

NOVEMBER D LEVEL HIKING GROUP - TUESDAYS

Meet at the Eagles Nest Clubhouse at 6:45AM, depart at 7:00AM.

November 5 – Dog Bone Wilderness Area. Death Wish/Bird/Madd Bird/Highways & Byways Minors/Roller Coaster/ Turtle Rock Loop. This is a 4.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. This is a new hike just south of Buckeye that passes through typical undulating desert by a hill discovered this summer. This hike passes an old mine shaft that was occupied by an owl during our previous two exploratory hikes. There are some interesting rock formations. There are no facilities at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 30 miles [RT.http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop](http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop)

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).

November 12 –Mule Deer Trail fom Library North (White Tanks). Rating

D. This is a 4+ mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 ft. We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions (safely behind glass). Restrooms are in the library and Ramada #4. Park Fee is \$7.00. Driving distance is 24 miles RT.

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).

Library trailhead: the sidewalk on the left of the building.turn right just before the gate and park on the left side of the library. Trail goes off the end of of the sidewalk on the left of the building

November 19 – Petroglyphs/South of Border (SOB) Loop (Verrado).

Rating D+. This is a 5.3 mile loop hike with elevation change of 500ft. Turn left .1 miles past the trailhead sign. Then turn right just before a rocky wash, following the road about 1.3 miles to see a large rock with petroglyphs. Just past the petroglyphs turn left and go up to the saddle. Turn right at the intersection at the saddle and follow the SOB trail for 2.8 miles. The trail will intersect the old road at this point. Turn right and go .4 miles back to the trailhead. There are nice rock formations as well a short hike through a steep sided wash. Trail condition - A very good hiking surface. No facilities at the trailhead. No park fee. Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Petroglyphs>

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 26 – Coachwhip/Arrowhead Point Loop (Thunderbird Park -

Glendale). **Rating D.** This is a lollipop loop of 4.7 miles with an elevation gain of 500 ft. It offers a 360 degree view of the surrounding areas. Trail H-2 provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead, Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valley's most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the area's 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). Trail surface - rough bare rock on portions of trail. There are restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. Driving distance is approx. 50 miles RT - on paved roads. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ThunderbirdConservationPark/Coachwhip-Ridgeline-Trails>

Directions to Thunderbird Park

Take 101 North.

Turn left (north) on 59th Ave.

Turn Left into parking lot of Thunderbird Park.

Turn immediately left at yellow gate and park a block down, near the restrooms.

The trails start by going right in front of the restrooms and cross the street near the park entrance.

There is no park fee...Restrooms are at the parking lot.