



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### THE INTERSECTION OF HIKING AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Submitted by Dale Lemon



Have you ever wondered about how modern advances in technology can be used on the trail? Have you ever struggled to find quality and accurate information about a hike you wanted to do? Join us March 21, 2018, at 4:00 in the HOA #1 Activity Center as local guide and technology expert, Geoffrey Schultz, explores the exciting ways that technology can enhance your hiking experience.

Some of the questions he will address include:

- Is a dedicated GPS device necessary if you already have a smart phone?
- Which tech gadgets (such as smart watches, solar panels, or electricity generating cookware) are worth their weight in your pack?
- What are the best hiking websites and apps available for research and planning?
- What are the regulations regarding drones flying above the trail?
- How will Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality enhance your hiking experience in the future?

After graduating from the University of Arizona, Geoffrey launched his first technology start up. He later got a job here in the Old Pueblo as a professional hiking guide. That is when he realized there was a gap in the marketplace for quality hike planning tools. He decided to fill that gap when he launched his own website, Trailvoyant.com.

Any questions please call Dale Lemon 520-343-9103 or email him at [dale.leman@gmail.com](mailto:dale.leman@gmail.com).

### WHAT'S NEW IN HIKING GEAR?

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Submitted by Dale Lemon

Locally owned Summit Hut has long supported the efforts of SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. Entering into the outdoor retail industry in 1967 by two teenagers, Summit Hut has grown over the last 50+ years and now has two retail stores along with an internet presence. Their business focuses on providing the finest gear for climbing, mountaineering, backpacking, camping, hiking, trekking, travel, birding, search and rescue, trail running, and much more.



Join us April 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the HOA1 Activity Center as we hear what is new in hiking gear from Traci Bohme, Summit Hut General Manager. Traci will explain how technology has changed the products we wear and eat on the trails. Power foods, updated packs, hydration reservoirs, trekking poles, hiking pants, breathable shirts, socks, shoes, and electronics have all been affected by technology improvements.

Traci will bring and display products as she explains what's new. She also will address the complaint we hear most often on the trails, "my feet hurt", and what can be done about it.

Any questions please call Dale Lemman 520-343-9103 or email him at dale.lemman@gmail.com.

**AZ TRAIL WORK**  
Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

When an extra work event was scheduled on the Arizona National Scenic Trail in December, eight SaddleBrooke hikers responded to the call. Led by Zach McDonald of the Arizona Trail Association and Gary Faulkenberry of Oracle State Park, the work teams cleared the trail of grasses and overgrowth south of Oracle State Park. Extra effort was made to dig out the ferocious cat claw that harasses hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders. The trail was being improved for the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AZT Oracle Rumble January 27 near the beautiful, historic town of Oracle, Arizona. The running event is mostly single track through Oracle State Park (OSP) and follows magnificent and remote sections of the Arizona Trail with rewarding views that are breathtaking!



Walt Shield, Stan Smith, Norm Rechkemmer, Barry Larson, Diana Smith, Gary Faulkenberry, Suzanne Bassett, Fred Norris, and Steve Aiken  
Photo by Zach McDonald

**SABBLEBROOKE HIKERS  
EXPLORE HONEY BEE CANYON**  
Submitted by Karen Gray

On a cool but sunny morning, 13 SaddleBrooke hikers left for a desert hike in Honey Bee Canyon in Oro Valley off of Rancho Vistoso Road. The day warmed up quickly, and it was a lovely morning to hike. We decided to do the north route to the end at the dam. Along the way we saw some good

petroglyphs and some grinding holes, reminding us of the original desert dwellers in the area. We also saw an old water trough which represented later, more recent inhabitants.

We returned to the start and went about a tenth of a mile to another dam and a slot canyon. We also found an old metal tank that may have been a still from the days of prohibition, and this was an area where there were many illegal stills. The slot canyon requires some further investigation – a hike for another day.



SaddleBrooke hikers enjoy the petroglyphs at Honey Bee Canyon  
Back Row: Steve Schilke, Diane Young, Craig Stokely, Cheryl Nance, Barb Rosenthal, Linda Beloff, Jack Rosenthal, Tim Lawler, Diana Smith.  
Front Row: Camille Esterman, Carmen Allen, Suzanne Bassett.  
Photo by Karen Gray

**HIKING CLUB SPRING PICNIC  
SET FOR APRIL 6  
ORACLE STATE PARK**  
Submitted by LaVerne Kyriss

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's spring picnic is moving to a new location that promises several interesting nearby hikes. Make your reservation today to join fellow club members on Friday, April 6, at the group area at Oracle State Park in Oracle. Formal events begin with a members' meeting at 11:30 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

Morning hikes around Oracle State Park and other nearby locations are also being organized by our awesome hiking guides. Stay tuned for details and hike sign-up information in a future SBHC bulletin. The picnic committee is planning chicken as the featured main dish, courtesy of your Hiking Club dues. Member-provided side dishes and desserts to share round out the menu. The club also provides plates, napkins, and eating utensils. Please also bring your own drinks.



The picnic is free to all club members, but reservations are needed so we know how much food to order. Reserve your spot by April 1 with Martha Hackworth at [marthahackworth@gmail.com](mailto:marthahackworth@gmail.com).

Please bring side dishes or desserts to share according to the first letter of your last name:

- A to J— Fruit, Green, or Other Salad
- K to S— Pasta, Potato, or Other Hearty Side Dish
- T to Z— Yummy Desserts

Please label your dish and serving utensils. Don't forget to wear a nametag as well. Entrance to Oracle State Park is \$7 per car (without a state parks pass). Carpooling is encouraged.

For more information about, call Martha Hackworth at 818-2573 or LaVerne Kyriss at 333-2689.

**SENSE OF PLACE DAY TRIP TOUR  
WITH DR. JOAQUIN RUIZ, DEAN  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018**

Submitted by Mary Hanley

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club has been offered an amazing opportunity to experience a Day Trip tour of the Catalina Mountains and Mt. Lemmon by the Dean of the College of Science, Dr. Joaquin Ruiz, and Professors of the College of Science, giving us an in-depth experience of a Day in the Life of the Catalina Mountains. The tour is **Thursday, March 29, 2018**.

We have been offered **two options** for the Sense of Place day trip:

**Option # 1 Day Trip:** \$3000 for 20 guests (comes to \$150 per person) and includes expert guides, transportation, and lunch. Tour starts and we meet at **9 a.m. at LaBuzz Cafe. Tour ends at 5 p.m.**

**Option #2 Day + Nighttime Observatory Trip:** \$4500 for 20 guests (comes to \$225 per person) and includes expert guides, transportation, lunch, observatory program, and dinner. **Meet at 9 a.m. La Buzz Cafe and tours ends at 10 p.m.**

For those who are interested please contact Phil McNamee at [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com) or 520-369-4504, as soon as possible.

**HIKERS BRAVE CHILLY MORNING  
TO IMPROVE TRAILS IN ORACLE  
STATE PARK**

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

Nineteen intrepid SaddleBrooke hikers braved a chilly morning to improve trails in Oracle State Park. A special effort was made to clear the trails of sticker bushes and obstacles for runners participating in the upcoming Oracle Rumble for the benefit of Arizona National Scenic Trail. Lots of excellent work was accomplished in 3 hours, with one group working an additional half hour. Volunteers were happy to enjoy Janis Rechhemmer's famous banana bread and other treats after working.



Back: Norm Rechkemmer, Dave Vermerris, Ray Peale, Kim Jones, Dave Hydeman, Terry Caldwell, Gary Faulkenberry, Zach MacDonald, Stan Smith, Tom Geiger Kneeling: Fred Norris, Elisabeth Wheeler, Marilyn Smith, Paul Arnett, Elissa Cochran, Elaine Kline, Paul DeBruine



"Extra Effort" Workers: Garrett Rassing, Rick Rupp, Diane Rupp, Kaori Hashimoto, Zach MacDonald

To participate in AZ Trail Work, call/email Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547, [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com), or Ray Peale 520-818-6285, [ray.peale@gmail.com](mailto:ray.peale@gmail.com).

## SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB VISITS BOYCE THOMPSON ARBORETUM

Submitted by Dave Sorenson



Left to Right: Diana Smith, Tim Lawler, Denis Greenland, Susanne Basset, Dave Sorenson, Ray Barrow, Barb Wilder, Bernd Nagy. Picture taken by Bernd Nagy. Not pictured Fred Norris and Betty Stephens.



Boyce Thompson Arboretum in all its winter beauty. Picture taken By Bernd Nagy on a Saddlebrooke Hiking Club day trip.

## 2018 SPRING HIKING TRIP TO THE GRAND CANYON – CHANGE IN PRE-TRIP POTLUCK VENUE

Submitted by Susan Hollis

The club's Spring 2018 hiking trip to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon is just around the corner. If you had signed up for the trip, you received our January 12 email about the Pre-Trip Potluck.

There has been a change in venue, due to construction at the HOA1 Tennis Center. **We will now be having the Pre-Trip Potluck at the HOA1 Activity Center.** Same date, Monday April 23 - **start time has been moved to 5:30pm.**

The hike schedule for the Grand Canyon trip will be emailed the first week in March to participants that have signed up for the trip. We have hikes at all levels (A thru D) and are going to offer 6 different hikes per day.

If you haven't signed up for the trip, check out the information packet at the club's website ([www.saddlebrookehikingclub.com](http://www.saddlebrookehikingclub.com)), in the sub-menu "Programs and Club Trips". To confirm your participation and register for the trip, please contact Dianne Temple at 520-825-7353 or email [diannetempleaz@gmail.com](mailto:diannetempleaz@gmail.com). For more information or questions, contact Susan Hollis at 520-825-6819 or [slhollis@yahoo.com](mailto:slhollis@yahoo.com).

## SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS AT DEER CAMP IN THE SANTA CATALINA MOUNTAINS

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



Standing: Stuart Bridges, Liz McCutcheon, Dale Leman, Stan Smith, Tim Butler Seated: John Butzer, Claire Collins, Ruth Leman, Mary Hanley and Phil McNamee Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

The trail to Deer Camp in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains was recently cleared of overgrowth by John and Susan Robertshaw, veterans of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club. The improved 6-mile hike goes east out of Sutherland Wash through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Samaniego Peak. The camp was established in 1961 and used by ranchers and hunters. Rusted box springs and a water trough remain.

Hikers enjoyed the view of SaddleBrooke, as well as the Tortolita and Tucson Mountains from the picnic table. The picnic table was hauled to the site in pieces by the Paul DeBruine family of SaddleBrooke. This picnic table was greatly



appreciated by the hikers after hiking an accumulated gain of 1069 feet. Everyone's spirits were lifted by this enjoyable adventure under sunny skies on this renewed trail.

### KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HIKES

Submitted by Randy Park

When you joined the Hiking Club you may have received a nice patch that can be attached to your backpack. When a member completes a certain number of hikes, they can attach a rocker to their patch to document their accomplishments. Rockers are available for 50, 100, 250, 500, 750, and 1000 hikes.

For a long time the Hiking Club has kept track of each hike that each member has performed. Prior to mid 2008, this data included daily fitness walks. Starting in January of 2018, it will be the responsibility of each hiker to keep track of how many hikes they have done. The Club will still retain the completed hike sign-up sheets.

If you want to know how many hikes you have completed or want to have a rocker to attach to your patch, please contact Randy Park at 825-6819. He will be glad to give you your count



### Future Trips

Destination	Dates	Contact Person
2018 Banff Film Festival World Tour	March 3, 2018	Aaron Schoenberg
Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona	Apr 30 – May 4, 2018	Dianne Temple diannetempleaz@gmail.com
Santa Fe, New Mexico	Oct 2-4 2018	Walt Shields waltshields@mac.com

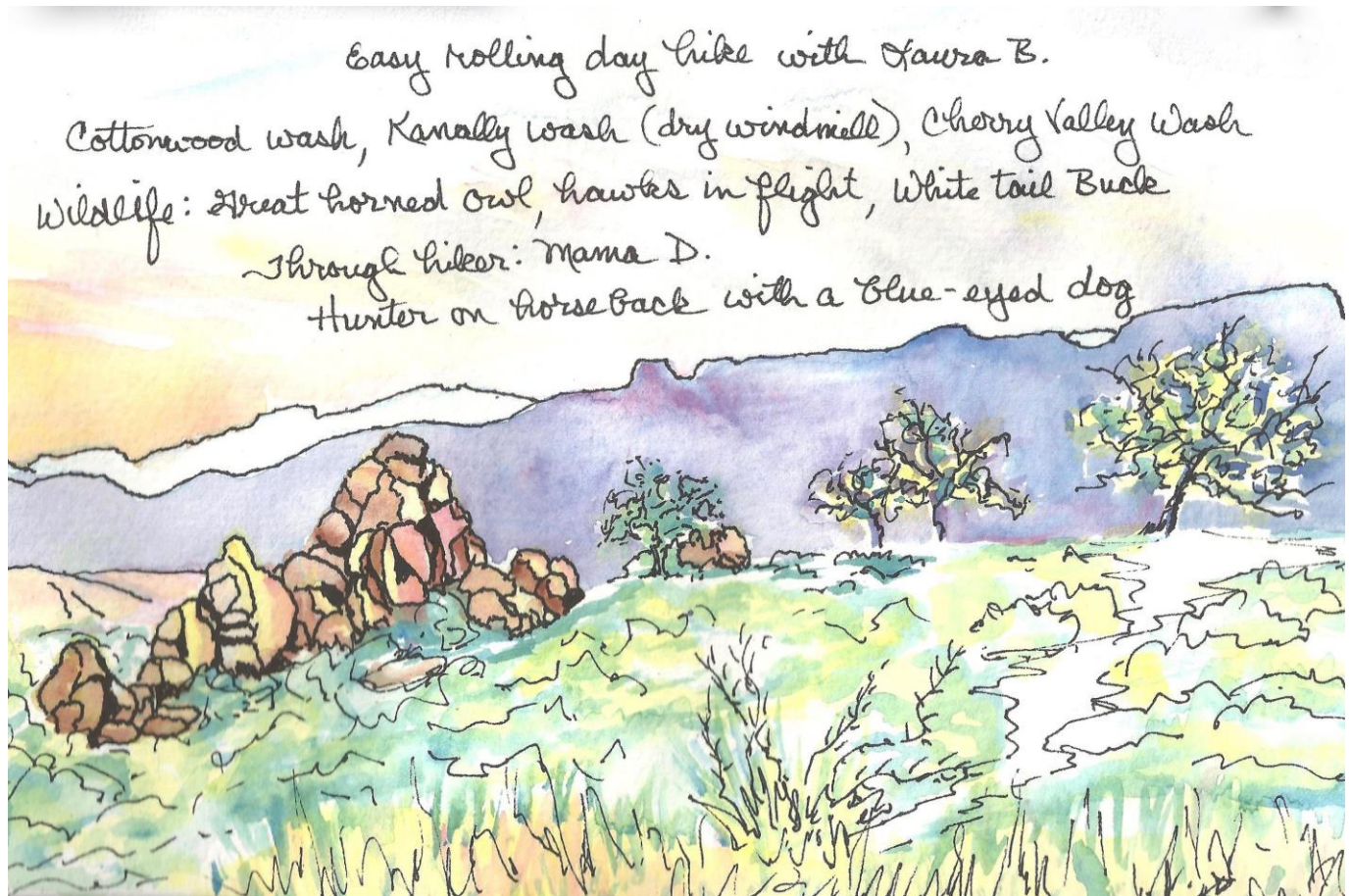
### News You Can Use

AZ Trail – REI Sponsored Work Event	3/18 Sun.	8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. (Includes Lunch)
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: Mountain View Lot	3/21 Wed.	7:00 A.M. Noon (Includes Lunch)
The Intersection of Hiking & Technology	3/21 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	3/21 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
Sense of Place Day Trip Tour (2 Options)	3/29 Thurs.	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 P.M. 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 P.M.
SBHC Board Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	4/4 Wed.	2:30 – 4:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting Coyote Room North HOA #1	4/4 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Spring Hiking Club Picnic Oracle State Park	4/6 Fri.	11:30 A.M.
Pre-Potluck for Spring Hiking Trip to Grand Canyon HOA1 Activity Center	4/23 Mon.	5:30 P.M.
What's New in Hiking Gear?	4/18 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	4/18 Wed.	5:00 P.M.

## PORTRAIT OF THE ORACLE PASSAGE OF THE ARIZONA TRAIL

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

A watercolor artist, Kat Manton-Jones, painted this portrait of the Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail which is maintained by the Saddlebrooke Hiking Club. She day hiked our passage with notes of what she viewed along the trail. Kat gives a big “thank you” to the hiking club for maintaining this passage.



The Arizona Trail is an 800+ mile national scenic trail from Mexico to Utah that connects mountain ranges, canyons, deserts, forests, wilderness areas, historic sites, points of interest, communities, and people. It serves day hikers, backpackers, equestrians, mountain bicyclists, trail runners, nature enthusiasts, cross-country skiers, snowshoers, and mule/llama packers. Thirteen members of our SaddleBrooke Hiking Club have completed the entire trail.

Arizona trail volunteers create positive bonds between people and the natural resources that make Arizona unique. Not only do they build and maintain the trail, they provide stewardship and protection of public lands, introduce youth to the wild lands in their backyard, work with communities along the trail, and provide transformative experiences that positively impacts the lives of all who hike, run, pedal or ride on the Arizona Trail.

Opportunities for working on the Arizona Trail in March are:

Sunday, March 18 - REI Sponsored Work Event - 8-2 p.m. (Includes Lunch)

Wednesday, March 21, SBHC Work Session 7 a.m. - noon (Included Lunch)

For additional information, contact: Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com).]



# Club Calendar

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Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu Mar 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
	[A] Superstitions: Wea	[C] Romero Pools [D] Biosphere 2 Field 1	C-David Yetman Trail	[B] Tortolita Mountain [C] Madera Canyon Ne		Banff Film Festival
4	[B+] Picketpost Mount C Finger Rock Trail to D+ N. 50 Yr. to Hidden	C+ Aravaipa Canyon	C Canyon, Birding&Na C- History Hike: The D	[B] Superstitions: Duct C American Flag Trail	B - Wasson Peak Circu	
11	C Deer Camp/BJ Loop	[C+] Pontatoc Ridge	B Wasson Peak via Se	C Brown Mountain C Hidden Cyn. Loop	[A+] Mule Ears via Che C AZT Oracle Passage	17
18	[D] OSP Exploration REI Work Event on Ar	C 50 Yr Tr N. Loop D Picacho Peak Eas	C OSP East Loop	4:00pm SBHC PROGR 5:00pm SBHC SOCIAL 7 am Arizona Trail Wo	[B] Fifty-Year Trail to S [C] Chiracahua Heart c	24
25	[A] Superstitions: Chal D Alamo Cyn	[B] Tortolita Mountain	28	29 D A Day in the Life of 1	30	31

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	C+ Suth. Wash Petrog	C Rams Creek Basin	2:30pm SBHC BOD Mt 4:00pm SBHC GUIDES	[C] Aspen Draw / Mint B Baby Jesus / Petroc	C Arizona Trail to Win SBHC Spring Picnic @		
8	B Bear Canyon/Seven D+ Middlegate	B American Flag to Wi	D Catalina Hills Clean	B Josephine Saddle w C Sutherland Trail	B Phonline Trail Rou	14	
15	D Honey Bee Canyon 1	[C+] Big Rock Dome #	4:00pm SBHC PROGR 5:00pm SBHC SOCIAL	[C+] Lower Incinerator D+ N. 50 Yr. to Hidir	B Marshall Gulch/Rad	21	
22	[A] Sixshooter Trail / F D Alamo Canyon GC Pre-Trip Mtg @HO	24	D Sweetwater Trail (Si)	[B] Wilderness of Roc C Dripping Springs	27	28	
29	SBHC GRAND CANYON SPRING TRIP: DptMondayApr30 Hike May1-2-3, Tue-Wed-Thu RtnFridayMay4						5

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## Hiking Information

### HIKE ELEVATION, RATINGS & PACE

**Elevation Change:** Three indicators are used in the hike descriptions to convey hike difficulty as it relates to elevation change.

1. **Net Elevation Change:** the change in elevation obtained by subtracting the starting elevation from the highest (or lowest) point reached during the course of the hike, in feet. This estimate may be obtained from USGS maps or a global positioning system (GPS).
2. **Accumulated Gain:** the sum of all upward stretches of a hike as recorded by a GPS device over the course of the entire hike. Accumulated elevation gain is generally a more accurate indicator of hike difficulty than net change in elevation.
3. **Accumulated Loss:** another measure of hike difficulty, is the sum of all downward stretches of a hike. Accumulated elevation loss is useful for some downhill hikes and is usually obtained with a GPS device.

**Ratings:** Ratings are based on the following round trip distances and accumulated gains in elevation over the course of the hike. The hike rating is determined by one (or both) of the two values being exceeded. For example, if a hike exceeds the criterion for distance but not for corresponding elevation, the rating would be set for distance. Ratings flagged with an “!” indicate special trail conditions that might be of concern to some hikers. Please read the hike descriptions or talk to the hiking guide before deciding whether to sign-up. Ratings flagged with a smiling face indicate an easier, smoother trail (often paved) than normal at that rating.

Rating	Distance	Accumulated Gain in Elevation
A	Greater than 14 miles	Greater than 3,000 ft
B	Greater than 8 miles, less than 14 miles	Greater than 1,500 ft, Less than 3,000 ft
C	Greater than 4 miles, less than 8 miles	Greater than 500 ft, Less than 1,500 ft.
D	Less than 4 miles	Less than 500 ft

**Pace:** Pace is described in terms of average speed in miles per hour (MPH) over the course of a hike from start to finish (excluding lunch). Average speed is affected by speed and length of stride, number of rest stops, incline, type of terrain, and trail conditions. The following four categories are used to describe pace in the hike descriptions. Unless otherwise noted, all hikes are assumed to be Moderate pace.

Pace	Average Speed - MPH
Leisurely	Less than 1.5
Slow	Greater than 1.5, Less than 2.0
Moderate	Greater than 2.0, Less than 2.5
Fast	Greater than 2.5



## Hikes Offered

**Thursday, March 01, 2018** Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [253, 7:30 AM, \$10]. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. It starts from the Proctor parking area and ascends 3.5 miles up the canyon to the Roundup Picnic Area (el. 5400 feet). Along the way, hikers enjoy the shade of Apache pines, Douglas firs, Emory oaks, Mexican blue oaks, willows, cottonwoods, and sycamores. The return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 7.1 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 feet; net elevation change 956 feet; accumulated gain 1004 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale, 825-8286; [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Thursday, March 01, 2018** Tortolita Mountains: Wild Mustang / Wild Burro Canyon Loop. Rating: B Pace: Moderate [469, 8:00 AM, \$4]. The trailhead is at the Ritz Carlton hiker parking lot. Hikers proceed through the Wild Burro Wash, connect with the Upper Javelina Trail, and make their way up to the Wild Mustang Trail. The trail will lead the group over the higher elevations of the mountains to the north past at least 3 crested saguaros. Near the upper end of Wild Mustang Trail we take a connector trail southeast down to the Wild Burro Canyon Trail. The trail overlooks the narrow upper canyon which spreads wide with numerous side canyons and tributaries. As we continue down Wild Burro Canyon, we pass a crumbling stone structure and arrive at a boulder strewn falls which thunders with runoff from the upper side canyons and tributaries when it rains. A short distance later we will merge onto Lower Javelina Trail, quickly descending through hillsides covered with enormous boulders and a forest of saguaro cacti. We will then rejoin Wild Burro Trail to return to the trailhead. Hike 8.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2680 feet; net elevation change 1150 feet; accumulated gain 1785 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 369-4504, [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com)]

**Saturday, March 03, 2018** Banff Film Festival. Carpool expense: \$3. Aaron will once again be guiding this annual trip to this series of outdoor adventure films being shown at the Fox Theater in Tucson. He is purchasing tickets for the group and this performance will sell out, so contact Aaron to get your tickets in advance. This film series includes award winning cinematographic short films on topics that include hiking, bicycling, skiing, rock climbing, kayaking, and other outdoor adventure activities taking place around the globe. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show will run from 7 PM until a little after 10 PM. Plan on returning to Saddlebrooke around 11 p.m. For those that want to can carpool, meet at Mountain View at 5:15 PM. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg 825-2060; e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net ].

**Monday, March 05, 2018** Picketpost Mountain. Rating: B! Pace: Moderate [333, 06:30 AM, \$12]. The daunting angular shape of Picketpost Mountain intrigues all who drive along US Hwy # 60 between Phoenix and Superior. This is a short, steep hike to the summit of Picketpost Mountain. From the Arizona Trail parking lot south of Hwy # 60 and west of the Boyce Thompson Arboretum, the group will hike south on the Arizona Trail to a prominent drainage. Look for a cairned path which branches up the foothills of the mountain. The Picketpost Trail splits into two routes which eventually meet before the last cleft. Both routes have steep rocky sections which require sure-footedness. Once the rim is reached the route continues SE to the summit which has a mailbox for registering. 360-degree views are spectacular. Hike 4.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2400 feet; net elevation change 2000 feet; accumulated gain 2066 feet; RTD 165 miles. [Guide :Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Monday, March 05, 2018** Finger Rock Trail to Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [190, 7:30 AM, \$4]. The hike begins from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. The hike covers level ground for about a mile, and then sharply climbs up the canyon. Scrambling is necessary at some points going up and coming down, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. From the overlook, hikers will enjoy the beautiful vistas of Mt. Kimball, Finger Rock, and the steep Finger Rock Canyon, then return. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 922 feet; accumulated gain 1326 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555.]

**Monday, March 05, 2018** North Fifty-Year Trail to Hidden Canyon Loop – Short Version. Rating: D+. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road. We take the 50-Yr. Trail north to an unnamed spur trail which connects to the Hidden Canyon Trail. We turn south on the Hidden Canyon Trail and then follow the Deer Camp and 50-Yr. Trails back to the cars. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain \_\_ feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, March 06, 2018** Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness: West (short version). Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [19, 07:30 AM, \$10 + \$5]. Aravaipa Canyon is a beautiful and pristine canyon and a favorite for all who have been there. Hikers should expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep) with dense riparian brush. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home, if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Aravaipa Canyon is a wilderness area with no trails, signs, or facilities. Hiking stick is recommended. Wilderness permits (fee required) must be reserved in advance and are non-refundable. Hikers must sign up two weeks prior to hike. Call the hiking guide for more details. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 368 feet; RTD 110 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Sorenson 777-1994 Email: [iowaboy1950@yahoo.com](mailto:iowaboy1950@yahoo.com)]

**Wednesday, March 07, 2018** C- History Hike: The Dams of SaddleBrooke. Rating C-. Pace: Moderate.[New, 9:00 AM, \$1] Hike to the top of old Golder dam and see the emergency spillway, hydraulic controls and great view. Learn the history of the dam and see photos of Golder Lake when it filled the area. Descend to the Canada del Oro and see concrete base of the dam. Walk downstream and see Pierre Charouleau's masonry dam of the 1880s and learn its history. Hike is approximately one mile with 100 ft. elevation gain. C-minus rating due to short steep sections, loose rocks, and uneven terrain. Cleated hiking boots needed as well as protective clothing (cactus and barbed wire fence crossing). **Limit 15 hikers** RTD 4 miles. Bob Simpson [pinalbj@outlook.com](mailto:pinalbj@outlook.com) (520)818-2610]

**Wednesday, March 07, 2018** Canyon Loop, Birding, and Nature Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [136, 9:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. Starting at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, this hike traverses an area that is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. We first hike the Nature Trail which has panoramic views, and then continue onto the Canyon Loop Trail. We will fork onto the Birding Loop Trail prior to returning. If the group is really ambitious, we will swing through the Canyon Loop Trail the opposite way we came for a total of 6.7 miles. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain 370 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Marv Rosssof, 877-9262.]

**Thursday, March 08, 2018** American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [8, 7:30AM, \$3]. The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail, where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1325 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com) 818-0337.]

**Thursday, March 08, 2018** Superstitions: Dutchman Trail / Bluff Springs Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [402, 7:00 AM, \$14]. The hike starts at the Peralta Trailhead off Hwy # 60 in the Superstitions and follows the Dutchman Trail through Barkley Basin. From the basin, the trail climbs past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weavers Needle) to Miners Summit, then descends along the Bluff Springs Trail to Bluff Spring (has seasonal water). There are netleaf hackberry and oak shade trees along the way. Hikers then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike 9.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2415 feet; net elevation change 895 feet; accumulated gain 1531 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]



**Friday, March 09, 2018** Wasson Peak Circular. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the trailhead across from the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum (K-24 Parking) and goes up the Gould Mine Trail (1.1 mile). The route then follows the Sendero Esperanza Trail (one mile) to the Hugh Norris Trail (2.2 miles) and on to Wasson Peak (4687 feet). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The 360-degree views from Wasson Peak includes Tucson and Santa Catalinas to the east, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the south, Sells to the west, and Picacho to the north. We will lunch on top of the Peak and descend via a steep descent to Sweetwater Saddle (1.2 mile). Here we make a right turn and continue to follow the King Canyon Trail on a more gradual descending grade passing the Mam-A-Gah picnic area on our way back to our cars (2.3 miles). (Hike 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2900 feet; net elevation change 1787 feet; accumulated gain 1764 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg 825-2060 or e-mail: askus3@centurylink.net]

**Monday, March 12, 2018** Deer Camp / Baby Jesus Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area. We hike easterly toward Deer Camp, and then take the Middle Tank Connecting Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail which leads back to the trailhead. The area has little traffic and is a delight to the senses. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 667 feet; accumulated gain 1128 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018** Pontatoc Ridge. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [344, 07:30 AM, \$4]. The hike starts at the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," the trail goes up the northwest side of Pontatoc Ridge to just below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area from a saddle along the way. The hike is strenuous in some areas due to the steep incline and rocky path. There are short stretches of exposed trail near the old mines. Hike 4.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3100 feet; net elevation change 1300 feet; accumulated gain 1557 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, [rparktucson@gmail.com](mailto:rparktucson@gmail.com) 825-6819.]

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018** Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [480, 7:30 AM, \$7]. The hike begins at Sendero Esperanza Trailhead off Golden Gate Road. The route follows the Esperanza Trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris Trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The 360-degree views from Wasson Peak include Tucson and Santa Catalinas to the east, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the south, Sells to the west, and Picacho to the north. We will lunch on top of the Peak and return the same way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1624 feet; accumulated gain 1776 feet; RTD 73 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, [dave@daveandpam.com](mailto:dave@daveandpam.com) 520-820-6110]

**Thursday, March 15, 2018** Hidden Canyon Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [219, 8:00 AM, \$2]. This is a beautiful hike, practically in our "back yard," to a secluded canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti along the way and a rock ledge with a great view down the valley. The ledge is a great place for lunch. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area past Golder Ranch Road gate. After lunch, we will continue out of the canyon, circle around Hidden Canyon Peak back to the "North Gate," and return to the trailhead the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike 8.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1192 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, March 15, 2018** Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [124, 7:30 AM, \$6]. The Brown Mountain Trail is along a ridge in the heart of the Tucson Mountains. It starts at a trailhead on McCain Loop Road, just south of Kinney Road east of the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum. Along this "ridge ramble" are excellent views of the mountains, valleys, and desert vegetation. The route has many up and downs. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation

2700 (trailheads at either end are 2640 and 2880) feet; net elevation change 424 feet; accumulated gain 943 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com) 818-0337]

**Friday, March 16, 2018** Arizona Trail: Oracle (Passage 13). Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [56, 7 AM, \$3].  
<span>From the American Flag Trailhead the route proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest Land and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. The trail is marked with 4x4 inch wooden posts with the Arizona Trail 'brand'. About halfway through the park it reaches Kannally Wash and windmill. Water is NOT available at the windmill at this time. A freshly constructed single-track contours to the west and northwest until reaching a culvert under Highway 77. It passes through the culvert and continues on Old Tiger Road. This will be a key exchange hike. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevations 4416 feet south and 4066 feet north; net elevation change 435 feet; accumulated gains 950 feet northward and 1254 feet southward; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com) ]

**Friday, March 16, 2018** Mule Ears via Charouleau Gap. Rating: A! Pace: Moderate [298, 06:30 AM, \$0]. This is a difficult hike to a prominent point on the Samaniego Ridge with outstanding views in all directions. The hike starts from the Rocking Horse Ranch parking area near Unit 21, crosses the CDO Wash and proceeds along Charouleau Gap Road, FR # 736 (a 4WD jeep road) to the gap. The group will turn right (south) onto the trail and climb up a steep hill for 1.5 miles. Eventually, the trail levels off and continues along the ridge with moderate up/down hiking over to Mule Ears. This section was devastated by fire and is sometimes overgrown with sticker bushes. Dress defensively. Route finding skills are needed. We lunch at a spot on the edge of cliffs just north of Mule Ears which affords a view of the Reef of Rocks. The return is via the same route. Hike 17.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3170 feet; net elevation change 3891 feet; accumulated gain 4210 feet; RTD 5 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, [rparktucson@gmail.com](mailto:rparktucson@gmail.com), 825-6819.]

**Sunday, March 18, 2018** OSP Exploration. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [308, 10:00 AM, \$3 +\$2]. The hike involves the exploration of several trails in Oracle State Park. Along the way, hikers enjoy the interesting boulder groups, oak woodlands, manzanita stands, and desert grasslands found in this state park. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change 200 - 400 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 369-4504 [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com) ]

**Sunday, March 18, 2018** REI is sponsoring a work session on the Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail from 8 am to 2 pm. Volunteers from Saddlebrooke will meet at 7:20 am to carpool to the work site. ATA will provide Lunch to carry and eat on trail. Water and drinks for after the event, tools, gloves, hard hats, and some eye protection but sunglasses work well if you have a pair. What to bring: Water, snacks, sturdy shoes, long pants/sleeves, hat, eye and sun protection, gloves if you have them, and layers - it could be cool at the start and in the shade but warmer in the sun while we're working, and when we're done. What work to be prepared for: Plan to be out for 4-5 hours with lots of rest and breaks. You'll be carrying hand saws, loppers, shovels, rakes, etc. Work will consist of building new trail!! We will break into groups with a crew leader for each to help explain sustainable trail design and construction. We will hike approximately 0.5 mile to the work site and work on a 0.5 mile section of new trail to bypass a nasty eroded section of trail. If we finish the re-route, we'll spend some time closing the old route with vegetation, rocks, and debris. We are so appreciative of your support and cannot wait to build some trails together soon! Register with REI on the link: <https://www.rei.com/event/trail-building-w-arizona-trail-association/197471> [or contact Elisabeth Wheeler 520-828-1547 or [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com) for group registration].

**Monday, March 19, 2018** Fifty-Year Trail Area North Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [185, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road, goes east to the Upper Loop Trail, then north to a rock with a bench for viewing. The return is via the same Fifty-Year Trail. There are beautiful saguaros and rock



formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 426 feet; accumulated gain 924 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: &nbsp; Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com) ]

**Monday, March 19, 2018** Picacho Peak Easy Trails. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [326, 9:00AM, \$7 + \$2]. The hike involves several trails in and around the base of Picacho Peak, including the Calloway, Nature and Cave Trails. All three trails are relatively smooth and involve little elevation gain. Wildflowers should be blooming during March and April if there has been adequate rainfall. Hike 2-3 miles; trailhead elevation \_\_ feet, net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain \_\_ feet; RTD 90 miles. [Dave Sorenson 777 1994 Email: [iowaboy1950@yahoo.com](mailto:iowaboy1950@yahoo.com)]"

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018** OSP East Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [307, 9:00 AM, \$3 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hikers follow the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection, we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the trailhead. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.2 miles, trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change \_\_ feet; accumulated gain 760 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof, 877-9262]

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018** Description: Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 7 AM, \$3 Paid by club]. Come and join the fun — it's nice to work side by side with other hiking club members, as we help maintain the "Oracle Passage" section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. This 7.5 mile section starts at the American Flag TH, ambles through washes and across low ridges speckled with high desert plants just east of Oracle State Park north to Highway 77. Generally, the work is light, and involves clipping, brushing, raking, pruning, building cairns and developing/clearing erosion control devices. Bring along gloves, hat, water, and pruners. Other tools, if needed, will be provided. The work session usually lasts about 3 hours. Hike 3-4 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$3 driver donation. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, 520-818-1547 or [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com) ]

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018** Please join us for the SBHC program on Wednesday, March 21 at 4pm in the HOA#1 Activity Center. Geoffrey Schultz, Website Designer & avid hiker, will be presenting "Intersection of Technology and Hiking": Speaking on mapping out hike before hitting the trails. Planned by Dale Leman, SBHC Program Committee member.

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018** SBHC Social Hour following the program ~5:00pm in the Agavé Lounge at HOA#1.

**Thursday, March 22, 2018** Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [156, 8:00 AM, \$21]. This loop trail visits the most spectacular rock formations in Chiricahua National Monument, and includes the scenic Echo Canyon Trail. I have reserved rooms in Wilcox at the Arizona Sunset Inn at a group rate of \$55 including breakfast for those wishing to travel in afternoon before. This allows us an early start on the trail and gets us back in Saddlebrooke by 6 pm. Hike 8.4 miles; trailhead elevation 6780 feet; net elevation change 1082 feet; accumulated gain 2500 feet; RTD 288 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 369-4504 [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com) ]

**Thursday, March 22, 2018** Fifty-Year Trail to SaddleBrooke. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [186, 07:30 AM, \$2]. This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti along the way. The hike begins near a horse corral off Golder Ranch Road in the Fifty-Year Trail area. After reaching Hidden Canyon, the trail goes east by a pond (usually dry) then connects to FR # 4432. We then proceed down Charouleau Gap Road to SaddleBrooke. The hike may be done in reverse. A car shuttle will need to be arranged for this one-way hike. Hike 11 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet;

net elevation change 1200 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Susan Hollis & Randy Park, [shollis@yahoo.com](mailto:shollis@yahoo.com), 825-6819.]

**Monday, March 26, 2018** Superstitions: Charlebois Spring. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [399, 06:30 AM, \$14]. The hike will take the most direct route to Charlebois Spring from the Peralta Trailhead off Hwy # 60. Hikers proceed along the Bluff Spring and Dutchman Trails into La Barge Canyon, which is the home of several petroglyphs. Many believe these petroglyphs to be the Spanish Master Map for the location of eighteen gold mines in the area. Hike 14 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change 1160 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com) ]

**Monday, March 26, 2018** Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 8:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com) ]

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018** Tortolita Mountains: Wild Burro, Ridgeline, and Wild Mustang with Key Exchange. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 07:30 AM, \$4]. The trailhead is reached via the Rail-X Marble Mine Road off Oracle Hwy at the county line, then another mile on another jeep road. We hike into Wild Burro Canyon from the north side of the Tortolitas on an old road past an old stone wall (that once was a goat corral), to the Loop Trail. This trail connects to the Ridgeline Trail. We then hike the Ridgeline Trail to the Alamo Springs Trail, then the Wild Burro Trail until we meet the Wild Mustang Trail. We follow the Wild Mustang Trail to the Upper Javalina Trail and the Hotel Spur Trail ending near the Ritz Carlton at the end of Dove Mountain Blvd. The group hiking north from the Ritz Carlton trailhead, for the key exchange, will do the reverse. 4WD vehicles will be needed to reach the northern starting point. Hike 11 miles; trailhead elevation 3800 feet at the north end, 2800 feet at the Wild Burro Trailhead; net elevation change 1000 feet; accumulated gain north 2400 feet, 1400 feet south; RTD 20 miles (dirt). [Guide: Susan Hollis & Randy Park, [shollis@yahoo.com](mailto:shollis@yahoo.com) 825-6819.]

**Thursday, March 29, 2018** Sense of Place Tour with Dr Joaquin Ruiz, Dean, College of Science, University of Arizona. Limited to 20 persons. Trip leaves from La Buzz Cafe at 9am. Option #1 Day Trip includes expert guides, bus transportation and lunch returns to La Buzz Cafe by 5 pm. Cost \$150 Option #2 Day and Night Observatory Tour includes as above with dinner and Observatory Tour returns to La Buzz Cafe by 10pm. Cost \$225 For more information contact: [Phil McNamee at 520-369-4504 or [mcnameephil@gmail.com](mailto:mcnameephil@gmail.com) ]

**Monday, April 02, 2018** Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [431, 8:00 AM, \$2]. This hike takes us on a grand circle tour of four concentrations of ancient petroglyphs located west of Baby Jesus Ridge near the Sutherland Wash. According to the book "Paradise Found" by Kathy Alexander there are over 1,400 petroglyphs in the area. Along our hike we will see beautiful saguaros, seasonal wildflowers, and beautiful vistas of Pusch Ridge. The hike involves a few short, steep, rocky sections of trail, some rock scrambling, and a short section of mild bushwhacking. There are also two crossings of a wash which may involve some easy rock-hopping depending on the season. Bring a lunch or snack to enjoy while we rest in the shade of some giant boulders at one of the petroglyph locations. Hike 5.7 miles; trailhead elevation 3240 feet; net elevation change -205 feet; accumulated gain 744 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193 [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com) ]

**Tuesday, April 03, 2018** Rams Creek Basin. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [354, 9:00 AM, \$2]. From the Rams Creek Pass subdivision, we hike up a wash on a new trail through nice vegetation and then climb 560 feet to a watering tank. There are great views of Rancho Vistoso, the Tortolitas, SaddleBrooke, and the Biosphere along the way. We



then continue on to a waterfall where we will have lunch. The return is via the same route. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 789 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 21 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof, 877-9262]

**Wednesday, April 04, 2018** SBHC Board of Director's Meeting, 2:30pm - 4:00pm in the Coyote Room North, HOA#1 Clubhouse.

**Wednesday, April 04, 2018** SBHC Guide's Meeting, 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Coyote Room North, HOA#1 Clubhouse.

**Thursday, April 05, 2018** Aspen Draw / Mint Spring Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [88, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike begins on Turkey Run Road in Summerhaven across from the Visitor Center. After about a mile, we take the Aspen Draw Trail to Radio Ridge. From there we descend the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle, where we pick up the Mint Spring Trail to Carter Canyon Road, for a short 0.75 miles back to the trailhead. Hikers may choose to have lunch in Summerhaven before returning. Hike 6.9 miles; trailhead elevation 8000 feet; net elevation change 1400 feet; accumulated gain 1573 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286; mjreale@msn.com.]

**Thursday, April 05, 2018** Baby Jesus / Petroglyph Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [98, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike starts in the Fifty-Year Trail area near the east end of Golder Ranch Road. The trail crosses the Sutherland Wash and connects to the Baby Jesus Trail. At the intersection, hikers turn south until they reach the Sutherland Trail. We go west on the Sutherland (or another connecting link) for about a mile to a trail that leads to the petroglyphs, then north back to the trailhead (completing a clockwise loop). Along the way, hikers see beautiful saguaros, rock formations, a window, oak woodlands, and ancient petroglyphs. The hike may be done in reverse. The southern connecting link may be overgrown since it receives little use. Hike 9.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 936 feet, accumulated gain 1448 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Dave Corrigan, 520-820-6110, [dave@daveandpam.com](mailto:dave@daveandpam.com)]

**Friday, April 06, 2018** SBHC Spring Picnic @Oracle State Park SBHC Business Meeting begins at 11:30am.

**Friday, April 06, 2018** Picnic Hike OSP Arizona Trail/Windmill Loop. Rating C. Pace: Moderate. [ #\_\_\_; 7:00 am; \$3 + \$2] From the Arizona Trail parking lot at #77 and Tiger Mine Road, we follow the Arizona Trail 1 mile south to the Windmill Loop. The Windmill loop follows a 2 mile scenic ridgeline (with abundant wildflowers in the spring) to Kannally Wash. We follow the wash 1 mile west to the Windmill. From the Windmill we hike the Arizona Trail 2.7 miles north to the parking lot at #77. Hike 7 miles. We will go to Oracle State Park for the business meeting and picnic after the hike. [Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or [hikerelisabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com).]

**Friday, April 06, 2018** Picnic Hike OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [493, 9:00 AM, \$3 + \$2]. Hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House at the Nature Trail. The trail leads to the Windy Ridge Trail and then connects with the Granite Overlook Trail (highest point in the park). The trail descends and meets the Bellota Trail which loops back to the Ranch House. Hike 3 miles; trail head elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof, 877-9262.]

**Monday, April 09, 2018** Bear Canyon/Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 06:30 AM, \$5]. The idea behind this hike is to combine three spectacular scenic areas without offering a monster hike. So by starting at the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site, we can accomplish this by completing a point to point hike with a car shuttle required. The hike is predominantly descending (could be tough on the knees) as the numbers below show. Also note that there are 11 unbridged stream crossings that need to be negotiated and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Highlights on the hike include: Sycamore Reservoir - built in the 1930's to

provide water to Prison Camp (now called the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site), Bear Canyon - traverse scenic canyon, Seven Falls - constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area. Hike 11.3 miles; Starting trailhead elevation 4850 feet; net elevation change 2360 feet; accumulated gain 800 feet; total descending elev.: 3100 feet. RTD 88 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg 825-2060; [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)].

**Monday, April 09, 2018** Fifty-Year Trail to Middlegate. Rating: D+ Pace: Moderate [Hike 501 modified, 8:00 AM, \$2]. Take Golder Ranch road to end, cross cattle guard and go north to corral. Proceed past corral down jeep road (FS 642) one-half mile plus to access trail. This will require medium to high clearance vehicles. Hike jeep trails and cycle trails to Middlegate. Cross Sutherland Wash and return S via Deer Camp Trail. This hike is on State Trust Land. Hike 4 miles; accumulated gain ~500 feet; RTD 4 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018** American Flag to Windmill. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [10, 08:00 AM, \$3]. From the American Flag Trailhead off of the Mt. Lemmon Road, the trail proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. After traveling 1.7 miles through the park, the trail crosses Cottonwood Wash and continues to a windmill after another 0.3 mile. Hikers will stop and have a snack or lunch here and return via the same route. This section of the Arizona National Scenic Trail ambles through washes and across low ridges speckled with high desert plants. There are expansive views of the Galiuro Mountains and Oracle Ridge along the way. Hike 8.9 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 350 feet; accumulated gain 1254 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Dave Corrigan, 520-820-6119, [dave@daveandpam.com](mailto:dave@daveandpam.com)]

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Catalina Hills Trash Cleanup Walk** Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [141, 9:00 AM, \$0]. Volunteers are needed for the Trash Cleanup Walk for Catalina Hills Drive which is part of the Arizona Adopt A Highway Program. This is a community service that our club provides for SaddleBrooke and for Arizona. The walk will only take an hour to an hour and a half of your time. Trash bags and safety vests are provided by the Pinal County Highway Dept. Volunteers should bring gloves and a pickup stick if they have one. Volunteers will meet in the usual location at MVCC. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com) ]

**Thursday, April 12, 2018** Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: SLOW [237, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about a mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about 0.25 miles to the rock. The top provides a wonderful view and is an excellent place to eat lunch. The return is down the Super Trail to the parking lot. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike, 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1839 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com) 818-0337.]

**Thursday, April 12, 2018** Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 9:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. The return is via same route. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof, 877-9262.]

**Friday, April 13, 2018** Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 7:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins in the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phone Line Trail, which is above and generally parallels the tram road. The trail offers outstanding views of the canyon. There are three options for the return: the tram road, the same trail, or back part way on the same to trail to a connecting trail that takes us down to the creek and dam and back to the parking lot. There are extended stretches



of exposed trail. Hike 10.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 964 feet; accumulated gain 1425 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Howie and Elaine Fagan, 818-9555, [howieandelaine@q.com](mailto:howieandelaine@q.com).]

**Monday, April 16, 2018** Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes and end for snacks/lunch at a one of two broken dams. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time, this is a real eye opener. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 178 feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com) ]

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018** Big Rock Dome #1. Rating: C+. Pace: Moderate [103, 07:30 AM, \$0]. Many SaddleBrooke residents have a view from their homes of "Dome Rock" -- the large dome to the east that is bald in the middle with patchy vegetation on both sides -- located about a third of the way up Charouleau Peak. Many have mused that it would be great to have a picnic on top of this prominent landmark. Do this hike and you can make the claim. The hike leaves from the horse farm at the end of Arroyo Way near Unit 21. We cross Canada del Oro, which may have a shallow flow if it has rained, and follow a dirt road before turning left on the Charouleau Gap Road. After about 2 miles, passing forests of ocotillo, we climb across some interesting bald rock formations. There are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina and Biosphere along the way. On the way back, the group takes a short 1/2 mile side trip to a scenic overlook. Hike 6.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 675 feet; accumulated gain 1031 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Randy Park, 825-6819.]

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018** Please join us for the SBHC program on Wednesday, April 18 at 4pm in the HOA#1 Activity Center. Traci Bohme, Summit Hut Store Manager (or another Summit Hut staff member) will be presenting: "What's New in Hiking Equipment". Planned by Dale Leman, SBHC Program Committee member.

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018** SBHC Social Hour following the program ~5:00pm in the Agavé Lounge at HOA#1.

**Thursday, April 19, 2018** North Fifty-Year Trail to Hidden Canyon Loop – Short Version. Rating: D+. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area off Golder Ranch Road. We take the 50-Yr. Trail north to an unnamed spur trail which connects to the Hidden Canyon Trail. We turn south on the Hidden Canyon Trail and then follow the Deer Camp and 50-Yr. Trails back to the cars. There are beautiful saguaros and rock formations, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com) ]

**Thursday, April 19, 2018** Lower Incinerator Ridge. Rating: C!. Pace: Moderate [48, 7:30 AM, \$9]. A new section of trail was added to the Incinerator Ridge Trail in the spring of 2012. The new trail is noted for it's great vistas. The trail heads north-northwest from the San Pedro Vista Pullout, off the Catalina Hwy. The hike will proceed to Mt Bigelow and return via the same route, the 1st section of the trail is steep and rocky, but the views make up for it. Starting Elevation: 7,350 feet. Net Elevation Change 1150 feet. Hiking Length is 6 miles. RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286; [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com) .]

**Friday, April 20, 2018** Marshall Gulch / Radio Ridge Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [258, 6:30 AM, \$10]. The hike begins from the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area along the Marshall Gulch Trail, and proceeds along the Aspen Trail to Radio Ridge and over to the Lemmon Rock Lookout for views and lunch. The return is back down Aspen Draw Trail, through Turkey Run to Summerhaven. Hike 9 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1900 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 130 miles. [Elisabeth Wheeler 520-818-1547 or [hikerelizabeth@gmail.com](mailto:hikerelizabeth@gmail.com).]

**Monday, April 23, 2018** Sixshooter Trail / Pinal Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [390, 06:30 AM, \$13]. The trail, located just south of Globe, was featured in Arizona Highways as the Hike of the Month. The trail climbs steeply from manzanita and scrub oak up a canyon through three climate zones that include pinon pine, velvet ash, big tooth maple, aspen trees and huge boulders with some running water. Near the top, a side trail off Sixshooter continues up to Pinal Peak with outstanding 360-degree views. The return is via the same route. Hike 13.6 miles; trailhead elevation 4600 feet; net elevation change 3251 feet; accumulated gain 4487 feet; RTD 180 miles (1 mile dirt). [Guide: Frank Earnest, 507-261-9175, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]

**Monday, April 23, 2018** Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 9:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is gradual. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no water crossings. Hikers will stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 435 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Marv Rossof, 877-9262.]

**Monday, April 23, 2018 Grand Canyon Pre-Trip Potluck @ 5:30pm. NOTE NEW LOCATION: HOA1 Activity Center.**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018** Sweetwater Trail (short version). Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [433, 8:00; AM, \$5]. The hike begins from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the east side of the Tucson Mountains and covers about half the distance to the saddle where the Kings Canyon and Sweetwater Trails meet. The return is via the same route. The trail passes through some of the prettiest saguaro forests in the area. Along the way there are good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. Hiking boots and stick are recommended. Bring binoculars. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 350 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields 818-3439 [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com)]

**Thursday, April 26, 2018** Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 7:00 AM, \$10]. The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; 825-8286; [mjreale@msn.com](mailto:mjreale@msn.com).]

**Thursday, April 26, 2018** Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [172, 7:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail. Much of the trail is sandy and there may be several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area, the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon, which can be visited later. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 460 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337 ]

**Monday, April 30, 2018 through Friday, May 4, 2018.** GRAND CANYON SPRING TRIP 2018: Departure Travel Day Monday, April 30, 2018. Three hiking days: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, May 1-3, 2018. Return Travel Day, Friday, May 4, 2018.