

C LEVEL HIKING GROUPS - SATURDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest clubhouse at 7:00 am, depart at 7:15.

January 4 - Dog Bone - Highways & byways Loop from Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye). Rating C. This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 600 ft. The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS. This hike combines several trails on the south side of the Dog Bone biking area on the west side of Buckeye. While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains. Trail condition – while this is a biking area, the surface is somewhat rough in places. No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 54 miles RT.
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

Directions to Dog Bone Joe Fosse Trailhead (Buckeye)

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.

Drive South on Hwy 85 for about 9 miles.

Turn left opposite the Buckeye Hills regional Park (and Joe Fosse Shooting Range).

Park on the left just before the fence.

The trail starts on the other side of the fence heading left (parallel to Hwy 85).

January 11 - October 16 - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (White Tank Mountains). Rating C. This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft. This is the old orientation hike. This is a one-way competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes plus one climb near the midpoint of the hike. On top of the hill is a good place to stop for a snack. Along the second half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. There's a porta-john at the trailhead. There is a \$7.00 park entrance fee. Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop>

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Competitive-Loop>

Directions to White Tank Mountains Regional Park

Take 303 North (right).

Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West).

Turn right on Cotton.

Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate.

Park fee is \$7.00/car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

Restrooms are at the trailhead for each of the hikes (inside the library for the hikes from the library).

Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. The restroom on this hike is a porta-john.

January 18 - Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Loop (Skyline Park) Rating C. This is about a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200 ft. in the Western part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park with the new Granite Falls Trail and an even newer Chuckwalla trail on the west side of the park. This is one of the trail loops in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. Trail condition - good hiking trail. No park fee. Restrooms are at the trailhead. 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 the end of road and trailhead parking.

Facilities are at the trailhead.

January 18 - Butterfield/Gadsden Loop Trail (Estrella Mountains).

Rating C. Approx 7.6 miles, with an elevation gain of 900 ft.

Take Coldwater .2 miles to Butterfield, turn left on Gadsden, then turn right back onto Butterfield at the far end. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the East & West. There is a small arch in one of the washes next to the trail. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Trail condition – good hiking trail. A Porta-John is located at trailheads. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park – Butterfield TH

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south)

South of I-10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park and pay park fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

Drive around the park to the left.

Trailheads and rest rooms are on the near (East) side of rodeo arena.