

2024-2025 Regular Season DATE	WEEK NUMBER	WEEK STATUS	TRAIL NUMBER	REGION	HIKE NAME: 0 Schedule Change(s)	CLUB RATING	DISTANCE (MILES)	ELEVATION GAIN (Feet)	ROUTE CONDITION	OFF TRAIL (%)	DRIVING DISTANCE:	HIKE LEADER:	DRIVER DONATION (\$)	UNUSUAL START TIME	HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Tuesday, September 24, 2024	1	Draft	144	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Cottonwood Trail to Pipeline Canyon Trail to Bridge (PCHC # 144)	D Challenge	5.2	600	Rough	0	80	Dennis Zigmunt	6			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Trail Condition. Additional challenges include: Elevation limit exceeded. Some loose rocky areas on the Pipeline trail. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike goes from the northwest corner of Lake Pleasant to a floating bridge that crossed part of the lake at one time. Route is hilly with loose rocky areas on the Pipeline Trail. It is a good spring wildflower hike if there are winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros. There are many in the area. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Rough trail with some loose rocky areas. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lake Pleasant Cottonwood Trailhead TRAILS: Cottonwood, Pipeline Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead but there are along the trail. There is a park fee of \$7.00. Maricopa County Pass us good for five hikers. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 1 (North Entrance), Lake Pleasant Park. Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North. Turn right (north) on 303 to Lake Pleasant Parkway. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Parkway to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (north) and drive 5.2 miles to T intersection. Turn right at the T Castle Creek Drive. After driving past the Fee Booth, the trailhead is immediately on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-j4Kcp8 PCHC TRAIL ID: 144 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	2	Future	835	Verrado Area	D Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass from Meck Park (PCHC # 835)	D	5	500	Excellent	0	24	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike provides an alternate entry into the Verrado complex of trails that we can use during the construction closure of the Lost Creek trailhead. Take the trail just North of the restrooms into a wash and onto a wide gravel road heading west. At about 3/4 mile find a steel post at another road going off to the left follow this to Cat Road. Cross Cat Road and proceed along the overgrown road and bear right. The large stone cairn at about 2.5 miles is the turnaround point. Take Cat Road North and turn left at a multitude of No Trespassing signs. The return is "all downhill from here". TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Caterpillar Hill, Deadhead Pass FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at parking lot. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Right on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn left and drive to Verrado Way. Turn left and proceed to Meck Park on the left just before the Verrado Stairs. DRIVING DISTANCE: 24 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a35KmUeMt36aM2I7e=vcPda PCHC TRAIL ID: 835 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, October 8, 2024	3	Future	479	Maricopa Trail	D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Tres Rios Wetlands (PCHC # 479)	D	4	100	Good	0	26	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 100 feet. hike starts at Monument Hill just east of the Racetrack. Trail travels along wetlands with flowing water, lots of vegetation and opportunities for viewing many bird species. The Salt River and Gila River join just south of the park. Its a flat, easy, fun hike. If more elevation is desired, you can climb Monument Hill, which is to the right after you cross the pedestrian bridge TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Tres Rios Wetlands FEES AND FACILITIES: No restroom at the trail head. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Tres Rios Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway past 110. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue. Just across the Gila River. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 479 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	4	Future	750	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Longer Version) (PCHC # 750)	D Challenge	5.1	500	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike starts on the fairly flat Waddell Trail that usually produces a lot of flowers in the Spring. It then joins the Ford Canyon trail, making a short climb. then dropping into Ford Canyon itself. Past the 3 mile point for the Ford Canyon trail, the trail becomes more difficult as it climbs to the first switchback where views of white rocks and usually dry waterfalls come into view. This is the turnaround point, with several options for your break. At this point turn and retrace your steps back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING 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. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-6dxsQL4 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a35KmUeMt36aM2I7e=vcPda PCHC TRAIL ID: 750 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, October 22, 2024	5	Future	273	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	D Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Latigo, Dare A Sarah, Scorpion (PCHC # 273)	D Challenge	6	400	Good	0	102	Dennis Zigmunt	7			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The hike originates at the Pima Dynamite Trailhead and has excellent trails. The trail passes an excellent example of a crested saguaro early in the hike. This newly opened trailhead offers hikes through a boulder studded desert environment with many interesting rock formations. TRAILHEAD NAME: Pima Dynamite Trailhead TRAILS: Latigo, Dare A Sarah, Scorpion. FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Pima Dynamite Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately take exit 222 going right onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (name changes to Sonoran Desert Drive). Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right at first light on Dynamite Boulevard. Cross Pima Road, trailhead driveway a short distance on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 102 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-QMFKj3K URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a35KmUeMt36aM2I7e=vcPda PCHC TRAIL ID: 273 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7

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Tuesday, October 29, 2024	6	Future	834	Estrella Foothills	D Hike - Estrella Foothills - North End Double Loop from Elliot Trailhead (PCHC # 834)	D	4.5	500	Good	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike takes you over the ridge in the northern section of the Estrella Foothills into a valley that includes an abandoned wooden bridge (unsafe to cross, though some do) and up the valley to the southeast. Then climb again back over the ridge to the end of Cairn Canyon with views to the Estrella Lakes. An extra small loop at the end on Pirate Cove just adds another half mile. TRAILHEAD NAME: Elliot Trailhead TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: Elliot Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past the Safeway parking center). Park at the far end. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 834 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	7	Future	306	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 306)	D	5	400	Excellent	0	26	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Break here and return the same way. This route goes up and over a hill with great views over the valley and the Estrella Mountains. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steady climb in first mile of the hike and also in mile 5 of the hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee 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. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-JPMn6hf PCHC TRAIL ID: 306 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, November 12, 2024	8	Future	687	Estrella Mountain Ranch	D Hike - Estrella Mountain Ranch - Bakers Hike (PCHC # 687)	D	4.5	500	Good	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike is so named because it reaches Pastry Pass twice, from the south and again, from the north. You will visit the Bone Yard, hike along a ridge from Pastry Pass on an unnamed rocky trail over to the Tiki Man trail (the Tiki Bar is closed for this hike), then swing up to and over Pastry again, over to Proposal Pass and back to the trailhead. This is a longer, somewhat more difficult hike, than the FINS South hike, but more fun too. TRAILHEAD NAME: FINS Fantasy Island Trailhead TRAILS: Proposal Pass, Muriels Mile, Pastry Pass FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms or park fee. DRIVING 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 110. Continue for approx. 12.5 miles from Eagles Nest. Turn right on West Wester 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 maintenance building; there is also a tall steel tower for power lines). DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Ranch/I-ZcPFbn/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywfpIqBf4aoxMaCcx0ymlNpMW?e=igbZqz PCHC TRAIL ID: 687 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	9	Future	709	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Middle Version (PCHC # 709)	D	4.8	475	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 475 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to a crested saguaro. TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: None named FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hike). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-9msCH67 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywfpIqBf4aoyA5TMjEjHbNEOL7e=hAeeg7 PCHC TRAIL ID: 709 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, November 26, 2024	10	Future	60	Cave Creek Regional Park	D Challenge Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton Trail Loop (PCHC # 60)	D Challenge	4.6	675	Excellent	0	90	Dennis Zigmunt	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 675 feet. The park is located near Cave Creek, Arizona that features beautiful wild flowers and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a side loop near the end to see the Michelin Man saguaro. TRAILHEAD NAME: Overton Trailhead TRAILS: Overton FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at 117. Go north on 117. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto 32nd Street (sign on right, no light but a left turn lane) and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road and park at the Nature Center and begin at the left end of the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 60 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024	11	Future	114	Lake Pleasant Area	D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Maricopa Trail, Lake Pleasant East (PCHC # 114)	D	4	500	Good	0	64	Dennis Zigmunt	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike goes across the front of the Lake Pleasant Dam about half mile away. It goes through several washes as it climbs up above the level of the dam. It goes below though not under the Arizona Canal (you have to do the hike to see why). Lots of typical desert brush including many types of cacti. This trail can be combined with the Morgan City Wash trail to form a nice 7 mile hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Morgan City Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Maricopa Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no park fees. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Morgan City Wash Trail (Lake Pleasant). Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to take Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Highway 74. Turn left (west) and drive past Milepost 22. Turn right on Beardsley CSR Road a couple of hundred yards past Milepost 22. Drive about a quarter mile to the Maricopa Trail Trailhead on the left just as the road turns right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 64 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Area/I-Gj5b6fT URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a0xdTn198EIEcb9Q?e=y1mXLn PCHC TRAIL ID: 114 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	12	Future	835	Verrado Area	D Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass from Meck Park (PCHC # 835)	D	5	500	Excellent	0	24	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike provides an alternate entry into the Verrado complex of trails that we can use during the construction closure of the Lost Creek trailhead. Take the trail just north of the restrooms into a wash and onto a wide gravel road heading west. At about 3/4 mile find a steel post at another road going off to the left/follow this to Cat Road. Cross Cat Road and proceed along the overgrown road and bear right. The large stone cairn at about 2.5 miles is the turnaround point. Take Cat Road North and turn left at a multitude of No Trespassing signs. The return is "all downhill from here". TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Caterpillar Hill, Deadhead Pass FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at parking lot. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Right on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn left and drive to Verrado Way. Turn left and proceed to Meck Park on the left just before the Verrado Stairs. DRIVING DISTANCE: 24 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a35KmxduE36aM2I7e=yvPtda PCHC TRAIL ID: 835 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, December 17, 2024	13	Future	827	Verrado Area	EZ Hike - Verrado Area - Verrado area/Caterpillar Hill View from Meck Park (PCHC # 827)	EZ	3	200	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Follow Meck Park trails north to access a gravel road where you will turn left. The road proceeds uphill along a wash toward the White Tank Mountains between Verrado and Sunrise Park. There are great views to Caterpillar Hill (sadly no longer open to hiking) at Cat Road (unmarked) turn left and proceed to a fence opening on a road to the east. Follow this east, then north, across a wash. Then turn right and follow the road back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Caterpillar Road and several unnamed roads/trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at Meck Park and no park fee. Be aware that these Restrooms are often closed. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Meck Park. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. At end of Indian School Road, turn right then left onto West Highland Park Drive. Meck Park Trailhead is first right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a2wkcP2ZhcIFwvxQg7e=yvPtda PCHC TRAIL ID: 827 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	14	Future	750	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Longer Version) (PCHC # 750)	D Challenge	5.1	500	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike starts on the fairly flat Waddell Trail that usually produces a lot of flowers in the Spring. It then joins the Ford Canyon trail, making a short climb. then dropping into Ford Canyon itself. Past the 3 mile point for the Ford Canyon trail, the trail becomes more difficult as it climbs to the first switchback where views of white rocks and usually dry waterfalls come into view. This is the turnaround point, with several options for your break. At this point turn and retrace your steps back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING 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. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-6dXsqL4 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4a3Cbe0U0T2yI88Ug?e=vs0UQV PCHC TRAIL ID: 750 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, December 31, 2024	15	Future	468	Maricopa Trail	D Challenge Hike - Maricopa Trails - Trilby East (PCHC # 468)	D Challenge	6	100	Good	0	27	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 100 feet. hike proceeds northeast paralleling the Loop 303 freeway and the McMicken Dam flood control structure on a good hiking trail. You will pass a derelict large home (available for purchase) and two water treatment plants. If you would like a tour of one just drop in at the first and ask—very interesting, if a little stinky TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Trilby East FEES AND FACILITIES: No restroom at the trail head DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Trilby East. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North to Grand Avenue, turn left (west), then turn right on 163rd Avenue, turn right just past the RR tracks then right again to a parking area along the canal DRIVING DISTANCE: 27 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4amY4goPIV77qLXb8 PCHC TRAIL ID: 468 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Tuesday, January 7, 2025	16	Future	319	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319)	D	4.2	400	Excellent	0	20	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkwy (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-54jmW9 PCHC TRAIL ID: 319 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, January 14, 2025	17	Future	122	Lake Pleasant Area	D Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Walking Jim Trail Hells Canyon Wilderness (PCHC # 122)	D	4.5	250	Good	0	80	Dennis Zigmunt	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. The trail parallels a mostly dry creek and offers a wide variety of vegetation from cottonwood trees to saguaro cactus and wildlife including wild burros. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Walking Jim FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms. There is no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ 74. Turn left on AZ 74 (Carefree Highway). Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off). Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road and follow 5.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is about .2 miles before you come to a "T" intersection. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Walking-Jim URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4m1oN1hUJOUK4IT PCHC TRAIL ID: 122 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	18	Future	331	South Mountain Park	D Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass from the West (PCHC # 331)	D	4.5	600	Good	0	70	Dennis Zigmunt	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. It follows the National Trail starting at the Buena Vista lookout, looping at Hidden Valley through boulders and rock tunnels, and returning on National Trail. Interesting, fun hike, with a few large boulders to climb over and slide down. An optional extra half mile hike with an elevation change of 130 feet can be added by taking a side trail to the right at marker #18. This trail goes to the top of the ridge giving hikers a 360 degree view of the surrounding area. A second optional addition is a .8 mile out and back hike (150 foot elevation change) going west from the parking lot to the China Wall, a natural rock formation that looks like a manmade wall from a distance. A third option is to go to an overlook to the left of the parking area, adding another .8 miles and 50 feet elevation gain. TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Buena Vista Parking Lot TRAILS: National, Hidden Valley FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138. SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack (no fees). Go through another guard shack to the Park Office area. Proceed up the Summit Road about 6.5 miles following the signs to Buena Vista Parking area. Trailhead is at the Buena Vista Parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 70 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4m1oN1hUJOUK4IT PCHC TRAIL ID: 331 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Tuesday, January 28, 2025	19	Future	33	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail North (PCHC # 33)	D	5	200	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Trail in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Trail Staging Area; Follow signs for Maricopa Trail, Mule Deer Trail to gate, leave the Park and proceed 2 to 2.5 miles along the Maricopa Trail and return. Great views of the White Tanks Mountains and lots of wildflowers in the Spring. TRAILHEAD NAME: Horse Staging Trailhead TRAILS: Maricopa, Mule Deer FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4al2hnTYeZjciUXD PCHC TRAIL ID: 33 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	20	Future	306	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - Estrella MRP - Desert Rose to Gadsden Trail (PCHC # 306)	D	5	400	Excellent	0	26	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. Take the Desert Rose Trail from the parking lot over to the junction with the Gadsden Trail. Break here and return the same way. This route goes up and over a hill with great views over the valley and the Estrella Mountains. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steady climb in first mile of the hike and also in mile 5 of the hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Desert Rose FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee 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. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Desert-RoseGadsden URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-JPMn6hf PCHC TRAIL ID: 306 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Tuesday, February 11, 2025	21	Future	834	Estrella Foothills	D Hike - Estrella Foothills - North End Double Loop from Elliot Trailhead (PCHC # 834)	D	4.5	500	Good	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike takes you over the ridge in the northern section of the Estrella Foothills into a valley that includes an abandoned wooden bridge (unsafe to cross, though some do) and up the valley to the southeast. Then climb again back over the ridge to the end of Cairn Canyon with views to the Estrella Lakes. An extra small loop at the end on Pirate Cove just adds another half mile. TRAILHEAD NAME: Elliot Trailhead TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms or water at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: Elliot Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past the Safeway parking center). Park at the far end. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 834 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, February 18, 2025	22	Future	30	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - White Tank MRP - Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon Lollipop (PCHC # 30)	D	4.3	200	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Start at the Gray Fox Trailhead in the Competitive Track parking area. Continue to junction with Ironwood. Turn left and follow to junction with Ford Canyon, Turn left and follow to the park road. At this point turn around and follow the Ford Canyon Trail all the way to the junction with Waddell trail. At this point turn around and proceed to the junction with Ironwood Trail. Turn left and then left again onto Gray Fox and take this back to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Excellent trail condition. This is a beautiful hike if you get up early to witness the early morning sun on the white tank mountains. 0.6 miles of this hike are optional (the extension of the triangle to and from the park road and the extension of the triangle to and from Waddell junction). The hike length becomes 3.7 miles if these options are not taken. TRAILHEAD NAME: Gray Fox Trailhead TRAILS: Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Gray Fox Trail is at the end of the main road, left off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-7Qtkw2V URL GPR: https://drv.ms/u/!AgywfpIqBf4amLeX6g98_XBUCUQ PCHC TRAIL ID: 30 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, February 25, 2025	23	Future	677	Skyline Regional Park	D Challenge Hike - Skyline RP - Turnbuckle, Granite Falls and Red Tailed Hawk Trails (PCHC # 677)	D Challenge	4.3	600	Good	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Deep washes. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.3 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Start clockwise on the Turnbuckle Trail. Turn left onto Granite Falls and follow this trail up and down through the deep dry washes on the floor of the valley. Bear right to continue on Granite Falls at the junction with the Chuckwalla and Pyrite trails. Continue on Granite Falls all the way until the junction once again with Turnbuckle. Turn right and continue on Turnbuckle. Just before the bridge to the parking lot turn left on Red Tailed Hawk trail and enjoy the short loop before returning to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Red Tailed Hawk FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee, No water DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on 110. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/D-HikeLynnW2016-2017 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/I-f8kn5S2 URL GPR: https://drv.ms/u/!AgywfpIqBf4aown_H13A2VCD0ryyuyenyOo0us PCHC TRAIL ID: 677 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	24	Future	71	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	D Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Wild Burro and Pipeline Trails to Floating Bridge (PCHC # 71)	D	4.4	500	Excellent	0	80	Dennis Zigmunt	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts out at the Twisted Talon Parking Area and goes north to the site of where there was a floating bridge. The Wild Burro Trail goes along the lake around a small cove before rising to the Pipeline Trailhead. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Wild Burro Trailhead TRAILS: Wild Burro, Pipeline Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms and water at the trailhead. There is a park entrance fee of \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 9 Wild Burro Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road and turn right (north). Go 2.1 miles and turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. Pay the \$7.00 park fee then turn right on South Park Road. Turn left on Desert Tortoise Road and drive about .25 miles. The trailhead is on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/I-Z3BXDNw PCHC TRAIL ID: 71 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Tuesday, March 11, 2025	25	Future	708	Lake Pleasant Area	D Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Old China Dam - to slot canyon (PCHC # 708)	D Challenge	5.5	500	Good	0	92	Dennis Zigmunt	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. Much of the hike is on 4x4 roads to travel to and from China Dam (actually two dams), through a tunnel, and into Humber Creek. This hike goes to the first dam that was built in 1890 by Chinese miners, along with a canal to deliver water to the mine that now is covered by Lake Pleasant. The route then continues downstream from the first dam along Humber Creek, parts of which flow through a slot canyon with 15 to 20 foot high walls. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on 303. Get off at exit 131. Go north on Lake Pleasant Parkway for 2.4 miles. Turn left onto Highway 74 for 5.5 miles. Turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road. Pass the main entrance to Lake Pleasant. Continue for another 3.2 miles to the stop sign. Turn Left (the road becomes dirt). After 2.7 miles turn right onto Cow Creek Road. After 2.6 miles park on the side road to the right. You must walk from here unless you have 4x4. Four Wheel Vehicles ONLY turn right and go up the hill one half mile to the parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 92 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 708 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6

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Tuesday, March 18, 2025	26	Future	248	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve	D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 248)	D Challenge	5.4	680	Good	0	80	Dennis Zigmunt	6			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: D hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation. Additional challenges include: Exceeds D hike parameters for miles & elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 680 feet. The hike goes through typical desert terrain around a hill from the new trailhead off Carefree Highway with views of the Phoenix Sonoran Desert, Cave Creek and Anthem. New trailhead off Carefree Highway with a large box fan for cool down after the hike.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Hills Trailhead TRAILS: Sidewinder, Ocotillo</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Desert Hills Trailhead). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at 117. Turn left (north) on 117. Turn right (east) on Carefree Highway. Continue for several miles. At 700 West Carefree Highway, turn right into Trailhead parking. Alternate Directions: East Highway 303 at Lake Pleasant Parkway, turn left and proceed to Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74/Carefree Highway and proceed to Desert Hills Trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/D-Summer-HikeLynW2016-2017/I-8Rhw2LP</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/I-VpJfBxf</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqB4anHAPin2OpQf4VRD37e=9ITIX9</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 248</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6</p>
Tuesday, March 25, 2025	27	Future	706	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Homestead Hike (PCHC # 706)	D	4.6	380	Excellent	0	30	Dennis Zigmunt	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 380 feet. This is the short version of the Sonoran Loop incorporating a short detour to the homestead ruins. This hike can be a clockwise or counterclockwise route around the Sonoran Loop. Either way, you will have an opportunity to visit the remains of an old homestead and water tank. Getting to the Homestead requires a roughly half mile, relatively easy bushwhack. The water tank is on a trail and easy to get to. The trail offers great view of the White Tank Mountains, with several deep wash crossings.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajobs at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hike).</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/I-9msCH67</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 706</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	28	Future	835	Verrado Area	D Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass from Meck Park (PCHC # 835)	D	5	500	Excellent	0	24	Dennis Zigmunt	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike provides an alternate entry into the Verrado complex of trails that we can use during the construction closure of the Lost Creek trailhead. Take the trail just North of the restrooms into a wash and onto a wide gravel road heading west. At about 3/4 mile find a steel post at another road going off to the left/follow this to Cat Road. Cross Cat Road and proceed along the overgrown road and bear right. The large stone cairn at about 2.5 miles is the turnaround point. Take Cat Road North and turn left at a multitude of No Trespassing signs. The return is "all downhill from here".</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Caterpillar Hill, Deadhead Pass</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at parking lot.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Right on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn left and drive to Verrado Way. Turn left and proceed to Meck Park on the left just before the Verrado Stairs. DRIVING DISTANCE: 24 miles</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqB4a35KmtueMt36aM2I7e=ycPdta</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 835</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	29	Future	221	Buckeye Area	D Hike - Buckeye Area - Dog Bone Airport Road (PCHC # 221)	D	4.5	400	Good	0	32	Dennis Zigmunt	3			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. 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 trail is on open desert with a gradual incline to a saddle with a quartz outcropping.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Warning to Coordinators: Access roads to both Dog Bone East and Dog Bone West except the Joe Foss Trailhead have been closed. Be sure to check out the parking area before scheduling a hike in the Dog Bone area. The last part of the hike being a bushwhack.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Airport Road</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south from the PebbleCreek on Sarival Avenue. Drive 5 miles and turn right onto MC 85. Go 4.8 miles and turn left onto Jackrabbit Trail which becomes South Tuthill Road. Continue for 4 miles and turn right on West Ray Rd. At 209th Ave, park on the south shoulder, trailhead is on the right. Use the driveway to get across the deep ditch. DRIVING DISTANCE: 32 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Buckeye-Dog-Bone-Trails</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Buckeye/</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqB4alwZV3Jke5-1VKly</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 221</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3</p>

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025	30	Future	63	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	D Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain North (PCHC # 63)	D	4.2	300	Excellent	0	110	Dennis Zigmunt	7			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. There are lots of interesting saguaro cacti, granite rock formations and distant views of the surrounding mountains. This is one of the best trail surfaces of any hike we do. Scottsdale has done an excellent job with their McDowell Sonoran Preserve trails. From the parking area, take Bootlegger Trail, turn left on Saddlehorn Trail, turn right on Granite Mt Loop Trail to Scenic View and reverse. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Saguaros to die for! TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: Bootlegger, Saddlehorn, Granite Mt Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Granite Mountain Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at 117. Go north on 117. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn right of Dynamite Road. Turn left on 136th Street and then left into the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/-d8Bv357 PCHC TRAIL ID: 63 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Tuesday, April 22, 2025	31	Future	771	Maricopa Trail	D Hike - Maricopa Trails - Agua Fria River Valley (PCHC # 771)	D	4.5	350	Good	0	60	Dennis Zigmunt	5			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. This hike follows the Maricopa Trail for a short distance along the CAP canal to where it joins the Waddell Canal. We then drop into the river valley along dirt roads paralleling the CAP siphon and the Beardsley Canal to an old silver bridge you may have seen from Hwy 303. We will tramp around the river bottom long enough to meet the mileage requirement before heading back. Trail conditions are very good. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Maricopa Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No restroom at the trail head. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Hwy 303 north to Lake Pleasant Pkwy. Turn left and drive a short distance to a driveway on the left side. If you cross the canal you have gone too far. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Beardsley-Maricopa-Trail/C-HikeLP-Beardsley-Maricopa-TrailLynnW2020-2021/-DFv8F URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4awEJ86jKeg_CvUUR-7e=dtgJBO PCHC TRAIL ID: 771 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5
Tuesday, April 29, 2025	32	Future	596	Estrella Foothills	D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Pirate Cove PC, SK, WU, UT (PCHC # 596)	D	4.1	300	Good	0	24	Dennis Zigmunt	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. From the Elliot Trailhead in Estrella, follow the road to Pirates Cove Trail and follow this trail as it meanders through the lower part of the foothills until you reach the intersection with Skallywag. Turn left on Skallywag, which is only a 0.1 mile connector trail, then turn right on Whats Up and then right on Up There. Pass through Cairn Canyon where you might add to the cairns there. At the two mile mark of the hike, you should be at the end of the second peninsula rock outcropping; a great break spot. Return to the trailhead. Typical desert trail with no steep up or downhills. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Foothills Park Elliot Trailhead TRAILS: Pirates Cove, Skallywag, Whats Up, Up There FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms available DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: Elliot Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. Continue up the hill into Estrella Mountain to the shopping area. Turn left on Elliot (light just past a shopping area). Park at the far end. DRIVING DISTANCE: 24 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/-kjpH4z/A PCHC TRAIL ID: 596 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2