**Saturday C hikes for 2020-21**

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**Saturday September 26 - Quartz Mine/Tortuga/Old Road/Lost Creek/Turnbuckle Loop (Skyline Regional Park).  Rating C**.   This is a loop hike of 7 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 ft.  This hike does a loop up to a high point in the park and then circles back through a valley.  There are lots of views of the west valley.  Trail condition – average hiking trail with two uphill sections.  Restrooms are at the trailhead.  There is no park fee.   Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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

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.

**Saturday October 3 - Desert Rose to Gadsden Trail – (Estrella Mountain Regional Park).  Rating C/D.**  This is a 6 to 8 mile in-and-out hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft.  The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and Saguaro cactus. There is no restroom at the trailhead.  Trail condition - average hiking trail.  Park fee is $7.00.  Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

 <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park – Desert Rose Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw (on other side of I-10).

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Ave

Turn left on Indian Springs Road

At the fence that begins the parking for PIR turn right

Follow signs to trails

Pay park fee of $7.00 per vehicle at the self pay station

Angle right immediately after the self-pay station into the open parking area.

Drive across at a 45 degree angle – there is a trail sign indicating the trailhead.

No restrooms are at the trailhead.

**Saturday October 10 - Victory and SOB (Verrado).  Rating C**.  The hike is 7.4 miles and 900 ft total elevation.  The hike goes through typical west Valley desert terrain.  The hike gives you great views of the white trail you see from I-10, though not the part you see from Pebble Creek.  No facilities at the trailhead.  No park fee.  Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

 <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/VerradoVictory>

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.

**Saturday October 17 - Estrella Foothills Park Queen Anne’s Revenge Loop SR/PA/QAR/GR/SU/JL/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains).  Rating C.**  This is a 7-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain 710 ft.  The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle.  The trail crosses a gravel area that covers up an old tunnel.  The trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley.  The hike is in typical desert terrain.  Trail condition - mostly a very good hiking trail.  No park fee.  Restrooms are t the trailhead.  Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills/B-Exploratory-Hike-7-05-2018Queen-Annes-RevengeLynnW2017/>

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which

 becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development.

Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building.

Park at the far end of the parking Lot.

Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark.  No park fee.

**Saturday October 24 - 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 is 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.

Oct. 31 Dog Bone Biking Area Far East Trail 30 7.1 700

**Saturday October 31 - Dog Bone  Airport Road Trailhead Hikes (Buckeye).  Rating C.**  This is an in and out hikes of 7 miles & 800 ft elevation.   The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS.  These hikes are in the far eastern section of the system.  While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains.   The first 2 miles are on open desert with a gradual incline to a saddle with a quartz outcropping.  The C hike then continues for another 1.5 miles across the side of the mountain to a field of quartz.  Trail condition – typical desert trail.   No restrooms at the trailhead.  No park fee.  Driving distance is 32 miles RT.

 <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails/C-Exploratory-HikeDog-Bone-EastLynnW2018-2019/>

Directions to Dog Bone – Airport Road Trailhead (Buckeye)

Drive south on Pebble Creek Pkwy for 9.3 miles and turn right (west) at Elliot Rd.

Continue on Elliott Rd for 2.6 miles and turn left (south) onto Rainbow Valley Rd.

Drive 2 miles on Rainbow Valley Road and turn right (west) on Ray Road.

Drive 2 miles and veer right as the road turns (and changes name to Airport road.

Drive 100 yards and turn left into a dirt parking area just this side of a dirt road going left.

Park here.  Hike down the dirt road for .25 miles and turn right on the trail.

**Saturday November 7 - 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.

**Saturday November 14 - Quail/Rainbow/Dysart/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mtn Regional Park).  Rating C**.  This is a 7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 ft.  The trail goes from the Nature Center and wanders through the front portion of EMRP with distant views to the north.  It then goes south into more typical desert areas.  Trail condition - a very good hiking trail.  There are restrooms at trailhead.  Park fee is $7.00 per car.   Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Quail-Trailhead>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park – Quail Trailhead

Turn left onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw and go to the other side of I-10.

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park.

Pay park fee of $7.00 per vehicle .. continue straight on Casey Abbott Dr North.

 Turn right at the turn-in to Nature Center).

Park at the Nature Center.

**Saturday November 21 - Verrado Deadhead Pass Loop (White Tank Mountains). Rating C.**  This is a 7.5 mile loop hike with about 1100 ft of elevation gain.  This hike follows trails heading northwest from the trailhead.  In the Spring, there is a large area of poppies towards the far end of the loop.  Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in the Spring.  Trail condition – Good hiking trail.  No facilities at the trailhead.  No park fee.  Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

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.

**Saturday November 28 - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch).** Rating C+.  This is a 7.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 ft on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations.  There are also a couple of interesting areas - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - overall, this is a good biking trail.  No park fee.  No restrooms at the trailhead.  Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which

 becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagle’s Nest.

Turn right on West Westar Drive.

Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maint building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

No restrooms.  No park fee.

**Saturday December 5 - Library to Waterfall Trail (White Tanks).  Rating C**.  This is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 ft.  We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail.  This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains.  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 at the nature center in the library.  Trail condition – an average hiking trail.  Restrooms are in the library.  Park Fee is $2.00 per hiker (county park pass is good for 5 hikers).  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.

Dec. 12 Buckeye Skyline Park TB, GF, CW Loop and Watson Overlook 26 6.1 1000

**Saturday December 12 - Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla Lollipop Loop + Watson Overlook (Skyline Regional Park - Buckeye).  Rating C.** This is about a 6.1-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of about 1000 ft. in the western part of Buckeye’s Skyline Regional Park, including parts of the Granite Falls Trail and Chuckwalla Trail that are accessed from Turnbuckle Trail on the west side of the park. The trails meander through several areas with minimal elevation gain.  Trail Condition – average 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 end of road and trailhead parking.

Facilities are at the trailhead.

**Saturday December 19 - Fantasy Island North Singletrack (FINS) loop (Estrella Mountain Ranch).** Rating C+.  This is a 7.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1250 ft on several trails of the FINS bike trails system. The trails meander through several desert hills with many rock formations.  There are also a couple of interesting areas - an enchanted forest of stuffed animals and a boneyard of dozens of cow bones. Trail condition - overall, this is a good biking trail.  No park fee.  No restrooms at the trailhead.  Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRanch/Fantasy-Island-North>

Directions to FINS - Fantasy Island Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which

 becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagle’s Nest.

Turn right on West Westar Drive.

Go approx. 1.1 mi. and turn left into the parking lot (this turn is easy to miss so turn just before a one-level concrete maint building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines).

No restrooms.  No park fee.

Dec. 26 Dog Bone Biking Area Batman Rock 42 9 600

**December 26 - Dog Bone  Batman Rock (Buckeye).  Rating C.**  This is an in and out hike of 8-10 miles with an elevation gain of 600-700 ft.  The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS.  This hike combines several trails on the far eastern 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.   Our goal for this hike is to see a rock formation that looks like Batman’s head.  Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young.  There is an optional extension to Chloe’s Charisma – a ghost bike memorial.  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 50 miles RT.

 <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

Directions to Dog Bone Trailhead (Buckeye)

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.

Drive South on Hwy 85 for about 7 miles.

Turn left on Robbins Butte Game Road.

Turn left at the sharp turn and immediately right on Narramore Road.

Just before the wash, turn left onto a dirt road.

Park on the right about a block down the road (where it widens).

Hike back to Narramore Road

The trail starts across Narramore Road slightly to the right.

**Saturday January 2 - Baseline/Rainbow/Dysart/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mtn Regional Park).  Rating C**.  This is a 7.7 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 ft.  The trail wanders through the front portion of EMRP with distant views to the north.  It then goes south into more typical desert areas.  Trail condition - a very good hiking trail.  There’s a Porta-John at trailhead.  Park fee is $7.00 per car.   Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Baseline Loop TH

Turn left onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw and go to the other side of I-10.

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park.

Pay park fee of $7.00 per vehicle…continue straight on Casey Abbott Dr North. Turn right on Casey Abbott Dr South (first turn past turn-in to Nature Center).

Baseline Spur trailhead is just past the amphitheater.

There is a porta-john near the trailhead.

**Saturday January 9 - Mesquite Canyon/Willow Spring trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+**.  It is a 6.8-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft.  The basic trail goes to the base of Willow Springs/falls with an option to go around to the top of the waterfall.  The trail starts on the Mesquite trail in area #7 just off of Ramada Way. Mile one is very steep and rocky, around 1.8 miles the trail then turns north and drops into Mesquite Canyon and then over a ridge into Willow Canyon. The trail follows the wash up to Willow Springs where the remnants of a cabin, stock tank and corral once stood at the steep walled end of the canyon.  The spring usually has some water, though it might be only a trickle. Trail condition - average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. Restrooms and water fountain are at the trailhead.  Park entrance fee is $7.00 per car.   Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.  [SCG=6.6/1700/3.8].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mesquite-Willow-Springs>

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).

Mesquite Canyon/Waddell trailhead is at Picnic area #7.  Turn left on Waterfall Canyon Rd and then left at the road just past the Waterfall Trail trailhead to find Picnic area #7.

**Saturday January 16 - Quartz Mine/Lost Creek/Granite Falls/Turnbuckle/Chuckwalla/Granite Falls/ Turnbuckle/Mountain Wash (Skyline Regional Park).  Rating C+**.   This hike is 8.5 miles with an elevation gain of 1200 ft.  There are lots of views of the west valley.  Restrooms are at the trailhead.  There is no park fee.   Driving distance is 30 miles RT.

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

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.

**Saturday January 23 - Estrella Foothills Park Blackjack Loop II  SR/PA/RR/GR/UY/BJ/JL/SR Loop (Estrella Mountains).  Rating C.**  This is a 7-mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 ft.  The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes up to a high saddle.  It then goes up and across the highest ridgeline (Blackjack trail) in the area and makes a small loop around the top.  This part of the trail offers outstanding views of the entire southwest valley.  The hike is in typical desert terrain.  Trail condition - mostly an excellent hiking trail with one section of edginess across the ridgeline.  No park fee.  Restrooms are t the trailhead.  Driving distance is 27 miles RT.

  <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills>

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which

 becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.

Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development.

Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building.

Park at the far end of the parking Lot.

Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark.  No park fee.

**Saturday January 30 - South of the Border/Petroglyphs Loop (Verrado).  Rating C**.  This is a 6.2-mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft.  The hike goes through typical desert washes, up through a canyon to a saddle, past the petroglyphs., and down through a wash before returning to the trailhead.  Trail condition – average hiking trail.  No park fee.  No restrooms at the trailhead.  Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountains-Verrado/Verrado-SOB-South-of-the-Borde>r

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.

**Saturday February 6 - Rainbow Valley/Toothaker Loop (Estrella Mountains).  Rating C.**This is a 6.7 -mile loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo.  It has an elevation gain of 800 ft.  The trail goes through typical desert terrain.  The Rainbow Valley trail is wide and relatively flat.  It ends at the Toothaker Trail.  Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail to return to the rodeo.  Trail condition - very good hiking trail.  Restrooms & water are at the trailhead.  Park entrance is $7.00 per car.  Driving distance is 20 miles RT.

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Rainbow-Toothaker>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Toothaker/Rainbow 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 far (West) side of rodeo arena.

**Saturday February 13 - Quartz Mine/Tortuga Trails (Skyline Regional Park).  Rating C**.   This is an in-and-out hike of 7 miles with an elevation gain of 1260 ft.  This hike goes to the eastern most point in the park and then returns.  There are lots of views of the west valley.  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.

**Saturday February 20 - Mesquite Canyon/Willow Spring trails (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+**.  It is a 6.8-mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 ft.  The basic trail goes to the base of Willow Springs/falls with an option to go around to the top of the waterfall.  The trail starts on the Mesquite trail in area #7 just off of Ramada Way. Mile one is very steep and rocky, around 1.8 miles the trail then turns north and drops into Mesquite Canyon and then over a ridge into Willow Canyon. The trail follows the wash up to Willow Springs where the remnants of a cabin, stock tank and corral once stood at the steep walled end of the canyon.  The spring usually has some water, though it might be only a trickle. Trail condition - average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. Restrooms and water fountain are at the trailhead.  Park entrance fee is $7.00 per car.   Driving distance is approx 30 miles RT.  [SCG=6.6/1700/3.8].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mesquite-Willow-Springs>

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).

Mesquite Canyon/Waddell trailhead is at Picnic area #7.  Turn left on Waterfall Canyon Rd and then left at the road just past the Waterfall Trail trailhead to find Picnic area #7.

***Saturday February 27 - Estrella Foothills Park Cairn Canyon Loop - SR/PA/RR/GR/UT/PC/JL Loop (Estrella Mountains).  Rating C.****This is a  6.4 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 ft.  The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles.  The hike is in typical desert terrain.  Trail condition - average hiking trail.  No park fee.  Restrooms are t the trailhead.  Driving distance is 27 miles RT.*

[*https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills*](https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Estrella-Foothills)

Directions to Estrella Foothills Park - High School Trailhead

*Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkwy (south), which*

*becomes Estrella Pkwy on the other side of I-10.*

*Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain dev*elopment.

Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building.

Park at the far end of the parking Lot.

Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark.  No park fee.

**Saturday March 6 - Lost Creek/Old Road/Tortuga/ Javalina Trails (Verrado).  Rating C/C+**.  This is a 7-mile in & out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 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.  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.

**Saturday March 13 - Competitive Track – Technical Loop (Estrella Mountains).  Rating C.**  This is a 7- mile  loop hike with an elevation gain of about 800 ft.  The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and Saguaro cactus. There is a porta-john at the trailhead.  Trail condition - average hiking trail.  Park fee is $7.00.  Driving distance is 26 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark>

Directions to Estrella Mountain Regional Park - Competitive Trails

Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek Pkw/Estrella Pkw (on other side of I-10).

Turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River.

Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Ave

Turn left on Indian Springs Road

At the fence that begins the parking for PIR turn right

Follow signs to trails

Pay park fee of $7.00 per vehicle at the self pay station

Continue on to the parking on the right.

There is a porta-john at the trailhead.

**Saturday March 20 - Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Chuckwalla/Turnbuckle/Mountain Wash Loop (Skyline Park)** Rating C. This is about a  6.8-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.

**Saturday March 27 - Ford Canyon to the dam (White Tank Mountains). Rating C+.** The hike is 7.6 miles out & back on the same trail with an elevation gain of about 1100 ft. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam in the wash. Trail continues but is not maintained beyond our stop point.  Some may want to venture further during the snack break/turnaround point.  About half the hike is an average trail with the middle part being steep and rocky to the dam.  There are restrooms at trailhead. Park fee is $7.00 per vehicle. Driving distance is 30 miles RT.  [SCG=6.7/1300/3.6].

<http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite>

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).

Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7.  Take the Waddell Trail across to the Ford Canyon Trail.

**Saturday April 3 - Dog Bone  Big Bird Loop (Buckeye).  Rating C.**  This is a loop hike of about 7 miles with an elevation gain of 770 ft.  The Dog Bone trail system is a sister bike trail system to FINS.  This hike combines several trails to the west side of the Dog Bone biking area.  It goes up to the highest point in the system (the end of Big Bird trail).  While the overall hike is through typical desert terrain, there are several interesting rock formations as well as views of the surrounding mountains.   Near the beginning of the hike, there are 3 Saguaros that look like old versions of our club logo – a subtle reminder that we ourselves are no longer young.  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 50 miles RT.

<https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails>

Directions to Dog Bone Trailhead (Buckeye)

Go West on I-10 to Highway 85.

Drive South on Hwy 85 for about 7 miles.

Turn left on Robbins Butte Game Road.

Turn left at the sharp turn and immediately right on Narramore Road.

Just before the wash, turn left onto a dirt road.

Park on the right about a block down the road (where it widens).

Hike back to Narramore Road

The trail starts across Narramore Road slightly to the right.

**Saturday April 10 - SOB/Skyline Crest/Lost Creek Loop (White Tank Mountains).  Rating C+.**  This is a 7-8 mile figure eight loop hike with an elevation gain of 1400 ft.  The hike goes from the Lost Creek Trailhead in Verrado, goes on the SOB trail to Lost Creek trail.  It then goes along the Skyline Crest trail before looping back on Quartz Mine into Verrado.  Lots of great views of Buckeye and points east.  Trail condition - an average hiking trail, but steep and edgy along the Skyline Crest trail.  No facilities at the trailhead.  No park fee.  Driving distance is 18 miles RT.

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.

**Saturday April 17 - Toothaker/Gadsden/Butterfield Loop (Estrella Mountains). Rating C**. Approx 7 miles, out and back, with an elevation gain of 750 ft.  We will follow the trail to a large wash, and parallel the wash for 2 miles or so.  The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the East & West. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. Porta-Johns are 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 - Toothaker/Rainbow 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 far (West) side of rodeo arena.

**Saturday April 24 - Mountain Wash/Turnbuckle/Granite Falls/Pyrite/Chuckwalla/Turnbuckle/Mountain Wash (Skyline Park)** Rating C. This is about a 7.5 mile 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.

**Saturday May 7 - Library to Waterfall Trail (White Tanks).  Rating C**.  This is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 ft.  We head north from the White Tanks library with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail.  This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains.  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 at the nature center in the library.  Trail condition – an average hiking trail.  Restrooms are in the library.  Park Fee is $2.00 per hiker (county park pass is good for 5 hikers).  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.