



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### JACK JEFFERY “UNDER AFRICAN SKIES” Wednesday, JANUARY 19, 2022

Submitted by Bruce Hale

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club’s featured speaker for the January, 2022, meeting and program will be Club member, Jack Jeffery. The event will be held in the SaddleBrooke One Activity Center on Wednesday, January 19, at 4 p.m. “Under African Skies” will highlight a recent seven-week, seven-country trip to Africa, as well as practical suggestions for better photographic results while traveling and hiking.



Jack and his wife, Chris, moved to SaddleBrooke in 2004 after both retiring from careers in the automobile industry. Jack joined the Hiking Club in 2011 and likes to do “C” hikes, so that he can capture pictures along the way. He has hiked in the U.S. and internationally with Road Scholar and other groups. He enjoys both the physical challenge and photographic opportunities along the trails and while traveling.

Self-described as an avid amateur photographer and hiker, Jack’s favorite location in our neighborhood is the Sutherland Wash Rock Art area. Each time he is there, he says he discovers a “new” petroglyph. Hiking Club presentations are held most months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the SaddleBrooke One Activity Center, at 4 p.m. Club members and other SaddleBrooke residents are w

### ORIENTATION TO HIKING IN THE DESERT SOUTHWEST Monday, February 7, 2022

Submitted by Tim Butler

If you are new to hiking in Arizona or have not hiked recently, you may want to learn about hiking in the Sonoran Desert from experienced SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Guides. If so, **YOU ARE INVITED** to attend a **Hiking Orientation Presentation at 2:00 p.m., February 7, in the Desert View Theater at HOA 2.**

Among the topics to be discussed are how to prepare for the desert’s special conditions, how to choose the hike that is right for you, and what types of clothing and equipment are recommended. Overall, the tips should make hiking more enjoyable and safer for you.

In addition to the Hiking Orientation Presentation, information will be shared about the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club itself, the types of hikes offered, and other club programs. This presentation is open to all SaddleBrooke residents who may be interested in hiking in Arizona. You do not have to be a member of the club to attend. For more information, call Tim Butler at 520-825-0193 or Bruce Landeck at 913-626-1560. We hope to see all those interested in hiking in our beautiful desert southwest at this special program

**THINGS GET SOLVED –  
IF YOU GET INVOLVED.**



The trip committee has requests for more trips. The locations sound amazing; but to do this, we need more volunteers on the trip committee. The backbone of any successful organization is its volunteers. Three destinations have been requested:

1. **Borrego Springs, CA** - a winter destination for hiking, while March has the potential for wildflowers. Borrego is a lot like Death Valley - a mixture of canyons, badlands and mountains. While there are some definite trails, many hikes are sparse desert bushwhacks into canyons and badlands. Reservations for prime season, which is winter, need to be made a long time in advance. And like *Death Valley* it is dry, dry, dry.

*Anza-Borrego*

*Desert State Park* is the largest state park in CA. It has 500 miles of dirt roads, 12 wilderness areas and many miles of hiking trails. One unique hike that Randy Parks and Susan Hollis have done there is to a real palm desert oasis, where the only palm tree species native to the U.S. can be found. Some winters there will be a bloom of flowers that form a carpet across the desert.

*Joshua Tree National Park* is only one hour NE of Borrego Springs. SaddleBrooke is less than 6 hours from Borrego Springs.

2. **Prescott, AZ** borders three National Forests in AZ: Kaibab, Coconino, and Tonto. Prescott is surrounded by incredible hiking, and its elevation ranges from 5,300 - 8,000 feet. Prescott has more lakes in the city than any other city in AZ. The lakes are perfect for kayaking and standup paddle boarding. Whiskey Row is a historic section of Prescott occupied by authentic Old West saloons and art museums (those that highlight western, Native American, and early pioneer day history and culture). SaddleBrooke is less than 4 hours from Prescott.
3. **Telluride, CO.** This mountain village looks like a utopia of summer outdoor activities - float through town on inner tubes, cycle or hike in every direction, wander art galleries and shops, or park yourself on the benches along Main Street and watch the bustle of daily activity. The city offers free gondola transportation for the public with handicap accessible and pet-friendly cars for your furry friends; summer gondola hours are 6 a.m. to midnight. SaddleBrooke is 9 hours from Telluride.

If you can help make these trips a reality, please volunteer. Contact one of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club trip committee members:

*Arlene Daigle*

*Karen Gray*

*Leslie Hawkins*

*Dale Leman*

*Susan Love*

*And ???*

**ARIZONA TRAIL WORK PARTY**

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

The Arizona Trail Work party on November 17 brought out seven SaddleBrooke Hiking Club volunteers and five other volunteers. The weather was cloudy and cool - perfect temperatures to

eradicate encroaching catclaw acacia along the Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail.



SaddleBrooke hikers and others are ready to tackle the catclaw along the trail.  
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler



Catclaw roots are dug out to prevent regrowth on the trail.  
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

After 3.5 hours of camaraderie and trail maintenance, the volunteers enjoyed cookies baked by Chris Jeffrey and sweet breads by Seana Kobak.



Celebration of a successful work party with delicious cookies baked by Chris Jeffrey.  
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler



Safety instruction before the Arizona Trail work party in Oracle State Park.  
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

The next SaddleBrooke Hiking Club work parties on the Arizona Trail will be December 15, January 19 and February 16. To join the fun and satisfying work at these events, email Seana Kobak [seanabk88@gmail.com](mailto:seanabk88@gmail.com).

**TUCSON DOWNTON MURAL WALK**  
Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

Although not an actual hike, this has turned out to be one of the most popular SBHC activities this fall! On November 4, eight SaddleBrooke Hiking Club

members met in downtown Tucson for a 4-mile walk to visit over 50 murals!

This walk focused on the area between Stone and 4th Ave on the west and east sides with the north/south streets being University and Broadway. Tucson is a city known for its amazing and plentiful murals, but imagine being about to view that many in just 4 miles.



We also passed several notable landmarks including the Historic Y and the Ronstadt House. One of Tucson's architectural treasures, the Historic Y is a vibrant, artistically, and progressively oriented community - home to The Rogue Theatre, The Scoundrel and Scamp Theatre, and ZUZI! Dance! In addition, there are a variety of visual, performing, and healing arts professionals; non-profit environmental, conservation, educational, cultural, social justice, and community service organizations - including Tucson Audubon Society and Nature Shop, Paulo Freire Freedom School, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, The Human Communication Studio, and Tucson CSA (Community Supported Agriculture).

The Ronstadt House was designed and built by Tucson architect Henry C. Trost for Fredrick Ronstadt - a Tucson pioneer, wagon maker, hardware company owner, and Tucson's first automobile dealer. Frederick's father was a Mexican Army

Colonel who brought his family to Tucson in 1882, just before the railroad connected the cavalry outpost of Tucson to the world. Linda Ronstadt's father, Gilbert, was born in the house at 607 North Sixth Avenue, one of the early Victorian mansions built nearby Tucson's new railroad.



We completed our walk with lunch on the patio of the Cup Cafe in the Hotel Congress. The Hotel Congress, built in 1919, is the cultural landmark that anchors Downtown Tucson. The Hotel is known for being the site of the capture of gangster and bank robber, John Dillinger, in 1934. History, art, and great food after a nice walk - who could ask for more!

## GOOD SPORT HIKERS

Submitted by Bruce Landeck

Hikers arrived at the Mountain View sign-up October 13 expecting to hike on Brown Mountain. However, they learned the road to that trailhead parking lot was closing that morning to accommodate an HBO Max film production shooting in the area around Saguaro National Park West.

Faced with either canceling the hike or deciding on an alternative venue, all hikers agreed to go to Honey Bee Canyon and do a double loop which would approximate the Brown Mountain distance of 5 miles.

The weather was beautiful, upper 60s, and sunny with a pleasant breeze. Karen Gray dutifully fulfilled her role as resident geologist and assisted with plant identification, which included this photo stop by “Grandfather” Saguaro.



Also on the hike were Mary Hlushko, Ellen Citron, Yvette and Bruce Sabulsky, Carol and Bruce Olson, and Bruce Landeck. Despite not “bagging” Brown Mountain that day, all were good sports and agreed that our alternative destination was most enjoyable.

**WONDERFUL FALL COLORS HIKE  
ON THE BEAR WALLOW TRAIL**

Submitted by Tim Butler

On October 22, six SaddleBrooke hikers took the scenic drive up the Mt. Lemmon highway to do a

short hike from the Bear Wallow trailhead to the Sunset Trail and back. The temperature was pleasantly cool, and the fall colors were at their absolute peak.



We encountered many other hikers similarly enjoying this wonderful scenery. Everyone was very happy to be in such a beautiful spot.

Our group was even treated to a poem written by a friend of one of our hikers. He texted her the poem as we travelled up the Mt. Lemmon Highway, and she shared it with us as we walked along:

**Bear Wallow Hike** - (sing to the chorus of "Friends in Low Places"):

“You'll be with friends...on Mt.Lemmon  
Where the colors are changing and the  
Bears  
chasin'  
The Hikers away.  
But you'll be Okay.

Your Leader will guide, and  
the rest will follow  
I've never heard of a bear that  
could Swallow  
A Hiker as food  
in Bear Wallow.”

(Poem written by Ed Fraser)

What a fun addition to our wonderful hike!

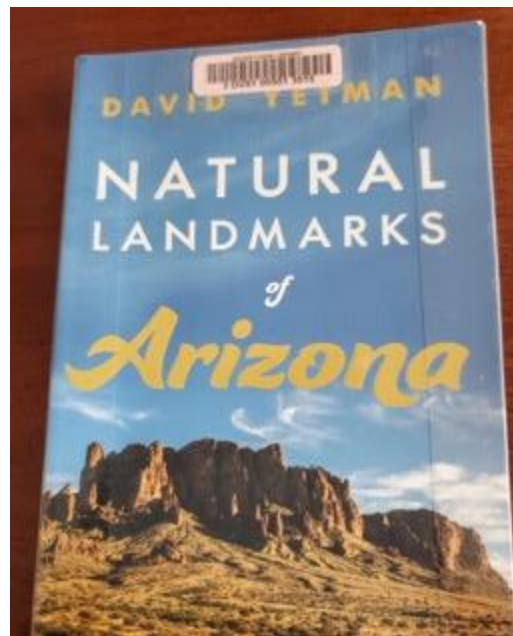
**NEW BOOKS OF INTEREST TO  
SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS!**

Submitted by Janet Fabio  
Director of SaddleBrooke Community Libraries

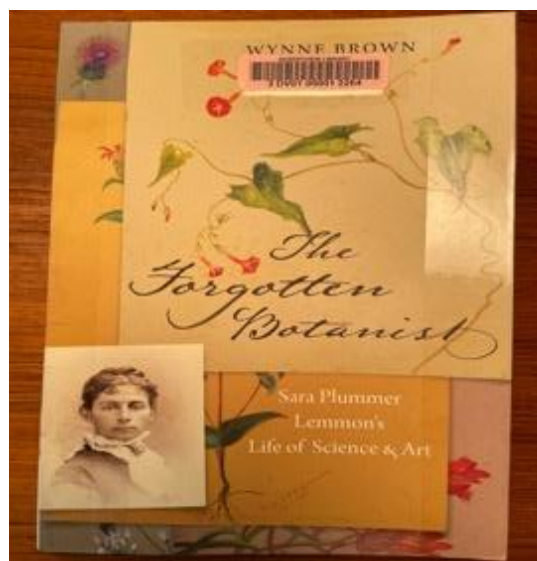
If you have not yet discovered the DesertView Library and its wealth of resources for hikers, maybe these new books will entice you to check out your library.

“Natural Landmarks of Arizona” by David Yetman is a brand-new guidebook to about 50 iconic Arizona landmarks. Learn more about landmarks such as the Salt River Canyon, Kitt Peak, or Cathedral Rock in Sedona.

In addition to geological information, entries also include information about recent history or natural history of the area around each landmark.



Meet an adventurous nineteenth century woman in a new biography "The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of Science & Art." Sara was married to J.G. Lemmon (of Mount Lemmon fame), and she discovered hundreds of new plant species in Arizona and the Southwest. The book includes some of her beautiful watercolor illustrations of plants.



In 2022, we will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Yellowstone, the world's first national park. It seems a good time to ask where the idea for a national park originated. "The Power of Scenery: Frederick Law Olmsted and the Origin of National Parks" by Dennis Drabelle explores how Frederick Law Olmsted's vision for managing a wilderness park centered on Yosemite Valley became the blueprint for national parks in the future.

If Fiction is more your pace, pick up "Vanishing Edge" by Claire Kells. It is the first in a series about a partnership between an ISB agent and a park ranger who solve mysteries in the national parks. This one is set in Sequoia. Hikers will be able to relate as one of the main characters pushes through her physical challenges to complete some daunting hikes on the way to solving a murder. Two other authors who have written novels set in national parks are Scott Graham and Nevada Barr.

In addition to these recently added books, the Southwest Collection at the DesertView Library offers an entire shelf of hiking guidebooks for various parts of Arizona. This special collection also has books on local geology; field guides to birds of Arizona; books about wildflowers, cactus and animals you might encounter on trails; Arizona history; and books about areas of interest such as ruins and ghost towns.

Our club has been planning trips to national parks and other great hiking areas that are within reasonable driving distance. The National Parks collection at DesertView Library offers many helpful guidebooks for planning visits to national parks, and many include detailed hiking information. The Travel Collection should also be checked for additional information when planning a trip. We have guidebooks to state

parks; guidebooks for nearby states, such as Utah and New Mexico; and much more.

If you are not yet registered to use the SaddleBrooke Community Libraries, it is fast, easy and free. Stop in at the SaddleBrooke One Library or the DesertView Library during staffed hours and a volunteer will assist you. Visit the Libraries website [www.sblibraries.com](http://www.sblibraries.com) for more information, including a link to the library's online catalog - where you can request the new books highlighted above or search for others by subject, author, or title.

### **HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN TUCSON**

Submitted by Walt Shields

On January 3 and January 17, Walt Shields will be offering a new walking tour on the "Turquoise Trail" which provides an insight into Tucson's rich cultural history.

We will walk past a number of historic buildings and sites in the downtown area and spend time visiting the newly completed Tucson Heritage and Visitor Center.



During the tour, Walt will provide some humorous anecdotes about what it was like as a kid growing up in Tucson. We will begin and end the tour at the Mercado where we will take the streetcar into the downtown area and finish there with delicious street tacos.

This tour will provide a nice complement to the Downtown Mural Walk currently led by Ruth Caldwell.

### FALL TRIP TO FLAGSTAFF

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's fall trip to Flagstaff was scheduled for October 12-14. Snow, wind, and cold temps were forecast for the first day with a high temperature of 35 degrees in Flagstaff. After much debate, the club agreed to cancel the trip.

A handful of members soldiered on. Terry and Claire Guidas, Arlene Daigle, and Jeff and Susan Love went to Flagstaff anyway. Rumor has it several other members that we were not aware of, also traveled to Flagstaff and endured the conditions.

On Monday, Terry and Claire went to the Grand Canyon (great weather), but stayed in their Airbnb all day Tuesday due to bad weather.



Terry Guidas scraped snow off his vehicle.

On Wednesday, Jeff, Susan, and Arlene navigated narrow forest service roads in a Prius and began hiking Lockett Meadow at 7:30 a.m. with temperatures in the lower 20's. They hiked to Inner Basin until the snow became too deep. The lower portion of the trail was icy in places so poles and traction cleats were used. Jeff actually wore pants for the first time in nearly a year. The Aspens had not dropped all their leaves so the hike was beautiful with blue skies.



Jeff Love, Arlene Daigle, Susan Love hiked in snow and ice at Lockett Meadow

All five of us hiked Red Mountain and Walnut Canyon, but at different times.

All agreed it was a good call canceling the trip as hiking in snow, ice and/or cold weather is not for everyone. Even though the trip was somewhat limited due to the weather, a good time was had by, "the few."

### 2022 BANFF FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Submitted by Aaron Sshoenberg

The Banff Film Festival World Tour returns to the Fox Theater in Tucson and on Saturday, March 5, I will once again be guiding this annual outing to this series of outdoor adventure films. I am purchasing 26



tickets for the group, and this performance will sell out, so contact me: 825-2060 or [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net) to get your tickets in advance.

Tickets are \$20. For the time being, save the date on your calendar; and I will start accepting reservations on Monday, January 17.

Do not miss the epic stories of remote journeys, ground-breaking expeditions, and cutting-edge adventures told through the eyes of adventurers, authors, photographers, and filmmakers from around the globe. Ignite your passion for adventure, action, and travel! This tour will exhilarate you with amazing big-screen stories and take you on a journey to exotic locations. Paddle through the wildest waters, and climb the highest peaks! These are the best films selected by a panel of judges at Banff last summer and then packaged to present at showings around the world. We are fortunate that Tucson is one location that is chosen and sponsored by Summit Hut on the Banff Film World Tour.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show will run from 7:00 until a little after 10 p.m. Plan on returning to SaddleBrooke around 11 p.m.

For those that want to carpool, we can meet at Mountain View at 4:00 p.m. This allows time to eat out at Perche' No which is next door to the Fox Theater (Menu: <https://www.perchenobistro.com/>); get parked; and be able to get seats close together, as seating is on a first come/first served basis.

**DR. MOLLY HUNTER**  
**THE CHANGING ROLE OF FIRE IN**  
**ARIZONA ECOSYSTEMS**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022**  
Submitted by Bruce Hale

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Welcomes Dr. Molly Hunter as the featured speaker at its monthly meeting and program on February 16, 2022. Her presentation, titled "The Changing Role of Fire in Arizona Ecosystems" is intended to help hikers understand

fire-impacted landscapes they may encounter in our area and state.

Dr. Hunter is an Associate Research Professor in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of Arizona. She is the primary science advisor for the Joint Fire Science Program, a partnership among U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior that funds scientific studies to inform wildland fire management.



Dr. Molly Hunter

Dr. Hunter also serves as a Public Information Officer, supporting wildfire incidents in Arizona in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management. You may have seen her on local media during the 2020 Bighorn Fire.

Previously, Dr. Hunter was an Associate Research Professor in the School of Forestry at Northern Arizona University, where she taught a variety of continuing education courses for fire management professionals, maintained a research program in fire ecology and management, and co-founded the Southwest Fire Science Consortium.

Dr. Hunter has a PhD in Forest Science from Colorado State University and a BS in Plant Biology from the University of California at Davis.

Hiking Club presentations are held most months on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the SaddleBrooke 1 Activity Center at 4 pm. Club members and other SaddleBrooke residents are welcome to attend.

### PICNIC COMMITTEE

Submitted by Missy Rodey

Over 90 SBHC members gathered at Catalina State Park for the Annual Fall Business Meeting and Picnic. It was a beautiful, sunny day full of fun, friends, and fabulous foods. A very good time was had by all.



Tim leads the annual club business meeting



Many friends and lots of food



And now we can look forward to creating more SBHC memories at the **2022 Spring Picnic**. Mark your calendars for **March 18, 2022**, when we will gather again at Catalina State Park to celebrate our friendships and mutual love of hiking in our beautiful surroundings.

Picnic Committee Co-chairs  
Seana Kobak and Missy Rodey

Future Trips		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person
Silver City New Mexico	May 10-13, 2022	Dale Leman
Bryce Canyon, Red, Canyon, Kodachrome Basin	Early Oct., 2022	TBD
Sedona, AZ	April, 2023	TBD
Glacier National Park, MT	July, 2023	TBD
Santa Fe, NM	October, 2023	TBD
Suggested trips by Members: Borrego Springs, CA	Jan – April, 2023	
Prescott, AZ	April – July, 2023	
Telluride, CO	July – August, 2023	

News You Can Use		
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	12/15 Wed.	7:30 A.M. - Noon
Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Tucson	1/3 Mon.	
Guide First Aide Class	1/12 Wed.	
Guide Incident Hike	1/14 Fri.	9 A.M. - Noon
Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Tucson	1/17 Mon.	
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	1/19 Wed.	7:30 A.M. - Noon
SBHC Program – Jack Jeffery “Under African Skies”	1/19 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	1/19 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
SBHC Board Meeting HOA 1 – Coyote Room	2/2 Wed.	2:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting HOA 1 -Coyote Room	2/2 Wed.	3:30 P.M.
Orientation to Hiking in the Desert Southwest	2/7 Mon.	2:00 p.m.
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	2/16 Wed.	7:30 A.M. - Noon
SBHC Program - Dr. Molly Hunter “The Changing Role of Fire in the Arizona Ecosystems”	2/16 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	2/16 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
2022 Banff Film Festival World Tour	3/5 Sat.	4 – 10 P.M.

## Hiking Information

### HIKE RATINGS, PACE AND ELEVATION CHANGE

#### 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. In the

hike descriptions that follow, both parameter values are exceeded for some hikes. However, that does not necessarily justify a higher combined rating.

Hike Rating	Distance (miles)	Accumulated Elevation Gain (feet)
A	>14	>3000
B	>8 to 14	>1500 to 3000
C	>4 to 8	>500 to 1500
D	≤4	≤500

### **Special Conditions**

\*\*\*Some hikes may have special conditions that make a hike more difficult than the mileage/elevation gain rating would suggest. This could be due to unusual trail conditions, such as a very rocky trail, large steps up or down, or more exposure (steep banks or a cliff) which are present. These hikes are denoted with three asterisks beside the letter rating and will be repeated in the hike description with an explanation. When hikers sign up for a hike with the symbol \*\*\* they should clarify with the guide about the special condition to determine if the hike is right for them.

### **Pace**

Pace for our hikes is described in terms of the moving average speed in miles per hour (MPH) over the course of a hike. The overall average speed is much more variable, depending on the number and duration of rest breaks and lunch, and the condition of a particular trail (smooth and flat versus rocky and steep). The following four categories are used to describe pace in the hike descriptions. The following four categories are used to describe pace in the newsletter:

Pace	Moving Average Speed (MPH)
Leisurely	<1.5
Slow	1.5 to <2.0
Moderate	2.0 to <2.5
Fast	≥2.5

### **Elevation Change**

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

Net Elevation Change is generally 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). If no destination is listed, which may be the case for loop hikes or point-to-point hikes, net change is defined as the difference between the trailhead elevation and the highest elevation reached during the hike. If net elevation lost between the trailhead and the destination, a minus sign is used to show that elevation is lost. If an elevation profile is available, which applies in this database to mostly the Arizona Trail hikes for which GPS tracks have been generated, the net elevation change is the difference between the highest and lowest points along the trail.

Accumulated Gain is 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 always a more accurate indicator of hike difficulty than net change in elevation.

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.

A cursory critique of the definition for “net elevation change” reveals that it is vague and imprecise and provides limited insight into trail difficulty (which is more accurately described in terms of accumulated gain or loss (parameters that are measured by GPSs). However, accumulated gain/loss information is unavailable for many hikes in the database, so net change has, for the time being, been retained because it is the only statistic available.

Accumulated gains are always greater than net elevation changes, except for point-to-point hikes where the destination is at a lower elevation than trailhead elevation. In this case, the accumulated gain could be much lower than the net elevation change. A good example of this is the hike from the top of Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park, which actually results in little gain but rather a significant accumulated loss. For loop and out-and-back hikes, accumulated elevation gains are usually greater, sometimes much greater, than net elevation changes.

### Hikes Offered (**rev1 12-16-21 made to hike on 01-24-22**)

**Monday, January 03, 2022 Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Tucson. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [517, 08:00 AM, \$5 + \$trolley fee].** Tucson has a unique and colorful history. This walking tour begins at the Mercado where we will take the streetcar into the downtown area to walk the "Turquoise Trail." The trail encompasses many of the historical buildings and sites that define Tucson. We will visit the newly opened Tucson Visitors Center and its cultural displays. The tour is 2.5 miles and will last approximately 3 hours. At the conclusion we will take the streetcar back to the Mercado and enjoy traditional local cuisine. The tour will be limited to 16. RTD 51 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 520-404-8998, [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com)]

**Monday, January 03, 2022 Wasson Peak Loop No. 2. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [506, 07:30 AM, \$7].** The hike begins at the King Canyon Trailhead located across from the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum. We cross King Canyon Wash to west side and take Gould Mine Trail to Sendero-Esperanza Trail. We follow S-E Trail up to saddle intersection w/ Hugh Norris Trail. We take H-N trail up to Wasson Peak for break. We return down King Canyon Trail through Sweetwater Saddle and follow King Canyon Trail into KC Wash and return to trailhead. There are stops for lots of different views and a variety of great scenery, and petroglyphs in the wash. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 1900 feet, accumulated gain 1925 feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 04, 2022 Middle Gate Meander. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [524, 08:30 AM, \$4].** This is a pleasant hike from the Upper Corral parking lot to the Middle Gate using mostly social trails. The route largely avoids the busy 50 Year trail except for a 0.4 mile stretch. This is a relatively flat hike with great, open views of Samaniego, Pusch, and Baby Jesus Ridges. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 160 feet; accumulated gain 290 feet; RTD 10 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 04, 2022 Flag/Dome/Titanic Rock Medley with a Wash Walk. Rating: C\*\*\* Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$0].** This hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21. After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, we head up the Double Crested/Dome Rock Trail. We'll take an in-and-out spur over the the Flag that overlooks HOA1. After a short break, we continue past the Double Crested Saguaro on our way to the next overlook, Dome Rock. After our break on Dome Rock, we will take the upper Dome Extension Trail and meet up with the new Preserve Trail. We will hike over to Balanced Rock, take a quick break and then take an in-and-out spur up to Titanic Rock for a view of the Preserve. We return past Balanced Rock and hike down to the Canada del Oro for a wash walk back to the beginning trailhead on Arroyo Way. \*\*\* There are several areas of steep hills with loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. The climb to Titanic is over steep slickrock. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. Hike 5.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1100 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, [seppylov@gmail.com](mailto:seppylov@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, January 05, 2022 Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [387, 08:00 AM, \$6].** 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 8.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, [humphreymarc@gmail.com](mailto:humphreymarc@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, January 05, 2022 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 08:00 AM, \$4].** 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 1267 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, January 06, 2022 Middle Tank/Baby Jesus Trails Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [167, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at Lower Corral then follows Middle Gate trail to Grand Junction. From there it follows the Deer Camp Trail for 0.16 miles to the Middle Tank Trail on the right. Follow the trail south until it ends at the Baby Jesus Trail; turn north which leads back to the trailhead. The hike may be done in reverse. 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). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Rob Simms, [Spartan7375@gmail.com](mailto:Spartan7375@gmail.com)]

**Friday, January 07, 2022 Romero Pools Plus. Rating: B Pace: Fast [New, 07:30, \$2+\$2]** This is Romero Pools with an addition. If the trail is open beyond the lower pools, we will continue on to the upper pools and perhaps beyond. If the trail is closed past the pools we will add Canyon Loop to our route. This will be a fast pace hike. To go on this hike you need to be able to hike to Romero Pools in 1 hour 15 minutes or less, which is 2.6 miles from the trail head. This hike is intended to give you a good workout. Hike 6 to 6.5 miles, elevation gain 1600 feet. [Guide: Randy Park, [rparktucson@gmail.com](mailto:rparktucson@gmail.com)]

**Monday, January 10, 2022 Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 08:00 AM, \$6].** 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: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com)]

**Monday, January 10, 2022 Honey Bee Canyon North. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [222, 08:00 AM, \$3].** 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: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Pima Canyon to 1st Dam. Rating: D\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [335, 09:00 AM, \$4].** The Pima Canyon Trailhead is at the east end of Magee Road. We will hike the first part of Pima Canyon to the first dam and enjoy the beautiful scenery, take photos. There are pools of water at the dam most of the year. \*\*\*The trail is rocky at some points and involves some steps-up and steps-down but is not difficult. Hike 2.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 320 feet; accumulated gain 487 feet; RTD 42 miles. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Area Loop – Long Version. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [185, 08:30 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the Lower Corral then follows Middle Gate trail to the Grand Junction. Hikers proceed north on the Middle Gate trail to the Middle Gate/Upper Fifty Year trail intersection in the Sutherland Wash. At that point the route goes north on the Upper Fifty Year trail, passing a classic crested saguaro as the trail climbs steeply up a ridge. This portion of the hike is a difficult 0.8 mile stretch - very steep with loose rock. The lunch spot is a large flat slick rock area near the top of the Upper Fifty Year loop. The return is via the west side of the Fifty-Year Trail loop. 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 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 425 feet; accumulated gain 934 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Wednesday, January 12: Guide First Aid Class. Saguaro Room, HOA 2**

**Thursday, January 13, 2022 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, and then come back on the Sutherland Trail. This area is a great example of the Sonoran Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 433 feet; accumulated gain 499 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Seth Basker, seth@basker.com, (425)391-5000]

**Friday, January 14, 2022 Guide Incident Hike 9:00 Am - 1200 PM.** Location TBD

**Sunday, January 16, 2022 Dillinger Days/Mural Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate/Slow. [NEW, 09:00 AM, \$5].** Sunday January 16, 2021 Tucson Downtown. Join us for the annual celebration and reenactment around Dillinger Days at the Hotel Congress followed by a walk through the city to see over 20 exciting murals. We will begin the day at the Congress Hotel and enjoy the reenactment of the arrest of Tucson's most notorious outlaw John Dillinger by Tucson Police Department and the Tucson Fire Department in 1934. Following the reenactment we take a walk in downtown and visit over 20 beautiful murals. We will talk briefly about the artists and walk about 3.8 mi, starting elevation 2400 ft, net elevation change < 50 ft, accumulated gain < 50 ft. RTD 50 mi. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Monday, January 17, 2022 Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Tucson. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [517, 08:00 AM, \$5 + \$trolley fee].** Tucson has a unique and colorful history. This walking tour begins at the Mercado where we will take the streetcar into the downtown area to walk the "Turquoise Trail." The trail encompasses many of the historical buildings and sites that define Tucson. We will visit the newly opened Tucson Visitors Center and its cultural displays. The tour is 2.5 miles and will last approximately 3 hours. At the conclusion we will take the streetcar back to the Mercado and enjoy traditional local cuisine. The tour will be limited to 16. RTD 51 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 520-404-8998, [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com)]

**Monday, January 17, 2022 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 08:00 AM, \$4].** 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: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]



**Monday, January 17, 2022 Superstitions: Weavers Needle Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [426, 07:00 AM, \$20].** The hike is beautiful, steep, and rocky and passes through areas of huge boulders in the Superstition Mountains. The hike begins at the Peralta Trailhead on the Bluff Spring Trail and proceeds via various connecting trails north and northwest to the east side of the very prominent Weavers Needle, passing through Barks Canyon and Terrapin pass along the way. The trail then loops around the north side and returns through Boulder Canyon to the west side of Weavers Needle via the Peralta trail, continuing up and over Fremont Saddle to the Peralta Trailhead parking area on FR 77. Hike 13.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change 2600 feet; accumulated gain 2940 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Guide: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 Middle Tank/Dude's Rest. Rating C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:30 AM \$4].** From the Lower Corral parking area the hike proceeds south along the Baby Jesus trail to the junction with Middle Tank trail. We then head north on the Middle Tank trail to the lunch spot in the trees near the Square Tank. After lunch we take a rudimentary trail above the treed area up to the actual Middle Tank spring with its stone tank and the grave marker for well known local cowboy Dude Fanning. We will return via a "secret" passage back to the Baby Jesus trail and out. Hike 6.3 mi, trailhead elevation 3200 ft, net elevation change 850 ft, accumulated gain 1325 ft, RTD 12 mi (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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 18, 2022 OSP Loop Trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [508, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$2].** The 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 at 4,622'). The trail descends and meets the Bellota Trail which loops back to the Ranch House. \*\*\* There are rocky step-ups and downs and areas of steep hills with some loose rocks on this hike - hiking poles are advised. Hike 3.1 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, [bflandeck@gmail.com](mailto:bflandeck@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 SBHC Program @4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 07:30 AM, \$4 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 6.5 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 south 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 hand clippers. Other tools, if needed, will be provided. The work session usually lasts about 2-4 hours. Hike 3-6 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$4 driver donation. [Guide: Seana Kobak, [seanabk88@gmail.com](mailto:seanabk88@gmail.com), or Ray Peale, [ray.peale@gmail.com](mailto:ray.peale@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 OSP West Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [310, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$2].**

The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. We hike the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection we turn west and hike toward Hwy 77. We then turn south to the Mariposa Trail and onto the Bellota Trail that takes us back to the trailhead. The first third of the hike is fairly level, the second third is a series of up and down hills on rocky trail and the last third has gentle hills. Hike 6.8 miles; trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change 450 feet; accumulated gain 1150 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, [humphreymarc@gmail.com](mailto:humphreymarc@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, January 20, 2022 Cordones. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [509, 08:00 AM, \$0].**

This is NOT a dog hike. We meet at the intersection of Whispering Tree Ln and S Border Dr. The hike is in the desert area (state trust land parcel 10S-14E-22) between the northwest border of Saddlebrooke unit 8A, and the ridgeline in the Cordones, along which Catalina Hills Blvd follows to the Preserve. It is a smooth, level trail that offers a good introduction to desert hiking. We pass a water trough for livestock leasing this parcel of state trust land, and cross over a wash with an old abandoned truck. There are nice views to the east of Saddlebrooke and the Catalinas. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; accumulated gain 328 feet. RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Seth Basker, [seth@basker.com](mailto:seth@basker.com), (425)391-5000]

**Friday, January 21, 2022 Ironwood Picnic Area. Rating: C. Pace: slow-Moderate [231, 08:00 AM, \$7].**

The hike starts just west of Gates Pass. It follows the Golden Gate Trail, then the Prospector's Trail. After a short climb (150 feet) to a pass, the trail drops to the tree-shaded Ironwood Picnic area. After lunch, hikers follow the gradually ascending (almost level) Ironwood Trail back to the starting point. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2900 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain \_\_ feet; RTD 73 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com)]

**Monday, January 24, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: Alamo Springs Trail / Spur Trail Loop / Wild Burro Canyon. Rating: C\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [461, 08:00 AM, \$4].**

The trailhead is at the Ritz Carlton hiker parking lot (Wild Burro Parking Area). The hike proceeds up Wild Burro Canyon to the Alamo Springs Trail, which is followed in a counterclockwise direction. The Ritz Carlton Hotel is visible from many points along the trail. After about 3.5 miles, we reach the final pass and then descend the Alamo Spur Trail, which we follow into Wild Burro Canyon. Soon after reaching the canyon floor, there is an old stone house, and cistern on the right which belonged to goat herders in the early 1900's. There is also a large water catch basin, dubbed the swimming pool. From this point, hikers walk back along the Wild Burro Trail to the trailhead. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 1085 feet; accumulated gain 1417 feet; RTD 45 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)]

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Picacho Peak via Sunset Vista Trail (short version). Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [332, 09:00 AM, \$9 + \$2].**

From the Sunset Vista Trailhead we follow the trail to the point on the foot of the Peak that starts the steep climb to Picacho Peak (entrance fee required). The return is via the same route. The southerly views from the turning point are excellent. Park entrance fee required. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 1850 feet; net elevation change 751 feet; accumulated gain \_\_ feet; RTD 90 miles. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022 Pair O' Chutes. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate. [NEW, 08:30 AM, \$4].** Nice hike with some rolling hills from the Upper Corral parking area. This hike combines a couple of the "Chutes" trails in the northwestern part of the 50 Year trail area. There are great views of the Catalina mountains as we hike north before circling back along a ridge and then return on a trail alongside some beautiful juniper trees. This hike begins and ends on Arizona State 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). Hike 4.0 mi, trailhead elevation 3260 ft., net elevation change 175 ft., accumulated gain 340 ft. RTD 10 mi (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022 Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs Loop from the south. Rating: C\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [98, 08:00 AM, \$4].** This hike begins at the CSP North Gate. It takes us on a grand circle tour of four concentrations of ancient petroglyphs located west of Baby Jesus Ridge near the Sutherland Wash. The Sutherland Wash Rock Art District is a special place right in our backyard and is on the National Historic Register. Hohokam petroglyphs dating from 900 AD to 1300 AD number in the thousands on the western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Along our hike we will see beautiful saguaros, seasonal wildflowers, and vistas of Pusch Ridge. \*\*\*The hike involves a few short, steep, rocky sections of trail and uneven footing at times. Bring a lunch or snack to enjoy while we rest on rocks near one of the petroglyph locations. Hike 4.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2950 feet; total ascent: 722 ft, net elevation change: 431 ft. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, January 27, 2022 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 08:00 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 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 475 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, [bflandeck@gmail.com](mailto:bflandeck@gmail.com)]

**Friday, January 28, 2022 Hutch's Pool. Rating: B\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [227, 08:00 AM, \$6 + \$tram].** Hikers will take the Sabino Canyon tram (fee required) to the trailhead at its last stop up the canyon. After a moderately steep but brief climb out of the canyon, the trail is mostly level but involves several stream crossings along the East and West Forks before reaching the pool. \*\*\*Some boulder hopping may be necessary depending on seasonal rains and winter snow melt on Mt. Lemmon. During periods of heavy rain or significant snow melt, the crossings can be difficult. Ask the guide about current stream flow conditions. This lovely hike will take the group to a permanent pool surrounded by giant Arizona Cypress trees, which is great place for a snack or lunch. The return is via the same route to the trailhead to catch the tram. Hike 8.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; net elevation change 550 feet; accumulated gain 1386 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, [humphreymarc@gmail.com](mailto:humphreymarc@gmail.com)]

**Monday, January 31, 2022 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [124, 08:00 AM, \$7].** 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: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com)]

**Monday, January 31, 2022 Tucson Downtown Mural Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate/Slow. [NEW, 08:00, \$5].** Fun walk around an area of downtown Tucson and north to University. We will visit over 50 beautiful murals along the way. We will also pass the Ronstadt House and the Historic YWCA. Great way to acquaint yourself with Tucson! We will end with lunch at the Cup Cafe in the Historic Congress Hotel. Walk 4 mi, starting elevation 2400 ft, net elevation change < 50 ft, accumulated gain < 50 ft. RTD 50 mi. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 01, 2022 Hugh Norris Sweetwater Wasson Peak Key Exchange Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [New, 07:30 AM, \$7].** This is a key exchange hike. One will start at the Hugh Norris trail head. The other group will start at the Sweetwater trail head. We will meet at the top of Wasson Peak for lunch. Hike 9.5 miles, accumulated gain 2400 feet, RTD 73 miles. [Guides: Randy Park & Margaret Valair, [rparktucson@gmail.com](mailto:rparktucson@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 01, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: Lower Javelina and Upper Javelina. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [459, 09:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the Ritz Carlton Hotel hiker parking lot. The group will hike up Wild Burro Canyon a short distance to Lower Javelina Trail which we follow for 2 miles, then cross Wild Burro Canyon again to connect to Upper Javelina Trail. We will proceed along the Upper Javelina Trail for 3 miles; the end of Upper Javelina Trail is close to the new golf course. The group will then hike an easy 1 mile path back to the parking lot. Hike 6.9 miles; trailhead elevation 2780 feet; net elevation change 550 feet; accumulated elevation 910 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 02, 2022 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 02, 2022 SBHC BOD Mtg. HOA#1 Coyote Room North 2:00pm to 3:30pm**

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**Thursday, February 03, 2022 Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs loop from Golder Ranch. Rating: C\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [186, 08:00 AM, \$2].** This hike begins at Golder Ranch. It takes us on a grand circle tour of four concentrations of ancient petroglyphs located west of Baby Jesus Ridge near the Sutherland Wash. The Sutherland Wash Rock Art District is a special place right in our backyard and is on the National Historic Register. Hohokam petroglyphs dating from 900 AD to 1300 AD number in the thousands on the western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains. 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 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 250 feet; accumulated gain 800 feet; RTD 10 miles. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). Starting the hike from this parking location avoids the need for high clearance vehicles. [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, February 03, 2022 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Seth Basker, [seth@basker.com](mailto:seth@basker.com), (425)391-5000]

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**Friday, February 04, 2022 Mt. Kimball via Finger Rock Canyon. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [271, 08:00 AM, \$4].** Starting from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way, this rocky trail climbs steadily and follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail passes Linda Vista Saddle between Mt. Kimball and Little Kimball, and onto the Pima Canyon Trail. A half mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. The destination offers one of the most fantastic views in all of the Catalinas. The return hike is down the same trails. Hike 9.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 4049 feet; accumulated gain 4148 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Margaret Valair, [mvalair140.6@gmail.com](mailto:mvalair140.6@gmail.com)]

**Monday, February 07, 2022 New Hiker Orientation Program, Desert View Theater 2pm to 4pm**

**Tuesday, February 08, 2022 Rams Creek Basin. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [354, 09:00 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: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 08, 2022 Middle Gate Meander. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [524, 08:00 AM, \$4].**

This is a pleasant hike from the Upper Corral parking lot to the Middle Gate using mostly social trails. The route largely avoids the busy 50 Year trail except for a 0.4 mile stretch. This is a relatively flat hike with great, open views of Samaniego, Pusch, and Baby Jesus Ridges. Hike 4.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 160 feet; accumulated gain 290 feet; RTD 10 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 09, 2022 Flag/Dome/Titanic Rock Medley with a Wash Walk. Rating: C\*\*\***

**Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$0].** This hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21. After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, we head up the Double Crested/Dome Rock Trail. We'll take an in-and-out spur over the the Flag that overlooks HOA1. After a short break, we continue past the Double Crested Saguaro on our way to the next overlook, Dome Rock. After our break on Dome Rock, we will take the upper Dome Extension Trail and meet up with the new Preserve Trail. We will hike over to Balanced Rock, take a quick break and then take an in-and-out spur up to Titanic Rock for a view of the Preserve. We return past Balanced Rock and hike down to the Canada del Oro for a wash walk back to the beginning trailhead on Arroyo Way. \*\*\* There are several areas of steep hills with loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. The climb to Titanic is over steep slickrock. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. Hike 5.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1100 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, [seppylov@gmail.com](mailto:seppylov@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, February 10, 2022 David Yetman Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [165, 08:00 AM, \$8].**

The hike is an easy walk through typical vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. The trail has two trailheads; one at Camino de Oeste and one near the bottom of the west side of Gates Pass. Cars will be left at one end and hikers will drive to the other trailhead. From the Gates Pass side, the trail is easy for the first mile, easy down a wash, but steep upward for a short distance along the climb back up to the ridge. Hikers pass the Central Arizona Project, an old stone house built in the early 1930's by Sherry Bowen, and a well that serves a wildlife watering tank. Bring lunch, water, hat, sun lotion, and hiking poles. Hike 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 643 feet; accumulated gain 730 feet; RTD 75 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 520-404-8998, [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com).]

**Thursday, February 10, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: D. Pace: slow-Moderate [499, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. After starting on the Fifty-Year Trail hikers will turn left onto an unmarked trail and hike along a rugged, scenic ridge line trail for about 2 miles. At the junction with the Fifty-Year Trail we return to the Equestrian Center via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike is 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 386 feet; total ascent 446 feet. RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com).]

**Friday, February 11, 2022 Cordones. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [509, 08:00 AM, \$0].** 🐕 This is a dog friendly hike. All hikers are welcome with or without a dog. We meet at the intersection of Whispering Tree Ln and S Border Dr. The hike is in the desert area (state trust land parcel 10S-14E-22) between the northwest border of Saddlebrook unit 8A, and the ridgeline in the Cordones, along which Catalina Hills Blvd follows to the Preserve. It is a smooth, level trail that offers a good introduction to desert hiking. We pass a water trough for livestock leasing this parcel of state trust land, and cross over a wash with an old abandoned truck. There are nice views to the east of Saddlebrook and the Catalinas. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; accumulated gain 328 feet. RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Friday, February 11, 2022 OSP Arizona Trail/Windmill Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [512, 08:00 AM, \$3].** From the Arizona Trail parking lot at Highway 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 and mariposa lilies 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 6.8 miles; trailhead elevation: 3741 feet; 1214 ascent; 1145 descent; 524 elevation change. RTD 32 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, [humphreymarc@gmail.com](mailto:humphreymarc@gmail.com)]

**Monday, February 14, 2022 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 08:00AM, \$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 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 475 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, [bflandeck@gmail.com](mailto:bflandeck@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: slow-Moderate [135, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** From the main trailhead in Catalina State Park, hikers will start up the Romero Trail in Catalina State Park; follow the Canyon Loop Trail, an Desert and its riparian areas. Following this portion of the hike, we will hike the Birding Trail. Depending upon the season, some water crossings are possible. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 433 feet; accumulated gain 499 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, [kgrayinaz@yahoo.com](mailto:kgrayinaz@yahoo.com)]

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [480, 09:00 AM, \$9].** 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: Kathryn Madore, [kathryn.madore@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.madore@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [124, 08:00 AM, \$7].** 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: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Hiking Poles Field Training. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [518, 08:00 AM, \$3].** Hiking poles are recommended for the rocky, uneven and steep terrain that we encounter on the trails of the desert southwest. Many hikers carry poles but have never received training in how to properly use them to prevent falls and injuries. This hike will review proper adjustment and use of hiking poles for stability and to assist in climbing and descending in actual trail conditions. Participants will need to bring their own poles. The hike will take place on the Linda Vista Loop and will be limited to a maximum of 12 participants. The Linda Vista trailhead is one block east of Oracle Road on Linda Vista Blvd. The hike proceeds into the foothills of Pusch Ridge and is an excellent introduction to desert hiking. The trail ascends to provide excellent views of Oro Valley. There are magnificent saguaros throughout the drainage from Pusch Ridge. Hike 2.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 400 feet; accumulated gain 512 feet; RTD 28 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, 520-404-8998, [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com).]

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 Arizona Trail: Work Session. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [87, 07:30 AM, \$4 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 6.5 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 south 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 hand clippers. Other tools, if needed, will be provided. The work session usually lasts about 2-4 hours. Hike 3-6 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$4 driver donation. [Guide: Seana Kobak, [seanabk88@gmail.com](mailto:seanabk88@gmail.com), or Ray Peale, [ray.peale@gmail.com](mailto:ray.peale@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 SBHC Program** 4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.



**Thursday, February 17, 2022 Two Cresteds and a Bushwhack. Rating: C\*\*\* Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM, \$4].** From the Upper Corral parking area the hike proceeds along the diagonal trail to the Middle Gate. After passing the gate we will follow cow paths for a bit before climbing up a rudimentary/bushwhack trail to a beautiful crested saguaro. \*\*\*The climb involves steep areas with some loose rock - hiking poles recommended. After leaving the saguaro we will continue east on a very faint trail until we intersect the Middlegate Trail, then turn north following that trail back to the Middle Gate. Along that trail we will see another iconic crested saguaro. After passing through the gate we retrace our steps to the parking area. This hike begins and ends on Arizona State 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). Hike 5.7 miles; trailhead elevation 3240; net elevation change 300 feet; accumulated gain 650 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, February 17, 2022 Tucson Downtown Mural Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate/Slow. [NEW, 08:00, \$5].** Fun walk around an area of downtown Tucson and north to University. We will visit over 50 beautiful murals along the way. We will also pass the Ronstadt House and the Historic YWCA. Great way to acquaint yourself with Tucson! We will end with lunch at the Cup Cafe in the Historic Congress Hotel. Walk 4 mi, starting elevation 2400 ft, net elevation change < 50 ft. accumulated gain < 50 ft. RTD 50 mi. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Friday, February 18, 2022 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** Note: The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. 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](mailto:Spartan7375@gmail.com)]

**Monday, February 21, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: Wild Mustang Trail to Jeb Peak. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [516, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the Wild Burro trailhead, and proceeds up the Hotel Spur to the Wild Mustang Trail. We then turn on an unmaintained, but well marked spur, and continue the climb to Jeb Peak, the 3rd highest point in the Tortolita range. There are excellent 360 degree views of Tucson, Catalina, and Marana. While the final 100 foot climb to the summit involves an easy rock scramble, good views are also available from a lower knoll. This hike is also appropriate for any strong C level hikers. Return is via the same route. Hike 7.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2780 feet; net elevation change 1390 feet; accumulated gain 1722 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 08:00 AM, \$2].**

The hike begins at the Golder Ranch parking area. The trail starts on the Fifty-Year Trail and follows social trails toward the Sutherland Wash. The trail then loops back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change \_\_\_ feet; accumulated gain 234 feet; RTD 10 miles. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Bridal Wreath Falls Loop. Rating: C\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [119, 08:00 AM, \$8].**

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. \*\*\* The trail is well used and easy to follow, but does require some rock scrambling to reach 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 but does require some rock scrambling to reach the falls. 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: Marc Humphrey, [humphreymarc@gmail.com](mailto:humphreymarc@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: Vision Seeker's Gorge. Rating: C\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [500, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$3].**

The hike begins at the windmill/water tank approximately five miles down Edwin/Rail-X road west of Oracle Road where we park. Hike on trail south of the windmill past Tortolita Peak. \*\*\*Begin light bushwhacking and follow indistinct animal trails through a flat and over a ridge into washes that end in the Gorge. Some light scrambling over smooth rock surfaces. Gloves may be helpful. We lunch at top of a large gorge w/ a seasonal waterfall. There are petroglyphs nearby. Return is via the same route. Note: Rail-X (Edwin) road is very rough and unimproved which requires high clearance vehicles (pick-up, jeep, SUV). Hike: 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 3,600 feet; net elevation change minus -250 feet; accumulated gain 610 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Rob Simms, [Spartan7375@gmail.com](mailto:Spartan7375@gmail.com)]

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [161, 08:00 AM, \$22].**

This is a beautiful hike through the Dragoon Mountains which provided a hiding place for Cochise during the Indian wars. Cochise is buried in a hidden location in the area. The trail begins and returns to the Cochise Stronghold Campground off Hwy 191 east of Benson. Hike 6.3 miles; trailhead elevation 4700 feet; net elevation change 1105 feet; accumulated gain 1213 feet; RTD 221 miles (some dirt). [Guide: Walt Shields, 520-404-8998, [waltshields@mac.com](mailto:waltshields@mac.com)]

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 Bluff Loop Trail Sabino Canyon. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [110, 08:00 AM, \$6].** From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, the hike proceeds along the Bluff Trail overlooking Sabino Creek, and is a favorite during the fall due to color changes in the leaves of velvet ash, cottonwood, willow, and Arizona sycamore trees. Bring a camera and a minimum of one quart of water. Hike 3.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain \_\_\_ feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, [azcaldwell3@gmail.com](mailto:azcaldwell3@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 OSP Arizona Trail/Windmill Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [512, 08:00 AM, \$3].** From the Arizona Trail parking lot at Highway 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 and mariposa lilies 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 6.8 miles; trailhead elevation: 3741 feet; 1214 ascent; 1145 descent; 524 elevation change. RTD 32 miles. [Guide: Bruce Olson, [brucej0506@gmail.com](mailto:brucej0506@gmail.com)]

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 3. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [523, 08:00 AM, \$4].** From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and then take the Middle Gate trail east to join the North 50 Yr. Loop at the Sutherland Wash. We climb northeast on the N. 50 Yr. Trail, passing an iconic crested saguaro. Near the top of the N. 50 Yr. Loop we will take the Cowboy Slickrock spur trail northeast to join the Hidden Canyon Trail. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then continue north on the Hidden Canyon Trail going around Hidden Canyon Peak in a counterclockwise direction until we rejoin the N. 50 Yr. Trail. We then take the west side of the N. 50 Yr. Loop back to the Middle Gate and then back to the Upper Corral. Hike 8.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 687 feet; accumulated gain 1209 feet; RTD 10 miles (dirt). A medium to high clearance vehicle is required for driving on the Forest Service road beyond N. Equestrian Trail. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Tim Butler, [tucsontimmer@gmail.com](mailto:tucsontimmer@gmail.com)]

**Friday, February 25, 2022 Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [387, 08:00 AM, \$6].** 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. Hike 8.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Margaret Valair, [mvalair140.6@gmail.com](mailto:mvalair140.6@gmail.com)]

**Monday, February 28, 2022 Sutherland Wash Petroglyph short version. Rating: D\*\*\*. Pace: Moderate [501, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the CSP North Gate trail head. The Sutherland Wash Rock Art District is a special place right in our backyard and is on the National Historic Register. Hohokam petroglyphs dating from 900 AD to 1300 AD number in the thousands on the western slope of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Along our hike we will see beautiful saguaros, seasonal wildflowers, and vistas of Pusch Ridge. This is an in and out hike with many petroglyph panels clustered at a single site. \*\*\*The hike involves a few short, steep, rocky sections of trail and uneven footing at times. This hike is for hikers that have successfully completed several D level hikes. Bring a lunch or snack to enjoy while we rest on rocks near one of the petroglyph locations. Hike 4.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; total ascent: 459 ft, net elevation change: 313 ft. 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 (<https://land.az.gov/applications-permits>). [Guide: Seth Basker, [seth@basker.com](mailto:seth@basker.com), (425)391-5000]

**Monday, February 28, 2022 Saguaro National Park - West: Belmont Figure Eight. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 07:00 AM, \$4].** This hike forms a lengthy figure eight utilizing an assortment of trails in our beloved National Park and begins by hiking from the Belmont Road Trailhead Parking. Note that the terrain is rolling with no significant ascents or descents. Hike 11.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2330 feet; net elevation change 467 feet; accumulated elevation 1100 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; [askus3@centurylink.net](mailto:askus3@centurylink.net)]

**Monday, February 28, 2022 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 08:00 AM, \$4].** 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: Frank Earnest, [fearnestiv@gmail.com](mailto:fearnestiv@gmail.com).]