

C LEVEL HIKING GROUP - WEDNESDAYS

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

November 6 - * NEW HIKE *** Latigo/WB/V/W/Hackamore Loop (McDowell Sonoran Preserve). Rating C.** This is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft. There are great views of the surrounding area, as well as many large Saguaros and great rock formations along the trail. There is a nice restroom at the trailhead and no park fee. Trail condition - great hiking trail. Driving distance is 100 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Laigo-Loop>

Directions to McDowell Sonoran Preserve - Brown's Ranch Trailhead

Take Loop 303 North and drive to I-17.

Turn left (North) on I-17.

Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road.

Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 mi. (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive).

Take Cave Creek Road North (left).

Turn right at first light on Dynamite Blvd (later changes to Rio Verde).

Turn left on Alma School Road.

The road dead ends at the trailhead.

There are restrooms at the trailhead.

November 12-14 - Sedona Overnight hiking trip (the C+ group will do similar hikes but on different days)

Day 1 - November 12 - Little Horse/Broken Arrow (Sedona). Rating C/C+. This is an 7.5-8.5 mile hike with an elevation gain of about 700-1000 ft through the red rock and junipers in Sedona. The Little Horse Trail is located just past mile marker 310 on AZ 179. This trail will take you to Chicken Point next to the Praying Nuns, which is about 2.0 miles from the trailhead. From here take the trail on the left next to the jeep road. This is the Broken Arrow Trail. In about .75 mile there will be a junction taking you on a 1 mile side trip to Submarine Rock. Retrace your steps from Submarine Rock back to the Broken Arrow Trail and then turn right and in about .5 mile go past a sinkhole named The Devils Dining Room. Continue on for .75 mile across some shale sections to the Broken Arrow trailhead. From here it is just a return without going out to Submarine Rock. There are some great views of the Sedona area. This hike starts at 4,280 ft. elevation. Restrooms are at the trailhead. A Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) or a Golden Age Pass is required. Driving distance is approx 250 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Little-Horse-Trail>

Directions to Sedona - - Little Horse Trailhead

Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School.

Turn left on Indian School.

Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff.

From I-17, take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179. Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going past Bell Rock. Turn right just before mile marker 310 into the Little Horse and Bell Rock Path parking lot. There is a restroom at this trailhead. Golden Age Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$5.00) is needed. There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287

Day 2 - November 13 - * NEW HIKE *** Lizardhead/Chimney rock/Thunder Mountain Loop (Sedona). Rating C/C+.** This is a 7-8 mile lollipop loop with an elevation gain of 1100-1400 ft. This is a very scenic hike on the edge of Sedona. There are lots of views of Red Rock formations and Sedona from above. Trail surface - the overall trail is an average hiking trail with a quarter mile of stair-like steps on the return. Restrooms are at trailhead. There is no park fee with a Senior Parks pass. Driving distance is approx 250 miles RT.

Directions to Sedona - Dry Creek Vista Trailhead

Go West (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.
Go North (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.
Go North (left) on I-17 to exit 287 (Camp Verde).
Go west (left) to Cottonwood.
Turn north (right) on 89A.
Turn left onto Dry Creek Road
Turn right on FS 152
Go about .2 miles to trailhead parking on the left.
There are restrooms at the trailhead and there is a McDonalds at I-17 exit 287.

Day 3 - November 14 - Boynton Canyon and Vista Trails (Sedona). Rating C. This is a 6.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 ft. The hike goes past a Sedona resort before going into the canyon. Lots of great red rock views. There are great fall colors. Trail condition - Overall a good hiking trail with a steep section at the far end. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$6.00 (free with Golden Age pass). Driving distance is 260 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Boynton-Canyon-Trail>

Directions to Sedona - Boynton Canyon Trail

Go west (left) on Indian School Rd to Loop 303.
Go north (right) on Loop 303 to I-17 North.
Go north (left) on I-17 to exit 287.
Go west (left) to Cottonwood.
Go north (right) on 89A.
Turn left onto Dry Creek Road
At the end of Dry Creek Road, turn left on Boynton Pass Road
At the T intersection, turn right
Trailhead is just past the T intersection
There are McDonalds at I-17 exits 262 and 287.

November 20 - Black Canyon Trail – K-Mine Segment/Black Canyon City Trailhead (I-17 Exit 242). Rating C/B. This is a 5 to 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft. The C level hike goes 2.5 miles along a ridge that follows the Agua Fria River before descending down to the river using a series of sharp switchbacks. This stretch of the hike provides nice views of the river canyon as well as Black Canyon City. The B level continues across the river and follows an old jeep trail over several hills before picking up the continuation of the Black Canyon Trail. There is a restroom at the trailhead. Trail condition - a good biking trail with one steep section just before crossing the river. No park fee. Driving distance is 110 miles RT - the last .25 miles are on a gravel road. The Rock Springs Café (great pies and burgers) is .8 miles from the trailhead and you will pass it to get back on I-17. [SCG=5.4/800/2.7].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/K-mine-Segment-Exit-242>

Directions to Black Canyon Trail – Rock Springs Cafe Trailhead

Take Loop 303 to I-17.

Turn left onto I-17 North toward Flagstaff.

Take exit 242 (Black Canyon City & Rock Springs Cafe).

Turn left (West), crossing I-17.

At the stop sign, turn right on the frontage road.

Drive about 300 feet and turn left on Warner Road (trail sign on left).

Drive about 1300 feet and turn right at the first crossroad.

Drive just over 300 feet to the parking area on the right, near end of road.

There is a restroom and water at the trailhead.

(Rock Springs Café is .8 miles from the trailhead)

November 27 - Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla/Pyrite Lollipop Loop (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye) Rating C+. This is about a 6.7-7.3 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1200-1350 ft. in the southwestern part of Buckeye's New Skyline Regional Park Most. The trails meander through typical desert terrain. Pyrite is one of the newer trails in Buckeye's Skyline Regional Park. It goes up to the ridgeline in the southwestern corner of the White Tank Mountains. There is an optional summit trail that goes .3 miles with 170 ft of elevation gain. Trail condition – average to good trail, but steep up Pyrite to the top. 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 end of road and trailhead parking.

Facilities are at the trailhead.