

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Hike - South Mountain Park - Challenge Circuit National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Ranger, Bajada (PCHC # 337).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 20 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 3900 feet. None of the hill climbs are difficult there just are a lot of them. Start at the San Juan Parking lot and take the National Trail to the east. At the 3.6 mile mark is the first mine shaft, at 4.6 there is another mine. The junction with the Ranger Trail is at the 6 mile mark, stay on the National Trail. At 6.9 miles there is the Telegraph Pass Ramada. Continue on the National Trail, which crosses the Summit Road at 7.25 miles until .5 miles beyond the junction with the Holbert Trail. Turn around at the 10 mile mark and return to the Kiwanis Trail just below the Telegraph Pass Ramada (12.8 miles). Take the Kiwanis Trail to the parking lot then find the Los Lomitas Loop Trail going off to the left and follow that for almost 1 mile to the Ranger Trail. Take the Ranger Trail left for about .2 miles to the Bajada Trail. Follow the Bajada Trail for 3.2 miles to the National Trail and go west 1.7 miles back to the San Juan parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. TRAILS: National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas Loop, Ranger, Bajada</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Loop 202 South (near 59th Avenue). Take the exit for Estrella Drive (exit 68) and go east across 51st Avenue. Bear right as the road makes a sharp left. Parking is on the right near the end of the road. San Juan lookout is over the hill heading southeast. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 337</p>
<p>HIKE: A Hike - South Mountain Park - Full National Trail (PCHC # 4).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 17 mile point to point hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Start at West Estrella Drive close to the Curtiss Saddle Trailhead in Laveen. Hike the 0.5 mile to the San Juan Lookout. This is the official start of the National Trail in the southwest of the South Mountain range. From here it is approximately 16 miles along the excellent trail to the Pima Canyon trailhead in the northeast of the park.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PCHC SIGNATURE HIKE. Long Mileage (17 miles). Several uphill sections with excellent trail condition. Most climbing completed by middle of the hike (If hiking from West to East). Multiple vehicles or Dropoff required. Bring extra food, water and electrolytes.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Pima Canyon Parking Area TRAILS: National Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No parking, no fees, no water at Estrella Drive trailhead. Restrooms and water at at Pima Canyon trailhead.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to South Mountain Park (Pima Canyon Trailhead) from PebbleCreek Head south on Pebble Creek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take 202 South to Baseline Road. Follow Baseline Road to 48th Street. Right turn onto 48th Street and bear left at the roundabout onto S Pointe Parkway East. One block past the junction with Guadalupe Road turn right onto 48th Street then turn left onto Pima Canyon Road (just before stop sign to enter The Pointe at South Mountain). Follow Pima Canyon Road into South Mountain Park. to Curtiss Saddle Trailhead from Pima Canyon Trailhead. Follow Pima Canyon Road out of the park to South Point Parkway. Turn Left onto South Pointe Parkway that leads onto 48th Street. Turn left on Baseline Road. In 8.7 miles turn left on 35th Avenue. Continue onto W Carver Street. Turn left on 43rd Ave. Turn Left onto W Estrella Drive. Trailhead is on right in .3 mile. DRIVING DISTANCE: 100 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/National-Trail/A-HikeSouth-Mt-Natl-TrailLynnW2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-WChXxBb</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgvwFnInBF4alxK6-IO1HMichKHc</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: A Hike - South Mountain Park - Maricopa Peak Big Loop (PCHC # 5).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 14.7 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2545 feet. Park at 5 Tables / Ranger Trailhead from Ranger Trailhead follow park road north for .25 mile to the Crosscut Trail. Turn left on Crosscut Trail to the junction with the HauPal Trail. Bear left and follow this trail uphill to the ridge line. The HauPal Trail abruptly turns right and steeply climbs the open ridge over several rocky outcrops to join the Alta Trail rising from the left. Follow the Alta Trail along the ridge and at the point the Alta Trail turns north, leave the path and climb to the trailless summit of Maricopa Peak. On the far side of the summit drop onto the Alta Trail for the long descent to the San Juan Lookout. At this point follow the National Trail as it crosses the valley and steadily climbs onto the ridge of the Gila Range. After a quick stop on Goat Hill turn left downhill on the Ranger Trail to return to the car.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Long mileage (12.6 miles) with 2 main uphill sections (Full Alta and National Trails). One offTrail section (summit of Maricopa Peak).</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Crosscut, HauPal, Alta Ridge Trails with return via National and Ranger Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms and water are at the ranger station at entrance to park.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to Trailhead: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 202 South. Exit 202 South at Baseline. Turn left onto Baseline. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to parking area at the Ranger Trailhead in the Five Tables picnic area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Maricopa-Peak-Goat-Hill-Loop/A-HikeSouth-Mtn-Alta-National-GoatLynnW2021-2022</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-HtFQKrH</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alxOLy_gosmTohoYj</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 5</p>
<p>HIKE: A Hike - South Mountain Park - Maricopa Peak Big Loop (South Mountain) Bajada, Alta to Maricopa Peak, National to Goat Hill, Ranger, Bajada (PCHC # 336).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 13 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2445 feet. From the triangle parking zone, well take the Alta Trail, steeply climbing to the Ma Ha Tauk Ridge. This high ridge gives spectacular views over Phoenix and the Estrella Range and further allows access to the trailless summit of Maricopa Peak. After a long descent and crossing of the valley well climbs onto the National Trail traversing the Gila Range. After a quick stop on Goat Hill, well return to the car via the Ranger and Bajada Trails.</p> <p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Long Mileage (14 miles) Two extended uphill sections (Alta and National Trails) Off Trail Climb to summit of Maricopa Peak</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bajada Trailhead at Triangle TRAILS: Alta, National, Ranger, Bajada</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to parking area at 'Triangle DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Maricopa-Peak-Goat-Hill-Loop/A-HikeSouth-Mt-Maricopa-Peak-LoopLynnW2020-2021</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyrHZdoQ-fLkZrm7?e=MnOrvF</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 336</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - South Mountain Park - Corona de Loma-Midlife Crisis Loop (PCHC # 327).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Mileage. Additional challenges include: Difficult, long uphill section in miles 8-12. Do not hike in summer months.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 12.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. Trail combining Corona de Loma, Desert Classic, Old Man, Midlife Crisis and National trails, with an optional detour through Fat Man Pass. The hike starts at the Buena Vista parking area and quickly heads downhill past the Chinese Wall to the Desert Classic trail on the south side of South Mountain, then takes the first left to head up the steep Old Man Trail to the top of the ridge to intersect the Midlife Crisis Trail. The hike then proceeds east on Midlife Crisis which follows the ridgeline (some scrambling required) parallel to the lower National Trail; Midlife Crisis provides great views of Phoenix and nice lunch areas on the rock ledges and eventually leads to the National Trail where the hike proceeds west toward the Buena Vista parking area. Along the way, an optional short, fun deviation is to go through Fatman Pass from the east and then reconnect to the National Trail to continue back to the parking area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A long, strenuous loop. Difficult long uphill in miles 8 through 12. Do not attempt in hot months. Recommended winter hike (November through February). Bring extra water, electrolytes, food.

TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Buena Vista Parking Lot **TRAILS:** Corona de Loma, Desert Classic, Old Man, Midlife Crisis, National, Fat Man Pass

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138, SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack. Go through another guard shack to the Park Office area. Proceed up the Summit Road about 6.5 miles following the signs to Buena Vista Parking area. Trailhead is at the Buena Vista Parking area.

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Midlife-CrisisNationalFatman-Pass>

HIKE: B Challenge Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Lollipop via Corona Del Loma (PCHC # 769).

REASON FOR CHALLENGE: B hike rating exceeded: Elevation.

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2500 feet. Start out on the Telegraph Pass Trail. The first .2 miles are a paved trail. At .4 miles, the trail intersects with the end of Desert Classic Trail. This trail ascends about 500 to Telegraph Pass. Turn right at the intersection of the National Trail. At 1.4 miles, the trail intersects with the Holbert Trail, but continues on the National Trail for another .7 miles. Turn right at the intersection with the Corona de Loma and follow as it crosses the ridge to the south. Turn right on the Lower Corona Trail. Turn right on Desert Classic and follow it to the Telegraph Pass Trail. Turn left on Telegraph Pass back to the trailhead.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Two principal uphill sections plus a long switchbacked downhill on Corona del Loma

TRAILHEAD NAME: Telegraph Pass **TRAILS:** Telegraph Pass, National, Corona del Loma, Lower Corona, Desert Classic, Telegraph Pass

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms at the trailhead. Paved parking for approximately 30 vehicles. Telegraph Pass is very popular, so parking does fill up.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. At exit 138, turn south on Loop 202. Take Exit 60 to Desert Foothills Parkway. Continue north on Desert Foothills Parkway for 2.4 miles to the driveway for the trailhead on the right (watch closely for this driveway). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 68 miles

URL MAP: <https://photos.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-zrv3DRs/0/e7157646/X3/Telegraph%20Loop%20via%20Corona%20Del%20Loma-X3.jpg>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 769

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Bajada, National, Alta Trail Loop (PCHC # 325).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1860 feet. It is 2.2 miles from the Bajada Trail parking lot to the National Trail, then 1.5 miles to the Alta Trailhead, then 1.5 miles and 1,100 foot climb to the summit and then 2.6 miles back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bajada Trailhead at Triangle TRAILS: Bajada, National, Alta</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take I10 East to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office, restrooms. Caravan to trailhead at the triangle. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Alta-National-Bajada-Trails</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-Lj9q76b</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyFFqiXAJlrz3xBD?e=OKsolr</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 325</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Bursera, National, Pyramid (PCHC # 326).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The trail starts off through typical desert landscape (which would be colorful after good winter rains) before going up to the ridgeline of South Mountain 620. The ridgeline provides great views to the south including the Estrella Mountains, Gila Indian Reservation, and Ahwatukee. The trail drops down to the valley and goes back up through the Gila Valley to the National Trail before returning to the trailhead.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bursera Trailhead TRAILS: Bursera, National, Pyramid</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Turn right (south) on 202. Take the exit for 17th Avenue go left (north) under the highway. Turn left (west) on Chandler Boulevard. Turn right (north) on 19th Avenue. Turn left (west) into the trailhead parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 52 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Busera-National-Pyramid</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alyLQD__X8ZUVt6lr?e=cAA5Np</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 326</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass, Desert Classic (PCHC # 329).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 860 feet. The hike starts in Ahwatukee at the 48th Street entrance to South Mountain Park. The trail starts out of the parking lot flat, climbs then levels off to Hidden Valley where it passes through large rocks and tunnels. From here the trail will continue to the left on the National Trail to the Buena Vista parking lot. Then its down the road a short way to an unnamed trail down to the Desert Classic Trail. Turn left on the Desert Classic Trail and take it back to the parking lot. There is an optional big climb near the end of the trail before we return to the 48th Street parking lot. There are great views of the Valley from the ridge on which we will be hiking.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Pima Canyon Parking Area TRAILS: Fat Mans Pass, National, Desert Classic Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 48th Street. Right turn onto 48th Street. (Exit 153). Turn left at the roundabout (just before entering The Pointe at South Mountain Pointe Parkway East). One block past Guadalupe Roa turns right onto 48th Street. Turn left onto Pima Canyon Road (just before stop sign to enter The Pointe at South Mountain). Follow Pima Canyon Road into South Mountain Park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 66 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 329</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert Loop via National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails (PCHC # 51).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1600 feet. From the parking lot the Holbert Trail climbs up the valley to the left of Dobbins Lookout. Continue up to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the junction with the Kiwanis Trail. Take a break at the stone ramada. Take the Kiwanis down to the valley, then turn right onto the Los Lomitas Trail to the junction with the Box Canyon Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Holbert Trailhead TRAILS: Holbert, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail), Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Rt 202 S to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave. Turn right onto Central Avenue and drive into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut (if you get to the Ranger Station youve driven too far). Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-TWSTT9J</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4amRrfipuiNtuK7tyc</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 51</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert, National, Ranger, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails (PCHC # 728).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.5 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1800 feet. From the parking lot the Holbert Trail climbs up the valley to the left of Dobbins Lookout. A spur trail leads steeply up to Dobbins Lookout. From here, retrace your steps back to the Holbert Trail, turn right and continue up to the junction with the National Trail. Turn right and proceed up the road and follow the trail to the north of the microwave towers to the Telegraph Hill stone ramada. Stay on National then turn right onto the Ranger Trail to the junction with the Los Lomitas Trail. Again, turn right and follow the trail back to the parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Holbert Trailhead TRAILS: Holbert, National, Ranger, Los Lomitas, Box Canyon Trails</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No park fees.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: to South Mountain Park (Holbert Trail). Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Rt 202 S to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Ave. Turn right onto Central Avenue and drive into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut (if you get to the Ranger Station youve driven too far). Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: http://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 728</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Mormon Ridgeline and Pima East Trails (PCHC # 693).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 10.4 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 1636 feet. Begin at Mormon TH for 1.1 miles, turning left onto Mormon Loop Trail proceed for 1.3 miles. Turn left and go 0.1 mile on the connector for Javelina; at Javelina go right and proceed for 1.6 miles. Trail meets with Beverly Canyon Trail, go right & follow for 0.28 miles, turning left towards Pima East Loop trail for 0.5 miles, then turn left onto Pima East Loop. Follow Pima East for 0.9 miles where it intersects Pima West, turn left and follow for 0.6 miles where it intersects onto Pima Wash Trail. Follow Pima Wash for 0.2 miles, turn right onto Beverly Canyon Trail and proceed for 0.2 miles. Turn right onto Scott Ridge Trail for .36 miles. Stay straight as it becomes MidLife Crisis. Follow for 0.12 miles, veer to the right & take Hidden Valley Trail for 0.33 miles, then turn left onto National Trail for 1.3 miles. Turn right onto Mormon Trail to return to the cars.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: New hike. Conflicting information on some maps.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Mormon Trailhead (8610 S 24th street, Phoenix). **TRAILS:** Mormon Trail, Mormon Loop, Javelina Canyon & Connector, Beverly Canyon, Pima East, Pima West, Pima Wash, Scott Ridge, Mid Life Crisis, Hidden Valley, National

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms and no park fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on Pebble Creek Pkwy, then go E on I10. Proceed on I10 for about 16 miles. Use the right 2 lanes to exit on 143B to merge onto I17 S/US 60 E toward US 60 E/I10 Truck Rte. After about 5.7 miles, take exit 195 A toward 16th street. Merge onto I17 Frontage Rd/E Maricopa Fwy, turn right onto South 16th street for 3.4 miles. Turn left onto E Baseline Rd (0.4 mi), right onto S 20th St (0.5 mi), left onto E South Mtn Ave (0.5 mi), right onto S 24th st (0.3 mi). Proceed to the Mormon Trailhead. (8610 S 24th street, Phoenix). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

PCHC TRAIL ID: 693

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - National, Box Canyon Loop, Los Lomitas Loop, Kiwanis from Summit Road (PCHC # 335).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1420 feet. This hike starts at the top of Telegraph Hill on the Summit Road. Take the National Trail North & East for 2.25 miles to the Horton Trail. The Horton Trail leads to Dobbins Lookout and then to the parking lot at the bottom of South Mountain. Take the road to the left about .1 miles to the Box Canyon Loop Trail and follow it for about 1.0 miles and then turn left onto the Los Lomitas Loop Trail. From here begin the climb back to the car. In about 1/2 mile you will come across a parking lot with picnic tables to the left. This is where you will find the Kiwanis Trail. Take the climb up the Kiwanis Trail to the car.

TRAILHEAD NAME: No Named Trailhead. Refer to Driving Directions. **TRAILS:** National, Horton, Box Canyon Loop, Los Lomitas Loop, Kiwanis

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take I10 East to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue and continue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline and continue to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central Avenue. into South Mountain Park. Turn left just past the entrance hut. Drive to the end of the parking lot on the left. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 335

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Ranger, National, Bajada Trails (PCHC # 341).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 8.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet. The hike starts by going up the Summit Road for about .5 miles to the Ranger Trail. Proceed to the right and climb to the National Trail then turn right to the Bajada Trail. Following the Bajada Trail to the left will bring you back to the Summit Road and the auto(s).

TRAILHEAD NAME: Bajada Trailhead at Triangle **TRAILS:** Ranger, National, Bajada

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Drive on I10E to I17S, Exit at 7th Avenue, straight ahead to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central which goes into South Mountain Park. We will stop at the restroom by the park office. Car pool to the junction of the Summit Road and San Juan Road, near the two mile post. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

URL PHOTOS: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Ranger-National-Alta-Bajada>

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 341

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Ranger, National, Mines, Pyramid, National Trails (PCHC # 343).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.3 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This hike has nice views of downtown Phoenix and the mountains on the North side of Phoenix. The hike starts by climbing up 800 feet to the National Trail on the ridge. It then goes to the Pyramid Trail, which goes down the south side of the mountain before going back up to the National Trail. It then goes along the National Trail to a ramada where we will take our break. We will then follow the Kiwanis Trail down to the bottom and take Los Lomita back to the cars.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area **TRAILS:** Ranger, National, Mines, Pyramid, National

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 343

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Ranger, National, Ruins, Gila West, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Ranger Trails Loop (PCHC # 344).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This is a way to incorporate the trail system to the south of the National Trail. It is 1.75 miles climb up the Ranger Trail from the parking lot to the National Trail, then turn left on the National Trail for 2 miles to an unmarked junction with the Ruins Trail. Turn left and go down the hill past the ruins and into the wash in 1.2 miles. Turn left in the wash to a service road. The junction with the Gila West Trail will be found in 1 mile. Turn left on the Gila West Trail and begin the big climb up to the National Trail. This leg is about 2 miles long. Turn right at the junction with the National Trail and start the descent going past the ramada to the Summit Road. Cross Summit Road to the Kiwanis Trail. Follow this trail for 1.45 miles to the Los Lomitas Trail just the other side of the parking lot. Turn right onto the Los Lomitas Trail and follow for about 1 mile to the Ranger Trail. Turn right for about .25 miles to the Five Tables parking lot.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Ranger, National, Ruins, Gila West, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomitas, Ranger</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/KiwanisNationalGila</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4alzAheBJx5Hz6pkSv?e=LtfcZY</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 344</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Ruins from Bursara Trailhead (PCHC # 345).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1200 feet. Start at the Bursera Trailhead parking lot in Ahwatukee Foothill Village. Take the Bursera Trail for a short distance then the Pyramid Trail for a short distance then take a side trail to The Lost Ranch Ruins. On the west side of the ruins is a trail leading to the top of a mountain and the National Trail. Turn right then to the Telegraph Hill Ramada which is past the Pyramid Trail junction. Return to the Pyramid Trail and turn left onto the trail. Follow this trail back to the Bursera Trail and then to the cars.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bursera Trailhead TRAILS: Bursera, Pyramid, National</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to Loop 202 and turn south to 17th Ave (exit 62). Turn right and follow to W. Chandler Boulevard. Turn left to S. 19th Avenue. Turn right and go to the parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 345</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Ruins from Kiwanis Trailhead (PCHC # 656).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 2000 feet. This is a way to incorporate the trail system to the south of the National Trail. It is 1.45 miles gradual climb up the Kiwanis Trail parking lot to the National Trail, then up past the ramada to the near the top of the hill in just over .5 miles to the Gila West Trail. Follow the Gila West trail around the first hilltop, then down a steep hill to a junction with a service road. This section should be about 2.1 miles. Turn right down the service road and enter a wash for about 1 mile. To your right there will be a path out of the wash point to the ruins. Follow this path to the southwest corner of the ruins and start the climb back up to the National Trail. This is a 1.2 mile climb and will get your heart rate pumping. At the junction with the National Trail turn right and follow it for 2 to the Ranger Trail. Turn left onto the Ranger Trail and go down the hill and across Summit Road to the Los Lomitas Trail in almost 1.5 miles. Turn right on the Los Lomitas Trail for a 1 mile hike back to the parking lot.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: A strenuous hike with lunch at the fireplace ruins, followed by a steep climb up to the National Trail for the return.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Kiwanis Trailhead **TRAILS:** Kiwanis, National, Gila West, Ruins, National, Ranger, Los Lomitas Circuit

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to trailhead. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 60 miles

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URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 656

HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Lollipop via Old Man Trail (PCHC # 768).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is an 11 mile lollipop hike with an elevation gain of 2100 feet. Start out on the Telegraph Pass Trail. The first .2 miles are a paved trail. At .4 miles, the trail intersects with the end of Desert Classic Trail. This trail then ascends about 500 to Telegrph Pass. Turn right onto the National Trail. At 1.4 miles, the trail intersects with the Holbert Trail, but continues on the National Trail for another .7 miles. At the intersection with the Corona de Loma Trail there is an optional right turn here that goes to the Chinese Wall at .15 mile each way. Continue on the National Trail to the Old Man trail and turn right onto the Old Man Trail. Climb up and over the ridge, passing the junction with Mid Life Crisis. The downhill section to the desert floor can be slippery with loose footing. Turn right on Secret Trail, then turn right on Lower Corona Trail. Turn right on Desert Classic and follow it to the Telegraph Pass Trail. Turn left on Telegraph Pass back to the trailhead.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: All of the climbing is in the first half of the hike. The downhill section of the Old Man Trail is steep and over loose rock. Poles may be useful for this section.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Telegraph Pass **TRAILS:** Telegraph Pass, National, Corona de Loma(optional), Old Man, Secret, Lower Corona, Desert Classic, Telegraph Pass

FEES AND FACILITIES: There are restrooms at the trailhead. Paved parking for approximately 30 vehicles. Telegraph Pass is very popular, so parking does fill up.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. At exit 138, turn south on Loop 202. Take Exit 60 to Desert Foothills Parkway. Continue north on Desert Foothills Parkway for 2.4 miles to the driveway for the trailhead on the right (watch closely for this driveway). **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 68 miles

URL MAP: <https://photos.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-WG8VhHs/0/bf377db7/X3/Telegraph%20Loop%20via%20Old%20Man%20and%20Secret%20Trails-X3.jpg>

URL GPX: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4avQybtORPP-HIeZ7?e=VrC66x>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 768

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Long Loop (PCHC # 346).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 9.9 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1783 feet. This is a loop on the south side of South Mountain going near the Foothills development. Take the Telegraph Pass Trail down .7 miles then turn left on to the Desert Classic Trail to sign post 45, turn left and follow the unnamed trail to the National Trail then turn left and return to the Telegraph Pass Trail. On the Desert Classic Trail there are two spots where determining the correct path may present problems. At sign post 62 take the path to the right and you will find the trail on top of the little rise. The other turn is at sign post 54, here you take the trail to the left.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Telegraph Pass Trailhead TRAILS: Telegraph Pass, Desert Classic, National</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Turn right (south) on Pecos Road (exit 161B) and go about 9 miles. Turn right on 17th Avenue. Turn left on Chandler Boulevard. At the end of the road turn right, then left into the trailhead parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 64 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 346</p>
<p>HIKE: B Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass Short Loop (PCHC # 347).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1018 feet. This is a trail on the south side of South Mountain going near the Foothills development. Take the Telegraph Pass Trail down .7 miles then turn left on to the Desert Classic Trail to sign post 52, turn around and return to the Telegraph Pass Trail. On the Desert Classic Trail there are two spots where determining the correct path may present problems. At sign post 62 take the path to the right and you will find the path on top of the little rise. The other turn is at sign post 54, here you take the trail to the left.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Telegraph Pass Trailhead TRAILS: Telegraph Pass, Desert Classic</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Turn right (south) on Pecos Road (exit 161B) and go about 9 miles. Turn right on 17th Avenue. Turn left on Chandler Boulevard. At the end of the road turn right, then left into the trailhead parking lot. DRIVING DISTANCE: 64 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 347</p>
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - South Mountain Park - Ranger, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomita Loop Trails (PCHC # 342).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Steep going up to the ridgeline and steep with lots of steps coming down the Kiwanis Trail.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1000 feet. This hike has nice views of downtown Phoenix and the mountains on the North side of Phoenix. The hike starts by climbing up 800 feet to the National Trail on the ridge. It then goes along the National Trail to a ramada where we will take our break. We will then follow the Kiwanis Trail down to the bottom and take Los Lomita back to the cars.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Ranger, National, Kiwanis, Los Lomita</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-pPHgrWb</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 342</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Challenge Hike - South Mountain Park - Telegraph Pass to National Trail and along North Side under Towers (PCHC # 752).</p> <p>REASON FOR CHALLENGE: Elevation.</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.9 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1500 feet. Begin at the Desert Foothills Trailhead in Ahwatukee. The first .45 mile is a concrete road until it tees with the Telegraph Pass and Desert Classic Trails. Proceed left on Telegraph over a steep, rocky trail that climbs to the road at a saddle where it intercepts the National Trail. Ascent at this 1.25 mile point is 515". Take the National Trail to the left and climb onto the front side of the mountain, just below the towers. The trail here is better, but very up and down out to where it crosses the road to the east of the towers, which is the turnaround point for the C hike. Expect great views of Ahwatukee to the south and downtown Phoenix to the north. Poles are recommended.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Desert Foothills Trailhead TRAILS: Telegraph Pass, National</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee. Paved parking.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. At exit 138, turn south on Loop 202. At Exit 62, turn off and go left onto South Desert Foothills Parkway. Follow the loop until you intercept Desert Foothills Trailhead. You can get directions on the GPS on your cell phone by putting in either this trailhead or by entering Telegraph Pass Trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 68 miles</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 752</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Alta East (PCHC # 324).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1300 feet. Its a fairly steady climb with a full circle view at the top. We start on the Bajada Trail, then cross the road to get to the Alta Trail. Hike up to a ridge then turn west and hike towards the summit. There is an unusual crested saguaro about 50 yards straight ahead at a sharp hairpin turn about half way up. After your snack break, you return same way.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Bajada Trailhead at Triangle TRAILS: Bajada, Alta</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take I10 East to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office, restrooms. Caravan to trailhead at the triangle. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Alta-Trail</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 324</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass from the East (PCHC # 328).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.1 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 960 feet. A nice hike to Fat Mans Pass starting in Ahwatukee at the 48th Street entrance to South Mountain Park. The trail starts out flat going out of the parking lot on an old road, then climbs to Hidden Valley where it loops back through large rocks and tunnels. There are great views of the valley from the ridge on which we will be hiking. This popular trail is considered to be fun by many past hikers.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Pima Canyon Parking Area TRAILS: Pima Canyon Trail, National Trail, Hidden Valley Trail, National Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take exit 138 onto 202 South. Take exit 55 AB to merge onto I10 West. Take exit 157 (Elliot Road). Turn left on Elliot Road. Turn right onto S 48th Street. Turn left to stay on S 48th Street. Turn left onto Pima Canyon Road. Follow Pima Canyon Road into South Mountain Park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 66 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Fat-Mans-Pass-East</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-Mq2mLXg</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ami33nvTT_JaPYXca?e=5LkbQB</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 328</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass from the West (PCHC # 332).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.8 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1080 feet. It follows the National Trail starting at the Buena Vista lookout, looping at Hidden Valley through boulders and rock tunnels, and returning on National Trail. Interesting, fun hike, with a few large boulders to climb over and slide down. An optional extra half mile hike with an elevation change of 130 feet can be added by taking a side trail to the right at marker #18. This trail goes to the top of the ridge giving hikers a 360 degree view of the surrounding area. A second optional addition is a .8 mile out and back hike (150 foot elevation change) going west from the parking lot to the China Wall, a natural rock formation that looks like a manmade wall from a distance. A third option is to go to an overlook to the left of the parking area, adding another .8 miles and 50 feet elevation gain.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Buena Vista Parking Lot TRAILS: National, Hidden Valley</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138. SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack (no fees). Go through another guard shack to the Park Office area. Proceed up the Summit Road about 6.5 miles following the signs to Buena Vista Parking area. Trailhead is at the Buena Vista Parking area. DRIVING DISTANCE: 70 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Fat-Mans-Pass-West</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-5pJxHX6</p> <p>URL GPX: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AgywFpJqBF4ami9t5cUYBEueKVn0?e=0xSaVz</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 332</p>

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass via Javelina Canyon (PCHC # 330).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 7.3 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 250 feet. Hike along the Javelina Canyon Trail, left onto the Mormon Loop Trail, right on the National Trail, then left on the Hidden Valley Trail. Go over and thru boulders and rock tunnels and Fat Mans Pass. You return on National Trail to Mormon Loop Trail. Near the end of the Mormon Loop Trail turn left onto the Javelina Trail. An interesting, fun hike, with only a 250 feet elevation change with a few large boulders to climb over and slide down.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Javelina Trailhead TRAILS: Javelina Canyon Trail, Mormon Loop, National Trail, Hidden Valley Trail</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 48TH Street. Right turn onto 48th Street. Right turn onto Baseline Road. Left turn onto 46th Street. 46th Street will end at the parking lot inside the park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 330</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Holbert Trail (PCHC # 334).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 5.7 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 1330 feet. The trail starts out flat, goes onto a paved road uphill for a short distance then off to the right where it continuously climbs up to Dobbins Lookout (a paved parking area with benches, optical viewers & restrooms). The Holbert Trail intersects with the National Trail near the top. We go up to the National Trail and then return to the Dobbins Lookout for our break.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Holbert Trailhead TRAILS: Holbert, National</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138. SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack (no fees). Turn left immediately towards the Nature Center and keep going until you reach the parking lot with the bathrooms on the left. Trailhead is across the street.</p> <p>DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL PHOTOS: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Other-4/Holbert-Trail/Dobbins-Overlook-LynnW-2013/</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/i-Npfl7NN/A</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 334</p>
<p>HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pima, Javalina, Ridge Line, Beverly Canyon, Desert Classic trails from 48th Street (PCHC # 338).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.5 mile counter clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 800 feet. The hike starts out at the 48th Street entrance to South Mountain Park. Take Pima Wash past a golf course to Javalina Trail. Take Javalina to the top of the ridge, then take the Ridgeline Trail left. There are great views of downtown Phoenix along this ridge. Turn right on Beverly Canyon to the Desert Classic Trail. Turn left on Desert Classic and take this back to the parking area. There are 100s of pincushion cactus on the beginning and ending sections of this hike.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Javelina Trailhead TRAILS: Pima, Javalina, Ridge Line, Beverly Canyon, Desert Classic</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to 48th Street. Right turn onto 48th Street. (Exit 153). Turn left at the roundabout (just before entering The Pointe at South Mountain Pointe Parkway East). One block past Guadalupe Road turns right onto 48th Street. Turn left onto Pima Canyon Road just before stop sign to enter The Pointe at South Mountain. Follow Pima Canyon Rd into South Mountain Park. DRIVING DISTANCE: 66 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 338</p>

DESCRIPTION:

HIKE: C Hike - South Mountain Park - Pyramid, Bursera, Gila Loop (PCHC # 339).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 6.6 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 1290 feet. Starting from the south side of South Mountain, we hike up a ridge to the west with great views of the Estrella Mountains and areas to the south. We then drop into a valley of typical desert vegetation. We then return up over a saddle and down through a second valley. You can take an optional .25 mile trail to the ruins before going back to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Pyramid Trailhead **TRAILS:** Pyramid, Bursera, Gila

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Turn south on 202. Take the exit for 17th Avenue (exit 62) and go left/north under the highway. Turn left on Chandler Boulevard. Turn right on 19th Avenue (there is no road sign). Turn left into the trailhead parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 90 miles

URL MAP: <https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/>

PCHC TRAIL ID: 339

HIKE: D Hike - South Mountain Park - Fat Mans Pass from the West (PCHC # 331).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4.5 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 600 feet. It follows the National Trail starting at the Buena Vista lookout, looping at Hidden Valley through boulders and rock tunnels, and returning on National Trail. Interesting, fun hike, with a few large boulders to climb over and slide down. An optional extra half mile hike with an elevation change of 130 feet can be added by taking a side trail to the right at marker #18. This trail goes to the top of the ridge giving hikers a 360 degree view of the surrounding area. A second optional addition is a .8 mile out and back hike (150 foot elevation change) going west from the parking lot to the China Wall, a natural rock formation that looks like a manmade wall from a distance. A third option is to go to an overlook to the left of the parking area, adding another .8 miles and 50 feet elevation gain.

TRAILHEAD NAME: National Trailhead at Buena Vista Parking Lot **TRAILS:** National, Hidden Valley

FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms at the park office. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Take Exit 138. SR202 Loop South. Take either the Baseline Road or Dobbins Road exit and turn left onto them. Turn right onto Central Avenue into South Mountain Park. Go through the South Mountain Park guard shack (no fees). Go through another guard shack to the Park Office area. Proceed up the Summit Road about 6.5 miles following the signs to Buena Vista Parking area. Trailhead is at the Buena Vista Parking area. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 331

HIKE: D Hike - South Mountain Park - Gila Ruins Trail (PCHC # 333).

DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. This is a 4 mile in and out hike with an elevation gain of about 300 feet. Starting from the south side of South Mountain, we hike through a valley up to the ruins of an old resort. After our break, we then return to the trailhead.

TRAILHEAD NAME: Gila Ruins Trailhead **TRAILS:** Gila Ruins Trail

FEES AND FACILITIES: No restrooms at the trailhead. No parking fee.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10. Turn right (south) on 202. Take the exit for 17th Avenue and go left (north) under the highway. Turn left (west) on Chandler Boulevard. Turn right (north) on 19th Avenue. Turn left (west) into the trailhead parking lot. **DRIVING DISTANCE:** 70 miles

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PCHC TRAIL ID: 333

DESCRIPTION:
<p>HIKE: D Hike - South Mountain Park - Ranger, Bajada, Max Delta, Tusk, Crosscut Loop (PCHC # 340).</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: This hike is a 4 mile clockwise loop hike with an elevation gain of 300 feet. This route goes through typical desert vegetation with some unusual barrel cacti and a crested saguaro. The high point provides a view of downtown Phoenix.</p> <p>TRAILHEAD NAME: Ranger Trailhead at Five Tables picnic area TRAILS: Ranger, Bajada, Max Delta, Tusk, Crosscut</p> <p>FEES AND FACILITIES: Restrooms are at the Ranger Station. No parking fee.</p> <p>DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Head south on PebbleCreek Parkway, then go east (left) on I10 to I17 South (exit 143B). Exit I17 at 7th Avenue. Turn right on 7th Avenue to Baseline. Turn left on Baseline to Central Avenue. Turn right onto Central Avenue. Follow Central into South Mountain Park. Meet at park office. Caravan to trailhead. DRIVING DISTANCE: 60 miles</p> <p>URL MAP: https://pchikingclub.smugmug.com/Trail-Maps/South-Mountain-Park/</p> <p>PCHC TRAIL ID: 340</p>