

SADDLEBROOKE

HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU PRESIDENT BUTLER!

Submitted by Bruce Landeck
(With Contribution from Terese Butler)



When Tim Butler became President of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club last April, he probably did not anticipate that his term would be filled with so much work and activity. It has certainly been a busy 12 months. However, his background and past experiences, coupled with his attention to detail and dedication to perfection, helped to make Tim the perfect fit for this leadership position.

Tim's undergraduate and graduate degrees were in the plant sciences. Those who have hiked with him know of his expertise identifying and educating on desert plants. Most of his professional career was spent in the agricultural chemical industry where he worked in research and development, sales, and consulting.

In his 20's and 30's, Tim was an avid backpacker, rock climber, and snow skier. He worked on the ski patrol in a Northern California resort and accomplished the rare feat of skiing one million

vertical feet over several years in Jackson Hole. Tim also loves flying and received a pilot license and is instrument rated.

In 1991 Tim met his future wife, Terese, after discovering both were avid bicyclists. At the time, Terese was also a scuba diver; and she treated Tim to lessons as a birthday present. After going on a warm water dive trip together, Tim decided he liked warm water vacations much more than cold ski vacations. Tim and Terese Butler are accomplished underwater photographers and have been on dive vacations around the world.

The Butlers' now spend most of their vacations on bicycling tours, river cruises, and hiking trips. Some of their more memorable trips include hiking in the Dolomites in Italy (Tim gave a slide show presentation for the Club program last year) and hiking rim to rim in one day in the Grand Canyon in 2018. In March, they took a trip to Peru and the Galapagos Islands and have plans to hike in the Swiss Alps this summer.

In addition to normal presidential duties, Tim has overseen the revision of the Club's liability forms and bylaws, managed COVID protocols, made valuable contributions in audit and budget reviews, helped staff the Activity Fair in January, and was a presenter at the New Hiker Orientation program in February. In addition to having served as our President, Tim is one of the most popular hiking guides. He has planned some of our out-of-town trips, and leads spin classes at Mountain View.

He was also the Club's 2019 Trailblazer, an award presented to select members 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."

Additionally, Tim has also been a positive influence on many Club members, guides, and officers. As newly elected Vice President Ruth Caldwell recently noted: “Tim is such a wonderful leader in many ways for our Club. I would not have become a guide, much less Chief Guide and now Vice President, without his encouragement and mentoring.”

Thank you, President Butler for your commitment to making ours a better club and for a job well done!

PICKET POST PROCEEDINGS

Submitted by Jeff Love

Picket Post is a pretty prominent point positioned west of the populace of Superior, Arizona. Plenty of prickly pear and pointy saguaros populated the desert landscape with the pretty pink peak of Picket Post in the background. At our half-way point, the party participated in a picnic at some pools and ponds among the pebbles of Telegraph Canyon.



Participants in Picket Post Posse photo - Rear: Kelly Wilson, Dianna Wilson, Kathy Bell, Steve Bell (no relation), Sharon Hughes, Terry Hughes, Kaori Hashimoto, Gary Spies, Louanne Meade, Elisabeth Wheeler. Front: Tom Conrad. Photographer – Jeff Love

Post-picnic our parade of people passed through a wetland of grasses, perennials, giant cottonwood, and willow trees along Arnett Creek. This is perhaps one of the best riparian habitats in southern Arizona. A plethora of huge boulders had fallen from the cliffs,

presently presiding in precarious positions. We passed several palms and pondered if possibly their presence is from the nearby Boyce Thompson Arboretum. At points around the Post, our procession was passed by riders on ponies.

The day was picture perfect with no precipitation, only perspiration. Our official photographers, Kaori Hashimoto and Elisabeth Wheeler produced plenty of photos of our posse and desert plants. Elisabeth also produced a video using the Relive program.

Post-Picket Post, the party proceeded precisely 6.5 miles to the Silver King Smokehouse in Superior to partake in their prodigious provisions. At this popular pub, I procured plenty of pulled-pork, with a pickle and a pint. We were pretty pooped, phew!



Silver King post-Picket Post photo - Jeff Love, Gary Spies, Dianna Wilson, Tom Conrad, Kathy Bell, Terry Hughes, Sharon Hughes, Kelly Wilson. Photographer – Our Waitress

TRAIL WORK – ROMERO CANYON TRAIL

Submitted by Kaori Hashimoto

On Friday, February 18, Ray Peale and I joined ten others from Sun City Hiking Club to do trail work. This work was done in anticipation of opening the Romero Canyon Trail between the Upper Pools and the Pass. The project was coordinated by Jo Eaton, United States Forest Service Volunteer Rep.

It was a beautiful day to be out there! Ray (complete with a work helmet and handsaw) and myself (with a lopper) trimmed bushes and cut trees/branches almost to Romero Pass.



Ray Peale sawed fallen tree with great skill!



Joint Crew working to clear trail

Before I knew it, I had logged close to 14 miles. The upper section does have more fallen trees and thorny new growth that still are in need of removing.



Beginning of our day of work, with moon setting in the background.



Near Romero Pass with obstructions

Here is an excerpt from coordinator Jo Eaton's message:

What a day and effort you all put out yesterday! Endless thanks from the bottom of my tired feet. A special shout out to Kaori & Ray who went the farthest up Romero and ended up sawing & removing a tree from the trail.

In all seriousness, it was a perfect day with an amazing moonset and then sunrise for our hike up coupled with ideal brushing weather. The USFS will be notified of this incredible volunteer work from both SCOV & SaddleBrooke hiking clubs. Here's hoping the trail can be opened come 3/1 and back on our hiking schedules. Cheers to all, Jo

The latest from USFS is that they are hoping to get their team out there to clear them sometime in March which means Romero Pass will open only after their work is complete. I was happy to meet people from another hiking club for the joint effort in trail work. Thanks, Randy Park, for informing us about this in the first place.

HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN TUCSON

Submitted by Walt Shields

Most SaddleBrooke residents spend little time in downtown Tucson. Yet our city has a rich and colorful history. Many find it of interest to know that Tucson has existed under four flags: Spanish, Mexican, Confederate, and United States. Each of those influences left cultural and historic landmarks.

The walking tour begins at the Mercado where participants take the streetcar into the downtown area and walk to the newly renovated Southern Arizona Heritage and Visitors Center. The Center has a number of displays depicting the history, culture, and current attractions of the region. From there, we proceed to the old courthouse and view the

courthouse where John Dillinger was arraigned in 1934.

The walking portion of the "Turquoise Trail" tour is about 2.8 miles and passes buildings and monuments that signify important events in Tucson's history. Of particular interest is the Barrio district with its colorful Sonoran row houses, many of which are undergoing renovation with vibrant newly painted colors. Further on, the iconic Hotel Congress looks much the same as it did when the Dillinger gang was arrested there following a fire.

The tour concludes at the restored train depot, where there are life statues of Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday who were involved in a shootout on the site in which John Stillwell was killed and left on the tracks.

After a short walk back to the streetcar, we return to the Mercado for the best street tacos north of the border.



Cowboy Walt with his colorful band of Gringos join Wyatt and Doc
Photo by Bob Shea

WILLCOX WINES AND CHIRICAHUA HIKES

Submitted by Bruce Landeck

March 24-25 brought sunny skies and warm weather to Willcox and Chiricahua National Monument when 23 members of the Hiking Club made a two-day visit. On Thursday afternoon, we split into two groups. The first half visiting Zarpara Vineyard and the other

half visiting Pillsbury Wines for wine tastings – then the pairings switched venues. Both locations being about 20 minutes south of town. Afterwards the group returned together to Willcox for their third wine tasting at Keeling Schaefer Tasting Room located in an old bank building, followed by a delicious dinner at a Mexican restaurant.



On Friday morning the hikers headed to Chiricahua National Monument, 38 miles south of Willcox. The National Monument is located in a sky island mountain range and was established in 1924. The area was inhabited by the Chiricahua Apaches from the early 1400's to 1886 when the tribe's leader Cochise surrendered to the U.S. government after a protracted war.

Two separate hikes were offered, a B hike on the Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop led by Frank Earnest, and a C hike from the Echo Canyon

trailhead to the Visitor Center co-led by Bruce Landeck and Kathryn Madore. The Heart of Rocks Loop visits the most spectacular rock formations in the Monument area and includes part of the scenic Echo Canyon trail. The Echo Canyon to Visitor Center trail displays remarkable pillar and grotto rock formations. Both trails offer incredible views of rock pinnacles (which Apache called “standing up rocks”) reminiscent of Bryce Canyon.



After these beautiful hikes, the participants headed back to SaddleBrooke with fond memories of their adventure.



Hikers who made the trip include Frank Earnest, Sarah Earnest, Jeff Love, Susan Love, Kaori Hashimoto, Linda Eglin, Jim Solon, Missy Rodey,

Cathy Meyer, Bruce Landeck, Kathryn Madore, Marcia Munich, Kathy Warren, Mary Riemersma, Kathy Minx, Judie Shyman, William Brown, Georgette Brown, Tom Conrad, Maria Spencer, Maria Szentirmai, Karen Munn, and Wendy Berns.



MT. KIMBALL VIA FINGER ROCK CANYON

Submitted by Kaori Hashimoto

The hike of the 7,258-foot Mt Kimball via Finger Rock Canyon is one of the most strenuous in the Santa Catalinas with elevation gain of 4,252 feet. The 9.5 mile in-and-out trail is steep and rocky.



Burned trees along the trail

After climbing it twice, I thought that I was done; but I could not resist my curiosity to see the aftermath of the 2020 Bighorn Fire.



Scorched bark

On February 4, Margaret Valair led Ray Peale, Len Chyall, and myself on a cold, breezy, beautiful day to the summit. We were stunned by the eerie landscape of burned oak, juniper, pine, and exposed rocks along the trail. Especially, the higher area looked like a different planet from what we had remembered. Still, it was a relief to see new growth in lower elevations and the unparalleled, spectacular vistas at the top.



Atop Kimball Peak - Left to right: Margaret Valair, Ray Peale, Kaori Hashimoto, Len Chyall

I do not think I will be there again any time soon. However, it gives me great pleasure to just look out at the Catalina Mountain Range from my south facing window daily and feel grateful we have a wonderful club and members to explore our diverse area.



Looking south toward Baboquivari Mountain

2022 SPRING PICNIC

Submitted by Seana Kobak and Missy Rodey

A record crowd of 130 attended the March 18th Spring Picnic at Catalina State Park. Gorgeous weather enhanced the festive mood, and a great day was reportedly enjoyed by all.



Bruce Landeck began the celebration with the annual business meeting. Included were unanimous votes to amend the Bylaws Section 3.03 and the election of new officers for the coming year:

Ruth Caldwell - Vice President

Katie Atkins - Secretary

Jeff Love - Associate Chief Guide



Bruce then recognized the 2022 Trailblazers who have made outstanding contributions to the SBHC over many years:

- Karen Gray - Senior Guide and newly elected Chief Guide
- Rob Simms - past President and Chief Guide
- Dave Corrigan - past President, Guide, and Developer of the hike history data base
- Don Taylor – long-time member of the club who provides valuable historical perspective.

Bruce also thanked outgoing Board President Tim Butler for his service to the club. Congratulations and

much appreciation was extended to each of these individuals.

After the business meeting, folks made their way through tables laden with beautiful and tasty salads, sides, and desserts prepared by the attending SBHC members. A last-minute shortage of chicken necessitated a bit of scrambling to provide the 205 pieces of fried and baked chicken which were totally consumed. The dessert table – always a favorite - overflowed with a variety of delicious goodies. Despite a valent effort by all, a few cakes and cookies remained and were delivered and gratefully received by the Golder Ranch Firehouse crew.



As the picnickers ate and returned to the tables for seconds (and maybe thirds?), Bruce raffled ten - \$25 gift certificates to Summit Hut plus a Camelback hydration bag donated by Paul and Janet Arnett. The lucky ticket holders were clearly pleased with their winnings.

Much appreciation goes out to the many helpers of the day:

- Karen Gray who was responsible for borrowing tables from CSP
- Melissa White who always provides for the necessary picnic supplies
- Elaine and Howie Fagan who willingly made a longer trek in order to pick up and deliver the chicken
- Maria Spencer, Wendy Butler-Berns, and Katie Atkins who set up the tables and arranged tablecloths, paper goods and food items
- Marc Humphrey and Jeff Love who graciously accepted a last-minute plea for muscle needed to disassemble and pack up the tables

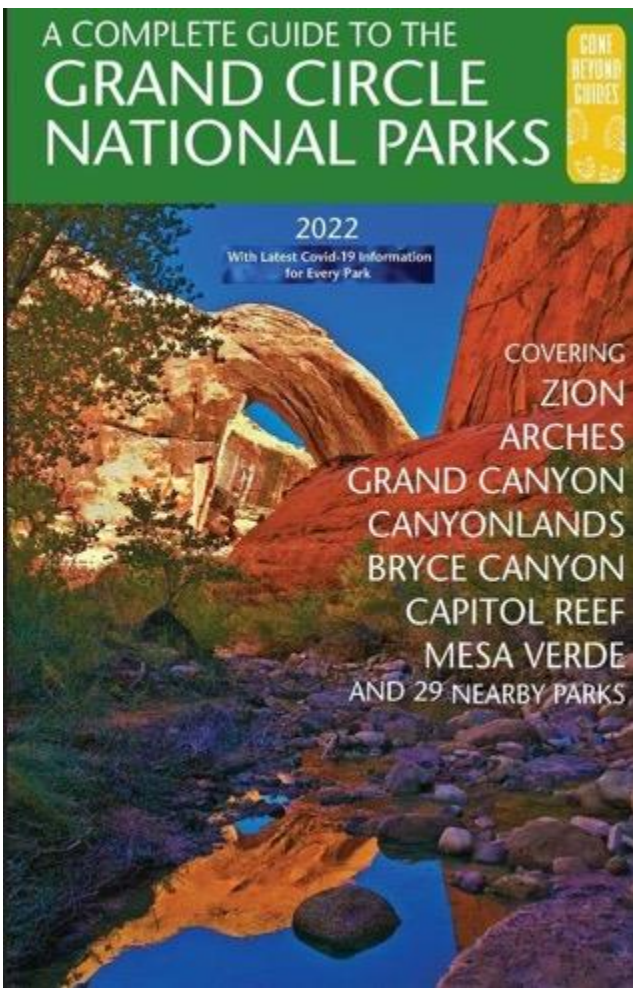
Many others offered hands to make the picnicking flow smoothly. A big thank you goes out to each and all; you know who you are and hopefully know you are appreciated.



DISCOVER ARIZONA BIRDS, NATIONAL PARKS, AND MORE AT THE LIBRARY

Submitted by Janet Fabio

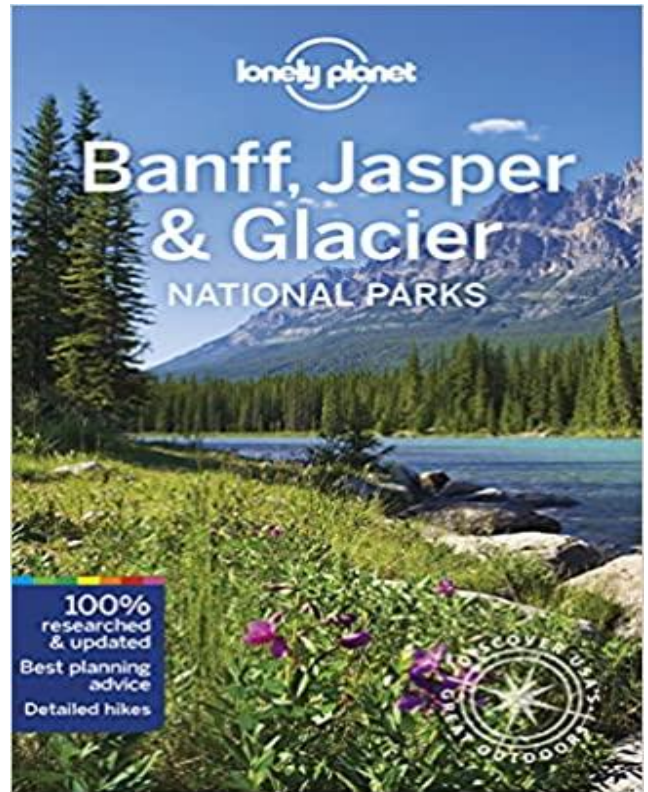
If you attended the recent Birding lecture with Dr. James Smith and were inspired to learn more, stop in at the DesertView Library. The Southwest collection has a selection of field guides to birds for Arizona and the Southwest. These can be helpful whether you want to identify an unusual bird spotted in your own yard, or if you are looking for a field guide you may wish to purchase.



In addition to birds, the Southwest Collection offers wildflower identification guides, numerous books about the many cactus varieties you might spot on the

trail or in your neighbor's yard, wildlife identification, and more.

As we move into summer, many of us plan trips to national parks and other destinations that offer a cooler climate. The National Parks Collection at the DesertView Library has guidebooks for popular hiking destinations such as Grand Teton National Park and two hot off press guidebooks of interest to hikers: "Complete Guide to the Grand Circle National Parks: Covering Zion, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Arches, Canyonlands Mesa Verde, and Grand Canyon National Parks" and Lonely Planet's new "Banff, Jasper and Glacier National Parks."



Stop in the DesertView Library and browse the Southwest Collection which also has a full shelf of hiking guidebooks for various parts of Arizona; the National Parks Collection; and the Travel Collection. Or search by subject or title and reserve items for quick pick up using the easy link to the library catalog on the library website: www.sblibraries.com.

**BORREGO SPRINGS TRIP
WINTER, 2023**

Submitted Randy Park

If you liked the club's trip to Death Valley in 2020, you should like our trip to Borrego Springs. Like Death Valley, we will have desert hikes, mountain hikes, canyon hikes, nature hikes, and slot canyon hikes.



Borrego Springs is located about 30 miles west of the Salton Sea in eastern San Diego County and is about a 6.5-hour drive from SaddleBrooke. The small town of 3,000 people is completely surrounded by Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, one of the largest state parks in the country.



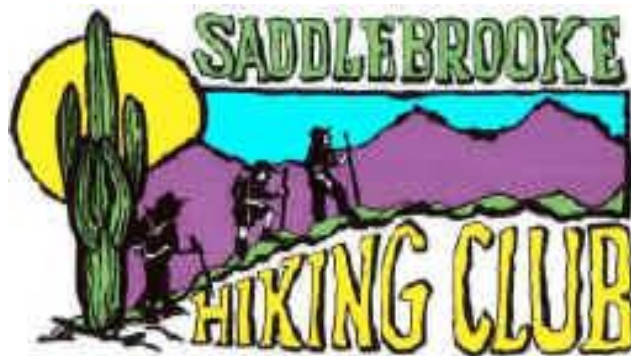
Our Spring 2023 trip has been moved to Winter. Hike days are January 31, February 1, & 2, with driving days of Monday, January 30 and Friday, February 3. This trip is led by Randy Park and Arlene Daigle. To participate on this trip please email Arlene at daiglearlene1@gmail.com.

HIKING CLUB LOGO

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

Would you like to have the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club logo on a favorite shirt? We have an embroiderer right here in SaddleBrooke that will do that for you! She can put the logo on T-shirts, tech shirts, and even hiking shirts for the low cost of \$15 if you provide the shirt. Her contact information: Mary Gajeske:

520-818-1732 mauilover49@yahoo.com



**THE SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB
ANNOUNCES ITS 2022 FALL TRIP TO:
BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK
KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK
RED CANYON**

September 19 – 23, 2022

With Hiking on September 20, 21, & 22, 2022

Submitted by Tim Butler

Majestic Bryce Canyon in Southwestern Utah is an approximate 10-hour drive from SaddleBrooke. This marvel of Nature resides between 7998 - 9115 feet of

elevation and there is a moderate risk of altitude sickness at these elevations.

The landscape is unlike any other with a vibrant palette of gold, orange, yellow, pink, red, and whites – pure eye candy. Miles of hoodoos call out for exploration along with spiraling rock pinnacles. These majesties are created by the depositing of rock, uplift of the land, weathering, and erosion.



Nature has created many natural arches, cathedrals, pinnacles, and windows. The scenery is so mesmerizing that you cannot take your eyes off the poetic landscape. The sun's journey across the sky paints an everchanging kaleidoscope of color, creating a constantly changing movie.

There are over 65 miles of hiking trails at Bryce. The trails are well maintained with some steep sections, jagged rocks, and long exposed sections. Most hikes begin at the rim and drop into the Canyon before ending up back on the rim and can involve considerable elevation gain. Because of the altitude of Bryce, only very fit hikers should attempt the more strenuous hikes.

Even if hikes are not in your plans, you can certainly enjoy this exquisite National Park. There is a road from the entry Visitor Center to the uppermost destination--19 miles away. Thirteen (13) viewpoints are carefully staged approximately every two miles

along the rim with each stop more spectacular than the last. There is also a free shuttle system which does not stop at each point but will take you to the uppermost viewpoint. Canyon information suggests taking the shuttle to the top and working back down. The shuttle runs from 8 AM – 6 PM, every 15-20 minutes, and includes Ruby's, the campground, RV Park and Visitors Center. You can leave your car at the shuttle parking lot.

RED CANYON

Located on scenic Highway 12 approximately 13 miles from Bryce Canyon, Red Canyon is part of the Dixie National Forest. It is not a National Park nor a National Monument and there is no fee for admittance.

It features campgrounds, cabins, horseback riding, ATV trails, picnic areas, star viewing, mountain, and road biking along with extensive and well-maintained hiking trails and restrooms.

Another feast for the eyes, this spectacular offering features towering spires and hoodoos along with unique vermilion colored rock formations complimented by the Ponderosa Pines which make this an exceptionally scenic location.

For more information go to:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/dixie/recarea/?recid=24942>

KODACHROME BASIN STATE PARK

Located on Hwy 12 approximately 20 miles or 35 minutes from Bryce Canyon through the quaint towns of Tropic and Cannonville.

Kodachrome Basin boasts 67 monolithic spires and columns called sand pipes or sedimentary pipes. With the tallest being 170 feet high, they are of particular geologic interest.

Featuring a dazzling display of reds, oranges, yellows, pinks, and whites, the colors and beauty

prompted the National Geographic Society in 1949 to name the area after the then popular Kodachrome color film. This area has been called the “most photographed place in Utah”.

Kodachrome Basin is a Utah State Park. Your National Park pass is not accepted here. For fee information go to:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/parks/kodachrome-basin/park-fees/>

and for a map of the trails go to:

<https://stateparks.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/Kodachrome-Brochure-2020.pdf>.

If you want to take a day off hiking here are some alternative activities:

- DIY - **Horseback riding** – www.rubysinn.com/activities-in-bryce-canyon/horseback-riding/
- DIY – **Rainbow Point Bus Tours** – 3.5 hours from Visitors Center up to Rainbow Point. You must reserve at 435-834-5290 and bring snacks and water as there are no amenities along the way.
- DIY – **Mountain Bike Rentals** – Regular or e-bikes at Ruby’s Inn. 435-834-8032 and **Guided ATV Tours** at <https://trailsbrycecanyon.com/ATV-trails>
- DIY – **Helicopter Tours** – 3 hours or more. Many locations covered. 435-834-8060 or google Bryce Canyon Airlines & Helicopters at Ruby’s Inn.
- DIY – **Night Sky** - 7.4 magnitude. Astronomy Rangers can be contacted at the Visitor Center. Programs are free - weather permitting. Binoculars recommended.

BRYCE CANYON LODGING

Ruby’s Inn Best Western Plus – 3 miles from Bryce Canyon National Park
60 rooms have been reserved from 9/19 – 9/23
\$165 plus tax (\$10 added for any 3rd and 4th person in room)

The reservation link for Ruby’s Inn Best Western Site is:

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.45040.html?groupId=M95DF8M4

Information on hikes, weather, restaurants, etc. will be forthcoming as we get closer to September. If you would like to sign up for this trip please email Tim Butler at

tucsontimmer@gmail.com

In order to sign-up for the trip you must Include the following:

1. Your name, email address and cell phone number (not home phone).
2. Your lodging information (hotel, RV Park, campground, etc.)
3. The name of your traveling companion, their cell phone, and lodging information.
4. The names of any non-member guest traveling companions and their lodging info (hotel, campground, RV park, etc.)

**CANYON LOOP
AND
THE SUTHERLAND LOOP**
Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler



SaddleBrooke hikers looking for wildflowers before the Hiking Club Picnic
Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

On March 18, seventeen hikers joined Terry McCarthy, Elisabeth Wheeler, and Kaori Hashimoto to explore the Canyon Loop and the Sutherland Loop before the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Picnic in Catalina State Park.



SaddleBrooke hikers enjoyed finding patches of the Mexican poppies on the Sutherland Trail. Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

The hunt was on to find as many wildflowers as possible along the grassy-lined trails. Elisabeth and Kaori's group identified about 30 wildflowers. Terry's group enjoyed panoramic views of the wildflowers and seeing the grinding holes near Dripping Springs.

ROGER'S ROCK VIA FERN CANYON HIKE – March 31, 2022

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

When temperatures warm up in SaddleBrooke, hikers headed to Madera Canyon for tree-lined trails, cool temperatures, and the sound of running water. On March 31, twelve SaddleBrooke hikers led by Elisabeth Wheeler explored the loop to Roger's Rock via the Pipeline Trail, the Fern Canyon Trail, and the Super Trail.

Hikers enjoyed the extensive lichens, mosses, fungi, varieties of trees, and views of the Santa Rita

Mountains. Roger's Rock offered stunning views for the lunch break. After climbing up over 1000 feet to reach Roger's Rock, it was all downhill to the parking lot.



SaddleBrooke Hikers below Roger's Rock in the Santa Rita Mountains Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler



SaddleBrooke hikers enjoy the views from Roger's Rock Photo by a volunteer photographer on Roger's Rock

ANOTHER GREAT ARIZONA TRAIL WORK SESSION

Submitted by Seana Kobak

After the February Arizona Trail work session was canceled due to inclement weather, the SaddleBrooke volunteers were ready to hit the trail!

Seven SB workers, plus five online volunteers, shuttled up the dirt road to Hi Jinks and worked on the trail south (up). After a short review of safe

practices given by the ATA technician, Rosi Green, the group trimmed back trees and bushes and helped to widen the trail in areas where erosion had occurred.



SB volunteers hard at work!



Left to right: Ray Peale, Garrett Rissing, Elissa Cochran, Tom Geiger, and Steve Aiken.

The weather was ideal - sunny, warm, with a light breeze, which was a stark contrast to the rain, wind, and snow just one month before! After the work session, the group was treated to delicious treats provided by Chris Jeffries and drinks provided by Seana Kobak and Ray Peale.



AZT March work session volunteers and ATA Technician. Volunteers include: Steve Aiken, Ray Peale, Stan Smith, Garrett Rissing, Tom Geiger, Elissa Cochran, and Seana Kobak (taking the pic). Buildings of Hi Jinks in the background.

A heartfelt thanks to all Saddlebrook hikers that participated in work sessions this year and a special thanks to Ray Peale (steward) and Chris Jeffries (expert baker) for spoiling us with treats!

There will not be a work session in April so rest up for our work session next fall!

WELCOME NEW HIKING GUIDES

Submitted by Ruth Caldwell

We are very lucky to have four new guides this season. Please give a welcome to:

Terry McCarthy
Marc Humphrey
Jim Solon
Melia Knecht.



Melia Knecht.



Terry McCarthy, Marc Humphrey, and Jim Solon

SPRINGTIME SUTHERLAND PETROGLYPHS

Submitted by Elisabeth Wheeler

Springtime brings hope of sighting wildflowers. On a trip to the Sutherland Petroglyphs with Dave Corrigan seven hikers were delightfully surprised by the variety of wildflowers along the trail. A prize sighting was the first mariposa lily of the season seen by these hikers.



Wildflowers lined the trail to the petroglyphs. Sighting a mariposa lily was special.

Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

Dave skillfully led the hikers to the best displays of petroglyphs in the Sutherland Art District. Combining wildflowers and petroglyphs into one hike was a grand experience!



Guide Dave Corrigan leads hikers to petroglyph panels.

Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler



Hikers approach the Sutherland Rock Art area, led by Dave Corrigan
 Photo by Elisabeth Wheeler

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

News You Can Use		
SBHC Board Meeting HOA 1 – Coyote Room	6/1 Wed.	2:00 P.M.
SBHC Guide Meeting HOA 1 -Coyote Room	6/1 Wed.	3:30 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

Sunday, May 01, 2022 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 07:00 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. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1267 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Monday, May 02, 2022 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Thursday, May 05, 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. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Saturday, May 07, 2022 Oracle Ridge. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [302, 07:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins in Oracle at a trailhead off the Cody Loop Road. It follows the Oracle Ridge Trail to the junction with the American Flag/Cody Trail there are great views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas to the west. We will lunch on the ridge and return by same route. Hike 5.2 miles;

trailhead elevation 4700 feet; net elevation change ___ feet; accumulated gain 700 feet; RTD 40 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor, donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [172, 07:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. From the main trailhead at the east end of Catalina State Park, the hike follows the Sutherland Trail past the wilderness sign, and then turns toward Dripping Springs at a Sutherland Trail sign. There are large rocks placed in a row on the right (east) side of the Sutherland Trail. Much of the trail is sandy and there may be several water crossings. After entering the wilderness area, the trail is somewhat rocky. An old abandoned mine is visible to the left of the canyon. Keep to the left at a trail junction for lower Romero Canyon, which can be visited later. Hike 4.2 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 475 feet; accumulated gain 475 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Friday, May 13, 2022 Honey Bee Canyon South. Rating: D. Pace: Slow to Moderate [224, 6:30:00 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 300___ feet; RTD 26 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com, 520-351-2058.]

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [499, 07:00 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]

Thursday, May 19, 2022 Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 07:00 AM, \$13]. From the foot of the ski lift, hikers walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail and the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using a portion of Trail 5 along Radio Ridge, and a portion of the Aspen Draw Trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1140 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Saturday, May 21, 2022 Miller Peak. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [264, 0530 AM, \$25]. Miller Peak is the highest point in the Huachuca Mountains. There is a 100-mile view from the top. The hike starts and ends at Montezuma Pass as we hike on the Arizona Trail to Miller Peak northbound. We utilize the Arizona Trail to and from the Peak. Hike 10 miles; trailhead elevation 6550 feet; net elevation change 2900 feet; accumulated elevation 3000 feet; RTD 250 miles (4 miles dirt). [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net.]

Monday, May 23, 2022 Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [261, 07:00 AM, \$13]. We begin by driving to the top of Mt. Lemmon and parking by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA (also known as Radio Ridge). We hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail which leads to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin. There are spectacular views along the way. We then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and the parking area. Hike 3 miles; trailhead elevation 9157 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 500 feet; RTD 131 miles. We can stop for lunch at a restaurant and then return to SaddleBrooke. [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com, 520-351-2058.]

Tuesday, May 24, 2022 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D* Pace: Moderate [508, 07:00 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, May 24, 2022 Aspen Draw / Mint Spring Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [88, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The hike begins on Turkey Run Road in Summerhaven across from the Visitor Center. After about a mile, we take the Aspen Draw Trail to Radio Ridge. From there we descend the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle, where we pick up the Mint Spring Trail to Carter Canyon Road, for a short 0.75 miles back to the trailhead. Hikers may choose to have lunch in Summerhaven before returning. Hike 6.9 miles; trailhead elevation 8000 feet; net elevation change 1400 feet; accumulated gain 1573 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Wednesday, May 25, 2022 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 07:30 AM, \$12]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet; net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, May 26, 2022 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [484, 07:00 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: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Monday, May 30, 2022 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 07:30 AM, \$12]. Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 7770 feet; net elevation change -1360 feet; accumulated gain 1403 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, May 31, 2022 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [526, 07:00 AM, \$13].** The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn and nice shade the rest of the season. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail with its beautiful canyon and vista views to the Marshall Gulch trailhead. Here is our turn around spot for this out and back hike. ***This trail is relatively easy, but does have a few spots with steep step up/down and a bit with narrow trail and height exposure. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 500 feet; accumulated gain 682 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

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Thursday, June 02, 2022 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [394, 07:30 AM, \$13].** The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven, and travels to the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area. *** There is a section of the trail where you must go down a short, steep rock face. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Lower Aspen Trail to the picnic area. We return via Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Saturday, June 04, 2022 Josephine Saddle. Rating: B. Pace: Slow [234, 06:30 AM, \$13]. The hike starts in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and goes up the Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Hikers will rest at the Saddle and return via the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse, going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike 6.4 miles; trailhead elevation 5450 feet; net elevation change 1630 feet; accumulated gain 1650 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Sunday, June 05, 2022 Florida & McCleary Peaks. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [260, 05:30 AM, \$15]. This hike includes the ascents of two awesome scenic peaks in the Santa Ritas. The hike begins at the Santa Rita Agricultural Experimental Range Headquarters, and follows the Florida Canyon Trail to Florida Saddle where we make a short side trail bushwhack of 0.2 mile to the summit of Florida Peak and then continue onto Armour Spring. We then follow a faint path to the north up to McCleary Peak, which provides great views of the Santa Catalina, Rincon and various mountain ranges to the east. Good cooler hike for a hot sunny day. We then descend via the Four, Bog & Kent Springs Trails en route to Bog Springs CG. 9 mile car shuttle required. Hike 12 miles; trailhead elevation 4330/5050 feet; net elevation change 4000 feet; accumulated gain 4600 feet; RTD 140 miles (12 miles dirt). [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg, askus3@centurylink.net].

Tuesday, June 07, 2022 Wilderness of Rocks. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [484, 07:00 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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, June 09, 2022 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail - short version. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [527, 07:30 AM, \$13]. The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail to a rock outcropping overlooking the canyon which will be our turnaround point for this out & back hike. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 233 feet; accumulated gain 348 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Saturday, June 11, 2022 Mt. Lemmon Ski Lift Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [274, 07:00 AM, \$13]. From the foot of the ski lift, hikers walk the roadway to the top of Mt. Lemmon. We will take the Meadow Trail and the Mt. Lemmon Trail to Mt. Lemmon Rock Lookout (outstanding views). We return to the starting point using a portion of Trail 5 along Radio Ridge, and a portion of the Aspen Draw Trail. Hike 6 miles; trailhead elevation 8480; net elevation change 700 feet; accumulated gain 1140 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Don Taylor; donald_r_taylor@yahoo.com.]

Monday, June 13, 2022 Box Camp Trail to Sabino Canyon Overlook. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [114, 07:30 AM, \$12]. The hike begins at the Box Camp Trailhead near Spencer Peak on Catalina Hwy. After a short uphill climb, the hike proceeds downhill for 2.5 miles to an overlook that provides a marvelous, panoramic view of Sabino Canyon area. We will have lunch here, and then return slowly uphill to the trailhead. Hike 5.2 miles; trailhead elevation 7920 feet;

net elevation change 1126 feet; accumulated gain 1350 feet; RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [394, 07:00 AM, \$13].** The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven, and travels to the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area. *** There is a section of the trail where you must go down a short, steep rock face. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Lower Aspen Trail to the picnic area. We return via Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Thursday, June 16, 2022 Lower Incinerator Ridge. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [48, 07:00 AM, \$12].** A new section of trail was added to the Incinerator Ridge Trail in the spring of 2012. The new trail is noted for it's great vistas. The trail heads north/northwest from the San Pedro Vista Pullout, off the Catalina Hwy. The hike will proceed to Mt Bigelow and return via the same route, ***the 1st section of the trail is steep and rocky, but the views make up for it. Starting Elevation: 7,350 feet. Net Elevation Change 1150 feet. Hiking Length is 6 miles. RTD 123 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Monday, June 20, 2022 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop with Lunch. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [257, 07:30 AM, \$13]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction which tends to be steeper. We'll stop for lunch in Summerhaven so bring lunch money. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 703 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com, 520-351-2058.]

Tuesday, June 21, 2022 Butterfly Loop Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [520, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts from the Butterfly Trailhead located just off the General Hitchcock Highway at Soldier Camp. The trail descends through a narrow canyon to Novio Spring, and then climbs back up to a saddle just east of Mt. Bigelow. The trail then proceeds along a short segment of Mt. Bigelow Rd. where we'll have lunch. The trail then descends from the road through a pine forest to a densely forested trail that parallels Bear Wallow Road, passing through a culvert beneath the General Hitchcock Highway. The trail then continues west to the trailhead. One of the highlights of the hike is the site of a USAF F-86 Sabre Dog that crashed in July 1957 (with the pilot ejecting safely). The crash site is easily accessed by a side trail from Novio Springs. The hike is 8.5 miles with a net elevation gain of 1936 feet and an accumulated gain of 2314 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, June 23, 2022 Palisade Trail / Mud Spring. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [313, 07:30 AM, \$12]. Starting at the Showers Point Campground behind the Palisade Ranger Station

off Catalina Hwy, we will hike down the Palisade Trail through pine forest to Mud Spring and return. The spring is a grand lunch site with a panoramic view of the valley. Most of the climb is on the return. The trail is moderately shady. Hike 5.9 miles; trailhead elevation 7770 feet; net elevation change -1360 feet; accumulated gain 1403 feet; RTD 119 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Monday, June 27, 2022 Wilderness of Rocks Loop No. 4. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [488, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The hike begins at the Steward Observatory parking lot. Although the hike can be done in reverse, the most popular route would follow Mount Lemmon Trail 5 to the Lookout Tower spur and down Lemmon Rock Lookout Trail to Wilderness of Rocks Trail where the group would turn SW (right). After 2.3 miles, this trail intersects the Mount Lemmon Trail, which is followed back up to the top. As an alternative, the Meadow Trail (5A) could be followed for the last 0.8 miles to the trailhead. Hike 9.1 miles; trailhead 9100 feet; net elevation change 2131 feet; accumulated gain 2550 feet; RTD 131 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [394, 07:00 AM, \$13].** The hike begins at Soldier Camp on the Sunset Trail, which starts on the Catalina Highway before reaching Summerhaven, and travels to the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area. *** There is a section of the trail where you must go down a short, steep rock face. It proceeds along the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle, then down the Lower Aspen Trail to the picnic area. We return via Sunset Trail to the trailhead. There are great views of the Catalinas along the way, hiking mostly in forest shade. Hike 7.0 miles; trailhead elevation 7640 feet; net elevation change 736 feet; accumulated gain 1394 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, June 30, 2022 Fern Canyon/Roger's Rock Loop. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [537, 7:00 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: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com, 520-351-2058.]