

2022-2023 Regular Season DATE	WEEK NUMBER	WEEK STATUS	TRAIL NUMBER	REGION	HIKE NAME	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 21, 2022	1	Complete	268	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop	C	6.8	427	Excellent	0	110	Mary Hill	10			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 427 feet. From the Trailhead take the Bootlegger Trail west to Saddlehorn Trail. Turn left on it to Granite Rock Mountain Trail. This is a loop trail around the mountain. Turn left to take the trail in a clockwise direction. At the junction with the Balanced Rock Trail go left for a brief in and out to this famous landmark. Balanced Rock is a gigantic granite boulder balancing on its pointy end Perfect for a photo opportunity!. Retrace your steps back to the Granite Mountain Trail. Turn left and continue the loop. To complete the loop stay on the trail past the first junction with Bootlegger and continue to Saddlehorn Trail. At this point turn left. Take a right on Bootlegger Trail back to the parking lot. This is one of the most scenic trails within an hour of PebbleCreek. It passes through three different forest saguaro, jumping cholla, and two types of yuccas. There are excellent views of the surrounding mountains as well as numerous granite rock formations. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: Bootlegger, Saddlehorn, Granite Mountain, Balanced Rock, Granite Mountain, Saddlehorn, Bootlegger Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom 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 PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Granite-Mountain-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-63znTRV URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a05XCLQw6eFTy9W87e=eh5xfm PCHC TRAIL ID: 268 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, September 28, 2022	2	Complete	313	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop	C	6.3	497	Excellent	0	20	Barb Kripps	3			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 497 feet. This loop hike beginning on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). Take the trail out of the parking lot past the trail sign. Turn right and follow signs for the Rainbow Valley trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail past the junctions with Quail and Dysart Trails for a total of 4.2 miles until the junction with the Toothaker Trail. Turn left onto the Toothaker Trail for 2 miles back to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Uphill on Rainbow Valley Trail after the junction with Dysart for one mile to the saddle. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Rainbow Valley, 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/Rainbow-Toothaker/C-HikeEMRP-Rainbow-ToothakerLynnW2020-2021 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQTJXX/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a05jLlCLOt15rx1?e=ZHXKuy PCHC TRAIL ID: 313 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, October 5, 2022	3	Complete	51	South Mountain Park	B Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert Loop via National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails	B	8	1600	Excellent	0	60	Clare Bangs	6	We'll walk this B hike at C pace		REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: We'll walk this B hike at C pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. From the parking lot the Holbert Trail climbs up the valley to the left of Dobbins Lookout. Continue up to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take a break at the stone ramada. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomitas Trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Holbert Trailhead TRAILS: Holbert, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail) Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on 110. Take Rt 202 S to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave. Turn right onto Central Avenue and drive into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut (if you get to the Ranger Station youve driven too far). Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-TWSTT9J URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amRrjpuNtuK7tyc PCHC TRAIL ID: 51 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	4	Complete	735	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead	C	7.3	900	Excellent	0	26	Barb Kripps	3			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Gila Trail and connects to the Baseline Trail. Turn right and follow the Baseline Trail counter clockwise. Turn right at the Baseline/Rainbow connector trail and turn right again onto the Rainbow Valley Trail. Follow the Rainbow Valley Trail to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the former Rodeo Arena (demolished in 2022) until it ends at the junction with Baseline. Turn right on Baseline and then turn right on Gila back to the car. TRAILHEAD NAME: Gila Trailhead Estrella Regional Park TRAILS: Gila, Baseline, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker, Baseline, Gila FEES AND FACILITIES: PortaJohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of 110. Turn east (left) on Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight on Casey Abbott Dr North. Turn right on Casey Abbott Drive South (first turn past Nature Center). Gila trailhead is on the right. Park in the finished lot on the left or on the gravel area on the right by the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-N3THdP URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0RyUUNKox3jKNeq?e=ggd1KF PCHC TRAIL ID: 735 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3

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Wednesday, October 19, 2022	5	Complete	339	South Mountain Park	C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pyramid, Bursera, Gila Loop	C	6.6	1200	Good	0	90	Mary Hill	9			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. Starting from the south side of South Mountain, we hike up a ridge to the west with great views of the Estrella Mountains and areas to the south. We then drop into a valley of typical desert vegetation. We then return up over a saddle and down through a second valley. You can take an optional .25 mile trail to the ruins before going back to the trailhead. TRAILHEAD NAME: Pyramid Trailhead TRAILS: Pyramid, Bursera, Gila FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on 110. Turn south on 202. Take the exit for 17th Avenue exit 62 and go left/north under the highway. Turn left on Chandler Boulevard. Turn right on 19th Avenue (there is no road sign). Turn left into the trailhead parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 90 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 339 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Wednesday, October 26, 2022	6	Complete	49	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Elephant Mountain via Lime Kiln Trail	B	10	1800	Good	0	110	Clare Bangs	10		We'll walk this B hike at C pace	REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: We'll walk this B hike at C pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. The hike starts out on the Spur Cross trail leading into the North Road #48 trail at the dressing into the Tonto national forest. Turn left onto the Limestone Trail #252 and follow the trail past Limestone Spring and Page Spring. Continue past the Tortuga trail junction and then join the Elephant Mountain loop and climb to the Elephant Mountain saddle. At the saddle there is an optional trail to the left leading steeply up to native american ruins (the walls of the settlement are visible from the saddle). Additionally above the saddle there is a rock formation that looks like a Buffalo. Continue on the Elephant Mountain Trail downhill to the junction with Spur Cross Trail and follow back to the starting point of the hike. TRAILHEAD NAME: Spur Cross Trailhead TRAILS: Spur Cross #4, National Forest Trails #48, Limestone Trail #252, Elephant Mountain Trail, Spur Cross Trail #4 FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$3 per person or free with a Maricopa Park Pass (up to five hikers per pass). Portajohns .25 mile from trailhead on spur cross trail. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Cave Creek Spur Cross Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at 117. Go north on 117 to second exit Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left (north) on Cave Creek Road (approximately 9.5 miles watch for road after 53rd). Turn left (north) on Spur Road (main road veers left). Go 4.5 miles (1.5 is gravel) to the parking area on the right. Walk down the road .1 miles and pay. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SpurCrossRanchConservationArea/Elephant-Mountain-Trail URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4mRnCc1HxxtwAVCC PCHC TRAIL ID: 49 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, November 2, 2022	7	Complete	102	Lake Pleasant Area	C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash	C Challenge	7	600	Rough	60	74	Kerry Walsh	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Kerry Walsh REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Challenge due to some loose rock scrambling and creek crossings. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts by going into Morgan City wash (right from the parking area, then go under road) for about a mile. At one mile, look for a side canyon on the left, cross through the loose gate, and hike down a pretty slot canyon with an overgrown riparian area due to the wet Chalky Spring. This is a 1/4 mile round trip in and out. Return to the main wash and proceed down the wash and turn left on the Morgan City wash trail (approx two miles), going up to the road. Cross the road and there are restrooms and seating, making a good area for a rest break. There is a good chance to see wild burros and owls on this hike. Trail condition: Sandy wash/loose rock, with creek crossings and lots of brush on the 0.25 mile Chalky Spring section. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Includes a 1/4 mile Chalky Spring side trip. Be careful in wet conditions the Chalky Spring section can have too much brush and water to make the trail unpassable. 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 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 1.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is the first significant wash you encounter. DRIVING DISTANCE: 74 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike PCHC TRAIL ID: 102 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	8	Complete	493	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails	C	7.7	1000	Good	0	80	Jan Larson	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Jan Larson DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The hike starts out crossing a road and then travels through a saguaro forest. Along the trail is a very tall saguaro (30h) with no arms. Frog Tank takes you up for some views of the lake and meets Roadrunner Trail which travels along the edge of the lake. There is a good chance to see wild burros on this trail. Trail condition: an average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Beardsley Trailhead TRAILS: Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms with water are at the trailhead as well as on Roadrunner Trail. The park fee is \$7.00. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 8 (Desert Tortoise) 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. Trailhead is on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-12/Beardsley-Trail/C-hike-Beardsley-Frog-Tank-Roadrunner-Fred-N-Carol-R-photos/ URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4mMrm6qUHUFqkqA?e=T70yM PCHC TRAIL ID: 493 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8

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Wednesday, November 16, 2022	9	Complete	175	Wickenburg Area	C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Blue Tank Falls, DC Trails	C	6.6	695	Good	0	110	Nancy Love	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 695 feet. This first part of the hike goes into a sandy wash and up the Blue Tank Falls, a very interesting area of rock formations. The second part goes up over a ridge with expansive views in all directions. There are lots of varieties of cacti in this area. A side trail goes by a large ocotillo forest. Trail condition: most of the trail is an average hiking trail, but the Blue Wash area has a short waterfall and is sandy. TRAILHEAD NAME: Blue Tank Trailhead TRAILS: Blue Tank Falls, DC FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (but a McDonalds is on the way to the trailhead). There is no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg DC/Blue Tank Falls 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. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Trailhead parking is on the side of the road. The trail heads off to the left on a faint jeep road marked with cairns. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/DCBlue-Tank-Falls URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/f-Nvq5MGR URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4sCwWjWf_VAPRj7A1?e=2FD1k PCHC TRAIL ID: 175 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, November 23, 2022	10	Current	32	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail	C	7.3	550	Excellent	0	30	Barb Kripps	3			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 550 feet. We head north from the White Tanks Library on the Mule Deer Trail with expansive views of the west valley, before turning on the Black Rock Trail that connects to the Waterfall Trail. This could be a great hike after winter or monsoon rains. For those interested in seeing some of the desert wildlife in a controlled environment, there is a small nature center with several rattlesnakes, a Gila Monster, a tarantula, and some scorpions at the nature center in the library. Trail condition: an average hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the library and Ramadas 3 and 4. 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 Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it towards the park gate. Just before the park entrance kiosk, turn right into the parking lot for the Nature Center and Library. From the parking lot, take the sidewalk on the left of the building. Trail goes off the end of the sidewalk on the left of the building. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/f-gC65b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4alzuz2B98YzUfjtk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, November 30, 2022	11	Final Draft	137	Camelback Mountain	C Challenge Hike - Camelback Mountain - Cholla Trail to Camelback Summit	C Challenge	3.5	800	Excellent	0	75	Mary Hill	8			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: From the saddle, the trail becomes significantly steeper, and some stretches require hand over hand climbing. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The trail rises steadily and affords very good views of the surrounding valley as you climb. The trail is very well marked and easy to follow. The first portion of the trail climbs to a saddle that affords views of almost 360 degrees. From the saddle, the trail is marked by blue reflectors and becomes significantly steeper and ends in a short (.5 mile one way), semi exposed scramble to Camelback summit. There are great 360 degree views from the top. There will be an option to stop at the saddle and not ascend the last half mile up the steep section of the trail. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trailhead elevation is about 1,400 feet, the elevation at the saddle is 2,177 feet and the summit is 2,637 feet TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Cholla trail FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Pkwy, turn onto I10 East and continue to Loop 202 East. Exit at 52nd Street and turn left at the light onto 52nd Street. Turn right onto Thomas Rd. Turn left onto N 56th St. Turn right on Camelback Rd. Turn left onto Invergordon Rd. (Invergordon would be 56th St. if it were numbered). Just past the side street Chaparral Rd., make a Uturn and park on the west side of Invergordon Rd. There is no other parking available. Once out of your car, walk north on the sidewalk until you see the Cholla Trail sign directing you to the left. Always check your phone map prior to leaving PebbleCreek as there may be a faster route due to traffic conditions. DRIVING DISTANCE: 75 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CamelbackMountainEchoCanyonRec/Cholla-Trail URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Camelback-Mountain/f-zsj8VNG URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4amSHZ44-dz-fz26tv PCHC TRAIL ID: 137 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	12	Future	702	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop via 138th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger	B	11.1	500	Excellent	0	110	Clare Bangs	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike takes a wide circle north from Granite Mountain Trailhead via 136th Street Express and loops counter clockwise via Renegade, High Desert and Branding Iron. This route then loops around Granite Mountain to its south and then joins with Bootlegger to return to the parking lot. Highlights include a double saguaro, Michelin Man Saguaro, many rock formations (including Balanced Rock via a short optional leg and distant views of the Four Peaks, Superstitions and other mountain ranges. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: 138th Street Express, Renegade, High Desert, Divide, Branding Iron, Granite Mountain, Bootlegger FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are 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 I17. Go north on I17. 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 PCHC TRAIL ID: 702 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10

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Wednesday, December 14, 2022	13	Future	22	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam	C Challenge	7.5	1100	Good	0	30	Jan Larson	3			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Jan Larson REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Some rock climbing and rocky footing. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1100 feet. The challenge rating is due to rock climbing and rocky trail. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon with large boulders and an old dam in the wash. About half the hike is an average trail with the middle part being steep and rocky to the dam. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail down has a section that is made up of a steep rocky road. Care will be needed in this area to avoid an injury. 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: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Ford-Canyon-Mesquite URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-mCwZLXG URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aly9rIXHilnP3sIGF PCHC TRAIL ID: 22 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, December 21, 2022	14	Future	586	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop	C	6.4	600	Good	0	27	Kerry Walsh	3			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Kerry Walsh DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles. The hike is in typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise, Park Avenue, Rumrunner, Grasky, Up There, Skallywag, Pirates Cove, Jump Line, Sunrise FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park High School TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of 110. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 27 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-kD4TBbW/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4anHSitIeJrvVyaC1D PCHC TRAIL ID: 586 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, December 28, 2022	15	Future	703	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Skull Mesa Approach from Spur Cross (No Summit)	B	10.3	1400	Good	0	110	Clare Bangs	10	We'll walk this B hike at C pace		REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: We'll walk this B hike at C pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. Take the Maricopa Trail about 2 miles to the park boundary. At the junction of Cave Creek Park #4, turn right, then right again onto trail #247 (Cottonwood Trail). At about 2 miles stop at the gate at the junction of #248 (Skull Mesa Trail). Return to the parking lot along the same route. Stream crossings may be required along the Maricopa Trail, remoted setting, possible overgrown vegetation may make navigation difficult at times, good chance of seeing wildlife. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bring extra water and electrolytes on this hike TRAILHEAD NAME: Spur Cross Trailhead TRAILS: Spur Cross #4, #247, #248, Cottonwood FEES AND FACILITIES: Park fee is \$3 per person or free with a Maricopa Park Pass (up to five hikers per pass). Portajohns .25 mile from trailhead on spur cross trail. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at 117. Go north on 117 to second exit Highway 74. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left (north) on Cave Creek Road (approximately 9.5 miles watch for road after S3rd). Turn left (north) on Spur Cross Road (main road veers left). Go 4.5 miles (1.5 is gravel) to the parking area on the right. Walk down the road .1 miles and pay. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SpurCrossRanchConservationArea/Skull-MesafromSpurCross URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Spur-Cross-Conservation-Area/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 703 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, January 4, 2023	16	Future	176	Wickenburg Area	C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Bootleggers Trail	C	5	525	Good	0	98	Nancy Love	9			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 525 feet. This hike starts at Sophie Flat and goes through typical desert terrain and then along a canyon before crossing the Blue Tank Wash and returning. There are some interesting canyon areas and a dry waterfall. There are also many views of the Wickenburg area as well as the other mountains in Wickenburg. TRAILHEAD NAME: Bootleggers Trailhead TRAILS: Bootlegger FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No Park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Sophie Flats 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. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but wellmaintained road (SUV not needed). DRIVING DISTANCE: 98 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amVlh7A0oIzZaCylfw PCHC TRAIL ID: 176 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9

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Wednesday, January 11, 2023	17	Future	62	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails	C	6.8	960	Good	0	80	Jan Larson	8				REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Jan Larson DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. The hike uses a floating bridge that crosses part of the lake. There are excellent views of the lake from the top of Yavapai Point. Its a good spring wildflower hike if we get any winter rains. Keep your eyes peeled for burros there are many in the area. Overall an average hiking trail, but somewhat steep to the highpoint. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lake Pleasant Access Road TRAILS: Pipeline Canyon, Yavapai Point FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead and at the snack break point. There is a park fee of \$7.00. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Ramada 4 (Pipeline South), Lake Pleasant Regional Park. Drive north on Loop 303 to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left (north) on Lake Pleasant Road to Arizona 74. Turn left on Hwy 74 (west) and continue to Castle Hot Springs Road (Lake Pleasant Regional Park turnoff) and turn right (North). Go 2.1 miles to the park, turn right onto Lake Pleasant Access Road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-nP5BpCp PCHC TRAIL ID: 62 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, January 18, 2023	18	Future	187	Wickenburg Area	C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail	C	4.3	940	Good	0	120	Nancy Love	12				REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 940 feet. The trail is easy to the base, moderate to the saddle where most hikers will stop. 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. TRAILHEAD NAME: Vulture Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Vulture Peak FEES AND FACILITIES: Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fees 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) to 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 URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jt5B URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBf4anBnA-WvoU8ndb2iC PCHC TRAIL ID: 187 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$12
Wednesday, January 25, 2023	19	Future	623	Verrado Area	C Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass Loop	C	6.9	678	Good	0	18	Barb Kripps	3				REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 678 feet. Head west from the parking lot. Turn right on caterpillar hill road and then quickly turn left on an unmarked trail: Tecate. Follow the Tecate trail north west around a small hill, climbing up and over a rocky section. Turn right at the first junction after the hill and continue northwest on the Cholla trail. 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 left fork down into the dry river bed and follow the trail as it loops in a south east direction back along the west side of Deadhead Pass. Follow this trail taking the Hiilene trail around to Petroglyph Rock. From here take the trail behind the rock up and over Petro Ridge down to the junction with Lost Creek Trail. From here take trail that heads in a north easterly direction (Justins trail) to the junction with the Petroglyph Rock trail. Turn right and follow this trail back to Lost Creek Trail. Turn left and follow this trail back to the parking lot. In the spring, there is a large area of poppies towards the far end of the loop. Lots of rock formations with the chance of assorted wildflowers in the spring. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trails are not signposted. Follow the attached map or use an existing GPX if you are new to the area. TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Creek Trailhead TRAILS: Tecate, Cholla, Deadhead pass, Hiilene, Widow Maker, Justins, Petroglyph Rock Trails FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Verrado Lost Creek Trailhead. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road. Turn left on Acacia Way (just past the high school). Turn right on Lost Creek Drive Parking for the trailhead is at the end of Lost Creek River. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 18 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountains-Verrado/i-4pC2Wcc/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBf4a0s0k29w17G42Foax?e=ZaFj8S PCHC TRAIL ID: 623 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, February 1, 2023	20	Future	106	Lake Pleasant Area	C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area Indian Mesa	C Challenge	7.5	1300	Good	0	100	Kerry Walsh	9				REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Kerry Walsh REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. The hike starts by crossing the Agua Fria River. If the river is low, you can hike along it to the base of Indian Mesa. If not, once across you go up out of the riverbed and hike parallel to it. If the lake is full, you will add a mile to the hike to get around a finger of the lake. You can see Indian Mesa from the parking lot. Look down the road at a flat topped white stone mesa. There are often free range cattle along the riverbed. There are lots of views of the riverbed, Lake Pleasant, and the mountain ranges to the west of the lake. This area is closed from 15 December to 15 June as a Bald Eagle breeding area. The final 10 feet or so up to the top is very steep, but there are great views even from the saddle 50 feet below the top. TRAILHEAD NAME: Indian Mesa Trailhead TRAILS: Indian Mesa FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is a park fee is \$7.00. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road and turn west to Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 (north) toward Flagstaff. Take exit 236 (Table Mesa Road). Turn left crossing over I17, then immediately turn right. The pavement ends within a mile. There is approximately 4 miles of unpaved road to the parking area. Keep right at the first Y (1.2 miles from I17 road going left goes into a quarry). Keep left at the next Y (1.6 mile from I17). Keep left at the next Y (3.7 miles from I17; sign points to Boat Launch). DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Indian-Mesa URL MAP: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/Indian-Mesa URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBf4amRuxsoDwwW4uWy PCHC TRAIL ID: 106 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9

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Wednesday, February 8, 2023	21	Future	278	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop	B Challenge	10.6	2100	Good	0	108	Clare Bangs	10		We'll walk this B hike at C pace	REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: We'll walk this B hike at C pace REASON FOR CHALLENGE: steep. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. It first climbs from the north to Toms Thumb on a short but steep trail and then proceeds south on East End (very steep), Windmill, Coachwhip, Pemberton, Boulder, Marcus Landslide in a CCW loop, eventually passing in front of the Marcus Landslide area. There are great views to the east and north including the Superstitions and Four Peaks areas, plus views of impressive granite boulders. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toms Thumb Trailhead TRAILS: Tom Thumb, East End, Windgate, Coachwhip, Pemberton, Boulder, Marcus Landslide FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Toms Thumb Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. But stay right and immediately take exit 222 going right onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (becomes Sonoran Desert Drive) Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right on Dynamite Boulevard (becomes Rio Verde). Turn right on Alma School Parkway. Turn left on Jomas Road. Turn right on 118th Street. Turn left on Ranch Gate Road. Turn right on 128th Street. Stay left as the road runs into the new trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 108 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Marcus-Landslide-Rock-Knob-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xD4qN7/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjxQ PCHC TRAIL ID: 278 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, February 15, 2023	22	Future	179	Wickenburg Area	C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Escondido Arch Trail	C	7	600	Good	0	110	Nancy Love	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike follows an old jeep road for 2.5 miles before going into a sandy wash for about half a mile. The arch is up a slight hill and is just big enough to climb through. There are expansive views of the surrounding area, including views of the backside of Vulture Peak in one direction and Wickenburg Peak in the other. TRAILHEAD NAME: Escondido Arch Trailhead TRAILS: Escondido Arch FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead (stop at McDonalds in Wickenburg). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Escondido Arch 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 through Wickenburg. Turn south (left) onto Vulture Mine Road (a stoplight). Turn left on Vulture Peak Road (dirt road) (about 3 miles past mile marker 23). Continue down Vulture Peak Road for 34 miles. Park on the side of the road at the top of the hill overlooking Big Spar Mine (in the valley on the right). DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles PCHC TRAIL ID: 179 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, February 22, 2023	23	Future	285	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Toms Thumb and The Lookout from the North Trailhead	C Challenge	6.3	1400	Rough	0	110	Mary Hill	10			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: added elevation and slippery surface. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The Toms Thumb has a steep, steady climb for the first 1.5 miles. Follow this trail and signs all the way (taking advantage of a variety of overlooks along the way) to the base of Toms Thumb. This is a 140 foot high granite rock sticking up on the top of the mountain. On return to the main trail, take a side trail (Lookout Trail) up to a spectacular viewpoint with 360 degree views. There are excellent views of Scottsdale and areas to the west as well as Fountain Hills and the Superstition Mountains to the east. Reverse directions back to the car via Toms Thumb Trail. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The uphill portion of the trail is decomposed granite, making for a somewhat slippery surface to hike upon so the hike will go at a slower than normal pace. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toms Thumb Trailhead TRAILS: Tom Thumb FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fees. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Toms Thumb Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. But stay right and immediately take exit 222 going right onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road about 10 miles (becomes Sonoran Desert Drive.) Take Cave Creek Road North (left). Turn right on Dynamite Boulevard (becomes Rio Verde). Turn right on Alma School Parkway. Turn left on Jomas Road. Turn right on 118th Street. Turn left on Ranch Gate Road. Turn right on 128th Street. Stay left as the road runs into the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Toms-Thumb URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-Lq7NTpv/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4amCvyz9Olo-HTGfU5 PCHC TRAIL ID: 285 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10
Wednesday, March 1, 2023	24	Future	586	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop	C	6.4	600	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	3			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts at the parking lot of the Estrella Foothills High School and goes through several washes and up over a couple of saddles. The hike is in typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise, Park Avenue, Rumrunner, Grasky, Up There, Skallywag, Pirates Cove, Jump Line, Sunrise FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park High School TrailheadHead south on PebbleCreek Parkway which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue into and through the Estrella Mountain development. Turn left into the parking lot just before the Estrella Foothills High School building. Park at the far end of the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 27 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-kD4TBbW/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4amH5tIeJrVrYfAc1D PCHC TRAIL ID: 586 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023	25	Future	37	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail to base of Willow Spring	C Challenge	8.6	1400	Excellent	0	30	Jan Larson	3			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Jan Larson REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Two extended climbs, Long Distance. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1400 feet. The trail goes to the base of Willow Springs, Falls with an option to go around to the top of the waterfall. The trail starts on the Mesquite Trail in area 7 just off of Ramada Way. Mile one is very steep and rocky, around 1.8 miles the trail then turns north and drops into Mesquite Canyon and then over a ridge into Willow Canyon. The trail follows the wash up to Willow Springs where the remnants of a cabin, stock tank and corral once stood at the steep walled end of the canyon. The spring side has some water, though it might be only a trickle. Trail condition: average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. Includes an optional side trip to top of waterfall. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two extended climbs in mile 1 on Mesquite and in mile 3 on Willow Springs TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Willow 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 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 200) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Mesquite-Willow-Springs URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-sWsrVvQ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0Rym05AazcBndpPW?e=yP16H PCHC TRAIL ID: 37 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, March 15, 2023	26	Future	70	Sedona Area	C Hike - Sedona Area - Bell Rock and Courthouse Rock Loop	C	7	600	Good	0	240	Kerry Walsh	22			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Kerry Walsh DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts near Bell Rock and goes up to the vortex at Bell Rock before looping around Bell and Courthouse rocks. Very scenic with many well known rock formations in view as you go around these two rocks. Trail condition: good hiking trail with Bell Rock itself being steep bare rock. TRAILHEAD NAME: Bell Rock Trailhead TRAILS: Bell Rock, Courthouse Rock FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Senior Parks Pass or Red Rock Parking Pass (\$6.00) is needed. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Sedona Bell Rock Trailhead. Turn right on Pebble Creek Pkwy to Indian School. Turn right on Loop 303 and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. From I17, take exit 298, turn left and head towards Sedona on AZ 179. Pass through the Village of Oak Creek. Keep on going just past Bell Rock. DRIVING DISTANCE: 240 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Category/Bell-RockCourthouse-Rock-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Sedona/i-tLqTq6c URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0Rym05AazcBndpPW?e=yP16H PCHC TRAIL ID: 70 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$22
Wednesday, March 22, 2023	27	Future	385	Black Canyon National Recreational Trail	C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Copper Mountain Segment	C	8	1000	Good	0	170	Clare Bangs	15			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile in and out 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. 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 4 miles and turn left at the Copper sign. 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-9ZNwwMD PCHC TRAIL ID: 385 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$15
Wednesday, March 29, 2023	28	Future	183	Wickenburg Area	C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Red Top Trail A Loop	C Challenge	7	700	Rough	0	102	Nancy Love	10			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Nancy Love REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Loose rocks. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This well groomed trail starts at Sophie Flats and goes through typical desert before joining an old jeep road. Once it crosses the Blue Tank Wash it goes back to a typical desert trail with a lot of rubble on all the slopes. TRAILHEAD NAME: Sophie Flats Trailhead TRAILS: Red Top Trail A Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Sophie Flats 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. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but wellmaintained road (SUV not needed). DRIVING DISTANCE: 102 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-Sw4j3V6 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0Rym05AazcBndpPW?e=yP16H PCHC TRAIL ID: 183 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$10

2022-2023 Regular Season DATE	WEEK NUMBER	WEEK STATUS	TRAIL NUMBER	REGION	HIKE NAME	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, April 5, 2023	29	Future	263	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Cathedral Rock, Balanced Rock Loop	C Challenge	7.7	302	Excellent	0	100	Mary Hill	9			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Add Balanced Rock. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 302 feet. There are great views of the surrounding mountains (Weavers Needle, Four Peaks, Toms Thumb, etc.) as well as great rock formations along the trail. There are many different cacti species here and late spring could be very colorful after good winter rains. The optional side trip is to the Balanced Rock formation to the east. TRAILHEAD NAME: Browns Ranch Trailhead TRAILS: Brown Ranch, Corral, Dry Gulch, Cholla Mt., Balanced Rock, Chuckwagon, Vaquero, Brown Ranch FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to McDowell Sonoran Preserve Browns Ranch Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit 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 (later changes to Rio Verde). Turn left on Alma School Parkway. The road dead ends at the trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/McDowellSonoranPreserve/Cathedral-Rock URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-7xTQGNp/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0R5YtCy8XhZ6H2?e=0kdtq4 PCHC TRAIL ID: 263 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$9
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	30	Future	102	Lake Pleasant Area	C Challenge Hike - Lake Pleasant Area Chalky Spring, Slot Canyon, Morgan City Wash	C Challenge	7	600	Rough	60	74	Kerry Walsh	8			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Kerry Walsh REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking. Additional challenges include: Challenge due to some loose rock scrambling and creek crossings. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike starts by going into Morgan City wash (right from the parking area, then go under road) for about a mile. At one mile, look for a side canyon on the left, cross through the loose gate, and hike down a pretty slot canyon with an overgrown riparian area due to the wet Chalky Spring. This is a 1/4 mile round trip in and out. Return to the main wash and proceed down the wash and turn left on the Morgan City wash trail (approx two miles), going up to the road. Cross the road and there are restrooms and seating, making a good area for a rest break. There is a good chance to see wild burros and owls on this hike. Trail condition: Sandy wash/loose rock, with creek crossings and lots of brush on the 0.25 mile Chalky Spring section. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Includes a 1/4 mile Chalky Spring side trip. Be careful in wet conditions the Chalky Spring section can have too much brush and water to make the trail unpassable. 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 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 1.0 miles to a pullout/parking area on the left. This is the first significant wash you encounter. DRIVING DISTANCE: 74 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/LakePleasantArea/ChalkySprings-SlotCanyonHike PCHC TRAIL ID: 102 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, April 19, 2023	31	Future	567	Skyline Regional Park	C Hike - Skyline RP - Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla Loop	C	7	1200	Excellent	0	30	Jan Larson	3			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Jan Larson DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike is in the Western part of Buckeyes Skyline Regional Park with the Granite Falls and Chuckwalla Trails on the west side of the park. There is an option to add 2/3 mile and do the Valley Vista summit. TRAILHEAD NAME: Mountain Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Mountain Wash, Turnbuckle, Granite Falls, Chuckwalla, Granite Falls, Turnbuckle, Mountain Wash Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the parking lot, No park fee 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 URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Skyline-Regional-Park/i-gpKNzG3 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4amXWg-TDBLAE3YQh PCHC TRAIL ID: 567 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	32	Future	365	Phoenix Mountains Preserve	C Challenge Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Piestewa Peak	C Challenge	6	1550	Good	0	66	Mary Hill	6			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Steep, elevation exceeds C parameters. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1550 feet. This hike goes up and around the peaks to the east of Piestewa Peak in that park. It provides views of Piestewa Peak as well as Scottsdale, Paradise Valley and downtown Phoenix. It passes through an interesting quartz field. 202 gives you an option of going around a mountain or up through a saddle. TRAILHEAD NAME: Piestewa Peak Trailhead TRAILS: 200, 200A, 8A, 8B, 8, 304, 302 Loop FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom and water at the trailhead. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Piestewa Peak Trailheads Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then take I10 East (left). Exit onto Piestewa Peak Freeway (SR 51) north (right, exit 147). Turn right on Lincoln Drive/Glendale Road (exit 5). Turn left on Piestewa Peak Drive (2nd stop light). Drive to the end of the road (Apache Ramada). The trails begin here. DRIVING DISTANCE: 66 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/PhoenixMountainsPreserve/Circumference-Summit/Piestewa-Peak-200-202-8A-8-304/C-HikePiestewa-LoopLynnW2017-2018/ URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-dwZKNhz/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4amjpN93oAYvA705c57e1tzDYGI PCHC TRAIL ID: 365 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, May 3, 2023	33	Future										Kerry Walsh				