



# SADDLEBROOKE

## HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### Elections

Much appreciation goes to the Nominating Committee for a job well done: Peggy Siegel, Larry Gray and Jerry Musser. Many thanks to you and to the club members who will serve as officers. The newly elected SaddleBrooke Hiking Club officers whose terms run from July 1, 2000, to June 30, 2001, are:

President: Norm Kyle  
Vice-President: Jon Chase  
Secretary: Claudia Enea  
Treasurer: Bob White  
Chief Hiking Guide: Gary Gouvea

Note: At the bylaws meeting in February the club bylaws were approved as written.

### On the Trail with Bob White

Tuesday afternoon: After two days of rain, showers, and a handful of snow flurries, not to mention getting cabin fever, the sun and blue sky were starting to find their way through the clouds. The clouds, made lighter by the release of their moisture onto the Arizona desert, start to lift off the Santa Catalina Mountains exposing the sparkling

white snow-covered slopes nearly all the way down to the desert floor.

The phone rings. "Hey, Bob, is the hike still on for tomorrow?"

"Sure," I answered.

"Boy you sure are an optimist. What about all this rain?"

"Hey," I reply, "this is the desert. Tomorrow will be a great day for a hike!"

Hanging up the phone and looking out the window toward the mountains still surrounded by lingering gray-bottomed clouds, I hoped that I wasn't being too optimistic.

Wednesday Morning - The sky is blue, the air is fresh, and the sun is back in control of the weather. Twelve hikers gather at the Mountain View parking lot ready to check out the promised hike. The group piled into a couple of vans and in a few minutes we were at the trail head of the Baby Jesus Trail. Our goal was to hike the Baby Jesus Trail to the Sutherland Trail and then connect with the 50 Year Trail looping us back to the cars and the starting point. I named the hike "3 for 1."

The Baby Jesus Trail goes south along the foot of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The snow line lingered just off to our left giving us a feeling of

being far from Saddle-Brooke even though as we gained altitude we could look back and see our homes. Water was now around in puddles for the animals that live in the area to get a big drink, the plants all seemed clean and refreshed from their two days of watering, and the fresh smell of creosote bushes fills the air. The saguaros seemed to have a sparkle about them as they were back-lit from the ever-rising and warming sun. The trail climbs up about 800 feet from the Sutherland Wash giving us an ever expanding view of "our" area of Arizona. From the saddle between two surrounding peaks we could look down to the Sutherland Trail. We took a short break to drink-in the sights of the snow-covered mountains and then began the slow descent down to the Sutherland.

The trail changes greatly as the Baby Jesus joins the Sutherland. Now we are walking along a pole line road accompanying the power lines as they arc their way up to Mt. Lemmon. A large outcropping of granite rocks along a wash coming out of the mountains provides us with the perfect place for a lunch break. As we all lay back in the warm sun on the now warm rocks we can gaze up into the mountains and think what it must be like up there with all the snow. Where we are the leaves with their tender spring green color are coming out on the cottonwood trees that live in the washes. Even an ocotillo has found enough water and warmth to once again put out leaves on what only a week before would have appeared to be long-dead branches.

After lunch we continue on down the Sutherland, cutting through a small corner of Catalina State Park to a junction with the 50 Year Trail. The vegetation and landscape seem to take on a new look. We are back on a narrow trail surrounded by a large variety of all kinds of Sonoran Desert plant life. We are also rounding the corner of our hike and heading back toward our cars.

The 50 Year Trail is a favorite of the mountain bikers, and we do step aside for a couple of bikers to streak past. The trail is quite level and easy to walk on allowing enough air for the hikers to carry on conversations and to talk about the plants and

the sights that we are sharing. As we approach the vans and the end of the hike, we all know that we have just had a real special day in our Arizona desert.

### Announcements

-- **Spring Potluck Picnic** at Catalina State Park, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special: debut of the club T-shirts. Come see and buy! However, we owe big apologies for this date. Long ago -- way last December -- when we reserved this day, it was the only open date, and we grabbed it not realizing it was both Good Friday and Passover. (Now we know why it was an open date.) We hope you will take dietary restrictions into account when preparing food. Also, it would be helpful for us to have a rough idea of how many will plan to attend. Please email [Blos76@aol.com](mailto:Blos76@aol.com) or [john.maryrichling@gateway.net](mailto:john.maryrichling@gateway.net) with your name and a "yes". For the picnic, the club provides charcoal, condiments, plates, napkins, utensils; members bring cooler w/your own drinks, whatever you want to grill, plus a dish to share w/6-8 others "assigned" alphabetically by last name: A-D bring bread, rolls or buns; E-O dessert, P-Z appetizer or salad. Bring serving utensils; any perishable items must be in a cooler on ice. Please label all items w/name and phone number. Bring guitars, harmonicas and toys (balls, Frisbees, , etc.) We'll probably have a number of impromptu hikes, too. Remember hats, water bottles and sunscreen.

-- **Fitness Walks**. Don't let the summer heat rob you of your hard-earned conditioning. Starting on May 1st. and continuing through June - every Monday and Friday - 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. Rating D. Call to sign up. We leave from the Mountain View clubhouse parking lot at 6:30 a.m. Bill Leichtenheimer, 818-1953.

-- Next **Hiking Guides Meeting** is on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., Javelina room, SB clubhouse.

-- **Club T-shirts** are now available to order. See enclosed order form for details. All orders must be received by May 4<sup>th</sup>. See pick-up/mail information on the order form. A limited number of short-sleeved, 100% preshrunk cotton shirts will be available for sale at the picnic. See shirt design on the Introduction page of the Hiking Club's web site at [www.SaddleBrooke.org](http://www.SaddleBrooke.org).

-- **SBHC** has joined the **Pima Trails Association**, an active, worthwhile volunteer advocacy group working to protect, preserve and make available hiking trails in Pima County. Learn more at: [www.pimatrails.org](http://www.pimatrails.org).

-- **Oracle State Park's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Celebration** is on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Trail hikes, educational programs, Native American performers, arts & crafts booths, food, music. \$4/vehicle or \$1/person. Oracle State Park, a designated wildlife refuge, is usually not open to the general public so this event is a great opportunity to see this upland desert habitat. Information: 896-2425

### Reminders

-- Spring temperatures can rise by mid-morning, unexpectedly. Be sure to have ample sun protection and plenty of water on all hikes.

-- Early hike signer-uppers are sometimes forgetting they signed up. Please make a note on your calendar or somewhere so you remember. If it ever appears you won't be able to go on a hike, please call the guide as early as possible to cancel. Everyone will appreciate this courtesy.

### Q & A

Q: What's the best kind of pack to take?

A: This is an entirely personal decision. Many people like the "fanny pack" type day packs that fit

around your waist/hip area. These come in several different styles from basic pouch to fancy packs with all sorts of pockets & zippers, places to hold water bottles, etc. Other hikers prefer the backpack daypacks. This style can hold more gear if you are inclined to take extra shoes, a gourmet lunch w/wine or the kitchen sink. Some people have both and use one or the other depending upon how long the hike will be or how much stuff they need or think they need. Many folks like the "bladder-type" water container which holds up to 3 liters of water and has a tube with mouthpiece that clips to the front strap of your pack. You have water available on demand - no stopping, opening the pack or fumbling with a bottle & cap. (For the bladder-type water container, the backpack style is necessary.)

### GENERAL HIKING INFORMATION

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

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

## Guest Policy

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

## Hiking Guides Meetings (next meeting 6/7/00)

All hikes are scheduled at the Hiking Guides Meetings held in the Javelina Room, SB clubhouse, at 4:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of even-numbered months. If you would like to lead a hike, be sure to complete a Hiking Schedule Form and present it at the next meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to attend the meeting just to "look on" and see how it goes, please feel free to join us! If you have special knowledge about or experience with plants, birds or photography and would like to assist on any hike, please come to the meeting or let Jim Strickler, Chief Hiking Guide, know of your talents. Jim's phone number is 825-8735.

## Hike Ratings

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

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

## Orientation Hikes

Orientation Hikes (OH) are encouraged for all "beginner" hikers and are intended for sharing information and for personal assessment of current physical fitness. One OH is scheduled:

May 4<sup>th</sup>, Thursday -- Honey Bee Canyon

## Summary of Hikes by Rating and Date:

- A Hikes -- June 8
- B Hikes -- May 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22  
June 1, 15, 16, 21 and 26
- C Hikes -- May 1, 5, 11, 21, 23, 26 and 28  
June 4, 12, 19, 23 and 30
- D Hikes -- May 4, 12 and 19  
June 21 and 28  
PLUS 18 Fitness Walks on every Monday and Friday at 6:30 AM in May and June.

## SCHEDULED HIKES

**May 1<sup>st</sup> -- Monday.** Peralta Trail. Rating C. Peralta Trail to Weaver's Needle in the Superstition Mountains may be the area's most beautiful hike. 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. Slow pace. Bring a lunch and at least 2 quarts of water. Hike 5 miles; climb 1360 feet; altitude at the start 2500 feet; leave at 7:00 AM; driver donation \$8.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**May 1<sup>st</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Wednesday.** Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness - West. Rating B-. This is a wilderness area, no trails, 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. We hike in about 4 miles then come out the same way. 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Bill Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**May 4<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** 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 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Barb Leightenheimer, 818-1953

**May 4<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** Pima Canyon to the Saddle. Rating B. 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. Can be quite cool. We will hike past a small dam to a springs and saddle to give a superb view of the entire Montrose and Romero Canyon drainage, the most inaccessible region of the entire Catalina Mountains. Hike 12 miles; climb 3450 feet; altitude at start 2900 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**May 5<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Green Mountain Trail/Guthrie Mountain. Rating B-. Starting at the San Pedro Vista we follow the Green Mountain Trail mostly downhill leading to a saddle where it intersects the Guthrie Mountain Trail. To reach the summit of Guthrie requires some optional rock climbing near the end (2 miles/800') then it's a steep downhill trek to the General Hitchcock Campground. Hike 6 miles (9 miles with Guthrie Summit); descent 1100 feet; altitude at start 7200 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00. Hike requires a car to be

left at General Hitchcock Campground; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**May 5<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 7<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday.** 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, 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 7:15 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337

**May 8<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Pontotoc Ridge. Rating B-. Sometimes called the "Old Spanish Mine Trail," this trail goes up the north side of Pontotoc Ridge to just below some old mines. There are great views of Tucson and the surrounding area on this hike. Hike starts at north end of Alvernon Way. Limited to 12 hikers. Hike 5 miles; elevation change 1450 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; George Brunder, 825-6691

**May 8<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday.** Peppersauce Canyon. 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 9:30 AM; driver donation \$4.00; Dean & Jan Wilson, 818-0299

**May 9<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday.** 3 for 1 - Baby Jesus, Sutherland & 50 Year Trails, this time aka Breakfast with Bob Hike. The rating is B- but because the elevation change is less than 800 feet maximum and takes place gradually this could be a good hike for C hikers that want to sample a B hike. The B rating comes from the total distance

which is 11 miles. We are going to leave early in the morning (6 a.m.) because of the potential for quite warm days at this time of year. The early departure will allow us to have 90% of the uphill done before the heat of the day. About 2 hours into the hike we will stop and have a breakfast break. This will be BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast). We should be back to the starting point of this loop hike by 12 noon. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 800 feet; starting elevation 2800 feet; leave 6:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Bob White, 818-9482

**May 11<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** 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 6.4 miles; elevation change 1200 feet; elevation at start 2800 feet; Leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071

**May 12<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Cactus Wren Trail - Rating D+. Saguaro National Park - West. The trail runs from the corner of Sandario and Rudasill Roads to Signal Hill Picnic area. We will return to the trailhead via the Manville trail. The entire loop is 4 miles. It appears to be relatively flat and crosses several washes. Our major obstacle will be the result of this being an equestrian trail as well. Limited to 18 hikers. Hike 4 miles; pace slow; climb 0 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; driver donation \$3.00; leave 7:00 AM; Kay White, 818-9482

**May 12<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> -- Mother's Day.** Take a hike with Mom! You can pick a wild flower bouquet just for her.

**May 15<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Arizona Trail - Oracle State Park. Rating B-. Another piece of the Arizona

Trail is open through the new Oracle State Park. It crosses the park and is about 8-9 miles long. Start at American Way Park Parking lot and hike to Web Road. After crossing Web, continue to the Old Mt. Lemmon Highway at its intersection with the American Flag Trail. The route is fairly level with little elevation change. Hike 9 miles; altitude at start 4500 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; George Brunder, 825-6691

**May 15<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 16<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday.** Sabino Canyon to Bear Canyon with Tram. Rating B. We take the Sabino Tram (\$6.00) to Stop 9. Hike starts with .08 mile of switchbacks then levels off on the Sabino Canyon Trail to Sabino Basin. We take the East Fork to Bear Canyon Trail. Then south on the Bear Canyon Trail for 6.2 miles to Bear Canyon Trail head. From there it's 1.7 miles to the parking lot. Hike 12.8 miles; elevation change 1800 feet; starting elevation 2700 feet; leave at 7:45 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Bonnie Nielsen, 825-0996

**May 17<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday.** 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." 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 trail head we will leave at 6:00 AM and will be gone for most of the day. The hike leader will entertain suggestions for staying over night in the area and doing additional hikes the following day. Driver donation \$9.75; Bob White, 818-9482

**May 18<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** Pusch Peak. Rating B. The first mile of the trail is mostly level then a steep, difficult climb begins. In a few places you may want to use your hands to climb the trail. Bring gloves. Hiking stick desirable. 1-1/2 miles more and we reach the top. The views of Oro Valley and Tucson are fantastic. This is a very strenuous hike. Hike 5 miles; elevation change

2700 feet; altitude at start 2650 feet; leave 7:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**May 19<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Atascosa Lookout. Rating B. We hike to the fire lookout station in the Tumacacori Mountains, near Rio Rico, with the famous outhouse (yes, outhouse) ready for use. This is considered a most scenic trail with views over 75 miles in all directions. "Kodak moments" will be taken on the return if you haven't used up all your film on the summit. Limit 14 hikers. Hike 5 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at trailhead 4700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$4.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**May 19<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** 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 at the end (some water crossing possible). Hike 4 miles; pace slow; climb 200 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Kay White, 818-9482

**May 19<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> -- Sunday.** Phonline Trail, round trip or one way, your choice. Rating B-/C. The hike will begin in the Sabino Canyon parking lot. After crossing Sabino Creek there is a moderate climb to the Phonline 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 or ride the tram back down for a C hike. \$6.00 tram fee can be paid to the driver at the embarkation point, stop 9. Have exact \$6, please. Hike 10 miles or 5; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Monday.** Thimble Peak. Rating B. We start at Prison Camp Road (now Gordon Hirabayashi Recreation Site), 7 miles up the Catalina Highway and take the beautiful Sycamore Reservoir Trail down to the abandoned reservoir, connect to the Bear Canyon Trail on the way to Thimble Flat then follow a faint trail to the base of

Thimble Peak. Bring gloves to do the fairly easy scramble to the top of the east summit. Enjoy outstanding views from this prominent landmark. We will return by the same route. Hike 11 miles; elevation change 1500 feet; starting elevation 4850 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$3.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Tuesday.** Pima Canyon Partway. Rating C-. Stroll the first 2-1/2 miles up to and into Pima Canyon; slow pace to enjoy the scenery, take photos. Limit 14 hikers. Elevation change 700 feet; starting elevation 2900 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; bring a fanny pack or day pack, snacks if you like, adequate water, hat, sunscreen; Bev Caldwell, 825-3071

**May 26<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Marble Peak. Rating C. The hike begins on the Old Mt. Lemmon control road near the Summerhaven fire station. We follow the Oracle Ridge Trail past some of the largest alligator juniper trees in the Catalinas. A jeep trail leads to Marble Peak. Before we return we will take a short jaunt to Dan's Saddle. Hike 6 miles; descent 1000 feet; climb 1200 feet; pace slow; altitude at start 7900 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$7.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**May 26<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**May 28<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday.** 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 7:15 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337

**May 29<sup>th</sup> -- Monday (Memorial Day).** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 1<sup>st</sup> -- Thursday.** Wilderness of Rocks. Rating B-. Starting at Marshall Gulch picnic area we hike to Marshall Saddle. Then down the Wilderness of Rocks Trail to Lemmon Rocks Lookout Trail. From there we go a further 3/4 of a mile to the Lemmon Creek area in the heart of the the Wilderness of Rocks. We return by the same route. We climb 550 feet then descend 900 feet. The return requires us to reverse the climb and descent. Hike 7.5 miles; starting elevation 7450 feet; climb 900 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Dave Caldwell, 825-3071

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> -- Sunday.** 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$2.00; Larry Gray, 818-0337

**June 5<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday.** Hiking Guides Meeting. 4:00 PM in the Javalina Room.

**June 8<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** Mt. Kimball/Finger Rock Canyon. Rating A. Starting at the north end of Alvernon Way, the trail follows the canyon past Finger Rock, a prominent Tucson landmark high above the canyon floor. The trail steadily climbs out of the canyon to a saddle between Mt. Kimball and "Little Kimball". A left turn onto the Pima Canyon Trail and a half mile further and hikers arrive at the top of Mt. Kimball. The return hike is down the same trails. Hike 12 miles; climb 4150 feet; altitude at start 3100 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**June 9<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 12<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Marshall Gulch/Summerhaven. Rating C. We will start at Marshall Gulch, take the Aspen Trail to Marshall Saddle, then Mint Spring Trail to Summerhaven, walk through Summerhaven to the cars. Hike 5 miles; pace slow; climb 400 feet; altitude at start 8500 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$7.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**June 12<sup>th</sup> Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 15<sup>th</sup> -- Thursday.** Romero Pools (Upper). Rating B. The hike begins in Catalina State Park and follows the Romero Canyon Trail into the foothills. Initially the trail crosses open desert then there is a steep climb until it reaches the canyon area where several pools are located. The upper pools are about 1/2 mile beyond the lower pools. Hike 7 miles; climb 1600 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Norm Kyle, 818-0563

**June 16<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Bog-Kent Springs Loop Trail. Rating B. We hike from the Bog Springs Campground 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 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**June 16<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 18<sup>th</sup> -- Father's Day.** Take dad on a hike and have a picnic under a shady mesquite tree.

**June 19<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Bigelow and Kellogg Mountains. Rating C. Starting at the Palisades Ranger Station, we will hike to the summit of Mount Bigelow (8550'), and then possibly climb to the top of the fire lookout tower. We will then have a magnificent 360 degree view of the Catalinas. Afterwards we will proceed to the summit of Mt. Kellogg (8300'), a half-mile away.



Hike 4 miles; climb 450 feet; pace, slow; starting elevation 8000 feet; leave 7:00 AM, driver donation \$6; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**June 19<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 20<sup>th</sup> -- Tuesday.** Wilderness of Rocks via Lemmon Rock Lookout. Rating B. Leave cars at the Marshall Gulch Picnic area parking lot. Take trail to Marshall Saddle(1.2 miles) then take trail toward Mt. Lemmon, passing Carter Trail, to Lemmon Rock Lookout (2 miles). Down to Wilderness of Rocks Trail (1.7 miles) and up to Marshall Saddle. Then we head back down to the Marshall Gulch Picnic parking lot. Hike 8.1 miles; elevation change 2000 feet; starting elevation 7900 feet; leave 6:30 AM; driver donation \$5.00; Bonnie Nielsen, 825-0996

**June 21<sup>st</sup> -- Wednesday.** Alamo Canyon, Catalina State Park. Rating D. Hiking up the Birding Trail to a cutoff, we will intercept the trail to the Alamo Canyon Falls. Hike 4 miles; climb 400 feet; altitude at start 2700 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1; Kay White, 818-9482

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Friday.** Mt. Lemmon/Meadow Lookout. Rating C. We will drive to the very top of Mt. Lemmon and park by the astronomical observatories operated by the UA, also known as Radio Ridge. We then hike down the Meadow Trail, through Lemmon Park, to where it intersects the Mt. Lemmon Trail that will lead us back to Lemmon Rock fire lookout cabin, which offers spectacular views. We will then hike back to the top of Mt. Lemmon and to the car. This is a mild C hike with altitude at 9100 feet; hike 4 miles; elevation change 800 feet?; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00 (also car entrance fee); Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Butterfly Trail. Rating B. Starting at Soldier Camp 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. Hike 6 miles; pace slow; elevation change 1800 feet; altitude at trailhead 7700 feet; pace slow; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$7.00; Gary Gouvea, 825-3868

**June 26<sup>th</sup> -- Monday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

**June 28<sup>th</sup> -- Wednesday.** Fifty Year Trail from Golder Ranch Gate. Rating D. We start at the Golder Ranch Gate and hike the 50 Year trail for 4 miles. Beautiful saguaros and rock formations. We need to leave a car at hike's end. Hike 4 miles; elevation change 100 feet; starting elevation 3000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$1.00; Kay White, 818-9482

**June 30<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Incinerator Ridge. Rating C. We will begin at the Palisade Ranger station, climb 400 feet to a saddle and then go to the Bigelow Mountain lookout. (8550'). From there we go to the top of Kellogg Mountain (8300'). Then we will walk along the ridge to reach a viewpoint towards Barnum Rock and Peck Wilderness. This is one of the premier views off of Mt. Lemmon which truly gives you the concept of a sky island. The pace will be designed to get anyone there who is in reasonable shape. There are a few bail-out points along the way. Hike 5 miles; pace slow; climb 900 feet; altitude at start 8000 feet; leave 7:00 AM; driver donation \$6.00; Jim Strickler, 825-8735

**June 30<sup>th</sup> -- Friday.** Fitness Walk. See Announcements.

# SADDLEBROOKE HIKING CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RELEASE

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

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

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

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

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

**\$10.00 Annual Dues must accompany this Application.**

**The release below must be read and signed by all members.**

Mail To: Kay White, 38122 S. Granite Crest, Tucson, AZ 85739

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Hiker has executed this Release effective as of (date) \_\_\_\_\_, for the benefit of the Released Parties.

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(SIGNATURE OF HIKER)

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(PRINT NAME)