

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim, Big Jim Summit Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 118).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: distance and elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 13.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3000 feet. Taking the Walking Jim Loop Trail counterclockwise the trail is relatively flat as it parallels a dry creek for 4.5 miles. At the Big Jim Mountain Trail marker, turn right and climb steeply onto a high ridge and follow the cairns to the summit of Big Jim Mountain. Return to the Walking Jim trail and continue in the counterclockwise direction back 4.5 miles to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim, Big Jim Summit</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 118</p>
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Garfias Wash Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 104).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. It mostly follows the wash and goes through Hells Canyon, a short slot canyon. There is lots of boulder hopping and sand, plus interesting views of many rock formations. We saw more wildlife on this hike than any other single hike. The trail goes left out of the parking area down into the wash.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving the last 15 miles on a dirt road (Castle Hot Springs Road and Cedar Basin Road).</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Garfias Wash</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to US 60 (Grand Avenue). Go left on US 60 towards Wickenburg. At Morristown turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Drive about 15.5 miles. This road is a dirt road for the last 13 miles. Turn right on Cedar Basin Road. Go about 2/3 mile to an unmarked flat parking area on the left just before the road goes downhill. DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Garfias-Wash-Through-Hell-Cany</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amR9ez4dDSfbZEfCf</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 104</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim, Big Jim Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 119).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 119</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Big Reef Mill Trail (PCHC # 695).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. DESCRIPTION TBD from EILEEN</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: TBD</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: TBD TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: TBD</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: TBD DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 695</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Burro Flats Loop Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 100).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts out on Cedar Basin Road, turns off on the Horse Creek Trail, connects to the Burro Flats Trail and finally returns via Cedar Basin Road. The hike passes through Lucifers Gate, a large pass in the mountains of Hells Canyon Wilderness. There is a small arch at the top of the south side of the gate. There are multiple saguaro forests as well as an ocotillo forest as well as many rock formations.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail goes from the left side of the road.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Cedar Basin Rd, Horse Creek, Burro Flats</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Burro Flats Trailhead is near Morristown. Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to US 60 (Grand Avenue). Go left on US. 60 towards Wickenburg. At Morristown turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Drive about 15.5 miles. This road is a dirt road for the last 13 miles. Turn right on Cedar Basin Road. Go 2.3 miles to an unmarked trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 96 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Hells-Gate-Wilderness-Area</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Hells-Gate-Wilderness-Area</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 100</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash (PCHC # 101).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The hike starts going into Morgan City Wash for about a mile. It then turns into a side canyon with an overgrown riparian area due to the wet Chalky Spring. Once past the spring area the canyon narrows into a very scenic slot canyon. The B version can be created by adding more of the main wash down to the Morgan City Wash riparian area loop. There is a good chance to see wild burros and owls on this hike. Trail condition—Sandy wash for a third of the hike, a wet riparian area with lots of brush is another third, and the other third is through a slot canyon with short dry waterfalls to scramble up/down.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amR6tgxArQHC2BPt-</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 101</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Governors Peak and Garfias Wash (PCHC # 714).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This route climbs Governors Peak using the traditional course but then branches out into Garfias Wash to return via this wide open dry river bed. Please follow GPX track for an accurate route.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Governors Peak Trail, Spring Valley Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No Restrooms and No Park Fee</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North and exit at Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ Highway 74 (Carefree Highway) and turn left. Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off) and turn right. Follow Castle Hot Springs Road for 5.2 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left and follow 5.0 miles to pullout on left side of the 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: 97 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4azUOGGsRaf28Kt5Cq?e=jyhrIY</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 714</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Governors Peak Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 105).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. From the road cross the wide Castle Creek wash to the white login podium where the trail begins. The Spring Valley Trail follows a small rise then goes westsouthwest for a short distance. Watch for the Hermit Trail slanting off to the right. It is less noticeable and unsigned. The Hermit Trail slowly curves northeast rising to the first of three saddles. The trail drops into a deep ravine and back up to another saddle. The Hermit Trail ends at this saddle. The older and overgrown Bell Trail continues. The steep ascent to Governors Peak is on a sketchy trail. There is a false peak before getting to Governors Peak. The best route is to gain a saddle, jag left and then go to the top. The footing is iffy but the views are magnificent.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Spring Valley, Hermit, Bell

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 and exit at Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ Highway 74 (Carefree Highway) and turn left. Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off) and turn right. Follow Castle Hot Springs Road for 5.2 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left and follow 5.0 miles to pullout on left side of the 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: 97 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 105

HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Indian Mesa Loop (PCHC # 107).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1425 feet. The hike starts by crossing the Agua Fria River. If the river is low, you can hike along it to the base of Indian Mesa. If not, once across you go up out of the riverbed and hike parallel to it. If the lake is full, you will add a mile to the hike to get around a finger of the lake. You can see Indian Mesa from the parking lot. Look down the road at a flat topped white stone mesa. There are often free range cattle along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. This area is closed from 15 December to 15 June as a Bald Eagle breeding area. The final 10 feet or so up to the top is very steep, but there are great views even from the saddle 50 feet below the top.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Indian Mesa Trailhead **TRAILS:** Indian Mesa

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee is \$7.00.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west to 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. The pavement ends within a mile. There is approximately 4 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 mile from I17). Keep left at the next Y (3.7 miles from I17; sign points to Boat Launch). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

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URL MAP: <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Indian-Mesa>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amSDCiwAvKXsWmvRK>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 107

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Lake Pleasant North Canyons (PCHC # 111).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The B version includes going through a slot canyon near the parking area. We cross the river and hike along an old jeep road before turning into the main canyon. We often encounter free range cattle that wander around along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. Part of this trail is on an old jeep road, part is a boulder hop through the canyon, and part is along a sandy riverbed.

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

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North 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. The pavement ends within a mile; approximately .4 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). Keep left at the third Y (3.7 miles from I17; sign points to Boat Launch). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 100 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 111

HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Lake Pleasant Northwest Meander (PCHC # 113).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This is a meandering hike along a dirt road and then along fingers sticking into Lake Pleasant. There are random wild burro trails that we use to navigate the area. Besides the great views of the lake and side canyons, this seems to be where the wild burros live. We have seen over 30 burros each time we have hiked this area. Trail condition: mostly old roads and burro trails.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The hike heads straight across the parking area to a dirt road.

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

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 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 go a couple of miles, crossing the bridge over the edge of the lake. About .5 miles across the bridge, turn right on Cow Creek Road. There's a kiosk on Cow Creek Road. Drive 1 mile to the campground. There is another kiosk at the turn into the campground. Drive about 100 yards and park on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 113

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam (PCHC # 690).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bring Headlamps to explore Tunnels. The route follows dirt roads for 2 miles to the Dam</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aonMtSDEyZWTDji0h?e=PfS7Ra</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 690</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Rollercoaster Trail (PCHC # 116).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM LP1, LP2, LP3 Loop</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 116</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - To the Buick and Beyond (PCHC # 729).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trails are rough and ruined by ATVs Difficult downhills.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Boulders OHC Area TRAILS: LP A, LP 8, LP 7</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead (not well upkept as of March 6 2023)</p> <p>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</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 729</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Island-Hopping (PCHC # 109).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail goes under Castle Hot Springs Road and goes down the main wash to the lake. There are some interesting rock formations along the way. You follow burro trails angling right onto the main peninsula (islands when the lake is high). Once you get to the far right end of this area, you work your way back left going across various land bridges. Once you get past the boat launch parking area, you will pick up a clear burro trail and work your way back to the cars using various burro trails. There are lots of interesting views of the bathtub rings and a good chance to see some burros.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike should be when the lake is very low: late summer to early fall. The trail goes off the left end of the parking area.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim, Island Hopping</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There is no park fee when you park at the Walking Jim Trailhead. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but you pass some in the boat launch area.</p> <p>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 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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Lake-Pleasant-Islands/C-Exploratory-HikeLkPleasant-IslandsLynnW2018-2019</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 109</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim North to Lucifers Gate Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 124).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Goes all the way to Lucifers Gate at Burro Springs. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek before heading north on an old dirt road. It then continues along a canyon and creek to the spring. It offers a wide variety of vegetation from cottonwood trees to saguaro cactus and wildlife including wild burros. One section of loose stones on an old jeep road and near Burro Springs is in a boulder filled sandy/rocky wash that gives new meaning to rock hopping.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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. Q119 DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 124</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trailhead to Pipeline Bridge Loop (PCHC # 126).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail follows wild burro trails for a mile, paralleling Castle Hot Springs Road. It then crosses the road and goes down a canyon leading to the Pipeline Bridge. Along the canyon is an active spring with cottonwood trees. It then goes into a slot canyon before coming out at the bridge.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail goes off the left end of the parking area. Only do this hike when the lake is very low, as the walls of the canyon show water levels of as much as 30 feet when the lake is full.

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

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 126

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - BLM Trails LP1 and LP2 Lake Pleasant View (PCHC # 95).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Challenge for Distance and Elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 14. You take LP2 to LP1 and turn right. The trail then goes right and makes a loop back to LP2. There are views of Lake Pleasant on several high points along the trail. The trails wander through typical desert terrain with assorted cactus and scrub brush. Mostly average hiking trails with 1 to 2 miles in a wash with coarse sand.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving roundtrip is on paved roads but with a dirt parking area. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** BLM LP2 and LP1

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 there. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 95

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash (PCHC # 102).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Challenge due to some loose rock scrambling and creek crossings.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 102</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Indian Mesa (PCHC # 106).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The hike starts by crossing the Agua Fria River. If the river is low, you can hike along it to the base of Indian Mesa. If not, once across you go up out of the riverbed and hike parallel to it. If the lake is full, you will add a mile to the hike to get around a finger of the lake. You can see Indian Mesa from the parking lot. Look down the road at a flat topped white stone mesa. There are often free range cattle along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. This area is closed from 15 December to 15 June as a Bald Eagle breeding area. The final 10 feet or so up to the top is very steep, but there are great views even from the saddle 50 feet below the top.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Indian Mesa Trailhead TRAILS: Indian Mesa</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee is \$7.00.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west to 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. The pavement ends within a mile. There is approximately 4 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 mile from I17). Keep left at the next Y (3.7 miles from I17; sign points to Boat Launch). DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Indian-Mesa</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Indian-Mesa</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amURuxsoDwxWv4uWy</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 106</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Lake Pleasant North Canyons (PCHC # 110).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Poor trail condition.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. We cross the river and hike along an old jeep road before turning into the main canyon. We often encounter free range cattle that wander around along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. Part of this trail is on an old jeep road, part is a boulder hop through the canyon, and part is along a sandy riverbed.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Indian Mesa</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee of \$7.00.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North 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. The pavement ends within a mile; approximately. 4 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). Keep left at the third Y (3.7 miles from I17; sign points to Boat Launch). DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 110</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Big Loop Trail Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 120).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Distance and elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1365 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. The break occurs at an interesting red rock outcropping covered with lichen.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anA7ocvtXT1zZw32o</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 120</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - BLM Trail LP2 and Canyon Trails (PCHC # 96).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 14. The LP2 Trail follows a wash for 2 miles and then becomes a regular trail. After passing the junction with LP3 in a wash, follow the wash to a tight (not quite a slot) canyon, where it is a good spot for a break and then return to the trail head. The trail wanders through typical desert terrain with assorted cacti and scrub brush. Mostly average hiking trails with 1 to 2 miles in a wash with coarse sand.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving roundtrip is on paved roads but with a dirt parking area. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM LP2, Canyon</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 there. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/LP2-LP1-Lollipop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 96</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - BLM Trails LP1 and LP2 Long Circuit (PCHC # 93).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 14. The LP2 Trail follows a wash for 2 miles and then becomes a regular trail. On the return, turn left at the intersection with LP1 and follow LP1 back to LP2 and the trail head. LP1 has one main hill of 260 feet to go up over and back down. The trails wander through typical desert terrain with assorted cacti and scrub brush. Mostly average hiking trails with 1 to 2 miles in a wash with coarse sand.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving roundtrip is on paved roads but with a dirt parking area. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM LP2 and LP1</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 there. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/LP2-LP1-Lollipop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amUFMXyforD-Obgfv</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 93</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - BLM Trails LP2, LP3, LP1 (PCHC # 97).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 14. The LP2 trail follows a wash west for .5 miles. At the intersection with LP3, turn right. At the bottom of a wash around the 3 mile point turn right and go through the wash for about .5 miles to the intersection with LP2. Turn right and return to the trailhead. LP3 has a series of rollercoaster hills with an option to go over or around one steep hill. The trails wander through typical desert terrain with assorted cactus and scrub brush. There are views of Lake Pleasant from the top of some of the hills.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving roundtrip is on paved roads but with a dirt parking area. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM LP2, LP3, LP1</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 there. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/LP3-LP2-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amULpFjcPHXstJSfc</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 97</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Boulders BLM Trails A, LP8, and LP7 (PCHC # 99).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 11.5. Overall, the hike goes through typical desert terrain. The highlight of the hike is the wreckage of an early 1950s Buick. The chrome is still shiny, though the rest of the car has heavy rust.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM A, LP8, LP7</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North. Exit onto Lake Pleasant Parkway North. At the intersection of Route 74, turn left, heading west. About 10 miles from the Agua Fria Bridge look for a jeep road on the right (a little past milepost 12). Turn right. Drive about half mile to the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Boulders-BLM-LPA-LP8-LP7</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 99</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Coyote Springs (PCHC # 103).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The hike follows a wash for the first mile going to the springs, which usually has some water. There is a good chance to see wild burros as there are many in this area. The hike continues to the top of a ridge, providing great views in all directions. Trail condition: mostly a typical desert trail with some sandy wash. The hike goes down into the wash and goes left for 2.1 miles. The trail then goes off on the left through a side wash.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Coyote Springs</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>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 (west) on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn right on the unmarked paved road just before mile marker 17. Drive to the end of the paved road. Drive on dirt road until just before going down into a wash. It is maybe .2 miles of dirt but gets very rough going into the wash. Park in the clearing on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 76 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Coyote-Springs-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amUPh3ka0e3KRhpPF</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 103</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Lake Pleasant Northwest Meander (PCHC # 112).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This is a meandering hike along a dirt road and then along fingers sticking into Lake Pleasant. There are random wild burro trails that we use to navigate the area. Besides the great views of the lake and side canyons, this seems to be where the wild burros live. We have seen over 30 burros each time we have hiked this area. Trail condition: mostly old roads and burro trails.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The hike heads straight across the parking area to a dirt road.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: tbd</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 go a couple of miles, crossing the bridge over the edge of the lake. About .5 miles across the bridge, turn right on Cow Creek Road. There's a kiosk on Cow Creek Road. Drive 1 mile to the campground. There is another kiosk at the turn into the campground. Drive about 100 yards and park on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 112</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Spring Valley Trail to the Garfias Wash (PCHC # 117).

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**

HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Island-Hopping (PCHC # 108).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail goes under Castle Hot Springs Road and goes down the main wash to the lake. There are some interesting rock formations along the way. You follow burro trails angling right onto the main peninsula (islands when the lake is high). Once you get to the far right end of this area, you work your way back left going across various land bridges. Once you get past the boat launch parking area, you will pick up a clear burro trail and work your way back to the cars using various burro trails. There are lots of interesting views of the bathtub rings and a good chance to see some burros.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike should be when the lake is very low: late summer to early fall. The trail goes off the left end of the parking area.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** Walking Jim, Island Hopping

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is no park fee when you park at the Walking Jim Trailhead. There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but you pass some in the boat launch area.

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 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

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 108

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim North to Lucifers Gate Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 123).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek before heading north on an old dirt road. It then continues along a canyon and creek to the spring. It offers a wide variety of vegetation from cottonwood trees to saguaro cactus and wildlife including wild burros. One section of loose stones on an old jeep road.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 123</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trail Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 121).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 386 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. The break occurs at an interesting red rock outcropping covered with lichen.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoSONS1Xjlu9ixNcc?e=gg11tx</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 121</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trailhead to Pipeline Bridge Loop (PCHC # 125).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The trail follows wild burro trails for a mile, paralleling Castle Hot Springs Road. It then crosses the road and goes down a canyon leading to the Pipeline Bridge. Along the canyon is an active spring with cottonwood trees. It then goes into a slot canyon before coming out at the bridge. Only do this hike when the lake is very low, as the walls of the canyon show water levels of as much as 30 feet when the lake is full.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail goes off the left end of the parking area. Only do this hike when the lake is very low, as the walls of the canyon show water levels of as much as 30 feet when the lake is full.

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

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 125

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Morgan City Wash Trail from Lake Pleasant Dam (PCHC # 115).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Trail Condition.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 320 feet. The hike starts below the Lake Pleasant dam and goes .6 miles to the lower end of the Morgan City Wash. There are three trails starting at the bridge. There is one on each side of the wash along the ridgeline and an overgrown trail through the wash itself. The easiest route is along one of the ridgeline trails and occasionally dropping down into the wash for a short distance. This is considered one of the better birding areas in the state. There was running water in the wash (it sounded like a babbling brook) in September 2011 when we explored the area. This trail can be combined with the Maricopa Trail Lake Pleasant East to make a 7 mile C 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 PHOTOS: <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Morgan-City-Wash-Maricopa>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anFI-izGvzIVxOhI3>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 115

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam - to slot canyon (PCHC # 708).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee.</p> <p>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</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 708</p>
<p>HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - BLM Trails LP1 and LP2 Short Circuit (PCHC # 94).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 14. The LP2 trail follows a wash for 2.2+ miles. At the second intersection with LP1 turn right and follow LP1 back to LP2 and the cars. LP1 has one main hill of 260 feet to go up over and back down. The trails wander through typical desert terrain with assorted cactus and scrub brush. Mostly average hiking trails with 1 to 2 miles in a wash with coarse sand.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Driving roundtrip is on paved roads but with a dirt parking area. There is parking for about 12 cars outside the gate.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM LP2 and LP1</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to 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 there. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/LP2-LP1-Lollipop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 94</p>
<p>HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Boulders BLM Trails A, LP8, and LP7 (PCHC # 98).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Starts at Highway 74 Milepost 11.5. Overall, the hike goes through typical desert terrain. The highlight of the hike is the wreckage of an early 1950s Buick. The chrome is still shiny, though the rest of the car has heavy rust.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: BLM A, LP8, LP7</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North. Exit onto Lake Pleasant Parkway North. At the intersection of Route 74, turn left, heading west. About 10 miles from the Agua Fria Bridge look for a jeep road on the right (a little past milepost 12). Turn right. Drive about half mile to the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Boulders-BLM-LPA-LP8-LP7</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/i-Gj5b6fT</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 98</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Maricopa Trail, Lake Pleasant East (PCHC # 114).

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!AgywFpJqBF4aoxdTn198EIEcbd9Q?e=y1mXLn>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 114

HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam (PCHC # 707).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 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 up to the first dam. This dam was built in 1890 by Chinese miners, along with a canal to deliver water to the mine that now is covered by Lake Pleasant.

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

PCHC TRAIL ID: 707

HIKE: D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trail Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 122).

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

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 122