

SCHEDULE

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023

HIKE: No Monday A Hike Scheduled

DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023**HIKE: B Hike - Peoria Area - Sunrise Mountain Trail and West Wing Mountain Combination (PCHC # 234).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Bill Halte**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 2200 feet. The two trails are well maintained with five hills to climb. Sunrise Mountain Trail is on the side of the valley as the parking lot. West Wing is across the road. 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, West Wing**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:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CityofPeoria/Sunrise-Mountain>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/City-of-Peoria/i-ttzrmxg>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amS4wfM4MjQP29x4I>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 234**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5**DATE: Monday, January 30, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp, South Trail (PCHC # 27).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ron Hoffman**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Two extended uphill sections.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The trailhead marker is at picnic area number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat one mile. Turn left here at the junction with the Goat Camp Trail and follow the natural terrain of the wash for .8 miles. This section is a gradual rocky climb to a streambed. Cross the stream and begin the .6 mile climb to the first summit. This section will cover a 600 feet elevation change. Continue on into the valley and begin another climb for 1 mile. Here you can see another hill across the valley from top. This is the turnaround spot.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Trailhead **TRAILS:** South Trail, Goat Camp Trail, South Trail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom .3 mile before trailhead on Black Canyon Road. 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. Goat Camp, South Trail trailheads are found on Black Canyon Road, which is the first left after the gate. Park at Picnic area #1. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/WhiteTankMountainRegionalPark/Goat-Camp>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anAigvh2U0uCI-Y5>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 27**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2**DATE: Tuesday, January 31, 2023****HIKE: D Challenge Hike - Phoenix SP - Apache Wash (PCHC # 754).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kay Thomas**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 150 feet. This hike is a 5.5 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of less than 150 feet. The loop follows Apache Wash. There are expansive views of the north side of Phoenix, Anthem, and Cave Creek. The hike goes through rolling desert terrain as it follows the wash. Good trail condition and is used by hikers, bikers and horses. Interesting feature on the route is "Hula Saguaro"**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** An interesting loop in North Phoenix with views of Cave Creek and surrounding area.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Apache Wash Trailhead **TRAILS:** Apache Wash Loop, the second connector, Apache Wash Loop, Ocotillo back to trailhead.**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. Restrooms at trailhead.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Phoenix Sonoran Preserve North (Apache Wash Trailhead) Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North following it until it ends at I17. Turn left (north) on I17. Stay right and immediately exit onto Dove Valley Road. Follow Dove Valley Road as it changes name to Sonoran Desert Drive. Continue for approximately 5.1 miles (from I17). Turn left into the Apache Wash Trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 80 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/CaveCreekRegionalPark/Apache-Wash-Trailhead>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Sonoran-Preserve/i-xs2PZPJ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4atmx3ktViGz2V8FqS?e=mQcGtM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 754**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$6

DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023**HIKE: B Hike - Tour D'Alé - Urban Hike Litchfield Park Pub Tour (PCHC # 655).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 10:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Neal Wring**HIKE COORDINATOR COMMENTS:** Annual Urban Beer Hike!

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 60 feet. Take Indian School Road, Wigwam Boulevard and Litchfield Road to Ground Control. Enjoy a refreshment break. Then follow Camelback Road and Dysart road to Tap Savvy. Enjoy a refreshment break. Then enjoy a walk through old Litchfield to Transplant Brewing Company. Enjoy another refreshment break. Hike back to the trailhead via Wigwam Boulevard and Indian School Road. Trail condition: Concrete Sidewalk.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** No Named Trails**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Three restrooms. No park fee.**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** None Required**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 655**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$NOT FOUND**DATE: Wednesday, February 1, 2023****HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail to base of Willow Spring (PCHC # 37).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Kerry Walsh**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 usually 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 zoo) 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-sWsRVxQ>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aoRYm05AszcBn0pPW?e=yrP16H>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 37**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2**DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023****HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Phoenix Mountains Preserve - Circumference, Piestewa Peak Summit Trails (PCHC # 366).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Lynn Warren**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. This grand tour hike is all trail but long and strenuous since it finishes with a steep climb to Piestewa Peak. The trail varies with flat, gentle and steep climbs around Piestewa Peak. The route ends up at a lower saddle area below the peak. Turn to the left and climb the additional .6 mile to the summit. The downhill side will have heavy use with people walking, jogging or running up to Piestewa Peak.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Beware of large crowds on the climb and descent from Piestewa Peak. Bring plenty of food and water as this is a longer hike than it seems.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Piestewa Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** 200, 200A, 8A, 8, 100, 1A, 304 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>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Phoenix-Mountain-Preserve/i-RCKj3/A>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alza4eSnDoMv1hXpH?e=jo7nh5>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 366**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$5

DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2023**HIKE: D Hike - Estrella MRP - Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield Loop (PCHC # 319).****UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Dennis Zigmunt

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.2 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. The Toothaker Trailhead is on the west side of the rodeo arena (demolished in 2022). This is a shared trailhead with the Rainbow Valley Trail. Soon after starting on the Toothaker Trail will split off to the left. In 1.1 miles you will come to the Dysart Trail junction. Turn left to go to Butterfield Trail. Turn left again on Butterfield to get back to Toothaker. Turn right on Toothaker to return to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Toothaker Trailhead at West Rodeo Drive **TRAILS:** Toothaker, Dysart, Butterfield**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms are at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park West Rodeo Drive. Turn left out the main gate onto Pebble Creek/Estrella Pkw (south) South of I10, turn left onto Vineyard Ave. just across the Gila River. Turn right into Estrella Mtn Park. After the park entrance gate, drive through the park all the way to a fork in the road. Take the right fork to the parking area at the former site of the rodeo arena on West Rodeo Drive. Trailhead and rest rooms are on the far (West) side of parking area. **DRIVING**

DISTANCE: 20 miles**URL PHOTOS:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/EstrellaMountainRegionalPark/Toothaker-Gadsden-Butterfield>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-S4jmJw9>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 319**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2**DATE: Friday, February 3, 2023****HIKE: B Hike - Estrella MRP - Estrella Circuit and Baseline Ridge Scramble (PCHC # 19).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Eileen Lords Mosse

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1025 feet. This route is mostly a good trail with a short bushwhack ridge walk to end the hike. The trail goes from the Nature Center and follows Quail, Saddle, Baseline Trails to the junction with Toothaker. After walking the full length of Toothaker, the route turns onto Pederson for a brief lunch stop at the Quartz Outcrop. After lunch, the hike continues back onto Toothaker to the junction with Gadsden. Turn left on Gadsden then left on Coldwater. Continue on Coldwater to the junction with Dysart. Turn right on Dysart and then left onto Butterfield. Follow Butterfield to Toothaker and on to the Baseline Trail. Turn right on Baseline and continue for approximately 0.5 mile. At this point there is an obvious jeep trail heading left up the ridge. Follow this steeply up to the Baseline high point. Then continue along the ridge for 0.5 miles eventually dropping off the ridge to the Saddle Trail. At the junction with the Quail Trail, turn right and head back to the Visitor Center.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Trail condition: the first 10 miles over a decent hiking trail. The final 2 miles is a rocky bushwhack.**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Estrella Nature Center for Quail Trailhead **TRAILS:** Quail, Saddle, Baseline, Toothaker, Pederson, Gadsden, Coldwater, Dysart, Butterfield, Baseline, Baseline Ridge Scramble, Saddle, Quail**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the Quail trailhead. Parking fee of \$7.00 per vehicle.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Estrella Mountain Regional Park Quail Trailhead. Drive south on PebbleCreek which becomes Estrella Parkway south of I10. Turn left onto Vineyard Avenue just across the Gila River. Turn right just past the golf course entrance into Estrella Mountain Regional Park. Pay the park fee. Continue straight then right into the Visitor Center parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 20 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-73nGGxk>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyhIGPHNIE-tYMzX>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 19**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$2**DATE: Friday, February 3, 2023****HIKE: C Hike - Black Canyon NRT - Glorianna Trailhead North (PCHC # 390).****REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM****HIKE LEADER:** Ann Rohlman

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This segment of the Black Canyon Trail heads north along the east edge of Black Canyon and travels below the Sunset Point Rest Area, though you dont really see much of the rest area. It has typical desert vegetation with views up and down Black Canyon. There are several interesting little canyons with different points of interest in each: dry waterfall in one, a large saguaro in one, etc.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Glorianna Trailhead **TRAILS:** Glorianna Trailhead North**FEES AND FACILITIES:** No park fees. No rest rooms. Sunset Point Rest Area is 4 miles further up I17 with easy return.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Black Canyon Trail Glorianna Trailhead Turn north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School, then take Loop 303 North and follow until it ends at I17. Turn left onto I17 North toward Flagstaff. Take exit 248 (Bumble Bee). Turn west (left), crossing I17. Drive about 1.1 miles and turn left into an unpaved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 110 miles

URL PHOTOS: <http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/BlackCanyonNationalRecreationT/Glorianna-TH-North>**URL MAP:** <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Black-Canyon-Trail/i-dVLckBL>**URL GPX:** <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aln3-tFCLrb80n9zM>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 390**SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION:** \$7

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023

HIKE: B Hike - Verrado Area - Central Wash (PCHC # 662).

REGULAR START TIME: 7:00 AM

HIKE LEADER: Kris Raczkiewicz or Eileen Lords Mosse

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. It is from the Bill Halte Classic Collection; a combination of trails and dirt roads. The hike is typical desert terrain.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Lost Creek Trailhead **TRAILS:** No Named 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 Drive. You walk between the green and a tee on the Verrado Founders Golf Course to get to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4athal2jLSfln9HuPQ?e=IJMGLv>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 662

SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2

DATE: Saturday, February 4, 2023

HIKE: D Hike - Estrella Foothills - Coyote Den & Painted Desert (PCHC # 598).

UNUSUAL START TIME: 8:00 AM

HIKE LEADER: Dennis Zigmunt

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 530 feet. This hike follows most of the perimeter trails around the area through rolling hills and includes a trip up or down the Painted Desert Trail which has an interesting collection of painted rocks. Good singletrack trails for the most part, with some rocky sections. The Painted Desert Trail has a steep climb or descent of about 50 feet.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Star Tower Trailhead **TRAILS:** Sidewinder, Copper State Crosscut, Coyote Creek, Tarantula, Painted Desert, Coyote Creek, Woodpecker, Thrasher, Coyote Creek, Sidewinder

FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead. There is a coffee/pastry stand and public restroom near the trailhead (may be closed at the beginning of the hike and is open on the way out).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Star Tower Trailhead Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, which becomes Estrella Parkway on the other side of I10. Continue for just over 8 miles. Turn west (right) just past the Star Tower (a rusty steel and rock tower on the westside of Estrella Parkway). Park in the curved parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 18 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Estrella-Foothills/i-HFhXC6t/A>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aowwySianbGZNcJdYm?e=vNr9li>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 598

SUGGESTED DRIVER DONATION: \$2