

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

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

**January 3 - Hackamore Trailhead Loop (Goldfield Mountains). Rating C/B.**

This is a 7-9 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 900-1300 ft. The C version goes by one arch and a second arch is seen above the snack break area. The B version goes by Cottonwood Spring (usually wet), then goes up to and past the second arch. There are views of lots of golden mountains on this hike. No restrooms. No park fee. Driving distance is 120 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/Hackamore-Trailhead>

**Directions to Goldfield Mountains – Hackamore TH (#4 Trail)**

*Take I-10 East to Loop 202 East (HOV all the way).*

*Turn left on Exit 26, Brown Road (which later becomes Lost Dutchman Highway).*

*Turn Left on AZ 88 (Apache Trail) and continue for 0.8 mile.*

*Turn left on Hackamore Road (just past the Apache Junction sign).*

*Drive to the end of the road.*

*Park at trailhead (road blocked)...No restrooms at trailhead.*

**January 10 - Daisy Mountain (Anthem Area) Rating B.** This is a 7.2 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1570 ft. The first 2 miles go through a rolling hills area before heading steeply uphill. There are two summits on this trail - the first one has a US flag on it, while the second, slightly higher summit is Daisy Mountain itself. There are great views of the Anthem and Cave Creek area. No park fee. No restrooms. Driving distance is 70 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Anthem-Area/Daisy-Mountain>

**Directions to Daisy Mountain Trailhead**

*Take 303 North to I-17.*

*Take I-17 North (left).*

*Turn right on Anthem Way and go .2 miles to first traffic light.*

*Turn left on Navigation Way and drive .6 miles.*

*The TH is on the left at the intersection of Navigation Way and Livingstone Way.*

*Take the first right off Livingstone (Rushmore) and park on south side of street.*

*There are no restrooms at trailhead.*

**January 17 - Quartz Mine/Tortuga/Javelina/Lost Creek Loop (Skyline Regional Park). Rating B.** A strenuous hike on one of the newer trails to Javelina Summit...great views of the valley and the golf course below. This is a loop of 10.1 miles with an elevation gain of 2550 ft. Trail condition – average hiking trail. Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park>

**Directions to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead**

*Go West on I-10.*

*Turn north (right) on Watson Road.*

*Drive to end of road and trailhead parking.*

*Facilities are at the trailhead.*

**January 24 - Saddle Mountain – “Gary’s Canyon” (Tonopah - Exit 94).**

**Rating B.** This is an interesting 8-mile loop hike with approximately 1100 ft. of elevation gain on the northwest side of Saddle Mountain and provides impressive views of a different part of the mountain with high cliffs of “conglomerate.” The hike is relatively short by “B” standards but provides a variety of challenges since it is roughly half trail/road and half bushwhack through washes and over ridges; depending on the group, the hike provides an opportunity for free form hiking. No restrooms at the trailhead. Access to the starting point is via a jeep road so a higher clearance vehicle is recommended. No Park Fee. Driving distance is 95 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah/Saddle-Mountain-NW-Side/B-Exploratory-Hike-2LynnW2015/>

**Directions to Saddle Mountain West (Tonopah)**

*Go West on I-10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94)*

*Turn left across I-10.*

*Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave.*

*Turn right on W Salome Hwy.*

*Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road.*

*Drive 2.4 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8209)*

*Drive past the kiosk taking the right fork.*

*Drive 1.4 miles to an intersection with a fence and park.*

*There is no real trailhead (and no facilities).*

**January 31 - Circumference + Piestewa Peak Summit Trails (Piestewa Peak**

**Rec Area). Rating B+.** A 9.6 mi loop hike combining Trails 200-202-8A-100-1A-304 with an elevation gain of 3000 ft. This “grand tour” hike is all trail but long and strenuous since it finishes with a steep climb to Piestewa Peak...beautiful views. Restrooms are at trailhead. There are no park fees. Driving distance is approximately 66 miles RT. [SCG=5.2/2300/4.3].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit>

**Directions to Piestewa Peak Trailheads**

*Take I-10 East.*

*Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147)*

*Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5).*

*Turn left on Squaw Peak Drive (2nd stop light).  
Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada).  
The trails begin here. Restrooms are at the trailhead.*