

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
Wednesday, September 25, 2024	1	Draft	757	Skyline Regional Park	B Hike - Skyline RP - Pyrite Summit Long Loop (Turnbuckle Twice) (PCHC # 757)	B	9.9	1380	Excellent	0	30	Neal Wring	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. Take Mountain Wash to Turnbuckle over the ridge and down the west side until the junction with Granite Falls. Turn right and follow Granite Falls to Chuckwalla to the junction with Pyrite Trail. Turn right on Pyrite and climb steeply to the Pyrite Ridge. Turn right to Pyrite Summit. Return to the Pyrite Ridge junction and continue along the Pyrite ridge, dropping to the junction with Chuckwalla. Turn right and connect to Turnbuckle via Granite Falls. Turn left on Turnbuckle and follow this trail all the way back up and over the Turnbuckle ridge to the junction with Mountain Wash. Continue to the right back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Pyrite, Pyrite Summit, Pyrite, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west (right) on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Drive to the end of road and trailhead parking. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikesSkyline-Pyrite-Loop-12-30LynnW2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/fi-sxAg9t</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 757</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	2	Future	247	Phoenix Sonoran Preserve	B Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash, Sidewinder, Ocotillo Loop (PCHC # 247)	B	10	1260	Good	0	80	Lynn Warren	6			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1260 feet. The loop combines several trails: the Apache Wash, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, and Ocotillo Trails. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Apache Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Apache Wash, Apache Vista, Ridgeback, Sidewinder, Ocotillo</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash Trailhead), Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead/B-HikePSP-Apache-WashLynnW2021-2022/fi-q595v6X</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/fi-npt5NVD</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amTKcp2QMxeMtvNc</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 247</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6</p>
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	3	Future	547	Superstition Mountains	B Challenge Hike - Superstition Mountains - Carney Springs to Peralta Loop (PCHC # 547)	B Challenge	7	2000	Rough	25	140	Lynn Warren	9			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Difficult bushwalk 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-SpringsPeralta-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superstition-Wilderness/fi-ksBx6BvA</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4al17gbV7f6-WwVavZ7e=BLDlId</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 547</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9</p>
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	4	Future	789	Verrado Area	B Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass (Extended) plus SOB from Meck Park (PCHC # 789)	B	10	1000	Good	0	18	Neal Wring	2		GPX Track will be created on the hike	<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: GPX Track will be created on the hike</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 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. Head past 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. This trail enters Deadhead Pass and follows the east side of the pass and turns into the Deadhead Pass Trail. Shortly after a set of switchbacks up the east valley side, there is a fork in the trail. Take the right fork heading further up the valley via a series of switchbacks until the trail ends (about .5 mile past the fork). Bushwhack down the slope to the dry river bed. Turn left/downstream until a trail crossing the riverbed. Turn right on this trail and follow it as it loops in a southeast direction back along the west side of Deadhead Pass. Follow this trail taking the Highline Trail around to Petroglyph Rock. From here take the trail behind the rock and up to the saddle. At the top of the saddle, turn right and follow the SOB trail to the junction with the Lost Creek Trail. Turn Left here and continue to four way junction (Old Trail to Javina is to the right). Turn left again and climb to the petroglyph saddle and then down to Petroglyph Rock for a second time. Follow highline and keep turning right at junctions to return to Caterpillar road at the point of connection back to Meck Park.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 300 feet of steep bushwhacking. Trails are not signposted. Return from Petroglyph Rock not documented although trails across Meck Park are defined.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Tecate, Cholla, Deadhead Pass, Highline and SOB</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead.</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: 18 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 789</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>

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Wednesday, October 23, 2024	5	Future	384	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	B Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Copper Mountain Segment (PCHC # 384)	B Challenge	13.7	1300	Excellent	0	170	Clare Bangs	10			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 13.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. From the trailhead, the hike does a loop along the base of Copper Mountain and through a large forest of prickly pear cactus. At about halfway, there is a large rock outcropping that is a nice place to take a break. There are large expanses of open range with amazing views of the Bradshaw Mountains in the distance. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike typically takes 5 hours with breaks. TRAILHEAD NAME: Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Copper Mountain Segment FEES AND FACILITIES: There are primitive restrooms at the Big Bug Trailhead. There are no park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left crossing I17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 5.3 miles and turn right on Old Sycamore Road. Park at the top of the hill (1 mi.) after passing the BCT trail crossing. DRIVING DISTANCE: 170 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-92NwwMD URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alwC3ynTjINLSEyOb PCHC TRAIL ID: 384 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	6	Future	838	Skyline Regional Park	B Hike - Skyline RP - Tortuga to Petroglyphs and Dry Waterfall from Sienna Hills (PCHC # 838)	B	10	750	Rough	0	30	Neal Wring	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 750 feet. Start at the culdesac and pick up the Tortuga trail. At the intersection with Javelina Summit (1.2 miles), go a few feet to the right, then left on an unnamed trail that heads in the same direction that Tortuga was headed. Follow this unnamed trail (0.75 miles) past SOB and climb over the pass immediately ahead to the fenced Petroglyph Rock. Continue a short distance past the petroglyphs and turn left into Petroglyph Wash. Proceed up the wash approximately 0.5 mile to an intersection with a second wash which turns left and leads approximately 0.5 mile to the waterfall (significant boulder hopping and scrambling). The waterfall part of the hike can be done on the way up Petroglyph Wash or on the return from the petroglyphs in the wash. Once back in Petroglyph Wash, continue up the wash for approximately 0.1 mile and check out a variety of impressive petroglyphs in the wash and on the banks (this is just after you pass through a small rocky gorge). Back up through the wash until at Petroglyph Rock. Retrace steps over the pass back past Javelina onto Tortuga and return to the parked cars. TRAILHEAD NAME: Sienna Hills Tortuga Trailhead TRAILS: Tortuga FEES AND FACILITIES: Sienna Hills Tortuga Trailhead DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take I10 West to Verrado Way. Turn right on Verrado Way. In 0.3 miles (at Starbucks), turn left onto McDowell Rd. In 0.8 miles, turn right onto Sienna Hills Parkway. Take this road 1.6 miles it bends sharply to the left onto W Cartwright Avenue and then bends to the right on N 217th Drive. Park at the end of the road at a small parking circle. The trail connecting to Tortuga leaves from the right side of the parking circle. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 838 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	7	Future	251	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	A Hike - McDowell SP - East End Mountain Short Circuit (PCHC # 251)	A	12.9	2700	Rough	5	88	Neal Wring	6			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2700 feet. A long, strenuous hike on excellent trails with sweeping views. From the Gateway Trailhead, take the Gateway Loop Trail south, then climb the Bell Pass Trail to its highpoint. Continuing the Bell Trail, connect to the East End Trail. Climb to the junction with the Tom Thumb Trail. Turn left and climb upwards to the junction with the Tom Thumb spur trail. Turn right here for an inandout to visit Toms Thumb. On return to the Tom Thumb Trail turn right and then left at the next junction towards the Lookout. After visiting the Lookout return to the Tom Thumbs Trail. Turn left and return to the parking lot via Toms Thumb Trail, Windgate and Gateway North Loop Trails. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Optional upandback rough track to East End Peak adds 0.6 miles and 300 Elevation Gain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Gateway Trailhead, McDowell Sonoran Preserve TRAILS: Gateway Loop, Bell Pass, East End, Tom Thumb Trail, Lookout, Windgate, Gateway Loop Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead. Water at trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve: Gateway Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, take I10 East (left), then take Highway 101 North all the way around to Scottsdale. Exit at Princess/Prima Bell Road (exit #36). Continue straight through the light to get to Bell Road. Turn east (left) on Bell Road and go approximately 1.4 miles. Turn north (left) onto Thompson Peak Parkway. Turn right into trailhead parking 0.5 mi. up the road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 88 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Gateway-Bell-East-Peak-Toms-Thumb-Gateway-Loop/A-HikeToms-Thumb-15-Mile-LoopLynnW2020-2021 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-WxTgCXz URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4azWlR4VSRq87kZj7e=TQE8Qd PCHC TRAIL ID: 251 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6

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Wednesday, November 13, 2024	8	Future	86	Picacho Peak State Park	B Challenge Hike - Picacho Peak SP - Picacho Peak Hunter to Sunset Loop (Single Car) (PCHC # 86)	B Challenge	9	1380	Rough	0	200	Neal Wring	13			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep route up the Hunter Trail. Very difficult reverse downhill climb required on rock ladder at the top of the Sunset Vista Trail</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1380 feet. This is a strenuous hike using ladders and cables to reach Picacho Peak. This describes the hike using one car and involves walking the 2 mile Park Road Trail. After entering the State Park drive to the Hunter Trail parking lot. The hike follows the Hunter trail directly up the north face of Picacho Mountain. The trail is extremely steep up to the Saddle. After this the trail drops down past overhanging rocks and eventually climbs back to the junction with the Sunset Vista Trail. Continue straight past this junction to the summit via a series of ladders, cables and platforms. Just before the summit there is a saddle. Follow the trail right and up to the summit of Picacho Peak. On return to this saddle continue straight onto a lower peak that provides a commanding view back at the summit. Back again at the saddle, turn right onto the Hunter Trail and continue to the junction with the Sunset Vista Trail. Turn left at this point and immediately climb down the steep rock wall using the handrails and steps carved into the rock wall. After traversing this obstacle, follow the trail approximately 2.5 miles back to the Sunset Vista trailhead. Follow the Park Road back to the Hunter Trailhead 2 miles farther.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Picacho Peak Sunset Vista Trailhead TRAILS: Hunter, Sunset, Park Road Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: The park entrance fee is \$6.00. Restrooms are located at the Hunter trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Picacho Peak Trails. Take Pebble Creek Pkwy to I10 East, exit onto 202 South, and then continue onto I10 East (South). Take 110 to Picacho Peak State Park: exit 219. Turn right into park and pay fee at Visitors Center. Trailhead for the Hunter Trail is on Barrett Loop. Trailhead for the Sunset Vista Trail is at the end of the park road. Extra Information: This hike overlooks the site of Arizonas only Civil War battle (The Battle of Picacho Pass on Apr 15, 1862). Twelve California Union Cavalrymen and one scout, commanded by Lt. Barrett, conducting a sweep of the Picacho Pass area, surprised and captured three of Captain Sherod Hunters lookouts, but seven other confederates fought more than an hour, killing Union Lieutenant Barrett and two men, and wounding three others. Both sides withdrew from the Westernmost Civil War Battle. The confederates in Tucson returned to Texas, and Union forces divided Arizona from New Mexico Territory, along the present line. So, the Civil War made Arizona a separate Territory and later State (1912), instead of remaining part of the original New Mexico Territory stretching from Calif. to Texas (Two of the three Union soldiers buried at Picacho Pass, were later returned to Calif. Lt. Barretts grave, found by railroad workers, is unmarked to avoid disturbance and is located near the rock outcrop across I10). The parks roads are named after these leaders. DRIVING DISTANCE: 200 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PicachoPeakStatePark/Picacho-Peak-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Picacho-Peak-State-Park/I-45nsSPL</p>
Wednesday, November 20, 2024	9	Future	10	Skyline Regional Park	A Hike - Skyline RP - Skyline Four Peaks Challenge (PCHC # 10)	A	15	3900	Good	0	30	Neal Wring	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 15 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3900 feet. All trail hike around the Skyline Park from Pyrite Summit to Valley Vista to Crest Summit to Javelina Summit.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Long distance. Plenty of Elevation gain. All trails so no bushwhacking. Bring extra food and electrolytes</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Turnbuckle, Pyrite, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Lost Creek, Summit Ridge, Tortuga, Javelina, Tortuga, Quartz Mine.</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Skyline Regional Park Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go west on I10. Turn north (right) on Watson Road. Continue to the end of the road close to the park facilities. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/A-HikeSkyline-4-PeaksLynnW2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/I-rD4H4Hs</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alz4EXHxGlyxRAY</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 10</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	10	Future	385	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	B Challenge Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Copper Mountain Segment (PCHC # 385)	B Challenge	14	1000	Good	0	170	Clare Bangs	10			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. From the trailhead, the hike does a loop along the base of Copper Mountain and through a large forest of prickly pear cactus. At about halfway, there is a large rock outcropping that is a nice place to take a break. There are large expanses of open range with amazing views of the Bradshaw Mountains in the distance.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Copper Mountain Segment</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are primitive restrooms at the Big Bug Trailhead. There are no park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail. Copper Mountain Loop Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left), then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 262 (Highway 69). Turn West on Highway. 69 (left crossing I17 towards Prescott). Drive approximately 4 miles and turn left at the trailhead sign. DRIVING DISTANCE: 170 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreation/BCT-Copper-Mountain-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/I-92NwwMD</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 385</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10</p>
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	11	Future	363	Goldfield Mountains	B Hike - Goldfield Mountains - IQ Arch & Helmet Rock Extended (PCHC # 363)	B	10	1750	Good	0	130	Lynn Warren	8			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1750 feet. The hike goes over a ridge with views of Helmet Rock. It then goes around Helmet Rock through a very colorful golden canyon and climbs to IQ Arch. It then goes through a very colorful rocky canyon. This is a very scenic trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: IQ Arch & Helmet Rock No TRAILS: #7</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Goldfield Mountains Willow Springs Canyon (#6 and #7 Trails). Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway and take I10 East (left) to Loop 202 East. Turn left on Brown Road which becomes Lost Dutchman Boulevard. Turn left onto Apache Trail (Highway 88) and go past Lost Dutchman State Park. The trailhead and parking are on the left side of the road, right in front of mile marker 204. DRIVING DISTANCE: 130 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/GoldfieldMountains/IQ-Arch-and-Helmet-Rock-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Goldfield-Mountains/I-gXICKH7A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alzWVKh5SQTh5-Hmx7e-y58PzI</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 363</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8</p>

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Wednesday, December 11, 2024	12	Future	565	Superstition Mountains	B Hike - Superstition Mountains - Praying Hands, Hidden Canyon, Massacre Falls Loop (PCHC # 565)	B	8.9	2000	Good	0	122	Neal Wring	8			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</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 ES 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!AgywFplqBf4al2SLC82XU7wwwPNF7e=M6mvtK</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 565</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8</p>
Wednesday, December 18, 2024	13	Future	453	Superior Area	B Hike - Superior Area - Arnett Canyon & Picketpost Loop (PCHC # 453)	B	11.5	1100	Good	0	160		10			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The hike is a full loop around impressive Picketpost Mountain. From the parking lot take trail 221 heading north and around picketpost mountain clockwise. This trail runs through Arnett canyon (Arnett canyon is similar to West Fork of Oak Creek Canyon in that there are a few creek crossings (seasonal), many cottonwood trees, and red rock formations). Turn right on Telegraph Canyon Trail continuing around the peak in a clockwise direction. Telegraph canyon is a bare rock wash with lots of trees, and the rest is a typical desert hike with many saguaros. Turn right on FR4 and then right on the Arizona Trail back to the parking area. There are lots of interesting views of the surrounding area so bring your camera especially in the Fall.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Average hike trail plus creek crossing.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Picketpost Trailhead TRAILS: #221, Telegraph Canyon Trail, #FR4, AZ Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, turn left and take I10 East to Highway 60 East (HOV all the way). Go approximately 50 miles and turn right just before Boyce Thompson Arboretum (watch for brown sign indicating Picketpost). Follow signs for a couple of miles to the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 160 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Loop</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superior-/i-qz26g9z</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4al0UZYPRowiHV7rot?e=GURSp</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 453</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10</p>
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	14	Future	No Hike													
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	15	Future	79	Saddle Mountain	B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain Summit (PCHC # 79)	B Challenge	6	1500	Rough	30	90	Neal Wring	6		Recommended Training: Verrado Stairs X 10	<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: Recommended Training: Verrado Stairs X 10</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Rough footing in the trailless climb up past the saddle to the summit.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The trail works its way up to a saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. From the saddle it is a steep bushwhack to the peak over loose material. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain. Trail condition the first third of the trail is a very good surface, the second third is steeply uphill, with the final third is along the edge of the formation and is composed of loose stones and very steep.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Rough footing above the saddle. Do not hike if you are not a sure scrambler.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: None marked</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah). Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211) Park near the kiosk. There is no real trailhead (and no facilities) DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain-/i-jg25PVq</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4amR1IQZykeV082WY</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 79</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6</p>

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Wednesday, January 8, 2025	16	Future	47	Camelback Mountain	A Hike - Camelback Mountain - Two Humps of Phoenix (Camelback and Piestewa Peak) (PCHC # 47)	A	9	2500	Good	0	75	Neal Wring	6		Recommended Training: Verrado Stairs X 10	REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: Recommended Training: Verrado Stairs X 10 DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. This route is two short hikes to the two icons of the valley. Firstly, we will hike Camelback Mountain via the Summit Trail from Echo Canyon trailhead. This is approximately 4 miles up and back. The route up has two steep sections: the first section is over slanting flat rock with cut steps and handrails positioned to aid hikers and the second section is over large boulders within a ravine. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to other hikers (especially those going downhill). The summit is a large flat area offering grand 360 degree views over the area. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse. Secondly, we will hike Piestewa Peak via Summit Trail 300 from the East Piestewa Peak parking lot. This is approximately 4.5 miles up and back. The trail is winds its way up to the summit via rock steps. The final .25 mile is a scramble to the peak. This is a busy route so attention should be paid to the many other hikers on the trail. There is usually a queue of hikers waiting to scramble the final few yards to the summit. The summit is a boulder strewn area offering good views across the east valley. Return to the parking lot by the same route in reverse. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Low on Mileage but high in elevation gain. Elevation gain is approximately 600 feet vertical per mile hiked. Trail condition on Camelback is rough, on Piestewa is good. You will NOT be alone. Pay close attention to other hikers/runners on these routes. Keeping a large group together will be difficult on these trails. Recommended Training Verrado Stairs x 10. TRAILHEAD NAME: Echo Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Camelback Summit Trail from Echo Canyon Trailhead, Piestewa Summit Trail #300 FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at both parking facilities, no fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Camelback Mountain Echo Canyon Trail. I10 east to Hwy 51. North on 51 to Camelback Rd exit. Turn right (east) on Indian School Rd. Turn left (north) on 44th St. Continue around bend onto E McDonald drive. At light turn right onto E McDonald Drive. At traffic circle turn onto Echo Canyon Parkway and follow signs to Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area to Piestewa Peak from Echo Canyon. From Echo Canyon Trailhead parking area return to the traffic circle and go back to East Macdonald drive (left off of the circle). At light turn right onto Tatum Boulevard (North). Follow Tatum to Lincoln Drive and turn right (West). In 3.5 miles turn right onto Piestewa Peak Drive (once named Squaw Peak Drive). In 7 miles look for the parking lot for Piestewa Summit Trail #300 DRIVING DISTANCE: 75 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Camelback-Mountain/A-HikeCamelbackPiestewaLynnW2021-2022 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Camelback-Mountain/A-HikeCamelbackPiestewaLynnW2021-2022/1-2Gh4t9 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4al33UutzrnVY5VgP PCHC TRAIL ID: 47 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	17	Future	643	Highway 93 Area	B Hike - Highway 93 Area - Joshua Tree North Monolith Summit and Circuit (PCHC # 643)	B	7.7	900	Rough	0	160	Clare Bangs	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. This route utilizes old, unmarked jeep roads, marked regular trails, sandy washes to a short climb to the summit of Shiprock Monolith. Follow the trail from the parking lot west for one mile. The trail continues north west at this point past the monolith on your left. After a total of two miles turn left on a bushwhack west crossing a stream bed/for approximately half a mile and pick up a jeep road that is heading south east behind the monolith rock. The road leads to a point closest to the monolith. At this point there is a rocky area allowing access to a short climb and scramble to the top of Shiprock Monolith. A bushwhack connects south peak back to the starting trail closing the lollipop. This area is part of the Tres Alamos Wilderness that marks the confluence of the Sonora and Mojave deserts. There are good examples of saguaros and Joshua trees living side by side in the desert. The rock outcroppings are very scenic as are the Joshua trees. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The route is mostly on old roads with a couple of sections following animal trails and bushwhacking. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There are no park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) on Indian School and take Loop 303 North to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60 for approximately 28 miles. Turn right on Highway 93. Go approximately 36 miles to a pullout area on the left just before MILEPOST 163. DRIVING DISTANCE: 160 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Hwy93/Joshua-Tree-North URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Highway-93/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBf4amALUPNybawwV3o8 PCHC TRAIL ID: 643 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	18	Future	805	Tour D'Ale	B Hike - Tour D'Ale - Urban Hike Litchfield Park and Goodyear (PCHC # 805)	B	10.7	50	Excellent	0	0	Neal Wring	NOT FOUND			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 50 feet. Leave Eagles Nest and hike 3.2 miles to BJs via the Bullard Wash Park. Stop for lunch at BJs and then hike a further 3.2 miles to Transplant Brewing Company via Bullard, Canal Towpath and Old Litchfield Road. Stop for refreshments and then hike a further 0.9 miles to Ground Control via Litchfield Road. After refreshments hike 3.4 miles back to Eagles Nest via Camelback road. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The hike starts and ends from Eagles Nest Parking Lot. Stop 1: BJs for Lunch. Stop 2: Transplant Brewing Company. Stop 3: Ground Control. Trail condition: Concrete Sidewalk TRAILHEAD NAME: Eagles Nest Parking Lot TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Three restrooms. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: No Driving Directions PCHC TRAIL ID: 805 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: SNOT FOUND
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	19	Future	69	Superstition Mountains	A Hike - Superstition Mountains - Flat Iron Trail (PCHC # 69)	A	7	2800	Rough	0	120	Neal Wring	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring 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. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: SPCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Ick surfaces, difficult navigation, steep downhill section. TRAILHEAD NAME: Flat Iron Trailhead TRAILS: Siphon Draw, Flat Iron 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. 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 URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Mtn-to-Flatiron URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/SuperstitionWilderness/Superstition-Mtn-to-Flatiron URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AsFw0R24e-Rh0lDOl9tw2F9LDNQ2e=1ScJgc PCHC TRAIL ID: 69 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8

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Wednesday, February 5, 2025	20	Future	77	Superior Area	B Hike - Superior Area - PicketPost Mountain Summit (PCHC # 77)	B	6	2000	Rough	0	160	Neal Wring	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. It is a short but challenging hike to the top of Picketpost Mountain with great views of the surrounding area with an interesting mailbox at the top. Trail condition: the early section is an average hiking trail but the route to the summit is a rough, poorly marked climb/scramble with several steep areas with loose surface to the top. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Difficult navigation. Many competing routes. Slippery downhill. Very friendly camp hosts in the winter season. TRAILHEAD NAME: Picketpost Trailhead TRAILS: Summit Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Picketpost Trailhead. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10, turn left and take I10 East to Hwy 60 East (HOV all the way). Go approximately 50 miles and turn right just before Boyce Thompson Arboretum (watch for brown sign indicating Picketpost). Follow signs for a couple of miles to the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 160 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Superior/Picketpost-Mtn-Arizona-Trail/Picketpost-Summit URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Superior/I-qz26q9z/A PCHC TRAIL ID: 77 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	21	Future	50	Wickenburg Area	B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Harquahala Peak (PCHC # 50)	B Challenge	10.3	3572	Rough	0	180	Clare Bangs	11			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 3572 feet. For the first 3 miles this trail follows a rocky route steeply rising under large, spectacular cliffs to an open mountain saddle. At this point the trail sweeps to the left and continues climbing over open grassland to the summit. At the summit is an old weather station with fact boards explaining the important history of Harquahala Mountain. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steep trail. It rises 3572 feet in a little over 5 miles. Trail is on South side of range so in the morning you are climbing in shadows so may be very cold in the winter months. The first sun will be felt at the saddle. Additionally the route may be overgrown in the fall months after the summer monsoons. Wear long pants to ward off the cats claw!! TRAILHEAD NAME: Harquahala Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Harquahala Summit Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a restroom at the trailhead. No park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Harquahala Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take 303 North to the Highway 60 (Grand) exit and turn left toward Wickenburg. At the traffic circle in Wickenburg, take the 2nd exit to stay on US 60 West/East Center/East Wickenburg Way and continue to follow US 60 West. The trailhead is on the left after the town of Aguila and before the town of Wenden. The turn to the trailhead is between mile marker 70 and 71. It is marked by a lone palm tree on the right hand side (north side) of the road. You must go through a gate on south side of the road. It is inconspicuous and easy to miss. DRIVING DISTANCE: 180 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/I-PQsr2d9 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4al37uGqkDk8jWxhF PCHC TRAIL ID: 50 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$11
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	22	Future	714	Lake Pleasant Area	B Hike - Lake Pleasant Area - Governors Peak and Garfias Wash (PCHC # 714)	B	10.3	2000	Scramble	40	97	Lynn Warren	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This route climbs Governors Peak using the traditional course but then branches out into Garfias Wash to return via this wide open dry river bed. Please follow GPX track for an accurate route. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Governors Peak Trail, Spring Valley Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No Restrooms and No Park Fee DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west (left) to Loop 303 North and exit at Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road and follow until it ends at AZ Highway 74 (Carefree Highway) and turn left. Go west to Castle Hot Springs Road (the Lake Pleasant turn off) and turn right. Follow Castle Hot Springs Road for 5.2 miles to the "T" intersection. Turn left and follow 5.0 miles to pullout on left side of the dirt road. The last mile is on the creek bed and there is a cattle guard at the end. Parking is just past the cattle guard on the left. The hike starts by continuing up the road about 50 yards and cutting across the creek bed on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 97 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Governors-Peak-Trail URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4azUOGG6Raf28K5Cq7e=jyh7Y PCHC TRAIL ID: 714 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, February 26, 2025	23	Future	422	Eagletails Wilderness	B Challenge Hike - Eagletails Wilderness - Ben Avery & Arch Loop (PCHC # 422)	B Challenge	11	1150	Good	75	130	Lynn Warren	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1150 feet. There are views of Courthouse Rock for most of the hike. From the trailhead, it is 3.6 miles along an old jeep trail and in a wash to over 100 Native American petroglyphs. The trail itself is fairly easy hiking. You can then continue through a high walled canyon for another 1.5 miles. Along this canyon is a series of volcanic lava flows, many of which have melted quartz rock imbedded in them. To get to the arch you follow an old road, then go through a wash before bushwhacking up a steep hill of loose rock and stones to reach the arch. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A variation of a lollipop which includes a Double Arch and petroglyphs near Indian Spring (dry). Good hiking trail to the petroglyphs then a bushwhack to the arch and back. TRAILHEAD NAME: Ben Avery & Arch A Lollipop Which Includes A Double Arch And Petroglyphs Near Indian Spring (Dry) TRAILS: No Named Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no facilities at the trailhead and no park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway. Go west (right) on I10 to Exit 81 (Salome Road). Turn south (left) across I10. Turn right on Harquahala Valley Road and go 6.0 miles. Turn right on Centennial, a straight dirt road (to the left is Courthouse Road). Go 7.0 miles to a 3 way intersection (BLM Wilderness sign on the left). Take the right fork, which parallels a natural gas pipeline. Go 4.0 miles. This road may be quite rutted and require a high clearance vehicle. There is a BLM Wilderness sign off to the left about 50 feet. Turn left and go 1.5 miles to trailhead. The last .4 miles definitely requires a high clearance vehicle, but you can park on the side and hike to the trailhead, adding .8 miles to the total hike. The final 12.5 miles is on dirt roads and the roads are good until the last 5 1/2 miles. DRIVING DISTANCE: 130 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EagletailMountainsWildernessAr/Eagletail-Mountains-Arches URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Eagletail-Mountains-Wilderness-Areas/I-77gMj25 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alzxpL4Wp8ubb7e=RUWp4 PCHC TRAIL ID: 422 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025	24	Future	72	Saddle Mountain	B Challenge Hike - Saddle Mountain - Saddle Mountain Circuit (PCHC # 72)	B Challenge	8	1200	Rough	40	90	Lynn Warren	6			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Lynn Warren</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Rough footing in the trailless downhill past the saddle.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. This is a challenging route through wild and beautiful countryside. The trail works its way up to the main saddle of Saddle Mountain with extensive views to the west (Eagletail Mountains) and south. From here the route bushwhacks a steep decline ultimately bending around Saddle Mountain to complete the loop. There are great views of the rugged rock formations that comprise the mountain.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition the early part of the trail is a very good surface, but the last mile to the saddle is along the side of the formation, is composed of loose stones, and is hard to follow; over the saddle it is very steep with lots of loose rocks; the last part is an easy trek along an old jeep road.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: None marked</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No Park Fee. No Restrooms.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Saddle Mountain North (Tonopah). Go West on I10 to 411th Ave (Exit 94) Turn left across I10. Drive 2.9 miles to the end of 411th Ave. Turn right on W Salome Hwy. Drive 5 miles and turn left on W Courthouse Road. Drive .8 miles and turn left on an old jeep road (FR 8211) Park near the kiosk. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-10/Saddle-Mountain-Tonopah</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Saddle-Mountain/i-bdWVVKC</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 72</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6</p>
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	25	Future	188	Wickenburg Area	B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail (PCHC # 188)	B Challenge	4.6	1500	Rough	0	120	Clare Bangs	8			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: scramble to the top, hand over hand.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The trail is easy to the base, moderate to the saddle where most hikers will stop. For those who wish to go to the top of Vulture Peak, that part is difficult and you leave walking sticks and backpacks behind for hand over hand climbing. Sign in at the top and you can get a certificate at the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce. Vulture Peak Trail meanders through classic Sonoran Desert landscapes, including dense stands of saguaro, ocotillo, cholla, and other cactus varieties; crosses wide desert washes; and offers dramatic scenic vistas of rugged desert mountain ranges and valleys in all directions.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Vulture Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Vulture Peak</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. No Restrooms. No park fees</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S. 60 for 2.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the next stoplight onto the Vulture Mine Road. Then drive 6.9 miles to the trailhead turnoff (before mile marker 19). Directions to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Alternate. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 west to 339th Avenue (exit 103). Turn north (right) on 339th Ave until Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School Road to Wickenburg Road. Turn north (right) on Wickenburg Road to Vulture Mine Road. Turn east (right) on gravel road .5 miles to trailhead just past mile marker 19. DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9jr58</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFpIqBF4amSglvAJS2-2CAFu</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 188</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8</p>
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	26	Future	5	South Mountain Park	A Hike - South Mountain Park - Maricopa Peak Big Loop (PCHC # 5)	A	14.7	2545	Rough	20	60	Neal Wring	5			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2545 feet. Park at 5 Tables / Ranger Trailhead from Ranger Trailhead follow park road north for .25 mile to the Crosscut Trail. Turn left on Crosscut Trail to the junction with the HauPal Trail. Bear left and follow this trail uphill to the ridge line. The HauPal Trail abruptly turns right and steeply climbs the open ridge over several rocky outcrops to join the Alta Trail rising from the left. Follow the Alta Trail along the ridge and at the point the Alta Trail turns north, leave the path and climb to the trailless summit of Maricopa Peak. On the far side of the summit drop onto the Alta Trail for the long descent to the San Juan Lookout. At this point follow the National Trail as it crosses the valley and steadily climbs onto the ridge of the Gila Range. After a quick stop on Goat Hill turn left downhill on the Ranger Trail to return to the car.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Long mileage (12.6 miles) with 2 main uphill sections (Full Alta and National Trails). One off trail section (summit of Maricopa Peak).</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Crosscut, HauPal, Alta Ridge Trails with return via National and Ranger Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are at the ranger station at entrance to park.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 202 South. Exit 202 South at Baseline. Turn left onto Baseline. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to parking area at the Ranger Trailhead in the Five Tables picnic area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Maricopa-Peak-Goat-Hill-Loop/A-HikeSouth-Mtn-Alta-National-Goatlynw2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-HFQkRH</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFpIqBF4akOLy_gsmTohoYj</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 5</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5</p>

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Wednesday, March 26, 2025	27	Future	760	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker (PCHC # 760)	B	9.3	800	Excellent	0	20	Clare Bangs	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike leaves the parking lot at the trail map sign just west of the rodeo arena restroom. Turn left in 100 feet at the junction with Toothaker and follow the signs for Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and continue to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden and continue to the intersection with Flycatcher and turn right. Follow Flycatcher to the intersection with Gadsden and turn right. Follow Gadsden to the intersection with Toothaker and turn right. Continue north on Toothaker to the intersection with Pedersen and turn left. Continue on Pedersen for approximately 1/8 mile to the Quartz Outcropping which is a great lunch and photo area. After the break, return on Pedersen to the intersection with Toothaker and turn left (north). Continue on Toothaker all the way back to the parking lot. (An optional, longer return would be to turn left off Toothaker on Rainbow and return on this trail—probably adds another mile).</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker, Pedersen, Toothaker</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of 110, 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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield/8-HikeEMRP-Toothaker-Flycatcher-Loop01-04-2023/ymW2022-2023/i-VcIzvT</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-KnPvjfh/A</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4auk6gT4f9zARzWHB7eToxI2e</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 760</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Wednesday, April 2, 2025	28	Future	74	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74)	B	11	641	Excellent	0	30	Neal Wring	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Neal Wring</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a one-way competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox</p> <p>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).</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>PCHC TRAIL ID: 74</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Wednesday, April 9, 2025	29	Future	651	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track Long Loop (PCHC # 651)	B	10	792	Excellent	0	26	TBD	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: TBD</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 792 feet. This hike goes through typical desert terrain with lots of Saguaro cactus. The first half of the hike goes up 700 ft very gradually, and then starts a slow descent before returning to the parking lot. Trail condition: good hiking trail.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn left on 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 the signs to the trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Continue to the parking on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4am38vC5cLeW_u8xkb</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 651</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	30	Future	No Hike													
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	31	Future	569	Skyline Regional Park	B Hike - Skyline RP - Perimeter Peakless Hike (PCHC # 569)	B	9.8	1573	Excellent	0	30	Clare Bangs	2			<p>REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM</p> <p>HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1573 feet. This hike has great views in virtually every direction. It does not include any of the 4 peaks in Skyline Park but goes by all of them.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Pyrite, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash, Lost Creek, Skyline Crest, Quartz Mine</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot. No park fee</p> <p>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</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Skyline-Park/B-HikeSkyline-Peakless-PerimeterLynnW2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-HMXTHg</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2vuZs7qc1mmRfVn</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 569</p> <p>SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2</p>

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025	32	Future	760	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker (PCHC # 760)	B	9.3	800	Excellent	0	20	Clare Bangs	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike leaves the parking lot at the trail map sign just west of the rodeo arena restroom. Turn left in 100 feet at the junction with Toothaker and follow the signs for Butterfield. Turn left on Butterfield and continue to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden and continue to the intersection with Flycatcher and turn right. Follow Flycatcher to the intersection with Gadsden and turn right. Follow Gadsden to the intersection with Toothaker and turn right. Continue north on Toothaker to the intersection with Pedersen and turn left. Continue on Pedersen for approximately 1/8 mile to the Quartz Outcropping which is a great lunch and photo area. After the break, return on Pedersen to the intersection with Toothaker and turn left (north). Continue on Toothaker all the way back to the parking lot. (An optional, longer return would be to turn left off Toothaker on Rainbow and return on this trail—probably adds another mile). TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Flycatcher, Gadsden, Toothaker, Pedersen, Toothaker 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 Pkw (south) South of 110, 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/B-HikeEMRP-Toothaker-Flycatcher-Loop01-04-2023/ynw2022-2023/-VcIqvT URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-KnPVJfh/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpIqBf4auk6gT4f9zARzWHB7eToxI2e PCHC TRAIL ID: 760 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2