

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Loop + Sophies Flat D + A Loop (PCHC # 178).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: 2 miles of soft sand.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile double loop hike with an elevation gain of 1515 feet. At least 2 miles of this hike is on soft sand along the Hassayampa River and in Dinosaur Wash. Just short of 3 miles in the wash, on the right there is a marked TH for D. This is where you depart the wash for a small 2 mile loop hike that then returns back into the wash. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but its not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash and two areas called narrows along the river. The box in Box Canyon is short canyon somewhat hidden behind a stand of large trees.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: This hike typically takes 4.5 hours with breaks

TRAILHEAD NAME: Box Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but there are restrooms at a Dairy Queen and gas station you drive past about 8 miles from the trailhead. No park fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn right just past McDonalds (restroom stop) on Highway 93. Go 4.6 miles to MP 195 & turn right onto unpaved Scenic Loop Drive. (this is the first road going right that is past the Dairy Queen on the left). Scenic Loop Drive is a dirt road (you might need an SUV after heavy rains). Drive 6.4 miles to a wide wash leading off to the right (6 miles from end of asphalt). Park here and hike .4 miles through a slot canyon to the top of the box canyon. Return & drive another 0.7 miles and veer right onto an unmarked 1 lane road at 7 miles. (At the turn, there normally is a sign indicating No Dumping). Parking area is .1 miles ahead on the rim of the canyon. The trail leads off down the old jeep trail to the right.

DRIVING DISTANCE: 105 miles

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HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Harquahala Peak (PCHC # 50).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.3 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 3572 feet. For the first 3 miles this trail follows a rocky route steeply rising under large, spectacular cliffs to an open mountain saddle. At this point the trail sweeps to the left and continues climbing over open grassland to the summit. At the summit is an old weather station with fact boards explaining the important history of Harquahala Mountain.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Steep trail. It rises 3572 feet in a little over 5 miles. Trail is on South side of range so in the morning you are climbing in shadows so may be very cold in the winter months. The first sun will be felt at the saddle. Additionally the route may be overgrown in the fall months after the summer monsoons. Wear long pants to ward off the cats claw!!

TRAILHEAD NAME: Harquahala Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Harquahala Summit Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: There is a restroom at the trailhead. No park fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Harquahala Peak Trailhead Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take 303 North to the Highway 60 (Grand) exit and turn left toward Wickenburg. At the traffic circle in Wickenburg, take the 2nd exit to stay on US 60 West/East Center/East Wickenburg Way and continue to follow US 60 West. The trailhead is on the left after the town of Aguila and before the town of Wenden. The turn to the trailhead is between mile marker 70 and 71. It is marked by a lone palm tree on the right hand side (north side) of the road. You must go through a gate on south side of the road. It is inconspicuous and easy to miss. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 180 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-PQsr2d9>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 50

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail (PCHC # 188).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: scramble to the top, hand over hand.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. The trail is easy to the base, moderate to the saddle where most hikers will stop. For those who wish to go to the top of Vulture Peak, that part is difficult and you leave walking sticks and backpacks behind for hand over hand climbing. Sign in at the top and you can get a certificate at the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce. Vulture Peak Trail meanders through classic Sonoran Desert landscapes, including dense stands of saguaro, ocotillo, cholla, and other cactus varieties; crosses wide desert washes; and offers dramatic scenic vistas of rugged desert mountain ranges and valleys in all directions.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Vulture Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Vulture Peak

FEES AND FACILITIES: Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. No Restrooms . No park fees

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for 2.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the next stoplight onto the Vulture Mine Road. Then drive 6.9 miles to the trailhead turnoff (before mile marker 19). Directions to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Alternate. Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway to I10. Take I10 west to 339th Avenue (exit 103). Turn north (right) on 339th Ave until Indian School Road. Turn west (left) on Indian School Road to Wickenburg Road. Turn north (right) on Wickenburg Road to Vulture Mine Road. Turn east (right) on gravel road .5 miles to trailhead just past mile marker 19.

DRIVING DISTANCE: 120 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak>

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jr5B>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 188

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Wickenburg Peak (PCHC # 190).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Final .2 miles is very steep.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. Most of the trail is fairly flat, going up and down through a few washes. At around 3.5 miles, the trail comes out of a wash at a dry waterfall and starts to go steadily up. At 4 miles, a good stopping point for C hikers, the trail starts to get steeper, rising 200 feet in .2 miles to the saddle. The final hike to the top is very steep.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Wickenburg Peak Trailhead **TRAILS:** Wickenburg Peak

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms and no park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Wickenburg Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for about 1.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the Charles Steakhouse. Trailhead is about 1 mile up the road at the top of a ridge, just as the road turns right. Parking is on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 94 miles

PCHC TRAIL ID: 190

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon (PCHC # 177).**REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** 2 miles of soft sand.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 500 feet. This is actually three short in and out hikes in a 3 bladed fan shape. At least 2 miles of it is on soft sand along the Hassayampa River and in Dinosaur Wash so don't be deceived by the lack of elevation change. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and possible water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but it's not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash and two areas called narrows along the river. The box in Box Canyon is a short canyon, somewhat hidden behind a stand of large salt cedar trees. We'll approach it from both above and below the falls area. Trail condition: the first third is in a rough rocky slot canyon, the last 2/3 is along a sandy wash with likely some creek sized crossings of the river.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Box Canyon Trailhead **TRAILS:** Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but we usually stop at the McDonalds in Wickenburg on our way to the trailhead. No park fees.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn right just past McDonalds (restroom stop) on Highway 93. Go 4.6 miles to MP 195 & turn right onto unpaved Scenic Loop Drive. (this is the first road going right that is past the Dairy Queen on the left). Scenic Loop Drive is a dirt road (you might need an SUV after heavy rains). Drive 6.4 miles to a wide wash leading off to the right (6 miles from end of asphalt). Park here and hike .4 miles through a slot canyon to the top of the box canyon. Return & drive another 0.7 miles and veer right onto an unmarked 1 lane road at 7 miles. (At the turn, there normally is a sign indicating No Dumping). Parking area is .1 miles ahead on the rim of the canyon. The trail leads off down the old jeep trail to the right. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 105 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Dinosaur-WashBox-Canyon>**HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Red Picacho Trail, near Morristown (PCHC # 181).****REASON FOR CHALLENGE:** Trail condition part is an average trail, part is rocky, and one section is on very steep, loose soil.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. The hike will lead through canyons and washes surrounded by scenic mountains and go past an old mining operation. Good views. We may see some wild burros and javalina along the way. The trail starts as a jeep trail, crosses a wash and then goes by the old mine. There are lots of hedgehog cacti near the far end of the trail. Great wildflowers after a rainy winter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 11 miles of dirt road**TRAILHEAD NAME:** Red Picacho Trailhead **TRAILS:** Red Picacho**FEES AND FACILITIES:** There are no facilities and no park fee

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Old Red Picacho Trail (Near Morristown). Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Near Morristown turn right onto Castle Hot Springs Road for 13 miles. This road is a dirt road for the last 11 miles. On the right side of the road is a bullpen, park your car across from it and hike away from the bullpen on an old road. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-jKgCrDn>**PCHC TRAIL ID:** 181

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Red Top Trail A Loop (PCHC # 182).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Mileage and elevation added. Loose rocks.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1430 feet. The trail is at a remote location and starts at Sophies Flat Trailhead, going through typical desert before joining an old jeep road. Once it crosses Blue Tank Wash it goes back to a typical desert trail but then follows a jeep trail to the north side of Red Top Mountain before looping back towards the parking lot through rolling terrain. There are many loose rocks on the trail in some areas but you will encounter very little hiker traffic and beautiful views.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Sophie Flats Trailhead TRAILS: Red Top Trail A Loop</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Sophie Flats Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but well maintained road (SUV not needed). DRIVING DISTANCE: 102 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-vG7T2H9</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 182</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Saddle Mountain Loop - Dinosaur Wash Area (PCHC # 184).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: 2 miles of soft sand.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile loop hike with an elevation gain of 940 feet. This is a very scenic hike, quite different than most desert hikes because of the canyons and water. This is an area where the river is above ground, but its not very deep except after a rain. There are several slot canyons along Dinosaur Wash. The box in Box Canyon is short canyon somewhat hidden behind a stand of large salt cedar trees.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Box Canyon Trailhead TRAILS: Saddle Mountain Loop</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms at the trailhead, but there are restrooms at a Dairy Queen and gas station you drive past, about 8 miles from the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Dinosaur Wash, Box Canyon Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn right just past McDonalds (restroom stop) on Highway 93. Go 4.6 miles to MP 195 & turn right onto unpaved Scenic Loop Drive. (this is the first road going right that is past the Dairy Queen on the left). Scenic Loop Drive is a dirt road (you might need an SUV after heavy rains). Drive 6.4 miles to a wide wash leading off to the right (6 miles from end of asphalt). Park here and hike .4 miles through a slot canyon to the top of the box canyon. Return & drive another 0.7 miles and veer right onto an unmarked 1 lane road at 7 miles. (At the turn, there normally is a sign indicating No Dumping). Parking area is .1 miles ahead on the rim of the canyon. The trail leads off down the old jeep trail to the right. DRIVING DISTANCE: 105 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 184</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Twin Peaks, Danas Arch (PCHC # 185).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: uphill to the arch, rocky and sandy wash.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. The trail is very rocky in places and goes through a sandy wash for part of it. You can see parts of Wickenburg and the old Renegade Mine, as well as Vulture Peak and other surrounding mountains. There is a crested saguaro about 50 yards below the mine (on the right as you look up the road to the mine). The vegetation is dense in some areas and would provide many wildflowers in the spring after winter rains. Danas Arch is an interesting arch reachable by going up to a saddle on the left and hiking across a fairly flat ridgeline.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Twin Peaks Trailhead TRAILS: Twin Peaks, Danas Arch</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms (stop at McDonalds in Wickenburg) and no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Twin Peaks Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 for 2.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the next stoplight onto the Vulture Mine Road. Then drive 4.2 miles to the trailhead turnoff (right, just after mile marker 22). The last .7 miles is a dirt road, but is passable by cars. Follow the main track as it goes slightly left it dead ends just before a wash. Park here. DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Twin-Peaks-Danas-Arch</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jr5B</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBjh3T-qk51NxWK6</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 185</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Unida Wash Trail (PCHC # 186).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: 700 feet down to river, then 700 feet back up.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. The original point of interest on this trail was the tallest saguaro, but it fell a few years back and very little remains of it now. There is an interesting canyon ending in a 10 foot dry waterfall about 2.5 miles into the hike. There are enough rocks and the water is shallow enough to cross at numerous points if one wishes to explore it further.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A high clearance vehicle is needed to reach the trailhead.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Unida Wash Trailhead TRAILS: Unida Wash</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Unida Wash Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 8.1 miles from the point it becomes unpaved. The first 6 miles is a pretty good dirt road, passable by any vehicle. The last 2.1 miles usually requires a high clearance vehicle. Park just off the road on the second road that goes off to the left just over a high point in the landscape. DRIVING DISTANCE: 118 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 186</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Vulture Peak Trail (PCHC # 187).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Elevation. Additional challenges include: Steep, rocky trail after leaving the upper parking lot.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1530 feet. This is a 5.6 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1050 feet. The trail is a walk through the desert and Syndicate Wash for the first two miles. Enjoy the varied saguaros in the landscape. Then, soon after exiting the Upper Parking Lot, the terrain becomes very rocky and very steep (700 ft. in .7 miles). At the saddle between Vulture Peak and the Sawtooths, we will take our break and enjoy a nearly 360 degree view. Some may wish to continue with a 240 foot hand over foot climb and shimmying up a chute to the Peak.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Vulture Peak Trailhead TRAILS: Vulture Peak</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Trailhead parking is available for 15 vehicles. No Restrooms. No park fees</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Vulture Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Drive through Wickenburg. Turn south (left) at the stoplight on to Vulture Mine Rd. Drive 6 miles and turn left on to an unmarked, gravel road that opens into a parking lot. If you reach the construction, you have gone too far. DRIVING DISTANCE: 132 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/Vulture-Peak</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-kv9Jr5B</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBnA-WvoU8ndb2iC</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 187</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - Wickenburg Area - Wickenburg Peak (PCHC # 189).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: C hike rating exceeded: Bushwhacking.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This is an exploratory, following the jeep tracks, not overly sandy Cemetery and Rattlesnake Washes and vague trails SSE towards Wickenburg Peak. Highlights include a short side trip to the border of Rancho de los Caballeros, a 75 year old ranch resort, a scramble under a barbed wire fence and territorial views of the area. We will head south for 3 to 3.5 miles, then turn around and return. This is State Trust Land.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: none TRAILS: none</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: none</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Wickenburg Peak Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S. 60 for about 1.5 miles after the first stop light in Wickenburg. Turn left on Ocotillo Drive at the Charles Steakhouse. Trailhead is about 1 mile up the road at the top of a ridge, just as the road turns right. Gravel parking lot is on the left.</p> <p>DRIVING DISTANCE: 94 miles</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBrX3Q687LQKtvLU</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 189</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Blue Tank Falls, DC Trails (PCHC # 175).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 695 feet. This first part of the hike goes into a sandy wash and up the Blue Tank Falls, a very interesting area of rock formations. The second part goes up over a ridge with expansive views in all directions. There are lots of varieties of cacti in this area. A side trail goes by a large ocotillo forest. Trail condition: most of the trail is an average hiking trail, but the Blue Wash area has a short waterfall and is sandy.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Blue Tank Trailhead TRAILS: Blue Tank Falls, DC</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: There are no restrooms (but a McDonalds is on the way to the trailhead). There is no park fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg DC/Blue Tank Falls Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Trailhead parking is on the side of the road. The trail heads off to the left on a faint jeep road marked with cairns. DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Wickenburg/DCBlue-Tank-Falls</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-NxqSmGR</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4asCwWjWF_VAPRj7A1?e=2FD1Jk</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 175</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Bootleggers Trail (PCHC # 176).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 525 feet. This hike starts at Sophies Flat and goes through typical desert terrain and then along a canyon before crossing the Blue Tank Wash and returning. There are some interesting canyon areas and a dry waterfall. There are also many views of the Wickenburg area as well as the other mountains in Wickenburg.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bootleggers Trailhead TRAILS: Bootlegger</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restroom at the trailhead. No Park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Sophie Flats Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved (stay right going past the intersection with Blue Tank Road). Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but well maintained road (SUV not needed). DRIVING DISTANCE: 98 miles</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amVLh7AOoIaZaCyfwh</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 176</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Escondido Arch Trail (PCHC # 179).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. The hike follows an old jeep road for 2.5 miles before going into a sandy wash for about half a mile. The arch is up a slight hill and is just big enough to climb through. There are expansive views of the surrounding area, including views of the backside of Vulture Peak in one direction and Wickenburg Peak in the other.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Escondido Arch Trailhead TRAILS: Escondido Arch</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No park fees. No restrooms at the trailhead (stop at McDonalds in Wickenburg).</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Escondido Arch Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Stay on U.S 60 through Wickenburg. Turn south (left) onto Vulture Mine Road (a stoplight). Turn left on Vulture Peak Road (dirt road) (about .3 miles past mile marker 23). Continue down Vulture Peak Road for 3 to 4 miles. Park on the side of the road at the top of the hill overlooking Big Spar Mine (in the valley on the right). DRIVING DISTANCE: 110 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 179</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - Wickenburg Area - Red Top Trail A Loop (PCHC # 183).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 700 feet. This well groomed trail starts at Sophies Flat and goes through typical desert before joining an old jeep road. Once it crosses the Blue Tank Wash it goes back to a typical desert trail with a lot of rubble on all the slopes.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Sophie Flats Trailhead TRAILS: Red Top Trail A Loop</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the trailhead. No park Fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Sophie Flats Trailhead: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. Turn north (right) on El Recreo Drive. Continue straight as the road changes name to Constellation Road. The road will become unpaved in a couple of miles. Drive 4.4 miles from the point it becomes unpaved . Turn left on Blue Tank Road. Go 1.3 miles to the Sophie Flats trailhead (This is the trailhead we use for the Red Top Mountain Trail). Trailhead parking is on the right. The last 2.3 miles are on an unpaved, but well maintained road (SUV not needed). DRIVING DISTANCE: 102 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-Sw4J3V6</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4anBcNQ970Ve1aLapS</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 183</p>
<p>HIKE: D Hike - Wickenburg Area - Hassayampa River Preserve (PCHC # 180).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 3.2 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 200 feet. The preserve is one of the two areas where the Hassayampa River flows above ground. There are lots of tall palm and cottonwood trees as well as lush undergrowth. Over 50 bird species call this home for part of the year. The best time to go is spring (March). There is one hill overlooking the preserve with elevation, the rest of the trail is mostly level.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: Hassayampa River Preserve</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Open 8:00AM F/S/S May 15 to Sept 15. Open 8:00 AM W/T/F/S/S Sept 15 to May 15. There are restrooms in the visitors center. Park fee is \$5.00 per person.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Wickenburg Hassayampa River Preserve: Head north on PebbleCreek Parkway to Indian School Road, turn west (left) and then take Loop 303 North (right) to U.S. 60. Turn west (left) onto U.S. 60. The Preserve is on the left near Milepost 114. DRIVING DISTANCE: 80 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/Wickenburg/i-vG7T2H9</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4aox809GLAJKNNU74c?e=Vd8rgU</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 180</p>