

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - MONDAYS

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

November 4 - Estrella Foothills Park Elliott TH Loop 1 -

Bridge (Estrella Mountains). Rating C. This loop hike is about 7 miles long with an elevation gain of about 800 ft. The hike starts at a parking lot off Elliott Drive on an old road. It then follows several trails ending up at a wooden bridge that crosses a wash. 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 (dirt parking area)

November 11 - Holbert Trail (South Mountain). Rating C+. This is a 5.7 mile in and out hike, with an elevation gain of 1,330 ft. The trail starts out flat, goes onto a paved road uphill for a short distance then off to the right where it continuously climbs up to Dobbins Lookout (a paved parking area with benches, optical viewers & restrooms). The Holbert Trail intersects with the National Trail near the top. We go up to the National trail and then return to the Dobbins Lookout for our break. There may be Native Americans at the lookout selling jewelry. Trail condition – mostly a steady uphill/downhill hike. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail>

Directions to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail)

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

Exit I-17 at 7th Ave.

Turn right on 7th Ave. and continue to Baseline.

Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave.

Turn right onto Central Ave.

Follow Central Ave. into South Mountain Park.

Turn left just past the entrance hut.

Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left.

Restrooms at the trailhead.

November 18 - South of the Border/Old Road/Javalina/Tortuga Trails (Verrado). Rating C/C+. This is a 7.5-9 mile in & out hike with an elevation gain of 1000-1600 ft. The hike goes through typical desert washes and up to a saddle (or optionally to the peak) of the nearest mountain to Pebble Creek. It then goes halfway around the mountain before returning to the trailhead. No park fee. No restrooms at the trailhead. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.
<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Javelina-Summit-Loop>

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.

November 25 - Overton, Go John, Quartz Trails (Cave Creek Rec. Area). Rating C+. This is an 8 mile hike on a combined trail loop with an elevation gain of about 1100 ft. We usually travel the trail in a clockwise direction but could dispatch a group counterclockwise, which provides steeper climbs. On the Lime Kiln trail about .3 miles from the Quartz trail intersection is a segmented Saguaro named the Michelin Man. About .5 miles from the trailhead (near the junction of the Jasper trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like the hiking club logo. Trail condition – average hiking trail. Restrooms are located at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car. Driving distance is 93 miles RT.
<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat>

Directions to Cave Creek - Overton/Go John Trailheads

Take Loop 303 to I-17.

Go North on I-17.

Turn right on Hwy 74 (Carefree Highway).

Turn left onto 32nd Street and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park.

There is a \$7 fee required to enter the park.

Continue along the main park road - just before the horse staging area, you will see the access road for the Go John Trailhead on the left (Tonalite Dr).

There is a restroom near the trailhead.