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SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB AND ARIZONA TRAIL ASSN. (ATA) JOIN HANDS

At our recent board meeting, the club officers agreed to sign up our club as Stewards for two segments of the Arizona Trail. The trail itself was conceived back in 1985 and has been under development by volunteers since 1988. Running from the border of Mexico to the Arizona-Utah border, it stretches out for 750+ miles and is now about 80% complete. While gaining international recognition, the ATA has also been awarded the national winner of the American Hiking Society's "TRAILS for TOMORROW" award for having the best National Trails Day Event. When complete, it will offer border to border HIKING--EQUESTRIAN--MOUNTAIN BIKING opportunities with well marked trail-heads, trail markers, campsites, etc. Our stewardship responsibility will be for two segments, both being about 12-13 miles long and fairly well developed already: (1) Mt. Lemmon to Catalina Camp; (2) Tucson Wash, which is just to the north of Oracle State Park. The Segment Stewards responsibility will be as follows:

- Liaison to the Land Manager
- Monitoring trail conditions
- Coordinating volunteer activities
- Providing information to various agencies (public, media, authors, map descriptions, etc.)
- ATA representative

Since our club often hikes on small portions of the trail, this will offer us a means to give something back in return and share in "Launching the Legacy". If you are interested in assisting and becoming involved please contact either John Rendall or Bill Leightenheimer: both are ATA members and have agreed to become co-stewards in launching the project. It is not necessary to become a member of ATA to volunteer, however if you are interested in membership you may contact John or Bill or visit the web site; www.aztrail.org.

TUCSON IS A HIKER'S HEAVEN (From *Tucson Hiking Guide* by Betty Leavengood) Contributed by John Robertshaw

Tucson is a "hiker's Heaven". To the north is the mountain range that dominates the Tucson skyline, the Santa Catalina range. Due east are the Rincons. Forty miles south of town are the Santa Rita Mountains. The Tucson Mountains to the west are the backdrop for our dramatic sunsets. Hiking is possible year round--the mild winters allow hiking in the lower elevations, and in the summer the trails of the high mountains beckon.

To enjoy hiking in these mountains, you must be properly prepared and be aware of the hazards of hiking in this area. Too much exposure to the sun is dangerous. Not carrying enough water can result in serious illness or death. There are venomous creatures out there such as rattlesnakes, scorpions and Gila monsters. Cactus, amole, catclaw and other thorny plants seem determined to attack you. Weather conditions can change quickly--what started out as a beautiful morning can become a storm by early afternoon.

Sounds bad! If you are properly prepared and aware of the dangers that exist, the chances of anything happening to you are remote. It is beautiful out there and the only way you can see it is on your feet. Within a 45-mile radius of Tucson, the elevations go from 2500 feet to nearly 10,000 feet. Vegetation changes from cactus to oak to ponderosa pine and Douglas fir. You may spot a javelina, coyote, deer, bighorn sheep or in the highest elevations even a bear. Hidden pools invite swimming on a hot day. The views extend seemingly forever or are limited by stark canyon walls.

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club is calling you. Have some fun.

PTS FROM HIKER'S LITTLE BOOK DOM BY DAVID SCOTT Contributed by ertshaw

According to studies, the use of two walking staffs results in 250 tons of pressure being transferred from the back, knees and legs to the arms during an hour hiking day. (That is 500,000 lbs!!!!)

The better you know the area in which you are hiking, the better off you will be. Try to learn a little bit about the wildlife in the area where you will be hiking.

Never exclude a hat from your clothing list. Except in the tropics, stay away from cotton fibers. Synthetics weigh less and dry faster. Try to wear shirts that button or zip in the front, which allow cooling without having to remove the garment.

Depending on the temperature, you can lose 50-60% of your body heat from your head and neck area. Before bringing your pet along, make sure you are not breaking park regulations. Always keep your pet on a leash.

When you see that great animal shot, grab a quick photo before adjusting for perfect focus and exposure.

When observing or photographing wildlife, being patient and aware is key. Use a faster shutter speed when photographing birds. Photograph possibly dangerous wildlife from a safe distance.

Keep water bottles handy in a compartment on the outside of the pack or in a holster on the hip-belt of your pack.

The most common medical problem on short hikes is blisters. On long hikes it is sprained ankles, knees and diarrhea in that order. If you feel even the slightest rubbing or soreness on your feet, stop and fix the problem. Sometimes a blister can be caused by a sock that is creased or folded in the boot. Sock seams should rest on the joints and not the tips of the toes. Taking care of your feet is more important than caring for your stomach - feet can bark louder than a stomach can growl.

Your hiking boots are your most important piece of gear. Normally buy hiking boots one half size larger than your regular shoe size. A pair of boots is only as good as the socks that fill them. Wear two pair of socks: a thin wicking inner sock and a heavier outer sock. Using two pair of socks greatly reduces friction. Two pairs of socks helps wick moisture away from the feet. Take the socks you are going to wear while hiking with you when selecting a new pair of hiking boots.

Never wear your boots to bed. Change your socks daily - wash and dry or air out your previous day's socks while hiking. Many people believe feet get wet from the outside in, however more often than not, feet get wet from the inside out due to perspiration.

Make sure someone knows approximately where you are and when you will be coming out.

If you are hiking in the winter, allow extra time for everything.

Avoid walking with your hands in your pockets while

carrying a loaded pack.

- ❖ Stay on trails whenever possible. Do not take shortcuts on switch back trails as it causes erosion and is not good hiking etiquette.
- ❖ Deet is the most effective insect repellent made.
- ❖ No medical kit is complete without a pair of fine pointed tweezers, especially in Arizona.
- ❖ Avoid climbing around on rocks unless you have the proper experience and equipment. Ditto for caves.
- ❖ Don't forget to stretch before beginning your hike.

HIKING CLUB SOCIAL A SUCCESS

Our first social held on Wednesday, January 30 at the SaddleBrooke Country Club was a huge success. About 50 hiking club members met and mingled with each other, greeting old friends and making new friends. We are looking forward to our next social at the SaddleBrooke Country Club on Wednesday, April 24. Join us for another congenial occasion.

SPRING HIKING CLUB PICNIC

Our Annual Spring Hiking Club Picnic will be on Saturday, March 23 at noon in the group area at Catalina State Park. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and may be purchased at the SaddleBrooke clubhouse March 4 and 11 between 9:00am and 11:00 am. There will be a choice of BBQ chicken or hamburgers and hotdogs plus potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert and sodas all provided by the Hiking Club. We are also planning to have door prizes distributed after the barbecue.

Prior to the picnic, you will have a choice of two hikes--Romero Pools (rating C+) will start at 7:00am and the Sutherland Trail (rating C) at 8:30am. Both hikes will leave from the picnic area. The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club annual meeting will be held at 11:00 am at the group picnic area. Elections for the executive officers will be held at that time and approval of changes in the Hiking Club By-laws will be voted on. For additional picnic information, call Bette Hollman at 818-9173 or Kay White at 818-9482.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT SPRING PICNIC

Elections for the Executive Board will be held on Saturday, March 23 during the General Meeting at 11:00 am at the Catalina picnic area. The following slate of candidates will be presented for voting:

President.	Jon Chase
Vice President	Bill Leightenheimer
Secretary.	Robert Perez
Treasurer.	Linda Bechky
Chief Hiking Guide	John Rendall

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the General Meeting.

CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS

We will also be voting on changes in Hiking Club by-laws. The items to be changed include the start date of the term of new officers and the duties of the secretary and the treasurer.

HELP WANTED

We are seeking volunteers to help with two extremely important positions in the Hiking Club. Linda Betchky, who was in charge of making hard copies of our Newsletters and placing them in the Clubhouses is resigning that position. We need someone who will make the copies and be responsible for seeing that they are always available in the Clubhouses.

Jim Conklin is resigning his position as co-Newsletter Editor. His responsibility is to gather the information on the hikes and include that and the hike descriptions in the Newsletter. Also, he maintains the list of member E-mail addresses, E-mails the newsletter to all members as well as sending updates and notices to the members by E-mail. He also prepares the newsletter for entry into the web-site and prepares a text version. If you are interested in either of these positions or need more information, contact Jon Chase at 818-1115.

HIKING GUIDES NEEDED

Our Hiking Club is always looking for new Hiking Guides. If you have gained experience hiking with us or elsewhere and have some favorite hikes you would feel comfortable leading, then please contact Walt Faleschini at 818-6644 or at Faleschini@aol.com.

HIKING GUIDES MEETING/BOARD MEETING

The next Hiking Guides Meeting to schedule May/June hikes will be on Wednesday, April 3rd at 4:00 PM in the Javelina Room, SaddleBrooke clubhouse. If you can think of a walk or a hike you wish to offer other club members, please come to the meeting. Even if you have no idea of what you would like to do, come anyway just to see how the hikes are scheduled. All club members are encouraged to lead walks or hikes and are welcome to come to the meeting.

The SaddleBrooke Hiking Club schedules Board of Director's meetings on a regular basis. These are open to the membership of the club, and all members are encouraged to attend. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 3:00pm, preceding the Hiking guides meeting in the Javelina Room at SBCC.

Minutes of all Board meetings are available from the club Secretary, Bob Perez. You can call him at 818-2111, or email Bob at azsur65@mindspring.com

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GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

Call the guide to make a reservation. Assume that the hike will proceed as scheduled unless the guide calls you. Persons who have made a reservation and then find they cannot go on the hike, must call the guide to cancel their reservation at the earliest time. Hiking groups meet at and depart from the Mountain View clubhouse parking lot located as follows: as you look at the clubhouse, the parking lot is on the left, borders on Mountain View Blvd. and is just east of the tennis courts. The time listed for the hike is the departure time. It is important to arrive 10 to 15 minutes before departure time. Always bring ample water (a minimum of 2 quarts is recommended), sunscreen, and appropriate footwear and headgear. Bring a snack or lunch as you see fit to sustain you. Always bring some sort of ID and medications you generally take. The driver donation is a suggested amount and is noted for each hike. Some hiking areas require a user/parking fee and is generally paid by the driver. The driver and passengers will equally share the cost of the user/parking fee and this amount will be added to the suggested driver donation. Small bills are appreciated as the driver may not be able to provide change. Due to automobile insurance coverage considerations, it is recommended that any payment to the driver be made upon return to Mountain View. Also, please let the guide know ahead of time 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.

HIKE RATINGS AND PACE

- A Hikes > 14 miles or > 3000 foot climb
- B Hikes 8 to 14 miles or 1500 to 3000 foot climb
- C Hikes 4 to 8 miles or 500 to 1500 foot climb
- D Hikes < 4 miles and < 500 foot climb

Slow Pace – Less than 1.5 MPH with frequent stops

Moderate Pace – 1.5 to 2.5 MPH, fewer stops

Fast Pace – Greater than 2.5 MPH

Pace is also governed by trail conditions and the terrain to be covered. Ask your guide for clarification when you sign up.

NOTE: Sometimes a hike is harder or easier than its rating indicates. In an attempt to pinpoint accuracy, “minus” and “plus” signs have been added to some ratings. **Hikes are much more difficult than a walk around SaddleBrooke. Be sure to ask the guide for details when signing up for a hike. ALL hikes, except the Fitness Hikes and Exploring SaddleBrooke hikes, have some rocks, unsteady ground, etc. Be sure you can handle the hike and the pace of the hike before signing up.**

SCHEDULED HIKES

NOTE: Hikes marked by a double asterisk ** are new additions to our club database. Hikes marked by a double plus ++ are 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. Another way to assess ones fitness is to take one or more of the regularly scheduled Fitness Hikes or Exploring SaddleBrooke hikes.

Exploring SaddleBrooke. Rating D. Start your day with a brisk walk in and around SaddleBrooke. These are twice weekly hikes along our local streets plus occasionally going into nearby areas of desert to explore new things. The walks provide an opportunity to see how others have landscaped their yards, see how new units are growing, and to meet and talk with others on the hike. The hikes are normally about 1 hour to 1½ hour long and will cover 3 to 4 miles. Many times, there are two groups, one for the fast walkers and a second group for the moderate pace walkers. The elevation change is no greater than that of any street in SaddleBrooke. Hikes are conducted every Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesdays, meet at the Mountain View clubhouse parking lot and on Thursdays, meet at the basketball court near the SaddleBrooke clubhouse. The meeting time for March will be 7:00AM. For April, the meeting time will be determined later. Bringing some drinking water is strongly advised. Kay White, 818-9482.

Fitness Walk. Rating D. Maintain your fitness or get into better shape by joining us for a morning fitness walk. We'll begin and end with proper stretching techniques, learn power-

walking techniques, and have some fun. Wear comfortable walking/athletic shoes. Remember the sunblock, a hat, & bring a quart of water. The sessions will last about one hour and are suitable for walkers of all ability levels. Walks conducted every Tuesday and Thursday, EXCEPT March 7, 19, 26 and April 2. Meet at Mountain View clubhouse parking lot. Leave at 7:00AM; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Arizona Trail Hike Segments. Ratings vary by segment. The Arizona Trail is a trail from the Mexican border to Utah covering a distance of 780 miles. Beginning in March, some of the club's members will begin hiking this beautiful trail in segments. As of this time, about 65% of the Arizona Trail is complete. These will be strenuous hikes, requiring backpacking and overnight camping on certain segments. The goal this spring is to hike the first 20 to 25% of the Arizona Trail. Bill Leightenheimer will be leading this hike. Club members interested in joining any part of this hike should contact Bill at 818-1953. You must be very fit and an experienced hiker and must have lightweight backpacking gear. Pack weights will be kept to no more than 30 pounds and preferably less. Some of the sections will be done as day hikes with no camping and any Club member is welcome as long as they are physically capable of doing that particular hike. Driver donations will be determined by the hikers on each segment.

**** Mar 1-4 (Fri.-Mon.) Arizona Trail – Mexico to Patagonia.** Rating A+. This is a 3 night, 4 day backpack from the Mexican border to Patagonia through the Huachuca Mountains and the Canelo Hills. 56.32 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Mar 1 – Fri. Picacho Peak. Rating B+. From Barret Loop trailhead, hike up to a saddle then down to Sunset Vista Trail then to the top of Picacho Peak using the permanently installed guide cables to get to the top. Bring cotton or leather gloves for holding on to cables. Return requires a climb down Sunset Vista Trail then up the Hunter Trail again to the saddle. This is a short, strenuous, 'acrophobic' hike & a favorite among hikers. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people); hike 4 miles; climb 2100 feet; elevation at start 1500 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$5.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Mar 4 – Mon. Boulder Ridge Loop. Rating B. This hike begins and ends in SaddleBrooke. We begin at the NE gate (lot 36), continuing through the yet undeveloped RCI property and crossing the Canada' del Oro just north of the old dam. We cross state trust land (private grazing lease) and quickly enter the Coronado National Forest. Then we head uphill to the northeast, eventually looping back south along the base of the northern end of the Samaniego Mtn. range to the Charouleau Gap 4WD road and back to SaddleBrooke. This is a nice loop with many excellent views and includes a few rocky uphill sections on old jeep roads. Approximately 9 miles; starting elevation 3350'; elevation change 950'. Pick-up cars needed at south end. Leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$1.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Mar 5 – Tue. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. Rating C. General trail maintenance on fairly well established hiking trails. Light to moderate physical activity including brushing,

sweeping of the trails, widening, hoeing, raking, trimming, pruning, and brush/debris removal. It also involves erosion control with digging, trenching, and water barrier construction. Tools utilized include: hoes, rakes, shovels, picks, shears, and pruners. Some lifting and bending. Gloves are required and long pants are recommended. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jon Chase, 818-1115.

**** Mar 6 – Wed.** Boyce Thompson Arboretum–2. Rating D. This Arizona State Park is featuring a display of Chapunga Sculpture of Zimbabwe. We will drive approximately 90 miles to the park. Park admission fee is \$6.00. We will spend 3 hours walking the more than 2½ miles of trails, checking out the pieces that are as large as 10 feet tall and 6000 pounds. At 1pm, we head to Superior, AZ for lunch at the Buckboard Café. After lunch, we will head back toward SaddleBrooke, stopping at the Ray mine over-look to observe this mine that is still operating. We will be back in SaddleBrooke by 5pm. Leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$5.00; Bob White, 818-9482.

Mar 6 – Wed. Hidden Canyon. Rating B. This is a beautiful hike to a secluded hidden canyon in the upper reaches of the Sutherland Wash. There are many beautiful rock formations and saguaro cacti. This trail connects to 4432 which connects to the Charouleau Gap Road. Hike 7.5 miles; elevation change 1100 feet; altitude at start 3120 feet. Binoculars, camera, and a hiking stick are recommended. Bring food and water. Leave at 9:00AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

Mar 7 – Thu. Sweetwater Trail to the Saddle. Rating C. We start from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the East Side of the Tucson Mountains. From there, we hike up through some of the prettiest Saguaro forests in the area. Along the way, there will be good views of Tucson and Wasson Peak. We end at the saddle where the trail joins the King Canyon trail. The King Canyon trail goes down to the Desert Museum or up to Wasson Peak. We will have lunch at the saddle before heading back to the trailhead. Hike 6.8 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; elevation at start 2800 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$3.00; Mary Croft, 825-3804.

**** Mar 7-8 (Thu.-Fri.)** Arizona Trail – Temporal Gulch to Kentucky Camp. Rating A. This is a 1 night, 2 day backpack from Temporal Gulch trailhead to Kentucky Camp. 21.4 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Mar 8 – Fri. Hutch's 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 at least 2 quarts of water, lunch and \$6.00 for the tram. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 3300 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$2.00; Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

**** Mar 11 – Mon.** Arizona Trail – Kentucky Camp to Oak Tree Canyon. Rating B+. A day hike from Kentucky Camp to Oak Tree Canyon. 13.3 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer. 818-1953.

Mar 11 – Mon. Panther Peak. Rating B. The hike begins

near Saguaro West National Park, with the first mile on old mining roads. Then, a steep, difficult climb begins and you may need to use your hands to climb the trail. The use of gloves, long pants, and a hiking stick is recommended. Enjoy outstanding views from the top, all the way to Picacho Peak. We will return by the same route. This is a short but strenuous hike. Hike limited to 10 hikers. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 1135 feet; starting elevation 2300 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$3.00; Ron Noton, 825-7374.

Mar 11 – Mon. Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle. Rating C. This is a beautiful hike through the area (Dragoon Mountains) that Cochise hid in during the Indian wars. He is buried in this area in a hidden location. There is an extension of this hike that expands it to 10 miles for the more advanced hiker. Distance 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation about 4500 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$8.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

Mar 12 – Tue. Canyon Loop to Montrose Pool. Rating D. This will be a slow paced hike to Montrose Pools and return in Catalina State Park. We will fork onto the Birding Loop (some water crossing possible) at the end. Hike 4 miles; pace slow; climb 200 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$1.00; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**** Mar 13 – Wed.** Oracle to SaddleBrooke. Rating A. This hike originates on the outskirts of Oracle and enters the Coronado Nat. Forest, proceeding south along a (class 4) 4WD jeep trail through the north end of the Santa Catalinas. We arrive at the high point of Charouleau Gap (12-mile point) and continue back to SaddleBrooke-Unit 9 via the 4WD-trail road, completing the 17-mile hike. This is a very nice part of the Catalinas, with great views and rugged terrain. Starting at 4664 feet and finishing at 3248 feet, we will have numerous up/down situations: gaining 2494 feet and dropping 3910 feet. Our highest elevation is 5090 feet at the Gap. (We may attempt a short 1-mile bushwhack to Pig Spring which would shorten the hike by 3 miles-no guarantees). Limit- 8 hikers; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation for drop off transportation \$3.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Mar 13 – Wed. Romero Pools (Lower). Rating C+. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and the canyon area where several pools are located. We will have lunch there. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people). Limit 14; hike 6 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 8:30AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

Mar 14 – Thu. Saguaro Park East & Tanque Verde Guest Ranch for Lunch. Rating C-. Start from the eastern end of Speedway at Douglas Spring Trailhead. Follow along the foot of the Rincon Mountains with a 1.5 mile loop into the foothills then back to the desert floor. Hike 4.2 miles; 400 foot elevation change; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at 7:30AM; limit 20; \$13.50 for superb gourmet luncheon buffet at Tanque Verde Guest Ranch after hike - payable to Bev by 3/7/02; driver donation \$4.00; Bev Caldwell. 825-3071.

Mar 15 – Fri. 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; starting elevation 3100 feet; trail is steep; leave at 6:30AM; driver donation \$2.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Mar 15 – Fri. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. Rating C. 7:30AM; see Mar 5.

Mar 15 – Fri. Tonto National Monument. Rating C. A guided tour hike of the Upper Cliff Dwellings, normally closed and allowed only by reservation. The tour is approx. 3 miles on unpaved, moderate to steep trail with a gain of 600 ft. Time permitting, we will also visit the lower cliff dwelling on our own. This will be an educational experience regarding the life of the Salado Indians (People of the Salt River). This is the best time for wildflowers. National Park Fee - \$3 (without a pass). The monument is approx. 110 miles one way, on good roads and overlooks Roosevelt Lake. Limited to 12 members (3 cars). MUST SIGN UP 3 DAYS PRIOR TO HIKE. Bring lunch, ample water, and a hat. Leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$10; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Mar 16 – Sat. Charouleau Gap Road to the Gap plus Charouleau Peak. Rating B. Starting from the corral below Unit 9 in SaddleBrooke, we will walk to the road and on to the gap, which overlooks SaddleBrooke to the west. The hike will be through desert area and then climb with switchbacks to the Gap. We will then do a short but steep bushwhack up to the peak. We will return via the same route. Hike 12 miles; elevation change 2900 feet; altitude at the start 3200 feet. Leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$1.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

++ Mar 17 – Sun. Honey Bee Canyon. Rating D. 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; hike 2 miles; 100 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$1.00; Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**** Mar 18-19 (Mon.-Tues.)** Arizona Trail – Turkey Creek to Reddington Road. Rating A+. This is a one night, two day backpack from Turkek Creek Trailhead to Reddington Road through the Rincon Mountains. 19.7 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Mar 18 – Mon. Chiricahua Echo Canyon Loop. Rating C. This hike covers a couple of trails in the Chiricahua National Monument. We will start out on the Hailstone Trail and connect with the Echo Canyon Trail. The Hailstone Trail gets its name from tiny "hailstones" of volcanic origin. The Echo Canyon Trail winds up and through some outstanding pillars of rocks and rock grottos and back to the parking lot. At this point, those who still have some lung and leg left will have time to take the short hike to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain – a 2 mile round trip with a 500 foot elevation change to one of the highest viewpoints in the Chiricahua National Monument Wilderness area. Vegetation consists of Pinion Pine, Evergreen Oak, and

Alligator Juniper with an assortment of semi arid plants. Hike 3.3 miles; starting elevation 6780 feet; climb 400 feet; leave at 6:30AM; driver donation \$10.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

Mar 20 – Wed. Esperero Trail/Cardiac Gulch. Rating B. This is a hike to the saddle overlooking Esperero Canyon. We'll warm up by hiking from the Sabino Canyon parking lot over a few small foothills to "the Gulch". The hiking is initially steep.... then it gets much steeper! We'll have lunch at the saddle while viewing the falls below, assuming that the spring thaw supplies a rushing brook. Extra water is recommended. Hike 8 miles; climb 1700 feet; altitude at start 2750 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$2.00; Mary Croft, 825-3804.

++ Mar 21 – Thu. Honey Bee Canyon. Rating D. 8:30AM; see Mar 17 except guides are Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

Mar 23 – Sat. PICNIC HIKE. Romero Pools (Lower). Rating C+. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Trail crosses open desert then climbs steeply until it reaches a saddle and the canyon area where several pools are located. \$5.00 park entrance fee or a pass (car with up to 4 people). Limit 14; hike 6 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; we will leave at 7:00AM from the picnic grounds so we can return to the picnic/meeting by 10:30AM – rather fast pace; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Mar 23 – Sat. PICNIC HIKE. 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. Hike 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 8:30AM from the picnic grounds; Mary Croft, 825-3804.

Mar 24 – Sun. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. A relatively short hike between Sabino and Bear Canyons with spectacular views of Tucson and the canyons. We follow the dirt road from Sabino Canyon Visitors Center parking lot. The first part of the trail is somewhat steep, and then it changes to a gradual, persistent climb. The pace will be slow but steady. Hike 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$2.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Mar 25 – Mon. Guthrie Mountain - Santa Catalina Mountains. Rating C+. The hike will start at the General Hitchcock Campground. We will go up the Green Mountain trail to the saddle at the head of Bear Canyon. Then on to Guthrie Mountain and return. The trail along the top from the saddle to Guthrie Mountain gives great views of the Catalinas and the San Pedro Valley. The last quarter mile to the trail end over the mountaintop requires some rock climbing. Some hikers may not wish to do that portion of the hike. Hike 6 miles; climb 1200 feet; elevation at start 6000 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$5.00; Ron Noton, 825-7374.

**** Mar 26-28 (Tue.-Thu.)** Arizona Trail – Catalina Mountains. Rating A+. This is a two night, three day backpack through the Catalina Mountains. 37 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Mar 26 – Tue. Big Rock Dome. Rating B-. This hike leads to a granite dome with great 360 deg. views. The hike will appeal to the adventurous hiker who is capable physically of doing a moderately strenuous bushwack. Recommend wearing long pants and gloves. Bring a hiking stick, two quarts of water and snacks. This hike can be a loop by coming back down the Charouleau Gap Road. Hike limited to 8 hikers. Hike 2-4 miles; elevation change 770 feet, starting elevation 3095 feet; leave at 8:00AM; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

Mar 27 – Wed. Miller Peak. Rating A-. Miller Peak is the highest point in the Huachuca Mountains. There is a 100-mile view from the top. The hike starts at the Coronado National Memorial, located within Montezuma Canyon and we take the Crest Trail. Hike 12.5 miles; elevation change 3400 feet; starting elevation 5800 feet; leave at 6:00AM. Drive two hours beyond Sierra Vista to the trailhead; driver donation \$10.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Mar 28 – Thu. King Canyon Loop. Rating C. Starting from a parking area near the Desert Museum, we will hike up the Kings Canyon Trail to the Sweetwater Saddle. Our return will be down the trail to Mam-a Gah picnic area. Then down the dry wash where petroglyphs can be viewed. This is an interesting wash where wildlife can sometimes be seen. Make sure you bring a camera, lunch, water & hiking stick if you have one. Hike 4.6 miles; 1000 foot elevation change; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$3.00; Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

Mar 29 – Fri. Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center, hike from the parking lot to lower Bear Canyon; then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2800 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$2.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**** Mar 29 – Fri.** Discover Oracle State Park. Rating D. We have been invited to do this hike by and in conjunction with the Sun City Hiking Club. This is a good opportunity to meet some of our hiking neighbors. The interior nature /wildlife loop will be an easy paced loop around the close-in interior of the park. We will park at the general picnic area near the Kannally residence (headquarters). After the hike we will have a bring-your-own picnic lunch in the well-equipped picnic area. What to bring to the picnic can be discussed further at the time of making your reservation for the hike. Hike 4 miles; elevation change about 200 feet; leave at 8:30AM from MVCC; driver donation \$3.00; Jon Chase, 818-1115.

**** Mar 30 – Sat.** Peralta/Geronimo Cave Loop Trail. Rating B-. Peralta Trail to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains may be the area's most beautiful canyon. Legend has it that a loner named Jacob Waltz (The Dutchman) found a fortune in gold somewhere within the Superstition Mountains. Dominating the legends and the landscape is Weaver's Needle. The canyon bottom is a jumble of huge, thought-provoking boulders that have tumbled from the cliffs above. It's a steep, rocky trail most of the way. We will make a loop back to the trailhead via the cave trail and explore Geronimo's cave. This part of the hike has spectacular views from cliffs but is not for

the acrophobic person (some open-face rock and steep downhill descents). Bring a lunch and at least 2 quarts of water. Limited to 8 hikers. Hike 5.1 miles; climb 1400 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$8.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Apr 1 – Mon. Chiricahua Heart of Rocks Loop. Rating B. This loop trail is described in "Hiking Arizona's Cactus Country" as a ".....popular route (which) makes a long day loop, visiting the most spectacular rock formations in Chiricahua National Monument." This hike includes the scenic Echo Canyon Trail. The elevation of the hike runs between 6000 and 7000 feet. There will be an elevation gain of 1405 feet. Total distance is 8.4 miles. Because of the distance to the trailhead, carpooling should be planned in advance with the hike leader since the leader and others may stay over night at area motels. Leave at 6:30AM; driver donation \$10.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**** Apr 2 – Tue.** Arizona Trail – American Flag Trail to Hwy 77. Rating B. This is a day hike from the American Flag trailhead to Highway 77. 9 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

**** Apr 3 – Wed.** Parker Canyon Lakeshore Trail. Rating C. This will be a very easy hike with no elevation change. We will walk the 5-mile trail around Parker Canyon Lake. There are several benches around the lake for watching waterfowl and for eating a snack. Leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$4.00. Expect to be back by 4PM; Bob White, 818-9482.

Apr 3 – Wed. Hidden Canyon. Rating B. 9:00AM; see Mar 6.

Apr 3 – Wed. Tohono Chul Park and Tea Room, "birders walk" and breakfast. Rating D. Join a Tohono Chul docent for a guided bird observation walk in beautiful Tohono Chul Park. Pace slow. We can continue strolling through the park at our leisure and end with breakfast at the Tohono Chul Tea Room. Hike 1.5 miles; elevation change 50 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$1.00 plus suggested park donation of \$2.00; bring binoculars; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

Apr 5 – Fri. Fifty Year Trail (North End). Rating C. We will start at the end of the paved part of Golder Ranch Road, go north on the 50-Year Trail and then loop back. Beautiful saguaros and rock formations. Hike 7 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 3200 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$1.00; Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**** Apr 5 – Fri.** Arizona Trail – Oracle State Park to Tiger Mine Road. Rating B. This is a day hike from Oracle State Park to Tiger Mine Road. 13.3 miles. Call for time. Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Apr 7 – Sun. Hutch's Pool. Rating C+; 7:00AM; see Mar 8 except guide is John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Apr 8 – Mon. Brown Canyon – Ramsey Canyon Loop. Rating B-. In the Huachuca Mountains, we hike up Brown Canyon Box trail to a ridge where we drop down into Ramsey Canyon

and back to the Visitor Center. This is a great hike. In Brown Canyon, we see mining artifacts and two gravesites. Ramsey Canyon is always a delight with some of the largest Arizona Sycamore trees in Southern Arizona. Hike 8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 5000 feet; pace slow; leave at 6:30AM; driver donation \$9; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

Apr 8 – Mon. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West (short version). May cancel - depends on weather patterns. Rating C-. Wilderness hiking by special permit. Stream wading, numerous stream crossings (up to knee deep), dense riparian brush. A very special canyon, pristine & natural. No facilities. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks); bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items); hiking stick recommended; hike 4-5 miles roundtrip; 200 foot elevation change; pace slow/moderate; limit 10; \$5 per person to BLM at trailhead. Have exact amount; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071.

Apr 8 – Mon. Elephant Head. Rating B+. A hike to climb the craggy massive rock on the west side of the Santa Ritas. The rock is mentioned in Apache legend of the area. The hike starts out along a gentle mountain road but after about 2 miles there is some tough bushwhacking across Chino canyon and then rock scrambling to get to the top. On the way back we must cross Chino canyon again! Dress defensively and bring gloves. Hike 8 miles; total climb 2000 feet; elevation at start 4600 feet; moderate/slow pace; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$4.00; Ron Noton, 825-7374.

Apr 9 – Tue. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. Rating C; 7:00AM; see Mar 5.

Apr 9 – Tue. Cochise Stronghold to the Saddle or to the end of the Trail. Rating B or C. This will accommodate both the B & C level hiker. The 'C' group will return to the Headquarters after lunch as the 'B' group continues on. This is a beautiful hike through the area (Dragoon Mountains) that Cochise hid in during the Indian wars. He is buried in this area in a hidden location. There is an extension of this hike that expands it to 10 miles for the more advanced hiker. Distance 6 miles; elevation change 1000 feet; starting elevation about 4500 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$10.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Apr 10 – Wed. Romero Pools (Lower). Rating C+; 8:00AM; see Mar 13.

**** Apr 10 – Wed.** Sabino Canyon to Catalina State Park - 2. Rating A. This is a very difficult hike up the Esperero Trail past Cathedral Peak to Romero Pass. From Romero Pass, we will hike down the Romero Canyon Trail to Catalina State Park. Bring lunch, snacks, and a minimum of four quarts of water. Hike 18.2 miles; elevation change 3350 feet; altitude at start 2750 feet; leave at 6:00AM; limit 6 hikers; driver donation \$12.00; Bill Leightenheimer. 818-1953.

Apr 11 – Thu. Dripping Springs from the Sutherland Trail. Rating D. We follow the Sutherland Trail to the wilderness sign. The hike then veers to the right and follows a small canyon where there is a beautiful waterfall (depending on recent

rains). Much of this part of the trail is sandy with 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. Hike 4 miles; limit 10 hikers; elevation at start 2700 feet; elevation change 500 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$1.00; Mary Croft, 825-3804.

Apr 12 – Fri. Wasson Peak/Sweetwater Trail. Rating B. We start from the trailhead at the end of El Camino del Cerro on the East Side of the Tucson Mountains. From there, we hike up 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 on up to Wasson Peak. Views are spectacular from this highest point in the Tucson Mountains. Little shade. Hike 9.2 miles; climb 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 2900 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Apr 12 – Fri. Peppersauce and Nugget Canyon Loop. Rating C+. We park opposite Peppersauce Campground on the old Mt. Lemmon Road (backside of Mt. Lemmon). We hike up the Mt. Lemmon Road to Nugget Canyon turnoff, loop up the canyon, and back down through Peppersauce Canyon, passing Peppersauce Cave and some old mining relics. We will allow ½ hour for anyone who wishes to explore Peppersauce Cave. Much of the hike is through oak woodland with good views from the higher hills we go over. We will travel over old jeep roads and rough paths. Hike 7 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude 4600 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$4.00; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Apr 13 – Sat. Butterfly Trail. Rating B-. Starting at Soldier Camp in the Catalinas, we will hike down to the Novio Spring area in Alder Canyon where we will lunch in the vicinity of a 1957 F-86 plane crash. All of the steady climb is on the way out. We will be in the shade of very tall Douglas fir and ponderosa pines, up to the saddle and exit at Palisade Ranger Station. Along the way are views of San Manuel to the east. We will try to set this up as a shuttle to avoid the painful after lunch climb out. Rating B; hike 6 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 7700 feet; pace slow; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$7.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

Apr 14 – Sun. 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 1100 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave at 7:00AM; moderate pace; driver donation \$2.00; Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Apr 15 – Mon. King Canyon Loop. Rating C. 7:30AM; see Mar 28 except guide is Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

Apr 15 – Mon. Rincon Peak. Rating A. An uphill hike with breathtaking views. Plan on taking plenty of water. After 4.4 miles, we reach Happy Valley Saddle and then on to Heartbreak Ridge. This is a steep hike and is only for the most advanced hiker. Hike 16.2 miles. elevation change 4300 feet; starting elevation 4200 feet; leave at 5:30AM; driver donation \$8.00;

Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Apr 17 – Wed. Blackett's Ridge. Rating B. 8:00AM; see Mar 24 except guide is Larry Gray, 818-0337.

Apr 18 – Thu. Peppersauce Canyon Short Hike. Rating C-. We will park opposite the Peppersauce Canyon campground and hike up Peppersauce Canyon approximately 1.5 miles. Good mixture of vegetation to study. Some views, depending on how far we go. Bring lunch. Hike 3 miles; 500 foot elevation change; altitude at start 4600 feet; leave at 9:30AM; driver donation \$4.00; Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

**** Apr 20 – Sat.** Palisade Trail to Catalina State Park. Rating B. This hike starts in the high pine forests atop Mt. Lemmon and descends south to Sabino Canyon. Bring \$6.00 for the tram, lunch, and a minimum of three quarts of water. Limited to 8 hikers. Hike 10.3 miles; elevation change -5150 feet; starting elevation 7850 feet; leave at 6:00AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Apr 21 – Sun. Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West. Rating B-. This is a wilderness area, no trails, and no signs. Expect stream wading and numerous stream crossings, i.e., wet feet. Good water traction important. Wear shoes that can stand water and hiking. This is a beautiful, scenic canyon, a favorite for all who have been there. This is one of my favorite hikes. We hike in about 4 miles then come out the same way. Wear shorts, socks and shoes (that can get wet) with good traction (for wet rocks). Bring dry shoes/shorts/shirt for drive home if desired (and a plastic bag for wet items). Hiking stick recommended. Limit 10. \$5.00 fee per person at entrance. Have exact amount. Hike 7 to 8 miles; starting elevation 2600 feet; elevation change 200 feet; leave at 7:30AM; driver donation \$3.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071.

Apr 21 – Sun. Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B. We hike from the Bog Springs Campground in Madera Canyon, Santa Rita Mountains, 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. Limit 15 hikers. Hike 6 miles; climb 2100 feet; starting altitude 5000 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$6.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Apr 21 – Sun. Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail. Rating C. We will start at the Marshall Gulch Picnic Area and go up the Marshall Gulch Trail to the Saddle. Then left down the Aspen trail back to the Picnic Area. There is a large rock to sit on with a view ¼ mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. A great spot for a break or lunch. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 800 feet; start at 7440 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$5.00; Karen Gray, 818-0337.

**** Apr 22 – Mon.** Florida Canyon to Old Baldy Trail. Rating A. We will leave a vehicle at the Santa Rita Agricultural Experimental Station. We will hike up the Super Trail and Old Baldy Trail to Baldy Saddle and then north down the ridge to Florida Saddle and the Experimental Station. Hikers should bring lunch, snacks, and a minimum of three quarts of water.

Hike limited to 6 hikers. Hike 11.2 miles; elevation change 3560 feet; starting elevation 5240 feet; leave at 6:00AM; driver donation \$6.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

Apr 23 – Tue. Kitt Peak Observatory Evening Program. Rating D. If you are interested in astronomy, don't miss this trip. We arrive at the visitor center at 6:30PM. Light box meal provided. Hear lectures. Learn how to use star charts. Look through telescope at objects in the night sky. Program is over at 9:30PM. Kitt Peak has the largest number of telescopes, 24, in the world. Bring warm clothes. Binoculars provided. 55 years and older - \$25 per person. 54 years or less - \$35. It's well worth it. Limited to 11 persons. Bring warm clothes - no shorts or sandals. 7100 feet elevation; leave at 4:00PM; driver donation \$8.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

Apr 23 – Tue. Seven Falls. Rating C+. 7:00AM; see Mar 29 except guides are Jan & Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

**** Apr 23 – 24 (Tue. & Wed.)** Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - East to West (Overnight). Rating A. This is a wilderness hike, by permit only in a primitive preserve, following the perennial Araviapa Creek through the Galiuro Mountains. We will be hiking (round trip from the nearby west trailhead) through the entire length of the canyon in ankle to knee deep water 50% of the time and camping overnight (tents) on the east end at Turkey Creek Campground or in the canyon depending upon the weather conditions. We will also explore several 400-600 ft. side canyons (Painted Cave; Horse Camp, Booger Canyon and the Cliff Dwelling on the east end) depending on time. Bring binoculars and camera. The scenery is beautiful and we should see plenty of wildlife (hopefully Golden Eagle--Big Horn Sheep--Mountain Lion). Appropriate over night camping/hiking equipment required-water can be purified or carried/cached. The hike will be approx. 28 miles over two days including side trips. LIMITED to 8 HIKERS-\$5/DAY WILDERNESS PERMIT-MUST SIGN UP BEFORE APR 10th. Call Hiking Guide for details. Two cars needed - left at trailhead overnight). Driver donation \$5; John Rendall, 825-9395.

Apr 24 – Wed. Phone Line Trail - Round Trip. Rating B-. The hike will begin in the Sabino Canyon parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phoneline Trail. The trail is above and generally parallel to the tram road and offers outstanding views of the canyon. The return route will be back along the same trail. Hike 10 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337.

Apr 24 – Wed. Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating C. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. We start at 5400 feet elevation from the Roundup Picnic Area and descend 3.2 miles down the canyon to the 4500 foot level. Along the way, we enjoy the shade of Apache pines, Douglas Firs, Emory Oaks, Mexican Blue Oaks, Willows, Cottonwoods, and Sycamores. Our return is by the same route. There are panoramic views from a ridge on a trail breakout. Hike 6.4 miles; climb 900 feet; starting elevation 5400 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$6.00; Mary Richling, 825-5238.

Apr 25 – Thu. Oracle State Park Trail Maintenance. Rating

C. 7:00AM; see Mar 5.

Apr 25 – Thu. Josephine Saddle. Rating B. We start in Madera Canyon (Santa Rita Mountains) and go up Old Baldy Trail to Josephine Saddle. Rest there and return on the Super Trail. This hike can be done in reverse, going up the Super Trail and returning on the Old Baldy Trail. Hike, 6 miles; climb 1700 feet; starting altitude 5400 feet; leave at 8:00AM; driver donation \$6.00; Karen Gray, 818-0337.

Apr 26 – Fri. Garwood Dam. Rating C. This is a slow, easy hike in the desert of the Saguaro National Park-East. The pace will be set by the group; no rush. We will hike in the cactus forest of the Park across mostly level terrain. There is some climbing as we near the dam. Our destination is a dam with a history in the foothills of the Rincon Mtns. Hike 6.5 miles; altitude at start 2800 feet.; climb 250 feet.; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$3.00; John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

Apr 27 – Sat. Miller Peak. Rating A-. 6:30AM. See Mar 27.

Apr 28 – Sun. Wilderness of Rocks. Rating B-. Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area, we climb 550 feet to Marshall Saddle. Then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail to Lemmon Rocks Lookout Trail. From there we go a further $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to the Lemmon Creek area in the heart of the Wilderness of Rocks. Beautiful rock formation with great views in the heart of the Catalinas. We return by the same route. We climb 900 feet to the saddle and then down the gulch to the picnic area. Hike 7.5 miles; starting elevation 7440 feet; climb 550+900 feet; leave at 7:00AM; driver donation \$5.00; Karen Gray, 818-0337.

Apr 28 – Sun. Romero Pools (Lower). Rating C+. 7:30AM; see Mar 13 except guide is Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**** Apr 29 – Mon** Finger Rock Trail to Mt. Kimball and Pima Trail to Pima Trailhead. Rating A. This is a very difficult hike up the Finger Rock Trail to Mt. Kimball. We will take the Pima Canyon Trail from Mt. Kimball down to the Pima Canyon Trailhead. Bring lunch, snacks, and a minimum of 4 quarts of water. Hike limited to 6 hikers. Hike 14.1 miles; elevation change 4300 feet; elevation at start 3100 feet; leave at 6:00AM; driver donation \$12.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.