

The PebbleCreek Hiking Club (PCHC) provides PebbleCreek residents with the opportunity to enjoy recreational hiking in an organized, safe and social environment.

When are hikes scheduled? The Club schedules hikes all year round. During our Regular Season (mid-September to early May), the club schedules 13 hikes a week on Mondays through Saturdays. During the Summer Season (May to mid-September) there are 6 hikes a week.

Where does the club hike? The Club visits many mountain parks around the Phoenix valley each week – from Buckeye in the east to Apache Junction in the west and from Sedona in the north to Tucson in the south. Occasionally, the club organizes overnight trips to areas beyond a typical day-hiking distance from PebbleCreek. For the more adventurous the club also organizes multi-night backpacking trips in a variety of locations throughout Arizona.

Members carpool to the trails from the Eagles Nest Parking Lot and share the costs of driving to each hike. Suggested driver donations are included with each hike description.

Hikes are divided into five categories:

EZ Level - typically 1 to 3 miles on smooth trails with minimal elevation gain

D Level – typically 3 to 6 miles up to 600' elevation gain

C Level – typically 6 to 8 miles and up to 1500' elevation gain

B Level – typically up to 12 miles and up to 2500' elevation gain

A Level – the club's most challenging hikes with unrestricted mileage and elevation gain.

<u>Safety First!</u> All groups carry a satellite communicator for emergencies, a medical kit and walkie talkies for communicating amongst the hikers. Each club hike also has a full description of the trails to be used, a map of the route and/or a GPS track defined for the outing.

When are Club meetings? Meetings are held at 7 PM on the third Monday of the month, September through April, in the Palm Room in Eagles Nest. Visitors are always welcome.

How to join PebbleCreek Hiking Club Please visit our website (pchikers.org) to find out how to join our wonderful hiking club and to look at the complete season schedule. All new members must complete an "Introductory D hike" before joining a Club hike. Annual dues are \$20 per person to cover the cost of our safety equipment.

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