

**C LEVEL HIKING GROUPS - FRIDAYS**

**Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 6:45 am, depart at 7:00.**

**March 6 - Pyramid/Bursera/Gila Loop (South Mountain). Rating C.** This is a 6.6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200 ft (this includes the short hike to the ruins). 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. No facilities. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Busera-National-Pyramid>

**Directions to South Mountain Park (South) Telegraph Trailhead**

Take I-10 east.

Turn right (south) on 202.

Take the exit for 17th Ave and go left (north) under the highway.

Turn left (west) on Chandler Blvd.

Turn right (north) on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Turn left (west) into the trailhead parking lot.

No restrooms at this trailhead.

**March 13 - Black Canyon Trail – Little Pan Segment/Table Mesa Trailhead (I-17 Exit 236) Rating C.** This is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. It covers two segments of the Black Canyon Trail – the Table Top Mesa and Little Pan segments. The hike goes to the Agua Fria river and returns. It goes through typical rolling desert terrain with distant views of Lake Pleasant. Trail condition - a good biking trail. No rest rooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 90 miles RT.

<http://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 - Estrella Foothills Park Elliott TH Loop 2 Blackjack**

**Saddle (Estrella Mountains). Rating C.** This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 900 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails up to the saddle where Blackjack trail starts but turns to the left away from Blackjack. There are nice views of the Estrella Mountain community. The hike goes through typical desert terrain. Trail condition – an average hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/C-Exploratory-Hike-5-14-18Elliot-Rd-MappingLynnW2017-2018/>

### **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 I-10.  
Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area  
Turn left on Elliott (light just past a shopping area)  
Park at the far end

### **March 27 - South of the Border/Petroglyphs Loop (Verrado). Rating C.**

This is a 6 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft. The hike goes through typical desert washes, up through a canyon to a saddle, past the petroglyphs., and down through a wash before returning to the trailhead. Trail condition – average hiking trail. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-SOB-South-of-the-Borde>

### **Directions to Trailhead at Verrado West**

Go West 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 Raven at Verrado golf course to get to the trailhead.