

Introductory Hike with the PebbleCreek Hiking Club

Welcome to the PebbleCreek Hiking Club. We are a Club of dedicated hikers that offer a variety of hikes throughout Arizona and throughout the year designed at various skill levels to meet your hiking needs. The Introductory hike is generally about 4.2 miles long.

Our website is: <http://www.pchikers.org>. On it, you will find important information about upcoming events, hike schedules, and hiking and safety tips. When you have completed the items, including the Robson Circle walk, contact us at: PCHCPres@gmail.com or call Dana Thomas (907-590-4425) to schedule a date for your introductory hike, generally on a Tuesday morning. We meet in the Eagles Nest Lobby near the ballroom, carpool to the Verrado Trailhead, and do the introductory hike. We are generally back in Pebble Creek by 11:00-11:30. See the bottom of the document for the latest Introductory Hike schedule.

The fee to join the Club is \$10 per person per year payable upon your successful completion of the introductory hike process.

Gas costs are shared among the hiking participants; the gas cost for the Introductory Hike is currently \$2. Gas costs for regular hikes vary and are generally \$5.00 to \$15.00.

Hikes are structured around varying skill levels:

PC Hiking Club – Hike Ratings		
Hike Rating	Distance	Elevation
A	More than 12 miles, and/or	More than 3,500 feet
B	7 to 12 miles, and/or	1,500 to 3,000 feet
C	5 to 7 miles, and/or	500 to 1,200 feet
D	3.5-5.0 miles, and	Less than 500 feet

The Introductory Hike process allows you and the Club to best determine an appropriate hike rating for you and acquaint you with desert hiking.

In order to participate in the introductory hike, please complete the Robson Circle walk described below as well as the following documents found on the club website and bring them with you on the introductory hike:

1. Signed “No Blame” Waiver form -
2. Completed File of Life form (to carry in your backpack)

Mandatory Items for Introductory Hike

Mandatory Items in your backpack:

1. Hiking boots (walking shoes or sneakers OK on Introductory hike)
2. Water (1 Quart) and Electrolytes (16 OZ)
3. Sunscreen
4. File of Life completed form & meds if needed
5. Hat
6. Food (energy snack, salty snack, salted nuts)

Optional Items:

1. Hiking poles
2. Hand cleaner/hand wipes

Robson Circle Preparation Walk

1. You need to perform this self-assessment walk (this is on your own – no one will be observing) prior to scheduling the Introductory Hike with PC Hikers Club. Be sure to check with your physician prior to the walk if you have any health concerns.
2. You need to walk twice (2 loops) around Robson Circle (5 miles total) within 3 hours 20 minutes to qualify for the Introductory Hike,
3. The route – 1 loop – completed 2 times – for a total of 2 loops.
 - From corner of Clubhouse Drive & Robson Circle South (intersection before the Eagles Nest Country Club),
 - Proceed Northwest on Clubhouse Drive,
 - Turn right on W Robson Circle North,
 - Follow Robson Circle North as it turns into Robson Circle South,
 - Continue Robson Circle South as it turns into Clubhouse Drive.
4. You need to perform this as one continuous exercise – It is not OK to perform lap 1 in the morning and lap 2 later in the day. You may stop during the exercise and take a 15-minute break at one of the benches for a snack. Be sure to carry sufficient water and electrolytes during the walk.

Schedule of Introductory Hikes

Prospective Hiking Club members need to complete the Robson Circle walk and an Introductory Hike in order to qualify for membership. Once you have completed the Robson Circle walk, contact Dana Thomas, PCHC President, at 907-590-4425 or PCHCPres@gmail.com to sign up for one of the

Introductory Hikes. Sign up by close of business on the Friday prior to the Tuesday Introductory hike you wish to complete.

Generally, there will be 2 introductory hikes a month: one on the Tuesday following the meeting and another a week or two later (Tuesday). Later in the hiking season there typically is less demand so we move to one intro hike a month unless demand warrants otherwise. If new hikers have a major conflict on Tuesdays, e.g., working, the club may be able to arrange an alternative day for an intro hike; please contact the club president (noted above) in such instances.

Here are the dates and times to meet for introductory hikes for the 2019-2020 season:

September / October - meet at 6:30, depart at 6:45

September 24 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

October 8 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

October 22 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

November - meet at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15 am

November 5 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

November 26 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

December / January - meet at 7:15, depart at 7:30

December 17 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

January 7 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

January 21 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

February / April - use "D" hike, meet and, depart times

February 25 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

March 24 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House

April 21 Meet at Eagles Nest Club House