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BOOT PRINTS – MAUREEN SPENCE

Submitted by Diana Smith



If you are like me, you anxiously await the arrival of each SaddleBrooke Hiking Club newsletter! When it pops up in my inbox, I immediately drop what I'm doing and dig in, reading the articles, scanning the photos and checking the hike schedule. What you may not know is that without the diligent work of Maureen Spence, none of this would be possible. But try as you might, you won't find her name anywhere in print . . . she is yet another great person who works quietly behind the scenes for our club.



Maureen hiking the Grand Canyon

A Midwestern girl, Maureen grew up just south of St. Louis in De Soto, Missouri. She became known as “Mo” during the birth of her first child. Her doctor thought the name “Maureen” was too long to say, so he coined the nickname Mo during her delivery, when time is most definitely of the essence!

Mo earned her undergraduate degree in Business Education from Southwest Missouri State University and her master's degree in Education from Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville. Maureen earned her Specialist in Educational Administration and Superintendency from Saint Louis University. She taught business courses such as typing and shorthand; a skill that she still uses today to hide surprises! Her 30-year career in education culminated in advancing first to Assistant Principal of Oakville Senior High School in St. Louis County, Missouri and ultimately to Principal of Washington Jr. High School in St. Louis County, Missouri. Maureen spent the last 14 years of her career as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources in the Mehlville and Rockwood School Districts in St. Louis County, Missouri.

Fortunate to be able to retire early at 54, she and her husband, Bob, had recently purchased a condo at Table Rock near Branson, Missouri when friends invited them to visit the new home they'd recently built in SaddleBrooke. Bitten by the “bug” we've all experienced, they initially purchased a villa about 15 years ago, then a home in HOA2 three years ago.

Maureen had not previously been a hiker but decided to attend a meeting after reading about

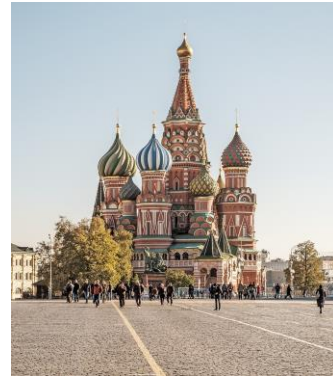
the SBHC in one of the neighborhood newsletters. There, she learned about the basics of hiking, including proper clothing and equipment, and off she went. Influenced by Larry Linderman, Mo, along with twelve others, hiked the entire length of the Arizona Trail between 2010 and 2012. Unfortunately, injuries have recently kept her off the trails, but she does continue to walk regularly.

When the club needed help with the newsletter, Maureen stepped up. Initially training with Carole Rossoff, Mo has edited the SBHC newsletter for the past nine years, a process that involves many hours of requesting, proofreading and editing articles, as well as formatting the entire document prior to publication. She recalls this being a much more difficult process when the newsletter was a printed document; after going totally digital a few years ago, the limitations of article space and photographs happily disappeared!

When she is not busy with the newsletter, Maureen enjoys playing Canasta and Mah Jongg. She volunteers with Senior Village and was part of the dynamic duo who ran the extremely efficient and effective Covid 19 vaccination call program within SaddleBrooke in 2020. Maureen and Bob enjoy summers in Missouri boating on Table Rock Lake with their children Bobby, Tami and Steve, daughters-in-law Claire and Amy, son-in-law Bo, and grandchildren, Bobby, Thomas, Alex, Alister, Eliana, and Caroline.

But Maureen's passion is travel! Over the last 50 years, she has traveled internationally once or twice each year, visiting over 100 countries on six continents and has had more than her share of adventures!

Maureen recalls visiting Red Square in Moscow in the 80s, traveling to Russia via Stockholm. Her passport and tickets were held during her stay and the hotel room had no lock on the door!



St. Basil's Cathedral – Red Square, Moscow – 1988

Another highlight was visiting Mont Saint-Michel in northern France, which becomes completely surrounded by water during the high tides and while on safari in Kenya and Tanzania, Mo slept at The Treetops in the same suite where Princess Elizabeth learned she would ascend to the throne!



Mont Saint Michel – northern France



Treetops in Kenya - 2000

In Ireland on September 11, 2001, Maureen spent a pleasant day sightseeing with her husband, Bob and father, Joe, completely unaware of the tragic events unfolding in the USA until evening. Three weeks later, they were finally able to get on one of the first foreign airline flights returning to the United States.

Volunteering with her church group, Maureen spent two weeks in Haiti after the island was devastated by Hurricane Sandy in 2012. During that time, she worked with a team of American, Haitian, and French surgeons and anesthesiologists helping to facilitate communication among the medical teams.



Maureen in Haiti – 2012, providing Hurricane Sandy assistance

In 2011, Maureen traveled with a group of teachers from Tucson to Wuhan, China (yes, *THAT* Wuhan!) for six weeks to teach conversational English to university students, including a twelve-year-old genius. While there, she was able to do a bit of sightseeing and even visited the open-air market (yes, *THAT* market).



Maureen in Wuhan, China to teach conversational English

Maureen considers herself quite fortunate to have been able to travel extensively with her father Joe. Together, they visited all the major cities in Europe, as well as Hong Kong, Beijing, Singapore, Tokyo and Bangkok. For her next trip, she is considering returning to Turkey to continue her adventures abroad.

So, the next time you read the beautiful SBHC newsletter, I hope you will think fondly of Maureen and her selfless efforts to bring it to you; I know I will. And I'm absolutely, positively going to give her a call the next time I'm planning an international trip, hoping some of her travel magic will rub off!

**ANNUAL SBCO WALK FOR KIDS
OCTOBER 29, 2022**

Submitted by Arlene Daigle, SBHC Treasurer

**Annual SBCO Walk for Kids October 29,
2022**

SaddleBrooke Community Outreach (SBCO) is a 25-year-old all-volunteer organization that provides food, clothing, educational enrichment grants and college scholarships for youngsters living in the 100+ mile Copper Corridor (from Catalina to Globe). On Saturday, October 29th SBCO's annual Walk for Kids will begin with a warm-up session at 7:40 a.m. followed by a 3.2 or 1.2 mile walk at 8:00 a.m.

Please see www.Community-outreach.org for more information.

VIDEOGRAPHER NEEDED

Submitted by Ken Wong

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Our recently formed Technology Committee chaired by Dave Corrigan with members Ruth Caldwell, Randy Park and Ken Wong has established a list of projects that includes videoing the club's programs and other presentations such as the annual Orientation to Hiking. The intent is to post these videos to YouTube so members and others who are not able to attend in person can view these events. We are looking for a volunteer who has experience in videography, the requisite equipment, and a willingness to help the club out in this arena. If you are interested, please contact Dave Corrigan at dave@daveandpam.com. Thank you!

**SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB
FALL PICNIC**

Submitted by Missy Rodey



The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club's Annual Fall Picnic is set for Friday, October 21st at the Gila Monster picnic area in Catalina State Park. Plan to arrive by 11:15 am; the business meeting will begin 11:30 am to be followed by a buffet lunch at noon.

The picnic is free to all club members (attending spouses/partners must also be paid members). There will be a table providing the opportunity to pay for new memberships or renew annual memberships. You have the option of paying for one (\$10), two (\$20), or three (\$30) years of membership.

The club will provide fried and baked chicken, water, and plates, napkins and eating utensils. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share based on last name:

A to K— Fruit, green or other salad

L to P— Dessert

Q to Z— Pasta, potato or other hearty side dish

Reservations are required. Reserve your spot by **October 14th** with Missy Rodey at missy.rodey@gmail.com or 970-749-3866. If your RSVP is not received by the 14th, you may still attend the picnic, but must bring your own food and beverage, as food quantities will be

ordered based on the total number of responses received by the deadline.

We hope you will plan to attend the picnic to enjoy good food and fun with hiking friends, find out who has been chosen as Volunteer of the Year, and maybe even win one of ten \$25 Summit Hut or REI gift certificates!

For more information about the picnic, call Seana Kobak at 425-241-6952 or Missy Rodey at 970-749-3866.

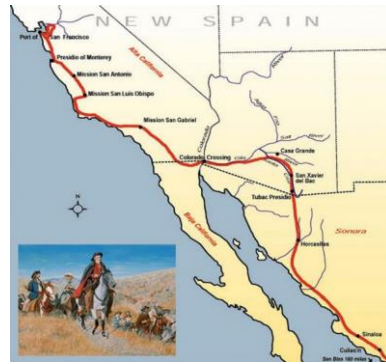
OCTOBER CLUB PROGRAM
Submitted by Diana Smith

While many SBHC members have had the pleasure of hiking the section of the Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail between Tubac, Arizona and the Tumacacori National Historic Park, they may not be aware of the historical and cultural significance of the route.

Please join us in the HOA#1 Activity Center on Wednesday, October 19 at 4:00PM for a special presentation by Jean Baxter, Education Director of the Presidio San Agustin Del Tucson. In traditional period dress, Jean makes history come alive as she relates the story of Inspector General Hugo O’Conor, who in 1775 decreed a new fort was to be built upon the banks of the Santa Cruz River, linking early Tucson with other forts from Mexico to California via the Anza Trail.



Jean Baxter



Juan Bautista De Anza National Historic Trail

Membership in SBHC is not a requirement to attend this presentation. Immediately following the program, participants are encouraged to meet in the Agave Lounge of the SaddleBrooke One clubhouse for an informal happy hour.

**WELCOME TO THE SADDLEBROOKE
HIKING CLUB**
Submitted by Dianna Wilson

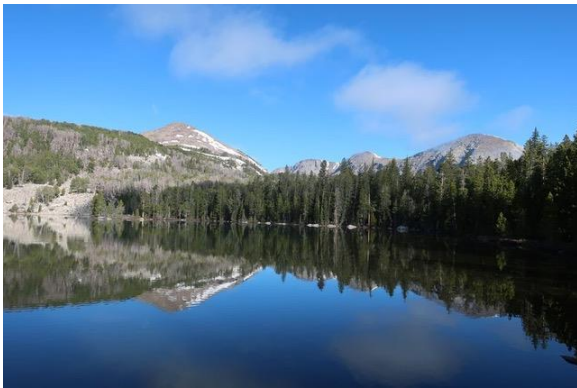
Welcome to the new members of the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club! As of August 21, 2022 we have 648 enthusiastic members. We look forward to seeing you on our hikes and hope you enjoy exploring the beautiful trails and other fun activities.

- Lizzie Bayard
- Diane Buckley
- Bud Chase
- Steve Daigle
- Mike McCormick
- Kurk McMillen
- Sue Neulist
- John O'Brein
- Paul Rizza
- Keith Schiller
- Connie Sherman
- Ann Urick
- Roger VanHoozer

**ADVENTURES IN THE POPO AGIE
WILDERNESS**

Submitted by Dave Corrigan

For many years now, Ray Peale and myself have gone on backpack fishing adventures. Last year we made an initial trek into the South end of the Wind River range in Wyoming. We had heard from friends that the fishing there was excellent. The initial visit took us to a number of fishing locations. One of those locations was Tomahawk Lake. This year we decided to backpack into Tomahawk Lake and fish the surrounding lakes nearby.



Tomahawk Lake

Our trip started the last week in June. We got a surprise when we reached the trailhead near Fiddlers Lake. There were still snowbanks around the trailhead. We gathered our gear and began our hike to Tomahawk Lake. The hike in is about 3 miles, but it's all up, and takes us to over 10,000 feet in elevation. Our bodies strained under the weight of our 40 Lb. packs. About half way there, we entered the Popo Agie Wilderness. The wilderness consists of about 102,000 acres, with more than 20 summits above 12,000 feet. This amazing alpine area is graced with about 300 lakes. Most of them containing trout. A backpacker and fisherman's paradise.

As we climbed higher, we encountered more and more snowbanks. When we reached Silas Creek, the water was running fast. We found a place to cross on some fallen timber. It's a delicate crossing, any mistakes would send us into the fast-moving current with a heavy pack on our back. Needless to say, we took it very slow and careful. We breathed a sigh of relief once we were both across.

We reached Tomahawk Lake late in the afternoon. There were snowbanks everywhere. We quickly set up our camp and prepared to catch dinner. One of the main reasons we were here is because of the excellent trout fishing. We quickly caught four nice brook trout for dinner. We cut down on the amount of food we pack in, because we expect to catch trout for dinner.



Ray Peale with whopper!

We spent 5 nights and 6 days enjoying the incredible scenery and great fishing. One of the other lakes we fished was Upper Silas Lake. We could make the hike there from our campsite in about 30 minutes. We had wanted to hike higher and fish Island Lake, but the trail at that elevation was still snowbound.



Dave Corrigan at Tomahawk Lake

During our time there, we saw only two other fishermen on Tomahawk Lake. They fished the lake for a few hours and left. One of the wonderful things about fishing wilderness areas is the lack of competition. I landed over 80 trout on the trip. We had a wonderful adventure and plan on returning in 2023.

Club Calendar		
Event	Dates	Contact Person
Bryce Canyon Trip	Sep. 20-22	Tim Butler
Board Meeting	Sep. 28 2:00 PM	Bruce Landeck
Guide Meeting	Sep. 28 3:15 PM	Karen Gray
Fall Picnic Catalina State Park	Oct. 21 11:30 AM	Missy Rodey
Borrogo Springs, CA Trip	Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2023	Randy Park & Arlene Daigle
Santa Fe, NM Trip	October, 2023	TBD

Hiking Information

HIKE RATINGS, PACE AND ELEVATION CHANGE

Ratings

Ratings are based on the following round-trip distances and accumulated gains in elevation over the course of the hike. The hike rating is determined by one (or both) of the two values being exceeded. For example, if a hike exceeds the criterion for distance but not for corresponding elevation, the rating would be set for distance. In the hike descriptions that follow, both parameter values are exceeded for some hikes. However, that does not necessarily justify a higher combined rating.

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

Special Conditions

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

Pace

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

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

Elevation Change

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

Net Elevation Change is generally the change in elevation obtained by subtracting the starting elevation from the highest (or lowest) point reached during the course of the hike, in feet. This estimate may be obtained from USGS maps or a global positioning system (GPS). If no destination is listed, which may be the case for loop hikes or point-to-point hikes, net change is defined as the difference between the trailhead elevation and the highest elevation reached during the hike. If net elevation lost between the trailhead and the destination, a minus sign is used to show that elevation is lost. If an elevation profile is available, which applies in this database to mostly the Arizona Trail hikes for which GPS tracks have been generated, the net elevation change is the difference between the highest and lowest points along the trail.

Accumulated Gain is the sum of all upward stretches of a hike as recorded by a GPS device over the course of the entire hike. Accumulated elevation gain is always a more accurate indicator of hike difficulty than net change in elevation.

Accumulated Loss, another measure of hike difficulty, is the sum of all downward stretches of a hike. Accumulated elevation loss is useful for some downhill hikes and is usually obtained with a GPS device.

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

Accumulated gains are always greater than net elevation changes, except for point-to-point hikes where the destination is at a lower elevation than trailhead elevation. In this case, the accumulated gain could be much

lower than the net elevation change. A good example of this is the hike from the top of Mt. Lemmon to Catalina State Park, which actually results in little gain but rather a significant accumulated loss. For loop and out-and-back hikes, accumulated elevation gains are usually greater, sometimes much greater, than net elevation changes.

Hikes Offered: September-October 2022

Friday, September 02, 2022 Bryce Canyon Training Hike. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 7:30 AM, \$12]. This is a training hike to allow those people going on the SBHC Fall Trip to Bryce Canyon to check their fitness for those hikes. This hike will simulate a D level hike at Bryce by starting at either the Box Camp or Palisade trailhead (8,000 feet elevation), descending approximately 1.5 miles and 500 vertical feet to a turnaround spot. We will then retrace our steps back up to the trailhead. Priority for signups on this hike will be given to Bryce Trip participants. Hike 3 miles, accumulated gain approximately 500 feet, RTD 120 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Monday, September 05, 2022 Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: SLOW [6, 06:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike will be done as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (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: Karen Gray, kgrayinaz@yahoo.com]

Tuesday, September 06, 2022 Canyon Loop and Birding Trail. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [135, 6:30 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: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 06, 2022 Fern Canyon/Roger's Rock Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [537, 06:30 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: Jeff Love, seppylov@gmail.com.]

Wednesday, September 07, 2022 Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [526, 06:00 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: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Wednesday, September 07, 2022 Bryce Canyon Training Hike. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 7:30 AM, \$12]. This is a training hike to allow those people going on the SBHC Fall Trip to Bryce Canyon to check their fitness for those hikes. This hike will simulate a D level hike at Bryce by starting at either the Box Camp or Palisade trailhead (8,000 feet elevation), descending approximately 1.5 miles and 500 vertical feet to a turnaround spot. We will then retrace our steps back up to the trailhead. Priority for signups on this hike will be given to Bryce Trip participants. Hike 3 miles, accumulated gain approximately 500 feet, RTD 120 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 08, 2022 OSP Loop trails near Kannally Ranch House. Rating: D* Pace: Moderate [508, 07:30 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]

Monday, September 12, 2022 Bryce Canyon Training Hike. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 7:30 AM, \$12]. This is a training hike to allow those people going on the SBHC Fall Trip to Bryce Canyon to check their fitness for those hikes. This hike will simulate a D level hike at Bryce by starting at either the Box Camp or Palisade trailhead (8,000 feet elevation),

descending approximately 1.5 miles and 500 vertical feet to a turnaround spot. We will then retrace our steps back up to the trailhead. Priority for signups on this hike will be given to Bryce Trip participants. Hike 3 miles, accumulated gain approximately 500 feet, RTD 120 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [256, 07:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and goes up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Marshall Saddle. From the Saddle, we turn left down the Aspen Trail and head back to the picnic area. After about 0.25 miles on the Aspen Trail, there is a large rock that provides a great spot for a break or lunch. Hike may be done in a clockwise direction which tends to be steeper and arriving at the lunch spot takes longer. Hike 3.8 miles; trailhead elevation 7440 feet; net elevation change 703 feet; accumulated gain 830 feet; RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Sutherland Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [428, 6:30 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The Sutherland Trail is a great opportunity for getting back into the desert hiking after the summer hiatus. 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 at the outlet of Cargodero Canyon. 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]

Thursday, September 15, 2022 Bryce Canyon Training Hike. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [NEW, 7:30 AM, \$12]. This is a training hike to allow those people going on the SBHC Fall Trip to Bryce Canyon to check their fitness for those hikes. This hike will simulate a D level hike at Bryce by starting at either the Box Camp or Palisade trailhead (8,000 feet elevation), descending approximately 1.5 miles and 500 vertical feet to a turnaround spot. We will then retrace our steps back up to the trailhead. Priority for signups on this hike will be given to Bryce Trip participants. Hike 3 miles, accumulated gain approximately 500 feet, RTD 120 miles. [Guide: Tim Butler, tucsontimmer@gmail.com]

Thursday, September 15, Bog-Kent Springs Loop. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [111, 06:30 AM, \$13]. The hike begins at the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon in the Santa Rita Mountains, and passes three natural springs: Bog, Kent & Sylvester which are home to bamboo, huge Arizona sycamore, walnut, and fir trees. There are great views of Madera Canyon, Green Valley, Kitt Peak, and Baboquivari Peak from this trail, which involves strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Hiking poles recommended. Hike 5 miles; trailhead elevation 5030 feet; net elevation change 1607 feet; accumulated gain 1720 feet; RTD 128 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating: C.

Pace: Moderate [172, 07:30 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]

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 Romero Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [370, 6:30 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 a snack 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]

Monday, September 26, 2022 Esperero Canyon/Bluff Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace:

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

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 Cargodera Canyon. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [536, 6:30 AM, \$4].

This hike begins at the CSP North Gate, and follows an unnamed trail east into the National Forest. 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 Canyon 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 similar route. The area contains many sycamore, birch, willow, and other riparian flora. Watch video, <https://www.relive.cc/view/v7O9VDQD4Q6> 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 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: Terry McCarthy, t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Tuesday, September 27, 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, September 29, 2022 American Flag. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [8, 06:00 AM, \$4]. The hike begins at the American Flag Trailhead on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and covers a section of the Arizona Trail. Hikers take the American Flag/Cody Trail to its intersection with the Oracle Ridge Trail, where there are great views to the west of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas. On the return, we may swing by the grounds of La Casa del High Jinks, the site where Bill Cody staked his gold mine in 1912. Hike 6.7 miles; trailhead elevation 4400 feet; net elevation change 995 feet; accumulated gain 1267 feet; RTD 41 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Friday, September 30, Bear Canyon including Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [100, 06:30 AM, \$10]. This hike involves a car shuttle and is a predominantly descending hike from the Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site to the end of Bear Canyon Road. Along the way we will hike over two passes, past Sycamore Reservoir and view the Seven Falls as we descend the entire length of Bear Canyon. Hike 11.3 miles; trailhead elevations 4830/2690 feet; net elevation change -2355 feet; accumulated gain 900 feet; RTD 100 miles. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Aaron Schoenberg; askus3@centurylink.net]

Monday, October 3, 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. [Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 4, Romero Pools. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [370, 6:30 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 a snack 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]

Tuesday, October 4, Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [253, 07:30 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. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com.]

Thursday, October 6, Sunset / Marshall Gulch / Aspen Loop. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [394, 6:00 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]

Friday, October 7, 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 0.3 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 0.7 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 0.2 miles the trail turns right up to a huge rock sitting amongst the trees - Roger's Rock. *****The hike has sections of narrow trail with steep hillsides next to it, and the climb to, and descent from, Rogers Rock involves a short but steep trail with uneven and slippery sections. Great care is required. 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 0.25 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. There is a fee for parking unless you have a National Park Pass that must be displayed. [Guide: Elisabeth Wheeler, mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com]

Monday, October 10, Wasson Peak via Sweetwater Trail. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [481, 07:00 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro (the west extension of Ruthruff 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. [Margaret Valair, e-mail: mvalair140.6@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 11, Romero Springs. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [371, 6:30 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, climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and then down into the canyon area where several pools are located. The spring is located about 2 miles past the Romero pools in a very scenic section of the canyon. It has been known to have quite a bit of wildlife. There are excellent views of Romero and Montrose Canyons along the way. Lunch will be at the spring. The return is via the same route. Hike 10.3 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 2020 feet; accumulated gain 2736 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Terry McCarthy / t.mccarthy410@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 13, Aspen Draw / Mint Spring Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [88,

06:00 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]

Thursday, October 13, Fifty-Year Trail Area. 🐕 Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [183, 07:30

AM, \$4]. This is a dog friendly hike. All members are welcome with or without a dog. The hike begins in the Fifty-Year Trail area at Golder Ranch. 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 200 feet; accumulated gain 334 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. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Monday, October 17, Meadow Trail to Fire Lookout. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [261, 07:30

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. [Guide: Karen Gray; kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Tuesday, October 18, 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]

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Thursday, October 20, 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, **NOTE: email request to Marc Humphrey,** humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 20, 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]

Friday, October 21, Fifty-Year Trail Loop via Ridgeline Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [499, 07:30 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: Elisabeth Wheeler, <mailto:hikerelisabeth@gmail.com>]

Monday, October 24, 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. [Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, October 24, Bear Wallow/Sunset Trail - short version. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [527, 08:00 AM, \$13]. The hike starts on the Bear Wallow Road near Summerhaven and goes along a trail under the shade of many, many tall deciduous trees with wonderful color in the Autumn. Once we reach Soldier Camp on the Gen Hitchcock Hwy we will continue along the Sunset Trail to a rock outcropping overlooking the canyon which will be our turnaround point for this out & back hike. Hike 3.2 miles; trailhead elevation 8030 feet; net elevation change 233 feet; accumulated gain 348 feet. RTD 130 miles. [Guide: Ruth Caldwell, azcaldwell3@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 25, Window Rock. Rating: A. Pace: Moderate [490, 06:00 AM, \$5]. The hike follows the most direct route up Ventana Canyon. The hike is difficult and steep, and involves lots of difficult climbing. The hike begins at the Ventana Canyon Resort parking lot past the employees' parking lot. It follows that trail past Maiden Pools until it reaches the Esperero Trail 25, which is used for two miles to reach the Window. Ventana Canyon offers some of the best canyon views in southern Arizona. Views from the Window are fantastic, including such landmarks at Mt. Kimball, Cathedral Rock, and the Montrose Canyon drainage area. Hike 12.5 miles; trailhead elevation 3040 feet; net elevation change 4042 feet; accumulated gain 4249 feet; RTD 54 miles. [Margaret Valair, e-mail: mvalair140.6@gmail.com]

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Esperero Canyon/Bluff Loop Trail. Rating: C. Pace: Moderate [427, 08:00 AM, \$6]. From the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, the hike proceeds along the Esperero Canyon/Rattlesnake Canyon trails to the Bluff Trail overlooking Sabino Creek, and is a favorite with views of the canyon and Sabino Creek with velvet ash, cottonwood, willow, and Arizona sycamore trees. Our break will be at the Sabino Dam. We will finish on the Bajada Nature loop with a beautiful crested saguaro. Bring a camera and plenty of water and a snack. Hike 4.6 miles; trailhead elevation 2705 feet; net elevation change 240 feet; accumulated gain 367 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Bruce Landeck, email: bflandeck@gmail.com]

Wednesday, October 26, Seven Falls. Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [387, 06:30 AM, \$6]. The hike begins at the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center, and continues to lower Bear Canyon, then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls. The return is via the same route. The falls, which constitute one of the most spectacular natural features in the Tucson area, usually have some water flowing over them but may be dry if there has been inadequate rain. The trail crosses the Bear Canyon wash several times in each direction and can involve significant boulder hopping/wading after rainy periods. Ask the guide about current conditions. Hike 8.7 miles; trailhead elevation 2720 feet; net elevation change 662 feet; accumulated gain 1307 feet; RTD 56 miles. [Guide: Marc Humphrey, humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 27, Flag/Dome/Titanic Rock Medley with a Wash Walk. Rating: C*. Pace: Moderate [542, 08:00 AM, \$0].** This hike departs from the south end of Arroyo Way in Unit 21 (after carpooling from Mountain View). After crossing the Canada del Oro Wash, we head up the Double Crested/Dome Rock Trail. We'll take an in-and-out spur over to the Flag that overlooks HOA1. After a short break, we continue past the Double Crested Saguaro on our way to the next overlook, Dome Rock. After our break on Dome Rock, we will take the upper Dome Extension Trail and meet up with the new Preserve Trail. We will hike over to Balanced Rock, take a quick break and then take an in-and-out spur up to Titanic Rock for a view of the Preserve. We return past Balanced Rock and hike down to the Canada del Oro for a wash walk back to the beginning trailhead on Arroyo Way. *** There are several areas of steep hills with loose rock on this hike - hiking poles are advised. The climb to Titanic is over steep slickrock. Along the entire way are great views of SaddleBrooke, Catalina, and the Samaniego Ridge. Hike 6.2 miles; trailhead elevation 3200 feet; elevation change 750 feet; accumulated gain 1430 feet; RTD 0 miles. [Guide: Jeff Love, **NOTE: email request to Marc Humphrey,** humphreymarc@gmail.com]

Thursday, October 27, Catalina State Park - Exploring the Trails. Rating: C. Pace: SLOW [142, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike will explore various trails within the park. The park is a great example of the Sonoran Desert with its native plants and wildlife. Come enjoy the beautiful views of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Hike 4.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 400 to 1000 feet; accumulated gain __ feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Karen Gray; kgrayinaz@yahoo.com.]

Friday, October 28, Alamo Canyon Up/Back or Loop. Rating: D. Pace: Moderate [6, 08:00 AM, \$2 + \$2]. The hike begins at the Romero Ruins Trailhead in Catalina State Park. This hike can be done on north side trail in-out or as a loop around Alamo Canyon going up one side and returning down the other (clockwise or counter-clockwise). Other than one short area by the wash, the elevation change is generally gradual. The south-side trail traverses several rocky washes. This is a lovely hike up to Alamo Canyon Falls and return. There is a very scenic large flat-rock area above the falls. Water may be present in the canyon after rainy periods, but there are no significant water crossings. Hikers may stop by the Romero Ruins and take the informative loop trail from there. Hike 3.5 miles; trailhead elevation 2700 feet; net elevation change 360 feet; accumulated gain 429 feet; RTD 24 miles. [Guide: Rob Simms ... Spartan7375@gmail.com.]

Monday, October 31, Wasson Peak via Sendero Esperanza and Hugh Norris Trails.

Rating: B. Pace: Moderate [480, 08:00 AM, \$9]. The hike begins at Sendero Esperanza Trailhead off Golden Gate Road. The route follows the Esperanza Trail (1.8 miles) to the Hugh Norris Trail and on to Wasson Peak (2.2 miles). The climb is gradual and the Hugh Norris section is primarily a ridge trail with spectacular views. The 360-degree views from Wasson Peak include Tucson and Santa Catalinas to the east, Green Valley/Santa Ritas to the south, Sells to the west, and Picacho to the north. We will lunch on top of the Peak and return the same way. Hike 8.0 miles; trailhead elevation 2960 feet; net elevation change 1624 feet; accumulated gain 1776 feet; RTD 73 miles (dirt). [Frank Earnest fearnestiv@gmail.com]

Monday, October 31, 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]