HIKE: A Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Barry Goldwater Peak Summit via KSWB-FM Antenna (PCHC # 9).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Tough trailless climb to the antenna, steep hike on jeep trail. Long mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 16.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3635 feet. The route leads to the highest point in the White Tanks range via the rarely visited KSWB FM Antenna. This hike takes the Waddell and Ford Canyon Trail for 4.5 miles until the trail rises up the grassy hillside. At this point we will begin the 2 miles bushwhack westbound to the KSWB FM Antenna. From this point we will take the Maintenance Road south a further 3 miles to Mount Barry Goldwater. From here we will hike generally east 7 miles back to the parking lot via the trailless ridge south west to the Goat Camp and Mesquite trails.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike uses a mix of trailless routes, hiking trails and rough Jeep roads. High mileage plus steep bushwhack to KSWB FM Antenna and steep Jeep road connector to Barry Goldwater Summit. Popular with bowhunters during hunting season (January).

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Waddell Trailhead **TRAILS:** Waddell, Ford Canyon, Bushwhack to KSWB, Jeep Road to Barry Goldwater Summit, Bushwhack to Goat Camp, Return via Mesquite.

**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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 9

HIKE: A Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Double Circle Challenge Hike (PCHC # 43).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Extremely long hike with interesting scramble.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 20 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 3500 feet. Park at the South Trail trailhead. Take the South Trail for 1 mile to the Goat Camp Trail. Turn left on the Goat Camp Trail and take it to junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail for .9 mile to the Willow Springs Trail. This is the 7.5 miles mark. Turn right on the Willow Springs Trail for 1.8 miles to the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Mesquite Canyon Trail and go .7 miles, which is at the base of the climb with the loose rock. Turn around and retrace your steps back to the car for a 20.0 mile hike.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Trailhead **TRAILS:** South, Goat Camp, Ford Canyon, Willow Canyon, Mesquite, Scramble, Mesquite, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon, Goat Camp, South

**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. Turn first left on Black Canyon Road to trailhead.

**DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles** 

HIKE: A Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Double Circuit Challenge - Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon Big Loop (PCHC # 23).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Extremely long mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 19.4 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 3140 feet. This is a double loop hike. Park at the horse staging area and go north on the Ford Canyon Trail to the Ironwood Trail. Take the Ironwood Trail to the east and continue to where it merges again with the Ford Canyon Trail. Continue on the Ford Canyon Trail thru the wash and up the hill to the Willow Springs Trail connector at about the 7.1 mile mark. Turn left on the Willow Springs Trail and proceed another 1.8 miles to the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn left and take the Mesquite Canyon Trail back to the parking lot ramada at 10.7 miles. This is a good place to have lunch. Turn around at this point and take the Mesquite Canyon Trail for 3.3 miles back to the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail and go .9 miles back to the Willow Springs Trail. Again, do the Willow Springs to Mesquite Canyon Trails back to the ramada. From there it is a mile further on the Mesquite Canyon Trail back to the car.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Long Mileage. Bring extra water and food especially in the warmer months. Long uphill sections.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ford Canyon Trailhead at Horse Staging Trailhead **TRAILS:** Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon, Mesquite Canyon, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles **PCHC TRAIL ID:** 23

HIKE: A Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goats Tooth (PCHC # 8).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Steep Scramble to Goats Tooth Ridge. Difficult Navigation around the Goats Tooth. **DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. The hike starts at the Goat Camp Trailhead on Black Canyon Road and follows the Goat Camp Trail approximately 3 miles to the first saddle. At this point climb south (left) up to the Goat Camp Overlook. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail and this time climb north to the facing ridge. This is the Goat Tooth ridge. Turn east (right) and follow the ridge over one peak to the Goat Tooth. Traverse the tooth on the south side completely around the rock until the rest of the ridge beyond the tooth is visible. Follow the ridge further over 2 more smaller peaks before heading south back down an obvious spur ridge to the Goat Camp Trail. Return to the parking lot via regional park trails.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Approximately 3 miles is a trailless scramble over steep rocky ground. Difficult navigation around the Goats tooth. Popular with bowhunters during hunting season (January).

TRAILHEAD NAME: Goat Camp Trailhead TRAILS: Goat Camp 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 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. Enter the park and turn first left on Black Canyon Road to the trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: A Hike - White Tank MRP - Circumference Route (PCHC # 7).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 17.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2950 feet. The hike starts at the Trailhead Horse Staging Area and follows the full length of the Ford Canyon Trail, the full length of the Goat Camp Trail and reconnects to staging area via the South and Mule Deer trails.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** A long walk. Expect to be out all day. A good stretch of the legs. Side trips to Eileens Throne (mile 6) and Lynns Lookout (mile 11). Recommend to bring extra liquids and food.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Ford Canyon Trailhead at Horse Staging Trailhead TRAILS: Ford Canyon, Goat Camp, South, Mule Deer

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park. Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 7** 

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Barry Goldwater Peak Summit via Mesquite and Goat Camp Trails (PCHC # 731).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Mileage, Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 14 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2900 feet. The route leads to the highest point in the White Tanks. Climb Mesquite to the junction with Goat Camp and Ford Canyon Trails. Turn left for approximately 1 mile: a cluster of cairns will mark the rough trail leading to the right up the high ridge to the jeep road the towers. Climb the road to the towers at the summit of Mount Barry Goldwater. Return the same way.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike uses a mix of trailless routes, hiking trails and rough Jeep roads. Popular with bowhunters during hunting season (January).

**TRAILHEAD NAME**: Mesquite Trailhead **TRAILS**: Mesquite, Goat Camp, Rough Trail to Barry Goldwater Summit, Jeep Road

**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

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HIKE: B Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Trail, Mesquite Trail Loop (PCHC # 29).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Requires at least 2 vehicles to transport hikers between trailheads.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 9.9 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 1820 feet. The South Trail Trailhead marker is at picnic unit number One. Be sure to leave adequate transport at picnic unit number Six for return. The trail goes north for 1 mile to a junction with the Goat Camp Trail. Go left and follow the trail on a westerly course for a gradual climb for .8 of a mile to the base of first major climb. Cross the wash and start the .6 mile climb up 590 feet over a steep and rocky path to the meadow. The next mile is not as steep and leads to the stone remains of an old corral, which was the Goat Camp. Continue north and then east until you connect with the Mesquite Trail (6.6 mile mark).

About 3.3 mile from here to picnic unit number six where you can carpool back to the Goat Camp Trailhead.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Adequate transport must be left at picnic unit number Six for return.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Goat Camp Trailhead TRAILS: South Trail, Goat Camp Trail, Mesquite Canyon 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. Turn first left on Black Canyon Road to trailhead.

**DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles** 

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 29** 

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp, South Trail, Cell Towers (PCHC # 28).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2450 feet. The trailhead marker is at picnic unit number one. The South Trail takes a northwesterly course for a relatively flat 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. Turn left at this point and continue climbing for about .8 mile and 800 feet of elevation change to the cell phone towers. Turnaround at that point and enjoy the downhill hike.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Three extended uphill sections. Rough footing on the final climb to the antennas. TRAILHEAD NAME: South Trailhead TRAILS: South Trail, Goat Camp Trail, Scramble to towers, 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

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## HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Clares Sonoran Loop (PCHC # 803).

**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 Grey 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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 803** 

# HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Longer Loop) (PCHC # 41).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. Hike past the junction with the Old Saddle Trail and eventually this will lead you to a junction with the Bajada Trail. Turn left onto the Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again, turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about .2 mile to the hill top. The route is somewhat steep with lots of loose gravel. This is the turn around point; Hikers can choose to bushwhack along the ridge more before heading down or they can follow the original path back down to the Goat Camp Trail to return to the South Trail. On the South Trail, Turn right and in about .8 mile you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike takes approximately 4.5 hours with breaks.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Saddle, Bajada, Goat Camp, South, Mule Deer

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the main entrance to the library. Park fee is \$2 per hiker or \$7 per car. A Maricopa County Pass is good for up to five hikers.

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp Overlook (Short Loop) (PCHC # 40).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. Start at the White Tanks Library and turn right onto the Mule Deer Trail. About a mile later turn left on to the Old Saddle for a short connector to the Bajada Trail. Near another mile is the Goat Camp Trail. Again, turn right and climb to the top of the steep Goat Camp hill. Just past the top is an unmarked trail to the left. Follow this unmarked trail for about .2 mile to the hill top. This route is somewhat steep with lots of loose gravel. This is the turn around point; return and take the Goat Camp Trail back to the South Trail. Turn right and in about .8 mile you will see the junction with the Mule Deer Trail. Turn right and follow the trail back to the library.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike takes approximately 4 hours with breaks.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Saddle, Bajada, Goat Camp, South, Mule Deer

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the main entrance to the library. Park fee is \$2 per hiker or \$7 per car. A Maricopa County Pass is good for up to five hikers.

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 40** 

HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Lynns Peak plus Goat Camp Overlook (PCHC # 800).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Start at the Goat Camp Trailhead. Follow Goat Camp Trail uphill past the left turnoff to the Goat Camp Overlook (roughly 2 miles from parking lot) and past the left turnoff to the cell towers (roughly 3 miles from parking lot). At 3.75 miles from the parking lot there is a small peak to the right of the trail. This is Lynns Peak. Scramble to the top and enjoy the view and take a break. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail and turn left. Follow the Goat Camp Trail to the right turnoff to Goat Camp Overlook scramble up to this peak and enjoy the view. Retrace steps back to the Goat Camp Trail, turn right and head downhill to the parking lot

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Bushwhack to the top of Lynns Peak and to the top of the Goat Camp Overlook TRAILHEAD NAME: Goat CampTrailhead TRAILS: Goat Camp Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restroom .3 mile past the 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 entrance. Turn second left on Black Canyon Road trailhead is immediately on the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon, Ford Canyon, Waddell (PCHC # 663).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Mesquite Canyon Trail from Parking lot #7. Climb steeply to a saddle in approximately 1 mile and then moderately climb for another 3 miles to the junction with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn right on the Ford Canyon Trail. This trail will drop to the Willow Spring, cross the dry river bed and continue up and over a rocky ridge. Eventually the trail drops steeply into a sandy wash. Follow this wash following the signs past Ford Canyon Dam and then into the boulders and Ford Canyon itself. The trail leaves the canyon (watch for signage) just before the canyon drops over a series of high waterfalls. Continue on Ford Canyon trail until the junction with Waddell. Turn right here and follow Waddell back to the parking lot #7.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Ford Canyon, Waddell

**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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 663** 

HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite, Ford, Willow, Mesquite (PCHC # 36).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Continue west on the Mesquite Trail for another 2.4 miles to the Ford Canyon Trail. Take the Ford Canyon Trail to the right for .9 miles to the other end of the Willow Springs Trail. About.3 miles into the Willow Springs Trail there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank. This is Willow Springs. This is a good place for a lunch stop. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 1.4 miles to the MesquiteTrail.Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition is an average hiking trail, but steady uphill on Mesquite trail.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Ford Canyon, 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

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HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite, Willow, Ford, Mesquite (PCHC # 747).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 8.7 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1490 feet. The Mesquite Trail trailhead is at picnic area number seven. The trail goes west through a rocky section for 1.8 miles to a junction with the Willow Canyon Trail. Turn left up Willow Canyon Trail About 1.5 miles into the Willow Springs Trailon the left there is an old corral and a spring feed water tank. This is Willow Springs. Continue on the Willow Springs Trail another 0.3 miles and turn left down the river bed to the top of the Willow Springs waterfall. This is a great place for lunch. Return to the main trail and turn left onto the Ford Canyon Trail. Take this up the hill approximately 1 mile to the junction with the MesquiteTrail. Turn left to go back to the parking lot. Trail condition is an average hiking.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mesquite Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Mesquite Canyon, Willow Springs, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs, Mesquite Canyon

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at Trailhead

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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 747** 

HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Trail Maricopa Trail South to White Tank boundary (PCHC # 653).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Good trail for part of hike; then bushwhack a very steep and rocky route up to saddle. We will hike the newly discovered lower dirt road that climbs into the mountains. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the Park. Once out of the park we will follow service roads and bushwhack.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Trail, Maricopa Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. 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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL GPX:** https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anABudEhZWCCAvsah

### HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Waterfall B hike (PCHC # 638).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 875 feet. This hike begins at the library and proceeds south to hike a small loop of Mule Trail. Returning back to the library, proceeding on Mule, then left on Old Stable Rd. Turn right onto Bajada, following it into Mule Deer (MD). Go left on MD to R4, cross the road and take a left onto Black Rock (long) to the Waterfall. Returning on Mesquite, proceed east to the Wildlife trail and returning back on Mule.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Old Stable Rd, Bajada, Black Rock, Waterfall, Mesquite, Wildlife

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 24 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 638

### HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Northern Avenue and the White Tanks (PCHC # 42).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. The hike starts at the South Trail trailhead and tuns left to follow the deer trails south and west across the flat desert to an old bunker. From here turn right and follow the Jeep road up the hill till the road ends. From this point it is bushwhacking again to the top of the hill overlooking the old caterpillar test road. This is an out of the park wilderness hike.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Suggest that this be done only in the wintertime when the rattlesnakes are asleep. **TRAILHEAD NAME:** South Trailhead **TRAILS:** South Trail

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the main entrance to the library. Park fee is \$2 per hiker or \$7 per car. A Maricopa County Pass is good for up to five hikers.

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 leftafter the gate. Park at Picnic area #1. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles

HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track Long + Gray Fox + Ironwood + Ford Canyon (PCHC # 74).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 641 feet. The Sonoran loop is a oneway competitive bike trail with ups & downs through washes, plus a climb near the midpoint of the hike. Along the 2nd half of the hike is a Crested Saguaro. We return to the Track parking area, and begin at the Gray Fox TH; proceed for 0.9 miles. Turn right for a short distance to the Ironwood Trail, turn left on Ford Canyon Trail, then turn left on Ironwood Trail, back to Gray Fox, to parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This hike typically takes 4 hours with breaks. Be aware of bikes traveling quickly as this is primarily a bike trail. Please do not schedule on Saturday or Sunday.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Sonoran Loop Trailhead **TRAILS:** Competitive Track, Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon, Ironwood, Gray Fox

**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

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 74** 

HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Waddell, Ford Canyon, Mesquite Canyon (PCHC # 24).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is an 11 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. Hike starts on the Waddell Trail from Parking lot #7. Continue onto the Ford Canyon Trail. Rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge. Continue into the Willow Springs Valley and after the left turnoff to the Willow Canyon Trail continue straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the junction 1 one mile with the Mesquite Canyon Trail. Turn left on the Mesquite Trail and return near tour starting point.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon, Mesquite

**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

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HIKE: B Hike - White Tank MRP - Waddell, Ford Canyon, Willow Springs (PCHC # 26).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 10 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Starts on Waddell from Ramada 7. This is a rocky scenic hike along the side of the canyon to large boulders and dam on the wash. Trail continues up onto a ridge and then down to the Willow Springs Trail. Turn right at junction and after .1 mile then follow the stream bed on the left down to the Willow Canyon for mid hike break. Return back to the Willow canyon trail, turn right and follow the Willow Canyon Trail and the Mesquite Canyon Trail 3.5 miles back to the tour starting point.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon, 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. Continue on the park road following directions to ramada 7. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 26** 

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon to the dam (PCHC # 22).

**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

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HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Goat Camp, South Trail (PCHC # 27).

**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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 27** 

which is \$2.00 per hiker).

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon Trail, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon to rocky outcropping above Willow Spring/Falls (PCHC # 37).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Two extended climbs, Long Distance.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1723 feet. The trail goes to the rocky outcropping above the falls at Willow Springs. Total hike length depends in part, on how far the group travels down the rocky outcropping. Take Mesquite Trail from 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. Turn right onto the Willow Canyon trail and climb over a ridge. The trail follows the canyon to a wash where the trail comes to a T intersection. To the left is Willow Spings and Falls, 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. Turning right at the T intersection keeps hikers on the Willow Canyon Trail, which terminates at a second T intersection with the Ford Canyon Trail. Turn left on Ford and then turn left down the wash to the rocky outcropping area and the top of the waterfall. Trail condition average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two extended climbs in mile 1 on Mesquite and in mile 3 on Willow Canyon TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Willow Canyon and Ford FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library

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

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HIKE: C Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mesquite Canyon, Willow Canyon, Ford Canyon, Mesquite Lollipop Loop (PCHC # 762).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** C hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Two extended climbs, Long Distance.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1450 feet. This hike is an 8.6 mile lollipop loop hike with an elevation gain of 1450 ft. The trail goes up the Mesquite Trail, turns right on Willow Canyon Trail, turns left on Ford Canyon trail and then turns left on Mesquite to return to the trailhead; this hke may be done reversing the loop. The rock outcropping on the wash above Willow Springs and Falls is a good break area. The trail starts on the Mesquite Trail from area 7 just off 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 ito 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 in it, though it might be only a trickle. Continue up Willow Canyon trail to the intersection with the Ford Canyon trail and turn left. Continue on Ford Canyon until the intersection with Mesquite and Goat Camp trails. Turn left onto Mesquite and return to the trailhead. Trail condition: average hiking trail with a couple of steep climbs. Includes an optional side trip to the top of the waterfall.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two extended climbs in mile 1 on Mesquite and in mile 3 on Willow Canyon TRAILHEAD NAME: Mesquite Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Mesquite, Willow Canyon and Ford 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

HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Library to Waterfall Trail (PCHC # 32).

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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## HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track (PCHC # 44).

**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

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 44** 

# HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop Competitive Track (no additions) (PCHC # 797).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.4 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. This is a counter clockwise version of the oneway competitive bike trail on which bicycles travel on a clockwise direction. Hike # 44 describes the clockwise version of the Sonoran Loop but hiking counterclockwise will have you facing the bike traffic hence it is a safer version for the hiking club. This version is also slightly shorter in mileage due to the fact that the Technical Addition and the optional hike to the White Waterfall area are omitted from this hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Sonoran Loop

**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

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HIKE: C Hike - White Tank MRP - Waterfall and Black Rock from Mule Deer and Mesquite (PCHC # 793).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 6.4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 320 feet. This is a 6.4 mile hike from the Nature Center to the Waterfall Trail via Mesquite. There is a short offtrail section between the Mesquite and Waterfall trails that passes thru the playground area. Excellent views to the East and North as Mule Deer climbs a hill on the way in and out.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Mule Deer Trailhead at Library **TRAILS:** Mule Deer, Mesquite, Waterfall, and Black Rock **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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 793** 

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Longer Version) (PCHC # 750).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.1 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This hike starts on the fairly flat Waddell Trail that usually produces a lot of flowers in the Spring. It then joins the Ford Canyon trail, making a short climb. then dropping into Ford Canyon itself. Past the 3 mile point for the Ford Canyon trail, the trail becomes more difficult as it climbs to the first switchback where views of white rocks and usually dry waterfalls come into view. This is the

turnaround point, with several options for your break. At this point turn and retrace your steps back to the parking lot. **TRAILHEAD NAME:** Waddell Trailhead **TRAILS:** Waddell, Ford Canyon

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park. Take 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer Wildlife Trail (PCHC # 700).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. We hike north from the White Tanks 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 can take a break on benches at the pond or proceed to Ramada #4 for shaded picnic tables before returning to the Library trailhead.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** This is a little oasis in the middle of the desert!

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer Trail, Wildlife Trail

**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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 700** 

HIKE: D Challenge Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails (PCHC # 38).

**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** D hike rating exceeded: Mileage.

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 525 feet. The hike starts on the Mule Deer trail at Ramada 3 and climbs to the high point to a promontory with a sweeping view over the west valley. Continue on Mule Deer eventually crossing the park road onto the Black Rock trail. Take either the left or the right fork. The trail joins the Waterfall Trail at which point turn left and hike to the (usually dry) hidden waterfall. Good place for a break! Retrace steps back to the right turn onto Black Rock. Take the left or right fork (whichever not hiked earlier) back to the park road. Cross onto the Mule Deer trail and climb up and over the small hill with the sweeping views all the way back to the Ramada 3 parking area.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Ramada 3 TRAILS: Mule Deer, Black Rock, Waterfall Trails

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms and Water 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. Mule Deer trail can be accessed at Picnic Area #3 (D hikes). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Bajada, Goat Camp, South Trail, Mule Deer, Bajada (PCHC # 20).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. Begin at the Bajada trailhead at area 2. The trail begins across the road from the restrooms. The trail meanders through typical Sonoran Desert vegetation and is relatively flat. The half way break can be taken at the end of the South trail where there are picnic tables.

**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: Bajada Trailhead TRAILS: Bajada, Goat Camp, South Trail, Mule Deer, Bajada

**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. Continue on the park road following the signs to Area 2. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**URL MAP:** https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-86KmpGM

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 20** 

# HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Choices Hike, Ford Canyon Mule Deer Loop (PCHC # 753).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. This is a loop that can start at Ramada 4 or 7, or the horse staging area. The leader will give the hikers the opportunity to choose the starting point, direction of travel, and from several trail options to produce a 4 to 5.6 mile hike with 250 to 300 ft. of elevation gain. The intermediate length hike will be 5 miles and 250, with options to increase or reduce length. This is a relatively flat hike in the Eastren area of the Park with views of the mountains as well as desert flora.

**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Ramada 4 or 7 **TRAILS**: Mule Deer, Ford, Ironwood, Mesquite, Waterfall, Black Rock, with options for Ironwood and Wildlife.

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. 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 to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #4. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 753** 

### HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Ford Canyon View (Short Version) (PCHC # 25).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 400 feet. This is a scenic hike to a point with views of the lower section Ford Canyon. From the parking lot take the Waddell Trail to the junction with Ford Canyon Trail. Bear straight on the Ford Canyon Trail until the sign warning bicycles and horses not to proceed. At which point turn and retrace steps back to the parking lot.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Waddell Trailhead TRAILS: Waddell, Ford Canyon

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to White Tank Mountains Regional Park. Take 303 North (right). Exit at Northern (next to zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow it to the park gate. Trailhead parking is at Picnic area #7. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon Lollipop (PCHC # 30).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.3 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Start at the Gray Fox Trailhead in the Competitive Track parking area. Contiune to junction with Ironwood. Turn left and follow to junction with Ford Canyon, Turn left and follow to the park road. At this point turn around and follow the Ford Canyon Trail all the way to the junction with Waddell trail. At this point turn around and proceed to the junction with Ironwood Trail. Turn left and then left again onto Gray Fox and take this back to the parking lot.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Excellent trail condition. This is a beautiful hike if you get up early to witness the early morning sun on the white tank mountains. 0.6 miles of this hike are optional (the extension of the triangle to and from the park road and the extension of the triangle to and from Waddell junction). The hike length becomes 3.7 miles if these options are not taken.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Gray Fox Trailhead TRAILS: Gray Fox, Ironwood, Ford Canyon

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Grey Fox Trail is at the end of the main road, left off the end of the paved road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 30** 

HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Library North Trail (PCHC # 31).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. We head north from the White Tanks Library on the Mule Deer Trail with expansive views of the west valley, before taking our break at Ramada #4 and then returning to the library. 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 (safely behind glass).

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer

**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 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-k9R48fq

## HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail from Northern Avenue (PCHC # 35).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Good trail conditions. Trail parallels the White Tank Mountains toward Verrado. Park on the southside of Northern Avenue just across the Beardsley Canal. Trails tarts just west of parking area.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Maricopa

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms and no park fee.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:** to Maricopa Trail Trailhead at Northern Ave. 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). Continue on Northern across Citrus Avenue until it crosses the Beardsley Canal. Park on the left side of the road on the west side of the Canal. Trail will be to your right (west). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 22 miles

URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/White-Tank-Mountain-Regional-Park/i-cSxXMcc

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 35** 

## HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail North (PCHC # 33).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Trail in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Trail Staging Area; Follow signs for Maricopa Trail, Mule Deer Trail to gate, leave the Park and proceed 2 to 2.5 miles along the Maricopa Trail and return. Great views of the White TanksMountains and lots of wildflowers in the Spring.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Horse Staging Trailhead TRAILS: Maricopa, Mule Deer

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohn at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per hiker).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to the White Tank Mountains Regional Park: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road. Turn west (left) and take Loop 303 North. Exit at Northern (next to the zoo) and turn left (West). Turn right on Cotton. Turn left on Olive and follow Olive to the park gate. Ford Canyon Trail trailhead parking is at the horse staging area on the right just before the Waterfall Canyon Road junction. DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles

URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4al2hnTyEozjIciUXD

**PCHC TRAIL ID: 33** 

### HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Maricopa Trail South (PCHC # 34).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. Trail is in excellent shape. Start at the White Tanks Library/Visitor Center or the South Trail; take Mule Deer Trail South to the Maricopa Trail out of the park. Turn around at the Beardsley Canal and return to the Library/Visitor Center.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Maricopa, Mule Deer

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. 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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Mule Deer, South Trail, Goat Camp Loop (PCHC # 39).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 350 feet. The hike starts at the library and meanders through typical Sonoran Desert vegetation. Restrooms can be found in the library. Trail condition: average hiking trail.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mule Deer Trailhead at Library TRAILS: Mule Deer, South and Goat Camp

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Restrooms at the library. 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 of the sidewalk on the left of the building. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 30 miles

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**PCHC TRAIL ID: 39** 

HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Middle Version (PCHC # 709).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 475 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to a crested saguaro.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: None named

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per 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

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 709

HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Competitive Track - Short Version (PCHC # 45).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. This is a oneway competitive bike trail with a few ups and downs through washes. The high point gives you nice views back to the east. A short detour on the second half of the hike takes you to a crested saguaro.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: None named

**FEES AND FACILITIES:** Portajohns at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per car for all trailheads (except from the library which is \$2.00 per 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

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HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Sonoran Loop - Homestead Hike (PCHC # 706).

TRAILHEAD NAME: Sonoran Loop Trailhead TRAILS: Competitive Track

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 4.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 380 feet. This is the short version of the Sonoran Loop incorporating a short detour to the homestead ruins. This hike can be a clockwise or counterclockwise route aroung the Sonoran Loop. Either way, you will have an opportunity to visit the remains of an old homestead and water tank. Getting to the Homestead requires a roughly half mile, relatively easy bushwhack. The water tank is on a trail and easy to get to. The trail offers great view of the White Tank Mountains, with several deep wash crossings.

**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

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# HIKE: D Hike - White Tank MRP - Waterfall, Black Rock Loop Trails (PCHC # 46).

**DESCRIPTION:** This hike is a 3.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. Trailhead is about 1/4 mile west on Waterfall Canyon Road. Among the unique features on the Waterfall Trail are the Indian petroglyphs (900 to 1300 AD) at about the halfway point on the trail. Further along, at the three quarter point, more petroglyphs are encountered along with an old steel water tank. The trail ends at the waterfall, which has a vertical drop of about 80 feet. The falls are dry, however, except after a rain or during the winter. We add the Black Rock Loop Trail to give some length to the hike.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Waterfall Trailhead TRAILS: Waterfall, Black Rock Trails

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water fountain are located at the trailhead. Park fee is \$7.00 per vehicle.

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. Waterfall Trail trailhead is at Picnic area #6, which is on the Waterfall Canyon Road (first left after the horse corral). DRIVING DISTANCE: 30 miles

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