

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	803	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	B Hike - White Tank MRP - Clares Sonoran Loop (PCHC # 803)	B	11	600	Excellent	0	30	Clare Bangs	2		B at a C Pace	REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a C Pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Start at the White Tanks Horse staging area parking and follow the Ford Canyon trail. Turn right onto Ironwood Trail. Turn right onto Gray Fox and hike to the Competitive Track parking. At the Ramada take the Sonoran loop track turning left. Remain on the outermost part of the track turning left onto the Technical segment. Return to the Sonoran loop turning right at the One Way sign. Again hiking to the parking lot, return on Gray Fox trail. At the intersection with Ironwood hikers may turn left to retrace your steps to Ford Canyon or alternately turn right on Ironwood leading to Ford Canyon, the distance is the same. Follow Ford Canyon to the staging area parking. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Restrooms at both parking lots. This hike takes approximately 3.75 hours with breaks/ Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday. TRAILHEAD NAME: Horse Staging Area TRAILS: Ford Canyon, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Competitive Track, Ironwood, Gray Fox, Ford Canyon FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohns at the trailhead and at the Sonoran Loop parking lot. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0DH5zj41Vzn5VYQ?e=MbrZsd PCHC TRAIL ID: 803 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 2, 2024	2	Future	586	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Cairn Canyon Loop (PCHC # 586)	C	6.4	600	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 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 Trailhead. Head 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!AgywFplqBF4anHSitIeJvrYyaC1D PCHC TRAIL ID: 586 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 9, 2024	3	Future	32	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32)	C	7.3	550	Excellent	0	30	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom 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/i-gC5b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4alzus2B98yZJufptk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	4	Future	268	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Hike - McDowell SP - Granite Mountain Loop (PCHC # 268)	C	6.8	427	Excellent	0	110	Mary Hill	7		NOTE - will be checking prior to hike to see if this trail is open. If not, will substitute Fat Man's Pass	REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: NOTE - will be checking prior to hike to see if this trail is open. If not, will substitute Fat Man's Pass 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 forests 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 I17. Go north on I17. Turn right on Dove Valley Road. Turn left on Cave Creek Road. Turn left on Dyanme 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!AgywFplqBF4ao5XClQw6eF7x9W87e=eh5xfm PCHC TRAIL ID: 268 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7

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Wednesday, October 23, 2024	5	Future	313	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Rainbow Valley, Toothaker Loop (PCHC # 313)	C	6.6	730	Excellent	0	20	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 730 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/Traill-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-HdQTjX/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4a05gUicL0t15xix?e=ZXHKuy PCHC TRAIL ID: 313 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	6	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 (PCHC # 702)	B	11.1	500	Excellent	0	110	Clare Bangs	7	B at a C Pace		REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a C Pace 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 and distant views of the Four Peaks, Superstitions and other mountain ranges. TRAILHEAD NAME: Granite Mountain Trailhead TRAILS: 136th 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: \$7
Wednesday, November 6, 2024	7	Future	493	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493)	C	7.7	1000	Good	0	80	Leon Mosse	6			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse 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 (30+) 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/Traill-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/ URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4ammMm6qJHUFqkx7eT70yJM PCHC TRAIL ID: 493 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, November 13, 2024	8	Future	321	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield (PCHC # 321)	C	7.9	1000	Excellent	0	20	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. We will follow the trail to a large wash, and parallel the wash for 2 miles or so. The trail is relatively flat, with long views of the Estrella Mountains and valley to the east & west. There are foothills to the left and larger mountains to the right as you travel east on the Gadsden Trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Gadsden, Butterfield FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella 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/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Coldwater-GadsdenButterfield URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgwFplqBF4amivNVVQuAtKdyK_7eV5mvr PCHC TRAIL ID: 321 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, November 20, 2024	9	Future	339	South Mountain Park	C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pyramid, Bursera, Gila Loop (PCHC # 339)	C	6.6	1290	Good	0	90	Mary Hill	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1290 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: \$6
Wednesday, November 27, 2024	10	Future	32	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32)	C	7.3	550	Excellent	0	30	Barb Kripps	2			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/i-gcG5b6m URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4hlzuz2B9BzjUfptk PCHC TRAIL ID: 32 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	11	Future	278	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	B Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Marcus Landslide, East End, Toms Thumb Loop (PCHC # 278)	B Challenge	10.6	2100	Good	0	108	Clare Bangs	7	B at a C Pace		REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a 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 Jomax 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-LandslideRock-Knob-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/McDowell-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xD4qN7/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amTeat5WQxc-dNjxQ PCHC TRAIL ID: 278 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, December 11, 2024	12	Future	233	Peoria Area	C Challenge Hike - Peoria Area - Sunrise Mountain Trail (PCHC # 233)	C Challenge	6	1230	Good	0	56	Leon Mosse	5			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Climbs are fairly steep. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1230 feet. The trail is well maintained with three main hills to climb. There are views of the community on one side, with the front of New River Dam in the background and mountain ranges beyond that. On the South side are views across the West valley. After good winter rains, there would be a wide variety of wildflowers in bloom. TRAILHEAD NAME: Westwing Trailhead TRAILS: Sunrise Mountain FEES AND FACILITIES: There is no park fee. Restrooms and water are at the trailhead. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Peoria Trails/Sunrise and Westwing. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and take Exit 125 (Happy Valley Parkway/Vistancia Boulevard). Turn right on Happy Valley Parkway and go to Lake Pleasant Road. Turn left on Lake Pleasant Road. Turn right on West Wing Parkway. Turn right into Westwing Neighborhood Park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 56 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/City-of-Peoria/i-DVVKRz URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4anCK9NEaReCELS9Zw PCHC TRAIL ID: 233 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5

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Wednesday, December 18, 2024	13	Future	415	Cave Creek Regional Park	C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz Trails (PCHC # 415)	C	8	1085	Good	0	93	Dorothy Sammartino	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Dorothy Sammartino DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1085 feet. We usually travel the trail in a clockwise direction but could dispatch a group counterclockwise, which provides steeper climbs. About .3 miles from the Quartz Trail intersection is a segmented saguaro named the Michelin Man. About .5 miles from the trailhead (near the junction of the Jasper Trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like the hiking club logo. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The trail is marked and is in good condition. TRAILHEAD NAME: Go John Trailhead TRAILS: Overton, Go John Quartz trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Go north on I17. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto 32nd Street and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road just before the horse staging area, you will see the access road for the Go John Trailhead on the left (Tonallite Drive). DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-7#Hv55 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0rDV6oSc8pMHMTy?e=4QBp14 PCHC TRAIL ID: 415 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	14	Future														
Wednesday, January 1, 2025	15	Future	44	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (PCHC # 44)	C	7.6	795	Good	0	30	Mary Hill	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 795 feet. This is the old orientation hike. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with plenty of ups and downs through washes plus one climb near the midpoint of the hike. We venture up a draw to a white rock for our break. The middle part of this hike has lots of loose rock especially as you go in and out of draws and washes. This part of the hike is lightly traveled and quite lovely. Along the second half of the hike is a crested saguaro. TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: None named FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker). DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Sonoran Loop Trail is at the end of the main road, slightly right off the end of the paved road. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Sonoran-Loop URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-n7Qhqr URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0rDV6oSc8pMHMTy?e=AIG7Xd PCHC TRAIL ID: 44 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, January 8, 2025	16	Future	587	Estrella Foothills	C Hike - Estrella Foothills - Crossover trail to Estrella Mountain Regional Park (PCHC # 587)	C	7	121	Good	0	27	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Barb Kripps DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 121 feet. The hike goes from the high school parking lot to Park Avenue then to the Cross Over Trail that leads to the Estrella Mountain Regional Park. The trail is relatively flat and crosses typical desert terrain. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella High School Trailhead TRAILS: PA FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are on the left by the ballpark. No park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Foothills Park: High School Trailhead. Head 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-FczbhGm URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a0rDV6oSc8pMHMTy?e=wMcGw PCHC TRAIL ID: 587 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, January 15, 2025	17	Future	835	Verrado Area	D Hike - Verrado Area - Deadhead Pass from Meck Park (PCHC # 835)	D	5	500	Excellent	0	24	Dorothy Sammartino	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dorothy Sammartino DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike provides an alternate entry into the Verrado complex of trails that we can use during the construction closure of the Lost Creek trailhead. Take the trail just North of the restrooms into a wash and onto a wide gravel road heading west. At about 3/4 mile find a steel post at another road going off to the left follow this to Cat Road. Cross Cat Road and proceed along the overgrown road and bear right. The large stone cairn at about 2.5 miles is the turnaround point. Take Cat Road North and turn left at a multitude of No Trespassing signs. The return is "all downhill from here". TRAILHEAD NAME: Meck Park TRAILS: Caterpillar Hill, Deadhead Pass FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at parking lot. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Right on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School. Turn left and drive to Verrado Way. Turn left and proceed to Meck Park on the left just before the Verrado Stairs. DRIVING DISTANCE: 24 miles URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4a35KmxIueM136aM2I?e=ycPdt PCHC TRAIL ID: 835 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, January 22, 2025	18	Future	49	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Elephant Mountain via Lime Kiln Trail (PCHC # 49)	B	10	1800	Good	0	110	Clare Bangs	7		B at a C Pace	REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a 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 crossing 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 I17. Go north on I17 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: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/SpurCrossRanchConservationArea/Elephant-Mountain-Trail URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amRncq1HxtwFAVCC PCHC TRAIL ID: 49 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	19	Future	819	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Horseshoe, Toothaker, Dysart, Rainbow, Baseline Loop (PCHC # 819)	C	7.3	900	Good	0	26	Leon Mosse	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts at the Horseshoe Trailhead for about one mile. Turn left onto Toothaker for 1.4 miles. You will pass the old Rodeo if a bathroom break is needed. Turn right onto Dysart to connect with Rainbow, go right onto Rainbow and follow for 2.4 miles. Do not turn onto Quail. Find the connector trail to Baseline, turn left. Turn left again and follow the Baseline Loop clockwise for 1.2 miles. Find the connector trail back to Horseshoe, turn left and return to the parking lot. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Along the Horseshoe Trail, we will pass a dead Saguaro Arch, great spot for photos. TRAILHEAD NAME: Gila Trail, Horseshoe Trail TRAILS: Horseshoe/Toothaker/Dysart/Rainbow/Baseline FEES AND FACILITIES: Portajohn at the trailhead. Parking fee is \$7.00 per vehicle. Rodeo bathrooms at the 1.1 mile mark. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway and go to the other side of I10. 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 GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a2CL8kzKXciz1K3?e=3rmuMx PCHC TRAIL ID: 819 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, February 5, 2025	20	Future	493	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Beardsley, Frog Tank, Roadrunner Trails (PCHC # 493)	C	7.7	1000	Good	0	80	Laurie Rosenbloom	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom 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 (30") 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!AgywFplqBF4ammMrm6qUHUFqurA?e=T70yJM PCHC TRAIL ID: 493 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6

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Wednesday, February 12, 2025	21	Future	412	Cave Creek Regional Park	C Hike - Cave Creek RP - Overton, Go John, Quartz, Flat Rock, Slate Trails Loop (PCHC # 412)	C	6.6	700	Good	0	93	Dorothy Sammartino	6		A new hike based on this route will be created.	REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Dorothy Sammartino HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: A new hike based on this route will be created. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. Start on the Overton Trail, cross Tonilite Road/parking lot and take the Go John Trail (not the Go John North) to Quartz. Turn right on Quartz and then left on Flat Rock. The trail continues out of the park into the Setts Preserve becoming the Military Trail. Reenter the park by turning right on the Slate Trail. On the Slate Trail, approximately 3 mile after you pass the Quartz Trail intersection, there is a strange saguaro on the left named the Michelin Man Saguaro. About 5 miles from the trailhead on the Go John Trail (on the left as you hike away from the trailhead, near the junction of the Jasper Trail) there is a group of 3 saguaros that look very much like our hiking club logo. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: good hiking trail. TRAILHEAD NAME: Overton Trailhead TRAILS: Overton, Go John, Quartz, Flat Rock, Military, Slate trails FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car or Maricopa County Pass DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on Indian School Road, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at 117. Go north on 117. Turn right on Highway 74 (Carefree Highway). Turn left onto 32nd Street (sign on right, no light but a left turn lane) and continue into Cave Creek Regional Park. Continue along the main park road and park at the Nature Center and begin at the left end of the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 93 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/organize/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Regional-Park/GoJohnOvertonQuartz-and-Variat URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/-TKX2rSj URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4amKdghMofh7E-Is?e=IQ4GNm PCHC TRAIL ID: 412 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6
Wednesday, February 19, 2025	22	Future	285	McDowell Sonoran Preserve	C Challenge Hike - McDowell SP - Toms Thumb and The Lookout from the North Trailhead (PCHC # 285)	C Challenge	6.3	1800	Rough	0	110	Mary Hill	7			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: added elevation and slippery surface. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1800 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: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. 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 117. Turn left (north) on 117. 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 Jonas 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/-Lq7NTpw/A URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4anCvy29Olo-HTGfu5 PCHC TRAIL ID: 285 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$7
Wednesday, February 26, 2025	23	Future	735	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Rainbow (via Connector), Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 735)	C	7.3	900	Excellent	0	26	Barb Kripps	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 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/-N3ThtdP URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4aorYUUNKfox3jKNeq?e=ggd1KF PCHC TRAIL ID: 735 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025	24	Future	408	Cave Creek Area	C Hike - Cave Creek Area - Blue Wash, Camp Creek Falls Trail (PCHC # 408)	C	8	1000	Rough	20	122	Clare Bangs	8		B at a C Pace	REGULAR START TIME: 7:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a C Pace DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The route goes down a series of dry waterfalls to an intersection with Camp Creek. Just past the intersection going up the ridgeline is a section of the Maricopa Trail. We take that up to the road. On the return we stay in an interesting wash, which comes out at Camp Creek. Then we go up Camp Creek about a third of a mile to a wet waterfall of about 15 feet. Beyond that the creek stays above ground and meanders through a lush riparian area to a campground. The return goes up the ridge running parallel to Blue Wash, providing views of the whole area. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: part is in a sandy wash and part is an average trail with one steep section going out of the main wash. TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: maricopa trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead. There is no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Directions to Cave Creek Blue Wash/Camp Creek 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. Turn north (left) on I17. Turn east (right) on Carefree Highway (Highway 74) and drive to the end. Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road and continue past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles past that turnoff. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. Directions to Cave Creek Blue Wash/Camp Creek Trailhead: Alternate Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, turn west (left) on I10, and take 101 North. Turn left on to Cave Creek Road. Turn right on Carefree Highway (Highway 74). Turn left on Tom Darlington/Scottsdale Road (just in front of the Boulders Resort) Turn right on Cave Creek Road. Continue on Cave Creek Road past the turnoff to Bartlett Reservoir. Drive just over 2 miles from that intersection. Trailhead will be on the left just past the Blue Wash #1 sign. DRIVING DISTANCE: 122 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Cave-Creek-Other URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Cave-Creek-Area/i-rZCtjBx URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBf4amIFKLHJH04U62GQ?e=emOEUgr PCHC TRAIL ID: 408 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$8
Wednesday, March 12, 2025	25	Future	818	White Tank Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - White Tank MRP - White Tank MRP: Library-MU to Pond, Return BD/GC/ST/MU Loop (PCHC # 818)	C	7.7	450	Excellent	0	30	Leon Mosse	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 450 feet. This is a 7.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 450 feet. We hike north from the White Tank library with expansive views of the west valley, then along the short Wildlife Trail to a pond. There is an old windmill at the site as well as a smaller, working one. We take a quick stop here, then take Mule Deer Trail to Bajada and take a break on benches at Ramada #3, with shaded picnic tables. After break, we continue to Goat Camp Trail, to South Trail and Mule Deer Loop before returning to the library. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This is a little oasis in the middle of the desert! TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: MU/BD/GC/ST/MU 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 PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Maricopa-Muledeer-Trails/D-HikeWT-Mule-Deer-WindmillLynnW2021-2022 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBf4a35SP_-6OtnYGAZTP?e=McrG8f PCHC TRAIL ID: 818 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, March 19, 2025	26	Future	296	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Baseline, Saddle, Quail, Rainbow, Dysart, Toothaker Loop from Gila Trailhead (PCHC # 296)	C	7.7	900	Excellent	0	20	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 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 loop counter clockwise. At the junction with the Saddle trail, turn right and hike down to connect with the Quail trail. Turn left and follow the Quail trail until the junction with Rainbow Valley trail. Turn right and follow to the junction with Dysart Trail. Turn left all the way to the junction with Toothaker. Turn left again and follow Toothaker past the 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, Saddle, Quail, 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 I10. 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 DRIVING DISTANCE: 20 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-crFxxR URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBf4anC5vOnoJk6ybbPH1 PCHC TRAIL ID: 296 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, March 26, 2025	27	Future	62	Lake Pleasant Regional Park	C Hike - Lake Pleasant RP - Pipeline Canyon + Yavapai Point Trails (PCHC # 62)	C	6	960	Good	0	80	Mary Hill	6			REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. This hike is a 6.0 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. The hike crosses the (dry) lake where the old floating bridge was. 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 or a Maricopa County Pass. 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. Go to the end of the road to the Pipeline Trail. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Lake-Pleasant-Regional-Park/i-nP58pCp PCHC TRAIL ID: 62 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$6

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Wednesday, April 2, 2025	28	Future	703	Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area	B Hike - Spur Cross Ranch CA - Skull Mesa Approach from Spur Cross (No Summit) (PCHC # 703)	B	10.3	1400	Good	0	110	Clare Bangs	7		B at a C Pace	REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM HIKE LEADER: Clare Bangs HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS: B at a 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 53rd). 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: \$7
Wednesday, April 9, 2025	29	Future	302	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Challenge Hike - Estrella MRP - Competitive Track-Wrong Way Technical (PCHC # 302)	C Challenge	8.3	836	Excellent	0	26	Leon Mosse	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 836 feet. Start on the Technical Loop going the wrong way for bikers to Connector Trail then finish the Long Loop. The trail meanders through typical desert terrain with many bushes and saguaro cactus. TRAILHEAD NAME: Estrella Competitive Track Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Loop, Technical Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a Portajohn at the trailhead. Park Fee \$7 DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive south on PebbleCreek Parkway/Estrella Parkway. Turn east (left) onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Follow Vineyard as it curves to the right, becoming 143rd Avenue. Turn left on Indian Springs Road. At the fence that begins the parking for Phoenix International Raceway turn right. Follow signs to trails. Pay the park fee at the self pay station. Continue to the parking on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 26 miles URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-RksjdHx PCHC TRAIL ID: 302 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	30	Future	297	Estrella Mountains Regional Park	C Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 297)	C	7.3	492	Excellent	0	20	Laurie Rosenbloom	2			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Laurie Rosenbloom DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 492 feet. Hike begins on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). From the trailhead turn left onto the Toothaker trail for a short distance to the junction with Coldwater. Stay on Butterfield for 2.5 miles past the first junction with Gadsden until the end of the trail at the second junction with Gadsden. Turn left and stay on Gadsden as it loops counterclockwise for 3.7 miles back to the Butterfield Trail. Turn right and head back to the parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive TRAILS: Toothaker, Butterfield, Gadsden, Butterfield FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella 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/Baseline-Rainbow-Dysart URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-R158fP5 URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgYwFplqBF4aR3qig75s45HCE?e=ulo4M1 PCHC TRAIL ID: 297 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	31	Future	213	Thunderbird Conservation Area	C Hike - Thunderbird CA - Coachwhip, Cholla, Arrowhead Point Loop (PCHC # 213)	C	5.9	1490	Good	0	50	Leon Mosse	3			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Leon Mosse DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. These are three summit trails which have elevations of 500, 500 & 350 feet respectively. All three offer 360 degree views of the surrounding areas and have different primary vegetation from each other. Elevation gains are 590, 500 & 400 feet respectively. Arrowhead Point Trail provides a view of a housing development wrapped around a series of canals (water, water everywhere). Arrowhead Lake including this development, was built on former citrus orchards and is considered one of the Valleys most affluent neighborhoods (a 2001 survey found that the areas 85308 zip code had more millionaires, 1011, than any other in the valley). The Cholla Trail includes views of some large custom homes. The Coachwhip Trail provides views of another housing development and golf course. TRAILHEAD NAME: Coachwhip Trailhead TRAILS: Coachwhip, Cholla, Arrowhead Point FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at Trailhead. No Park Fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to 110. Turn east (left) on 110 East, then take 101 North. Turn left (north) on 59th Avenue. Turn Left into parking lot of Thunderbird Park. Turn immediately left at yellow gate and park a block down, near the restrooms. The trails start by going right in front of the restrooms and cross the street near the park entrance. DRIVING DISTANCE: 50 miles URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/ThunderbirdConservationPark/Coachwhip-Ridgeline-Trails URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Thunderbird-Conservation-Area/ PCHC TRAIL ID: 213 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$3

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Wednesday, April 30, 2025	32	Future	68	Deems Hills Park	C Challenge Hike - Deems Hills Park - Deems Hills Outer Circumference Trail (PCHC # 68)	C Challenge	7.8	1121	Good	0	65	Mary Hill	5			REGULAR START TIME: 6:30 AM HIKE LEADER: Mary Hill REASON FOR CHALLENGE: elevation. DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1121 feet. This is a hike around the Deem Hills Recreation area. This trail covers the outer edge of two hills on the north side of Phoenix with 2 additional trails that go to the top of the hills. There are distinct vegetation areas on the different sides of the hills. There would be good wildflowers after a wet winter. Good views from the top showing the area west of Highway 101 and the irrigation canal system. IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail conditions are generally good but with some areas of bare rock to navigate. You climb up from base level twice on your way to the summit where switchbacks lead you down to the trail to the large parking lot. TRAILHEAD NAME: Deem Hills Recreation Area TRAILS: Circumference Trail FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. There is no park fee. DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Deem Hills Park. Take 101 North Turn North on 59th Ave. Turn North (left) on 55th Ave. 55th Ave becomes Deem Hills Pkwy. The park is on the right. Directions to Deem Hills. Alternate: Take 303 North. Turn East (right) on Happy Valley Parkway. Turn North (left) on 55th Ave. 55th Ave. becomes Deem Hills Pkwy. The park is on the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 65 miles URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/DeemHillsPark/Circumference-Trail URL MAP: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFplqBF4a0RL6ZrLsFsASGER3?e=Mjke PCHC TRAIL ID: 68 SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$5