

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs Mountain plus return via CrossOver (PCHC # 16).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Advanced route finding and scrambling skills required along the Bluff Springs Mountain Ridge.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3300 feet. This is a 14+ mile loop trail following good trails with a bushwhack climb up and over the trailless Bluff Springs Mountain. Return via Terrapin, Crosscut and Peralta Trails. Spectacular views of Miners Needle and unique views over Weavers Needle. Total Elevation Gain 33 00+</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Average trail for main hike loop. Steep rocky bushwhack/scramble to Bluff Springs Mountain summit, a trailless peak. Difficult Scramble around summit ridge to Terrapin trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Dutchmans Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235, Bushwhack climb to Bluff Springs Mountain, Terrapin Trail, CrossCut Trail, Peralta Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead. Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. Restrooms are at the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Mountain</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-Dw7DR3j</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alx5Alshl2FxX741N</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 16</p>
<p>HIKE: A Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Superstitions Ridgeline Carney Springs to Siphon Draw (PCHC # 15).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Advanced route finding and scrambling skills required. Long boulder scramble down Siphon Draw at end of hike. 10 to 12 hours of hiking. Consider having a car drop to save time at end of hike.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 4550 feet. This is a 14+ mile/4500+ point to point route in the Superstitions Wilderness. Commonly regarded as one of the most difficult routes in the Phoenix area. A true PCHC A Challenge Hike. This hike starts from Carney Springs Trailhead and climbs up the Carney Springs trail to the high ridgeline. After this the route turns west and follows a rough trail with some scrambling required up to and down from the summit of Superstitions Peak 5057 (the highest point in the Superstitions). The route continues up and over and around several peaks before dropping down to Flatiron. After this the route takes the rocky Siphon Draw back to the second car parked at Lost Dutchman State Park.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This is a steep and rocky high ridge route across several peaks including Superstition Peak 5057 (the high point of this wilderness area). Extremely steep ascent via Carney Springs with over 1300 in less than a mile. Multiple rock chutes to traverse and exposed scrambling skills are necessary. Extremely steep descent via Siphon Draw over 2500 in two miles. Multiple ascents of over 500 to smaller peaks across the ridge. Expect 10 to 12 hours to complete the ridgeline hike. Poles may be useful for downhill stability. Expect some difficult navigation areas and cairn searching. There is one escape route off the ridge via Hieroglyphics trail. Bring extra water/electrolytes and food as this will challenge your stamina. 2 or more vehicles are required: one will be positioned at the end of the route at the Lost Dutchman State Park and one other will be used to start at Carney Springs Trailhead. Early start required to position cars in the morning and to pick up the second car in the evening.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Goldmine East Trailhead TRAILS: Carney Springs Trail, Superstition Ridge Trail, Syphon Draw Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No Restrooms and water at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Lost Goldmine trailhead Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Battleship Mountain Summit via Second Water Trail (PCHC # 18).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This hike goes into the Boulder Canyon area and involves some boulder hopping and bushwhacking up the back spine of Battleship. The final climb up Battleship is trailless and involves steep scrambling. The route is extremely exposed at times with steep dropoffs along the spine of the mountain and thus the A level rating.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: half is on established average trail and half is a bushwhack up a steep, exposed mountain. Depending on recent weather conditions, Boulder Canyon may involve many water crossings.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: First Water Trail, Second Water Trail, Boulder Canyon Trail, Bushwhack to summit, Boulder Canyon Trail, Second Water Trail, First Water Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), to 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road., Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 128 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Battleship-Mountain-Summit</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-CKhtd5S</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyOCVOHKgFheriws</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 18</p>
<p>HIKE: A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs Mountain via Miners Needle (PCHC # 691).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 13.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. This route follows good trails with a bushwhack climb in and out to the trailless Bluff Springs Mountain. From Peralta Trailhead take the Dutchman Trail north then north west up the canyon past Miners Needle. Continue on Dutchman Trail to the junction with Bluff Springs Trail and turn left. Shortly after the junction look to the right for an obvious track marked by cairns. This is the rough trail steeply uphill that leads ultimately to Bluff Springs Mountain. Carefully follow cairns over the flat top to the rocky mound that is the summit. The views from this peak are incredible. Retrace steps back to Bluff Springs trail and turn right and follow this trail all the way back to the Peralta Trailhead. The return via this route is spectacular with jagged rock formations and views over into the Peralta valley.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Average trail for main hike loop. Steep rocky bushwhack/scramble to Bluff Springs Mountain summit a trailless peak. Recommend early start.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Dutchmans Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235, Bushwhack climb to Bluff Springs Mountain, Bluff Springs Trail #235, Bluff Springs Trail #235</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at trailhead. No park fee</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead. Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. Restrooms are at the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Mountain/A-HikeBluff-Springs-MtLynnW2019-2020-1</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-Dw7DR3j</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am0i4DJBbLawf1ab9?e=AD5Cnh</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 691</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Flat Iron Trail (PCHC # 69).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2800 feet. The trail starts out with a gradual climb and into switchbacks to Siphon Draw and waterfall area. From there it is a lot of climbing over boulders and steep trail to the top of Flatiron. There is rewarding view at the top. It is recommended that you bring a pair of gloves and long pants for this hike.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Slick surfaces, difficult navigation, steep downhill section.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Flat Iron Trailhead TRAILS: Siphon Draw, Flat Iron</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are located at the trailhead, which is in Lost Dutchman Park on the west side of the Superstitions. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Lost Dutchman State Park: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East to Route 202 East (carpool lane exits on left). Exit onto Brown Road. Turn left on Brown Road. Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn right into Lost Dutchman State Park and pay fee. Park at the Cholla Trailhead. Brown Road is Lost Dutchman Blvd in Pinal County on way home. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Mtn-to-Flatiron</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-Stsqp6v</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsFrw0R24e-RhOlDOI9tw2Fr9LDNQ?e=I5cJgc</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 69</p>
<p>HIKE: A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Miners Seat, La Barge, Bluff Springs Loop (PCHC # 17).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 15.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2750 feet. The route follows good trails with a short bushwhack climb to Miners Seat. Dutchman Trail leads past Miners Needle up to Miners Seat. Whiskey Springs Trail leads over to the La Barge Valley where the Red Tanks Trail leads to La Barge Springs. After lunch, the return is via Dutchman Trail and Bluff Springs Trail.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Long mileage on good to rough trails. Short bushwhack/scramble to Miners summit: a trailless peak. Whiskey Springs may be overgrown after rainy season. Long pants recommended.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Dutchmans Trail #104, Whiskey Springs Trail #238, Red Tanks Trail #107, Dutchmans Trail #104, Bluff Springs Trail #235</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead. Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. Restrooms are at the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-9tN56t8</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyAyIY9wunM0QC1K</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 17</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - 50 in 1 Saguaro Trail (PCHC # 539).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: This is a long hike up and down mountains and across streams. Recommended for long range, experienced hikers.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1924 feet. It uses parts of trails (Bluff Springs, Dutchman) to the location where one of Arizonas 6 cochampion saguaros (over 200 years old) grew and was the favorite of a big trees committee member. This is a long hike up and down mountains and across streams. Recommended for long range, experienced hikers. Even without the saguaro, the hike has many interesting views. Take Bluffs Springs Trail 3.3 miles to Lost Dutchman Trail turn left and go 1.4 miles on Lost Dutchman to the saguaro.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The Saguaro is now dead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bluff Springs #235, Dutchman Trail #104,

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), take Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 539

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluffs Springs, Terrapin, Dutchman, Peralta (PCHC # 542).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 3010 feet. Hike out to Bluff Springs and around Weavers Needle on the way back. The Bluff Springs shares the trailhead parking lot with the Peralta Trail. We will take Bluff Springs 2.1 miles to a junction with the Terrapin Trail. Then turn to the left on the Terrapin Trail for 2.8 miles up and down some hills to the Dutchman Trail. Here we will turn left onto the Dutchman Trail for 1 more mile to the Peralta Trail. Again, we will turn left onto the Peralta Trail and go past Weavers Needle and over Freemont Saddle and down to the cars.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead **TRAILS:** Bluff Springs #235, Terrapin Trail #234, Dutchman Trail #104, Peralta Trail #102

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

PCHC TRAIL ID: 542

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Carney Springs to Peralta Loop (PCHC # 547).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Difficult bushwack from top of Carney Springs across ridge and down to Fremont Saddle.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Carney Springs trail is a very steep, strenuous, loose pebble/dirt trail that goes up to a saddle providing great views to the south of the Superstitions. From the saddle follow the cairned trail to the right that ascends to an area of jumbled rocks immediately above Fremont Saddle. There are incredible views of Weavers Needle and the Superstition Mountain that makes the difficult trail worth the effort. There is much boulder hopping going steeply down to Fremont Saddle. At the saddle locate the Peralta Trail leading to the right down the Peralta Valley. Once down the Peralta Trail at the trailhead, you simply hike down the road about a mile to the Carney Springs Trailhead.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Strenuous climb to the ridge above Carney Springs and scenic but challenging descent to Peralta Trail for the return.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Goldmine East Trailhead TRAILS: Carney Springs Trail, Peralta Trail #102</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some). No park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Lost Goldmine Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left on Peralta Road. The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left. The last 6.5 miles is on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Carney-SpringsPerata-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-ksBx6Bv/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a17gbVTf6-WnVavZ?e=BLDINd</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 547</p>
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Geronimos Cave Trail (PCHC # 548).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. You would combine this with Peralta (for a 5 mile hike) or Barks Canyon and Bluff Springs (for an 8 mile hike). This is a short but steep hike up to the backside of Geronimos Cave. You get to look down on the canyon where the Peralta Trail is as well as the open expanse of the Superstitions Mountains. Near the top is a 100 yard long slick rock area you need to go up that pushes the definition of a hike.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Peralta Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Geronimo-Cave-Bluff</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a1-85o3Fj9VpE7ud?e=aeAhMd</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 548</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Hieroglyphic, Ridgeline, Superstition Peak (PCHC # 555).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Rough footing, bushwhacking, scrambling, and difficulty navigating in parts.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 3400 feet. The hike starts at scenic Hieroglyphic Canyon near Gold Canyon in Apache Junction and climbs up to the Ridgeline Trail (some bushwhacking and scrambling) on the spine of the Superstition Mountains. Superstition Peak is a short distance along the Ridgeline and has survey markers dating to 1899, including one marking the peak as the highest point of the Superstitions. The trail above Hieroglyphic Canyon is sketchy in places but is marked with cairns; it is very steep with loose shale in many areas and requires some serious scrambling in a couple of places near the top. However, the views from the peak are stunning and well worth the effort and elevation gain (how often do you get to look down on Weavers Needle?).</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Hieroglyphic Trailhead TRAILS: Hieroglyphic Trail, Superstition Ridgeline Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No Restrooms. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Hieroglyphic Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East HOV lane to Highway 60 East (towards Globe). Take HOV (left) exit onto Highway 60. Turn left onto Kings Ranch Road. Go 2.8 miles and turn right on Baseline Avenue. Go .2 miles and turn left on South Mohican Road. Go .3 miles and turn left on East Valley View Road (which changes to South White Tail). At 1.4 miles and turn right on East Cloudview Avenue. Drive .5 miles to end of road and the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 130 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Peak/B-HikeLynnW2014-2015/</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Hieroglyphic-Canyon/B-HikeSuperstitions-Hieroglyphic-CnynLynnW2019-2020/i-t9cjHBR/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2JOcPebFtx2zFpA?e=qVVmex</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 555</p>
<p>HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Hog Canyon Trail (PCHC # 556).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Difficult route finding. Strenuous hiking conditions.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Hog Canyon is one of the central drainages on the south side of Superstition Mountain. Just a stones throw north of Gold Canyon and its golf courses, it is situated between Monument Canyon on the left and the ever/over popular Hieroglyphic Canyon on the right. Interestingly, despite its proximity to the populated areas of the valley, hardly anything has ever been mentioned about this large and easily viewed canyon. The two miles across the desert until you get in to the canyon was kind of boring, but once you are there it is worth it! I would say that it is an easier canyon than Monument Canyon to get around in. Once you get to the waterfalls and petroglyphs there is a little climbing to get to the top, which I highly recommend. The better petroglyphs are up above the lower pools. The pools were full and there was a little water drizzling down. Definitely climb as far to the left of the first pool as you can get, but its not that hard.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Note from HikeAZ: After some consideration, the decision to publish this description was based on the assumption that due to the relative inaccessibility of these glyphs, anyone willing to undertake the fairly strenuous hike would have the ethical sense to leave the area in its near pristine condition.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Broadway Trailhead TRAILS: Hog Canyon Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead and no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Broadway Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East HOV to Highway 60 East. Then exit HOV left onto Highway 60 east (Globe). Turn left on Mountain View Drive and go about 1 mile. Turn Right on Broadway. Parking area is on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://hikearizona.com/photoset.php?ID=1284</p> <p>URL MAP: https://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=718</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 556</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - 1st Water, 2nd Water, Black Mesa, Dutchman Loop (PCHC # 535).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This is a very scenic loop with lots of rock formations. We will start at the First Water Trailhead, take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail, and return on the Dutchmans Trail.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Also known as Garden Valley Loop.

TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead **TRAILS:** 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Black Mesa Trail #241, Dutchman Trail #104

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 126 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - 1st Water, 2nd Water, Boulder Canyon, Dutchman, 1st Water Loop (PCHC # 538).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This is a lovely hike, with some great views, including Weavers Needle. The hike starts at the First Water Trail head for .3 mile to Second Water. Take the Second Water Trail to the prehistoric Indian mound, and then continue, past the springs, to the Boulder Canyon Trail (3.5 miles). Take the Boulder Canyon Trail to the right and follow until the junction with the Dutchman Trail (6.7 miles). Turn right on the Dutchman Trail to the First Water Trail (10.6 miles) and then out to the parking lot (10.9 mile).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Multiple dry creekbed crossings through Boulder Canyon; trail marked with cairns. Some areas of abundant vegetation.

TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead **TRAILS:** 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Boulder Canyon Trail #103, Dutchman Trail #104, 1st Water

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 126 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 538

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluff Springs, Terrapin, Crosscut, Peralta loop (PCHC # 541).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Start out on Bluff Springs, turn left on Terrapin, and turn left again at the Crosscut Trail (no signpost but marked with a large cairn) which crosses to a saddle and narrow canyon in front of Weavers Needle. The crosscut trail is very steep downhill and goes over many boulders, but there are many cairns on the trail to guide you through the boulders. Turn left on Peralta and head back to the parking lot.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The crosscut portion can be difficult to find so watch for cairns. This part of the trail was significantly impacted by the fires of 2020.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Bluff Springs #235, Terrapin Trail #234, Crosscut Trail, Peralta Trail #102</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-QXWKb7K/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4a1l8Wa7m0ZVZwcYC?e=4j1Exl</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 541</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Bluffs Springs, Dutchman Trails (PCHC # 540).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.1 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1760 feet. Hike out to Bluff Springs and then past Miners Needle on the way back. The Bluff Springs shares the trailhead parking lot with the Peralta Trail. We will take Bluff Springs 2.1 miles to a junction with the Terrapin Trail then continue to the right on Bluff Springs Trail for 1 more mile to the Bluff Springs. At this point we will turn right onto the Dutchman Trail. Following the Dutchman Trail for 1.2 miles to Miners Summit. In another 1.6 miles we will encounter a junction with the Coffee Flat Trail. Once again, we will take the right turn and continue on the Dutchman Trail for another 2.6 miles and the cars.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Bluff Springs #235, Dutchman Trail #104,</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 540</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Boulder Canyon to First Water (PCHC # 544).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. An elevation change of 800 feet, but an elevation gain of 2200 feet. The opposite direction of First Water to Canyon Lake Marina has the same elevation change (800 feet), but an elevation gain of only 1600 feet. This is because Canyon Lake is 600 feet lower than First Water trailhead. Two cars are needed for this one: Leave one car at First Water or a car at both ends and exchange keys as you pass the other group. Follow Boulder Canyon Trail #103 across La Barge Creek to the intersection with Second Water Trail. Then follow Second Water to First Water and the First Water trailhead. Weavers Needle is visible a few times along the trail. The beautiful views of Four Peaks, Canyon Lake, Battleship Mountain and Weavers Needle are rewarding. Trail condition: most of the hike is on a rocky trail with a few sections of normal desert trail.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two cars are needed for this one: Leave one car at First Water or a car at both ends and exchange keys as you pass the other group.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Boulder Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Boulder Canyon Trail #103, La Barge Creek

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Boulder Canyon Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10 East. Take I10 East to Route 202 East. Merge on to Route 202 then exit onto Brown Road. Turn right on Brown Road to Highway 88. Brown Rd is named Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County. Turn left onto Highway 88 (Apache Trail). Turn left into Canyon Lake Marina. Park on the right back near the road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Boulder-Canyon-LaBarge-Canyon/B-ExploratoryLynnW2013-2014/i-KzHgK3r/A>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 544

HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Broadway Cave & Jacobs Crosscut Trails (PCHC # 545).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. Starting at the Broadway Trailhead, you take Jacobs Crosscut to the Monument Canyon Trail. The Broadway Cave Trail goes off to the right and is a rough steep trail to a cave that was an old mine. From the top of the cave, you get great views towards the south, away from the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Jacobs Crosscut Trail and go west (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Broadway Trailhead **TRAILS:** Broadway Trailhead, Jacobs Crosscut #58, Monument Canyon Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead and no park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Broadway Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East HOV Lane to Highway 60 East. Then exit HOV left onto Highway 60 east (Globe). Turn left on Mountain View Drive and go about 1 mile. Turn right on Broadway. Parking area is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 130 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 545

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Coffee Flats, Dutchman (PCHC # 549).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1620 feet. Starting from the Peralta Trailhead, this hike provides great views of Miners Needle.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Dutchman Trail #104, Coffee Flat Trail #108</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Coffee-Flats</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2D0-_y8Q4R6kWRH?e=U2lu1l</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 549</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Dutchman to Willow Springs Trail (PCHC # 553).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1700 feet. Starting from the First Water Trailhead, then heading out the Dutchman Trail, this hike crosses a creek several times and provides great views of rocky cliffs. At about 2.75 miles it turns right at Parker Pass on a less used trail. Around 4 miles, you enter Boulder Canyon. A half mile up the rocky canyon is a house sized boulder to work your way around. Just under another mile and a half is Willow Springs (note the pussy willows in the area) and a stone coral. During the latter part of the trail going out, there are several interesting views of the unique Superstition rock formations.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A half mile up the rocky canyon is a house sized boulder to work your way around. Multiple hike reports indicate inability to go beyond. Shortens hike to 9 miles.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: 1st Water TH, Dutchman Trail #104, Willow Springs Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 124 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Willow-Spring</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-htd8drV/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2EmKPsVMxcBJR44?e=DdgGHQ</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 553</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Dutchman, Whiskey Springs (PCHC # 552).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1780 feet. Starting from the Peralta Trailhead, this hike climbs immediately from the trailhead from an elevation of 2300 feet. to 3250 feet. and provides great views of Miners Needle. The Whiskey Springs Trail going out, there are interesting views of Weavers Needle to the left of you, as well scenic views of the surrounding valleys. We turn around when we meet the Red Tanks Trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Dutchman Trail #104, Whiskey Springs Trail #238</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Whiskey-Springs</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-LSkqsP6/A</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 552</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - La Barge Canyon (PCHC # 53).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail surface is a typical trail with some rocks, gravel, and sand with some streambed boulder hopping and scrambling in La Barge Canyon itself. Follow First Water Trail for about 0.4 miles to the junction with Second Water Trail. Turn left onto Second Water Trail and follow it approximately 3.3 miles down into Boulder Canyon and the junction with Boulder Canyon Trail. Turn right on Boulder Canyon Trail and follow it for approximately 1 mile as it crosses back and forth over Boulder Creek to a cairn on the left that takes you up a faint trail to the back spine of Battleship Mountain to a saddle. Follow the trail down the other side into La Barge Box. (In warmer weather, this is a great spot to jump in the main pool and cool off). This section is a great spot to take a break and just explore part of this beautiful canyon. After the break we then head down La Barge Creek, boulder hopping on what are initially some large boulders. As you make your way down La Barge Creek, you have an incredible view of Battleship Mountain on your left. La Barge Creek passes an old mining camp and connects to Boulder Canyon and from there it is approximately 0.7 miles back to the junction with Second Water Trail. Then it is 3.3 miles back to the trailhead.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: half is on established average trail and half is a bushwhack through a rough canyon. Depending on recent weather conditions, Boulder Canyon may involve many water crossings. Additionally La Barge Canyon has at times proven difficult to cross due to high water.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: First Water Trail, Second Water Trail, Boulder Canyon Trail, Bushwhack to LaBarge Canyon, LaBarge River Trail, Second Water Trail, First Water Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms are at the trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Mesquite Flats Fork Trail (PCHC # 559).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. Y shaped hike follows an old road to two overlook areas, the B version extends the two forks with bushwhacks to higher overlook areas. All of the overlook areas provide views of parts of Canyon Lake and deep canyons in the Superstition Mountain.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Flat Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite Flats Road</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Mesquite Flat Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East to Route 202 East (HOV all the way). Exit onto Brown Road (exit 26). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Drive approximately 1.5 miles past Tortilla Flat. Mesquite Creek flows over the road. Drive through the creek and turn left on the first dirt road. Park near the highway. DRIVING DISTANCE: 142 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Mesquite-Flats</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-57TP6hr/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2McUV0yqL4eDepY?e=D6n0c7</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 559</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Peralta Trail #102, Geronimos Cave, Bluff Springs Loop (PCHC # 562).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1900 feet. a steep, continuous climb then drops off. But it is one of the most beautiful hikes we do. Weavers Needle will be in front of you at the top. We can also go to a lone tree with terrific closeup views of Weavers Needle and/or hike to Geronimos Cave, which provides great views of the valley just hiked and points east. We then go by Geronimos Cave before going down a steep descent to the Bluff Springs Trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Peralta Canyon Trail #102, Cave Trail #233, Bluff Springs Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Geronimo-Cave-Bluff</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Geronimo-Cave-Bluff/B-Hike-Peralta-Bluff-SpringsLynnW-2017-2018/i-rsnZccw/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am3YSXJU3YhZcXUdx</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 562</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Peralta, Dutchman, Terrapin, Bluffs Springs (PCHC # 563).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1360 feet. The trail starts with a climb to Freemont Saddle, then past Weavers Needle to the junction with Dutchman Trail. Turn right on Dutchman Trail and proceed thru the valley to Terrapin Trail. Turn right on Terrapin and climb a couple of hills to the Bluffs Springs Trail. Turn right on Bluff Springs and proceed back to the car.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Peralta Canyon Trail #102, Crosscut, Terrapin, Bluff Springs Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Bluff-Springs-Peralta-Trails</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-QXWKb7K/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amm-lppz0TvMCXJsc</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 563</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands, Hidden Canyon, Massacre Falls Loop (PCHC # 565).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. You start on Jacobs Crosscut Trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaros and jumping cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on Trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying Hands Trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle, so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Once you get past the Praying Hands rock formation, the trail is marked by cairns. Massacre Falls will appear around the 6 mile point off to the right. After stopping at the falls, you take the trail angling right back down the mountain to the trailhead. Trail condition: the first and last thirds are good hiking surfaces, with the middle third a boulder covered bushwhack.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Crosscut Trailhead TRAILS: Jacobs Crosscut #58, Praying Hands Trail #56, Massacre Falls Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 122 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-8R7GMJS/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aI2SLC8ZXU7wwwvPNf?e=M6mvTk</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 565</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - 1st Water, 2nd Water, Black Mesa, Dutchman (PCHC # 536).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This is a very scenic loop with lots of rock formations. We will start at the First Water Trailhead, take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail, and return on the Dutchmans Trail.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Also known as Garden Valley Loop.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Black Mesa Trail #241, Dutchman Trail #104</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 126 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-BLDzsfv/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEe-kFi6zQzrtKsZ</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 536</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Broadway Cave & Jacobs Crosscut Trails (PCHC # 546).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starting at the Broadway Trailhead, you take Jacobs Crosscut to the Monument Canyon Trail. The Broadway Cave Trail goes off to the right and is a rough steep trail to a cave that was an old mine. From the top of the cave, you get great views towards the south, away from the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Jacobs Crosscut Trail and go west (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Broadway Trailhead TRAILS: Broadway Trailhead, Jacobs Crosscut #58, Monument Canyon Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead and no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Broadway Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East HOV Lane to Highway 60 East. Then exit HOV left onto Highway 60 east (Globe). Turn left on Mountain View Drive and go about 1 mile. Turn right on Broadway. Parking area is on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 130 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Broadway-Cave/B-Exploratory-HikeBroadway-CaveLynnW2017-2018/i-jgMcsQx</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-LNSv64K/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al11rdyjnL_dxFl</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 546</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Dutchman, Black Mesa Trails (PCHC # 550).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Starting from the First Water Trailhead, this hike crosses a creek several times and provides great views of rocky cliffs. During the latter part of the trail going out, there are interesting views of Weavers Needle in front of you, as well scenic views of the surrounding valleys.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: 1st Water, Dutchman Trail #104, Black Mesa Trail #241</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 124 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Garden-Valley-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-BLDzsfv/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEe-kFi6zQzrtKsZ</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 550</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Massacre Falls (PCHC # 557).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Very Steep uphill, & downhill.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. You start at the Crosscut trailhead and head off to the left along the fence for the parking area. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. As you work your way up you will pass a shot side trail that overlooks the area of the massacre. Massacre Falls itself will be off to the right. Trail condition: an average hiking trail, but steady uphill going and downhill on the return.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Crosscut Trailhead TRAILS: Massacre Falls Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out away from the parking lot on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, in front of the parking area DRIVING DISTANCE: 122 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Massacre-Falls-Trail/C-HikeLynnW2013-2014/</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-gwTSWd4/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEgcPAccFYPag2-b</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 557</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Peralta Trail #102 (PCHC # 561).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep climb.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. A steep, continuous climb. But it is one of the most beautiful hikes we do: Weavers Needle will be in front of you at the top. We also go to a lone tree with terrific close up views of Weavers Needle. An optional addition is to hike to Geronimos Cave, (add .5 to go to Geronimos Cave), which provides great views of the valley just hiked and points east.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead TRAILS: Peralta Canyon Trail #102</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 140 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Peralta-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-v4FXcr8/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnK1SDOaflbtT9Z7</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 561</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Siphon Draw Trail (PCHC # 566).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Slick surfaces, difficult navigation, steep downhill section.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. This is an in/out hike from the Jacobs Crosscut trailhead up to Siphon Draw. The first part is rolling hills and then goes up fairly steadily, with the last part getting pretty steep. A very pretty hike especially for the last 1/3rd as you approach Siphon Draw. It is an outstanding hike if the winter rains bring spring wildflowers.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Crosscut Trailhead TRAILS: Jacobs Crosscut #58, Siphon Draw Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Siphon-Draw</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-8nh554Q/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEqKgDvmbueIEbjJ</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 566</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Wave Cave & Lost Goldmine Trails (PCHC # 61).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep Ascent.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Starting at the Carney Springs Trailhead, the Wave Cave trail goes up very steeply, on a loose pebble/dirt trail to a cave that has a wave like rock formation in it. From the top of the wave you get great views towards the east side of the Superstitions. You then hike back down to the Lost Goldmine trail and go south (right) for about 2 miles before returning to the trailhead.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Goldmine East Trailhead TRAILS: Carney Springs, Wave Cave</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at Carney Springs (Peralta has some a mile further along the road) and no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Lost Goldmine Trailhead Take I10 east to Hwy 60 east (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 mi past Apache J to the Peralta Rd turnoff (approx. 32 mi. from I10). Turn left on Peralta Road. The trailhead is about 7.6 miles north on the left. The last 6.5 miles is on a well maintained dirt road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Wave-Cave</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-hvmH5cQ</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amAOUQPxFkTUVJnIb</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 61</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - 2nd Water Trail #236 (PCHC # 537).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The trail climbs onto Black Mesa, passes a low hill on the right, and enters Garden Valley. After crossing the valley, the trail enters a narrow canyon and descends rapidly. Second Water Canyon enters from the right. There is usually water in this canyon. If we can cross the water easily, we will continue to where the Second Water trail intersects with the Boulder Canyon Trail, then turn around and go back. The elevation gain of about 800 feet is primarily on the return to the trailhead. Trail condition: overall a good trail, but there is a boulder filled section and its steep down to Second Water.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Also known as Garden Valley Loop.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead TRAILS: 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Black Mesa Trail #241</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) DRIVING DISTANCE: 126 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/2nd-Water-to-Boulder-Canyon-Tr</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-HkjDKrq/A</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 537</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Boulder Canyon (PCHC # 543).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Follow Boulder Canyon Trail #103 to La Barge creek. Weavers Needle is visible a few times further into the trail. The beautiful views of Four Peaks, Canyon Lake, Battleship Mountain and Weavers Needle are rewarding. At La Barge Creek, Battleship Mountain looms ahead. We will turn around here, at the 3 mile mark, take a break, and return to the trailhead. Best described as a peaceful hike with great views. Trail condition: most of the hike is on a uneven rocky trail with the early part being very rough and rocky.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Boulder Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Boulder Canyon trail #103</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fee. Porta johns are at the trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Boulder Canyon Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10 East. Take I10 East to Route 202 East. Merge on to Route 202 then exit onto Brown Road. Turn right on Brown Road to Highway 88. Brown Rd is named Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County. Turn left onto Highway 88 (Apache Trail). Turn left into Canyon Lake Marina. Park on the right back near the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 138 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Boulder-Canyon-Trail</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 543</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Dutchman to Miners Needle (PCHC # 551).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Route 60 east of Phoenix and goes through an interesting saguaro forest along the Miners Needle Trail on the way to the base of Miners Needle, which has a hole (arch) in it.

TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dutchman Trail #104,

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-LSkqsP6/A>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 551

HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Hackberry Springs Loop (PCHC # 554).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. We will start at the First Water Trailhead and take the Second Water Trail to the Black Mesa Trail. We turn left away from Black Mesa. We will take a short side trail to the arch and return to the main trail. At the next intersection we turn right to go down below Hackberry Spring where we will take our snack break. We then continue on and work our way up to the top of the ridge, giving us great views of the mesa where Hackberry Springs originates. We then continue on to the horse staging area and follow the trail back to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: 1st Water Trailhead **TRAILS:** 1st Water, 2nd Water Trail #236, Hackberry Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions 1st Water Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road. to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and turn right at sign to First Water Trailhead. Follow this dirt road approximately 2.6 miles (past the horse trailer parking on left). (Brown is Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County on the way home) **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 126 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Hackberry-Spring-Loop>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-qk82wkb/A>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 554

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Hackberry Springs Loop from Needle Vista Trailhead (PCHC # 73).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. We will start at the Needle Vista Trailhead and do a lollipop loop. From the sidewalk, turn left under the power lines and go down into the wash. At the Hackberry Springs sign, go right. Right at the fork in the wash. Right again towards First Water for pit toilet. Down back into the wash (firm sand) and follow the stream until we ascend back to the stick part of the lollipop. There are views of great rock formations and the Golden Cliffs of Apache for which the Superstitions are well known. Trail condition: mostly a good hiking trail with some rough spots.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Needle Vista Trailhead **TRAILS:** Hackberry Springs Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead but a pit toilet at two mile mark. No parking fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Needle Vista Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left), follow to Route 202 East (stay in HOV all the way). Take 202 East to Brown Road, Exit 26. Drive east on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Go past Lost Dutchman State Park and First Water Trailhead. Turn right into Needle Vista Trailhead (near mile marker 203). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 120 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-qk82wkb>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 73

HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Mesquite Flats Fork Trail (PCHC # 558).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Y shaped hike follows an old road to two overlook areas. All of the overlook areas provide views of parts of Canyon Lake and deep canyons in the Superstition Mountain.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Flat Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite Flats Road

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Mesquite Flat Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 East to Route 202 East (HOV all the way). Exit onto Brown Road (exit 26). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88). Drive approximately 1.5 miles past Tortilla Flat. Mesquite Creek flows over the road. Drive through the creek and turn left on the first dirt road. Park near the highway. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 142 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness-/i-57TP6hr/A>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anEI26ZCLnksP1apY>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 558

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands Trail (PCHC # 564).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. You start on Jacobs Crosscut Trail for one mile, passing through typical desert terrain with lots of saguaros and jumping cholla. Then turn left (uphill) on Trail 56. Up the hill past a rock cropping is a bench at the junction with a trail going left. This is the Praying Hands Trail and will pass to the right of the lower rock outcropping known as Praying Hands. There are several winding trails that get you up to the saddle. so take any of them that head toward Praying Hands. There are great views of the valley and various rock formations as you travel along the trail. Around the 3 mile point you will come to another saddle with to a rock formation on the right that looks like a baby. This is our turnaround point. Trail condition: part is an average hiking trail, but there is a long uphill section getting to the high point.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Crosscut Trailhead **TRAILS:** Jacobs Crosscut #58, Praying Hands Trail #56

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (though you can go 1.5 miles further up the road to the 1st Water trailhead which has restrooms and then return to the trailhead). No park fee from this trailhead.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Crosscut Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Go east on I10. Exit onto Loop 202 East (carpool lane exit is on left). Turn left on Brown Road to Apache Trail (Highway 88). (Brown Road changes to Lost Dutchman Boulevard in Pinal County). Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park to FS 78 (near mile marker 201). Turn right and follow this dirt road approximately 1 mile. Parking for the Crosscut trailhead is on the right. The Praying Hands hike heads straight out on the Crosscut trail. The Massacre Falls hike heads off to the left, right in front of the parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 122 miles

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URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amnQzaqSGsaQvMXEI>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 564

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Miners Needle View (PCHC # 560).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 421 feet. Starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Route 60 east of Phoenix and goes through an interesting saguaro forest along Dutchman Trail on the way to Miners Needle, which has a hole (arch) in it. Hike out 2.6 miles, to the intersection of Coffee Flat Trail. This is the turn around point.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Peralta Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dutchman Trail #104

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Superstitions Peralta Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, take I10 East, turn east (left) to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go 8.5 miles past Apache Junction to the Peralta Road turnoff (approximately 32 miles from I10). Turn left and the trailhead is about 9 miles north on this road. The last 8 miles are on a well maintained dirt road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 140 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 560