



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### HIKING SCHEDULE OFFERS MANY CHOICES

By John Rendell, Chief Hiking Guide

We have another busy hiking schedule for the March/April period. The variety of hikes is pretty well spread out to accommodate all hikers. There are seven 'A' hikes, 26 'B' hikes, 24 'C' and 13 'D' hikes. Also, there are 43 Fitness Walks scheduled five days / week, Monday through Friday. Please note the time change for the Fitness Walks; they are now beginning at 7:00 AM. March and April are two of our best months for hiking in Southern Arizona, and hopefully everyone will get out and enjoy the beautiful area in which we live. In addition to the numerous day hikes, we have a couple of overnights planned; one is a 3 day/2 night backpack through Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness and side canyons and another a 3 day/2 night excursion to Gila National Forest and Cliff Dwelling in New Mexico. How about watching the sunset at the same time a full moon is rising? This will be a beautiful sight, check out the Wasson Peak hike on the 18th of March, leaving at 3:00PM. There are also 10 New Hikes this period; marked as \*\*.

### HIKING CLUB PICNIC

The next Hiking Club Picnic will be held on March 22, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. at Oracle State Park. Oracle State Park has agreed to waive the entry fee of \$4/car for SaddleBrooke Hiking Club members; just show your picnic ticket at the gate. We still encourage car pooling to reduce parking problems. There will be three different hikes offered before the picnic at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The tickets will cost \$10.00 per person for a catered lunch, on sale Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m. at the SaddleBrooke Clubhouse and March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. at the MountainView Clubhouse. The annual meeting and election of officers will also take place at the picnic. There will be door prizes and announcements. Hiking Club shirts and hats will be available for sale at the picnic.

The Nominating Committee has nominated Mary Richling, president, Bill Leightenhiemer, vice president, Bob Perez, secretary, Linda Bechky, treasurer and Susan Robertshaw, Chief Hiking Guide. Voting will be done during the meeting portion of the picnic.

#### SOCIAL HOUR

We will not have a Social Hour in March because of the Hiking Club Picnic. The next Hiking Club Social Hour will be at the SaddleBrooke Country Club on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.

### THE SEARCH FOR GUEST SPEAKERS

The club is extending an invitation by email to Betty Leavengood and David Yetman to speak to the Hiking Club. If any member of the Hiking Club should be present where Betty or David are speaking, such as the Western National Parks Association, please take a moment to extend a friendly invitation to be a guest speaker or ask them to call John Robertshaw, 818-6727. This would be held at the Mountain View Clubhouse and open to all residents of SaddleBrooke.

#### FYI

Boyce Thompson Arboretum State Park will hold a World's Desert Fair on March 1, 2003 from 11am to 3pm. They are offering a taste of foods, crafts and entertainment from deserts around the globe located throughout the trails of the Arboretum. Call 520-689-2811 for details.

### FITNESS WALKS---FIVE DAYS A WEEK

If you want a good way to get in shape and stay healthy just join

up with one of the Fitness Groups. These are walks around SaddleBrooke at a pace that will accommodate most everyone for about one hour. On occasion they may be extended for a longer distance with concurrence of the group. The Mon/Wed/Fri group is led by Bill Leightenheimer and the Tues/Thurs group (formally called Exploring SaddleBrooke) is led by Judi Barenkopf. See the write up for additional information at the beginning of the Hiking Schedule.

## NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Change of Address:** if you change your address – especially your email address – please notify our Secretary, Bob Perez, so you can continue to receive the bi-monthly Newsletter and any other communications that the Hiking Club sends out. Contact Bob Perez, 65187 E. Desert Sands Court, SaddleBrooke, AZ 85739, phone: 818-2111, e-mail: [azsun65@mindspring.com](mailto:azsun65@mindspring.com)

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## 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 John Rendall at 825-9395 or by e-mail at [tucsonrendall@aol.com](mailto:tucsonrendall@aol.com).

## HIKING GUIDE MEETING /BOARD MEETING

The next hiking guide meeting will be on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the SaddleBrooke Country Club. The board meeting is held at the SaddleBrooke Country Club on the same date but at 3:00 p.m. and any club member is welcome to attend.

## 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. 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.

All hikes leave from the left front parking lot in front of the MountainView Clubhouse (just east of the tennis courts) unless otherwise noted. Voluntary driver donations, shown at the end of the hike descriptions, include \$1.00 for entry/parking fees where required. There may be additional fees for entry to areas such as National Parks, Monuments, Wilderness Areas, Special Exhibits, some State Parks and for overnight stays, etc. These fees will be outlined by the Hiking Guide. Hiking Guides may also wish to split costs between drivers for drop-offs and/or unequal passenger loads. 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 MountainView. 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 or a new 'one time' hike. 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 Walks.

**Fitness Walk – Tues. & Thurs.** Rating 'D' These walks are oriented to those who want to get out early and keep your engine running smoothly. You walk at your own pace, meet some wonderful and interesting folks while perusing SaddleBrooke. The walks are usually for one hour except for an occasional 3-4 hour hike when we venture outside the SB boundaries. These longer hikes are decided by the group and planned one week in advance. We meet at MountainView Club House parking lot on Tuesday - 7:00 AM and at SaddleBrooke Tennis Ctr. parking lot on Thursday - 7:00 AM - For additional info and sign-up call Judi Barenkopf at 825-7077 or e-mail at mbarenkopf@aol.com.

**Fitness Walk – Mon., Wed. & Fri.** 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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All fitness walks will begin at 7:00 AM. Monday's walk will meet in the parking lot by the fitness center at SaddleBrooke CC. Wednesday and Friday's walks will meet in the parking lot in front of Mountainview CC; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953.

### Mar. 1 - Sat. Boyce-Thompson Arboretum Day

**Mar. 2 - Sun.** Three for One (3 for 1) - Baby Jesus, Sutherland & 50-year trails. Rating B-. This hike takes in 3 nearby trails to make a loop trip. The first trail will be the Baby Jesus Trail to the Sutherland Trail. The Sutherland trail will then be followed to the 50-Year Trail, which leads back to the starting point of the Baby Jesus Trail. Elevation change is a gradual 800 feet and distance covered is about 11 miles. These are 3 popular trails because of their close proximity to SaddleBrooke and because of the variety of plant life as the trail goes from desert washes to rocky overlooks. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 3 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 3 - Mon.** 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Don Colen, 825-0083.

**Mar. 4 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 4 - Tues.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**Mar. 5 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 5 - Wed.** Picacho Peak - Sunset Vista Trail. Rating B. From the Sunset Vista Trailhead we follow the lower route to the climb up to Picacho Peak. The climb to the top of Picacho Peak employs the use of cables (bring gloves!) to get to the top. This is a short, acrophobic, strenuous hike. Hike 5 miles; climb 2100 feet; altitude at start 1500 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 6 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 6 - Thurs.** El Capitan Canyon (upper). Rating C. This beautiful canyon is advertised in the Arizona Milepost Travel Guide as being Southern Arizona's only slot canyon. Investigation reveals that it is not a true slot canyon, but is definitely very narrow with steep walls on both sides. We drive 18.1 miles north of Winkleman and park on the east side by yellow sign reading "Watch for animals next 10 miles"; then cross over to west side and climb down and back under the road to start the hike. The hike descends on an old bulldozed road about 200 feet to the stream bottom. From there we walk down the bottom of the canyon, over lots of rocks and several short waterfalls. We turn around after about 2 miles and return by the same route. Needless to say, we cannot do this hike if there is any significant amount of water in the canyon, or if thunderstorms threaten a flash flood. Hike/scramble 4 miles. Elevation change 500 feet. Leave at 8:30 AM. Driver donation \$6.00. Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

**\*\*Mar. 6 - Thurs.** Gibbon Mountain Peak from Prison Camp. Rating B. This is an off-trail, exploratory hike with much rock scrambling up steep rocky areas. Bring gloves. We will start from Prison Camp and follow a ridge to the NW of the Soldier's Trail and then proceed to work our way up to the Peak. This should afford outstanding views of Thimble Peak, Bear Canyon, Tucson and Soldier Canyon. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; altitude at start 4700 feet; driver donation \$4.00. Leave at 7:00 AM. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Mar. 7 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 7 - Fri.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Ron Noton, 825-7374.

**Mar. 7 - Fri.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**\*\*Mar. 8 - Sat.** Westward Look Resort Trails. Rating D. Explore two trails at the luxurious resort at the foot of the Catalinas. One of the trails has informational stops along the way. In addition we will explore their four specialty gardens and museum. Hike 2 miles; elevation change minimal; altitude 2,720 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 9 - Sun.** Hidden Canyon. Rating C. 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 9 - Sun.** 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 tram road. Hike 10 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Larry Gray, 818-0337.

**Mar. 10 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 10 - Mon.** Tonto National Monument. Rating C-. A park ranger 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). 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 AT LEAST 3 DAYS PRIOR TO HIKE. Bring lunch, ample water, and a hat. Leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$8.00. John Rendall, 825-9395.

**Mar. 10 - Mon.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; bring binoculars, \$5.00 park admission, Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**Mar. 11 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 11 - Tues.** Brown Canyon - Ramsey Canyon Loop. Rating B-. In the Huachuaca 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$10. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**Mar. 11 - Tues.** Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon (no Tram). Rating A. Starting at the Sabino Visitors' Center we will hike the Phoneline and Sabino trails to the East Fork intersection. Take the East Fork to the Bear/Sycamore intersection and then the Bear Canyon trail, past Seven Falls, back to the parking lot. We may have to revise the route if the stream is high in Bear Canyon. Hike 17 miles; climb 3000 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave at 6:00 AM, driver donation \$3.00. Mike and Linda Matre, 818-0206.

**Mar. 12 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 12 - Wed.** David Yetman Trail. Rating C. This hike is an easy walk through typical vegetation of the Sonoran Desert. This trail has two trailheads - one at Camino de Oeste and one near the bottom of the west side of Gates Pass. We can leave cars at one end and drive to the other trailhead. From the Gates Pass side, the trail is easy for the first mile, then down a wash with a short but steep climb back up to the ridge. Later we have a mile of walking in a creek bed. Then the trail leaves the creek and emerges into open area. We follow along an old jeep road. Then, the trail narrows, and has some loose rocks and again climbs to a ridge. We pass the Central Arizona Project, an old stone house built in the early 1930's by Sherry Bowen, and a well that is a wildlife watering tank. Bring lunch, water, hat, sun lotion, and hiking stick, if you wish. Hike 5.4 miles; elevation gain 600 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**\*\*Mar. 12 - Wed.** Weaver's Needle Loop. Rating B+. This is a beautiful steep and rocky hike through areas of huge boulders in the Superstition Mountains. We begin near the Peralta Trailhead on the Bluff Spring Trail and proceed via various connecting trails N and NW to the East side of the very prominent Weaver's Needle through Barks canyon and Terrapin pass. The trail then loops around the North side and we return through Boulder Canyon to the West side of Weaver's Needle via the Peralta trail up and over Fremont Saddle and on to the parking area on FR#77. Hike 12 miles; climb 2600 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; driver donation \$8.00. Leave at 6:30 AM. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Mar. 13 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 13 - Thurs.** 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. We pass many campsites along the Canada' del Oro and view Coronado Camp (adobe construction). 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 6:30 AM; driver donation for drop off transportation \$2.00. John Rendall, 825-9395.

**Mar. 14 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 14 - 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**Mar. 15 - Sat.** Peppersauce Canyon Short Hike. Rating D+. 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; 450 foot elevation change; altitude at start 4600 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 15 - Sat.** 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 2,900 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Don Colen, 825-0083.

**Mar. 16. Sun.** Baby Jesus Trail - Golder Ranch entry. Rating C. We will drive out Golder Ranch Road to the end of the pavement. We will hike on the Fifty-Year Trail to the Baby Jesus Trail. Then hike the Baby Jesus Trail seeing beautiful saguaros and rock formations including a window. We will return by the same route. Hike 6.5 miles; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2700 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

**Mar. 17 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 17 - Mon.** Romero Springs. Rating B. Starting in Catalina State Park, we will follow the Romero Canyon trail. Along the way we will pass by the Montrose and Romero pools. The spring is located about 2 miles past the Romero pools. It is a very scenic section of the canyon. It has been known to have quite a bit of wildlife. Hike 10 miles; climb 2200 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Mike and Linda Matre, 818-0206.

**Mar. 18 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 18 - Tues.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**Mar. 18 - Tues.** Wasson Peak at Sunset and Moonrise. Rating B. We do this hike in the evening of a full moon. Arriving at the top in time for sunset and dinner then watching the lights come on in Tucson. We hike down by the light of the moon and flashlights (bring one). We start at the trailhead near the Arizona/Sonora Desert Museum, go up the King Canyon Trail and continue to the saddle where we meet the Sweetwater Trail. Then for the next mile or so it's a steep climb to the junction of the Hugh Norris Trail. From there it's a short uphill climb to the summit. Hike 8 miles; climb 1900 feet; altitude at start 2800 feet; leave at 3:00 PM; driver donation \$3.00. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Mar. 19 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 19 - Wed.** Tortolita Mountains/Dove Mountain. Rating B. We will leave from the cattle guard / windmill on the Rail-X Road and ascend to the top of a 4661-foot Dove Mountain. From there we will make our way along an up and down ridge line north with views of Ruelas, Cochise, and Wild Burro Canyons, eventually reaching a path and jeep road which returns to the parking spot. Views are outstanding and feral horses might be sighted. This is a rough, steep, and scratchy bushwhack making long pants and sleeves, gloves and hiking sticks desirable. Hike 4 miles; climb 1000 feet; starting elevation 3600 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 19 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**\*\*Mar. 20 - Thurs.** Sausalito Canyon to Honey Bee Canyon (upper)--Rating D. This is a nice, nearby canyon hike with options to extend the hike within Honey Bee Canyon. The hike is approx. 4 mi. with minimal altitude change. 4WD vehicles are desirable and required near the end. We begin by driving 4.1 miles down Rail X Ranch Rd. and turning left on Sausalito Rd. for another 2 miles, taking the first spur to the left; the next spur to the right; and then left at the next spur. We are now heading east, parallel with a fence which eventually turns south for a short distance to the end of the road and near a windmill and concrete dam. Bring water, lunch, snack, camera(optional), sun protection. Driver donation \$2.00. Leave at 8:00 AM. Jan Wilson, 818-0299.

**Mar. 21 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 21 - Fri.** 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00. Ron Noton, 825-7374.

**Mar. 22 - Sat.** SPRING PICNIC-ORACLE STATE PARK  
We will have four (or more) "D" rated (short) hikes within the Park led by Susan Robertshaw, Jon Chase and John Rendall.

The hikes will be held at 9-10 and 11 AM. The trails will include Granite Overlook Loop; Windy Ridge Loop; Bellota Trail Loop and the Nature Trail Loop. We may repeat any or all depending upon the turnout--come early and you will have time to do all of them; plus visit the beautiful Kennally Ranch House.

**\*\*Mar. 23 - Sun.** Dutchman's Trail/Bluff Springs Loop-Superstition Wilderness. Rating B. We start at the Peralta Trailhead and follow the Dutchman's Trail through Barkley Basin; climb past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weaver's Needle) to Miners Summit; then descend to Bluff Springs Trail and Bluff Spring with seasonal water, Netleaf Hackberry and Oak shade trees. We then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike is 9.1 miles (moderately difficult) starting at 2450 ft. with a gain of 1200 ft. Driver donation \$8.00. Leave at 6:30 AM. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

**Mar. 23 - Sun.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

**Mar. 24 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 24 - Mon.** 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 at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00. Ron Noton, 825-7374.

**Mar. 25 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**\*\*Mar. 25-26- 27 - (Tues.-Wed-Thurs).** Gila Cliff Dwelling Nat. Monument/Gila Nat. Forest--Rating B-C. This is an overnight (1or 2 nights) excursion to the Gila Nat. Forest in New Mexico. We will visit the extensive cliff dwellings and then hike along the Middle or West Gila River Trails. The forest is one of the largest (3.3 M acres) and includes more wilderness than any other in the southwest, rising above the desert country and abounds with cactus, juniper, pine, spruce and aspen. It also supports numerous wildlife throughout it's entirety. The Continental Divide meanders through the middle for 170 miles, which also served as a stronghold for the Apache warrior, Geronimo. The entire trip can be very flexible depending on the make-up of the group. Typically, we would drive (4 hours) over and do some sight seeing in the Silver City area the first day. Stay overnight in a motel/hotel in or near Silver City or use a near-by camp site for those wanting to use tents or R/V. The second day we will drive up to visit the cliff dwelling and hiking trail area (42 miles-2 hours). The hike trails and distance will be determined at the cliff dwelling, but will range in the C+ to B-category. After hiking, some may want to go back home that night, or more likely; stay another night and hike other trails or do scenic day trips the 3rd day. The trip will be limited to 16

people/4 vehicles. All motel-meals-fees-etc. will be at your own expense. Driver donation TBD (probably around \$25 and dependant on side trips). Leave time. TBD. John Rendall, 825-9395. **YOU MUST CALL/SIGN-UP BEFORE MARCH 8.**

**Mar. 26 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 26 - Wed.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Jon Chase, 818-1115.

**Mar. 27 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Mar. 28 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 28 - Fri.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**\*\*Mar. 29 - Sat.** Nugget Canyon Short. Rating D. We park at the intersection of Nugget Canyon and old Mt. Lemmon Road. The hike follows a lovely canyon with tall trees and riparian vegetation and goes up to an earthen dam. We will stop by a cave so bring a flashlight. Hike 3 miles; climb 500 feet; altitude 4,680 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 29 - Sat.** 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Don Colen, 825-0083.

**Mar. 30 - Sun.** 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. 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 7.6 miles; climb 1200 feet; altitude 4600 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Mar. 31 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Mar. 31 - Mon.** Linda Vista Loop. Rating D+. Drive to trailhead, 15 minutes from the MountainView parking lot. We climb 300 ft. in the first 1.5 miles. Trail skirts the base of Pusch Ridge and has great views out onto Oracle Road and environs. Hiking stick recommended as trail is rocky in places. Pace slow/moderate. Limit 12; hike 3 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Bev Caldwell, 825-3071.

**Apr. 1 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 1 - Tues.** 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 at 6:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00. Mike and Linda Matre, 818-0206.

**Apr. 1 - Tues.** Madera Canyon Nature Trail. Rating C. This non-desert hike is in the Santa Rita Mountains. We start at 4500 foot elevation from the lower area and ascend 3.2 miles up the canyon to the 5400 foot Roundup Picnic Area. 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 7.5 miles; climb 900 feet; starting elevation 4500 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Mary Richling, 825-5238.

**Apr. 2 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**\*\*Apr. 2 - Wed.** Anza Trail - Rio Rico Portion. Rating D. This is a new section of the historic Anza Trail that starts at Rio Rico. Hiking boots are not necessary for this generally level hike along the east bank of the Santa Cruz River. Many shade trees, level, bring a lunch or snack. Limit 20 hikers, rating D, slow to moderate pace, 4 miles. Leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$5.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727

**Apr. 3 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**\*\*April. 3 - Thurs.** Sycamore Canyon -- Rating B+ This hike takes us through a beautiful canyon situated in the Pajarita Wilderness within the Coronado National Forest. We hike 7 miles(one way) to the Mexican border viewing canyon side walls, spirals and lush vegetation, while crossing creeks, up and down river rock, climbing around a few boulders and side walls. We will pass Hank and Yank's (Mule skinnners and Army guides) adobe ruins; eventually ousted by Indians in 1886. This is considered one of the top 10 spots for wildlife within the entire Sonoran Desert. The water level will be dependant upon the annual rainfall, but always be prepared for slightly wet feet. The canyon lies between Atacosa and Baboquivari Mts. to the north and the Pajarito Mts and Mexico to the east and south. Directions to trailhead-- South on I-19 to Exit 12; west on Hwy 289 to Puerto Blanca Lake (approx. 5 miles); left onto Ruby Rd. (dirt) to Sycamore Canyon. Starting elevation--4050 ft.

dropping to 3550 ft. at the border. Total round trip distance-14 miles. Driver donation \$8.00. Leave at 6:00 AM. John Rendall, 825-9395.

**Apr. 4 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 4 - Fri.** Tortolita Mountains/Wild Burro Canyon. Rating C. We will take the Rail-X Marble Mine road off Oracle Highway for 5 miles to the county line, then hike on a jeep road to the windmill and into Wild Burro Canyon. The jeep road will take us to a meadow and corral in the mountains. Weather and hikers' agreeing, we may go further along a wash to a canyon lookout. We may get lucky and see some wild horses. Hike 7 miles; climb 600 feet; pace slow to moderate; altitude at start about 3000 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Dean Wilson, 818-0299.

**\*\*Apr. 5 - Sat.** Westward Look Resort Trails. Rating D. Explore two trails at the luxurious resort at the foot of the Catalinas. One of the trails has informational stops along the way. In addition we will explore their four specialty gardens and museum. Hike 2 miles; elevation change minimal; altitude 2,720 feet; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Apr. 6 - 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Larry Gray, 818-0337.

**Apr. 6 - Sun.** Maiden Pools. Rating C. We'll start at the public 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 7:00 AM; moderate pace; driver donation \$2.00. Susan Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Apr. 7 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**\*\*Apr. 7 - Mon.** First Water/ Second Water Trail Loop. Rating B. We start on the Dutchman Trail from the First Water Creek Trailhead, north of Apache Junction, in the Superstition Wilderness. After 4.3 miles, we pick up the Boulder Canyon Trail and head north for an additional 3.5 miles, passing Battleship Mountain, to the Indian Paint Mine, where we will have lunch. We then return to the trailhead via second Water Trail (4 miles). Numerous water crossings and boulders all along these trails, wonderful scenery. Hike 11.8 miles, starting elevation 2,300 feet, elevation change 800 feet. Limit 10 hikers. Leave 6:00 a.m. Driver donation \$8.00. Jim Strickler 825-8735.

**Apr. 8 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 8 - Tues.** Marshall Gulch/Aspen Loop Trail w/Mt. Lemmon Cafe. 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 1/4 mile after we start on the Aspen Trail. After we complete the hike we will stop for lunch at the Mt. Lemmon Cafe in Summerhaven. Good food and great pie. Bring lunch money. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 800 feet; start at 7440 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**Apr. 9 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 9 - Wed.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Jon Chase, 818-1115.

**Apr. 10 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 11 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 11 - Fri.** Sutherland Wash Petroglyphs. Rating C-. This hike is a gradual hike through a mesquite bosque with 100+ year old saguaros, Arizona Poppies/Morning Glories in season, on the way to an area of many, many petroglyphs. Per the book Paradise Found by Kathy Alexander there are over 1400 petroglyphs in the area. Some rock scrambling is necessary to search for the petroglyphs. Bring a snack to enjoy while searching. Hike 4.2 miles; starting elevation 3200 feet; 200 feet elevation change; moderate pace; limit 15 hikers; leave at 8:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**April 12 - Sat.** 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 2,900 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$2.00. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

**Apr. 13 - Sun.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

**Apr. 14 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 14 - Mon.** 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 7:00 AM; drive 35 miles south of Sonoita; driver donation \$8.00. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Apr. 15 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 15 - Tues.** 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 8:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Mike and Linda Matre, 818-0206.

**Apr. 15 - Tues.** Peralta Trail. Rating C+. Peralta Trail to Fremont Saddle viewing Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains. This 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. Hike 5 miles; climb 1360 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$8.00. Gary Gouvea, 825-3868.

**Apr. 16 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 16 - Wed.** Linda Vista Loop. Rating D+. Drive to trailhead, 15 minutes from the MountainView parking lot. We climb 300 ft. in the first 1.5 miles. Trail skirts the base of Pusch Ridge and has great views out onto Oracle Road and environs. Hiking stick recommended as trail is rocky in places. Pace slow/moderate. Limit 12; hike 3 miles; elevation change 300 feet; starting elevation 2680 feet; leave at 8:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Apr. 17 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 17 - Thurs.** Seven Falls. Rating C+. Starting at the Sabino Canyon Visitors Center, we will take the tram to Bear Canyon and back (bring money for the tram). Then along the Bear Canyon Trail to Seven Falls and return. Falls may be dry depending on spring rains. Hike 6 miles roundtrip; climb 900 feet; starting altitude 2800 feet; leave at 7:45 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Jan Wilson, 818-0299.

**Apr. 18 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**\*\*Apr. 18 - Fri.** Dutchman's Trail/Bluff Springs Loop-Superstition Wilderness. Rating B. We start at the Peralta Trailhead and follow the Dutchman's Trail through Barkley Basin; climb past Miners Needle (smaller sister of Weaver's Needle) to Miners Summit; then descend to Bluff Springs Trail and Bluff Spring with seasonal water, Nettleleaf Hackberry and Oak shade trees. We then continue back to the trailhead with superb views of Weavers Needle. Hike is 9.1 miles (moderately difficult) starting at 2450 ft. with a gain of 1200 ft. Driver donation \$8.00. Leave at 6:30 AM. Jim Strickler, 825-8735.

**\*\*Apr. 20, 21, 22 - (Sun-Mon-Tues)** Araviapa Canyon



Wilderness. Rating A. We will hike west to east, returning back to west Trailhead on day three. This is a 3 day-2 night backpack wilderness hike through a beautiful primitive preserve. The Aravipa Creek is one of only a few remaining perennial waterways in southern Arizona and we will be hiking in the water most of the way (ankle to knee deep). Throughout the 4 to 500 foot canyon walls we may see numerous wildlife, including Coati, Big Horn Sheep, Javalina, Mountain Lions, deer, Golden Eagles, Turkey vulture roosts and many other smaller animals and birds. On day one we will hike 12 miles in and camp near the East end. Day two we will hike (with daypacks) and explore Deer Camp Canyon; possibly making a complete loop and through another side canyon back to our campsite (9-13 miles). Day three, we will leisurely return back through the canyon to the West trailhead and drive home. Starting at an elevation of 2600 ft. we will only gain 4 to 500 ft. over the 12 miles, but the upstream trek through the water will be difficult. The hike is by permit only and we have permits for only 6 people for the 3 days at \$5.00/day. Driver donation \$8.00. Leave at 7:00AM. **MUST SIGN-UP PRIOR TO APRIL 2.** John Rendall, 825-9395.

**Apr. 21 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 22 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 22 - Tues.** 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 \$6.00 for the tram. Hike 8 miles; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 3300 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00. Karen Gray, 818-0337.

**Apr. 23 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 23 - Wed.** 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 6:00 AM; driver donation \$10.00. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.

**Apr. 24 - Thurs.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 24 - Thurs.** Rams Creek Basin. Rating C (We start from a little park, etc.- and the Biosphere.) Then make change to read-- "We take a short side trail into the basin to a watering tank (560 ft. elevation gain), then continue on up to our destination of a water fall for lunch for a total elevation gain of 1,000-1100 ft.", then back down to the parking lot. Hike 4.4 miles, starting elevation 2600 ft., elevation change 1000-1100 ft, driver donation \$1.00. Leave at 9:00 AM. Jan Wilson, 818-0299.

**Apr. 25 - Fri.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 25 - Fri.** Pima Canyon. Rating C. The trailhead is at the end of Magee Road. The first mile or so of trail 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. 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. Hike 6 miles; climb 800 feet; altitude at start 2900 feet; leave at 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00. John Robertshaw, 818-6727.

**Apr. 28 - Mon.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**Apr. 29 - Tues.** Fitness Walk. Rating D.

**Apr. 29 - Tues.** Cathedral Rock. Rating A+ This hike begins at Sabino Canyon Visitor's Center and continues up to the Cathedral Rock Saddle (7006 ft.) We then bush whack following cairns northwest to the "Notch" and then over to the "Bucket" of the south tower which is the most assessable of the three summit towers. This is a difficult 18.2 mile hike with several "mantel" crossings and fantastic views. Hikers must be able to climb 1000 ft./mile. The trip down will run at 2 to 2.5 mph. Elevation change - 5300' starting at 2725 ft. Hike limited to 6 hikers. Leave at 5:00 AM; Driver donation \$3.00. Mike and Linda Matre, 818-0206.

**Apr. 30 - Wed.** Fitness Walk. Rating D

**\*\*Apr. 30 - Wed.** Mount Hopkins. Rating A-. Home of Whipple Observatory, this hike starts from the Madera Canyon (upper) Roundup Trail parking area and goes up numerous steep switchbacks via the Vault mine trail to Aqua Caliente Saddle. From here a faint trail continues up hugging a ridge line to the top. The views include observatory building and identified mountain ranges in all directions. hike 8 miles. Elevation change- 3,000+ feet. Leave at 7:00 AM. Driver donation \$6.00. Walt Faleschini, 818-6644.