circle and climbs back to the ridge.**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.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial The Parking Lot Is Full, There Is No Parking On The Road **TRAILS:** Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** PortaJohn at the trailhead. No parking fee.**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**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Granite-Mountain-Hotshots-Memorial-State-Park>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAJgAbFqIpWYg9s7>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 659**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$14**DATE: Thursday, April 6, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail South (PCHC # 34).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Trail is in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the park. Turn around at the Beardsley Canal and return to the Library/Visitor Center.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Maricopa, Mule Deer**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it towards the park gate. Just before the park entrance kiosk, turn right into the parking lot for the Nature Center and Library. From the parking lot, take the sidewalk on the left of the building. Trail goes off the end of 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-cSxXMcc>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aowqEHil1nDC1khwN?e=J4v0lo>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 34**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, April 7, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon, Ford Canyon, Waddell (PCHC # 663).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Mesquite Canyon Trail from Parking lot #7. Climb steeply to a saddle in approximately 1 mile and then moderately climb for another 3 miles to the junction with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail. This trail will drop to the Willow Spring, cross the dry river bed and continue up and over a rocky ridge. Eventually the trail drops steeply into a sandy wash. Follow this wash following the signs past Ford Canyon Dam and then into the boulders and Ford Canyon itself. The trail leaves the canyon (watch for signage) just before the canyon drops over a series of high waterfalls. Continue on Ford Canyon trail until the junction with Waddell. Turn right here and follow Waddell back to the parking lot #7.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Waddell**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAUZpBg7TS4OErYm>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 663**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, April 7, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Gadsden Short Loop (PCHC # 745).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden. There will be a new trail on the left that is the cutoff across to join the Gadsden loop directly to the north. Take this trail and at the junction with Gadsden turn left. When Gadsden meets Butterfield turn right and reverse the earlier directions back to the parking lot.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Gadsden Cutoff, Gadsden, Butterfield, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

**DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-dXBTpdh>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aq3mSBOOQKnnPn3o7?e=XsO2Bb>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 745**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Gadsden and Butterfield (PCHC # 664).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1078 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Turn right here and follow the Gadsden Trail until it ends at the junction with Butterfield trail. At this junction turn left and follow the Butterfield trail until it ends at Gadsden Trail. Turn left and follow Gadsden until the junction with Desert Rose. Turn right and go back to the parking lot. There is a short steep incline in mile 11.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Desert Rose, Gadsden, Butterfield, Gadsden Desert Rose**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 selfpay station. Angle right immediately after the selfpay station into the open parking area. Drive across at a 45degree 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-7xb5j5J>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAY\\_YOxJkLntYkl](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAY_YOxJkLntYkl)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 664**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, April 8, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**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!AgywFpJqBF4aoRyUUNKfox3jkNeq?e=gq1kF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 735**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Carney Springs to Peralta Loop (PCHC # 547).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Difficult bushwack from top of Carney Springs across ridge and down to Fremont Saddle.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Carney Springs trail is a very steep, strenuous, loose pebble/dirt trail that goes up to a saddle providing great views to the south of the Superstitions. From the saddle follow the cairned trail to the right that ascends to an area of jumbled rocks immediately above Fremont Saddle. There are incredible views of Weavers Needle and the Superstition Mountain that makes the difficult trail worth the effort. There is much boulder hopping going steeply down to Fremont Saddle. At the saddle locate the Peralta Trail leading to the right down the Peralta Valley. Once down the Peralta Trail at the trailhead, you simply hike down the road about a mile to the Carney Springs Trailhead.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Strenuous climb to the ridge above Carney Springs and scenic but challenging descent to Peralta Trail for the return.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Goldmine East Trailhead **TRAILS:** Carney Springs Trail, Peralta Trail #102**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some). No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Superstitions Lost Goldmine Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East 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 on Peralta Road. The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left. The last 6.5 miles is on a wellmaintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Carney-SpringsPerata-Loop>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness/-i-ksBx6Bv/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al17gbVTf6-WnVavZ?e=BLDIND>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 547**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$13**DATE: Monday, April 10, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Toms Thumb and The Lookout from the North Trailhead (PCHC # 285).****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-Lq7NTpv/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anCvy9Olo-hTGfu5>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 285**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Tuesday, April 11, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Dysart, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 312).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Gary Baker**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. starts on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The Rainbow Valley Trail is wide and relatively flat. It intersects the Dysart Trail. Turn left onto the Dysart Trail to the Toothaker Trail. Turn left on the Toothaker Trail and head back to the rodeo grounds.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow Valley, Dysart, 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 I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-9WbMbCM>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoxVXXLd3YX0r5sZ8?e=UqMJ6S>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 312**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Sedona Area - Hangover Trail (PCHC # 640).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The trail starts from the Huckaby Trailhead. There are lots of great views as you hike around Mitten Ridge. Trail condition: overall the trail is very good, but there are some sections where you cross or go up bare red rock. And there is a long section that could be called ledgy.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Huckaby Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hangover, Munds Wagon Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee with a Golden Age Pass.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Sedona Huckaby Trailhead Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School. Turn left on Indian School, then right on Loop 303 to I17 North Travel north on I17, and take exit 298 (RTE 179) north about 14 miles to Schnebly Hill Road. Go about mile along the road and just before the pavement ends, turn left into the TH. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 254 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Hangover-Trail/B-HikeSedona-Hangover-CowpiesLynnW2020-2021/>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Sedona/i-jhsXZQ9/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am33oPiVn-Fa6LfzJ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 640**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$23**DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash (PCHC # 102).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Challenge due to some loose rock scrambling and creek crossings.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts by going into Morgan City wash (right from the parking area, then go under road) for about a mile. At one mile, look for a side canyon on the left, cross through the loose gate, and hike down a pretty slot canyon with an overgrown riparian area due to the wet Chalky Spring. This is a 1/4 mile round trip in and out. Return to the main wash and proceed down the wash and turn left on the Morgan City wash trail (approx two miles), going up to the road. Cross the road and there are restrooms and seating, making a good area for a rest break. There is a good chance to see wild burros and owls on this hike. Trail condition: Sandy wash/loose rock, with creek crossings and lots of brush on the 0.25 mile Chalky Spring section.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Includes a 1/4 mile Chalky Spring side trip. Be careful in wet conditions the Chalky Spring section can have too much brush and water to make the trail unpassable.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 1.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is the first significant wash you encounter. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 74 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 102**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2023****HIKE:** No Wednesday d Hike Scheduled**DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Sedona Area - Wilson Mountain North Trail (PCHC # 660).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. This is a challenging but beautiful hike up the north side to the top of the highest peak around Sedona. Trail condition: average hiking trail.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Very Steep climb to the flat top.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Wilson Mountain North Trailhead **TRAILS:** Wilson North Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. The parking fee is \$5.00 per car (Red Rock Pass) or free with a Golden Age Pass.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Sedona Wilson Mountain North Trail (Driving distance is 256 miles RT) North on Loop 303 to I17. North (left) on I17 to exit 298 (Rte. 179). Take Rte. 179 west (left) 15 miles to 89A. Take Rte. 89A north (right) and continue up Oak Creek Canyon approx. 5.2 miles. Turn left into Encinoso picnic area parking (trailhead).**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 260 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Wilson-Mountain>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anANYUwD30JL\\_zJV5](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anANYUwD30JL_zJV5)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 660**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$23**DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023****HIKE:** No Thursday d Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Thursday, April 13, 2023**  
**HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle and Granite Falls Trail and Redtail Loop (PCHC # 677).**  
**UNUSUAL START TIME: 7:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Deep washes.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike stays on trails on the Western side of the park. Trails are in pretty good shape with a lot of deep washes to traverse. There are great views of the area.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Redtail  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles  
**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aown\\_H13A2VC0Yyyu?e=yOOusL](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aown_H13A2VC0Yyyu?e=yOOusL)  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 677  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, April 14, 2023**  
**HIKE: B Hike - Sedona Area - Hogs Trails and Chicken Point and Submarine Rock (PCHC # 514).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. The hike provides excellent views of several named rock formations. It goes to Chicken Point and Submarine Rock. It epitomizes what hiking in the Sedona area really means. Trail condition: it is a typical Sedona trail with some hiking on bare red rock, including some edge and a couple of rock scrambling.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Hogs Trails Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named Trails  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No Restrooms are at the trailhead. Golden Age Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) is needed  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Sedona Hogs Trails Trailhead Take Loop 303 North (right) and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North. Take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179. Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going past Bell Rock. Turn right on Morgan Road (its a roundabout). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 230 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Hogs-Trail-Chicken-Pt>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Sedona/>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aI00D5XOajINmrpGx?e=FIJk1D>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 514  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20

**DATE: Friday, April 14, 2023**  
**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle View trail (PCHC # 439).**  
**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Poor trail condition and some bushwhacking.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The trail goes across the east sided of Saddle Mountain to a large canyon with a view of the main saddle. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211). Park near the kiosk. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonapah>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-jqVCLLV>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amkvMs6Umlv6YT7eh?e=kNkzBc>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 439  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Friday, April 14, 2023**  
**HIKE: No Friday d Hike Scheduled**



**DATE:** Saturday, April 15, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover to Estrella Regional Park (PCHC # 636).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 286 feet. From Estrella Foothills HS, we will take the Maricopa Trail following the PA trail into Estrella Mtn Reg Park. We will then follow the Crossover (CX) trail for about a mile where it ends at the Pedersen trail. Turn right on PD, then left on Toothaker, left on Gadsden, and then left on PD. Continue for 0.5 mile and go left on CX, back to PA, and then back to the high school. This is a lollipop hike; average flat hiking trail. The Gadsden section is sandy.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 3.25 hours with breaks.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** PA, Crossover (CX), Pedersen, Toothaker, Gadsden, Pedersen, Crossover, PA  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. There is a selfpay fee as you enter the EM Regional Park at Crossover; the fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Crossover-04-16-2022LynnW2021-2022/i-8HPkF5f>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-k2CwCjX/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3rxEJyqTIRb8Aei>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 636  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, April 15, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Maricopa Trails - Tres Rios Wetlands (PCHC # 480).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 7:30 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/bRLhXB?imageKey=RHZ2w7C>  
**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl\\_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ap0wl_06nWnjc6Av?e=ZbNAY4)  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 480  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Sunday, April 16, 2023  
**HIKE:** Sunset Hike Placeholder (C and D Hikes).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 3:00 PM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Ruth Bindler  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Placeholder for 2022 B Fall Trip to Prescott  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** **TRAILS:** TBD  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 220 miles  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10001  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2

**DATE:** Sunday, April 16, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 311).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 3:00 PM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Diana Bedwell  
**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** SUNSET HIKE - Meet at Eagles Nest 3pm; leave for park 3:15. Hikes will be approximately 3:45-6:15pm. We will then drive to ramada 7 (1st ramada on left when leaving the rodeo grounds) and find a table. Bring your own beverage (no glass) and if you wish, a food item to share. We will socialize and enjoy the sunset. Bring a headlamp or small flashlight just in case needed.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The trail begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). The trail is a rolling hills trail and goes through typical desert terrain. There are lots of poppy flowers on Rainbow Valley Trail when there are winter rains.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Rainbow, Dysart, Butterfield  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-pWthrRs>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 311  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Sunday, April 16, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 3:00 PM****HIKE LEADER:** Ruth Bindler**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** SUNSET HIKE - Meet at Eagles Nest 3pm; leave for park 3:15. Hikes will be approximately 3:45-6:15pm. We will then drive to ramada 7 (1st ramada on left when leaving the rodeo grounds) and find a table. Bring

your own beverage (no glass) and if you wish, a food item to share. We will socialize and enjoy the sunset. Bring a headlamp or small flashlight just in case needed.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 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 on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING****DISTANCE:** 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsen-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-S4jmJw9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 319**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, April 17, 2023**

HIKE: No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, April 17, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop (PCHC # 278).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**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 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 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-xJD4qN7/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjxQ>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 278**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$9**DATE: Monday, April 17, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Wrong Way Technical (PCHC # 302).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 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. Competitive TrackWrong Way TechnicalStart 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 selfpay 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-RksjdHx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 302**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, April 17, 2023**

CLUB MEETING 7pm. Eagles Nest Palm Room

**DATE: Tuesday, April 18, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Wild Burro and Pipeline Trails to Floating Bridge (PCHC # 71).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Art Solorio**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts out at the Twisted Talon Parking Area and goes north to the site of where there was a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Wild Burro Trailhead **TRAILS:** Wild Burro, Pipeline Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are restrooms and water at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Ramada 9Wild BurroLake Pleasant Regional ParkDrive 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 and drive about .25 miles. The trailhead is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-Z3bXDNw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 71**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8**DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop plus Technical Loop (PCHC # 692).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1056 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The hike begins on the Long Loop: at 0.84 miles turn right onto the Technical Loop, proceeding clockwise for 2.9 miles to where the trail ends at the Long Loop. Turn left and follow the Long Loop counter clockwise for 3.26 miles, turning left onto the Long Loop Mountain Pass, following it for 1.97 miles. It will again intersect with the Long Loop; turn left and follow the trail for 3.16 miles to the parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be aware that this hike is on a biking competitive track. While on the technical loop, bikes will be coming from behind. Try to avoid scheduling this hike on Saturday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track Long Loop, Technical Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway). 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 Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the selfpay station. Continue to the parking on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Competitive-Loop-Long/B-HikeEMRP-Comp-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-79XP25Q>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 692**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Wednesday, April 19, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Skyline RP - Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Loop (PCHC # 567).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Jan Larson**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike is in the Western part of Buckeyes Skyline Regional Park with the Granite Falls and Chuckwalla Trails on the west side of the park. There is an option to add 2/3 mile and do the Valley Vista summit.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash Loop**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-gpKNzG3>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnXWg-TDBLAE3YQh>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 567**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Thursday, April 20, 2023  
**HIKE:** A Hike - Camelback Mountain - Traverse - 2 Humped Camel (PCHC # 139).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Stacey Miller  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. The hike will traverse the Camelback Ridge twice. Well hike from the Echo Canyon Trailhead, over the summit, down to the Cholla Trailhead, then reverse the climb back to the Echo Canyon Parking lot. Fantastic views north over Paradise Valley and south over the city of Phoenix and beyond.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Be prepared, there are 2 steep climbs to the summit over rugged granite and sandstone boulders. Bring plenty of liquids and food for energy.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Echo Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Echo Canyon Trail, Camelback Summit, Cholla Trail, Cholla Trailhead, Camelback Summit, Echo Canyon Trailhead.  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and water at the trailhead. No Park fee.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn onto I10 East and continue to Highway 51. North on 51 to Camelback Road exit. Turn right (east) on Camelback Road. Turn left (north) on 44th Street. Turn right (east) on McDonald Road. After passing Tatum, turn right on Echo Canyon Parkway. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 75 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Camelback-Mountain>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Camelback-Mountain/i-6hz5qhP>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 139  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE:** Thursday, April 20, 2023  
**HIKE:** D Hike - Buckeye Area - Dog Bone Highways & Byways Loop from Joe Foss Trailhead (PCHC # 229).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails on the south side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Warning to Coordinators: Access roads to both Dog Bone East and Dog Bone West except the Joe Foss Trailhead have been closed. Be sure to check out the parking area before scheduling a hike in the Dog Bone area. The last part of the hike being a bushwhack.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Highways & Byways Loop  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 West (right) to Highway 85. Drive south on Highway 85 for about 9 miles. Turn left opposite the Buckeye Hills Regional Park (and Joe Fosse Shooting Range). Park on the left just before the fence. The trail starts on the other side of the fence heading left (parallel to Highway 85). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 54 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Buckeye/>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 229  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE:** Friday, April 21, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Lake Pleasant Shore Hike (Long) (PCHC # 634).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This is a hike along the shore of Lake Pleasant that starts out near the Discovery Center, beginning on the Roadrunner Trail. At 0.8 miles, RR connects with Frog Tank Trail, and goes downhill for 0.3 miles to the Beardsley trail, turn right and at 2 miles BE ends near campground 7. Pick up Wild Burro Trail here and proceed for 2 miles where WB ends. Continue further on Pipeline Canyon Trail to the Floating Bridge; this will be the turn around point.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 5 hours with breaks.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Discovery Center Trailhead **TRAILS:** Roadrunner, Frog Tank, Beardsley, Wild Burro, Pipeline Canyon Trail  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms with water are at various points along the trail. Park fee is \$7.00 or covered by Maricopa County Park Pass.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Loop 303 N. to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (N) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (W) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Rd. (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (N). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right on Lake Pleasant Access Rd. Turn Right on South Park Road. follow to Overlook Road which ends at the Discovery Center. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Roadrunner-Frog-Tank-Pipeline>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 634  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$8

**DATE: Friday, April 21, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass from the West (PCHC # 332).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1080 feet. It follows the National Trail starting at the Buena Vista lookout, looping at Hidden Valley through boulders and rock tunnels, and returning on National Trail. Interesting, fun hike, with a few large boulders to climb over and slide down. An optional extra half mile hike with an elevation change of 130 feet can be added by taking a side trail to the right at marker #18. This trail goes to the top of the ridge giving hikers a 360 degree view of the surrounding area. A second optional addition is a .8 mile out and back hike (150foot elevation change) going west from the parking lot to the China Wall, a natural rock formation that looks like a manmade wall from a distance. A third option is to go to an overlook to the left of the parking area, adding another .8 miles and 50 feet elevation gain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** National Trailhead at Buena Vista Parking Lot **TRAILS:** National, Hidden Valley**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138. SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack (no fees). Go through another guard shack to the Park Office area. Proceed up the Summit Road about 6.5 miles following the signs to Buena Vista Parking area. Trailhead is at the Buena Vista Parking area.

**DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Fat-Mans-Pass-West>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-5pJxHX6>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ami9t5cUYBEueKVn0?e=0xSaVz>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 332**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7**DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife**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:** 24 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3tcfRvVF7rLIGFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Lollipop Loop (PCHC # 577).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This hike is in the western part of the park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail. The trails meander through several areas with minimal elevation gain.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, 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-jj9nhsv>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEzsHjFiPYGereTI>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 577**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, April 24, 2023****HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Monday, April 24, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado Lost Creek and Meck Park Challenge Double Loop (PCHC # 647).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 5:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 20 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This is the 20 mile challenge. This is the seventh year we have been doing this challenge. This year will be the easiest route. As always it will be divided into two 10 mile segments. Segment 1 will start at the Verrado Lost Creek parking area and will combine the SOB Trail with the MW, TB, QM trails in Skyline Park. We will drive to Meck Park to begin Segment 2. Segment 2 will be another Verrado wonder about going past Dead Head Pass, and the petroglyphs. Both trails are big lollipops in design with very little use of a trail in both directions. No part of a trail that is used in the first half will be used again in the second half of the hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** SOB, Mountain Wash, TurnBuckle, Quartz Mine, Meck Park Connector, Deadhead Pass Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at Meck Park and no park fee. Be aware that these Restrooms are often closed.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Meck Park. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. At end of Indian School Road, turn right then left onto West Highland Park Drive. Meck Park Trailhead is first right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-crXQGxM/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 647**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Monday, April 24, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Coyote Roundabout off Elliot Road (PCHC # 744).****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 I10. 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!AgywFpJqBF4aqEw7jPzIQRhndZgv?e=q53b3Q>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 744**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Short Version) (PCHC # 25).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the lower section Ford Canyon. From the parking lot take the Waddell Trail to the junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Bear straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the sign warning bicycles and horses not to proceed. At which point turn and retrace steps back to the parking lot.

**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-6dXsqL4>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amQo7tkyK2MblkO->**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 25**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Maricopa Trails - Bell Rd South to White Tanks Mule Trail (PCHC # 635).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 135 feet. This hike is a segment of the Maricopa Trail. It proceeds south for nearly 5.5 miles with little elevation gain, before returning back. You arrive at the border of the White Tank Regional Park, close to Mule Trail at Ramada 4 where you can then hike over to the Wildlife Trail pond. You have good views of the White Tank Mountains on a very good hiking trail. You will pass a radio controlled aircraft club and may be able to observe R/C planes dogfighting. Pretty interesting.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sun Valley Trailhead **TRAILS:** Maricopa Trail: Bell Road to White Tank**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fee. No restrooms.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Go west on Indian School Road. Hwy 303 North for 9.3 miles to Bell Rd West, Exit 116. Continue on W. Bell Rd for 3.1 miles; it becomes West Sun Lakes Pkwy. Continue on West Sun Lakes Pkwy for 0.6 mile. Watch for a brown sign (Sun Valley Trail Head) about a mile past the developed area for Maricopa Trail. Turn left into parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 32 miles

**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Maricopa-Trails/Sun-Valley-Bell-Road-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Maricopa-Trails/i-zwpzBNB/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a13PdghSr2spAipYw>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 635**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam (PCHC # 22).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**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:** <http://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!AgywFpJqBF4aly9r1XHilnP3siGF>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 22**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, April 27, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Deems Hills Park - Outer Circumference + Palisade (PCHC # 786).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Stacey Miller

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. This is an 8.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Start out left on Circumference, then right on Ridgeline at 1.4 miles, then left on Circumference at 2.8 miles, next right on Palisade at 5.6, then turn around at 6.1 miles (where Palisade takes a hard right). Turn right on Circumference at 6.7 miles, then back to parking lot at 8.5 miles. This hike around the Deem Hills Recreation area. This trail covers the outer edge of two hills on the north side of Phoenix. 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 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, Ridgeline, Palisades trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** Directions to Deem Hills Park Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take 101 North. Turn north on 59th Avenue. Turn north (left) on 55th Avenue. 55th Avenue becomes Deem Hills Parkway. The park is on the right. Directions to Deem Hills Alternate Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North. Turn east (right) on Happy Valley Parkway. Turn north (left) on 55th Avenue. 55th Avenue becomes Deem Hills Parkway. The park is on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 65 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Deem-Hills-Park/i-7jK5Vg4>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4awmC5Pd2YUDwqPuEd?e=1MPGww>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 786**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

**DATE:** Thursday, April 27, 2023  
**HIKE:** D Challenge Hike - Verrado Area - Petroglyphs, South of Border (SOB) Loop Option A (PCHC # 615).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Elevation.  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Take the single track trail at the entry point staying left through a wash to the Petroglyph Rock. Climb right to the saddle and take the SOB trail to the left at the saddle. SOB will cross Lost Creek Road and continue to the parking lot. This trail is all single track.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border  
**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-2v4fST3/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amyXl8QEKf1s4SY5J>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 615  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Friday, April 28, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse  
**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles  
**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mule-Deer-Waterfall>  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-rD7xxzX>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRhwjvKYWWES09xw>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 41  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Friday, April 28, 2023  
**HIKE:** C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dana Thomas  
**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!AgywFpJqBF4anHSitlejVrVYaC1D>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 586  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3



**DATE:** Saturday, April 29, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Estrella Foothills - Inner Loop AKA Missing Man Search (PCHC # 593).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The hike begins on Pirates Cove then turns left onto 1UP, there is a short summit trail off of 1UP that is an up and back. Continue on 1UP to get back to Pirates Cove. Turn onto Skallywag to connect (turn right) onto Whats Up then right on Up There into Cairn Canyon, continue on Up There to the Blackjack intersection. Go all the way up BlackJack and over to the saddle where you turn right onto Up Yonder then left onto Up There going down into and across the wash. Turn left onto Queen Annes Revenge and go around the Estrella Foothills letters loop, continue on Queen Annes Revenge (notice the mine tailings) until it intersects with Doubloon. Turn right here. Follow Doubloon, passing the turn to the right, when you get to a T intersection turn left and continue to Brethren Court. At Brethren Court take Bootlegger to a right at Pirates Cove. When you get back Skallywag, take Skallywag and turn left onto Whats Up and continue straight at the next saddle onto Coyote and return to the trailhead.  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Some steep and edgy sections in the Blackjack trail area.  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Elliot Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pirates Cove, 1UP, short summit trail, 1UP, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Up There,BlackJack, Up Yonder, Up There, Queen Annes Revenge, Doubloon, Bootlegger, Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Coyote and return to the trailhead.  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliot TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 24 miles  
**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-Bk7D5xC/A>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auVsCoN9ozLB2yBgv?e=qSkaGz>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 593  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Saturday, April 29, 2023  
**HIKE:** D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Middle Version (PCHC # 709).  
**UNUSUAL START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to 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-9msCH67>  
**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoyJ45TMjEjHBnEOL?e=hAeq7>  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 709  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE:** Monday, May 1, 2023  
**HIKE:** No Monday A Hike Scheduled

**DATE:** Monday, May 1, 2023  
**HIKE:** B Hike - Estrella Foothills - New FINS B Hike (PCHC # 732).  
**REGULAR START TIME:** 6:30 AM  
**HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte  
**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. TBD Bill Halte  
**TRAILHEAD NAME:** FINS Trailhead **TRAILS:** TBD  
**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No restroom at trailhead. No park fee.  
**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead . Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for approximately 12.5 miles from Eagles Nest. Turn right on West Westar Drive. Go approx. 1.1 miles and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a onelevel concrete maintainece building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles  
**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 732  
**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Monday, May 1, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Prescott Area - Wolf Creek Falls Trail (PCHC # 171).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:00 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. Directions to Prescott Groom Creek Trail #307 Alternate 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!AgywFpJqBF4amSaoOq1mrX-0Ax-h>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 171**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$20**DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2023****HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Doubloon Loop - SR, PA, JR, DO, RR, PA, SR (PCHC # 589).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. From the High School, take Sunrise then Park Avenue. Turn left on Jolly Roger to the The intersection of Jolly Roger, Doubloon and Queen Annes Revenge. Take care here as no signage exists so please consult the map if unclear. Take Doubloon to Road Runner (There are two paths from Doubloon to Rum Runner. One is slightly longer than the other, but both get to the same place). Follow Road Runner to the junction with Park Avenue. Bear right on Park Avenue and retrace steps back to the High School. This hike has typical desert scenery.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella High School Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sunrise, Park Avenue, Jolly Roger, Doubloon, Rumrunner, Park Avenue, Sunrise**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park High School Trailhead 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 PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-HikeEF-Short-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-vT4Hxjj/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anHVkM6qOogDzDmFx>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 589**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Tuesday, May 2, 2023****HIKE: Hike Leader Summer Hike Training Placeholder.****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Placeholder for Hike Leader Training**TRAILHEAD NAME:** TBD **TRAILS:** TBD**FEES AND FACILITIES:** TBD**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** TBD **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 40 miles**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 10015**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2023****HIKE:** No Wednesday B Hike Scheduled

**DATE: Wednesday, May 3, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Verrado Area - South of the Border, Old Road, Tortuga Trails (PCHC # 619).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Clare Bangs**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike goes through typical desert washes and up to a saddle of the nearest mountain to PebbleCreek. It then goes halfway around the mountain before returning to the trailhead.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** South of the Border (SOB), old road, Tortuga**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-GmhFMLb/A>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 619**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella Foothills - CO-1UP-BMU-WU-GU-UT (CC)-BJ Plus the Flag (PCHC # 665).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** TBD**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1125 feet. The hike starts at the Elliot TH. We will be climbing Black Jack in reverse, with an option to climb to the pirate flag. This trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley. The hike is typical desert terrain. Trail condition: mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline. Steep up/down to the Pirate Flag with loose scree; optional to go up.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Elliott Trailhead **TRAILS:** CO/1UP/BMU/WU/GU/UT (CC)/BJ**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Foothills Park Elliott Trailhead Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south) PCP becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I10. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area Turn left on Elliott (light just past the shopping area) Park at the far end. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 26 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Blackjack-LU-LoopLynnW2021-2022>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-HikeEF-Blackjack-LU-LoopLynnW2021-2022/i-z7N3Ggp>**URL GPX:** [https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAdzeq\\_MQwIqblqA](https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAdzeq_MQwIqblqA)**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 665**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Thursday, May 4, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Small Circuit from Entry Station (PCHC # 672).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Elevation.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 650 feet. This hike is in the western part of the park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail. Start from the Entry Station parking area and use the Parking Lot connector Trail.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mountain Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Turnbuckle**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFceQz8abR5-q8lB>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 672**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3**DATE: Friday, May 5, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).****REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox**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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 74**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Friday, May 5, 2023**

**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Two extended climbs, Long Distance.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 feet. This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1275 ft. 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. Mile 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 Spings 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/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsRVxQ>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yRP16H>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).**

**REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM**

**HIKE LEADER:** Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>

**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNiE-tYMzX>

**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19

**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$3

**DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**HIKE:** No Saturday C Hike Scheduled