



SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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TIGER MINE HIKE TO KANNALLY HOMESTEAD VIEW

Submitted by Bruce Landeck

On June 8, hikers trekked across gently rolling hills on a portion of the Arizona Trail that runs through Oracle State Park.

On the hike were Yvette Sabulsky, Arlene Daigle, Elissa Cochran, Maria Szentirmai, Aaron Schoenberg, Marc Humphrey (on his 1st hike with the Club, welcome Marc!), Claire Baragona, and Bruce Landeck.



Beautiful views of the Catalina and Galiuro mountains were impressive, as was a rock outcropping of Oracle Granite that is 1.4 billion years old. The Kannally Ranch House was viewable from the turnaround bench area, where hikers had their snack.

Arriving at the trailhead at 6:30 a.m. allowed us to beat the heat; when we finished it was a comfortable

77 degrees on another Tucson day that reached 100 degrees.



SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB'S FALL PICNIC Friday, October 29, 2021

Come celebrate fall with your hiking friends in the now beautifully green Catalina State Park!

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's fall picnic is set for Friday, October 29, in the Gila Monster picnic area of CSP.

The picnic is free to all club members; attending spouses/partners must also be paid members.

The club will provide fried and baked chicken and water as well as plates, cups, napkins, and eating utensils. Attendees will be asked to bring a side dish to share based on the alphabetic placement last name. Side dishes will be either a salad (green, fruit or pasta/potato) or a dessert.

Look for a flyer in early October for more details and RSVP instructions. After having to cancel two picnics due to COVID, we are excited to be able to gather again and hope you will join us.

Seana Kobak and Missy Rodey
Co-chairs, SBHC Picnic Committee

MT. LEMMON SKI LIFT LOOP TRAILS

Submitted by Bruce Landeck

When hikers arrived at the ski lift parking lot on Mt. Lemmon on the morning of June 25, the weather was a fantastic 63 degrees and sunny, with a nice breeze.

After gearing up, Don Taylor led 7 hikers - including Ellen Buckley, Linda Martin, Mary Hlushko, Gary Somers, Rhonda Somers, Marc Humphrey, and Bruce Landeck, for 6.3 miles along several trails that looped around the top of the mountain.



We encountered areas burned badly by the Big Horn Fire last year; but there was also untouched forest and meadows, with old growth pines and aspens.

Even in burned forest locations, new growth ferns, and wildflowers reminded us that nature was recovering.





At the conclusion of the hike, it was a pleasant 75 degrees. A welcome escape from the summer heat and a fun hike on a beautiful mountain day.

**SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB
TRIP COMMITTEE**

Submitted by Susan Love

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Trip Committee poured over club surveys from 2016 & 2018. The tentative schedule listed below was made based on popularity of those results.

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Trip Committee has proposed the following:

2021 – 2024 Hiking Club Trip Schedule

Oct 12-14, 2021: **Flagstaff, AZ.** We have 6.5 guides (one was a maybe).

Late April 2022: **Silver City, NM**

Early Oct 2022: **Bryce Canyon** National Park, Utah
Red Canyon on Dixie National Forest Land (10+ miles N.W. from Bryce)
Kodachrome Basin State Park (23 miles S.E. from Bryce)

April 2023: **Sedona, AZ**

Oct 2023: **Santa Fe, NM**

July 2024: **Glacier National Park, MT**

SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Trip Committee:

Arlene Daigle

Karen Gray

Leslie Hawkins

Dale Leman

Susan Love

Randy Richards

And ? (Always looking for another member)

ARIZONA TRAIL IN A DAY

October 9, 2021

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is a strong supporter of the Arizona National Scenic Trail. Volunteers attend 5-6 work sessions a year to maintain the Oracle Passage - 8.6 miles from American Flag Ranch Trailhead to Tiger Mine Trailhead through Oracle State Park. Ongoing work is required to dig out encroaching catclaw, clean out water bars, improve drainage, and optimize the tread of the trail.



Another way SaddleBrooke hikers support the Arizona Trail is by hiking and donating to the Arizona Trail in a Day event. This event, on October 9, 2021, will be part of an effort to hike, bike, and ride by horse all 800 miles of the Arizona Trail from Mexico to Utah in a 24-hour period. A few sections

will be unavailable due to wildfire damage this past year. Funds for repairs to the wildfire damage on the Arizona Trail are needed.

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club will offer two opportunities to participate in “AZT in a Day.” Elisabeth Wheeler will lead a 4-mile round-trip hike from American Flag Ranch Trailhead. A tour of the American Flag Ranch House will be available afterwards. Members of the Oracle Historical Society will highlight the history of the oldest existing Territorial post office still standing. The ranch house also features displays about the cattle, mining, and ranch life history of the Oracle area.

Hikers on the 4-mile hike with Elisabeth will depart SaddleBrooke at 7 a.m. The American Flag Ranch House will be open for hikers to tour at 9 a.m. Special thanks go to the Oracle Historical Society for this open house. Donations to the Arizona Trail Association and the Oracle Historical Society are welcome. Envelopes will be provided for the Arizona Trail Association. A donation box for the Oracle Historical Society is located in the ranch house.

Ray Peale, steward of the Oracle Passage of the Arizona Trail, will lead a key exchange hike from American Flag Ranch Trailhead to Tiger Mine Trailhead. The hike will include 7 miles of trail through Oracle State Park. State Park passes will not be needed to hike through the park. Hikers hiking the 8.6 mile Oracle Passage will depart SaddleBrooke at 6:30 a.m. A key exchange will be arranged ahead of the hike. Donations to the Arizona Trail Association are welcome. Envelopes will be provided.

To sign up for either hike, email Elisabeth Wheeler at hikerelisabeth@gmail.com.

MONSOON MADNESS

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

What a difference rain can make in our beautiful desert!

The Poppies are popping (yes Tim, I know they aren't REAL poppies!).



The cactus are so happy. The washes are running.



The desert is green, green!

Even the desert tortoise comes out to play.



**ARIZONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE
WORK PARTY – October 20**

Submitted by Seana Kobak



Picture submitted by Beth Jones

Wildflowers are popping up everywhere after the July rains (wettest month on record!). Unfortunately, weeds and catclaw liked the rain too. The heavy rains caused trail erosion in several spots and a large hole that Ray Peale (Trail Steward) plans to fix in the next couple of weeks. Help is needed to remove catclaw and fix the drainage issues!

Oracle AZT work parties are conducted on the third Wednesday of every month from October to March. The first of the group trail maintenance sessions will be held on October 20. As always, an ATA associate will be there to provide tools, gloves, and hard hats. Treats will be served after the work session.

To volunteer, please email Seana Kobak (seanabk88@gmail.com), for a rewarding morning of outdoor work!

SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB LOGO

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell



Would you like to have the SaddleBrooke Hiking club logo on a favorite shirt? We have an embroiderer right here in SaddleBrooke that will do that for you!

She can put the logo on T-shirts, tech shirts, and even hiking shirts for the low cost of \$15, if you provide the shirt.

Her contact information is:

Mary Gajeske,
520-818-1732

mauilover49@yahoo.com

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED
SBHC BYLAWS CHANGES**

Submitted by Tim Butler

Dear SBHC Members,

Our Club Bylaws have been in place since the club was formed and have been only moderately updated throughout our twenty-year existence. The Board felt it was time to conduct a formal review to make certain our Bylaws are in concert with current needs and practices of our Club and are also consistent with current HOA requirements.

On June 25, our Communications Coordinator, Ken Wong, sent an email to all SBHC members

explaining that the Board had appointed a committee to review our current Club Bylaws and make suggestions for revision. We solicited feedback from the members, and a number of you responded with helpful ideas and suggestions - all of which the committee thoroughly discussed. Thank you.

The Bylaws committee (consisting of Bruce Landeck, Ken Wong, Don Taylor, Rob Simms, and Tim Butler) worked for several weeks to thoroughly review our existing governing document and make recommendations for possible revision. Those recommended changes were adopted by the SBHC Board on August 12, 2021.

The proposed revised bylaws being presented by the Board can be viewed on the website under the "Bylaws" tab. They are intended to provide us with a general governing document instead of a detailed operations guide. As such, our bylaws should not need "micro-updates" for some time. We ask you to view the proposed document with this in mind. Should you have further questions please respond to me or Bruce Landeck.

The revised bylaws will be presented for consideration and vote at the club business meeting preceding the fall picnic on October 29, 2021, which is being held at the Gila Monster Group area in Catalina State Park. Details regarding the club picnic will be forthcoming from the SBHC Social Committee later this summer.

Thank you for being part of a great hiking club.

Regards, Tim Butler, President

**THE ROCKS WE SEE
AS WE HIKE IN ARIZONA**

Submitted by Karen Gray

The rocks we see while hiking in Arizona span eons. The oldest at 1.8 billion years located at the bottom of the Grand Canyon; the youngest, 950 years seen near Flagstaff at Sunset Crater. Most of the rocks in

this group are igneous, metamorphic, and sedimentary and are found in the Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, and Bryce Canyon National Park.

My first discussion will be of specific information about the different rock types and how they form; this will explain why geologists describe three rock types. I will then discuss the specific features in different rocks in the field. Our nearby mountain ranges, the Catalinas, Santa Ritas, and Tucson Mountains will be part of the discussion.

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Future Trips			News You Can Use		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person			
Multi-Day Trip to Flagstaff	Oct. 12 - 14 2021	Susan Love jsrsb2003@yahoo.com	SBHC Board Meeting HOA 1 – Coyote Room	10/6 Wed.	2:00 P.M.
Guadalupe Mtn. National Park Camping/Hiking	Oct. 17 – 22	Aaron Schoenberg : askus3@centurylink.net	SBHC Guide Meeting HOA 1 -Coyote Room	10/6 Wed.	3:30 P.M.
Silver City New Mexico	Late April, 2022	TBD	AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	10/20 Wed.	7:30 A.M. - Noon
Bryce Canyon, Red, Canyon, Kodachrome Basin	Early Oct., 2022	TBD	SBHC Program - The Rocks We See as We Hike in Arizona	10-/20 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
			SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	10/20 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
			Fall Picnic Catalina State Park	10/29 Fri.	TBD

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

Friday, September 03, 2021 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction which tends to be steeper and arriving at the lunch spot takes longer. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 703 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 07, 2021 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 08:00 AM, \$12]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, September 10, 2021 Tanque Verde Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [442, 05:30 AM, \$8]. Tanque Verde Peak is located in Saguaro National Park - East. The hike begins at the Javelina Picnic Area on the Tanque Verde Ridge Trail, off the Cactus Forest Drive loop road. The trail passes through Juniper Basin at 6.5 miles, and reaches the Peak at 8.6 miles. Erik Molvar's guidebook says: From this lofty perch, fantastic views stretch in all directions. Hike 17.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3140 feet; net elevation change 3909 feet; accumulated gain 4356 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net].

Friday, September 10, 2021 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 6:30 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 Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Saturday, September 11, 2021 Esperero Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [178, 07:00 AM, \$6]. The hike reaches a saddle known locally as Cardiac Gap, which overlooks Esperero Canyon. We'll warm up by hiking from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot, through the Cactus Picnic Area and over a few small foothills to "the Gulch". The hiking is initially steep.... then it gets much steeper. We'll have lunch at the saddle (el. 4400 feet) while viewing the falls below, and return to the Visitor Center. Depending on season, there may be water in the falls. Extra drinking water is recommended. Hike 7.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 1700 feet; accumulated gain 1940 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 08:00 AM, \$12]. Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is

moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 7770 feet; net elevation change -1360 feet; accumulated gain 1403 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Friday, September 17, 2021 Wilderness of Rocks #1. Rating B. Pace: Moderate [485, 06:30AM, \$13]. The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot and proceeds down the Mt. Lemmon and Lemmon Rock Lookout Trails to about 7200 feet to connect with the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Turning east, this trail leads to the Marshall Saddle, where we take the Aspen Trail up to Radio Ridge and back to the observatory parking area. Hike 7.3 miles; trailhead elevation 9100 feet; net elevation change 2050 feet; accumulated gain 2263 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Monday, September 20, 2021. Tiger Mine to Windmill in Kannally Wash, Oracle State Park. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 07:00 AM, \$4.00]. Hike begins after we park at the Tiger Mine Road off State Highway 77 and pass thru a gate signed with an AZT marker. We will follow this portion of the Arizona Trail through Oracle State Park. This single track route features rolling terrain with impressive views of the Galiuro and Catalina Mountains, and passage through outcroppings of Oracle Granite that are 1.4 billion years old. We will hike to the Windmill in Kannally Wash where we will enjoy a snack before returning along the same trail. Hike 5.3 miles, trailhead elevation 4840'; net elevation change 594', accumulated gain __, RTD 32 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 Pima Canyon to 2nd Dam. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [336, 07:00 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: Don Taylor, (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Thursday, September 23, 2021: Picnic Rock/Double Crested/Dome Loop. Rating: C* Pace: Moderate [NEW, 6:30 AM, \$0].** This hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21. After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, we share the first 0.5 mile with the Double Crested/Dome Rock Trail - up a steep hill then across a gentle mesa with prairie grass and mesquite trees. We then climb up a ridgeline, crossing Charouleau Gap Road, to a prominent overlook above the Dodge Tank gorge. It is an area where five arroyos join to form the main channel, with steep rock walls descending into the wash below. *** There are areas of steep hills with some loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. We return for a short distance on Charouleau Gap Road, and then cross over to the trail up the backside of Dome Rock where we will have our snack. On our return we pass the beautiful double crested saguaro. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 23, 2021 Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails. Rating: C. Pace: Slow [142, 06:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike will explore various trails within the park. The park is a great example of the Sonoran Desert with its native plants and wildlife. Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Hike 4 to 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 24 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Friday, September 24, 2021 Fifty-Year Trail Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 07:00 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: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com.]

Monday, September 27, 2021 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM, \$13].

The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn and nice shade the rest of the season. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail with its beautiful canyon and vista views to the Marshall Gulch trailhead. Here is our turn around spot for this out and back hike. This trail is relatively easy, but does have a few spots with steep step up/down and a bit with narrow trail and height exposure. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 550 feet; accumulated gain 823 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 07:00 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, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].

NOTE: START TIME MAY CHANGED DUE TO TEMPERATURE. 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]

Thursday, September 30, 2021 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: Janet Frost, janetlynnfrost@gmail.com, 262-385-2478]

Monday, October 04, 2021 American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and follows 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. The group then follows the ridge south and lunches in a saddle at the top of Camp Bonita Canyon on the northwest side of Apache Peak. 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 9.1 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 950 feet; accumulated gain 1465 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com]

Monday, October 04, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 1. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [522, 07:00 AM, \$4]. From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and then take the Middle Gate trail east to join the 50 Yr. North Loop at the Sutherland Wash. We climb northeast on the N. 50 Yr. Trail, passing an iconic crested saguaro. At the top of the N. 50 Yr. Loop we take the Hidden Canyon trail north, going clockwise around Hidden Canyon Peak. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then head down the Hidden Canyon Trail to a spur trail which takes us west to join the Middle Gate Trail. We will take that trail back through the Middle Gate and return to the Upper Corral. Hike 9.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 676 feet; accumulated gain 1274 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: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 05, 2021 Pair O'Chutes. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate. [NEW, 07:30, \$4]. Nice hike with some rolling hills from the Upper Corral parking. This hike combines a couple of the "Chutes" trails in the northwestern part of the 50 Year trail area with numerous native artifacts seen along the way. There are great views of the Catalina mountains as we hike north before circling back along a ridge and the return on a trail alongside some beautiful juniper trees. Hike 4.0 mi, trailhead elevation 3260 ft, net elevation change 175 ft., accumulated gain 340 ft. RTD 10 mi (dirt). [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, email: azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 06, 2021 SBHC BOD Mtg. HOA#1 Coyote Room North 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday, October 06, 2021 SBHC Guides Mtg. HOA#1 Coyote Room North 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Thursday, October 07, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year Trails Loop PLUS. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [184, 07:00 AM, \$4]. START TIME MAY BE ADJUSTED FOR TEMPERATURE. The hike begins at the Upper or Lower Corral and is a loop combining the Middle Gate Trail and returning via the 50 Year

Trail. After crossing Sutherland wash, the route heads east with beautiful views of the Samaniego ridge. It then winds back thru a canyon with nice granite boulder, mesquite, ocotillo, and a crested saguaro, in addition to excellent views of SaddleBrooke, Sun City, and the Tortolitas. Hike 5 to 6 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 600 to 800 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]

Friday, October 08, 2021 Esperero Canyon/Bluff Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [427, 7:00 AM, \$6]. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, the hike proceeds along the Esperero Canyon/Rattlesnake Canyon trails to the Bluff Trail overlooking Sabino Creek, and is a favorite with views of the canyon and Sabino Creek with velvet ash, cottonwood, willow, and Arizona sycamore trees. Our break will be at the Sabino Dam. We will finish on the Bajada Nature loop with a beautiful crested saguaro. Bring a camera and plenty of water and snack. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2705 feet; net elevation change 240 feet; accumulated gain 367 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Friday, October 08, 2021 Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating B. Pace: Moderate [443, 06:30AM, \$8]. The hike begins at the Javalina Picnic Area in Saguaro National Park – East off the Cactus Forest Drive loop road, and is a picturesque hike in the Rincon Mountains with tremendous views of Tucson and the surrounding area. The hike is somewhat steep in parts as it proceeds up Tanque Verde Ridge. At three miles into the hike, we will view a crested saguaro, but continue on another mile to lunch on a mesa with great views. There are some great photo stops along the way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 2023 feet; accumulated gain 2225 feet; RTD 82 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Saturday, October 09, 2021 [C] AZT in a Day. [new, 07:30 AM, \$4]. Hikers will hike 4 miles round trip from American Flag Trailhead to Webb Road. This section features rolling hills, interesting rock formations and views of the Galiuros. Optional: Tour of the American Flag Ranch House. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Saturday, October 09, 2021 Arizona Trail: Oracle (Passage 13). Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [56, 06:30 AM, \$4]. From the American Flag Trailhead the route proceeds in a northerly direction across National Forest Land and State Trust Land, crossing Webb Road and continuing to Oracle State Park. About halfway through the park it reaches Kannally Wash and windmill. A freshly constructed singletrack contours to the west and northwest until reaching a culvert under Highway 77. It passes through the culvert and continues on Old Tiger Road for the last 1.5 miles to the Tiger Mine Trailhead. This will be a key exchange hike. Hike 8.7 miles; trailhead elevations 4416 feet south and 4066 feet north; net elevation change 435 feet; accumulated gains 950 feet northward and 1254 feet southward; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Ray Peale, e-mail: ray.peale@gmail.com, or Elisabeth Wheeler, e-mail: hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Monday, October 11, 2021 to Friday, October 15: SBHC Flagstaff Hiking Trip

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Maiden Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [254, 07:30 AM, \$5].** Starting at the public parking lot on the left (past the employees' parking lot) at Ventana Canyon Resort, hikers follow the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. ***The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing and substantial steps-up which make it more difficult than the average C hike. There are numerous wash crossings which involve boulder hopping if water is flowing. On the return, there are fine views of the east side of Tucson. The pools provide an excellent place for lunch. The return is by the same route. Hike 5.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3000 feet; net elevation change 1100 feet; accumulated gain 1339 feet; RTD 54 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Brown Mountain. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [124, 07:15 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 Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Sunday, October 17 through Friday, October 22, 2021: Guadalupe Mountains National Park: This year Aaron Schoenberg is guiding this multi-day camping trip in west Texas for class A/B+ hikers. Here in the ancient Guadalupe Mountains, which tower majestically into the Texas sky, you can delight in the grand views, diverse landscapes, and small pleasures. This trip is exclusively for overnight auto camping only. No lodging arrangements will be made as the nearest lodging is 35 miles away. The Pine Springs Campground is a seven-hour trip from Saddlebrooke, 450 miles + one time zone change (add an hour going). Also, Pine Springs Campground is a national park campground that is primitive in nature. However, it has restrooms and running water as well as picnic tables at each campsite. We will be taking 3 major hikes over the 4 days there. On the other day we will drive to Carlsbad Caverns and explore this awesome enormous cave, shower and eat dinner out. Contact Aaron for more daily information in a detailed itinerary. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, October 18, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 2. Rating: B or C. Pace: Moderate [523, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The B/C rating is due to the length of the hike which just exceeds the upper limit for C hike designation. From the Upper Corral area we hike to the Middle Gate and take the N. 50 Yr. Trail north to the junction with the Hidden Canyon Loop Trail. We take the Hidden Cyn. Loop Trail clockwise around Hidden Canyon Peak. We will have lunch on rock slabs with a magnificent view. We then head down the Hidden Canyon Trail to a spur trail which takes us west to join the Middle Gate Trail. We will take that trail back through the Middle Gate and return to the Upper Corral. Hike 8.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3260 feet; net elevation change 718 feet; accumulated gain 1104 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: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, October 18, 2021 Douglas Spring Trail to the Campground. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [170, 06:30 AM, \$8]. Hikers drive to the east end of Speedway to reach the Douglas Spring Trailhead.

The hike involves moderately some steep hiking on a well-used trail to the campground. Coming back we may take the spur out and back to Bridal Wreath Falls, and follow Douglas Spring Trail back to the trailhead. The trails are mostly open, so bring sun protection. Bring lunch. Hike 13.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 2165 feet; accumulated gain 2684 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; (520) 825-5303; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 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 20 beautiful murals along the way. We will also pass the Ronstadt House and the Historic YWCA. Great way to acquaint yourself with Tucson! Walk 3.8 mi, starting elevation 2400 ft, net elevation change < 50 ft, accumulated gain < 50 ft. RTD 50 mi. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, email: azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 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 8.5 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 your gloves, hat, water, and snacks. Sanitized tools will be provided. Safety protocols will be followed. Volunteers will drive separately and wear masks during the safety briefing. Small work teams will be formed, maintaining physical distancing between workers. The work session will be 3 hours. Hike 3-6 miles. RTD 41 miles. The club will pay the \$4 driver donation. [Registrar: Seana Kobak, seanabk88@gmail.com, or Ray Peale, ray.peale@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 SBHC Program @4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.

Friday, October 22, 2021 Phone Line Trail with Tram Ride Up. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [325, 7:45 AM, \$6 + \$tram]. The hike begins from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot. After the ride up Sabino Canyon to tram stop 9, we hike up to the Phone Line Trail and then back down the trail to the Center. The trail is above and generally parallels the tram road and provides outstanding views and photo opportunities of the canyon. There are extended stretches of exposed trail. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3300 feet; net elevation change minus 1035 feet; accumulated loss minus ___ feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Friday, October 22, 2021 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail - short version. Rating D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM \$13]. The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail to a rock outcropping overlooking the canyon which will be our turnaround point for this out & back hike. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 233 feet; accumulated gain 348 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, October 25, 2021 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 3. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [167, 07:00 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: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness: West (short version). Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [19, 07:00 AM, \$14 + \$5].** Aravaipa Canyon is a beautiful and pristine canyon and a favorite for all who have been there. Hikers should expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep) with dense riparian brush. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home, if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Aravaipa Canyon is a wilderness area with no trails, signs, or facilities. Hiking stick is recommended. Wilderness permits (fee required) must be reserved in advance and are non-refundable. Hikers must sign up two weeks prior to hike. Call the hiking guide for more details. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain 368 feet; RTD 110 miles (dirt). [Guide: Janet Frost, janetlynnfrost@gmail.com, 262-385-2478]

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 08:00 AM, \$4]. Start time may be adjusted for weather. 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: Rob Simms - Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 28, 2021 Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [142, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike will explore various trails within the park. The park is a great example of the Sonoran Desert with its native plants and wildlife. Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Hike 4 to 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 24 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Thursday, October 28, 2021 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]

Friday, October 29, 2021: SBHC Fall Picnic, Catalina St. Park