

## Thursday B

Oct 3

**Hawknest/Divide/Branding Iron/Coyote Canyon/Soapberry/Dove/Barb/136th Express (McDowell Sonoran Preserve) Rating B.** This is an 11.7 mile hike with an elevation gain of 700 ft. The highlights of this hike include a double Crested Saguaro, Michelin Man II Saguaro, many rock formations, and distant views of Four Peaks, the Superstitions and other mountains. Trail condition - a very good hiking trail. No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. Driving distance is 130 miles RT. <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Northwest-Loop-Trails>

Oct 10

**Kiwanis/National/Gila West/Ruins/National/Ranger/Los Lomitas Trails Loop (South Mountain). Rating B+.** This is a 10.6 mi loop with an elevation change of 1000 ft. This is a way to incorporate the trail system to the south of the National Trail. It is 1.45 miles gradual climb up the Kiwanis Trail parking lot to the National Trail, then up past the ramada to the near the top of the hill in just over .5 miles to the Gila West Trail. Follow the Gila West trail around the first hill top, then down a steep hill to a junction with a service road. This section should be about 2.1 miles. Turn right down the service road and enter a wash for about 1 mile. To your right there will be a path out of the wash point to the ruins. Follow this path to the southwest corner of the ruins and start the climb back up to the National Trail. This is a 1.2 mile climb and will get your heart rate pumping. At the junction with the National Trail turn right and follow it for 2 to the Ranger Trail. Turn left onto the Ranger Trail and go down the hill and across Summit Road to the Los Lomitas Trail in almost 1.5 miles. Turn right on the Los Lomitas Trail for a 1 mile hike back to the parking lot. Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No park fee. Driving distance is 60 miles RT.

Oct 17

8-10 miles and 1000+ ft of elevation B hike

Trail across from Sunset rest area that goes down to the Aqua Fria River. This is an in and out hike

Oct 24

Skyline Park Javelina Trail

10+ miles 1200 ft of elevation

B hike

Oct 31

Blue Wash near Cave Creek

8-10 miles 1000ft of elevation

B hike Most of this hike is a bushwack or in washes.