

C LEVEL HIKING GROUPS - MONDAYS

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

March 2 - Blue Wash/Camp Creek Falls Trail (Cave Creek) Rating C. This is a 7-8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900-1000 ft. It goes down a series of dry waterfalls to an intersection with Camp Creek. Just past the intersection going up the ridgeline is a section of the Maricopa Trail. We take that up to the road. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, 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. Beyond that the creek stays above ground and meanders through a lush riparian area to a campground. The return goes up the ridge running parallel to Blue Wash, providing views of the whole area. Trail condition – part is in a sandy wash and part is an average trail with one steep section going out of the main wash. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 122 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other>

Directions to Cave Creek - Blue Wash/Camp Creek Trailhead

Take Loop 303 North to I-17.

Turn North (left) on I-17.

Turn right (east) on Carefree Hwy (Hwy 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.

No restrooms at the trailhead.

March 9 - *NEW HIKE*** Granite Dells Storm Trails Loops (Prescott).**

Rating C/B. There are 2 C level loops in this area. The B version is a combination of the two routes of about 10 miles & 1000 ft EG. Each C loop is about a 7 miles with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. They all start out on an old railroad track that has been smoothed out for hiking and biking. There are great views of Watson lake from the high points. The trail goes through Granite Dells rock formations. Trail surface - mostly on bare granite rock (trail is marked with painted white dots). Very scenic – bring your camera! Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Park fee is \$2.00/car (free on Wednesdays). Driving distance is 220 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Prescott-1/Watson-Lake-Loop/C-Exploratory-Hike-2Prescott-Watson-LakeLynnW2018-2019/i-4MhVXN5>

Directions to Prescott - Watson Lake Trails

Drive North on Loop 303 and follow until it ends I-17.
Turn left onto I-17 towards Flagstaff.
Take I-17 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 on Prescott Lakes Pkwy.
Turn left on Sundog Ranch (animal rescue is on the corner).
Trailhead parking is on the left a block down Sundog Ranch.
Restrooms are at the trailhead.
Park fee is \$2.00/car.

March 16 - BLM Trail LP2 & Canyon (Hwy 74, MM 14). Rating C. This is an 8 mile loop hike on BLM land with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. The LP2 trail follows a wash for 2 miles and then becomes a regular trail. After passing the junction with LP3 in a wash, we follow the wash to a tight (not quite a slot) canyon, where we will have our break and then return to the cars. The trail wanders through typical desert terrain with assorted cacti and scrub brush. Trail surface - part is an average trail with 1-2 miles in a sandy wash. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park Fee. Driving distance is 80 miles RT - on paved roads, with a dirt parking area.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/LP2Canyon>

Directions to HWY 74: LP1-LP2-LP3 trails

Take 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 and park.
No restrooms. No park fee.

March 23 - 25 Chiricahuas Overnight hiking trip - check with Ruth Bindler or Eileen Lords-Mosse for more information.

March 30 - Marcus Landslide/Rock Knob Loop (McDowell Sonoran Preserve) Rating C. This version is a 7.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 740 ft. 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. Trail condition - very good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. Driving distance is 108 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Marcus-LandslideRock-Knob-Loop>

Directions to McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Tom's Thumb Trailhead (108 mi. RT)

Take Loop 303 North to I-17.

Turn left (North) on I-17.

But stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road.

Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (becomes Sonoran Desert Dr.)

Take Cave Creek Road North (left).

Turn right on Dynamite Blvd (becomes Rio Verde).

Turn right on Alma School Road.

Turn left on Jomax Road.

Turn right on 118th St.

Turn left on Ranch Gate Road.

Turn right on 128th St.

Stay left as the road runs into the new trailhead.

There are restrooms but no water at trailhead.