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PDR. JAMES (JIM) SMITH
**“A HIKER’S GUIDE TO BIRDING:
SADDLEBROOKE, S.E. ARIZONA,
AND BEYOND”**

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Submitted by Bruce Hale



The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club welcomes Dr. James (Jim) Smith, a nine-year Club member, as the featured speaker at its monthly meeting and program on March 16, 2022. Dr. Smith’s presentation is titled “A Hiker’s Guide to Birding: SaddleBrooke, SE Arizona, and Beyond”.

Alongside wildflower viewing, birding is an easy way for hikers to immerse themselves in nature while on the trail. No one knows this better than Jim who has been a birder for more than 20 years and a lifelong outdoor enthusiast - including fly fishing, rafting, and kayaking.

Jim started birding in Oklahoma and Texas, where he was born but has been known to use binoculars frequently on Washington’s Lopez Island, his summertime home, and in Arizona.

He has guided birding trips in southern Arizona and Texas. He knows his birds and knows how to have

fun watching them. As a keen photographer, enjoying sports and nature imaging, we can look forward to some nice bird images in this presentation.

RANDY PARK
**“SOUTH AMERICAN EXPLOITS OF OUR
INTREPID SADDLEBROOKE HIKERS”**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Submitted by Bruce Hale

In late February of 2020, seven hikers from SaddleBrooke ventured to the southern part of South America, the region in Argentina and Chile called Patagonia. The participants were Michael Hovan, Roberta Litchfield, Phil McNamee, Dean and Cheryl Werstler, Susan Hollis, and Randy Park. They enjoyed several days of guided hikes in the Fitzroy area of Argentina followed by several more days of hiking in Torres de Paine National Park on a route called The W.



The SBHC April meeting and program will be at 4 p.m., April 20, 2022. Randy Park will describe the South American exploits of our intrepid SaddleBrooke hikers. Randy is a 14-year resident of SaddleBrooke. Along with his wife, Susan Hollis, he has hiked the entire Arizona Trail, the whole length of the Colorado Trail, around Mt. Blanc in Europe,

the Inca Trail in Peru, several tracks in New Zealand, and now the destination trails in Patagonia.

Hiking Club programs are held six times a year on 3rd Wednesday of the month in the SaddleBrooke 1 Activity Center at 4 p.m. Club members and other SaddleBrooke residents are welcome to attend.

**GARWOOD DAM LOOP
SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK EAST**

Submitted by Kaori Hashimoto

At the end of East Speedway Blvd., nine of us entered Saguaro National Park East to explore Garwood Dam Loop. With Ruth Caldwell leading, we at first forged through tall, dried grass that we see on many trails because of the heavy monsoon rain.



Then we followed the Bajada Vista Trail, Garwood Trail, and Carillo Trail - enjoying the “cactus forest” vistas along the way. Garwood Dam provided a steady supply of water for Nelson Garwood and his ranch in the 1950's before the area was part of the National Park system.

We reached the pools of Wildhorse Tank where we had a nice break - wherever there is water, we see flowers even in December. Some hikers went on to have lunch at Tanque Verde Horse Ranch to end a beautiful winter day.





Group photo from left to right, Ginger Privette, Kathy Johnston, Bill Johnston, Arlene Daigle, Bruce Landeck, Ruth Caldwell, Gayle Hosek, Lynda Green, Kaori Hashimoto

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Submitted by Susan Love

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Trip Committee is tentatively planning a trip to *Glacier National Park* (GNP) for July or August, 2023. GNP sits on the border of Canada and the USA, adjacent to the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The Park has over 1 million acres, over 700 lakes, and over 700 miles of hiking trails. The Park includes the *Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site (best accessed from the east side of GNP).

Highlights of GNP include:

- mountain goats and bighorn sheep at Logan Pass
- lush carpets of summer wildflowers while walking to Hidden Lake
- the garden hose on Highline Trail's narrow ridge that sits 100+-feet above Going-to-the-Sun Road (even if you are not a fan of hiking, this section is totally worth the effort);
- 20+ kinds of fish, including 6 species of trout
- dipping your toes in Iceberg Lake (fingers crossed that the trail is not closed due to bear sightings);
- back-country chalets
- Grinnell Glacier

There has been discussion of a base location at the town of East Glacier Park - population >375 - and renting out an entire lodging facility. This lesser-explored area of GNP is <7-miles from the Two Medicine area.

We are also looking at the Many Glacier area, in the northeast corner of GNP. Lodging here includes Many Glacier Hotel (100+ years old), Swiftcurrent Motor Inn & cabins, and a campground for 109 tents and RV campers. Plan for a 2-hour drive from Many Glacier Hotel to Waterton Lakes, Canada (bring your passport).

GNP is 1450+ miles from SaddleBrooke. The closest airport to GNP is *Glacier Park International Airport*, on the western side of GNP. The drive from this airport to the Many Glacier area takes about 3 hours. Currently there are no direct flights from either Tucson or Phoenix to the GNP area.

The best time to visit GNP is July and August, with temperatures ranging from 40-80 degrees. Even though these are the warmest months of the year, some snow will be visible in the highest elevations.

GNP may be challenging to plan because it can be very crowded in the summer. Also:

- Accommodations in the park sell out quickly for peak summer months, so everyone going should make reservations immediately when reservations open, typically January 1 of each year.
- Beginning 2021, the park service imposed a requirement for advanced reservations to travel on the main *Going-to-the-Sun Road*, for entry from 6 AM to 5 PM from May 28 - September 6. Tickets were only \$2, but some days were hard to get. Note that entry before 6AM did not require advance reservations. We'll see what 2023 requires.
- In 2021, advance reservations were required for the park shuttle (Ticket-to-Ride) during July and August.
- There seems to always be significant construction on roads in and adjacent to GNP.

- The 2 back-country chalets are EXTREMELY popular. Sperry Chalet and Granite Park Chalet are back-country hike-in-only lodging facilities. Both were built over 100 years ago, but in 2017, Sperry was destroyed by wildfire. The National Park Service immediately stabilized the remaining stone walls, ambitiously reconstructed the chalet, and Sperry returned to full service in 2020. Chalet reservations typically open the first week in January and sell out immediately. If you go to GNP to hike, it is strongly suggested to stay at least one night at one of the two back-country chalets. It is a fantastic experience to sleep in a place that is accessible only via foot.
- Jewel Basin Hiking area, on the SE corner from GNP, is a local favorite and synonymous with high mountain lake fishing. This no motorized area has spectacular views of lakes, southwest portions of GNP, and the northern part of the Bob Marshal Wilderness area.

If you are interested or have input/thoughts, please email me (jsrsb2003@yahoo.com) or a trip committee member. Suggestions of any kind are encouraged to best plan this expedition. Sometime during Fall 2022, we will reach out to all SBHC members to determine if there is enough interest in Glacier National Park.

FLY FISHING

Submitted by Susan Love

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Trip Committee contacted the SB Fly Fishers Committee with the hope that we could convince someone from that club to join us in Silver City, New Mexico, and teach us Fly Fishing. Sadly, it is not meant to be.

However, the SB Fly Fishers have offered to teach anyone interested here at home, at one of the HOA1 Ponds. Fly Fishing appears to be at art form, not just a skill; and the Fly Fishers of SaddleBrooke are willing to pass that knowledge on to a less experienced angler.

If anyone is interested, email SB Fly Fishers at: saddlebrookeflyfishers@gmail.com

SADDLEBROOK HIKING CLUB GUIDE FIRST AID TRAINING

Submitted by Walt Shields

In January, twenty of your SaddleBrooke Hiking Club guides participated in an all-day training program covering recognition and management of common injuries and medical conditions that our hikers face in the Tucson environment.



Typically, this course is given annually and involves a full day morning session consisting of a Power Point presentation. In the afternoon, we frequently invite guest speakers from various local search and rescue organizations to inform us of their procedures in the event we should need their help. This is followed by breakout sessions to review actual emergencies that have occurred with Hiking Club members over the past few years. Strict confidentiality is observed and names are never disclosed. Guides are able to review hike leadership and decision-making as well as benefit from a group discussion of the actual management of those emergencies.

On a second day an “accident and incident” hike is organized with guides only. Guides take turns being the “lead guide” while others simulate injuries and medical conditions. These “events” are managed on a real trail setting using the first aid supplies which guides carry in their packs.

It is important to point out that your guides participate in these periodic courses because they are concerned about the safety of their hikers and themselves as well as providing an excellent hiking experience. They receive no official certification and are not trained medical responders. They are mainly interested in providing assistance within the limits of their training in the event of an accident or injury.



Ultimately, every SBHC hiker assumes full responsibility for risk of injury or accidents on a hike as is stated in the release form we all sign. It is important that hikers let their guide know if they have any medical issues such as heart conditions or allergies, if they are carrying any medications essential to treating those conditions, and to update as needed the personal information form we all carry in our name tags.

It is the responsibility of each club hiker to choose hikes within their ability level so that it can be a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Guides are always willing to assist hikers in choosing an appropriate hike.

NON-DRIPPING SPRINGS HIKE

Submitted by Bruce Landeck

December 13, 2021, was a beautiful, sunny winter day as hikers started out to Dripping Springs. From the Trailhead at Catalina State Park, we hiked for a short distance on the Canyon Loop to the Sutherland Trail, which was followed until the Dripping Springs Trail cutoff. This is a beautiful 4.2 mile out-and-back hike which enters the Desert Bighorn Sheep Management Area and Coronado National Forest.

On the hike were Diana Smith, Bill Johnston, Yvette Sabulsky, Pam Wakefield, Jim Solon, Susan Love, Lenore Henninger, Maria Spencer, and guides (Bruce Landeck, Ruth Caldwell, Jeff Love, Bruce Olson and Marc Humphrey).



Despite overgrown vegetation on this trail earlier in the fall, the path was clearly visible and easily negotiated today. A stop at the Romero Canyon overlook revealed water flow in the creek, a promising sign that the Springs might be Dripping; but, unfortunately, that was not the case when the hikers arrived for a short break and snack. There was abundant shade at the bottom of the Springs however,

which was appreciated. Fun day, fun group, fun hike!

**FOR HIKERS –
FROM THE DESERTVIEW LIBRARY**

Submitted by Janet Fabio

The DesertView Library recently added a new DVD from National Geographic titled “Into the Grand Canyon.” It chronicles the beauty and the hardship as a writer and photographer traverse 750 miles of the Grand Canyon on foot. They explore areas of the Grand Canyon that most of us will never be able to experience.

The same journey is also documented in a beautiful book “The Grand Canyon: Between River and Rim.” The book and DVD include rarely seen photography and behind the scenes views of what it is like to hike through parts of the Grand Canyon with no official trails. The book and DVD also make a plea for conserving this area for the future.

You can find both in the Southwest Collection located in the DesertView Library. To reserve items for quick pick up, use the easy link to the library catalog on the library website: www.sblibraries.com.

**SILVER CITY HIKING CLUB TRIP
MAY 11-13, 2022**

Submitted by Dale Leman



The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club trip committee is planning a Spring multi-day hiking trip to Silver City,

New Mexico in May, 2022. Planned hiking dates are May 11-13 (Wednesday-Friday). These dates were chosen to avoid potential snow in the area. Most will want to arrive on or before Tuesday, May 10, and depart Saturday, May 14. Hikes are currently being researched. Actual hike signups will occur about two months before the event.

Silver City sits at about 6000 feet elevation. It is an easy 230-mile, 4-hour drive from SaddleBrooke. The city borders the Gila National Forest. In this area, you will find Gila Cliff Dwellings, Petroglyphs, the Continental Divide trail, a Catwalk over Whitewater Canyon, a trail system within the city, a national monument, ghost towns, Aravaipa-like river walking, slot canyons, hot springs, and many other interesting hiking opportunities. There will be hikes available for all levels, A, B, C, and D.

For those that do not want to hike, the trip planning committee intends to offer other non-hiking opportunities, such as an art walk and a historical town tour.

Special rates of \$79.00 have been arranged at the historic Murray Hotel, May 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. The hotel is located in the heart of downtown and street parking is available. From there you will be able to walk to restaurants, galleries, shops, and the Silver City Museum. Call the hotel at 575-956-9400 and mention the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club for the reduced group rate. There are numerous camping and RV areas in the area. Contact the Murray Ryan Visitor Center, 575-538-5555, for more local information.

A pre-trip potluck is being planned about 2 weeks before the event. At that event, the guides will provide hiking information and answer your questions. Some hikes require driving over mountainous terrain, which will require fairly long drive times. To participate in the trip, you must be a member of SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and register, as participation may need to be capped. If you want to attend, please email Dale Leman at sbhcsilvercity@gmail.com and include name(s),

mobile phone number(s), email(s), and where you will be staying.

ARIZONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Submitted by Seana Kobak

Thanks to Ray Peale, Elisabeth Wheeler, and the many Saddlebrook volunteers, the Arizona trail in Oracle State Park was not in as bad a shape as other trails after the plentiful rains from the 2021 monsoon season. Their diligent efforts to cut back catclaw and prepare for water drainage paid off this year! Of course, we continued to maintain the trail this year to stay ahead of the game by conducting work sessions in November, December, and January.



December work participants including SB volunteers: Ray Peale, Mark Molsberry, Steve Aiken, Lynda Green, Garrett Rassing, Linda Barbour, Stan Smith, and Seana Kobak



January work participants including SB volunteers: Ray Peale, Terry Caldwell, Gayle Hosek, Jim Solon, Linda Barbour, Tom Geiger and Seana Kobak

An unprecedented number of online workers joined the Saddlebrooke volunteers this year. My opinion is that they heard about the delicious cookies provided by Chris Jeffries, Elisabeth Wheeler, and myself; but there might just be other reasons, too. A hearty thanks to all who came out to help and to Chris and Elisabeth for the treats. The Arizona Trail Association is very grateful for our efforts.

We will have work sessions on February 16 and March 16. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Seana Kobak (seanabk88@gmail.com). Note that the work session lasts for about three hours; but with travel time and time for treats, it usually lasts about five hours. The ATA provides tools, hardhats, gloves, and training.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB
SPRING PICNIC**

Submitted by Missy Rodey

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Spring Picnic will be held on Friday, March 18, in Catalina State Park. We will once again meet at the Gila Monster group picnic site with festivities beginning at 11:30 a.m. for the club meeting, followed by a buffet lunch at noon.

Chicken will be provided by the club.; and attending members will be asked to bring a pasta or potato side dish, a salad, or a dessert according to alphabetically designated categories. Look for an upcoming flyer with more specifics about the picnic, including food assignments. We look forward to seeing all of you as we gather to celebrate our love of desert hiking and all the friendships developed while enjoying the many beautiful trails surrounding us.

RSVP to Missy Rodey before March 13:

missy.rodey@gmail.com

**CONGRATULATION TO 2022
TRAILBLAZER AWARDEES**

What makes a great club? - The Volunteer Member Leaders who are willing to devote time and effort on behalf of all the members to move the club forward.

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is a “standout” in that respect with guides, committee leaders/members, and board members who have said “Yes” when asked to step forth. Still, among those individuals are names that you see time and again promoting and doing the work of the club.

We have two categories denoting “special recognition” for members who have excelled in their support of club activities. The “**Pioneers**” helped establish the club, and are persons who significantly worked to develop the club we know today. “**Trailblazers**” are members who have participated

and significantly contributed over time to the ongoing success of the SBHC. Each spring we recognize the special efforts of those members by naming them Saddlebrooke Hiking Club “**Trailblazers**”.

What is a Saddlebrooke Hiking Club Trailblazer? - A member whose efforts in support of the club are defined by the following criteria:

For meritorious service above and beyond simply being a member of the hiking club, for performing duties greater than expected, and for exhibiting leadership that we all admire, we honor the following people:

THE 2022 TRAILBLAZER AWARDEES:

Karen Gray: Longtime active and very popular Guide, presenter multiple times at SBHC Programs, resident geology docent, and currently Associate Chief Guide.

Don Taylor: Longtime active, popular Guide, Past Treasurer, past Trip Committee Chair, and served on the Bylaws Committee for 2021 revisions.

Dave Corrigan: Past President, longtime active, popular Guide, creator of the Hiker History database, and resident technical guru.

Rob Simms: Past President, Past Chief Guide, creator of the SBHC Google Hike Calendar, active, popular Guide, and served on the Bylaws Committee for 2021 revisions.

These members exemplify those criteria by continued service as Board members, Committee members, Hike Guides, as well as providing a wonderful reservoir of ideas.

Please say “Thank You” when you next see them.

Tim Butler, President

WASSON PEAK LOOP WITH FRANK EARNEST

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

In early January, Frank Earnest led eight long-time SaddleBrooke hikers on a Loop from King Canyon to the Gould Mine Trail to the Esperanza Trail/Hugh Norris Trail up to Wasson Peak. There were stunning views toward the Boboquivari range, the Tortolitas, and the Santa Catalina Mountains.



Hikers: Frank Earnest, David Streicher, Karen Cusano, Seana Kobak, Linda Eglin, Elisabeth Wheeler, and Frank Brier

Photo by Kaori Hashimoto

We returned down the Sweetwater Trail through the Sweetwater Saddle to the King Canyon Wash to the trailhead. The petroglyphs in the King Canyon wash were amazing. We hiked 8 miles, enjoying lots of camaraderie along the way.

What a great way to begin the New Year!

TRIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

The trip committee is currently working on hiking trips to the following locations:

May 11-13, 2022 Silver City, NM

Sept 20-22, 2022	Bryce Canyon
Jan 31-Feb 2, 2023	Borrego Springs, CA
April 2023	Sedona, AZ
July 2023	Glacier National Park
October 2023	Santa Fe, NM

These locations were based on popularity in club surveys in 2016 and 2018. More information will be provided as final decisions are made.

Future Trips		
Destination	Dates	Contact Person
Silver City New Mexico	May 10-13, 2022	Dale Leman
Bryce Canyon,	Sept. 20-22	TBD
Borrego Springs, CA	Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2023	TBD
Sedona, AZ	April, 2023	TBD
Glacier National Park, MT	July, 2023	TBD
Santa Fe, NM	October, 2023	TBD

News You Can Use		
AZ. Trail Work Session Meet: MountainView Lot	2/16 Wed.	7:30 A.M. - Noon
Banff Film Festival	3/5 Sat.	7:00 P.M.
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SBHC Program – Dr. James (Jim) Smith “A Hikers Guide to Birding”	3/16 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	3/16 Wed.	5:00 P.M.
Hiking Club Spring Picnic Catalina State Park	3/18 Fri.	11:30 A.M.
SBHC Board Meeting HOA 1 – Coyote Room	4/6 Wed.	2:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting HOA 1 -Coyote Room	4/6 Wed.	3:30 P.M.
SBHC Program - Randy Park “South American Exploits of our Intrepid SaddleBrooke Hikers”	4/20 Wed.	4:00 – 5:00 P.M.
SBHC Social Hour Agave Lounge HOA #1	2/16 Wed.	5:00 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

Tuesday, March 01, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Slow to 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.]

Tuesday, March 01, 2022 Superstitions: Weavers Needle to Fremont Saddle and Overlook Point. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [497, 08:00 AM, \$20].** This in-and-out hike through the beautiful Superstition Mountains, brings you up to a stunning vista overlooking Weavers Needle. The needle is an iconic Arizona landmark often pictured in photos. ***The hike begins at the Peralta Trailhead and rises quickly on a rugged, vegetated path. Oak and mesquite trees are common along the trail as well as huge bolder formations. Magnificent vistas of the Superstitions are visible as the ascent continues. The trail reaches it's highest elevation at Fremont Saddle and

Weavers Needle comes into view. The hike continues for another 1/2 mile to reach Overlook Point (sometimes referred to as Lone Pine). After enjoying the view and a snack, we descend down the same trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2500 feet; net elevation change 1,385 feet; RTD 154 miles (dirt). [Seth Basker, seth@basker.com, (425-391-5000).]

Wednesday, March 02, 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]

Wednesday, March 02, 2022 Hidden Canyon Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [219, 08:00 AM, \$4].

This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti along the way. The hike begins at Lower Corral then follows Middle Gate trail to Grand Junction. From there it goes east for 0.04 miles to the Hidden Canyon trail on the left. It goes to a rock ledge with a great view down the valley. The ledge is a great place for lunch. After lunch, we will continue on the trail, circle around Hidden Canyon Peak back to the North Gate, and return to Lower Corral via the Fifty-Year Trail. Hike 8.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1192 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: Michael Reale; mjreale@msn.com; 520 271-3337]

Thursday, March 03, 2022 Double Crested/Dome Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [510, 08:00 AM, \$0].**

This hike is on a newly constructed trail to Big Dome Rock that passes a rare double crested saguaro. Many SaddleBrooke residents have a view from their homes of Dome Rock - the large dome formation to the east that is bald in the middle with patchy

vegetation on both sides, and located about a third of the way up to Charouleau Gap. The hike departs from the south end of S Arroyo Way in Unit 21. We cross Canada del Oro Wash, and then follow the newly developed route east through a small wash, and along several ridgelines to our destination. *** There are areas of steep hills with some loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. We will pass through interesting granite formations, with many saguaros and ocotillo forests. One of the highlights along the way is Double Beauty, a rare double crested saguaro registered with the Crested Saguaro Society. On top of the dome there are great 360 degree views of Saddlebrooke and Catalina. We will return by the same route. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 800 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Tom Stafford; tominpoint@gmail.com.]

Thursday, March 03, 2022 Picket Post Loop Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [530, 06:30 AM, \$15]. This scenic trail loops around Picket Post Mountain near Superior, AZ. The first half of the hike features an undulating desert landscape with large saguaros and granite formations, against the backdrop of the towering and colorful cliffs of Picket Post Mountain. The second half journeys through Telegraph Canyon, a seasonal wetland with grasses, perennials, and a canopy of giant cottonwood and willow trees, perhaps one of the best riparian habitats in southern Arizona. We will pass ancient grinding holes, and boulders a hundred feet in diameter that have fallen from the shear cliffs above. Although, classified as an easy B level hike according to distance, the accumulated gain is moderate, making this suitable for any strong C level hiker. See video, <https://www.relive.cc/view/vMv8QLD1yNO>. Hike 9.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2400 feet; net elevation change 482 feet; accumulated gain 787 feet; RTD 146 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Friday, March 04, 2022 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. The return is via same route. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Friday, March 04, 2022 Arizona Trail: Gardner Canyon (Passage 4). Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [268, 06:30 AM, \$20]. The hike begins where the Arizona Trail intersects Gardner Canyon Road and traverses part of AZT Passage 4. Hike south on AZ Trail for ~7 miles to Bear Springs on the east side of Mt. Wrightson. You pass through extensive oak forest with wonderful high desert vistas to the East and South. The views are stunning: Mexico to the south, The Huachucas to the southeast, and Mt. Wrightson to the northwest. The trail passes interpretive signs describing the elaborate hydraulic mining system that existed in the area in the early 1900's. Lunch near Bear Springs and return by same route. There are up to six "rock hopping" water crossings depending on seasonal flow; hiking poles are recommended. Directions: Take I-10 to AZ-83. Turn south on AZ-83 towards Sonoita for ~21.5 miles to Gardner Canyon Rd/FR-92; approximately 4mi north of Sonoita). Turn right (west) on GC Rd for 5.5 miles to well

marked trailhead parking. Hike 13.75 miles; trailhead elevation 5160'; net elevation change 610'; accumulated gain 1080'. RTD 155 miles (gravel 5.5 miles in and out). [Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Friday, March 04, 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]

Saturday, March 05, 2022 Banff Film Festival. [7 PM, \$4]. Aaron is organizing his annual trip to the Banff Film Festival at the Fox Theater in Tucson. He has tickets available for \$20. This is a showing of a number of award winning adventure films that has a duration of about three hours (including intermission). For more information (directions, carpooling, potential dinner out) and to obtain tickets contact Aaron. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, March 07, 2022 Historical Walking Tour of Downtown Tucson. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [517, 09:00 AM, \$5]. 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 2.8 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. [Guides: Walt Shields and Tom Stafford, waltshields@mac.com, 520-404-8998.]

Monday, March 07, 2022 Wasson Peak via Sweetwater Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [481, 08:00 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro (the west extension of Ruthrauff Road) on the east side of the Tucson Mountains. From there we hike on the Sweetwater Trail through some of the prettiest saguaro forests in the area. Along the way there will be good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. At the saddle where the trail joins the King Canyon trail we continue up to Wasson Peak. Views are spectacular from this highest point in the Tucson Mountains. There is little shade along the way. Bring plenty of water and sun protection. Hike 9.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 1887; accumulated gain 2329 feet; RTD 60 miles. [Seth Basker, seth@basker.com, (425-391-5000).]

Monday, March 07, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: S. Wild Burro Canyon / Alamo Springs Trail / Spur Trail Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [461, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike begins at the Wild Burro Trailhead and proceeds up Wild Burro Canyon to the Alamo Springs Trail. The Ritz Carlton Hotel and new golf course are visible from many points along the trail. After

3.2 miles, we reach a pass, then descend to the 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 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2810 feet; net elevation change 1060 feet; accumulated gain 1143 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Jim Solon, jsolon3680@aol.com]

Tuesday, March 08, 2022 Panther Peak. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [315, 07:00 AM, \$6].** Panther Peak is an iconic Tucson landmark. The hike begins at the Cam-Boh parking lot - west off Picture Rocks Road, with the first 1.2 miles on the Roadrunner trail. Then, a steep, difficult climb begins up a cairn marked trail to the saddle between Panther and Safford peaks. Approximately 1,000 feet are gained in one mile. The final one half mile is more gradual to the summit. The use of gloves, long pants, and a hiking poles are recommended. There are outstanding views from the top; Picacho Peak is visible to the north and Wasson Peak to the south. The return is via the same route. This is a short but strenuous hike. Hike 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2480 feet; net elevation change 955 feet; accumulated gain 1250 feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, March 08, 2022 Chivo Falls. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [158, 07:30 AM, \$12]. Chivo Falls is one of the tallest desert falls in the Rincon Mountains or the Tucson area. The hike starts off Redington Road on jeep trails. If there has been sufficient rain or spring snowmelt, the falls are very impressive. We'll lunch in a rock amphitheater below the falls. Hike 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 4000 feet; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 96 miles (dirt). [Guide: Randy Park email: rparktucson@gmail.com]

Tuesday, March 08, 2022 Blackett's Ridge. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [108, 07:30 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and follows relatively level, well-used trails east to the Phone Line Trailhead. After 0.4 miles along the Phone Line Trail, the Blackett's Ridge Trail branches right and continues up the ridge between Sabino and Bear Canyons. There are spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons to either side of the trail. The ridge part of the trail has several steep switchbacks mixed in with some level areas. There are three false summits before reaching the end of the trail, a point where it is not possible to continue because the terrain drops precipitously. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1668 feet; accumulated gain 1733 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Margaret Valair, e-mail: mvalair140.6@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 09, 2022 Flag Hill Lookout Trail. Rating C* Pace: Moderate [NEW, 8:00 AM, \$0].** This is an out and back hike using a portion of the Dome Rock Trail. The hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21. After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, it shares the first 1.1 miles with the Double Crested/Dome Trail and terminates at a prominent overlook above SaddleBrooke where an American Flag has been placed. Return is along the same route with great views of SaddleBrooke and the surrounding area. The special condition*** is that there are several trail sections that are steeper than an average park constructed trail. Hike

2.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; accumulated gain 550 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Tom Stafford, tominpoint@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 09, 2022 Sweetwater Trail to the Saddle. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [434, 08:00 AM, \$6]. The hike begins from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the east side of the Tucson Mountains. The trail passes through some of the prettiest saguaro forests in the area. Along the way there are good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. The hike reaches a saddle where the trail joins the King Canyon Trail and returns. The King Canyon Trail, an alternate route to Wasson Peak, leads up from the Desert Museum on the west side of the Tucson. We will have lunch at the saddle before heading back to the trailhead. Hike 6.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2800 feet; net elevation change 1200 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 60 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis email: slhollis@yahoo.com]

Thursday, March 10, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Area "Double D". Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [233, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins at the Golder Ranch parking area. The trail starts by crossing the Fifty-Year Trail and follows social trails toward the Sutherland Wash with several interesting sights along the way. The trail then loops back on a ridge that has great views, beautiful saguaros, and interesting rock formations. It then moves across the Lower Corral Rd to head on a diagonal toward the Middle Gate and returns via a loop. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 334 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]

Thursday, March 10, Wild Horse Canyon. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [483, 07:00 AM, \$8]. The hike begins at the east end of Speedway at the Wild Horse Trailhead, just before the Douglas Springs Trailhead, and passes through part of the cactus forest of the Saguaro National Park – East and into the foothills of the Rincon Mountains. The destination is a small pool and dam in Wild Horse Canyon. Wild Horse Canyon is a rugged and beautiful canyon that can be reached by using a combination of several trails. There are excellent views along the way of the Santa Catalina and Tucson Mountains, and most of the Tucson valley. The hike involves a few stream crossings, with some boulder hopping. Hike 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 1600 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Friday, March 11, 2022 Bluff Spring Mtn. Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 6 AM, \$20]. Starting at the Peralta Trailhead, we will make a lollipop route in the Superstition Mountains. This will include a loop around Bluff Spring Mountain with phenomenal close-up views of the Weaver's Needle. Hike 15.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2415 feet; net elevation change 1035 feet; accumulated elevation 2700 feet; RTD 162 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Friday, March 11, 2022 Rams Creek Basin Direct to Catalina State Park. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike combines two very popular hikes into one. From the Rams Creek Pass subdivision we hike up a large wash on an established trail through a beautiful canyon with large stands of saguaros. We then continue on to a connecting trail via a large watering tank to Catalina State Park. We cross several washes and pass by Alamo Canyon falls, which provides a cool oasis and usually has running water. The hike ends at Romero Ruins. This hike involves a short car shuttle. Hike 5.8 miles; trailhead elevation 2404 feet; net elevation change 572 feet; accumulated gain 976 feet; RTD 21 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, waltshields@mac.com, 520-404-8998.]

Sunday, March 13, 2022 OSP American Avenue. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [306, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$2]. Oracle State Park contains native Sonoran cacti, desert grassland, oak trees, and Manzanita stands, and contains several miles of well-maintained trails. The hike begins at the trailhead off American Ave. on the western edge of the park and proceeds along the relatively smooth Mariposa Trail toward the Oak Woodland picnic area. About 0.25 miles before reaching the picnic area, the group will take the 0.8-mile Bellota Loop Trail which nearly reaches the Group Use Area adjacent the historic Kannally Ranch House before connecting back to the Mariposa Trail for the return. Along the way are excellent views of the Galiuro Mountains and San Pedro Valley to the north and the Santa Catalina Mountains to the south. Hike 3.2 miles; net elevation change less than 500 feet; accumulated gain less than 500 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis email: slhollis@yahoo.com]

Monday, March 14, 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. [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Monday, March 14, 2022 Arizona Trail: Redington Pass - La Milagrosa Ridge Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [62, 07:30 AM, \$9].** The hike begins at Molino Basin Campground on the Catalina Hwy and involves traversing a portion of AZT Passage 10. We hike south on the Arizona Trail, traversing 600 feet up the Molino Ridge (high point el. 4800 feet). It is mostly down hill as we reach the junction for the Milagrosa Ridge Trail, and continue along an up-and-down ridge to the vehicles at Horsehead Road (near Soldier Trail Road). There are great views along the way of the valley and sheer rock walls of Milagrosa and Agua Caliente Canyons. The trail is mostly good with a few rocky areas. Cars will need to be left at Horsehead Road (el. 2700 feet) and driven back to Molino Basin, 7 miles away. Hike 7.8 miles; trailhead elevation 4300 feet; net elevation change minus 1600 feet; accumulated gain 900 feet; elevation loss 2500 feet; RTD 88 miles. [Guide: Jim Solon, jsolon3680@aol.com]

Tuesday, March 15, 2022 Anza Trail / Tubac to Tumacacori. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [14, 07:00 AM, \$14]. The hike begins at the Tubac Presidio State Historical Park and ends at Tumacacori National Monument. More information about the Anza Trail is available at www.anzatrail.com and www.solideas.com/DeAnsa/trailguide. Hikers will cross rivers, but there are wooden bridges (no hand rails) so we shouldn't get our feet wet. Sturdy walking shoes are fine (hiking shoes not required). This will be a car shuttle between each end. We will lunch in Tumacacori at Wisdoms' Café. Bring \$ for lunch, shopping. Golden Age Pass is needed for entrance to Tumacacori Historic Park. Shopping will be after lunch, if your driver is willing. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 100 - 200 feet; accumulated gain is minimal; RTD 144 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, March 15, American Flag to the Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [9, 07:30 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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 SBHC Program @4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [323, 07:30 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. [Margaret Valair, e-mail: mvalair140.6@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 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, or Ray Peale, ray.peale@gmail.com]

Thursday, March 17, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: Wild Mustang Trail to Jeb Peak. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [138, 07:30 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Wild Burro TH, 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: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Thursday, March 17, 2022 Sutherland Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate. [NEW, 08:00 AM \$4]. This hike begins at the north gate of Catalina State Park. We follow horse trails south along the Sutherland Wash until the trail veers away from the wash past an interesting stone ruin. As the trail heads east we will pass open areas that are frequently filled with wildflowers in the Spring. This trail intersects with the Sutherland Trail, and we head north. We follow the Sutherland Trail stopping for a snack break on the rocks by the Cargodera Canyon wash which often has running water. After the break we continue north on the Sutherland Trail out of the park. Our route heads down the jeep road (SR 643) for about a quarter mile then onto another horse trail that returns us to our starting point. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2970 ft; net elevation change: 500 ft; accumulated gain: 577 ft; RTD 12 (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Friday, March 18, 2022 SBHC Spring Picnic, Catalina State Park

Friday, March 18, 2022 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. At a junction we will take a loop to see more wildflowers. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Monday, March 21, 2022 Middle Gate/50 Year/Hidden Cyn. Loop 3. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [523, 07:30 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). 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, March 21, 2022 Esperero Canyon/Rattlesnake/Phoneline Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [539, 07:30 AM, \$6]. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, the hike proceeds along the Esperero Canyon/Rattlesnake Canyon trails to the Tram stop 1 picnic area on Sabino Creek - a favorite with views of Sabino Creek with velvet ash, cottonwood, willow, and Arizona sycamore trees. After a short break we will cross Sabino Creek (if water level permits) and climb a spur trail up to the Phoneline Trail where we turn to head back down towards the Visitor Center. We will finish on the Bajada Nature loop with a beautiful crested saguaro. Bring a camera and plenty of water and a snack. Hike 5.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2450 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 780 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, March 21, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: S. Wild Burro Canyon / Alamo Springs Trail / Spur Trail Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [461, 08:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Wild Burro Trailhead and proceeds up Wild Burro Canyon to the Alamo Springs Trail. The Ritz Carlton Hotel and new golf course are visible from many points along the trail. After 3.2 miles, we reach a pass, then descend to the 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 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2810 feet; net elevation change 1060 feet; accumulated gain 1143 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; mjreale@msn.com; 520 271-3337.]

Monday, March 21, 2022 Sutherland Trail to Cargodera Canyon. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [430, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the main trailhead in Catalina State Park and goes on the Sutherland Trail to the Cargodera Canyon. From there, the hike continues another mile or so up the jeep road. We will lunch in this area. Hike 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 1200 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 Bug Spring Trail No.1. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [125, 08:00 AM, \$9]. From the Lower Bug Spring Trailhead (a quarter mile up the Catalina Highway from Hirabayashi Campground), the hike proceeds southeast along a narrow ribbon of trail carved into the granite hillside. After an uphill set of switchbacks, the terrain mellows out with outstanding vistas and views of granite sculptures. The trail dives down the north side of the ridge into a heavily forested drainage. Upward to the highpoint of the trail, you can see a few big madrone

trees and views of the Sierrita Mountains, Baboquivari and the mighty Rincons. The trail descends steeply to the Upper Bug Spring Trailhead (a quarter mile south of General Hitchcock Campground), which is the turnaround point. Return is via the same trail. Hike 8.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5000 feet; net elevation change 1625 feet; accumulated gain 2270 feet; RTD 94 miles. [Guide: Seth Basker, seth@basker.com, (425-391-5000).]

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D*.**

Pace: Moderate [508, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$2]. Hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House at the Nature Trail. The trail leads to the Windy Ridge Trail and then connects with the Granite Overlook Trail (highest point in the park, 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 rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 Cactus Forest Area. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [130, 08:00

AM, \$8]. The hike explores some of the trails in the Cactus Forest Area of the Saguaro National Park - East and enjoys the scenic 8-mile Cactus Forest Loop Drive. We will stop at the Desert Ecology Trail, the 1920's Freeman Homestead Ruins, and the National Park Visitor Center. Pack a lunch. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2750 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain is minimal; RTD 82 miles. [Guide: Walt Shields, waltshields@mac.com, 520-404-8998.]

Wednesday, March 23, 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. [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Wednesday, March 23, Maiden Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [254, 07:00 AM,**

\$6]. 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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Tanque Verde Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [442, 06:00 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 6.9 miles, and reaches the Peak at 9 miles. Erik Molvar's guidebook says: From this lofty perch, fantastic views stretch in all directions. Hike 17.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 3895 feet; accumulated gain 4356 feet; RTD 82 miles. [Margaret Valair, e-mail: mvalair140.6@gmail.com]

Thursday, March 24, 2022 Middle Gate/50 Year Trails Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [184, 08:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the 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 4.4 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change __ feet; accumulated gain 500-600 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, email: Spartan7375@gmail.com.]

Friday, March 25, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Area. 🐕 Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 08:00 AM, \$2]. The hike begins at the Golder Ranch parking area. This is a dog friendly hike. All members are welcome with or without a dog. 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, March 28, 2022 Pima Canyon to 1st Dam. Rating: D*. Pace: Moderate [335, 08:00 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: Walt Shields, waltshields@mac.com, 520-404-8998.]

Monday, March 28, 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: Dave Corrigan, 520-820-6110, dave@daveandpam.com]

Monday, March 28, 2022 Pontatoc Ridge. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [344, 08:00 AM, \$4].** The hike starts at the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. Sometimes called the Old Spanish Mine Trail, the trail goes up the northwest side of Pontatoc Ridge to just below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area from a saddle along the way. ***The hike is strenuous in some areas due to the steep incline and rocky path. There are short stretches of exposed trail near the old mines. Hike 4.3 miles; trailhead elevation 3100 feet; net elevation change 1300 feet; accumulated gain 1557 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Jim Solon, jsolon3680@aol.com]

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Rams Creek Basin. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [354, 08:00 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: Melia Knecht, melia.knechtak1@gmail.com]

Tuesday, March 29, 2022 Garwood Dam/Wildhorse Tank Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [198, 07:00 AM, \$8]. From the end of Speedway on the east side of Tucson we enter Saguaro National Park East. Following several trails that circle Wildhorse Trail (but never actually on it) we make our way south to a junction with the Garwood Trail and turn south to visit the site of the old Garwood Dam. We then take Carillo Trail to intersection with the Wildhorse Trail turning south to reach the pools of Wildhorse Tank. We return on the Garwood Trail to resume our loop hike back to the parking area. After the hike we will have lunch at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch which is across the street from our parking area. Limited to 8 hikers. Bring plenty of

water and a snack. Hike 6.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2770; net elevation change 470 feet; accumulated gain 740 feet; RTD 80 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 The Preserve/Dome Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [533, 08:00 AM, \$0].** The latest addition to the SaddleBrooke "Backyard" Trails, this route begins in the foothills east of The Preserve and peregrinates to the Dome. The hike begins at the east end of E Willow Canyon Rd. After crossing the Canada del Oro wash, the trail continues into the foothill through beautiful granite formations and native desert flora. It first passes Balance Rock, continues along the ridgeline below Titanic Rock, and then past Helmet Rock until it intersects the Dome Extension Trail. It then continues to Dome Rock, with an option to visit Flag Hill. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. The special condition designation*** is that there are several sections that are steeper than on an average park constructed trail. Hike 4.8 miles; trailhead elevation 3350 feet; elevation change 580 feet; accumulated gain 970 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Tom Stafford; tominpoint@gmail.com.]

Thursday, March 31, 2022 Fern Canyon/Roger's Rock Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [537, 07:30 AM, \$13]. The trailhead is the Madera Canyon parking lot for the Super Trail. From the Super Trail TH hike approximately .3 miles to where the Pipeline Trail begins on the left side of the trail. Climb along the Pipeline trail to a ridge with views of Kent Canyon. Continue on the Pipeline trail which parallels the Kent Springs trail below. At a creek crossing with the Kent Springs trail, turn up the creek away from the Kent Springs trail. The next .7 miles climb up along the creek and cut through some of the prettiest forest in the Santa Ritas. There are ferns everywhere and mossy old rocks. Just before a second creek crossing a well-defined trail breaks off to the left. This is the trail to Rogers Rock. At .2 miles the trail turns right up to a huge rock sitting amongst the trees...Roger's Rock. Climb up and around the back where you will get fantastic views over Madera Canyon and west to Pete Mountain. Head back to the upper creek crossing. Cross over the creek follow the trail .25 miles to join back up with the Super Trail. We follow the Super Trail 2 miles back to the TH parking lot. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; Net elevation change 1074 feet; accumulated gain 1116 feet; RTD 130 miles [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, hikerelizabeth@gmail.com.]

Thursday, March 31, 2022 Tucson Downtown Mural Walk. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [541, 08:00 AM, \$5]. Fun walk around an area of downtown Tucson and north to University. We will visit over 4 dozen 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]

Thursday, March 31, OSP East Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [307, 07:30 AM, \$4 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House parking lot in Oracle State Park. Hikers follow the Nature Trail to the Wildlife Corridor Trail where we go northeast to the AZ Trail. At the intersection, we turn southeast and follow trail to the intersection with the Manzanita

Trail. We follow this trail west and onto the Nature Trail that takes us back to the trailhead. This route is fairly level with little elevation change with wide open views and interesting rock formations among the low desert plants. Hike 6.2 miles, trailhead elevation 4350 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 760 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Friday, April 01, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail / Sutherland Cutoff Trail Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW-Moderate [181, 07:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Equestrian Center in Catalina State Park. The Fifty-Year Trail leads north to a stream terrace that provides a fantastic view of the Sutherland Wash area and the Santa Catalina Mountains. We then hike down to the Sutherland Wash, take the Trail Link to the Sutherland Trail, and head back into the park. Hike 7.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Friday, April 01, 2022 Peppersauce Canyon (short version). Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [321, 08:00 AM, \$7]. From the Peppersauce Canyon Campground, the hike proceeds up Peppersauce Canyon approximately 1.5 miles and returns. There is a good mixture of vegetation to study. Some views, depending on how far we go. Bring lunch. Hike 3 miles; trailhead elevation 4600 feet; net elevation change 450 feet; accumulated elevation ___ feet; RTD 53 miles (dirt). [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Monday, April 04, 2022 Cargodera Canyon. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [536, 07:00 AM, \$4]. This hike begins at the CSP North Gate, and follows an unnamed trail east into the National Forest. Along the way we pass the Great Saguaro with its 40+ arms! After merging with the Sutherland Trail (FR 643) the route continues up the canyon to an area where there is a major fork in Cargodera Stream surrounded by scenic cliffs and several waterfalls. We will have lunch in this area next to the rushing water. The return will be along the same route with a stop at a second picturesque spot where the stream splits and cascades over multiple small falls. The area contains many sycamore, birch, willow, and other riparian flora. Hike 7.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2970 feet; net elevation change 1300; accumulated gain 1378; 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: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, April 04, 2022 Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [192, 08:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins from the Finger Rock Trailhead at the north end of Alvernon Way. The hike starts on level ground for about a mile, and then sharply climbs 2500 feet to the Linda Vista Saddle. Scrambling is necessary at some points going up, and coming down is just as difficult. From the Saddle, hikers can enjoy the beautiful vistas of Mt. Kimball, the Santa Ritas, and Tucson as it spreads out below and into the distance. Hike 6.1 miles; trailhead elevation 3120 feet; net elevation change 2530 feet; accumulated gain 2719 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, April 04, 2022 Honey Bee Canyon South. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [224, 08:00 AM, \$3]. The hike takes place in Honey Bee Canyon at Rancho Vistoso. We will explore the canyon, identify some of the vegetation, look for petroglyphs, find a large hole in a rock, and look for animals and animal tracks. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, hat, camera (optional). Hike less than 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 100 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 26 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, April 05, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: D. Pace: 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: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Tuesday, April 05, 2022 Madera Canyon Kent Springs - Bog Springs Loop. Rating: B*. Pace: Moderate [252, 06:30 AM, \$13].** This non-desert hike is one of the prettiest in the Santa Rita Mountains. A series of springs along the loop create an unusually lush area that attracts a large number of birds and wildlife. Large Arizona sycamore and walnut trees provide a canopy that invites relaxation before returning to the arid environment of southeastern Arizona. ***This hike is best done counterclockwise because of steep sections with loose rock on the final approach to Kent Springs. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 4820 feet; net elevation change 1775 feet; accumulated gain 1800 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Melia Knecht, melia.knechtak1@gmail.com]

Wednesday, April 06, 2022 SBHC BOD Mtg. HOA#1 Coyote Room North 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

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Wednesday, April 06, 2022 Dome Extension Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [New, 08:00 AM, \$0].** This hike begins on the Double Crested/Dome Trail from the south end of S Arroyo Way in Unit 21. We cross Canada del Oro Wash, and then follow the newly developed route east through a small wash, and along several ridgelines. About 50 yards beyond the double crested saguaro, we turn left onto the Dome Extension which makes a loop around to the back of the Big Dome Rock. We will pass through interesting granite formations, with many saguaros and ocotillo forests. One of the highlights along the way is "Double Beauty", a rare double crested saguaro registered with the Crested Saguaro Society. On top of the dome there are great 360-degree views of Saddlebrooke and Catalina. We will return on the DC/D Trail. Hike 3.5; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 800 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Tom Stafford, tominpoint@gmail.com]

Thursday, April 07, 2022 Pair O' Chutes. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [540, 07:00 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]

Thursday, April 07, 2022 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The Sutherland is a great trail for viewing wildflowers after adequate winter rains. Along the way, there are several beautiful saguaro cacti and great rock formations. There are numerous photo opportunities. We will also pass the cutoff to Dripping Springs which makes a nice short side trip if the waterfalls are flowing. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and ends at a very scenic, flat, rocky area. The return is via same route. Hike 5.4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 657 feet; accumulated gain 818 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms, email: Spartan7375@gmail.com]

Thursday, April 07, Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [443, 07:00 AM, \$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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Friday, April 08, 2022 Romero Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [370, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins in Catalina State Park at the easternmost trailhead and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. The trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down into the canyon area where several pools are located. There are excellent views of Romero and Montrose Canyons along the way. ***The well-maintained trail is rocky and rough in places, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. An option is a 0.75 miles round-trip, relatively level hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch at the lower or upper pools. The return is via the same route. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 980 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Friday, April 08, 2022 Fern Canyon/Roger's Rock Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [537, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The trailhead is the Madera Canyon parking lot for the Super Trail. From the

Super Trail TH hike approximately .3 miles to where the Pipeline Trail begins on the left side of the trail. Climb along the Pipeline trail to a ridge with views of Kent Canyon. Continue on the Pipeline trail which parallels the Kent Springs trail below. At a creek crossing with the Kent Springs trail, turn up the creek away from the Kent Springs trail. The next .7 miles climb up along the creek and cut through some of the prettiest forest in the Santa Ritas. There are ferns everywhere and mossy old rocks. Just before a second creek crossing a well-defined trail breaks off to the left. This is the trail to Rogers Rock. At .2 miles the trail turns right up to a huge rock sitting amongst the trees...Roger's Rock. Climb up and around the back where you will get fantastic views over Madera Canyon and west to Pete Mountain. Head back to the upper creek crossing. Cross over the creek follow the trail .25 miles to join back up with the Super Trail. We follow the Super Trail 2 miles back to the TH parking lot. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; Net elevation change 1074 feet; accumulated gain 1116 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Sunday, April 10, 2022 Happy Valley Lookout Loop. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 5:30 AM, \$20]. This circular hike is on the eastern fringe of Saguaro National park East utilizing well used park trails. First we ascend the beautiful Miller Creek Trail. Next we complete our ascent to the Happy Valley Lookout site which was the location of a historic fire tower. Here you still obtain awesome views from perches around the summit. Next we go up, down, up, down, up, down over numerous humps and hills to give the trail its appropriate Heartbreak Ridge name. We conclude by descending the scenic Turkey Creek Trail and returning back to our cars. Hike 17.4 miles; trailhead elevation 4200 feet; net elevation change 3140 feet; accumulated elevation 4400 feet; RTD 162 miles. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg, askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, April 11, 2022 Phone Line Trail with Tram Ride Down. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [324, 07:00 AM, \$6 + \$tram]. The hike begins from the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center parking lot and proceeds easterly for about a mile along a flat sandy trail to the Phone Line Trailhead. The hike continues up the Phone Line Trail, and down to the uppermost Sabino Canyon tram stop, and which takes the group back 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 2720 feet; net elevation change 1035 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Jim Solon, jsolon3680@aol.com]

Monday, April 11, 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 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: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, April 11, 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, 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: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Monday, April 11, 2022 Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [237, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about a mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about 0.25 miles to the rock. The top provides a wonderful view and is an excellent place to eat lunch. The return is down the Super Trail to the parking lot. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike, 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1839 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D*. Pace: Moderate 508, 08:00 AM, \$4 + \$2].** Hike begins at the Kannally Ranch House at the Nature Trail. The trail leads to the Windy Ridge Trail and then connects with the Granite Overlook Trail (highest point in the park, 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 rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 ft., accumulated elevation 400 ft., RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com].

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs loop from Golder Ranch. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [186, 07:00 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]

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Petroglyph / Madonna Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [525, 07:00 AM, \$4].** This hike is a grand loop that takes us to several iconic locations but in a shortened version. More bang for your buck! It starts at the north gate of Catalina State Park on state land. We hike into the Sutherland Rock Art District where we visit 2 separate areas of petroglyphs. The trail then joins a spur up to the Baby Jesus trail where we head south to visit the rock formation known as Madonna and child (for which the trail was named). We will continue south to a junction with FR 643 for a short trek down a rocky jeep road (only 0.3 mi) - but with a stop at a lovely oasis in Cargodera Canyon that has beautiful Sycamore and Ash trees & often running water. Our final turn is onto an unnamed trail that will complete our loop back to the trailhead. ***This loop has beautiful scenery, but some fairly steep climbs with loose rock. Hiking poles are recommended. Hikers that have successfully completed several difficult C hikes will enjoy this hike. Hike 7.1 miles; trailhead elevation 2968 feet; net elevation change 852 feet; accumulated gain 1033 feet; RTD 12 miles (dirt). This hike is on or crosses Arizona State Trust Land: "The Arizona Land Department's trust management responsibilities include requiring a permit or lease and charging a fee for use of Trust land." Please note that Trust Land is private (not public) and requires a recreation permit for hiking which can be obtained through the state land department. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [526, 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 4.9 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 682 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [253, 08:00 AM, \$13]. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. It starts from the Procter parking area and ascends 3.5 miles up the canyon to the Roundup Picnic Area (el. 5400 feet). Along the way, hikers enjoy the shade of Apache pines, Douglas firs, Emory oaks, Mexican blue oaks, willows, cottonwoods, and sycamores. The return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 6.8 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 feet; net elevation change 956 feet; accumulated gain 1004 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Michael Reale, mjreale@msn.com; 520 271-3337.]

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Sutherland Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Slow [428, 07:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. This will be a slow tour of the lower Sutherland Trail, stopping frequently to point out various wildflower species. Hike 4 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 300 feet; accumulated gain 350 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, April 14, 2022 Titanic Rock from the Preserve. Rating C*. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 08:00 AM, \$0].** The Trailhead is located at the end of Willow Canyon in the Preserve. This is an out and back hike. The trail descends to and crosses the CDO then heads up the ridge past the Balanced Rock. The trail continues east and up the face of Titanic Rock to it's top where you have great views of the Preserve, Biosphere and CDO. Following a short snack break we return along the same route. Hike 2.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3285 feet; net elevation change 566 feet; accumulated gain 715 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Tom Stafford, tominpoint@gmail.com]

Thursday, April 14, Bill Cody Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [107, 07:30 AM, \$4]. The beautiful, historic Bill Cody loop begins at the American Flag trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers pass the 1877 adobe house at the trailhead, and then proceed up the Arizona Trail to the Oracle Ridge Trail. We then go south toward Apache Peak, and down FR 639, through Camp Bonita Canyon past the old Patterson Diaz homestead site. Campo Bonito is a great place for lunch. From Campo Bonito, hikers swing northward past the "Yellow Cabin" and through the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. Hikers return to the trailhead via the Arizona Trail. Hike 7.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 701 feet; accumulated gain 1506 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Friday, April 15, 2022 Romero Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [370, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2].** The hike begins in Catalina State Park at the easternmost trailhead and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. The trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down into the canyon area where several pools are located. There are excellent views of Romero and Montrose Canyons along the way. ***The well-maintained trail is rocky and rough in places, but is not overly difficult for most hikers. An option is a 0.75 miles round-trip, relatively level hike to the upper pools. We will have lunch at the lower or upper pools. The return is via the same route. Hike 5.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 980 feet; accumulated gain 1400 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Friday, April 15, 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.]

Monday, April 18, 2022 Tortolita Mountains: S. Wild Burro Canyon / Alamo Springs Trail / Spur Trail Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [461, 08:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the Wild Burro Trailhead and proceeds up Wild Burro Canyon to the Alamo Springs Trail. The Ritz Carlton Hotel and new golf course are visible from many points along the trail. After 3.2 miles, we reach a pass, then descend to the 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 5.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2810 feet; net elevation change 1060 feet; accumulated gain 1143 feet; RTD 44 miles. [Guide: Susan Hollis email: slhollis@yahoo.com]

Monday, April 18, 2022 Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness: West. Rating: B*. Pace: Moderate [18, 06:30 AM, \$14 + \$5].** Aravaipa Canyon is a beautiful, pristine canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. ***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 8 miles; trailhead elevation 2600 feet; net elevation change 200 feet; accumulated gain ___ feet; RTD 110 miles (dirt). [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, April 19, 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. [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Area Loop – Long Version. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [185, 07:00 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]

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 SBHC Program @4pm HOA#1 Activity Center.

Wednesday, April 20, 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, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Thursday, April 21, 2022 Josephine Saddle and Rogers Rock. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [237, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. We then go down the Super Trail for about a mile and take a turnoff for Rogers Rock and travel about 0.25 miles to the rock. The top provides a wonderful view and is an excellent place to eat lunch. The return is down the Super Trail to the parking lot. The hike may be done in reverse. Hike, 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1839 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Michael Reale; mjreale@msn.com; 520 271-3337.]

Monday, April 25, Mt. Wrightson via Old Baldy Trail. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [295, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike begins in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains and follows the Old Baldy Trail to Mt. Wrightson. The return is via the same route. This trail provides the shortest route to the top (el. 9453 feet) of Mt. Wrightson. The last 0.9 miles to the summit is steep and rocky with moderate exposure. At the top are outstanding 360-degree views of Tucson and the mountain ranges in the area. There is shade along much of the way. Hike 11.1 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 4003 feet; accumulated gain 4029 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Frank Earnest, fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [253, 07:00 AM, \$13]. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. It starts from the Whitehouse parking area and ascends 2.9 miles up the canyon to the Roundup Picnic Area (el.

5400 feet). Along the way, hikers enjoy the shade of Apache pines, Douglas firs, Emory oaks, Mexican blue oaks, willows, cottonwoods, and sycamores. The return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 5.8 miles; trailhead elevation 4500 feet; net elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 885 feet; RTD 130 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, April 26, 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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Wednesday, April 27, 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. [Bruce Olson, brucej0506@gmail.com, 920-205-6963]

Thursday, April 28, 2022 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike begins at the Marshall Gulch picnic area at the top of Mt. Lemmon. We climb up to Marshall Saddle then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail. Three fourths of a mile past the intersection with the Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail is the Lemmon Canyon area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. There are beautiful rock formations with great views along the way. The return is via the same route, or optionally, by the Aspen Loop Trail. Hike 7.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 1550 feet; accumulated gain 1538 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Michael Reale; mjreale@msn.com; 520-271-3337]

Friday, April 29, 2022 Fern Canyon/Roger's Rock Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [537, 07:30 AM, \$13]. The trailhead is the Madera Canyon parking lot for the Super Trail. From the Super Trail TH hike approximately .3 miles to where the Pipeline Trail begins on the left side of the trail. Climb along the Pipeline trail to a ridge with views of Kent Canyon. Continue on the Pipeline trail which parallels the Kent Springs trail below. At a creek crossing with the Kent Springs trail, turn up the creek away from the Kent Springs trail. The next .7 miles climb up along the creek and cut through some of the prettiest forest in the Santa Ritas. There are ferns everywhere and mossy old rocks. Just before a second creek crossing a well-defined trail breaks

off to the left. This is the trail to Rogers Rock. At .2 miles the trail turns right up to a huge rock sitting amongst the trees...Roger's Rock. Climb up and around the back where you will get fantastic views over Madera Canyon and west to Pete Mountain. Head back to the upper creek crossing. Cross over the creek follow the trail .25 miles to join back up with the Super Trail. We follow the Super Trail 2 miles back to the TH parking lot. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; Net elevation change 1074 feet; accumulated gain 1116 feet; RTD 130 miles [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]