



# SaddleBrooke



## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

<http://www.SaddleBrooke.org>

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The SBHC is hereby declared a success. As of the first part of December, we have over 250 members! Our success is due to the great enthusiasm and participation of the members. Many thanks go to the members who have so generously volunteered their time and talents to leading our hikes. The club wouldn't exist without the hiking guides. If you have been on a hike you really enjoyed and wish to have it repeated, just do it (lead it next time!) If you would like to see more hikes offered, how about considering being a hiking guide and leading a hike next time? Come to the next Hiking Guides Meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All members are encouraged to lead hikes.

### Hiking Club Database

The database is a compilation of the extensive database of hikes maintained by Eileen Wells plus information given to the club by the Sun City Vistoso Hiking Club. It continues to grow as we schedule our own new hikes. Our members propose new hikes at the Hiking Guides meetings and when scheduled, these hikes are added to the database. Copies of the database are available to the hiking guides and wannabe guides. See Jim Strickler for a copy.

The hike descriptions on the database are pretty much what you see in the list of hikes at the end of this newsletter. Database information includes the hike name, area of hike, rating, length of hike,

elevation change, starting elevation, description, and suggested driver donation. Updates are made and new information is added as needed. Suggestions for any changes in the descriptions should be given to Jim Strickler or the Communications Committee. The guide's name is added for each hike in the newsletter and is not kept permanently in the database.

After each Hiking Guides Meeting, the Communications Committee publishes the newsletter listing all hikes offered for the next two months' period. The database is maintained by this committee, facilitating the transfer of hike information to the newsletter. Currently 158 hikes are listed in the club database.

### Three New Columns for Club Members

**Member Forum** - a column open to all members who wish to express something of interest to fellow hikers. (Writings which are defamatory in nature or injurious to others will not be published. No anonymous submissions will be published; however, name may be withheld on request); **Q & A** - a place for members to submit general hiking questions to be answered in the next newsletter; **Featured Hike** - a space for hikers who wish to write-up a few paragraphs about a hike they especially enjoyed so we may all learn more about what's available for hiking in Southern Arizona. Please let us know if you wish to participate in one



or all of these new columns. *Deadline for all columns for next newsletter: 2/2/00.* How to reach us: [bevc@azstarnet.com](mailto:bevc@azstarnet.com) or [jdc@azstarnet.com](mailto:jdc@azstarnet.com) or 825-3071.

## Member Forum

"I did both of the Orientation Hikes in October. Since they were very easy for me I had no doubt I could handle a C hike described as: 7 miles, 800 ft. climb, slow to moderate pace. Well, I was shocked at how hard it was! The pace was fast as far as I was concerned and the climb much more difficult than I expected. Worse, during the hike, the majority of hikers agreed to ADD mileage! At home, I reread the description and sure enough, it said "we may go further" if hikers wanted. I must read the descriptions more carefully in future; also, I should ASK the guide for more specific details when I call to sign-up for a hike. And I think if mileage is added, it should be agreed upon by 100% of the hikers on the trail. I had a good time anyway, and this was a great learning experience for me!"  
*-name withheld*

## Q & A by Bill Leightenheimer

Note: This column will be part of our regular newsletter as space allows. If you have hiking questions, submit them to [bevc@azstarnet.com](mailto:bevc@azstarnet.com) or call 825-3071. Deadline for questions to be submitted for the next newsletter is : 2/2/00

Happy hiking!

Q: Is a hiking stick necessary for our club hikes?

A: While using a hiking stick is a personal preference, I personally recommend it. Using a hiking stick has many advantages and few disadvantages. Some of the main advantages are providing support and traction in slippery spots when going up or down hill. Also, a hiking stick can greatly reduce stress on the knees on those long down hill treks, and it's invaluable when crossing streams when water levels are high.

Q: Where can I find hiking maps of the Tucson area?

A: For you adventurous types who want to try some hikes on your own and need maps, there is one really great place to go. You will not be able to get out of this place without parting with some of your hard-earned cash: Tucson Map & Flag Center at 3239 N. First Avenue, 887-4234 e-mail: [mapsmith@interserv.com](mailto:mapsmith@interserv.com). This store is fantastic. It has every kind of map you might ever need. They will also laminate your maps which I recommend doing to make them last longer. This store is located on the west side of First Avenue just north of Ft. Lowell. There is a large American flag out front on a tall flag pole.

## Short Trails with Barb

In addition to some spectacular views, beautiful sunshine, historic sites, and enough prickly plants to barricade Fort Knox, I've been around some of the nicest people this side of the Atlantic. The warm smiles are genuine, and as we've wandered through the scrub and trudged across dry stream beds, I've been as comfortable and happy as with close family friends. The stronger or more stable hikers would extend a helping hand or hiking stick to assist others; everyone is so encouraging and supportive. I've seen people just naturally plan to 'meet again soon' as close friends would do. This Arizona trail magic touches us all, and I can't wait to feel this warmth of new friendships on future hikes. I thought that "leading" a hike would ruin some of the magic but not so. It just means that I meet friends at some of my favorite places and that I now have even better memories. Come join the magic on a hike - or lead a hike! This may be retirement, but it's so much more --- it's a slice of heaven to wander through!

**Our Club Picnic on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>** was a great success. The weather cooperated nicely; it was a beautiful day for a picnic. About 75 club members hiked, ate, drank, laughed and made merry. Author! Author! Applause, please, for our excellent Social Committee for a job very well done!



## Info-ettes

See SBHC online at [www.SaddleBrooke.org](http://www.SaddleBrooke.org) for general club information, current schedule of hikes, announcements, Hiking Schedule Forms, membership applications, and more.

Check out a great new web page for the Pima Trails Association at [www.pimatrails.org](http://www.pimatrails.org).

## SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Officers

President - Bill Leightenheimer - 818-1953  
Vice-President - Norm Kyle - 818-0563  
Secretary - Judi Coopersmith - 825-4063  
Treasurer - Kay White - 818-0262  
Chief Hiking Guide - Jim Strickler - 825-8735

## GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Call the guide to make a reservation for the hike and to get the latest information. Hiking groups meet at and depart from the Mountain View Clubhouse parking lot. (As you look at the clubhouse we will be on the left side out by Mountain View Blvd. just east of the tennis courts.) The time listed is the departure time. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. Always bring ample water, sunscreen, and wear appropriate headgear & footwear. Check with the guide as to whether or not to bring a lunch. Always bring some sort of ID with you. Bring medications for your own conditions.

Driver donation is a suggested amount and is noted for each individual hike. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made at the end of the drive, back at SaddleBrooke. The amount includes user fees for the Mt. Lemmon Highway and for Catalina State Park. Passengers are to pay any other user fees and share any parking fees. (Hikers, please let the guide know if you intend to drive and whether or not you have applicable passes.)

## Guest Policy

**Please note: a guest is a person who is not a SaddleBrooke resident whether year-round or part-time. A SaddleBrooke resident must be a club member in order to join a hike.** On hikes with limited participants, members have priority over guests. Members must accompany their guest(s), and all guests will be required to sign a Release Form prior to hiking. If the guest is younger than 16 years old, the member must notify the hiking guide who has sole discretion whether or not to allow minors on his/her hike. Guests under age 18 must have a Release Form signed by their parent or legal guardian to present to the guide prior to hiking.

## Hiking Guides' Meetings

All hikes are scheduled at the Hiking Guides Meetings held in the Javelina Room, SB clubhouse, at 4:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of even-numbered months. If you would like to lead a hike, be sure to complete a Hiking Schedule Form (attached) and present it at the next meeting which will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have special knowledge about or experience with plants, birds or photography and would like to assist on any hike, please come to the meeting or let Jim Strickler, Chief Hiking Guide, know of your talents. Jim's phone number is 825-8735.

## Hike Ratings

A Hikes >16 miles or >3500 feet climb  
B Hikes 8 to 16 miles or 1500 to 3500 feet climb  
C Hikes 4 to 8 miles or 500 to 1500 feet climb  
D Hikes <4 miles or < 500 feet climb

**NOTE: Sometimes a hike is harder or easier than its rating indicates. In an attempt at pinpoint accuracy, "minus" and "plus" signs have been added to some ratings. Hikes are much harder than a walk around SaddleBrooke. Be sure to ask the guide for details before leaving on the hike.**



## Orientation Hikes

Orientation Hikes (OH) are encouraged for all "beginner" hikers and are intended for sharing information and for personal assessment of current physical fitness. The following are the OH hikes scheduled through February.

January 6<sup>th</sup> – Honey Bee Canyon  
February 4<sup>th</sup> – Canyon Loop Trail

**Reminders** – Call the guide before showing up for a hike. The guide will inform you of changes and any special items to bring. You must be a member or the guest of a member to join a hike.

Note that some hikes are limited as to the number of hikers. This is at the discretion of the hiking guide and also often necessary because some hikes require a reservation and in some areas, such as the Pusch Ridge Wilderness, there is a limit to the number of hikers allowed in a hiking group.

### Summary of Hikes by Rating and Date:

- A Hikes – January 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
February 27<sup>th</sup>
- B Hikes – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>  
February 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- C Hikes – December 30<sup>th</sup>  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>,  
27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>,  
24<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
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February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

## SCHEDULED HIKES

**December 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Sutherland Trail from Catalina State Park. Rating C. A nice trail ending in a very scenic, flat, rocky area, with views of the valley and SaddleBrooke. We start at the Catalina State Park Trailhead. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 9:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Millennium Monday.** Breakfast & hike Saguaro Park East. Rating D. Start at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for chow, hike loop trail into park from Douglas Spring Trailhead, stroll along the foot of the Rincon Mtns. Hike 3.8 miles; 200 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 6:45 AM; limit 14; \$8.00 for gourmet breakfast payable to Bev by 12/28; driver donation: \$3.00; Beverly Caldwell, 825-3071

**January 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Seven Falls. Rating C. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon. Then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start, 2800 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$2.00; George Ayuso, 818-0560

**January 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Charouleau Gap Road. Rating C. Starting from Lago Del Oro just outside of SaddleBrooke we will hike on the jeep (ORV) road to the picturesque table rock for lunch. The hike will be through desert area filled with huge granite boulders and outcroppings. Return on the same road. Great views of your SaddleBrooke home. Bring binoculars. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 900 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Judi Coopersmith, 825-4063 and Kay White, 818-0262

**January 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Honeybee Canyon. Rating D (OH). We will walk Honey Bee Canyon at Vistoso. We'll see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes, and pioneer adobe ruins. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time this is a real eye opener. Limit 12 hikers. Hike 2 miles; 100 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 1:00 PM; driver donation \$1.00; Barb Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**January 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Pusch Peak. Rating A. Pusch Ridge. The first mile of the trail is mostly level then a steep, difficult climb begins. In a few places you may want to use your hands to climb the trail. Bring gloves. Hiking stick desirable. One and one-half miles more and we reach the top. The views of Oro Valley and Tucson are fantastic. This is a very strenuous hike. Hike 5 miles; climb



2700 feet; altitude at start 2650 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**January 10<sup>th</sup> – Monday.** Maiden Pools. Rating C. We'll start at the parking lot past the employees' parking lot and use the new Forest Service trail into the canyon. The trail is rocky in places with some steep climbing. Hopefully, we will be rewarded for our efforts with spectacular views of the east side of Tucson. Lunch at the pools and return. Hike 5 miles; climb 1200 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**January 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating C+. This is a picturesque hike in the Rincon Mountains with tremendous views of Tucson and the surrounding area. We park at the Saguaro National Park East Trail. There are some photo stops along the way. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1300 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8 AM; driver donation \$3.00; George Ayuso, 818-0560

**January 12<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday.** Lunch with Lute. Rating D. Docent-led (by UA Alumnus), 2-hr. tour UA Campus & "Brown Bag Lunch" w/Basketball Coach Lute Olson at McKale Center on campus + a great bookstore to browse. Dr Gayle Hopkins, Associate Athletics Director for Community & Alumni Affairs, may also join us for lunch. UA Alums – come see the latest (and many) changes at the campus. Experience the past & present, take a glimpse at the future; 1 mile; no elevation change; leave 8:15 AM; Limit 30; van drivers needed; \$3.00 parking per van; driver donation \$2.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071

**January 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Deer Camp from the 50 Year Trail. Rating B-. Hike through beautiful rock formations with many saguaros to a camp at the base of Mt. Samaniego. Limit 12 hikers; hike 12 miles; 600 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 9:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**January 17<sup>th</sup> – Monday.** Ditch Mountain/Bear Springs. Rating B. In order to supply water to the

mining area in Greaterville, a ditch was built which connects up the creek in Big Casa Blanca Canyon. Our hike takes us along this ditch to Bear Springs where we will have lunch and then return. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; George Brunder, 825-6691

**January 18<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B. Starting from the Bog Springs Campground we hike through three springs areas 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 from this trail with strenuous, steep climbs in spots. Hike 6 miles; climb 2100 feet; altitude at trailhead 5000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**January 20<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Pontotoc Ridge. Rating B-. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontotoc Ridge to just below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area on this hike. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1450 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**January 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday.** Phone Line Trail with tram ride. Rating C. This requires purchase of a tram ticket at \$6. Start at the Visitor's Center, ride tram to Stop Number 9, hike up to the Phone Line trail and then back to the Center. The trail is above and generally parallel to the tram road and offers outstanding views of the canyon - an easy downhill pace with photo opportunities. Hike limited to 15 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 900 feet; pace slow; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday.** Mt. Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon. Rating A. Starting at the north end of Alvernon Way, the trail follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail steadily climbs out of the canyon to a saddle between Mt. Kimball



and "Little Kimball". A left turn onto the Pima Canyon Trail and a half mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. The return hike is down the same trails. Hike 12 miles; climb 4150 feet; altitude at start 3100 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday.** Golden Gate Trail. Rating C. Ever wonder why there's a big parking lot just west of Gates Pass? Well, so did your guide who will lead a hike around the mountains used as the backdrop in many Hollywood horse operas. We will hike 1/2 mile along the David Yetman Trail and then take the Golden Gate Loop. This is an easy hike with moderate elevation gain. Some bushwhacking. Hike 7 miles; climb 400 feet; altitude at trailhead 3000 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Thimble Peak. Rating B. We start at Prison Camp Road (now Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site), 7 miles up the Catalina Highway and take the beautiful Sycamore Reservoir Trail down to the abandoned reservoir, connect to the Bear Canyon Trail on the way to Thimble flat then follow a faint trail to the base of Thimble Peak. Bring gloves to do the fairly easy scramble to the top of the east summit. Enjoy outstanding views from this prominent landmark. We will return by the same route. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 4850 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Ron Noton, 825-7374

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Tanque Verde Ridge Trail. Rating C+. This is a picturesque hike in the Rincon Mountains with tremendous views of Tucson and the surrounding area. We park at the Saguaro National Park East Trail. There are some photo stops along the way. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1300 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 8 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**January 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Haul Road Ridge NW of SaddleBrooke. Rating D. We will hike west along an old 4-wheel drive vehicle road that follows a long ridge NW of SaddleBrooke. The

hike begins from off the haul road near the SaddleBrooke Blvd entrance. The hike contains many desert plants and some moderate views. Limit 15 hikers. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 100 feet; starting elevation 3300 feet; leave 1:00 PM; driver donation 0; Jan Wilson, 818-0299

**January 29<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Pima Canyon. Rating C. The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so is across open desert along the south side of Pusch Peak. It then enters a beautiful rugged canyon. The rocky trail passes through a grove of large trees providing welcome shade before emerging again in the open. Can be quite cool. We will hike to a rocky open area in the canyon beyond a small dam near Indian grinding holes and then return to the trailhead. Rating C; hike 7 miles; climb 1100 feet; altitude at start 2900 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**January 31<sup>st</sup> – Monday.** Prison Camp to Sabino Canyon. Rating B-. This is a beautiful mostly downhill hike from the old prison camp off of the Catalina Highway to Sabino Canyon where we will catch the tram down to the Visitor's Center. Limited to 11 hikers. Bring lunch and at least 2 quarts of water and \$6.00 for the tram. Hike 7.6 miles; elevation change downhill 4863 feet; elevation at the top 7850 feet; leave 7:15 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday.** Hutches Pool. Rating C. We will take the Sabino Canyon tram to the trailhead. After a moderately steep but brief climb out of the canyon the trail is mostly level. This lovely hike will take us to a permanent pool surrounded by giant Arizona Cypress trees. Bring 2 quarts of water, lunch and \$6.00 for the tram. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 3300 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**February 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday.** Canyon Loop Trail (OH). Rating D. Start up Romero Trail in Catalina State Park to Canyon Loop Trail. Come back on the



Sutherland Trail. Pace will be slow. Limit 12 hikers; hike 2.5 miles; 400 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave 1:00 PM; driver donation \$1.00; Barb Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Linda Vista/Finger Rock Canyon. Rating B. Starting at the north end of Alvernon Way the trail follows the canyon towards Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail steadily climbs out of the canyon to a saddle with a beautiful view appropriately called Linda Vista. The return hike is down the same trail. Hike 6 miles; climb 2500 feet; altitude at start 3100 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**February 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Honey Bee Canyon. Rating D (OH). We will walk in the Honey Bee Canyon at Vistoso. Among other things, we will see Hohokam petroglyphs, grinding holes, and pioneer adobe ruins. For those exploring Honey Bee for the first time this is a real eye opener. Limit 14 hikers. Hike 2 miles; 100 foot elevation change; 2700 foot starting elevation; leave 1:00 PM; driver donation \$1.00; Jan Wilson, 818-0299

**February 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Oracle Ridge. Rating B. We start at the American Flag Trail on the old Mt. Lemmon Road and hike to the Oracle Ridge Trail. From the ridge are views of Biosphere II and the Tortolitas in the west. We will hike south along the ridge toward Apache Peak. We will lunch in a saddle below Apache Peak. Hikers who want to bushwhack to summit might do so. Hike 9 miles; climb 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 4400 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; George Brunder, 825-6691

**February 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Tubac Arts Festival. Rating D. Tubac's (World Famous) Annual Arts Festival with more than 200 artists and craft persons proudly showing their crafts – also there will be musicians - and food. Mileage: as far as you choose to walk in town; no elevation change; leave 8:30 AM. Return time to be decided by majority group vote at departure from

SaddleBrooke. Driver donation \$5.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Romero Pools. Rating C+. Romero Pools (lower). The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows the Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Initially the trail crosses open desert then there is a steep climb until it reaches a saddle and the canyon area where several pools are located. Drivers will need \$5.00 or a pass (car with up to 4 people) to enter the park. Limited to 14 hikers; hike 6 miles; climb 1400 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071

**February 14<sup>th</sup> – Monday.** Boulder Canyon Trail. Rating C. This trail takes one up high enough to get a tremendous view of the mysterious Superstition Mountains. Your camera is a must on this hike. We also get a great view of Canyon Lake. Bring 2 quarts of water and lunch. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868 *Editor's note: it's Valentine's Day – remember your sweetie!*

**February 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday.** Linda Vista Loop. Rating D+. We start at the trailhead and go up 300 feet in the first 1.5 miles. A hiking stick is strongly suggested since the trail is rocky in places. Pace will be slow to catch our breath. Photo stops will be encouraged as the trail goes up the front of Pusch Peak and looks out onto Oracle Road. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 3 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; George Virtes, 818-0312

**February 17<sup>th</sup> – Thursday.** Finger Rock Trail to Linda Vista Saddle. Rating B. This hike begins at 3,100 feet and the first miles to Finger Rock Springs are not difficult. Once past the springs, the trail switches back and climbs steeply up the east side of the canyon. Breathtaking views await at Linda Vista Saddle. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 5.8 miles; elevation change 2500 feet; starting elevation 3100 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953



**February 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Pima Canyon for “non-hikers” (however, hiking boots are strongly recommended.) Rating C-. Stroll the first 2-1/2 miles up to and into Pima Canyon; slow pace, enjoy the scenery, take photos. Limited to 14 hikers. Elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; bring a fanny pack or day pack, snacks if you like, adequate water, hat, sunscreen; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071

**February 21<sup>st</sup> – Monday.** Titan Missile Site in Sahuarita. Rating D. This is the only publicly accessible missile complex in the world; it gives a unique glimpse into the reality of the Cold War era. Docent-led tour, approximately 1.5 miles includes 55 steps down into/out of the missile silo (limited elevator access); \$6.50/person (may be coupons in newspaper or Entertainment Book); limit 25; leave 8:45 AM; approximately 45-mile drive from SaddleBrooke - map will be given to drivers; driver donation \$4.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071

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**February 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday.** Saguaro Park West Ramble. Rating D. There are several short trails of interest in the Saguaro West Park. One trail takes us to an area of petroglyphs which were made

by Hohokam Indians about 1200 AD. Bring your lunch. We stop at the visitors Center for a very informative video. Limited to 14 hikers. Hike 1.8 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2500 feet; leave 8:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Jan Wilson, 818-0299

**February 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday.** Atascosa Lookout. Rating B. Wear long pants. We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous outhouse (yes, outhouse) ready for use. This is considered a most scenic trail with views over 75 miles in all directions. Kodak moments will be taken on the return if you haven't used up all your film on the summit. Limit 14 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at trailhead 4700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$4.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071

**February 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday.** Window Rock. Rating A. The most direct route is up Ventana Canyon. This is a difficult and steep hike. We start at the parking lot past the employees' parking lot and take the trail until it intersects with the Esperero Trail then follow that trail to the Window. Hike 13 miles; climb 4200 feet; trail is steep; altitude at start 3000 feet; leave 8 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

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# SaddleBrooke Hiking Club

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RELEASE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name, phone number and e-mail address will be listed in the membership directory.

Do you want your street address listed in the directory: Y/N

**\$10.00 annual dues must accompany this application and it must be signed.**

Mail To: Kay White, 35854 S. Wind Crest Dr., Tucson, AZ 85739 with \$10.00 and a SASE

### UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS (SaddleBrooke Hiking Club)

1. The undersigned individual ("Hiker") states his/her intention to participate in hikes organized or sponsored by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ("Club") during the Hiking Year of July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000.
  2. Hiker acknowledges and agrees that the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club does not maintain any liability, medical, property or other insurance for the benefit of Hiker in connection with the hikes and he/she assumes all responsibility and risk of injury or illness in connection with or participation in the hikes.
  - 3 - Hiker does hereby and unconditionally release, remise, and forever discharge, waive and acquit the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club and all of its members, directors, officers, hiking guides, employees and agents (collectively, Released Parties), and any other person, firm, corporation or entity which may be liable or responsible for the Released Parties, with respect to the Trips, including, but not limited to SaddleBrooke Homeowners Associations #1 and #2.
  4. Hiker represents and warrants that no representations have been made to him/her by or on behalf of any of the Released Parties to influence or induce the execution of this Release other than contained herein, and that he/she has fully read this Release and has executed the same upon independent advice and counsel of his/her own choosing, agreeing to release the Released Parties as provided herein.
  5. Hiker acknowledges that he/she is capable of participating in and completing a hike of beginning/intermediate /advanced difficulty as defined by the SaddleBrooke Hiking Club ratings system which Hiker acknowledges having read and understood and further acknowledges that he/she has no known medical or other condition which could be damaged or aggravated in any way by participation in such level of difficulty. Hiker assumes the responsibility of informing the leadership of the Club in writing of any change in his/her hiking ability or of any incipient medical condition which would in any way limit or endanger participation in such hikes. Hiker acknowledges sole responsibility for insuring he/she does not attempt hikes which difficulty level exceeds that asserted in this Release.
  6. This Release contains the full and complete understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior understandings or agreements whether oral or in writing, relating to the subject matter contained herein
  7. In the event legal proceedings are commenced between the parties to this agreement for the matters contained herein then each party in such action shall be responsible for and pay its own expenses and attorneys' fees. In the event of any dispute, venue shall be the courts of Pinal County Arizona and this Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona.
  8. This Release shall be continuing and shall remain in full force and effect until cancelled at will by either party upon proper written notice to the other. Notice posted by the U. S. Mail to the Hiker at his/her residence address in SaddleBrooke shall be deemed completed notice to him/her.
- IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hiker has executed this Release effective as of (date) \_\_\_\_\_, for the benefit of the Released Parties.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF HIKER)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)



# SaddleBrooke Hiking Club Hiking Schedule Form



If you want to lead a hike fill out this form and bring it to the Hiking Guides Meeting on the first Wednesday of each even-numbered month in the Javelina Room at 4:00 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /  
Hike Title

\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_  
Hike Rating | Hike Miles | Elevation Change | Starting Elevation | Departure Time

\_\_\_\_\_ Type of Hike (Backpack, Walk, All Trail, Rock Climb, etc.)  
Meeting Place

\_\_\_\_\_ Area, General Location  
Maps

\_\_\_\_\_ Suggested Driver Donation  
Guide Phone

Limit on Number of Hikers Y/N – How Many? \_\_\_\_\_

HIKE DESCRIPTION – Please print clearly – if your hike is identical to a hike in the database simply write the database hike number here.

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