

**"B" LEVEL HIKING GROUP - FRIDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:45 a.m., depart at 7:00 (early meet/depart is 6:15/6:30...but, always check the weekly e-mail).**

**March 6 – Kiwanis-National-Pyramid-Lost Ranch-Ruins-National-Ranger-Los Lomitas (South Mountain Park). Rating B.** A strenuous, 9.4-mile, 2300 ft. loop with lunch at the fireplace ruins, followed by a steep climb up to the National Trail for the return.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/KiwanisNationalGila/B-HikeSouth-Mt-Ruins-LoopLynnW2018-2019/>

***Directions to South Mountain Park (North) Main Entrance***

*Take I-10 east to I-17 south (exit 143B).*

*Exit I-17 at 7th Ave.*

*Turn right on 7th Ave to Baseline.*

*Turn left on Baseline to Central Ave.*

*Turn right onto Central Ave.*

*Follow Central into South Mountain Park.*

*Meet at park office / restrooms.*

*Caravan to trailhead.*

**March 13 - Black Canyon Trail – Little Pan Loop/Table Mesa Trailhead( I-17 Exit 236) Rating B.** This is a 10.2-mile, 1300 ft. lollipop hike which covers three segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Table Mesa, Little Pan, and Williams Mesa segments. The hike crosses the Agua Fria river twice, so be prepared for water depending on the season. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT. [SCG=9.4/1400/4.0].

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Little-Pan-Segment>

***Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Table Mesa Trailhead***

*Take Loop 303 north to I-17.*

*Turn left onto I-17 (north) toward Flagstaff.*

*Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road).*

*Turn left crossing over I-17, 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 mi. from I-17--road going left goes into a quarry).*

*Keep **left** at the next Y (1.6 mi. from I-17).*

*Go another 1.9 mi. to a side road on the right (3.5 mi. from I-17).*

*Turn right on the road and the trailhead parking is immediately on the left.*

*No restrooms at the trailhead.*

**March 20 - GoldfieldMountains #8 - Horns of a Dilemma trail**

**(GoldfieldMountains). Rating B-**. This is a 6-7 mile hike with an elevation gain of 900-1200 ft. The C version (6 mi/900 ft) goes up a narrow canyon below the horns and then up to a saddle opposite the horns before returning to the trailhead. The saddle offers great views of the horns and two lakes. The B version adds a hike up to the Horns of a Dilemma with expansive views of both Saguaro Lake and Canyon Lake as well as the area between them. Trail condition – no real trail, just a rough, semi-bushwhack hike. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 130 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/Horns-of-a-Dilemma>

**Directions to Goldfield Mountains - Mailbox Trailhead (#8 Trails)**

*East on I-10.*

*Exit onto Loop 202 East.*

*East on Loop 202 to Brown Road.*

*Turn left on Brown Rd to Apache Trail (Hwy 88).*

*(Brown Rd is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County)*

*Turn left onto Apache Trail (Hwy 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park.*

*Trailhead and parking are on the left side of the road, right by a mailbox (just before the road makes a big turn to the right).*

*Parking is free. There are no facilities at the trailhead.*

**March 27 - Granite MountainHotshots Memorial Trail (Yarnell). Rating B-**

This is a 7.6-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1900 ft. 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 fire fighters who died there. Trail condition - the trail is a good hiking surface but goes steadily up right from the parking lot. Restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 160 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Granite-Mountain-Hotshots-Memorial-State-Park>

**Directions to Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park**

*Drive north on Loop 303.*

*Take Hwy 60 west toward Wickenburg.*

*Turn right on Hwy 93/89 (toward Las Vegas).*

*Turn right on 89 and drive toward Yarnell.*

*Just before reaching Yarnell, follow the brown signs to the park (left turn).*

*The park has maybe a dozen parking spots and a restroom...no park fee.*

*(If lot is full, no parking on the road...have to go to Yarnell for shuttle: \$5/hiker)*