

SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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MORE THAN JUST CACTUS

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

By Myrna Simms

On Wednesday, October 17, 2018, a docent from Tohono Chul Botanical Garden will speak to us about plant diversity in the Sonoran Desert. While the cactus is the most visible plant we see at first glance, there is a lot more going on in our desert than these spined succulents. Using basic botany, the adaptive strategies of these trees, bushes, flowers and cactus will be revealed to us. The various species will be identified so the next time you hike in the desert and surrounding areas, you will be able to recognize them and appreciate them not only for their similarity, but also for their vast differences.



Mexican Palo Verde

Residents of SaddleBrooke are invited to attend the meeting at the HOA #1 Activity Center at 4 PM on October 17, 2018. You do not need to be a member of the hiking club to attend. Following the meeting there will be a social hour in the Agave Lounge at the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse. Remember there is no street parking near the Activity Center. For more information about the meeting or to learn more about

the hiking club, please contact Myrna Simms at medicinetp@gmail.com or call 517-488-8644.



Trichocereus – Photo by Sue Bush (From Her Own Yard)

LAST CALL FOR SANTA FE

Submitted by Walt Shields

As of the publication of this newsletter, there are 100 participants signed up for the Fall SBHC trip to Santa Fe, October 2 – 4, 2018. Those registered should have received email communication containing trip information from me and a listing of the offered hikes and guides for sign up from Ray Peale, our Hike Chairman.

If you did not receive these mailings or have questions about the trip, please contact Walt Shields at waltshields@mac.com

HIKING CLUB FALL PICNIC

PLANS IN PLACE

Submitted by LaVerne Kyriss

It's time to sign up for SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's Annual Fall Picnic. It's set for Friday, November 2, at Catalina State Park at the Gila Monster group site. Formal events begin with a members' meeting at 11:30 a.m. A buffet lunch will be served at noon.

Morning hikes around Catalina State Park are also being organized by our awesome hiking guides. Stay tuned for details and sign-up information in a future SBHC bulletin.

Fried chicken will be 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. We are requesting that you reserve your spot by Friday, October 26, by contacting Martha Hackworth at marthahackworth@gmail.com. Please bring side dishes or desserts to share according to the first letter of your last name:

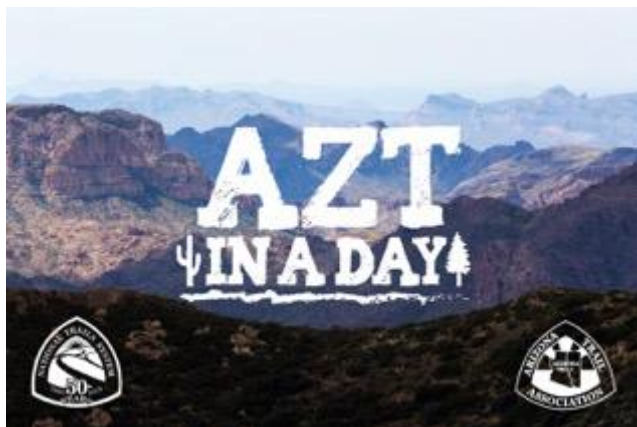
- A to J— Fruit, Green, or Other Salad
- K to S— Pasta, Potato, or Other Hearty Side Dish
- T to Z— Yummy Desserts

Please label your dish and serving utensils. Don't forget to wear a nametag as well. Entrance to Catalina State Park is \$7 per car (without a state parks pass). Carpooling is encouraged. For more information about the picnic, call Martha Hackworth at 818-2573.

SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS TO HELP SET A NEW 800-MILE RECORD

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

Is it possible to complete the whole Arizona National Scenic Trail in a day? Not by one individual. However, if hundreds of hikers, bikers, and equestrian riders travel on every segment of the trail on October 6, it can be done. If successful in this effort, it will be the first time a National Scenic Trail has been completed in 24 hours.



SaddleBrooke hikers are encouraged to sign up to hike the Oracle Passage in 2 separate groups. Hiking Group A will hike 4.6 miles RT from American Flag Ranch TH to the boundary of Oracle State Park. Hiking Group B will hike 8.6 miles from American

Flag Ranch TH to Tiger Mine Road TH. Group A hikers will provide drivers to shuttle Group B's cars to the Tiger Mine Road TH. Group A and B hikers will gather together at the Tiger Mine TH for refreshments and to celebrate their contribution to this new record!

To sign up for this special event, email Elisabeth Wheeler hikerelisabeth@gmail.com or Ray Peale ray.peale@gmail.com. Indicate which hike you would like to do and if you are willing to drive. Donations of refreshments will be appreciated. Hikers will depart from MountainView parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Driver donation is \$3.

SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS ENJOY BEAUTIFUL VIEWS AND COOL TEMPERATURES ON A JUNE HIKE TO MT. LEMMON

By Karen Gray

On June 28, nine SaddleBrooke hikers left for the cool environment of Mt. Lemmon to hike the Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop trail. We left at 7 a.m. with a temperature of 80 degrees and arrived at the trail head almost two hours later to a cool 71 degrees. It was a beautiful sunny day; and although ~~over~~ very dry, we saw several nice wildflowers, including wild geraniums, monkey flowers, firecracker penstemon, Indian paintbrush, and some columbine.



Back Row: Connie Plapinger (New Member), Janet and Paul Arnett.
Front Row: Tim Lawler, Denis Greenland, Barbara Wilder, Carol Burke and Camille Esterman.
Photo by Karen Gray

We stopped at the usual overlook for a quick snack and a photo-op. We then continued on up the Aspen trail which has lots of ups and downs and some nice views.

When we arrived back at the parking lot, we were ready to eat a lunch at the Sawmill restaurant in Summerhaven. They were very busy which gave us more time to visit with our hiking companions.

We enjoyed our lunch and left Summerhaven with the temperature reading 78 degrees – perfect for hiking. We arrived back in SaddleBrooke, tired, and surprised at the 103 degrees. We appreciated the cool day we had even more!

PETER MOUNTAIN CIRCULAR

Submitted by Aaron Schoenberg

On July 18, 2018, we took this moderately strenuous hike in the Santa Ritas. Four of us participated in this event: Aaron Schoenberg (Guide), Elisabeth Wheeler, Kaori Hashimoto and Joe Maurizzi.



Group photo from left: Kaori Hashimoto, Joe Maurizzi, Elisabeth Wheeler, Aaron Schoenberg.

This was the only class "A" hike in our summer schedule - climbing to the summit of Peter Mountain, 7,661 feet, the high point of our hike. I did not remember Peter Mountain having a register box on its summit, but there in the midst of the summit cairn was a jar with the summit register. Here I found my entry from when I scouted the hike out on November 26, 2017. The last entry in the register was from the Dove Mountain Hiking Club on June 19, 2018, a month prior.

Also, on our climb on this hike we viewed Treasure Vault Mine on the Vault Mine Trail. This was a dead-end quarry in the rock to the right side of the trail about two-thirds of the way up. The Vault Mine Trail is noted as being the steepest maintained trail in the Santa Ritas, rising 1,385 feet in 0.9 mile!

We also saw the Carrie Nation Mine on our descent. The Carrie Nation Mine was barred off and flooded. However, outside in the area of the mine were some rusted machinery that was left to rot from over a century ago. One piece had a date of 1896 on it.



Carrie Nation Mine

Today was a mixed weather day. It reached the upper 90s in Tucson; but for the bulk of our hike, we were hiking with a temperature in the mid to upper 60s. We started out our hike in bright sunshine and blue skies. But, as we ascended the Vault Mine Trail, clouds and misty fog moved in closing up our views outward of the Madera Canyon and Mt. Wrightson.



Mt. Wrightson and Monsoon Clouds

From Agua Caliente Saddle to our return to the saddle, we had very limited views and hiked through mostly blowing clouds and very limited visibility. But once in a while, we would get a break and get a distant view. About 0.3 mile southeast of the junction of the Vault Mine Trail on the Agua Caliente Trail, we heard thunder and within moments we were deluged with rain, saw lightning and were engulfed in a full-fledged thunderstorm.



Hiking Through the Monsoon Rain

I liked the quality and relatively level stretch of the Agua Caliente Trail that we were traversing. We were mostly in the trees, so we chose to continue forward to the junction with the Carrie Nation Trail, rather than backtrack to the Vault Mine Trail. When we got to the junction with the Carrie Nation Trail (our route of descent), it was clearing, and the storm was over. We were able to see Mt. Wrightson ahead and visibility was improving markedly.

The storm lasted about twenty minutes while we traversed about 1.1 mile. There was no wind, and it was a fast-moving storm. At a campsite, 0.3 mile and 520 feet lower, Elisabeth and I stripped ourselves of our wet raingear. During the remainder of the hike, we dried in the warmth of the sunshine that was not beating down on us through the trees.

Considering the circumstances, we all had a great time together enjoying a new hike for our club and bringing back some interesting experiences and memories of getting soaked on a scenic trail along the slope of Mt. Hopkins. On the hike we also saw numerous lizards and flowers along the route of our hike. We admired the two enormous alligator junipers growing at the Agua Caliente Saddle. Lots of photos were taken. Elisabeth also learned how to use her mapping facet on her GPS app.



Butterfly Weed



Ladybug at the top of Pete's Peak

EXPERIENCE THE GRAND CANYON IN A NEW WAY

Submitted by Karen Schickedanz and Elisabeth Wheeler

As SaddleBrooke Hiking Club members, you probably have visited the Grand Canyon—perhaps more than once. But you're invited to see it in a different and deeper way through "Ongtupqa," an evening of narration, music, and visual art coming this fall to SaddleBrooke.

The word "Ongtupqa" translates from the Hopi language as "Salt Canyon." It's the Hopi name for the Grand Canyon, the tribe's spiritual homeland. SBHC member Elisabeth Wheeler became aware of the Hopi connection to the Grand Canyon when she was contacted by Matthew Nelson, executive director of the Arizona Trail Association. (Elisabeth is a co-steward of the Oracle Passage of the Arizona National Scenic Trail, and our club maintains this passage.)

Matt also is an ethnomusicologist who will be performing on clay pot drums during the November 7 presentation of "Ongtupqa" at the MountainView Clubhouse. Highlighting the evening will be excerpts from a DVD, being released this month, that was recorded inside the Grand Canyon's famed architectural landmark, the Desert View Watchtower. The DVD features songs and an interview with Clark Tenakhongva, a renowned Hopi vocalist, about the tribe's history, culture, and spiritual connection to the canyon.



"Ongtupqa" performers (left to right) Matt Nelson, Clark Tenakhongva and Gary Stroutsos on the rim of the Grand Canyon.

Photo by Levi S. Davis/AZ Camera

Accompanying Clark's singing on the DVD, as well as on a new CD, are Matt and Gary Stroutsos, a master flute player. Both Matt and Gary will appear in person at SaddleBrooke program. During the live

narration and musical presentation, breathtaking photographic panoramas of the Grand Canyon will be shown on the large screen at MountainView.

“My only hope is the music will resonate with the world,” Clark says. “As Hopi, we were born within the Grand Canyon, and when we are done, we return back there. These are songs about that special place.”

Clark acknowledges, however, that many Hopi are starting to forget their heritage and have lost their connection to nature. It is his hope that the Ongtupqa recording will not only be educational and entertaining for a wide audience but also will provide the basis for instructing Hopi children about their roots. A portion of DVD, CD and ticket sales will directly support traditional music, language and cultural programs for youth on the Hopi mesas in Arizona.

“Ongtupqa” will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 7, in the MountainView Ballroom. Tickets are on sale at the MountainView Administrative Office and also online at <https://tickets.saddlebrooketwo.com>. Ticket price is \$12 per person before September 30 and \$15 afterward. You may learn more about “Ongtupqa” and hear sample songs at www.ongtupqa.com

COPPER CANYON TRIPS

On Tuesday, October 30 at 4:30 in the Ballroom West at Mountain View, there will be an information meeting regarding the two Copper Canyon trips

scheduled for November 2 and 19. A representative from A Closer Look Tours will be present to answer questions and give information on the trip. All are welcome to attend. There are still spots available for the November 19 departure date. For further information contact Phil at mcnameephil@gmail.com

Future Trips		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person
Santa Fe, New Mexico	Oct. 2-4, 2018	Walt Shields waltshields@mac.com
St. George, Utah	April 9 – 11, 2019	Dave Sorenson iowaboy1950@yahoo.com
Durango, Colorado	Fall 2019	More Info to Follow

News You Can Use		
AZ Trail In A Day HOA1 Activity Center	10/6 Sat.	7:30 a.m.
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	10/17 Wed.	7:00 A.M. Noon
More Than Just Cactus HOA 1 Activity Center	10/17 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	10/17 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
Cooper Canyon Trip Meeting Ballroom West MountainView	10/30 Tues.	4:30 P.M.
Annual Fall Picnic Catalina State Park	11/2 Fri.	11:30 A.M.

Club Calendar

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Sep 2018 (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 D - Moonlight	27	28	29	30 C Sabino	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 C- Pima Canyon	14	15
16	17	18 D CSP Alamo	19	20	21	22
23	24 C Chistina	25 C CSP	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hiking Club Trip Santa Fe October 2018 @ ArrMonOct01 HikeTueWedThuDptFriOct5						AZT in a Day

Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Calendar

Oct 2018 (Mountain Standard Time - Phoenix)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Hiking Club Trip Santa Fe October 2018 @ ArrMonOct01 HikeTueWedThuDptFriOct5						AZT in a Day
7	8 [C] Hidden	9 [C] Deer Camp /	10 C - Bridal	11	12 A! - Quantrell	13
14	15 [B] Blackett's	16 [D] Alamo	17 AZT Work SBHC Program	18 [C] Baby Jesus	19	20
21	22 [A] Bear C - Pima	23 [C] Fifty-Year	24 [C] Rams Creek	25 [B] Seven Falls D- Honey Bee	26 C! Vision	27
28	29 A! - Quantrell	30 [B] Wasson	31 [C] Hidden Information	1 [C] Sweetwater	2 SBHC Fall Picnic	3

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, September 13, 2018 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [336, 7:00 AM, \$3]. The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. The first mile or so is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the small first dam as we enter the beautiful, rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. The trail then leads to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near several Indian grinding holes. The return is via the same route. Hike 6.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1007 feet; accumulated gain 1315 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com].

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 7:00 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. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com.]

Monday, September 24, 2018 Taylor Green-Extended Fitness Walk. Rating: C . Pace: Moderate [179, 8:00 AM, \$3]. The walk begins at the Shannon parking lot on the Bike Loop . We will visit the new Memorial Park and then walk north 3 miles and then return. Carry at least one quart of water. Hike 6 to 7 miles; no elevation change . Hike duration is 3 hours roughly. [Guide: Dave Sorenson 777-1994, iowaboy1950@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 7:00 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: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com.]

Saturday, October 06, 2018 AZT in a Day Rating C/B 7:30 a.m. Driver donation \$3. Two hiking groups: A and B. Hiking group A will hike 4.6 miles RT from American Flag Ranch TH to the boundary of Oracle State Park and back. Hiking group B will hike 8.6 miles from American Flag Ranch TH to Tiger Mine Road TH. Group A hikers will provide drivers to shuttle Group B's cars to the Tiger Mine Road TH. Group A and B hikers will gather together at the Tiger Mine TH for refreshments and to celebrate their contribution to this new record on a National Scenic Trail! To sign up for this special event email Elisabeth Wheeler hikerelisabeth@gmail.com or Ray Peale ray.peale@gmail.com. Indicate which hike you would like to do and if you are willing to drive. Donations of refreshments will be appreciated."

Monday, October 08, 2018 Hidden Canyon. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [217, 08:00 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. The hike begins past the Golder Ranch Road gate in the Fifty-Year Trail area. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 620 feet; accumulated gain 880 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, October 09, 2018 Deer Camp / Baby Jesus Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 08:00 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 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 650 feet; accumulated gain 1126

feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Bridal Wreath Falls Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [119, 07:00 AM, \$6]. The Douglas Spring Trailhead is located at the east end of Speedway Blvd. The hike involves some relatively steep climbing up the Douglas Spring Trail for the first 2.5 miles, before turning off on the 0.3 mile spur leading to the falls. We return via the Douglas Spring trail for 0.3 miles, and then take the Three Tanks Trail for 1.5 miles to where it joins the Carillo Trail. We hike for 0.5 miles and rejoin the Douglas Spring Trail, with considerable elevation, and return to the trailhead. Another option is to continue on the Three Tanks Trail to the Garwood Trail that joins the Douglas Spring Trail only 0.3 mile from the trailhead. The trail is well used and easy to follow. Bring sun protection. Water may be flowing over the falls if there has been sufficient rainfall. Hike 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1050 feet; accumulated gain 1368 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Howie Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com]

Monday, October 15, 2018 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [108, 08:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and follows relatively level, well-used trails east to the Phone Line Trailhead. After 0.4 miles along the Phone Line Trail, the Blackett's Ridge Trail branches right and continues up the ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. There are spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons to either side of the trail. The ridge part of the trail has several steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits before reaching the end of the trail, a point where it is not possible to continue because the terrain drops precipitously. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1668 feet; accumulated gain 1733 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 Alamo Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 08:00 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 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 404-8998, waltshields@mac.com.]

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 7:30 AM, \$3 Paid by club]. Come and join the fun — it's enjoyable 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 8.6 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 and on the Tiger Mine road to the TH. 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]"

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 SBHC Program @4pm, HOA1 Activity Center and Social Hour @5pm in Agavé Lounge

Thursday, October 18, 2018 Baby Jesus. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [96, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike starts in the Fifty-Year Trail area near the east end of Golder Ranch Road and follows a jeep road that connects to the beginning of the Baby Jesus Trail across the Sutherland Wash. Hikers follow the trail on the east side of Baby Jesus Ridge to a

rock grouping that looks in profile like the Madonna and Child, (for which the ridge is named) seeing a “window,” beautiful saguaros, and rock formations along the way. The return is via the same route. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 702 feet; accumulated gain 1335 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Monday, October 22, 2018 Bear Canyon to Sabino Canyon Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [101, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot and proceeds up scenic Bear Canyon to Sycamore Canyon. At Sycamore Canyon, we turn northwest on the East Fork Trail, and then southwest on the Sabino Canyon Trail to its intersection with the Phone Line Trail. The return to the Visitor Center is via the Phone Line Trail. Hike 17.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 2100 feet; accumulated gain 4155 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest Email: fearnestiv@gmail.com.]

Monday, October 22, 2018 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 07:00 AM, \$3]. The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. The first mile or so is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. We pass the small first dam as we enter the beautiful, rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. The trail then leads to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near several Indian grinding holes. The return is via the same route. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1010 feet; accumulated gain 1315 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Howie Fagan, 818-9555, howieandelaine@q.com.]

Tuesday, October 23, 2018 Fifty-Year Trail to North Hidden Canyon - Short version. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [89, 08:00 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 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; net elevation change 354 feet; accumulated gain 632 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 Rams Creek Basin to Catalina State Park. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [355, 08:00 AM, \$2]. From the Rams Creek Pass subdivision we hike up a large wash on an established trail through nice vegetation to a large rock waterfall with commanding views over Rancho Vistoso and the Tortolita mountains. We then continue on to a connecting trail via a large watering tank to Catalina State Park. We cross several washes and pass by Alamo Canyon falls, which provides a cool oasis and usually has running water. This hike involves a short car shuttle. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2404 feet; net elevation change 1181 feet; accumulated gain 2172 feet; RTD 21 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 404-8998, waltshields@mac.com]

Thursday, October 25, 2018 Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [387, 7:30 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and continues to lower Bear Canyon, then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls. The return is via the same route. The falls, which constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, usually have some water flowing over them but may be dry if there has been inadequate rain. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times in each direction and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Ask the guide about current conditions. Hike 8.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Phil McNamee 520-369-4504 mcnameephil@gmail.com.]

Thursday, October 25, 2018 Honey Bee Canyon South. Rating: D. Pace: SLOW [224,7:30 AM, \$2].

The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We will explore the canyon, identify some of the vegetation, look for petroglyphs, find a large hole in a rock, and look for animals and animal tracks. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, camera (optional). Hike &#x2013;4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 100 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, 818-0337, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com].

Friday, October 26, 2018 Tortolita Mountains: Vision Seeker's Gorge. Rating: C! . Pace: Moderate [500, 7:30

AM, \$2]. The hike begins at the windmill/water tank approximately five miles down Edwin/Rail-X road west of Oracle where we park. Hike on trail/wash south to the base of Tortolita Peak and follow animal trails over a ridge to the Gorge. We lunch at top of a large gorge w/ a seasonal waterfall. There are petroglyphs nearby. Return is via the same route. Gloves recommended. Note: Rail-X (Edwin) road is very rough & unimproved which requires high clearance vehicles (pick-up, jeep, SUV). Hike: 7 miles; trailhead elevation 3,600 feet; net elevation change 800 feet; accumulated gain 850 feet. RTD 14 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Rob Simms Spartan7375@gmail.com].

Sunday, October 28, 2018 A! - Quantrell Mine + 2 Elephants Rating: A! Pace: Moderate [New, 06:00 AM,

\$10]. Elephant Head is the craggy massive rock on the west side of the Santa Ritas which looks like an elephant's head when viewed from I-19. The hike starts from Forest Road #183 and we head out on the Elephants Head Trail and follow it. Along the way we take a spur user trail and ascend to Little Elephants Head (5,139', 2.0 miles RT). After returning to the main trail we continue to the Quantrell Mine Trail and turn eastward on the abandoned mining road which winds around Chino Basin to Chino Canyon. Around the corner into Chino Canyon is the first unobstructed view of Elephant Head. From here we make a side trip continuing along the old mine road to Quantrell Mine to the east (1.8 miles RT). Bring a flashlight/headlamp for mine exploration here. Returning back to the viewpoint into Chino Canyon, we follow a user trail that descends very steeply 500 feet into the canyon to a stream crossing with pools of water. This is a pleasant place for a rest break before climbing 800 feet to the ridgeline to the north. At the ridgeline, we turn to the west and follow a rocky trail with many steps-up and narrow passages along the final ascent. A few places are very steep and exposed. Four-point rock scrambling is required along the final 1/4 mile. Besides the magnificent 360-degree view from the Elephants Head summit (5,641') there is a whimsical display of miniature elephants which are fun to view and arrange. Return via the same trails. Dress defensively. Hiking poles and gloves are recommended. Hike 10.0 miles; trailhead elevation 4589 feet; net elevation change 1110 feet; accumulated gain 3500 feet; RTD 137 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg 825-2060; askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, October 29, 2018 Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails. Rating: B. Pace:

Moderate [480, 08:00 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: Frank Earnest Email: fearnestiv@gmail.com].

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 Meeting at 4:30 at Mountain View ballroom west for those attending or those interested in the Copper Canyon trips Nov 2nd and 19th. Meeting will be hosted by a representative from A Closer Look Tours.

Tuesday, October 30, 2018 Hidden Canyon. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [217, 08:00 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. The hike begins past the Golder Ranch Road gate in the Fifty-Year Trail area. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 620 feet; accumulated gain 880 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Tim Butler, 825-0193, tucsontimmer@gmail.com.]

Wednesday, October 31, 2018 Sweetwater Preserve. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [432, 08:00 AM, \$5]. The trailhead is at the end of Tortolita Road, one mile off El Camino del Cerro. The 703-acre preserve is in the Tucson Mountains (this is not the Sweetwater Trail which leads to Wasson Peak.) There is a system of trails within the park made in 2008 by a crew of Piima County trail builders. It consists of 12 distinct loops and paths that interconnect so they can be linked together. Each trail is 0.5 to 1.5 miles in length, for 10.4 miles total. A map of the area may be found on the website (www.sdmb.org/trail-Sweetwater.html). Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change <1000 feet; accumulated gain 603 feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 404-8998, waltshields@mac.com]